

Review on Techniques and Tools used for Opinion Mining

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Abstract Humans communication is generally under the control of emotions and full of opinions. Emotions and their opinions plays an important role in thinking process of mind, influences the human actions too. Sentiment analysis is one of the ways to explore user's opinion made on any social media and networking site for various commercial applications in number of fields. This paper takes into account the basis requirements of opinion mining to explore the present techniques used to developed an full fledge system. Is highlights the opportunities or deployment and research of such systems. The available tools used for building such applications have even presented with their merits and limitations.

Keywords: Opinion Mining, Emotion, Sentiment Analysis, EM Algorithm, SVM algorithm

1. INTRODUCTION

Emotions are the complex state of feelings that results in physical and emotional changes that influences our behavior. Emotion is a subjective, conscious experience characterized mainly by psycho-physiological expressions, biological reactions, and mental states. Emotion is often associated and considered commonly significant with mood, nature, personality, disposition, and motivation. It is also influenced by hormones and neurotransmitters such as dopamine, noradrenaline, serotonin, oxytocin, cortisol and GABA [1]. Emotion is a positive or negative experience that is associated with a particular pattern of physiological activity. Humans carry lot of emotions like happiness, sadness, angry, disgust, surprise, fear, panic, scared etc. identifying these emotions are very easy in face to face communication compare to written communication. But now a day's use of social media has increased rapidly and the huge amount of textual data became available on web, mining and managing this vast data has become a crucial task. As the growth of E-facilities have increased lots of people got encouraged to write their emotions, views, opinions about a person, product, place or anything they want.

Opinion Mining or Sentiment analysis involves building a system to explore user's opinions made in blog posts, comments, reviews or tweets, about the product, policy or a topic [2]. Opinion mining is nothing but finding the opinion of person from sentences and classify them on the basis of polarity. As the world changed into E-World the way of expression has dramatically changed for example wide use of smiley's and symbols can be seen as expression while texting. Social communication can be observed on internet and new term has been coined for various ways of communication like texting, twitting, posting etc. people like to communicate with others through internet, they want to share their feelings, likes, dislikes, opinions, views, reviews, emotions etc. people are happy to share their personal life via social media, the use of social media has increased so much and so rapidly that even no body worries about what they are sharing and is this good to

share our personal life with unknown persons? Is there any need to share our photos, videos or our daily activities on internet? So finding the sentiment, emotion behind this activity is also an important task for understanding the psycho-socio status. So from that text, mining the opinions of people and finding their views, reaction, sentiments and emotions have become challenging task.

Opinion Mining is the field of study that analyzes people's opinion, sentiments, evaluations, attitudes and emotions from written text. Opinion Mining is one of the most active research areas in Natural Language Processing and is also widely studied in data mining, web mining and text mining this research has spread outside of computer science to the management science and social science due to its importance to business and society. The growing importance of sentiment analysis coincides with the growth of social media such as Reviews, Forums, discussion groups, chatting, blogs, micro-blogs, twitter and social networks.

1.1 Categorization of Text

Sentiment analysis is also called as opinion mining; as it mines the information from various text forms such as reviews, news & blogs and classifies them on the basis of their polarity as positive, negative or neutral [3]. It focuses on categorizing the text at the level of subjective and objective nature. Subjectivity indicates that the text contains/bears opinion content for e.g. Battery life of Samsung mobiles is good. (This sentence has an opinion, it talks about the Samsung mobile phones and showing positive (good) opinion hence it is Subjective). Samsung mobiles are having long battery life. (This sentence is a fact, general information rather than an opinion or a view of some individual and hence its objective) [4]

1.2 Components of Opinion Mining

There are mainly three components of Opinion Mining [3]:

- **Opinion Holder:** Opinion holder is the holder of a particular opinion; it may be a person or an organization that holds the opinion. In the case of blogs and reviews, opinion holders are those persons who write these reviews or blogs.
- **Opinion Object:** Opinion object is an object on which the opinion holder is expressing the opinion.
- **Opinion Orientation:** Opinion orientation of an opinion on an object determines whether the opinion of an opinion holder about an object is positive, negative or neutral.

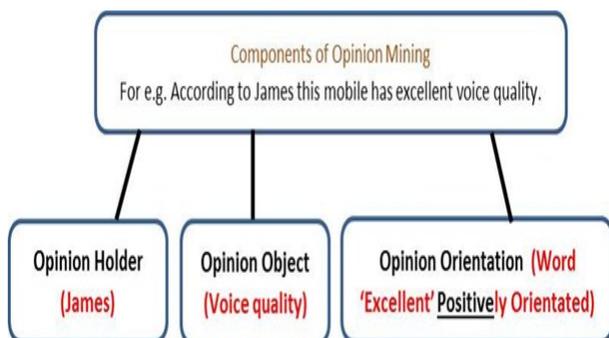


Figure 1 Components of opinion Mining

2. DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

In general, sentiment analysis has been investigated mainly at three levels [4].

- **Document level:** The task at this level is to classify whether a whole opinion document expresses a positive or negative sentiment. For example, given a product review, the system determines whether the review expresses an overall positive or negative opinion about the product. This task is commonly known as document level sentiment classification.
- **Sentence level:** The task at this level goes to the sentences and determines whether each sentence expressed a positive, negative, or neutral opinion. Neutral usually means no opinion. This level of analysis is closely related to subjectivity classification which distinguishes sentences (called objective sentences) that express factual information from sentences (called subjective sentences) that express subjective views and opinions.
- **Entity and Aspect level:** Both the document-level and sentence-level analyses do not discover what exactly people liked and did not like. Aspect level performs fine-grained analysis. Aspect level was earlier called feature level (feature-based opinion mining and summarization).

3. CHALLENGES IN OPINION MINING

There are several challenges in Opinion Mining as follows,

- **Domain-independence:** The biggest challenge faced by opinion mining and sentiment analysis is the domain dependent nature of sentiment words. One features set may give very good performance in one domain, at the same time it perform very poor in some other domain[5].

- **Asymmetry in availability of opinion mining software:** The opinion mining software is very expensive and currently affordable only to big organizations and government. It is beyond the common citizen's expectation. This should be available to all people, so that everyone gets benefit from it[6].

- **Detection of spam and fake reviews:** The web contains both authentic and spam contents. For effective Sentiment classification, this spam content should be eliminated before processing. This can be done by identifying duplicates, by detecting outliers and by considering reputation of reviewer[5].

- **Incorporation of opinion with implicit and behavior data:** For successful analysis of sentiment, the opinion words should integrate with implicit data. The implicit data determine the actual behavior of sentiment words[6].

- **Mixed Sentences:** Suppose the word is positive in one situation may be negative in another situation. For e.g. Word LONG, suppose if customer says the battery life of Samsung mobile is too long so that would be a positive opinion. But suppose if customer says that Samsung mobile take too long time to start or to charge so it would be a negative opinion.

- **Way of Expressing the Opinion:** The people don't always express opinions in the same way. The opinion of every individual is different because the way of thinking, the way of expressing is vary from person to person.

- **Use of Abbreviations and shortforms:** People using social media more and that to for chatting, expressing their views using shortcuts or abbreviations so the use of colloquial words is increased. Uses of abbreviation, synonyms, special symbols is also increase day by day so finding opinion from that is too difficult. For e.g. F9 for fine, thnx for thanks, u for you, b4 for before, b'coz for because, h r u for how are you etc.

- **Typographical Errors:** Sometimes typographical errors cause problems while extracting opinions.

- **Orthographics Words:** People use orthographic words for expressing their excitement, happiness for e.g. Word Sooo..... Sweetttt....., I am toooo Haappy or if they in hurry they stress the words for e.g. comeeeee fasssssst I am waittttnggg.

- **Natural language processing overheads:** The natural language overhead like ambiguity, co-reference, Implicitness, inference etc. created hindrance in sentiment analysis tool [6].

4. DATA SOURCES AND TOOLS OF OPINION MINING

While doing research the collection of data is the biggest issue and for the task like opinion mining, sentiment analysis its too difficult because lots of information is available on internet and collection of that data and extraction of opinion from huge amount of data is too hard. So here we discussed about some available data sources and the tools which is used for extraction the sentiments and opinion of the given text.

4.1 Data Sources available for Opinion mining

There are various data sources available on web, i.e. Blogs, Micro blogs, online posts, News feeds, Forums, review sites etc.

- **Blogs:** Blogs are nothing but the user own space or diary on internet where they can share their views, opinions about topics they want.
- **Online Reviews:** on Internet various review sites are available through that you can check online reviews of any product before purchasing that.
- **Micro blogging:** Micro blogs allow users to exchange small elements of content such as short sentences, individual images, or video links", which may be the major reason for their popularity.
- **Online Posts:** people share their own ideas, opinions, photos, videos, views, likes, dislikes, comments on specific topics etc.
- **Forums:** An Internet forum, or message board, is an online discussion site where people can hold conversations in the form of posted messages.

This table gives you an idea about the available data sources along with the address of sites from which you can download the posts, tweets, reviews for products etc.

Table 1. Available Data sources with web address

D a t a S o u r c e s	Respective Sites/ Source
B l o g s	http://indianbloggers.org/ , http://www.bloggersideas.com/ , http://www.digitaltrends.com/ , http://thoughts.com/free-blog , http://blog.com/ , http://blog.hubspot.com/ https://wordpress.com/ ,
R e v i e w S i t e s	http://www.sitejabber.com/ , http://www.toptenreviews.com/ , http://www.trustedreviews.com/ , https://in.pinterest.com/ , http://www.business-edge.com/ , http://www.websitemagazine.com/ , http://www.yellowpages.com
M i c r o - B l o g g i n g	https://tumblr.com/(Tumblr) , http://friendfeed.com/(Friendfeed) , http://www.plurk.com/top/(Plurk) , https://twitter.com/(Twitter) , http://www.jaiku.com/(Jaiku) , http://www.qaiku.com/(Quiku) , https://www.identi.ca/(Identica) , http://www.spotjots.com/(Spotjots) , http://www.meetme.com/(Meetme)
O n l i n e P o s t s	https://www.facebook.com/(Facebook) , https://myspace.com/(MySpace) , http://www.skype.com/en/(Skype) , https://www.linkedin.com/(Linkedin) , https://diasporafoundation.org/(Diaspora) , https://plus.google.com/(GooglePlus) , https://www.whatsapp.com/(Whatsapp) , https://www.snapchat.com/

	(Snapchat), https://telegram.org/(Telegram) , https://www.flickr.com/(Flickr)
F o r u m s	http://www.forums.mysql.com , http://www.forums.net.com , http://www.forum.joomla.org , https://forums.digitalpoint.com , http://www.bookforum.com , http://www.myspace.com/forums , http://tsrmatters.com/(TheStudentRoom) , http://ubuntuforums.org/ , https://stackoverflow.com/ ,

4.2 Tools available for Opinion mining

As we discussed in 4.1 there are various data sources are available on web and mining those data is difficult task. Main difficulty is extraction of emotions, structure of text, form of data i.e. image or text, the language used on internet for communication is vary from person to person or state to state. So here are some ready to use tools for opinion mining for various purposes like data preprocessing, classification of text, clustering, opinion mining, sentiment analysis etc.

The table no. 2 shows the name of particular tool as well as uses of these tools.

Table 2. List of available tools

Name of Tools	Uses
STANFORD CORENLP [7]	POS tagging, Named entity recognizer, Parsing, Coreference resolution system, Sentiment analysis, Bootstrapped pattern learning
WEKA [8]	Machine learning algorithm for Data Mining, Data pre-processing, Classification, Regression, Clustering, Association rules, Visualization.
NLTK [9]	Classification, Tokenization, Stemming, Tagging, Parsing, Semantic reasoning, Provides lexical resources such as WordNet
APACHE OPENNLP [10]	Tokenization, Sentence segmentation, Part-of-speech tagging, Named entity extraction, Chunking, Parsing, Coreference resolution
LingPipe [11]	Entity extraction, POS tagging, Clustering, Classification.
GATE [12]	Tokenizer, Gazetteer, Sentence splitter, POS tagging, Named entities transducer, Coreference tagger
Pattern [13]	Data mining, POS tagging, N-gram search, Sentiment analysis, WordNet, Machine learning, Network analysis, Visualization
Robust Accurate Statistical Parsing [14]	Statistical Parser, Tokenization, Tagging, Lemmatization and Parsing

5. EXISTING WORK IN OPINION MINING

As we know the beginning of opinion mining has marked in late 90's but this paper discusses the advances carried out from the year 2002 to 2014. In this section brief tabulated information about the major contribution in the field of opinion mining is shown. The table no. 3 shows details about the author, their work, different techniques used while working on Opinion

Mining and brief introduction of that paper as conclusion of that paper.

Figure 2. Detailed study of existing research work.

Ref. No.	Author's	Title of the Paper	Techniques used	Conclusion	Year
[15]	B. Pang, L. Lee, S. Vaithyanathan	Thumbs up? Sentiment Classification using Machine Learning Techniques	Naive Bayes, Maximum entropy classification and SVM	In this paper, discussion on sentiment classification of movie reviews on the basis of positive and negative is given in length. They used three different machine learning algorithms for text classification for increasing accuracy in classification.	2002
[16]	Turney P.D	Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down? Semantic Orientation Applied to Unsupervised Classification of Reviews	Pointwise mutual information (PMI) and Information Retrieval (IR)	In this paper author classified reviews on the basis of thumbs up(recommended) and thumbs down (Not recommended) and classification is predicted by semantic orientation, for this purpose they used unsupervised learning algorithm and PMI-IR uses to measure the similarity of pairs of words or phrases.	2002
[17]	Michael G. Madden	A New Bayesian Network Structure for Classification Tasks	Partial Bayesian Network (PBN) K2algorithm	Author proposed a methodology for induction of a Bayesian network structure for classification and this structure is called Partial Bayesian Network (PBN). It is implemented using the K2 framework. Learning the Partial Bayesian Network essentially reduces to a Bayesian Network learning problem using the K2 algorithm. The complexity of K2 algorithm is exponential to the number of variables; hence, PBN is also feasible only for small data sets.	2002
[18]	Hai Leong Chieu, Hwee Tou Ng	Named Entity Recognition: A Maximum Entropy Approach Using Global Information	Maximum Entropy	In this paper authors presented maximum entropy based named entity recognizer for global information. It uses information from the whole document to classify each word with just one classifiers.	2003
[19]	Turney P.D., Littman M.L	Measuring praise and criticism: inference of semantic orientation from association.	Pointwise mutual information (PMI) and Latent semantic analysis (LSA)	This paper introduced a method for inferring the semantic orientation of a word from its statistical association with a set of positive and negative paradigm words.. They use pointwise mutual information (PMI) and latent semantic analysis (LSA) to measure the relation between a word and a set of positive or negative words and according to this paper LSA gives better results than PMI.	2003
[20]	S.-M. Kim, E. Hovy	Determining the sentiment of opinions	SVM (Support Vector Machine)	Here author discusses about identifying sentiments. Here classification and combination of sentiment at word and sentence levels for identifying opinion holder they used learning techniques like SVM.	2004
[21]	Soo-Min Kim, Eduard Hovy	Identifying Opinion Holders for Question Answering in Opinion Texts	Maximum Entropy	In this paper they used Maximum Entropy for learning the opinion holders automatically with the help of two ways i.e. Classification and Ranking.	2005
[22]	Jack G. Conrad, Frank Schilder	Opinion Mining in Legal Blogs	Language Model and Naive Bayes classifiers.	Here in this paper authors discuss about the scope and opinion mining of blogs which is increased in legal domain. Here they first construct a Weblog test collection containing blog entries that discuss legal search tools. Then they subsequently examine the performance of a language modeling approach deployed for both subjectivity analysis and polarity analysis.	2007
[23]	Xiaowen Ding, Bing Liu	A Holistic Lexicon-Based Approach to Opinion Mining	Holistic lexicon-based approach	In this paper author discussed about customer reviews of products, they also discussed about the opinion words that show desirable and undesirable states. They used a holistic lexicon-based approach to solving the problem by exploiting external evidences and linguistic conventions of natural language expressions.	2008
[24]	Alec Go, Richa Bhayani, Lei Huang	Twitter Sentiment Classification using Distant Supervision	Naive Bayes, Maximum Entropy, and SVM	Author introduced a novel approach for automatically classifying the sentiment of Twitter messages as either positive or negative with respect to a query term. Author shows that machine learning algorithms like Naive Bayes, Maximum Entropy, and SVM for classifying sentiment, have accuracy above 80% when trained with emoticon data. This paper also describes the preprocessing steps needed in order to achieve high accuracy	2009
[25]	Zhao Yan-Yan Qin Bing, Liu Ting	Integrating Intra- and Inter-document Evidences for Improving Sentence Sentiment Classification	Graph-Based approach, NB (Naive Bayes), SVM(Support Vector Machine)	Here author classify the sentence into positive, negative and objective. Here author propose two such outside sentence features: intra-document evidence and inter-document evidence. Then in order to improve the sentence sentiment classification performance, a graph-based propagation approach is presented to incorporate these inside and outside sentence features.	2010
[26]	Zhongwu Zhai, Bing Liu, Hua Xu, Peifa Jias	Clustering Product Features for Opinion Mining	Expectation–Maximization (EM) algorithm	In this paper author discussed about problem in clustering of product reviews, for the same features people can express their views in different words that are domain synonyms these words need to be grouped under same feature group. For solving this problem author used EM algorithm.	2011
[27]	S. Chandra Kala,C. Sindhu	Opinion Mining and Sentiment Classification: A Survey	Naive Bayes, Maximum Entropy, Support Vector Machine	In this paper author discussed about opinion Mining, Sentiment Analysis its approaches and various Machine Learning tools like Naive Bayes, Maximum Entropy, Support Vector Machine has been discussed.	2012
[28]	Anand Mahendran, et. al.	Opinion Mining For Text Classification	Naive Bayes, Frequency distribution.	Micro blogging services for posting views, images, videos, audios, links etc. author collected this data as raw data. They used Naive bayes classifier and frequency distribution for classifying the raw data.	2013
[29]	Maqbool Al-Maimani	Semantic and Fuzzy Aspects of Opinion Mining	Fuzzy based logic techniques SVM BN classifiers PMI-IR classifier Rule-based techniques	According to Author Opinions are fuzzy in nature and dealing with the semantic part of the expressed sentiments possesses many challenges and require effective techniques to properly extract and summarize people's views. This paper presents a review covering the semantic and Fuzzy based logic techniques and methods in sentiment analysis.	2014
[30]	Nidhi R. Sharma, Prof. Vidya D. Chitre	Opinion Mining, Analysis and its Challenges	Naive Bayesian, Expectation Maximization.	In this paper author discussed about reviews of products and services, opinion mining and also its challenges. They discussed about Expectation Maximization and Naive Bayesian algorithm.	2014

The above table information suggest that statistical techniques have been used mostly used by the researchers for extracting or mining the opinions.

6. CONCLUSION

Emotions are often associated and considered commonly significant with mood, nature, personality, disposition, and motivation. Opinion Mining or Sentiment analysis refers to extraction of opinion from given text and classify them on the basis of polarity i.e. positive, negative and neutral. In this paper, we discussed about various levels of sentiment analysis and technique used to identify and extract opinions. Here we gave some challenges used while working on opinion mining like some orthographic errors, typographical mistakes, abbreviations, colloquial words etc. are the major challenges. This paper provides a brief review to cover the major challenges, stages, application and advantages of opinion mining. In our study, we find some techniques like Naive Bayes, Maximum Entropy, and SVM etc. are very often used in opinion mining and sentiment analysis.

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Securing an Information Systems from Threats: A Critical Review

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Abstract: The technology behind information systems in today’s world has been embedded in nearly every aspect of our lives. Thus, the idea of securing our information systems and/or computer networks has become very paramount. Owing to the significance of computer networks in transporting the information and knowledge generated by the increased diversity and sophistication of computational machinery, it would be very imperative to engage the services of network security professionals to manage the resources that are passed through the various terminals (end points) of the these network, so as to achieve a maximum reliability of the information passed, making sure that this is achieved without creating a discrepancy between the security and usability of such network. This paper examines the various techniques involved in securely maintaining the safe states of an active computer network, its resources and the information it carries. We examined techniques of compromising an information system by breaking into the system without authorised access (Hacking), we also looked at the various phases of digital analysis of an already compromised system, and then we investigated the tools and techniques for digitally analysing a compromised system in other to bring it back to a safe state.

Keywords: Computer Security, Hacking, Digital Analysis, Computer Networks, Risk and Vulnerability

1. INTRODUCTION

Computer Networks according to [1] satisfy a broad range of purposes and meet various requirements which include (a) Provide the sharing of resources such as information or processors, (b) provide inter-process communication among users and processors, (c) provide distribution of processing functions, (d) provide centralised control for a geographically distributed system, (e) provide centralised management and allocation of network resources etc. The most important characteristic of a computer network as identified by [2] is its generality. Computer networks are built primarily from general-purpose programmable hardware, and they are not optimized for a particular application like making phone calls or delivering television signals. Instead, they are able to carry many different types of data, and they support a wide and ever-growing range of applications. A computer network therefore means an interconnected collection of autonomous computers [1]. Owing to this significance of computer networks in transporting the information and knowledge generated by the increased diversity and sophistication of computational machinery [3], it would be very imperative to engage the services of network security professionals to manage the resources that are passed through the various terminals (end points) of these networks, so as to achieve a maximum reliability of the information passed over these networks making sure that this is achieved without creating a discrepancy between the security and usability of such network – since these two are the main concerns of any network owners. Consequently, the issue of managing a computer network should include finding a balance between security and usability of the network so as to achieve the purpose, confidentiality, authenticity, accountability, availability and of course integrity of that network

1.1 Computer Security

[4] Identified three main factors that could be encountered in managing a computer network. According to him these include *assets*, *threats*, *vulnerability* and *risk*, where;

Risk = assets + threats + vulnerability [4]

However, he also acknowledged the fact that computer security has to do with the protection of assets from threats and vulnerability in other to reduce the amount of risk the system may face.

[5], in his own view defined the security of an information system as the state of being *free* from danger and being unexposed to damage from accidents or attacks of any form. He also added that computer security is a process of achieving a state that is optimally desirable for an information system; stating clearly that the main goal of an information system security is to optimize the performance of the system with respect to the measure of risk to which the system is exposed to. [6] describes Computer security in this form and he states; “If a system always stays in states that are allowed, and users can only perform actions that are allowed, the system is *secure*. But if the system can enter a disallowed state, or if a user can successfully execute a disallowed action, the system is *non-secure*” [6].

The technology behind information systems in today’s world according to [7] has been embedded in nearly every aspect of our lives. Thus, the idea of securing our information systems and/or computer networks has become very paramount. According to them, the major reason for securing information systems is to attain the five main tenets of a secured system. Specifically, *network security* is the ability of a computer network to provide one of the services expected of an information system [8]; the first four *confidentiality*, *integrity*, *authentication* and *nonrepudiation* has to do with the *message being exchanged over the network* and the other one has to do with *authentication of users* (see figure 1).

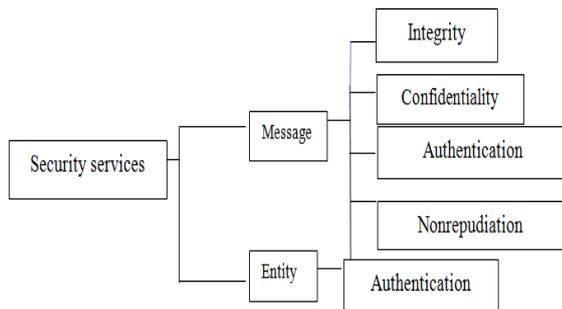


Figure 1: Network Security Services

1.2 Importance of computer security

According to [9], computer networks are a group of devices that represent a shared resource used by many applications that symbolises different kinds of interest thus, unless security measures are taken, any network conversation or distributed application may be interrupted by a saboteur. Thus the importance of computer security according to [10] is to be able to achieve a balance between *usability* and *security*; a network/information system owner should therefore be able to define its organizational information system objectives to cover the three goals of a secured information system (which includes Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability - CIA).

1.3 Security Mechanisms

Computer security measures aims to prevent security violations; as such, researchers have developed technologies that could be counted on to prevent computers from leaking sensitive data, and the need for competing interests to share a common set of computing resources lies at the heart of many computer security requirements [11]. The answer to the question of how to ensure that a computer network/information system is secured lies in the nature or form of attack to which the system(s) is exposed to. The table below summarises these forms of risk and some of the security measures that can be taken to avert or minimize them.

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Table 1: Computer/ information System Risk Security Measures

Risk	Type/Source	Security/Reduction Measures	Examples
Hack	Threat –External		Cyber Attack, Unauthorised Access, manipulating network connections
Malware	Threat – External	Install anti-virus software and firewalls (Blotzer, 2000)	Worms, Viruses, Trojan Horse
Hardware Failure	Threat – Internal		
		Involve power protection (e.g power protectors, Ups .) and create backups (Harrington, 2005)	Power failures and surges, Hard disk failures
System Failure			
	Vulnerability –Internal	Save documents early,	O/S crash, Software Crash, Configuration file Crash
Exploits	Vulnerability –Internal	Implementing safeguards and security counter measures correctly	System weakness, lack of mechanism

In addition, securing an information system would also mean building a secured system or a secured organizational network. [12] has identified some basic steps necessary to achieve this aim; these include the fact that every network administrator/owner should:

- Always evaluate session Risks and Threats
- Beware of common misconception (e.g ignoring a session being too small a target to malicious act)
- Always provide security training for IT staff
- Beware of external attacks against a session (e.g avoid threats from portable handheld external storage devices; like USB flash derive that could easily transfer organizations data out to a hoodlum and also avoid threats from storing data online where users can log in and easily transfer files or the online storage may be short-lived)
- Security features of operating systems should be identified and utilised (e.g using the windows server manger as shown in figure 2a/b below and in other to learn how to use this feature, see figure 2c)
- Other things the system administrator can do is to always monitor the systems
- A third party always auditing the organisation’s security and then
- Never forget patching your network facilities
- Remember little thing like;
 - Making sure to change default system password
 - Use a password that is not trivial
 - Always close every unnecessary ports

In general, in other to protect a company’s network from hoodlums, companies’ employ the services of *ethical hackers* to do exactly what the hoodlums will want to do illegally so as to find loop holes in their security system [13].

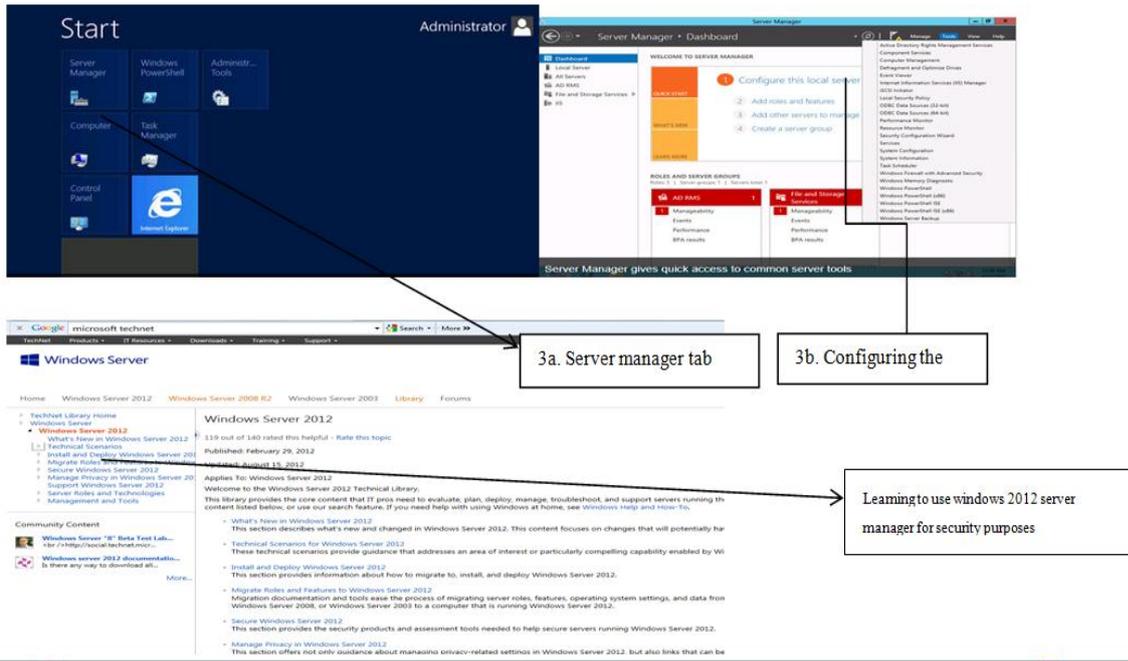


Figure 2c: how to use windows security facilities

2. HACKING

The essence of this section is to bring to our attention the major security issues that are worth mentioning in a discussion of network security of which the most obvious of these is computer network *hacking*.

2.0 What is hacking?

Hacking means getting access to and secretly looking at or changing information on a computer network resource or its information without an authorised permission. In other words it involves finding an unintended or overlooked use of an information system in an innovative way in order to use the outcome to solve a given problem [14]. Hacking tools are basically codes which a hacker writes when he wants to automate a task. [15] has identified three (3) major types of these codes as we have shown below.

Nmap,

Nessus

Netcat.

2.1 The hacking process:

Hacking or cracking a network according to [16] would usually involve the process as described by the diagram below

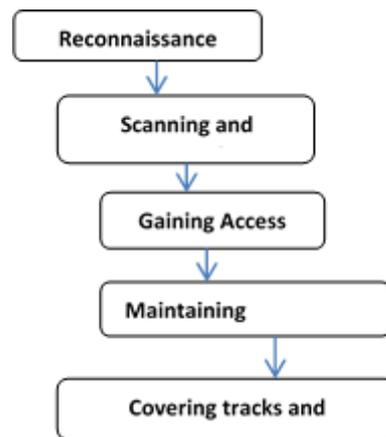


Figure 3: five phases of hacking

2.2 Performing reconnaissance – organization’s information system/network exploration

The first step a successful hacker must take is information gathering. This is a way of successfully executing an attack against an organization’s information system/network by gathering as much intelligence about the organization as possible. According to [17], some of the methods that one could adopt include: (a) dumpster driving (b) search engine querying (c) public database querying (d) social networking e.t.c

Table 2: detailed tools and information gathered during reconnaissance [13]

Tool	Function
Google groups (http://groups.google.com)	Search for e-mail addresses in technical or nontechnical newsgroup postings
Whois (www.arn.net or www.whois.net)	Gather IP and domain information
SansSpade (www.sansspade.org)	Gather IP and domain information, versions available for UNIX and Windows OSs
Web Data Extractor (www.rafasoft.com)	Extract contact data, such as e-mail, phone, and fax information, from a selected target
FOCA (www.information4.com/FOCA)	Extract metadata from documents on Web sites to reveal the document creator's network logon and e-mail address, information on IP addresses of internal devices, and more
Necrosot nScan (www.nscan.org)	Windows scanning, DNS lookup, and advanced Dig tools (see Dig command later in this table)
Google search engine (www.google.com)	Search for Web sites and company data
Namedroppers (www.namedroppers.com)	Run a domain name search; more than 30 million domain names updated daily
White Pages (www.whitepages.com)	Conduct reverse phone number lookups and retrieve address information
Metls (www.severus.org/bacna/metls)	Gather competitive intelligence from Web sites
Dig (command available on all *nix systems; can be downloaded from http://members.shaw.ca/chaosroot/long/dig/ for Windows platforms)	Perform DNS zone transfers; replaces the Nslookup command
Netcat (command available on all *nix systems; can be downloaded from www.securityfocus.com/tools/139 for Windows platforms)	Read and write data to ports over a network
Viget (command available on all *nix systems; can be downloaded from http://gnu.org/software/liget/viget.html for Windows platforms)	Retrieve HTTP, HTTPS, and FTP files over the Internet
Paros (www.parosproxy.org)	Capture Web server information and possible vulnerabilities in a Web site's pages that could allow exploits such as SQL injection and buffer overflow attacks
Maltego (www.paterva.com/web4/index.php/maltego); also included with this book's online resources	Gather competitive intelligence and represent in graphical form previously unknown relationships between personal identities, companies, and Internet networks

Like any successful hacker, you have to know what you are looking for and the best place to find it is from Company or institutional sites.

2.2.1 Tools for performing reconnaissance and information gained

Table 3: brief summary of passive reconnaissance tools

Tools	Type	Description
Google search engine	Passive	Searching for company information (especially for desirable result, good and bad).
Google groups	Passive	Used for searching for individual or organizational information including email address and other vital information
Whois	Passive	This tool is used in other to discover which network configuration factors that would be useful in attacking a network.

Table 4 : detailed identifiable information during hacking and what the hacker can get [21]

Technology	Identifies
Internet	Domain name Network blocks Specific IP addresses of systems reachable via the Internet TCP and UDP services running on each system identified System architecture (for example, Sparc vs. x 86) Access control mechanisms and related access control lists (ACLs) Intrusion-detection systems (IDSs) System enumeration (user and group names, system banners, routing tables, and SNMP information) DNS hostnames
Intranet	Networking protocols in use (for example, IP, IPX, DecNET, and so on) Internal domain names Network blocks Specific IP addresses of systems reachable via the intranet TCP and UDP services running on each system identified System architecture (for example, SPARC vs. x 86) Access control mechanisms and related ACLs Intrusion-detection systems System enumeration (user and group names, system banners, routing tables, and SNMP information)
Remote access	Analog/digital telephone numbers Remote system type Authentication mechanisms VPNs and related protocols (IPSec and PPTP)
Extranet	Connection origination and destination Type of connection Access control mechanism

2.3 Scanning/Enumerating – organization’s information system/network exploration

Active reconnaissance (*network scanning/enumeration*) involves probing the targeted network or a specific host, in other to detect vulnerabilities. Many attackers will avoid active scanning, because it will often leave traces in the target system's logs, making their activities easier to trace. Active scanning include *port scanning to find open ports, testing web applications for weak passwords or insecure code, or sending web links to user’s shopping that they will visit a web site that will log their IP address and information that might identify potential attack vectors* [18].

Similarly [19] acknowledged that network scanning can help the attacker to find IP address range, show live addresses, device manufacturer, MAC address, any available user, and DNS name. It can also be used to identify shared folders, HTTP, HTTPS and FTP. Network scanning can easily be achieved through the internet by using methods like ping tool discovery, port scan and ping sweep. Scanning is used, for recognizing active machines and finding open ports and access points. It is important to note according to [20] that Ports 0 to 1023 are well-known ports used for specific protocols and port 80 is the well-known port for HTTP. Thus If a port scan discovers port 80 open, the attacker knows that HTTP (which is most likely a web server) is very likely running on the system. A further attack after finding *open ports, live systems and operating systems is enumeration*. [18] describes network enumeration as a process of identifying domain names and their associated networks. At this hacking stage according to [13], the hacker tries to identify resources that are shared on the network (by using specific OS tools), discover user accounts login (probably by guessing of passwords after determining a username) and attempt to retrieve information and gain access to servers by using company employees’ logon accounts already discovered.

➤ Tools for scanning an organization’s network and information gained

Hacking tools are basically codes which a hacker writes when he wants to automate a task. In general, some major tools for scanning according to [16] include;

- Internet control message protocols (ICMP) scanners
- Scanners
- Diallers
- Ping sweep
- Mappers e.t.c

Table 5: network scanning tools and information obtained

<u>Tools</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Ping Scan (SuperScan: performs both host and service discovery using ICMP and TCP/UDP)	<u>Active</u>	Pinging a network is used to determine which individual device or system is alive. This is done by sending a packet (ICMP ECHO packets) to the target device in order to see if one can get a reply
Nmap.	<u>Active</u>	Nmap can be used to determine open ports, IP addresses (based on the domain name that we got earlier), active machines and services that are running on them
Metasploit	<u>Active</u>	Metasploit is actually used to for port-scanning – ICMP or PING sweeping. This technique is useful in determining the range of IP addresses and which of the addresses map to live host.

1.1.1 Gaining Access

This is the stage when an attacker actually gains full control over a targeted machine [22]. In a more general note, this actually involves *finding vulnerability* in a network server, which according to [23] can be achieved by misusing an application server or by disassembling network security in order to gain maximum access. Some of the vulnerability that could be discovered includes: Misconfigured (or poisoned) web and mail servers running services such as FTP (could be exposed to attack such as *buffer overflow* which gives the hacker a full system *root privilege to the internal host* – [24], *denial of service* or even *session hijacking*). Some of the connection method that the hacker or tester may use for exploit may be; a local access to a pc, the internet, local area network (LAN). According to [25], gaining access is where the damage is usually done and its mostly carried out by using methods like spoofing, smurf attacks e.t.c.

2.4.1 Tools for Gaining access and information gained

Table 6: gaining access tools and information obtained

<u>Tools</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Paros	<u>Active</u>	Paros is a tool used to capture information about the server that the hacker or tester wants to attack; it helps the tester or hacker to capture the vulnerabilities that might allow exploit (such as buffer overflow, password spoofing, SQL injection e.t.c.) in a website page; this may cause a denial of service (DoS) scenario.
Ophcrack	<u>Active</u>	Ophcrack is a security testing/ windows password cracking tool that can be used to crack passwords in windows. Using a liveCD, ophcrack performs <i>dictionary attack</i> in windows 7 in order to fully recover the password
Safe mode	<u>Active</u>	Setting your desktop to Safe mode can help you recover or crack your windows password

2.5 Escalating Privileges

After gaining access, the hacker would want to maintain that access and then apply it to future exploitation, attacks or testing. Occasionally, hackers toughen the systems and make them inaccessible from other hackers or security tester by securing their exclusive access with backdoors, rootkits, and Trojans, this can help to launch additional attacks. [16] describes escalation of privilege as “the act of leveraging a bug or vulnerability operating system or an application” in order to have full control of the system. He also added in [16] that this stage entails adding more rights or permissions to a user account, in other words turning a regular user account into an administrator account. At this stage, the hacker begins to execute applications such as copying of files or even damaging system information. [25] added that the major attacks in this phase include: operating systems attack, application level attack, shrink-wrap code attack and misconfiguration attack. Some of the tools for escalating privilege according to [26] include;

Key-stroke logger -: this tool helps the attacker to exploit the OS by stealing an administrator access, manipulating scheduled task, social engineering, remote control program e.t.c.

Safe Mode -: the hacker boots the system in safe mode and then changes his access level to that of an administrator, there by gaining access to different layers in the system.

Social Engineering -: in order to gain administrative domain privilege sometimes according to [27], the computer may not be touched; in this case social engineering may be the common path. This tool can be used by manipulating people into \performing an action or providing information through means such as using phones, phishing emails or contacting the person.

In addition, according to [27], some of the techniques for escalating privileges in windows include:

- Clearing text passwords stored in files
- Clearing text passwords stored in Registry
- Writing access to the system 32 directory
- Writing access to the all users start up folder
- Windows services running as a system
- Installing a user defined service
- Weak application configuration

➤ Tools for escalating privileges after gaining access

Table 7: escalating privileges tools and information obtained

<u>Tools</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Key-stroke Logger	<u>Active</u>	Key-stroke logger helps the attacker to keep record of everything that is going on the system by monitoring what the
Social Engineering	<u>Active</u>	Social engineering according to Sutherland (2009), uses people to perpetrate malicious attacks on a target system. Some of the tools that can be used for this act include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phone conversations ➤ Personal contact ➤ Email phishing
Safe mode	<u>Active</u>	The safe mode tool described above can also be used to escalate privilege, because according to Oriyan and Gregg (2010), once the attacker has been able to gain access through running the computer in safe mode, then he can change the password to what he desire. Using the same command as above, the hacker changes his access level.

Finally, decode the content of the document using the logger program and you get back the unsaved file. The key stroke logger helps the hacker in the escalating privilege phase to be able to have full control of the system while he monitors all transactions going on, on the keyboard.

2.6 Maintaining Access / Placing Backdoors and Covering Tracks

This final hacking stage or the penetrating/hacking process as identified by [22] has to do with avoiding detection (by covering tracks and placing backdoors). This can be done by trying to avoid evasion detection by antivirus software. In other to avoid the embarrassment of being caught, the *hacker* creates unique payloads (which will not match any available signatures) to run on the antivirus software. In other for the hacker to maintain full access and control, they close up every vulnerability so as to stop other attackers or security personnel from detecting their act on the system. They continue to own the system, remove all hacking evidence, or even avoid illegal action. Some of the actions the hacker performs at this stage include; *tunnelling*, *altering log files* and *steganography*. In their own view, covering tracks needs to be a systematic process in which any evidence of attack (including –logons, log files, error messages ...) need to be removed [28].

Some of the things the hacker can do at this phase according to [28] include:

- ✚ Disabling auditing
- ✚ Data hiding (using ADS – Alternate Data Stream)
- ✚ Trojan installation (according to [25] – by executing a script in Trojan rootkit, a variety of critical files are replaced with new versions, hiding the attacker in seconds).

Tools for maintaining access and covering tracks

Table 8 Tools for maintaining access and covering tracks

<u>Tools</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
ADS	<u>Active</u>	The <i>Alternative Data Stream</i> is used for data hiding in the maintaining access and covering tracks phase. This help the hacker to hide all necessary information that may expose his
Advanced Explorer	<u>Active</u>	Advanced Explorer This tool gives the hacker access to all stored files, which he can from where he can choose files to hides so as he doesn't get detected.
Steganography	<u>Active</u>	<i>Steganography</i> is a way of hiding a file behind another, so that the intruder can make files have different effect than the original

3 ANALYSING A COMPROMISED SYSTEM

3.1 Introduction:

According to [29], after any of these crimes listed above or incident that involves a computer occurs, a specialist trained in computer forensics examines the computer to find clues about what happened. In most cases, this specialist may work with law enforcement or with a corporate incident response team. Although the rules governing each activity can be dramatically different depending on who your client is, the approach to the investigation remains roughly the same. [30] added that due to the globalisation and the pervasive presence of the Internet these days companies are geographically distributed creating a great business and organisational opportunity. As such, organizational hardware and software related resources such as system administrators, needs expensive management and configuration software available in other to build a timely updated hardware and software changes across the organizational network (whenever there is a reason to make such changes across the network) otherwise organizational system resources may experience an increase in security vulnerability. If this happens without a countermeasure, then there will be a need for digital analysis/ investigation of that compromised system.

Digital analysis is a computer investigation of a compromised system (including - computers, electronics and digital equipment), which involves finding the evidence which will be accepted in the Court of Law and only the investigation which ends with the court admissible evidence is a successful investigation [31]. This type of analysis is a much more involved process where the investigator must trace user activity and cannot provide a simple yes or no answer.

3.2 Phases of digital analysis

This investigation takes the form of five stages according [31] namely;

- Preparing for an incident
- Collection of evidence,
- Preservation of evidence,
- Filtering the evidence,

- Presentation of evidence

3.3 Tools and techniques to digital analysis (Collection and Preservation of evidence)

Some of the tools used for digital analysis as classified by [29] include:

Digital imaging and validation tools – these are tools (depending on OS, functionality and the file system that the tool support) used to make sure media is preserved before any further steps are taken. Preserving the media is necessary to provide assurance the evidence acquired is valid.

Some tools include

- *dd*

dd is used in Linux machine for capturing data image using the command

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dd if=/home/user/sn.txt of=/tmp/newfile
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Figure 4: using dd for digital analysis

- *DriveSpy*

DriveSpy is a DOS based image capturing system of a compromised system. *DriveSpy* provides a lot of functions for copying and examining a drive's content

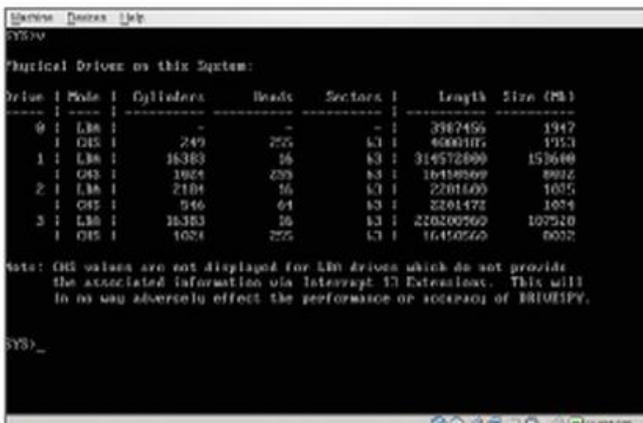


Figure 5: using DriveSpy for digital analysis

- *Encase* – this tool produces frameworks for managing a complete case in the analysis of a compromised system. It also includes a drive duplicator (known as drive manager) which creates an exact image of the drive and then validates the image automatically see figure below.

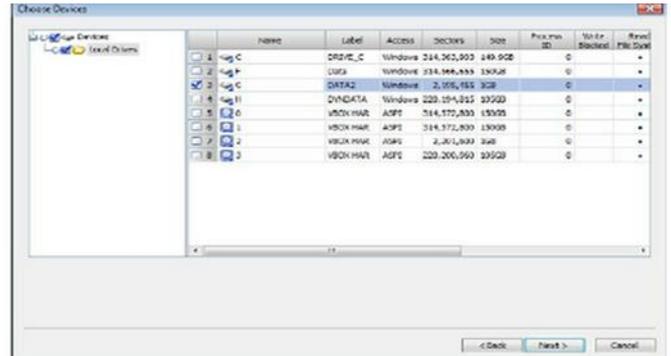


Figure 6a: using Encase for digital analysis



Acquisition message displayed

Figure 6b: using Encase for digital analysis

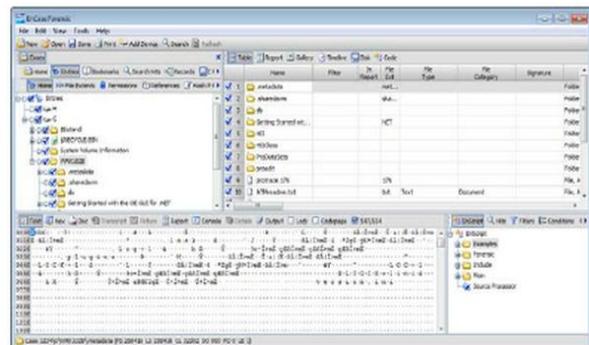
3.4 Forensic tools (Filtering the evidence)

These are the tools used for analysis (depending on your specific investigative need) after the investigator might have made a verified copy of the original media. Your choice of tool will depend on

- The operating system
- The user interface preference
- Budget
- Functionalities/capabilities

- Some of these tools include:

Encase – Encase can also be used for the analysis of the system after a copy of the system has been made as described above. Encase is also useful in terms of viewing the IP addresses.



The tool (Encase), description

Figure 7a: using Encase or digital analysis (Filtering the evidence)

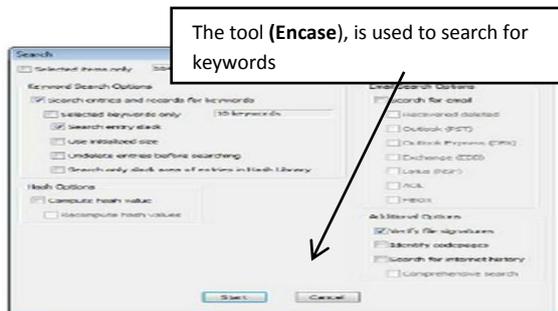


Figure 7b: using Encase or digital analysis (Filtering the evidence)

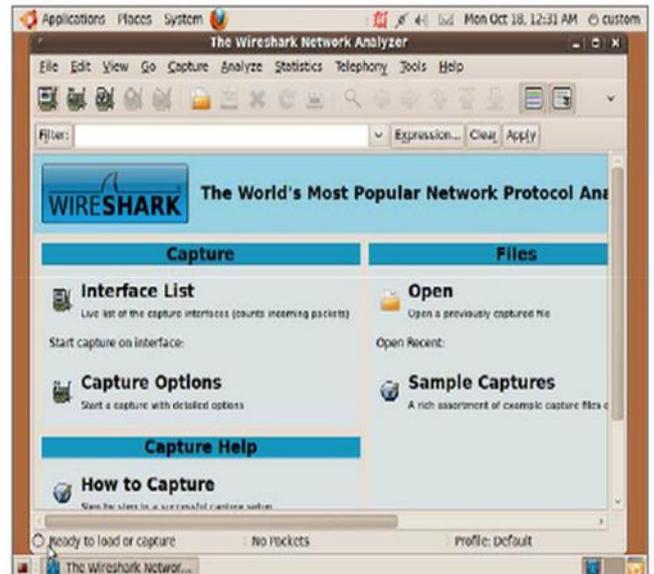
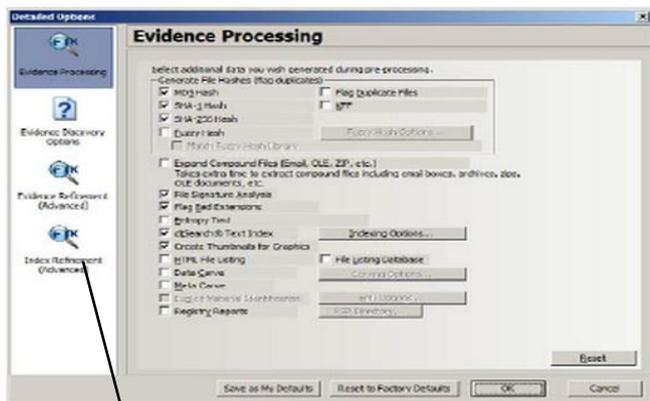


Figure 9: using Wireshark Network Analyser (one of the tools contained in SIFT toolkit)

Forensic Toolkit (FTK)

This is another tool used for digital investigation of a compromised system, used particularly for evidence processing (see diagram below).



The icons by the left side help you to view and choose an option to process the evidence

Figure 8: using Forensic Toolkit (FTK) for digital analysis (Filtering the evidence)

➤ **Sift**

According to [29] another tool for digital analysis is the SIFT (SANS Investigative Forensic Toolkit). This is a collection of open source forensic utilities for digital analysis which is available either as a VMware virtual machine or as an ISO image to create a bootable CD. It provides the ability to examine disks and images created using other forensic software. Some of the file systems supported by SIFT include: Windows (FAT, VFAT, and NTFS), Mac (HFS), Solaris (UFS) and Linux (ext2/ext3).

4. CONCLUSION

Security is what we do to ensure privacy. Securing a computer network or an organization’s information system, would include the protection of its primary assets based on its size, its ownership, the distance it covers and its physical architecture. Consequently, the issue of managing a computer network should include finding solution to major information systems threats. There are basically two sources of information systems threats; Internal and External. Among the external threats and vulnerabilities faced by a computer networks is information system *hack*. Hacking is away to penetrates a network’s security or cause disruption through denial of service attacks, buffer overflows, malware etc. A computer “system” is secured if it is free from worry and if it is safe from threats and vulnerability. However, because we believes that computers constantly communicate with one another; and an isolated computer is crippled, securing a computer system for an application may mean first assuring that the system will be available for use and will deliver uncorrupted information which assures the confidentiality of the information delivered. Basically, if we disconnect our information system from the network it will reduce usability, and if we connect our machine without firewalls or security patches we would make it highly vulnerable. Thus, the issue of computer information security is very vital to organizational goal achievement and the ability to achieve a balance between *usability* and *security* is the major concern of an information system owner.

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Expert System Offer Solutions for Automated Telescope Dome, Imaging System and Focus

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Abstract : Nowadays, weather consider the important component in many domains so, these domains use weather station to measure the parameters of weather through embedded sensors and view the measurements by using monitoring system which allow the user to make analysis about an obtained data of the weather Our work based on usage of weather station to measure certain parameters which effect on our telescope (mirror) which responsible for orbs vision in the space, and view the measurements through monitoring system to make analysis about these measurements to control closing and opening operations of shutter of the building and telescope (mirror)in this building . These operations can operate by building expert system by using EXsys corvid software program and that system like human expertise through usage of knowledge base and inference engine .

Keywords: Weather Station, Expert System, Monitoring System, EXsys corvid

1. INTRODUCTION

We The weather and the climate are effect in many domains so , measuring of the weather parameters as temperature ,Humidity, Rainfall, Wind speed, Solar radiation intensity, dew point, Atmospheric pressures , etc.....; these parameters of the weather can measure by using weather station so, many domains important for them to use weather station as agriculture, because the measurement obtained through weather station which determine timing cropping through measure the certain parameters as :

- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ Wind speed
- ✓ Solar radiation intensity

By using sensors as optokopler sensor to measure wind speed, LM 35 sensor to measure temperature and intensitas LDR sensor to measure sun which embed in weather station ,the signals from sensors processed. through microcontroller to wind speed, temperature ,and Solar radiation intensity and presented that transferred data via LCD display, and data transmitted to PC via receiver unit [1].

Although the weather station is important component ,the monitoring system also important which use to measure trends of different indicators depend on collected data and the monitoring important for viewing the disaster which determine the suitable action based on the disaster so, the monitoring provide sufficient information to decision makers which help in identify problems to choose suitable solution or action[2]; and important for the weather station which receive weather data from microcontroller embed in weather station and monitoring present weather data and help user to make analysis for data via GUI that authorized the user to treat with data .

We will use the data extract from weather station and send the data to monitoring system in dome building that obtain data in GUI figure.

Through GUI figure in the monitoring system we will send orders (signals) for opening or closing the shutter and mirror of dome, this signals receive by controller embed in shutter and mirror ;this operation depend on analysis make on weather data in monitoring system .

The weather become constitute hazard in the road and may causes accidents, so the monitoring system for the weather become safety for the road and other fields to observe and monitor the measurements of the weather[3].

So, we will build expert system instead of human to make suitable decision for closing and opening the shutter and mirror of dome's building depend on the analysis for weather data view in monitoring system by using GUI figure ;that expert system has user interface which help use to interact with the expert system and inference engine which aim expert to find suitable solutions and decision through knowledge base owned to expert system which has knowledge related to this domain .

2. RELATED WORK

Many researchers used the weather station in their domains as an important component to measure different parameters that had an effect on their different domains and used sensors embed in weather station to measure temperature, atmosphere pressure and relative humidity, an analogue output obtained from sensors convert to digital signals and processed by microcontroller that data act as data logged ,data logged transfer to PC have GUI program [4]. And developed Automatic Weather Station (AWS) that measure Air temperature, relative humidity, dew point, wind speed, and rainfall, AWS consist of remote weather station and main weather station ;that remote weather station measure factors through sensors connected to microcontroller and transmit data to main weather station which logged and data received through receiver unit connected to PC that PC has Matlab that present data via GUI that authorized the user to treat with data (analysis data and present it via Matlab) [5].

used remote sensors to measure dew point temperature, relative humidity, temperature, atmospheric pressures which displayed

and show through weather monitoring [LCD display]or[display unit], the System used for weather monitoring had microcontroller which convert analogue output obtained by sensors to digital through ADC in microcontroller and data of the weather displayed via display unit and receiver unit had software used for forecasting to data view in weather monitoring for analysis [6].

There are 6 approaches for monitoring system which view the temperature of bee colony and how temperature of bee colony transfer to bee keeper and each approach can solve the drawbacks of the previous approach and the simplest approach is the first one which the data obtained on the site not in any where ,the monitoring can help beekeeper to manage honey bee colonies and observe temperature of bee colony and make analysis on the viewed temperature and determine suitable action or decision depend on that the analysis[7] .

Usage of expert system can help us in the work to make decisions which can solve the problem of timing for closing and opening automatic, the science of the expert system branched from AI which simulate human thinking who has expertise in the specific domain to solve any problems related to that specific domain through knowledge in the expert system for specific domain [8][9]

And the expert system can use in many domains as Diagnosis of Some Diseases in domain of Medicine as heart diseases ,the expert system can diagnosis the disease for the patient through symptoms and analyzes for patients to help expert system to choose the correct decisions for treatments through knowledge base owned for expert system [10,20-37]

And use in diagnosis of kidney diseases which the diagnose obtained from the computer is similar to the the diagnose given by an expert doctor in that certain area ,the system its knowledge base has 27 for kidney diseases which difficult to diagnose by human; the user can asked by the system and answer with Yes or No and depend on these answers the system diagnose the symptoms and its suitable treatment [11]

And other applications that expert system success as :

- ✓ Predicting
- ✓ Diagnosing
- ✓ Planning
- ✓ Monitoring
- ✓ Controlling

There are 3 parts for the expert system *Knowledge base* which has data to specific domain to solve the problem, *Working memory* which has specific data should be task and *Inference engine* aim to arrive to conclusions based on task data [12,14-25]

And used in other domain is business which propose a heuristics fuzzy expert system to indicate the price of the products [13-37] .

3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Our proposed system will develop through the following steps:

3.1 Collection of data

We collect data of the weather by weather station through embed sensors specify to parameters of the weather and take in

our consideration certain parameters as temperature, humidity, wind direction, dew point.

3.2 Monitoring system

After the process of collection of data done through the weather station ,the weather data view through monitoring system or PC which help in making accurate analysis for these weather data.

3.3 System development

We will build an expert system by using exsys corvid software that mimic human thinking and expertises which instead of human by making decisions for close or open operation of the shutter and mirror of dome's building that decisions make depend on the measurements of the data extract from weather station; the proposed system and any other system consist if knowledge base ,inference engine and user interface

3.4 System verification

We will apply our expert System which responsible for decisions making on dome building.

4. FUTURE WORK

After apply our expert system on the dome building; the future work will be making forecasting for data extract from weather station among 3 years ago, and apply data for each year on our expert system individually to close or open shutter and mirror, and make analysis on the results obtain from decisions of the expert system for each other individually and take the observations of data for each year to make forecasting.

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Design and Implementation of Online Fashion Store “Demi Outfits” Based on Android

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Abstract: Android technology developments that are currently able to occupy the highest positions of gadgets and computer market, it is certainly due to the sophistication of technology information and applications that are on it that is currently a trend among mobile users because it can help all areas of the job so much easier. The purpose of Technopreneurship in the field of Design and implementation of online fashion store based on android is designed to assist in the sales transaction of business units called “Demi Outfits” has been established since 2013, making it easier for the android-based online transactions. Thus the computer tools and android smartphone is necessary given the various transactions were originally done manually. Given these tools various transactions can be completed quickly and efficiently than when using a manual system. To expedite the process of search services and purchases by customers towards these online stores, we need a system that allows customers to access the service online stores, especially the process of buying fashion online using android based mobile applications store. This application will also provide facilities that assist in the search for collection until the transaction purchases by customers. The system will tell to customers whether the collection to be purchased is available or not and their status are trends or expired.

Keywords: Android; fashion; mobile; store; online; technopreneurship

1. INTRODUCTION

People need jobs to earn a living and meet daily needs. Among these men there who have the ability to establish their own jobs and be hired for other human beings as self-employed, to meet an advantage in setting up the business and is always ready to accept failure or loss on such business [1].

Purchasing fashion in society at large still manually, each person must come directly to the fashion store. For those who are busy with activity and employment, the purchase method is time consuming and labor making it less effective and efficient. Most of them do not have a vehicle, so it cannot buy clothes because of these constraints. In terms of business, the market share of conventional fashion store business is still less extensive [3].

A variety of technological devices developed and used to support the achievement of the marketing process in the field of entrepreneurship. Currently, efforts are developed to store business that is using accessing websites via the Internet [2]. It is still a weakness because not everyone can use the web-based applications and not everyone has a computer that can access to the internet.

To expedite the process of search services and purchases by customers towards these online stores, we need a system that allows customers to access the service online stores, especially the process of purchasing fashion online using android based mobile store applications. This application will also provide facilities that assist in the search for collection until the transaction purchases made by customers. The system will tell you whether the collection available to be purchased or not and their status are trends or expired.

Android is an operating system for mobile phones based on Linux. Android SDK (Software Development Kit) provides the tools and API (Application Programming Interface) that is necessary for developers to create and develop applications

that use the Android operating system on mobile phones using the Java programming language [4].

2. RELATED WORKS

The unique and novel, mobile and online based ordering and reservation platform and system, for such time sensitive services, provides the mobile phone and Internet users and various types of business owners with comprehensive sets of options, including the mobile phones installed with the open source “Android” software platform developed by the “Open Handheld Alliance (OHA), such as the “gPhone” released by “Google”, to deliver the requests and responses automatically and instantly through means of synchronization between mobile and Internet communications. Based on the open source mobile phone platform and the Internet server infrastructure, an intuitive and easy-to-use mobile phone and online based ordering and reservation management system is uniquely defined in the architecture of the current invention to allow both the business owners and end consumers with real time communications for a plural of mobile and online ordering and reservation services [6].

The study also adds what are argued to be key consumer characteristics such as Opinion Leadership, Impulsiveness, Web Shopping Compatibility, Internet Self-Efficacy, Perceived Web Security, Satisfaction with web sites, and Shopping Orientation to understand the adoption of Web retailing by Internet users’. A Web based survey was developed and administered, yielding 392 responses. The findings indicate that TAM is a valid theoretical framework to understand users adoption of the Web for retail purposes. Also Internet users’ perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use were effected differentially by Opinion Leadership, Web Shopping Compatibility, Internet Self-Efficacy, Perceived Web Security, Impulsiveness, Satisfaction with web sites, and Shopping Orientation [7].

Electronic commerce typically lacks human warmth and sociability, since it is more impersonal, anonymous and

automated than traditional face-to-face commerce. This paper explores how human warmth and sociability can be integrated through the web interface to positively impact consumer attitudes towards online shopping. An empirical study was undertaken to investigate the impact of various levels of socially rich text and picture design elements on the perception of online social presence and its subsequent effect on antecedents of attitudes towards websites. Higher levels of perceived social presence are shown to positively impact the perceived usefulness, trust and enjoyment of shopping websites, leading to more favourable consumer attitudes. Implications of these findings for practitioners and future research are outlined [8].

3. OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS

3.1 Structure of Business

Here is a general overview of the business plan, including market opportunity of this business.

3.1.1 Product Analysis

- 1). Type, Name, and Product Characteristics
Types of products produced from this business, ie fashion for men, women and children, that are direct marketing and online-based Android.
- 2). The advantages of the product compared to other products on the market
Products on offer has several advantages, ie :
 - The online fashion store business marketing using android based smartphone.
 - Purchases fashion does not need to come directly to the store
- 3). Linkages with other products including Raw Material Processing

In this online fashion store business, requires some stuff and cooperation among others :

- 1) Computer
- 2) Printer
- 3) Papers
- 4) Internet Connection
- 5) Cooperation with the ISP for Android Database Server.
- 6) Cooperation with manufacturers / producers and other fashion stores.
- 7) Motorcycle for delivery order.

3.1.2 Market Analysis

- 1). Consumer Profile
 - Teens with fashion as a form of habit needs to follow fashion / latest trends.
 - People usually need to add fashion collection as well as a birthday present and also trends of Eid or Lebaran.
- 2). Potential and Market Segmentation
Segmentation useful in online stores, among others:
 - The effectiveness of promotion, because different segments approached in a different way
 - Could save as focusing first to work on a more important segment, which is the main market
 - Different segments can be influenced by different promotional media, there are detik.com banner, republik.com banner or news portal for women
 - Can be measured on what is most needed from each segment, can be a way sample contact time of purchase at the online store
 - Determining an effective way to send items, cheap and fast

3.1.3 Target and Strategy Analysis

- 1). Marketing Target
The target of our efforts are aiming for the middle market, where we sell products to all people, from the kids, Youth, up to adults. And we prepare for its online product that is ready to pack in packaging that has a neat and attractive.
- 2). Marketing Strategy
 - Product Development
Creating a better product in terms of taste and crispness that has high quality to be able to attract consumers to consume our products
 - Marketing Development
Development in the area around the place of production, the campus, as well as the internet such as facebook, twitter, fanspage, blogspot and Android
 - Promotion Activity
Promoting products through a friend to a friend, sales, and through social media.
 - Product Pricing
Our products set the price based on capital and raw materials used.

3.2 Description of Business

Developments and advances in the field of competition in fashion. Business carried on in the field of fashion can help improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of Technopreneurship, especially in entrepreneurship, in order to produce a good entrepreneur with a technology based. This effort is managed now selling fashion men, women and children. In carrying out this effort consists of 4 people. The purpose of Technopreneurship in the field of Online Fashion Store is based on Android is designed to assist in the sales transaction of business units called “Demi Outfits” has been established since 2013 in Yogyakarta Indonesia.

3.2.1 Business Capital

Initial capital to start the business came from the cooperation with business owners T-shirt and shirt. The products we sell are from convection located area of Yogyakarta and Bantul. We deliberately took the product from there because the prices of the products are very cheap compared to convection if you buy products on the market.

Our group got the confidence to sell products shirt with the following details:

- Initial Capital : 10 pieces of clothing @ 70,000 = IDR. 700,000
- Final Capital : 7 pieces of clothing @ 70,000 = IDR. 490,000

Breakdown of sales :

Area Sales : Campus

Customers : Student

Time to market : 1 Day

- Sale : 3 pieces of clothing @ 90.000 = IDR. 270.000

- Income derived from the sale of 3 pieces of clothing @ 20.000 = IDR. 60.000

After our business run for 1 year, with directly marketing or by way of rental booths in exhibition events in all areas of Java and Bali, the development and the results have to be felt, in one exhibition for 1 week has been getting average turnover of 70 million.

3.2.2 Marketing / Promotion

Business that we do now widely seen in anywhere. Business Developments in Indonesia is greatly increased, in addition to

capital is not too large the benefits are enormous. Besides the growing consumer demand for price comparison much cheaper than the existing malls in Indonesia. In a business competition is a competition in the business world. With the proliferation of business at this time led to intense competition between employers, for the more we work around this by prioritizing the quality of the product. In selling products, we are looking for a more lively and is the main place most women. Looking for a strategic place, safe, lively and accessible location to consumers.

1). Personal Selling

In addition to the products that we offer by way of resellers, we also offered directly to consumers with a variety of marketing communications of the products we offer, such as from hand to hand and from mouth to mouth information that we think is more convincing than advertise in electronic media.

2). Advertising

We also offer other than through personal selling well past the line advertising fanpage on facebook, twitter, personal blogs, and android smartphones. In this activity we offer online sales with the aim of getting people's participation to the products we offer.

3.2.3 Product Samples

1). Production Process

Process of product done in production house using quality raw materials and ancillary equipment as shown in fig. 1



Fig. 1 Production Process

2). Design for teenage boys

Attractive fashionable and follow the trend fashion and clothing model emerging, must have a trend of its own for the age group of teenagers, especially in teenagers friendships, absolute fashionable to be noticed as shown in fig. 2



Fig. 2 Design for teenage boys

4. RESULTS

4.1 Connectivity Analysis

Applications of online fashion store that build consists of two parts. First, the server side is composed of website creation and store administrator. Second, the client side is an Android based applications. General overview of the application system can be seen in Fig. 3.

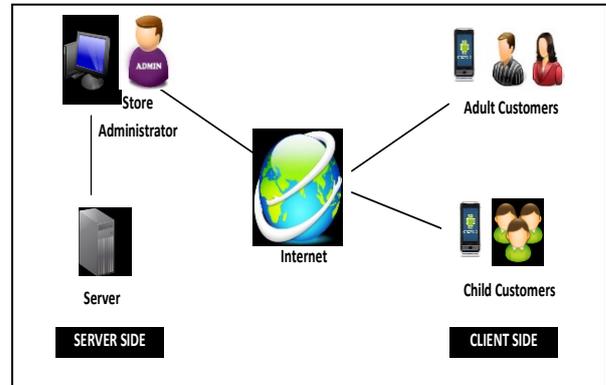


Fig. 4 Architectural Systems of Online Store

4.2 Design Analysis

Android Application Design consists of many activity. Activity are related to one another [5]. Collection activity listview activity that has a single function displays a three fashion categories. The displays a wide range of fashion collections by fashion category selected in the form of listview in fashion list. Customer activity is designed to transmit data to the database server buyers. While the order activity report is designed to send order confirmation via email. General overview of The flowchart of order processing services on online fashion store can be seen in Fig. 4

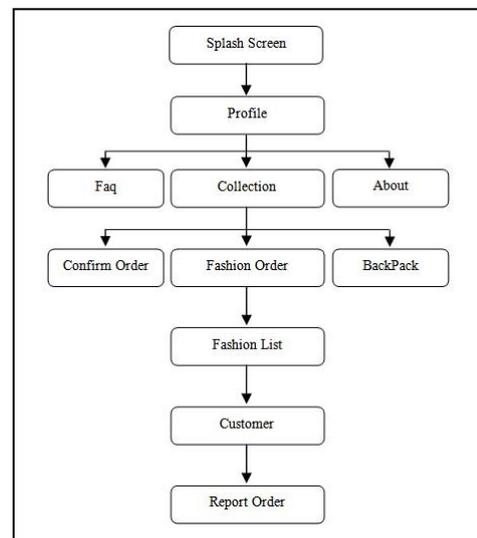


Fig. 4 Flow of order processing services

The connection between customers android smartphone users with a server in Fig. 3, the process will request the URL to the server. The server will perform a query according to the fashion category. The next stage of the application process to be displayed to the user in a list. Then the customer can fill out the form to find out the identity of the customer information do order items. The information is used as a container of the administrator to send a confirmation and checks the transaction. Furthermore the customer to confirm

the order. The tangible confirmation email sent to the administrator and the customer. Applications using GMAIL as the SMTP email sender media.

4.3 Implementation System

Implementation of the system is the stage of putting the system in accordance with the design that has been created and is ready to operate. This phase is done after doing system design that is making the program. Display applications have been made as the following:



Fig. 5 Splashscreen

Fig. 5 shows the basic features in this application, splashscreen is the first page that appears when the application is run the online fashion shop based on android. This page is a splash page when the application runs. Splashscreen page consists of View “Demioutfits” Logo, and TextView.

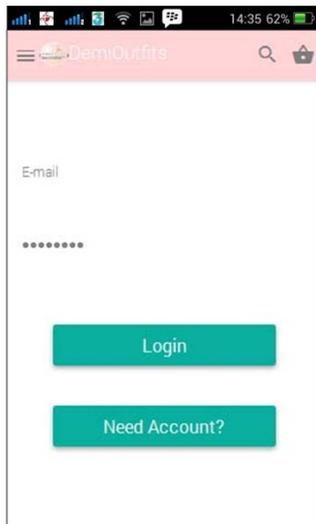


Fig. 6 Login Menu

Fig. 6 shows view of loginmenu as an initial menu. On the Login menu the user can enter into the system. If users do not already have an account then be able to register first in order to have the account password through “Need Account” button.

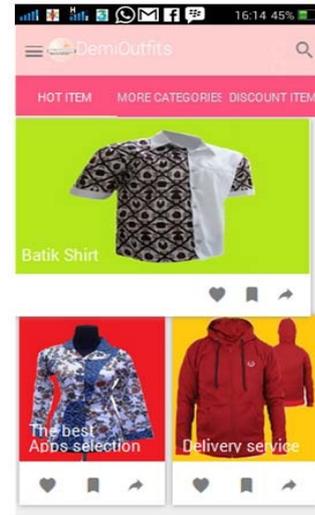


Fig. 7 List Product of Hot Item

Fig. 7 shows List product of Hot Item in the main page. On the main page there are 3 menu options that can be selected by the user, namely: Hot Item, More Categories, Discount Item.

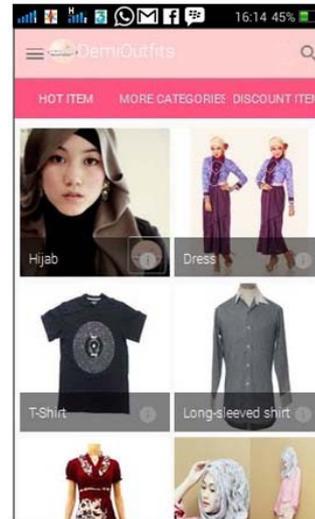


Fig. 8 List Product of More Categories

Fig. 8 shows List product of More Categories. On the More Categories there are more item of product offered to users. to display the product detail the user can select / click the product image.



Fig. 9 List Product of Discount Item

Fig. 9 shows List product of Discount Item. On the Discount item there are promo products at discounted prices, users can observe the comparison of normal price and discount price. to display the product detail users can select / click the product image.



Fig. 10 Purchase Order

Fig. 10 shows the facility of purchase order for 1 product namely "Pasma", the name of buyer is Fahmi Ardi Nugraha who use type of payment is D-Payment. Total Price of order is IDR. 95.000.

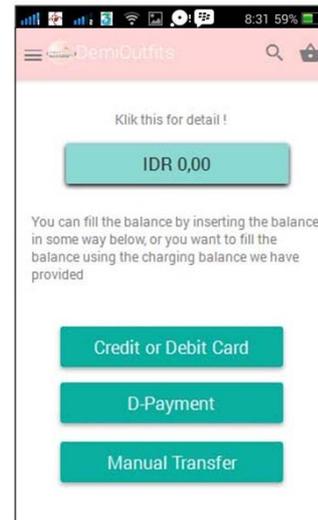


Fig. 11 Types of Payment

Fig. 11 shows types of payment which consists 3 types of payment option among others "Credit or Debit Card", "D-Payment", and "Manual Transfer". User can choose one of payment option according to the types of payments that are expected.

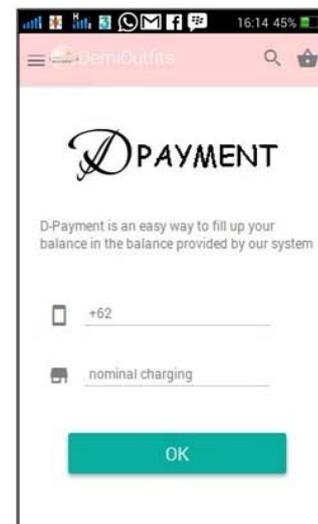


Fig. 12 D-Payment

Fig. 12 shows one of types of payment namely D-Payment, D-Payment is derived from the "Deposit Payment", payment by reducing the deposit balances in deposit accounts belonging to the user is stored in the database server "Demi Outfits".



Fig. 13 Manual Transfer

Fig. 13 shows one of types of payment namely Manual Transfer, Manual Transfer is payments made by way of bank transfer, whether it is done at the teller or ATM to the bank account of "Demi Outfits".

5. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the analysis, design and implementation has been done before, it can take several conclusions, among others:

- 1). In the making of this application the first step is to upload the data is needed on webservice. So that applications can take or parsing the data needed.
- 2). The displays a wide range of fashion collections by fashion category selected in the form of listview in fashion list.

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VIDEO TRANSMISSION OVER WIRELESS NETWORKS REVIEW AND RECENT ADVANCES

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Abstract: Video transmission over wireless networks is considered the most interesting application in our daily life nowadays. As mobile data rates continue to increase and more people rely on wireless transmission, the amount of video transmitted over at least one wireless hop will likely continue to increase. This kind of application needs large bandwidth, efficient routing protocols, and content delivery methods to provide smooth video playback to the receivers. Current generation wireless networks are likely to operate on internet technology combined with various access technologies. Achieving effective bandwidth aggregation in wireless environments raises several challenges related to deployment, link heterogeneity, Network congestion, network fluctuation, and energy consumption. In this work, an overview of technical challenges of over wireless networks is presented. A survey of wireless networks in recent video transmission schemes is introduced. Demonstration results of few scenarios are showed.

Keywords: Video coding, video compression, wireless video transmission

1. INTRODUCTION

Video has been an important media for communications and entertainment for many decades. Initially Communication ways have changed from smoke signal to digital signals. These days technology is improving such that people can talk face to face over 4G /Wi-Fi network using computers without bothering distance between them. Though technically all this service uses internet for transmitting voice over network. Now these days we have so many technologies that support communication over internet like chatting, live video chatting, and calling from one computer to other [1]. The evolution of internet has also increased the demand for multimedia content. Multimedia is the media that uses multiple forms of information content and information processing (e.g. text, audio, video, graphics, animation, interactivity) to inform or entertain the user. Multimedia means that represented the computer information through audio, video, image, graphics and animation in addition to traditional media [2]. It is possible to achieve higher aggregate data transmission rate while choosing several spatially distributed paths, thus benefiting from the spatial reuse of a wireless channel. That in its turn allows achieving higher video quality. Multipath routing allows the establishment of multiple paths between a single source and single destination node. It is typically increase the reliability of data transmission or to provide load balancing. Streaming media may be either real time or on-demand. On demand streams are stored on the server and based on the user requirement content is transmitted. Then, user may play video or may download the video for viewing purpose. Real time stream are only available on a some particular time. For example, when the event is occurring and user can record the video .Video Communication may be point to point communication, multicast or broadcast. Video may be pre-encoded or may be encoded in real time [2]

Upon the client's request, a streaming server retrieves compressed video/audio data from storage devices and then the application-layer QoS control module adapts the video/audio bit-streams according to the network status and

QoS requirements [3]. After the adaptation, the transport protocols packetize the compressed bit-streams and send the video/audio packets to the Internet[4]. Packets may be dropped or experience excessive delay inside the Internet due to congestion. For packets that are successfully delivered to the receiver, they first pass through the transport layers and then are processed by the application layer before being decoded at the video/audio decoder[5]. To achieve synchronization between video and audio presentations, media synchronization mechanisms are required.

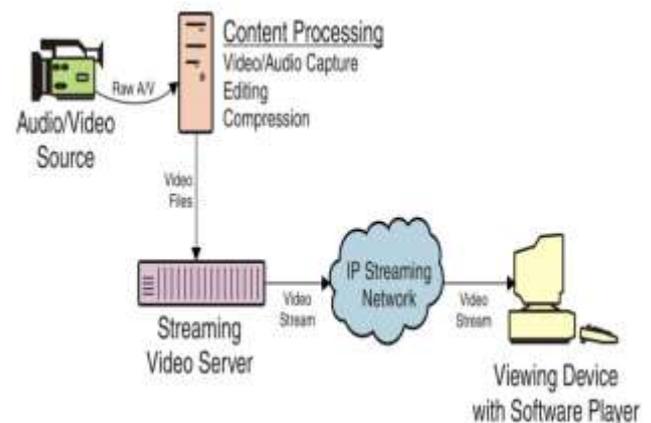


Figure .1 Internet Video Streaming Architecture

2. VIDEO STREAMING

Video streaming over computer networks is considered to become the most interesting application in the near future. There are three types of delivery methods of streaming media; Streaming Stored Audio and Video, Streaming Live Audio and Video and Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video. Figure 2 show the overall Architecture for Video Streaming [6].

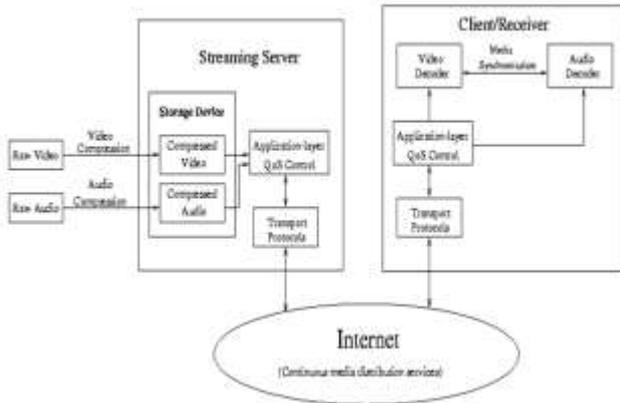


Figure 2 Architecture for Video Streaming [5]

This kind of application needs large bandwidth, efficient routing protocols, and content delivery methods to provide smooth video playback to the receivers. Video streaming systems are classified into two categories including:

2.1 Live video Streaming

In live video streaming, synchronized streams are played back in all nodes, and all users watch the same video frames simultaneously.

2.2 Video on Demand

(VoD) streaming, users watch different video frames of the same video stream at a given instant of time. In other words, the playbacks of the same video streams on different clients are not synchronized for a VoD streaming. Real-time multimedia data applications, such as video streaming and video telephony, are regarded as “killer applications” in the emerging wireless networks. Video applications usually involve a large volume of data transmitted in a time sensitive fashion [7]. However, the underlying wireless networks only provide time-varying and limited bandwidth, high data error rate, packet delay and jitter. Extensive research has been done on either video data coding algorithms or wireless network protocols. But the traditional layered network model limits the video transmission over wireless networks because it tries to separate information and functions between different layers[8]. To enable more efficient real-time data transmission over dynamic wireless environments, the applications and underlying wireless networks should cooperate in order to share information and optimize the transmission process dynamically. In this parts reviews the

state-of-the-art research efforts on video coding, error control, and rate control algorithms. New cross-layer algorithms are presented which coordinate the algorithms at different layers in order to get better performance than using them separately. The cross-layer rate control algorithm matches the application’s future bandwidth requirement to the available bandwidth in the network so that an optimum data transmission rate can be selected. In cross-layer architecture, layers exchange information and jointly optimize in order to improve the overall performance[9]. Also the cross-layer error control algorithm, lower layers are responsible for error detection and fast retransmission, while application layer conducts an adaptive error correction algorithm with the help of lower layers [10].

Multimedia services and applications became the driving force in the development and widespread deployment of wireless broadband access technologies and high speed local area networks. Mobile phone service providers are now offering a wide range of multimedia applications over high speed wireless data networks. People can watch live TV, stream on-demand video clips and place video telephony calls using multimedia capable mobile devices. The variety and quality of these applications are increasing every day. Mobile devices will soon support capturing and displaying high definition video. Similar evolution is also occurring in the local area domain. The video receiver or storage devices were conventionally connected to display devices using cables. By using wireless local area networking (WLAN) technologies, convenient and cable-free connectivity can be achieved. Media over wireless home networks prevents the cable mess and provides mobility to portable TVs.

However, there still exists challenges for improving the quality-of-service (QoS) of multimedia applications. Conventional service architectures, network structures and protocols lack to provide a robust distribution medium since most of them are not designed considering the high data rate and real-time transmission requirements of digital video[11].

3. LITERATURE REVIEW AND RELATED WORK

Many researchers are working on improving the video transmission over wireless network via different approaches Table.2 shows some of the recent state of the art or contributions in this area, it is classified the video transmission schemes into three major schemes:

- (A) Cross Layer Design Schemes(CLDS)
- (B) Multiple Descriptions Coding Schemes(MDCS)
- (C) Multipath Routing Schemes (MPRS)
- (D) Resource Allocation Schemes(RAS)

Table.2 State of the art of the recent video transmission schemes

Author(s)	Proposed Method	Gained Results (Contributions)	Limitation(s)
[15]- Vinod B. and et al. [2013]	(1)-Without considering channel status Condition (2)-The video signal is encoded with the H.264 coding technique at the frame rate of 24 frames per second, with bit rate of 100kbps. (3)-Develop methods to take care of resource allocation in cooperative wireless sensor networks (CWSNs).	From this <u>simulation</u> result, we observed that: rather than encoding the frame itself, the difference between current frame and the previous frame is encoded so that the amount of information transmitted will be drastically reduced.	(1)-The frames can be properly analyzed to assign the security codes. (2)-Since energy is the crucial parameter in the cooperative wireless sensor networks, the resource allocated may be controlled using cross layer design based on the priority

<p>[16] P. A. Chaparro, and et al.[2010]</p>	<p>(1)- Presented DACME-SV, a novel QoS framework to support scalable video transmission over MANETs. (2)- Benefits of using this novel solution that combines the flexibility of the H.264/SVC codec with distributed admission control algorithms. (3)-The strategy proposed allows to dynamically adjust the video quality according to end-to-end path conditions, thus optimizing available resource usage.</p>	<p>(1)- Experimental showed that DACME-SV is able to improve global performance by decreasing the frequency of interruptions on video communications, while simultaneously improving fairness among users by favoring similar conditions for QoS flows. (2)-Channel utilization was also improved with this strategy.</p>	<p>As future work they plan to introduce further improvements to DACME-SV by also including support for end to-end delay bounds.</p>
<p>[17] Detti and et al. [2010]</p>	<p>(1)-Evaluated and demonstrated a technique for streaming H.264 SVC video over a DDS middleware. (2)-The structure of the DDS data unit designed by them was able to carry H.264 SVC video-units. (3)-Also they designed a receiver-driven rate-control mechanism based on the DDS data unit, which exploited specific DDS functionality.</p>	<p>Their implementation showed the effectiveness of their mechanism in IEEE 802.11 wireless scenario, comparing their proposal with other solutions.</p>	<p>It is a demonstration work with out explaining the theory behind.</p>
<p>[18]Kalvein Rantelobo, et al. [2012]</p>	<p>(1)- Create Combined Scalable Video Coding (CSVC) method that match the QoS of video streaming service on wireless channel (2)- Use Joint Scalable Video Model (JSVM) amendment standard. (3)- The proposed scheme has implemented on Network Simulator II (NS2) for wireless broadband network application. (4)- This new scheme is an evaluation platform for the implementation CSVC on a more realistic simulation over wireless broadband networks based on open-source program. (5)- The results show that implementation of CSVC on mode of the medium grain scalable (MGS) outperforms coarse grain scalable (CGS) mode.</p>	<p>(1)-T his research proves that CGS and MGS mode on video transmission on wireless broadband network (WLAN IEEE 802.11e) is implementable on NS2 we ll. (2)-T he use of mode MGS gave result t hat is more satisfactory compared to CGS mode. (3)-Investigated the impacts of the use of MG S and CGS modes on performance of this system (4)-T he applications of MG S mode on CSV C increases the performance compared to CGS mode.</p>	<p>Video transmission based on the CSVC over broadband wireless network (WLAN IEEE 802.11e), simulated by NS2 with ideal assumption conditions.</p>
<p>[19] Gopikrishnan. R[2014]</p>	<p>(1)-proposed a novel MAC-level multicast protocol named REMP (2)-In REMP, AP selectively retransmits erroneous multicast frames and dynamically adjusts MCS under varying channel conditions based on the advanced feedback mechanism from multicast receivers. (3)- In addition, he proposed S-REMP, an extended version of REMP , for efficient delivery of scalable video over IEEE 802.11n WLANs.</p>	<p>(1)- Via extensive simulation results, we proved the effectiveness of the proposed protocols enhances the reliability and efficiency of multicast transmissions in IEEE 802.11n WLANs. (3)- In S-REMP, different layers of scalable video can be transmitted with different MCSs to provide the minimal video quality to all users while providing a higher video quality to users exhibiting better channel conditions.</p>	<p>In this work S-REMP to guarantee minimal video quality to all users in future work to guarantee a maximal video quality to all users.</p>

4. Result Analysis for Simulation Scenario

In this simulation scenario, there are 9 QoS active stations transmitting data to one access point. There are 3 groups of stations with three stations each. The first group transmits video flow, while the second transmits voice flow and the third transmits best effort data flow. The same simulation parameters in Table 3 are used in this scenario.

In this scenario, the aim is to study the effect of varying the propagation distance on the performance of IEEE802.11e WLAN. The propagation distance was changed by varying the topology from 100 to 1000 square meters. All the QoS active stations move randomly within the coverage

area of the access point. All the results are average over five simulations to overcome the errors occur when the stations move on the borders of the coverage area.

The second scenario shows the effect of varying the propagation distance on the average end-to-end delay and the packet loss ratio. These two performance metrics are affected the most in this simulation. Figure 7 illustrates the relationship between the average end-to-end delay and the change of topology.

Table 3 Enhanced EDCA Simulation Parameters

Simulation Parameter	Video	Voice	Best effort
Transport Protocol	UDP	UDP	UDP
CW _{min}	3	7	15
CW _{max}	7	15	1023
AIFSN	1	2	3
Packet Size (bytes)	1028	160	1500
Packet Interval (ms)	10	20	12.5
Data rate (kbps)	822.40	64	960

In Figure 3, it is clearly shown that the average end-to-end delay increases with the increase of the propagation distance from source to destination. However, the delay difference between the different flows is clear. This is due to the channel prioritization performed by EDCA and HCCA enhanced functions. The end-to-end delay value of the video flow is still acceptable even when the topology is 1000 square meters, while it is not for the voice and best effort data flows. More details and explanations are provided in the discussion sub-section.

Figure 4 shows the packet loss ratio change while varying the topology area. The packet drop has different starting value of topology area for different priorities.

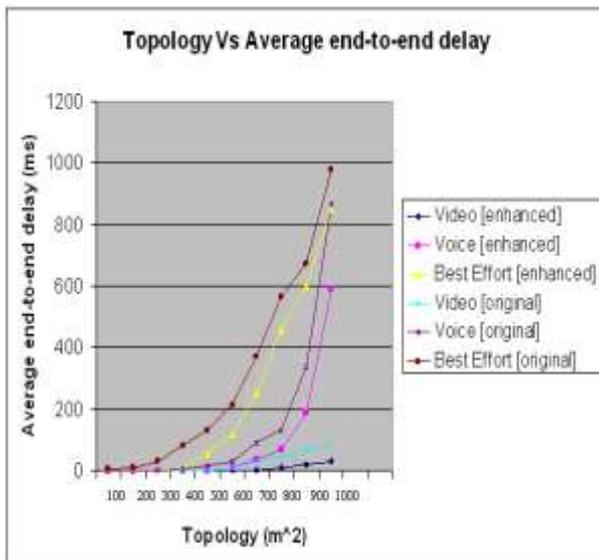


Figure 3: The effect of topology change on average end-to-end delay of three data flows (voice, video and best effort data) using original & enhanced EDCA values.

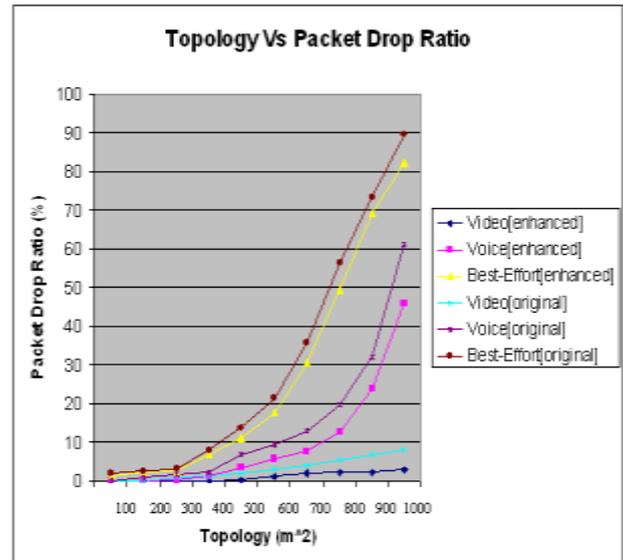


Figure 4: The effect of topology change on Packet Drop Ratio of three data flows (voice, video and best effort data) using original & enhanced EDCA values.

For example, as shown in Figure 4; regarding the enhanced values, the packet drop for the video flow starts when the topology is 500 square meters, while it starts at 100 and 300 square meters for the best effort data and voice flows respectively. On the other hand, when the topology area is 1000 square meters, the differentiation between the three flows is much clearer concerning the packet drop ratio.

5. CONCLUSION

Video transmission over wireless networks and the internet is a challenging task due to the stringent QoS required by video applications and also affected by many channel impairments. By using a fast mode decision algorithm for H.264 intra prediction and an adaptive transmission control methods of video can gain good QoS and achieves 30% to 60% computation reduction on aspects of video coding, so that the stability and good qualities of video transmission can be ensured. Based on the above investigation the work can be continued in the following areas which includes efficient video coding, reliable wireless transmission, QoS, transmission rate, energy efficiency of handheld devices to improve the overall wireless video transmission system.

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Water Distribution Forecasting Using Least Square In The Local Government Drinking Water Company Tirta Mon Pase Lhokseumawe

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Abstract: Local Government Drinking WATER Company TIRTA MON Pase can not fulfill the needs of the people in the Lhokseumawe city because the population of Lhokseumawe city continues to increase every year. Therefore, it has increased the need for the clean water. The artificial intelligence can be used to forecast the continuous distribution of water demand. This study aims to predict the volume of water to meet the water demand using Least Square method. The modeling results using the least squares method, in 2018, with the population of 218 067 people, the water supply needed is 5,689,849,205 liters/day, and the possibility of water leakage is 107573120 liters/day. This system can minimize the possibility of the errors due to the amount of water leakage.

Keywords: Forecasting, Least Square, distribution of water

1. INTRODUCTION

The population of the Lhokseumawe city has increased every year, therefore, it has an impact on the increased clean water consumption. The population of Lhokseumawe in 2009-2013 is 159239-186467, the total quantity of water must be supplied is 867180 liters/year. From 2009-2013, total volume of water supplied is 1739871077 to 3529658057. Therefore, the data is required for the demand fulfillment of how much the water is needed by people of Lhokseumawe. Therefore data analysis tool is highly needed in the measurement, control processes, formulate information from the data, and help make decisions based on the data¹.

Local government drinking WATER company (PDAM), which manages the distribution of water in Lhokseumawe city is facing problems regarding the water distribution volume to every district in the region. This is due to the limited volume of water availability and the lack distribution system measurement. The water distribution company must be able to distribute sufficient quantity of quality water in for consumers needs².

Forecasting tool for determining the quantity of water to distribute is not currently implemented. Therefore, the effectiveness and efficiency of water distribution is very low, moreover, it has been causing water distribution leakage that can affect the availability of the water in Lhokseumawe city. This condition would be harmful to PDAM Tirta Mon PASE because it can not fulfill the consumers needs. The unsatisfied consumers with the service provided can cause a bad image for the PDAM.

This water distribution problem requires a design with the placement of the shape of the desired input and output. In this section we developed a high performance database application, to produce a report that accurately forecast the amount of water to distribute next year in PDAM Tirta Mon PASE. With the system ability, it is expected that the process of water distribution will be increased and more efficient.

Artificial intelligent can predict the future state through available data in the past and forecast the events in the future on the basis of patterns in the past³. The water distribution information system built is software that can help the PDAM in determining the amount of water needed for consumers. The system built is not to substitute for the PDAM in predicting the future distribution of water, but it can help the PDAM to predict the amount of water needed in the future that give some alternatives based on the analysis system result. By combining the expertise of information technology, especially in the field of system forecasting, it is expected to solve the existing problems. Furthermore, decision support systems in water distribution aims to help decision makers utilize particular data and models to solve the various problems which are not structured⁴.

Benefits for forecasting water distribution is to determine the level of accuracy of the least squares method based on the calculation of the mean squared (root mean squared error)⁵. Forecasting data can facilitate the distribution of water and PDAM Tirta Mon Pase Lhokseumawe in taking a policy in terms of the future distribution of water. The system is proposed to predict the distribution of clean water to meet the water in the PDAM Lhokseumawe.

Forecasting water distribution is a method to estimate future water needs on the basis of the existing conditions of the water distribution year by year⁶. Forecasting method assumes that the conditions that generate the data in the past are the same with future conditions, unless the variables are explicitly used in that period⁵.

Least Square method is the most widely used method to determine the equation of the data trend. Least squares method is divided into two cases, namely the even data case and odd data case⁶. Least Square method is most often used to predict Y, because its calculation is more accurate. The least squares line has properties as follows: (1) The sum of the whole points of vertical deviation to the line is zero; (2) The sum of squared vertical deviations of historical data from the line is the minimum; (3) The line through the mean of X and Y.

The least squares method using statistical methods and mathematical calculations to determine the function of straight line to replace the broken line formed by the company historical data. Thus the influences of subjective element can be avoided.

The concept of this method is expected to solve the problems of drinking water distribution in Lhokseumawe city based on the increasing population trend and the availability of water resources.

2. STUDY DESIGN

The method used to predict the distribution of water is using the least squares method. Water distribution planning time predicted for the year 2009-2018.

The least squares method using statistical methods and mathematical calculations to determine the function of straight line to replace the broken line formed by the company historical data. Thus the influences of subjective element can be avoided. Trend equation by the moment method is as follows:

Function equation of this method is:

$$Y_n = a + (b.X) \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Notes:

Y_n: Forecasting for future (Forecasting)

a: constant

b: slope or inclination coefficient of the trend line

X: period or the difference in years (x = 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., n).

The data used was the number of the population, the number of water compliance, the amount of water needs and the amount of water leakage in the years 2009-2013. The data would be entered into the system for forecasting water distribution. Furthermore, the input data entered was resident, the fulfillment of the water, water demand and water leakage from each data retrieval water drilling in Krueng Pase, in Krueng Peusangan, Drilling Simpang Kramat. The data entered as follows:

2.1. Population Data

In view of water distribution need, we needed information about the need of drink waters in the area of planned. Drink water requirement is determined by the condition of the planned area, population growth and socio-economic level that affect water used patterns. As for population data visible on the table below:

Table 1. Lhokseumawe of population in the years 2009 to 2013

NO	TAHUN	Total Of Population
1	2009	159239
2	2010	170504
3	2011	171163
4	2012	179807
5	2013	186467
	Total	867180

2.2. The Fulfillment Water

Fulfillment of clean water was indispensable for the future. Water requirements for the facilities - facilities PDAM should consider the production capacity of existing resources. Analysis of the water can be seen fulfillment needs of the population and area of Lhokseumawe city, The fulfillment of the water as follows:

Table 2. City Water Fulfillment the data Lhokseumawe years 2009 s/d 2013

No	Years	Fulfillment water liter/years			Total
		K.pase	K.pesangan	S.bor	
1	2009	78727	489845	462762	1739872
2	2010	10824	570493	487053	2139690
3	2011	123308	592860	507448	2333386
4	2012	153731	792941	706867	3037122
5	2013	165268	1078818	798160	3529659

For the estimate the adequacy requirement clean water, it should be the level of leakage of each distribution area, it is necessary to estimate the stock of water sufficient for the needs of every region in the city of Lhokseumawe. The data leak for each of type in the Lhokseumawe city area are as follows:

Table 3 City Water leak data Lhokseumawe years 2009 s/d 2013

No	Years	Water leak liter/years			Total
		K.pase	K.peusangan	S.bor	
1	2009	957450	2378590	0	3336040
2	2010	1096759	0	6468	1103227
3	2011	0	0	56790	5678936
4	2012	2040588	0	19679	2237372
5	2013	0	56784905	0	56784905

The scheme of the system is the graphical representation of the system that uses forms of symbols to describe how the data flows through the related process. Schematic diagram of the system consists of a process and describe the scope of the system. Scheme system can describe the entire input to the system or the output of the sistem⁷. The scheme of the whole system can be viewed as follows:

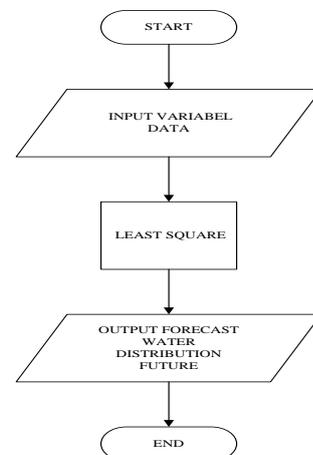


Figure 1 System Schematic

The explanation of the system scheme is the variable data input will be incorporated into the forecasting process using the least squares method. The result shown is the future forecasting of water distribution for the year 2014-2018 and the level of demand fulfillment of the required water.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The system for forecasting the distribution of clean water using the least squares method in PDAM Tirta Mon PASE is a system that adopting the past years data of a water distribution system for forecasting the future. The data inputted to the system is from 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. This data will generate the forecast the volume of water distribution until the year 2018. The forecasting system involves the head of human resources, chief engineer, and water distribution data. The data processing for water distribution forecasting is assessed from the population data, water demand volume data, the demand fulfillment data and the water leakage data every year that calculated using the least squares method.

The water distribution information system built is software that can help the PDAM in determining the amount of water needed for consumers. The system built is not to substitute for the PDAM in predicting the future distribution of water, but it can help the PDAM to predict the amount of water needed in the future that give some alternatives based on the analysis system result.

3.1 Process Input Data

The design of input form of fulfillment data, the population data, water leaks data, and the demand of the water can be described as follows:

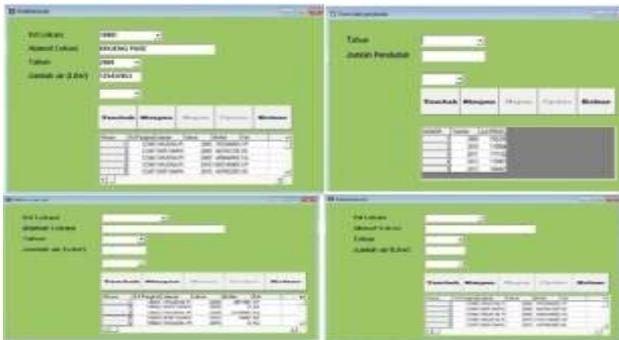


Figure 2 : Form Input Data

The input needs to be entered into the system in water fulfillment form are the location of the water taken and the volume of water (liters) required year by year. The second form is the population data. The third form is the data of the water leakage that. This data can predict the volume of water leakage in the region. The latest form is the form of water demand as seen from the address location, year and volume needed in a region.

3.2 Water Distribution Model

The data input form water requirement is location, adoption year, and the predicted year. The next form of forecasting process is the total of each water sources and the prediction of the level of water demand fulfillment, the population, the water demand and leakage. The form detail shows in Figure 3.



Figure 3. The Forecasting of Water Distribution

The water distribution model using least square is water distribution forecasting based on the adoption of water intakes in 2009-2013 and the forecasting year is 2014-2018. Furthermore, the process of forecasting displayed is based on the input variables and in accordance with the level of data process form.

3.3 Forecasting Graph Validation

Forecasting graph validation is used to see the population, the amount of demand fulfillment, the amount of water needed, the amount of water leakage based on the first period and the comparison level of each variable. The detail of the forecasting graph validation is shown in figure 4.

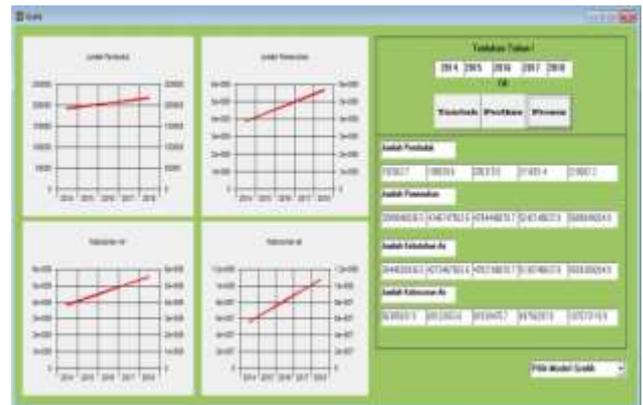


Figure 4. Forecasting Graph Form

Forecasting of the clean water distribution using the least squares method that processes the data is adopting the clean water distribution system with forecasting the future. As an example, the data inputted is from 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. The forecasting system will predict the amount of water distribution in 2018 based on the data trend. Graph validation form can be displayed via the menu of the report

form. Graph validation form is used for inputting, correcting, processing the value of the variables. This form consists of a choice of year, the total population, the amount of demand fulfillment, the amount of water needs, and the amount of water leakage. This validation form can show the level of required water demand fulfillment and the level of water leakage.

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the result of clean water distribution forecasting using the least squares method, this study concluded that:

1. The least squares method can predict the distribution of drinking water in the town of Lhokseumawe from year 2014-2018. The results of clean water distribution prediction to fulfill the water demand in PDAM Lhokseumawe by using several variables including; the population, the level of water demand fulfillment, the amount of water needs and the amount of water leakage. This system can reduce errors in the distribution of water from each region.
2. The allocation of water in each district is used to calculate the periodic data in 2014-2018. The result calculate the population of Lhokseumawe is 218067,3 in 2018. The amount of water that must be supply is 5689849204.9 liters/day. The amount of water needed by the people of Lhokseumawe is 5559389204.9 liters/day and the possibility of water leaks in the PDAM system is around 107573119.9 liters/day.

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Integrated Technology of Data Remote sensing and GIS Techniques Assess the Land use and Land Cover Changes of Madurai City Between the Year 2003-2008

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Abstract The present study focuses on the nature and pattern of urban expansion of Madurai city over its surrounding region during the period from 2003 to 2008. Based on its proximity to the Madurai city, Preparation of various thematic data such Land use and Land cover using Land sat data. Create a land use land cover map from satellite imagery using supervised classification. Find out the areas from the classified data. The study is based on secondary data, the satellite imagery has downloaded from GLCF (Global Land Cover Facility) web site, for the study area (path101 row 67), the downloaded imagery subset using Imagery software to clip the study area. The clipped satellite imagery has used to prepare the land use and land cover map using supervised classification.

Keywords: Land use, Land Cover, Landsat data, Satellite imagery

1. INTRODUCTION

Land use is obviously constrained by environmental factors such as soil characteristics, climate, topography, and vegetation. But it also reflects the importance of land as a key and finite resource for most human activities including agriculture, industry, forestry, energy production, settlement, recreation, and water

catchment and storage. Land is a fundamental factor of production, and through much of the course of human history, it has been tightly coupled with economic growth. Often improper Land use is causing various forms of environmental degradation. For sustainable utilization of the land ecosystems, it is essential to know the natural characteristics, extent and location, its quality, productivity, suitability and limitations of various. Land use is a product of interactions between a society's cultural background, state, and its physical needs on the one hand,

and the natural potential of land on the other (Balak Ram and Kolarkar 1993). In order to improve the economic condition of the area without further deteriorating the bio environment, every bit of the available land has to be used in the most rational way.

Date of Acquisition: 27th August 2008

2. STUDY AREA

Madurai is the oldest inhabited city in the Indian peninsula. It is referred to with names like Koodal Maanagar, toongaa Nagar (Sleepless City), Malligai Maanagar (City of Jasmine) and Athens of the East. It is the cultural capital of Tamil Nadu. It is a city in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu and is a municipal corporation situated on the banks of the River Vaigai in Madurai district. The city is referred as the Temple city. With a city population of 1,108,755 according to the 2004 estimation, it is the administrative capital of Madurai district. Madurai city has an area of 52 km², within an urban area now extending over as much as 130 km², and it is located at [show location on an interactive map 9°56'N 78°07'E / 9.93°N 78.12°E / 9.93; 78.12. It has an average elevation of 101 meters above mean sea level. Paration of digital geological data from Geological survey of India (GSI) for the study area. Preparation of various thematic data such Land use and Land cover using Landsat data. Create a land use land cover map from satellite imagery using supervised classification. Find out the areas from the classified data. The study is based on secondary data, the satellite imagery has downloaded Satellite: IRS 1D P6 LISS 1V MX Path and row: 101 – 067, the downloaded imagery subset using Imagery software to clip the study area. The clipped satellite imagery has used to prepare the land use and land cover map using supervised classification. The land use and land cover map clearly shows that area of Bulit up land is higher than others. bio environment, every bit of the available land has to be used in the most rational way.

1.1 Aim and Objectives

1. To identify the land use/land cover map of Madurai for year 2003,2008
2. To study and compare the demographic change between the above years
3. To spatially map the residential Development of Madurai city.

1.2 Date Base

The following topographic maps are collected form Survey of India (SOI), Bangalore.
No. 58K/1 on 1:50,000 Scale
1)Madurai Corporation Map 1:16,000 Scale

2)Madurai Corporation Zone and Ward details

The following Remote sensing data collected from National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA),Hyderabad.

Year 2003 data

Satellite : IRS 1D P6 LISS 1V MX
Path and row : 101 – 067
Date of Acquisition: 28th March 2003
Orbit Number: 2189141 and 18481509 (Two Scenes)

Year 2008 data

Satellite : IRS P6 LAMX
Path and row : 101-067

Figure:1. Madurai city study area

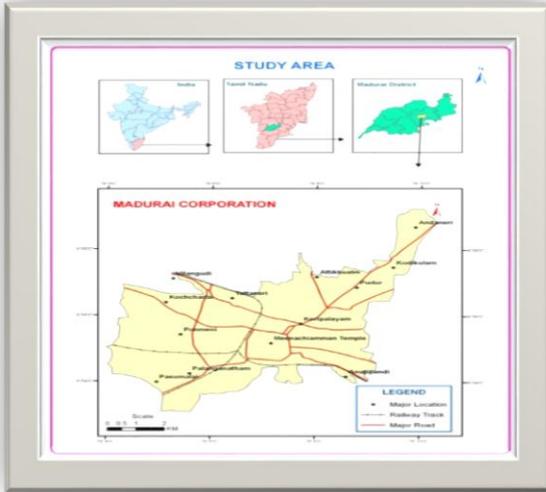
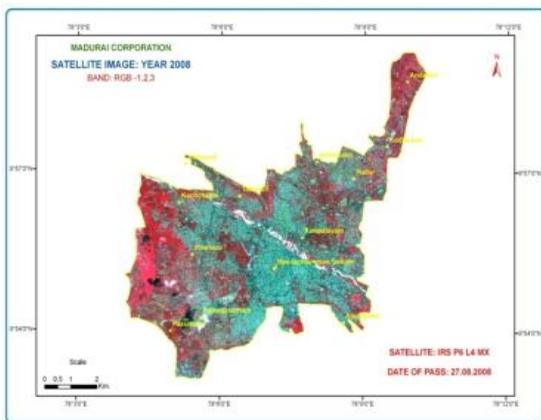


Figure:2. Madurai city satellite imagery



3. METHODOLOGY

The study is based on secondary data, the satellite imagery has downloaded .The clipped satellite imagery has used to prepare the land use and land cover map using supervised classification.

4. LAND SAT

7 Imagery The spectral resolution of each of the 7 bands, plus the panchromatic band, are summarized in the following table, along with a description of the spatial resolution and the primary use of data

4.1. Band 1

The spectral response of Band 1 is in the visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum that corresponds with blue-green light. Energy at this portion of the electromagnetic spectrum is easily scattered by particles in the atmosphere, often giving images in this band a hazy appearance. This band is capable of being transmitted through water and is especially sensitive to particles suspended in water (such as sediments and algae). Data from this band can be used with bands 2 and 3 to create "true" color composite images, which most closely approximate how the scene would appear to the human eye.

4.2. Band 2

The spectral response of Band 2 is in the visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum that corresponds with green light. It can be used with bands 1 and 3 to create "true" color composite images.

4.3. Band 3

The spectral response of Band 3 is in the visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum that corresponds with red light. It is also one of the three component bands used to create "true" color composite images.

4.4. Band 4

The spectral response of Band 4 is in the Near Infrared (NIR) portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. This form of infrared sits just outside the visible red light portion of

the electromagnetic spectrum. This form of radiation is reflected to a high degree off leafy vegetation since chlorophyll (the green pigment in green vegetation) reflects much of the NIR that reaches it (it has a high albedo in this band)

4.5. Band 5

The spectral response of Band 5 is in the Middle Infrared (Mid-IR) portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. This portion of the spectrum is sensitive to variations in water content in both leafy vegetation and soil moisture. This band allows an observer to distinguish between clouds (which appear dark) and bright snow cover (which appear light). Sensors in this band also respond to variations in ferric iron (Fe2O3) in rocks and soils, showing higher reflectance as iron content increases. This allows one to use these data to determine mineral content and soil types from space

4.6. Band 6

The spectral response of Band 6 is in the Thermal Infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. Thermal infrared is radiation that is detected as heat energy, therefore the thermal Band 6 on the ETM+ sensor can distinguish temperature difference of about 0.6 Celsius, which allows it to detect relatively small differences in land and water surface temperatures. This makes the thermal IR band useful for a variety of purposes. For example, using band 6 data, researchers can discriminate among rock types whose thermal properties show differences in temperature near the surface. This assists researchers in creating geologic mapping of land surfaces from space. This data supports agricultural and mineral exploration efforts. ETM Band 6 data can detect changes in ground temperature due to moisture variations, assisting in drought planning, flood forecasting, and agricultural assessment. The cooling effect of water evaporating from vegetation can be detected, assisting in efforts to map land use characteristics of a region.

4.7. Band 7

Spectral response of Band 7 is in the Middle

Infrared (Mid-IR) portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. This portion of the electromagnetic spectrum is sensitive to moisture and thus responds to the moisture contents in soils and vegetation. The sensitivity to moisture contents is suited to detecting certain water-loving minerals, such as clays, in geologic settings. This band is also useful in detecting moisture levels in leafy vegetation, which can change under certain environmental conditions (e.g. drought, pollution, insect infestation) and thus provides a means to monitor productivity and identify agricultural areas that are under stress.

1.4.8. Panchromatic

0.52 to 0.90 pedometers black and white sensor with a 15 m spatial resolution. The higher resolution of this data assists land-use researchers by making identification of smaller objects easier. Items smaller than 30 m will appear fuzzy or ill defined in the 30 m bands of the ETM+. The 15m resolution of the panchromatic band will allow researchers to make better determinations of land use and will assist in producing accurate land use maps.

SL.N O	LANDUSE CODE	LANDUSE NAME	NO. OF FREQUENCY	AREA IN SQ.KM
1	100	Built-up Land	7	27.96
2	200	Mixed Built-up Land	24	4.98
3	300	Vacant land	54	1.05
4	400	Recreational land	13	0.30
5	500	Crop Land	32	2.97
6	600	Fallow Land	25	2.79
7	700	Plantation	26	0.70
8	800	Land with Scrub	39	3.77
9	900	Land Without Scrub	21	2.91
10	1000	Tank / Pond	19	3.49
11	1100	River / Canal	2	2.41
12	1200	Forest	1	1.33

TABLE .1.LAND USE 2003 MADURAI CITY

LAND USE 2003 MAP MADURAI CITY

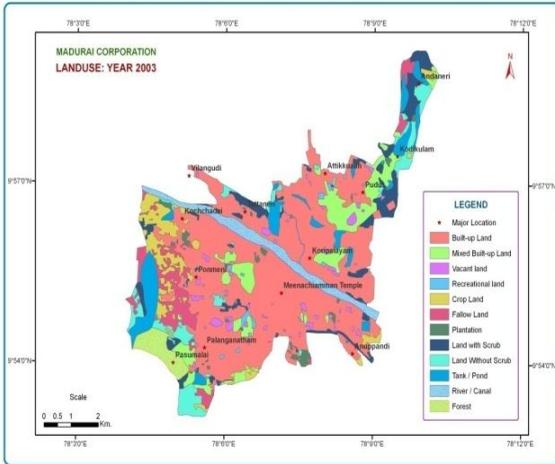


Figure:3 Landuse year 2003 Madurai city

Figure:4 LANDUSE - YEAR 2008

LANDUSE IN 2008

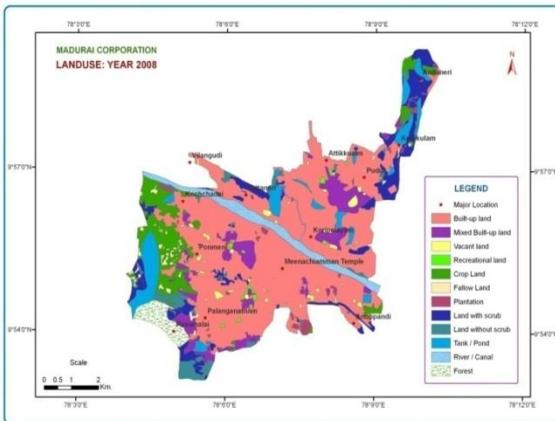


TABLE:2 LANDUSE - YEAR 2008

S.NO	LAND USE CODE	LANDUSE NAME	NO. OF FREQUENCY	AREA IN SQ.KM
1	100	Built-up land	8	29.79
2	200	Mixed Built-up land	40	4.46
3	300	Vacant land	47	0.80
4	400	Recreational land	13	0.27
5	500	Crop Land	28	4.39
6	600	Fallow Land	31	0.47
7	700	Plantation	22	0.57
8	800	Land with scrub	46	4.91
9	900	Land without scrub	26	1.75
10	1000	Tank / Pond	19	3.49
11	1100	River / Canal	2	2.41
12	1200	Forest	1	1.33

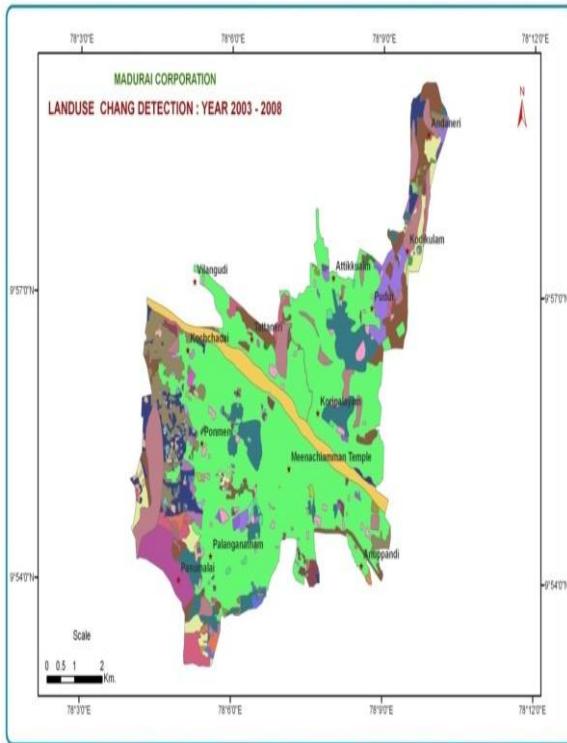
5.CHANGE DETECTION ANALYSIS:

Change detection is the use of remotely sensed imagery of a single region, acquired on at least two dates, to identify changes that might have occurred in the interval between the two dates. Those two dates can be years apart, for example to track changes in urbanization, or days apart, for example to track changes from a volcanic eruption. Change detection has been applied to examine effects such as land use changes caused by urban and

suburban growth, effects of natural disasters (such as floods, forest and range fires), and impacts of insect infestations upon forest cover, for example. Change detection requires application of algorithms that are specifically designed to detect meaningful changes in the context of false alarms—ostensible changes that are, in reality, simply artifacts of the imaging process. A critical prerequisite for application of change detection by remote sensing is the identification of suitable pairs of images representing the same region. The analyst must assure that (1) the two images register (that they match exactly when superimposed), (2) that they were acquired during the same season, especially if use to track changes in vegetation, and (3) that there are no significant atmospheric effects. In brief, the two images must be compatible in every respect-- scale, geometry, resolution – otherwise the change detection algorithm will interpret incidental differences in image characteristics as changes on the landscape. There has been much research devoted to evaluating alternative change detection algorithms. A basic distinction between pre-classification and post-classification comparisons captures a primary division in the natures of the approach. Post-classification change detection defines changes by comparing pixels in a pair of classified images (in which pixels have already been assigned to classes). Post classification change detection typically reports changes as a summary of the “from-to” changes of categories between the two dates. Pre-classification change detection examines differences in two images prior to any classification process. Pre-classification algorithms typically permit the analyst to set thresholds for the magnitude of changes to be detected and highlighted. This tutorial will introduce a simple procedure using ArcGIS Image Analysis for pre-classification change detection—other approaches are available for the more experienced student, and to examine In GIS ,map overlay /intersection operations were used to bring out the changes occurred in the land use/land cover for various periods. To achieve the said ,land use/land cover map of the year 2003 was superimposed over year 2008.It was found from the analysis that there 12 combination of changes,while the possibilities are 144 combination.

Table :3 change Detection analysis yr 2003-2008 mdu.

SL.NO	LANDUSE NAME	AREA IN SQ.KM		
		2003	2008	Area change in percentage
1	Built-up Land	27.96	29.79	+18%
2	Mixed Built-up Land	4.98	4.46	-52%
3	Vacant land	1.05	0.80	-25%
4	Recreational land	0.30	0.27	-0.3%
5	Crop Land	2.97	4.39	+14.2%
6	Fallow Land	2.79	0.47	-2.3%
7	Plantation	0.70	0.57	-13%
8	Land with Scrub	3.77	4.91	1.14%
9	Land Without Scrub	2.91	1.75	-1.16%
10	Tank / Pond	3.49	3.49	0%
11	River / Canal	2.41	2.41	0%
12	Forest	1.33	1.33	0%



6. CONCLUSION

The urban area of Madurai city has increased tremendously within the 2003-2008(5) years. This resulted from rural-urban migration. Madurai is one of the most developing cities in Tamilnadu, after Chennai. Education institutions, industries, and factories etc are located and upcoming here. As a result, rural-urban migration has been characterizing in Madurai city. The overall percentage increased during the period of 5 years about 18%, 14.2%, and 1.14%. built-up land, Land with Scrub Sett, Corp land Comm. & Industrial activity and Airport respectively. There has been decrease in the mixed built up land, vacant land, 52%, 25% and 13%. water body and River with no change respectively.

The results of this study were based on Image classification and its interpretation. The mapping of the urban development of Madurai town shows the development of urban lands had brought changes in other part of the city as well. The interpretation of multi-date satellite helped in the preparation of urban changes map of the study area. The decrease in agricultural/Scrub area is due to conversion of urban land use or discontinuation of agricultural lands. The Barren land has been increase as cultivable land is left with discontinuation of cultivation due to lack of irrigation facility and seasonal variations are made them to be available as such. Similar studies are made under taken for other major cities also to estimate to make necessary arrangement to plan accordingly to preserve the natural environment.

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Nigeria beyond Oil: Information Technology Pointing a Way to New Economy

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Abstract: Nigeria is an oil producing nation which have been relying heavily on oil revenue for its economic well being. Oil depletes and its price can crash making dependence on oil as a mono means for the country's future futile. Information and communication technology (ICT) on the other hand has impacted the economic growth of various nations such as India. ICT seems to be a key factor in stimulating the development of a country's productivity across most sectors of the economy and ensuring global competitiveness and a move to a New Economy. This Paper examines if a causal relationship exists between ICT and economic wellbeing (GCI) and if ICT can offer a way forward for Nigeria to move from oil based to service and product based economy. The paper also conducts an empirical analysis to find out if oil producing nations experience better growth against ICT innovative nations using 10 countries. The results of the analysis support the believe that ICT led development and of the existence of a causal link between ICT and economic growth and non-existence of a causal link between oil production alone and economic development.

Keywords: Beyond oil; Information Technology; Competiveness; ICT innovation; empirical analysis

1. INTRODUCTION

In the late 1950 Nigeria discovered oil in the Niger delta part of the country and started mass production just at the eve of its independence. Before oil, the developmental effort of the country was largely dependent on non-oil export, oil was just coming into play at that time. In the period between 1970 to 1980 the oil became the main stay of the economy making the country to almost abandon other sources of income and concentrating on oil. Oil have continued to fluctuate bringing in gallops on the economy.

The prospect of oil drying up in the nearest future is even a much more serious concern which the country and even the Niger Delta needed to pay more attention to. The Niger delta may not be totally cleaned up before the oil dries up and adequate plan needed to be put in place to find an alternative now before the anticipated evil day. In this paper the researcher intend to examine and proffer the adoption of ICT as a stimulant for the development of Nigeria's productive capacity across all sectors of the economy.

The question that continues to be of considerable theoretical and empirical interest is whether increased investment in ICT can leapfrog stages of Nigeria economic development. In a research by Maryam [1] it was suggested that ICT offers a unique opportunity for developing countries to free themselves from historical and geographic disadvantages allowing trade and economic activities to be conducted as efficiently as in the developed world. Moreover it is believed that an evolving and increasingly powerful *ICT* infrastructure has fundamentally changed the nature of global relationships, sources of competitive advantage and opportunities for economic and social development. Technologies such as the Internet, personal computers, broadband and wireless telephony have created an interconnected global network of individuals, firms and governments. For the developing world, a modern telecommunications infrastructure is not only essential for domestic economic growth, but also a prerequisite for participation in increasingly competitive

world markets and for attracting the much-needed new investments.

While there is substantial evidence that new information technologies are in many ways transforming how modern economies operate according to Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the impacts on productivity and economic growth have been much harder to detect. Recent literature about the role of *ICT* on economic growth has been mixed. Among the country level studies, Seo [2] found a significant relationship between IT investment and productivity growth with the data from 12 Asia Pacific countries. Shiu, and Lam, [3] used a data set from 36 countries for the period 1985-1993 and showed that IT investment is positive for developed countries but not significant for developing countries, conclusion that IT plays a significant role in economic growth in developed countries but no substantiated role in developing countries.

However, single country studies, Maryam [1] on Ireland; USA; Maryam [1]'s study of Singapore; and Joseph [4] on India, showed that ICT contributed to economic growth.

The empirical growth literature that developed, regressed growth in real per capita GDP on its initial level and a wide variety of control variables of interest. Within this literature many papers have included various measures of technology or telecommunication related variables among these control variables. Many of these papers found significant positive correlations across countries between growth and technology related variables, controlling for other factors. These studies have been influential in reinforcing the consensus among many economists that "*ICT* promotes growth".

However, the mixed results from empirical work in the *ICT* literature is due mainly to the omission of a relevant mechanism through which openness or the re-structuring of an economy promotes growth. Liberalization, in particular, is expected to increase foreign direct investment (FDI). If a complementary relationship between FDI and *ICT* exists, then

foreign investment or FDI may increase due to the existing *ICT* capacity within a country. FDI may also encourage greater *ICT* in intermediate inputs, especially between parent and affiliated producers as in the case of vertical trade as observed in developing countries where factor prices are lower such as India and China.

In developed countries there already exists an *ICT* capacity which causes inflow of FDI, while in developing countries *ICT* capacity must be built up to attract FDI. The inflow of FDI causes further increases in *ICT* investment and capacity. The rapid expansion in world FDI resulted from several factors including technical progress in telecommunication services and major currency realignment. Technical progress in telecommunication services facilitates international communications involving parent companies and their overseas affiliates, while major currency realignment has provided companies with the opportunities for making profits by undertaking FDI. Along the same lines, Blomström, Globerman and Kokko [5] argue that the beneficial impact of FDI is only enhanced in an environment characterized by an open trade and investment regime and macroeconomic stability. The contention that investment is correlated with economic growth is evidenced in the case of the South East Asian Tigers - the investment rates were the engine of growth for these countries [6]. The objective of this paper is to investigate if a causal relationship between *ICT* (using investment in telecommunication as a proxy) and economic growth (measured as output growth) in a sample of selected Latin American countries exists. This issue is analyzed using time series and panel data analysis tools of cointegration and error-correction models. If non-stationary time series variables are not cointegrated, then a high degree of correlation between the two variables does not mean a causal relationship between the variables. Time series methodology empowers us to recognize and avoid spurious results, which might happen using a simple OLS method. These techniques, as successfully applied in studies by Bahmani-Oskooee and Alse [7], Addison and Heshmati [8], and Gholami, Tom Lee and Heshmati [9] demonstrate their econometric robustness and their ability to root out spurious relationships. Our attempts to study the causal relationship between *ICT* and economic growth in Latin America adds to the expanding body of literature on this topic. Also the long time series for these variables we use in this study is quite unique.

2. PURPOSE, RATIONAL AND PROSPECT

2.1 Purpose

In this section the provision of answers to some of the questions by developing and employing an innovative analytical framework that can be used to evaluate empirical data in this area. Using a case-study design, this analysis focuses on Nigeria 2001-2013. Nigeria is an essential study for five important reasons. First, in 2001 Nigeria engaged in one of the major telecommunications policy restructuring processes which placed it as one of the fastest growing telecom penetration country in the world and have created a more liberalized telecommunications sector and promoting the development and use of information infrastructure. Second, Nigeria is an Oil producing nation with repute as one of the largest producers in the sub-Saharan Africa. Third, there has been a gradual increase in e-commerce in Nigeria from Lagos to other parts of the country. Fourth, the south-north divide of Nigeria with south more educationally advanced and more IT

savvy than the North is a legacy of dichotomy in the economy and society that has elements of both a highly developing and lowly developing country.

2.2 Rational

There are very few countries in the world where situations of Nigeria occur, in Sudan where similar case occur in Africa long war has made the south go its separate way. Societal acceptance of a development model tailored towards IT education and development are viewed with suspicion in the Northern part of the country as been western culture. But the researcher believe that via diffusion the North catches up with what they view successful in the South even if it means giving it an Islamic coloration. For instance between 1982 to 1999 most state Universities in Nigeria are in the south but later the middle belt embraced it and gradually most Northern states today owns a state university educating the populace in various discipline including IT.

3. NEW E-ECONOMY

New E-economy is an economy where electronic-based information and communication technology has been the driving force behind economic transformation [10]. It is 'a knowledge and idea-based economy where the keys to job creation and higher standards of living are innovative ideas and technology embedded in services and manufactured products. It is an economy where risk, uncertainty, and constant change are the rule, rather than the exception' [11]. Within that, software and human capital are the brainpower that drives the new economy. Hence its importance as a crucial new economy sector with strong potential for Nigeria beyond Oil.

3.1 IT Human Capital

Human capital in IT involve the skill and other human based knowledge which is required for handling the operations needed in making the computer and the telecommunication equipment work effectively. It also involve the level of development of the citizens residing in the country of reference who are capable of managing, handling and improving upon the information technology hardware and software components available within the economy.

3.2 Software

In India software industry contributes 1 per cent of India's GNP, but has accounted for over 7 per cent of growth of its GNP [1]. In 1997, the software industry employed 160,000 of the total employed workforce of 28.245 million. Employment in the industry, although constituting only a small fraction of the total, has grown quickly and estimated to be over 2million IT professionals employed in India. Software services are intensive in human capital and the abundant supply of engineers in India provided not only an absolute wage advantage, but also a comparative advantage. The software growth contributed much to human capital formation. There is also a reasonable impact of software on productivity improvements which induces organizational improvement in other sectors of the countries economy. The organizations that employ software developers are not just software firms but also large banks, insurance companies, and virtually every organization above a certain size all develop a great deal of software either directly or by customizing existing software.

Nigeria can replicate Indian success not by competing with India (the competitiveness is lacking) but by collaboration with Indian software organizations. Indian software companies are no longer new comers and the Fortune 500 companies outsource many of their software production to India. Similarly established Indian firms leverage their reputation and capability by outsourcing to Egypt, China and elsewhere as Infosys, TCS and Wipro are tilted doing [3]. Nigeria if well positioned can start by receiving Indian and Chinese outsourced development activities thereby attracting foreign inflow or income and further developing its own human capital.

4. ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK, METHODOLOGY AND DATA

QUESTION: The question that continues to be of considerable theoretical and empirical interest is whether increased investment in ICT can leapfrog stages of Nigeria economic development and lead to a new e-economy.

4.1 Analytical framework

In order to explore the impact of global and domestic pressures on national economies, particularly in periods of rapid change and crises, Gourevitch [12] developed a useful analytical framework. This framework went beyond limited analyses of looking at either global or domestic variables to include both and beyond simply looking at narrow economic variables to include a range of socio-political and cultural components, providing a fairly comprehensive understanding of national responses to economic crises. The analytical framework developed in this study finds its roots in Gourevitch [12] but considers a more contemporary understanding of the processes and nature of globalization and the emergence of a global knowledge-based economy. A similar analytical framework has been applied previously to an empirical analysis of hightechnology policy formulation in South Africa, particularly in telecommunications [13]. The Global innovation-mediated paradigm shift (GIMPS) draws heavily on the basic assumptions and approach found in the Gourevitch model, but combines it with other relevant literature on global political economy and international regime formation [13].

The framework, called the global innovation-mediated paradigm shift (GIMPS) is used in the analysis. It employs four major themes to enhance our understanding of the impact of the digital economy on Nigeria. These themes are:

- (i) *Technology*—the structure and orientation of its system of production and distribution, including its information and communications infrastructure and the promotion of small, medium, and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs);
- (ii) *Policy*—the policy approach of the state, including its promotion of an appropriate legal and regulatory environment for the digital economy;
- (iii) *People*—the human capacity operating within the sector, the existing income and employment distributions, and the degree to which civil society is organized in response to the new economy; and finally
- (iv) *Strategy*—the development and implementation of national, regional, and global strategies for confronting the challenges and exploiting the opportunities of IT within the constraints of the world-system.

4.1.1 Technology: Technology considers the status of ICT infrastructure within Nigeria, and how it is influenced by its system of production and distribution. The infrastructures include:

(i) *Telecommunications infrastructure* : Started by P and T (Post and Telecommunication) and then Nitel and now Mtel, Globacom, MTN, Etisalat and Airtel .

(ii) *Computing infrastructure*: As a base for the digital economy, the computing infrastructure of a country can be explored in terms of hardware, software, services (e.g. consulting, training, systems development and integration), and Internet access charges. The number of installed personal computers in Nigeria has risen dramatically but internet charges are still very high.

4.1.2 Spending on information and communications technologies : In 2000, the OECD argued that the two factors most likely to influence the future expansion of e-commerce are:

(i) the extent to which IT companies invest in network capacity, and

(ii) the speed of data transmissions (OECD 2000). In Nigeria, the private sector have been investing more than public sector to harness the digital economy.

Current e-commerce market in Nigeria: The degree to which companies can emerge to produce and distribute e-commerce products and services, and the degree to which consumers, even ‘connected ones’, have the capacity to easily download and use digitized products and services. In Nigeria the Cashless policy of the CBN is a move to drive such technology.

4.1.3 Policy

The policy approach in Nigeria is encouraging but it has not allowed for broad input into the policy formulation process.

(i) The **National IT policy** spearheaded by ITAN and CPN are instances.

(ii) The **CBN cashless policy** is still at its infancy stage but even within the two year application in Nigeria more Laptops, Tablets, ATM and POS machines are now around the country and more banks are driving internet banking and provision of understanding and promotion of the development of e-commerce and the information economy. However the gap between the North and South is even becoming greater. For instance in recent CBN report Lagos, Ogun, Anambra, Abia, Abuja, Rivers and Kano are declared cashless environment only Abuja and Kano are in the North the rest are in the south. This causes a ‘digital divide’ in the country with skewed access to ICTs.

(iii) Nigeria policy need to support a knowledge-based society and help create an information economy

4.1.4 People

IT equipment without human capacity—people—to build and use the applications makes the technologies and policies to be for naught.

(i) *Human capacity and skills shortage* : Perhaps one of the greatest challenges for Nigeria’s ability to harness the digital economy comes in the form of human capacity. There is a severe shortage of persons

(ii) *Income inequality and poverty* : Nigeria has an estimated population of over 160 million, the population is relatively young unemployed with more people poor and illiterate.

4.1.5 Strategy

If Nigeria have adopted a strategy it may not be clear what the initiative may be and the strategic nature of these initiatives within a global context . In this research looking at India:

India software industry contributes to its GNP and has accounted for over 7 per cent of growth of its GNP [1]. In 1997, the software industry employed 160,000 of the total employed workforce of 28.245 million. Employment in the industry, although constituting only a small fraction of the total, has grown quickly and estimated to be over 2million IT professionals employed in India. Software services are intensive in human capital and the abundant supply of engineers in India provided not only an absolute wage advantage , but also a comparative advantage.

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5. DATA AND SOURCES

The data is sourced from the Global Information Technology Report 2013 and Global Information Technology Report 2012 (Courtesy World Economic Forum). The data is edited by Beñat Bilbao-Osorio, World Economic Forum Soumitra Dutta, Cornell University Bruno Lanvin, INSEAD.

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6. ANALYSIS

In the paper we selected ten countries which include five main crude oil exporting nations-Iran, Venezuela, Nigeria, Libya and Yamen and five non-crude oil exporting nations-Finland, Singapore, Sweden, Netherland, and Norway. We intend to compare this nations using data from the world economic forum report 2012 published 2013. The analysis is carried out based on Network rating, Innovation in each country, information technology Policy and Infrastructure. Other factors considered include the IT skill level of the country and the Global Competiveness Index (GCI).

In figure 1 the plot of the ten countries against the factors considered where presented.

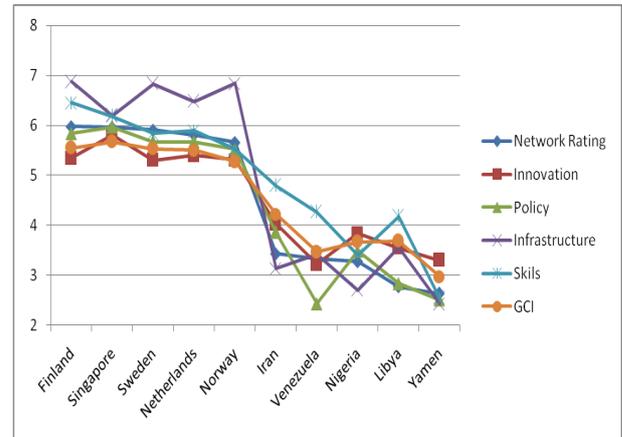


Figure. 1: Scatter Plot of Countries against the factors for GCI

It was clear that the five non-oil exporting countries performed better than the oil exporting countries in all the parameter considered in the research. In Nigeria innovation is the highest of all the factors while infrastructure faired as the worst for Nigeria among the factors.

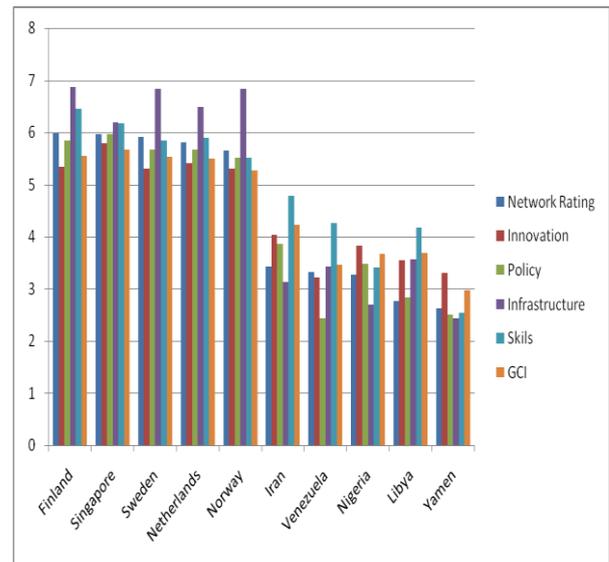


Figure 2: Column Plot of Countries against the factors for GCI

In figure 2 the Column plot of the ten countries against the factors considered where presented. It was clear that the five non-oil exporting countries performed better than the oil exporting countries in all the parameter considered in the research confirming the plot of figure 1. In the graph Nigeria performance is clearly shown in innovation and other factors while infrastructure faired as the worst for Nigeria among the factors.

The graph in figure 3 illustrate the plot of the various countries on Software and software engineering activities. Iran is the only oil exporting country that made some showing which is a little close to Norway. We expect Nigeria to come

close to Iran but it still lag behind in a value extremely low. The importance of software in the development of other sectors of a nations economy is too crucial as to find Nigeria lagging behind.

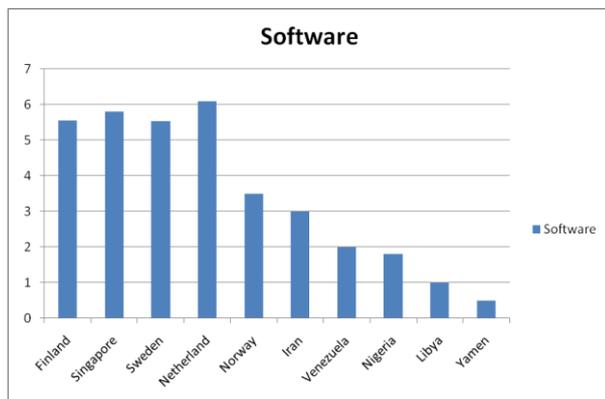


Figure. 3: Column Plot of Countries against the Software factors for GCI

7. FINDINGS: PROSPECTS FOR THE DIGITAL ECONOMY IN NIGERIA

In the research some of the observations and finding made which has prospects at pointing a road map for the Nigerian digital economy include:

- (i) It is clear that Yamen is at the bottom yet it is an oil producing nation whose oil is expected to dry up in less than 7 years [2].
- (ii) Finland, Singapore, Netherland are not oil exporting nation but they are doing well on an index scale maximum of 7.
- (iii) Nigeria is best at innovation but the skill and other factors are low and need rapid improvement now. Nigeria may find itself in the situation of Yamen if nothing is done quickly.
- (iv) India is already arriving in the new economy as shown by the Fortune 500 companies outsourcing many of their software production to India. This have created Indian firms with repute such as Infosys, TCS and Wipro [4].
- (v) Nigeria can replicate Indian success not by competing with India (the competitiveness is lacking) but by collaboration with Indian software organizations.
- (vi) Nigeria if well positioned can start by receiving Indian and Chinese outsourced development activities thereby attracting foreign inflow or income and further developing its own human capital.

7.1 The call for action: Local, national, regional, and global

The transition to a global information-oriented economy has created new challenges for global governance and regulation of these processes. While there have been problems with this strategy, on occasion, Nigeria's presence has always been noted. Often, Nigeria has been thrust into a leadership role in West Africa and other international conference and sometimes asked to 'represent' the interests and perspective of the developing world. It is therefore expedient for the country to fast track the improvement on the factors examined in this research to make sure that the country occupies its rightful place in the committee of nations in information technology

especially now that the country seem to be getting its polity and democracy right.

8. CONCLUSIONS

Nigeria has made significant strides towards embracing the digital economy and the prospects for its development in the country are good (the recent downturn in the global technology markets and the so-called 'dot.bomb' implosion in the global e-commerce sectors notwithstanding). A key element in this generally positive outlook is the country's high level of investment in information and communications technologies and infrastructure. The recent CBN move at cashless society must equally be followed with pressure on the banks to innovate in providing web merchant accounts at little or no cost to encourage the complete take-off of e-commerce in the country. We make a wake-up call before the oil dries up.

8.1 Recommendation

In the light of the research we make the following recommendations:

- (i) Nigeria in general and the Niger Delta in particular must start acting NOW before Yamen will repeat itself in our land.
- (ii) Skill development need to go first, followed by Software development support effort and then application of IT byproducts in Manufacturing, Agriculture eg snail production etc and other sectors.
- (iii) Oil money must not be put in banks but must be used in infrastructure, quality education and IT equipment.
- (iv) Youths must not wait for government, students must not wait for staff, rather self-help must start NOW.

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Association Analysis of Pharmaceutical Imports in Kenya

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Abstract: The objective of this study was to apply Data Mining in the analysis of imports of pharmaceutical products in Kenya with the aim of discovering patterns of association and correlation among the various product groups. The RapidMiner Data Mining was used to analyze data obtained from the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, the regulator of pharmaceutical products in the country, covering the period 2008 to 2010. The CRISP method was used to get a business understanding of the Board, understand the nature of the data held, prepare the data for analyze and actual analysis of the data. The results of the study discovered various patterns through correlation and association analysis of various product groups. The results were presented through various graphs and discussed with the domain experts. These patterns are similar to prescription patterns from studies in Ethiopia, Nigeria and India. The research will provide regulators of pharmaceutical products, not only in Kenya but other African countries, a better insight into the patterns of imports and exports of pharmaceutical products. This would result into better controls, not only in import and exports of the products, but also enforcement on their usage in order to avert negative effects to the citizens.

Keywords: Data Mining, Pharmaceutical Imports, Drug Discovery, Pharmacy and Poisons Board of Kenya

1.0.INTRODUCTION

A drug is any substance used to treat and or prevent disease. According to the Kenyan Pharmacy and Poisons Act CAP 244 a drug includes any medicine, medicinal preparation or therapeutic substance. A medicinal substance refers to any medicine, product, article, or substance which is claimed to be useful for purposes such as; treating, preventing, alleviating disease or symptoms of disease, diagnosing disease, preventing or interfering with the normal operation of a physiological function whether permanently or temporarily. The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) was created by an act of the Kenyan Parliament in 1957 to make better provision for the control of the profession of pharmacy and the trade in drugs and poisons. PPB is mandated by the Kenya Government to regulate the import and export of all medicines and their raw materials which are referred to as active pharmaceutical ingredients.

PPB has in place information systems that generate vast amounts of valuable data that, if exploited with the correct tools, will enable management unlock the relevant knowledge lying hidden in its databases and files. Currently PPB does not employ any tools relating to artificial intelligence in the extraction of knowledge from its data. However, with the current technological advances and the need to adapt to current trends will move it to utilizing the data they hold for more than what they are using it for.

Data Mining (DM), a relatively new field of analysis, is defined as the process of discovering several models, summaries and derived values from a given collection of data (Kantardzic, 2011). Data Mining which is often referred to as Knowledge Discovery in Databases (KDD) aims at the automatic interpretation of large datasets (Kriegel, Borgwardt, Kröger, Pryakhin, Matthias, & Zimek, 2007).

The potential of DM has been shown through application in various medical disciplines. Wilson et al (2003) discussed the potential use of data mining and knowledge discovery in databases for detection of adverse drug events in pharmacovigilance. They suggested the likely increase in importance of DM in the process of pharmacovigilance as they are likely to be able to detect signals earlier than using other methods. Ji et al (2013) discussed the effects of applying DM to the analysis of hierarchical nursing effects as an effective

method to help hospitals improve service quality and strengthen clinical management. Other applications include Santosa et al (2013) and Deshpande (2010).

This research sought to analyze the data on imports of pharmaceutical products in Kenya with the aim of discovering patterns of association and correlation between the various pharmaceutical product groups. Pharmaceutical products are highly sensitive in terms of monetary value and social implications. Some of them are utilized in the black market to produce drugs which can be abused by the general public. Other pharmaceutical products such as antibiotics are prone to misuse leading to drug resistance (Afsan, Haque, Alam, & Noor, 2012). The benefits of obtaining patterns of imports or exports will be very valuable to pharmaceutical regulators in the process of making decisions and forecasting future needs. Control of such products will result in keeping citizens safe.

2.0.RELATED LITERATURE

2.1. Knowledge Discovery Process

Data Mining is a key phase in the process of Knowledge Discovery in Databases that is used in the creation of models from the mass data thus producing meaningful information. A review of the applications of data mining techniques to support knowledge management process has been done by (Silwattananusarn & Tuamsuk, 2012). The process of Data Mining has two primary goals which are prediction and description of a particular dataset under study. Prediction entails the use of some variables occurring in a data set so as to predict unknown values of other relevant variables Predictive data mining includes classification, regression, and anomaly detection. Description entails the discovery of human understandable patterns and sequences in the data. Descriptive data mining includes clustering, association rule learning, and summarization. Our study involved the use of descriptive data mining so as to bring out the patterns in the data they hold. This is because there is the need to know what information you hold first before you proceed to predict the future with the current data. The iterative nature of knowledge discovery process is represented by the model shown in fig 1.

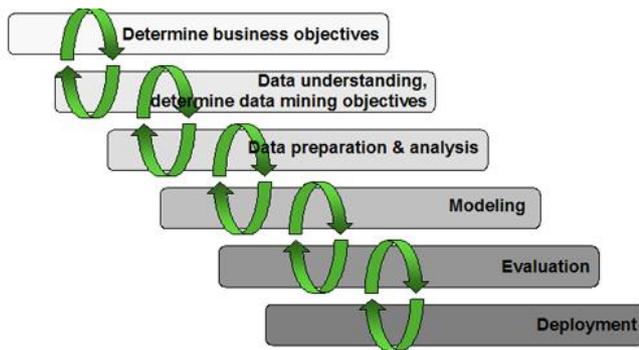


Figure 1: Process steps of Knowledge Discovery
Source: <http://www.microsegment.hu/ms/methodology1.php>

The steps are outlined below.

Business Understanding - This initial phase focuses on understanding the project objectives and requirements from a business perspective and then converting this knowledge into a data mining problem definition, and a preliminary project plan designed to achieve the objectives.

Data Understanding - The data understanding phase starts with an initial data collection and proceeds with activities in order to get familiar with the data. Its aim is to identify data quality problems, to discover first insights into the data, or to detect interesting subsets to form hypotheses for hidden information.

Data Preparation - The data preparation phase covers all activities to construct the final dataset from the initial raw data. Raw data is usually noisy, incomplete or impure which is very likely to hamper the discovery useful patterns. Current data mining tools require high quality data and high quality data results in intelligent patterns (Zhang, Zhang, & Yang, 2003). Data preparation tasks are likely to be performed multiple times, and not in any prescribed order. Tasks include table, record, and attribute selection, data cleaning, construction of new attributes, and transformation of data for modelling tools.

Modelling - In this phase, various modelling techniques are selected and applied, and their parameters are calibrated to optimal values. Typically, there are several techniques for the same data mining problem type as some techniques require specific data formats. There is a close link between Data Preparation and Modelling. Often, one realizes data problems while modelling or one gets ideas for constructing new data.

Evaluation - At this stage evaluation of models built are thoroughly evaluated in order to ascertain that it properly answers the business questions and satisfies the objectives set out at the beginning. Once this is complete, the model can now be used by the customer to solve the problem or satisfy the objectives set out.

Deployment - After the creation of the model, the usefulness of the model needs to be utilised by the customer (Džeroski, 2007), thereby justifying why so much time and resources have been spent on the project. The aim of this phase is to hand over the model to the customer in a way that he/she can utilise it on other similar scenarios with the same data source.

2.2. Knowledge Discovery in the Pharmaceutical Industry

The pharmaceutical industry mainly relies on decision oriented and systemic selection models which enable decision makers to evaluate the expected results of management decisions. A firm's competitive advantage and decision making ability can be greatly increased through the understanding of knowledge hidden in pharmaceutical data (Ranjan, 2007). This can be done

through the application knowledge discovery to data repositories held by organizations. Data mining is currently being utilized in the development of solutions for the pharmaceutical industry in areas such as drug discovery technology, improved marketing strategies, and decision support (Yang, Adelstein, & Kassis, 2009). Yang et al (2009) propose data mining in the Target Discovery phase of the process of drug discovery as this phase utilizes biological data and information contained in vast data warehouses that usually double every two years or so.

Studies have been done to determine prescription patterns of the specific medicines within the pharmaceutical product groups. Studies done in Ethiopia show that the average number of drugs per prescription ranges from 1.98 to 2.24 (Angamo, Wabe, & Raju, 2011) and this goes to show that a visit to the hospital or pharmacy outlet will give a person more than one type of drug. Studies by (Kajungu, et al., 2012) shows that indeed there is irrational use of drugs in Tanzania which is quite similar to Kenya. Our study was aimed at understanding prescribing patterns in health facilities in order to reduce the rate of irrational use of drugs. The study utilized classification trees which are generally easy to represent information obtained from analysis. Kajungu et al (2012) propose that data mining is paramount in the process of the identification and control of polypharmacy. While polypharmacy may not necessarily be wrong, the practice may place patients at high risk of adverse drug reactions and increased bacterial resistance. The same phenomenon is replicated in a study in Nigeria by (Okoro & Shekari, 2013) where there is a high occurrence of polypharmacy.

2.3. Review of Knowledge Discovery Tools

2.3.1. WEKA

WEKA (Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis) is an open source data mining tool consisting of a wide array of state-of-the-art data mining and machine learning algorithms which are implemented in Java (Mikut&Reischl, 2011). The algorithms can either be applied directly to a dataset or called from Java code (Hall, Frank, Holmes, Pfahringer, Reutemann, & Witten, 2012). WEKA is recognized as a landmark system in data mining and machine learning. It has achieved widespread acceptance within academia and business circles, and has become a widely used tool for data mining research. WEKA has several tools incorporated into its structure namely: Data pre-processing, Classification, Regression, Clustering, Association rules and Visualization. WEKA has a modular and extensible architecture allowing users to test and compare different machine learning methods on new data sets while building sophisticated data mining processes from the wide collection of base algorithms.

2.3.2. KEEL

KEEL (Knowledge Extraction based on Evolutionary Learning) is an open source software that supports data management and a designer of experiments while paying special attention to the implementation of evolutionary learning and soft computing based techniques for Data Mining problems including regression, classification, clustering, and pattern mining (Alcalá-Fdez, et al., 2011). KEEL is implemented in Java and empowers the user to analyze the behaviour of evolutionary learning for different kinds of DM problems such as regression, classification, unsupervised learning. KEEL contains a library with evolutionary learning algorithms based on different paradigms and simplifies the integration of evolutionary learning algorithms with different pre-processing techniques thus reducing programming work. It requires less

technical work thus enabling researchers to focus more on analysis of new learning models in comparison with the existing ones. It contains a user friendly interface which is oriented to the analysis of algorithms.

2.3.3. KNIME

KNIME (Konstanz Information Miner) is also an open-source tool that allows a user to perform sophisticated statistics and data mining on data so as to analyze trends and predict potential results (Mikut&Reischl, 2011). It is a visual workbench that combines data access, data transformation, initial investigation, powerful predictive analytics and visualization. KNIME provides the ability to develop reports based on one's information or automate the application of new insight back into production systems. It can perform the following types of analysis; Regression, Classification, Clustering, Pattern Mining and Un-supervised learning. KNIME has a quite intuitive graphical user interface thus quite easy to operate. It contains an open integration platform which provides over 1000 modules including those on the KNIME community. It allows for parallel execution on multi core systems thus utilizing system resources efficiently. In addition, it is highly extensible.

2.3.4. RapidMiner

RapidMiner is one of the world's leading open source software for Data Mining that can be used as a standalone or integrated into other products. RapidMiner, developed in Java, is a complete analytics workbench with a strong focus on Data Mining, text mining and predictive analytics. The strength of RapidMiner includes: provides more than 400 operators, graphical user interface, several modes of access, XML process exchange, works on major operating systems and platforms, easy to learn and work with even for non-programmers, and has a high availability of materials on how to use it in the process of Data Mining. The software supports access to data sources like Excel, Access, Oracle, IBM DB2, Microsoft SQL, Sybase, Ingres, MySQL, Postgress, SPSS, dBase, Text files through a very simple process.

3.0.METHODOLOGY

3.1. Research Design

The study utilized quantitative research. RapidMiner and Microsoft SQL Server were used to analyze the PPB database containing data on imports of pharmaceutical products in order to understand and give out intelligent inferences from it.

3.2. Data Source

The study utilized data held in the import and export database of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) of Kenya. This data originates from the Licit Control Department of PPB that is charged with the issuance of import/export permits regarding pharmaceutical products in the country. This database contains information pertaining to quantities of imports and exports products and the respective dates of permits issued. It also contains the business entities to which the permits have been given.

3.3. Data Collection and Analysis

The CRISP-DM (Cross Industry Standard Process for Data Mining) was used in the study. CRISP-DM is a comprehensive process model for carrying out Data Mining projects. The process model is independent of both the industry sector and the technology used (Wirth & Hipp, 2000). It is acknowledged and widely used especially in the fields of research and industrial communities (Kurgan & Musilek, 2006). The aim of CRISP-DM is to provide an efficient process that can be used

by persons with lower technical skills in Data Mining to produce knowledge from their vast data repositories.

CRISP-DM can be integrated with a specific project management methodology complementing administrative and technical tasks. CRISP-DM defines a structure for Data Mining projects and provides orientation for their execution. It serves both as a reference model and a user guide (Chapman et al., 2000). The reference model gives a general view of a Data Mining project's life-cycle, containing each phase with its objective, the tasks, the relationships between them and the step-by-step instructions that must be carried out. CRISP-DM therefore guided the whole process from start to finish.

The CRISP-DM methodology has six phases: Business Understanding; Data Understanding; Data Preparation; Modelling; Evaluation; and Deployment (Fig. 2).

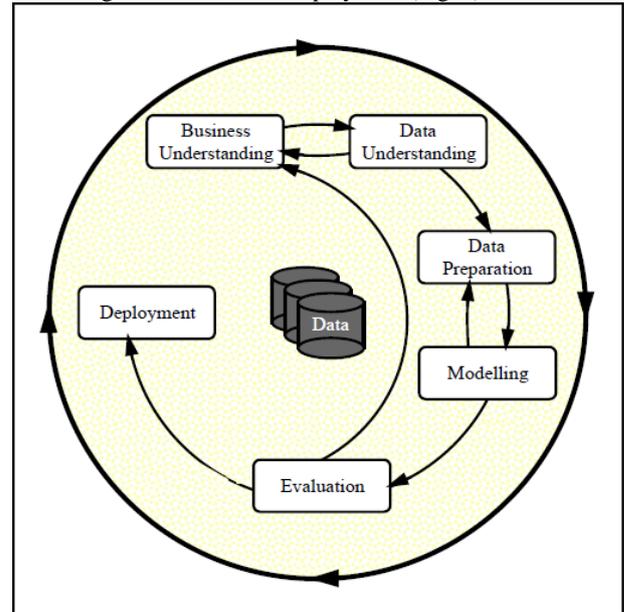


Figure 2: Phases of the CRISP-DM process model for the entire knowledge discovery process

3.3.1. Business Understanding

This phase was the key linking factor of this research to the business perspective of the board. The knowledge obtained was then converted into a Data Mining problem definition. The phase identified key persons in the import and export section, other sections that were likely to be impacted by the research, gathered user requirements and expectations and looked at expected benefits of the research. This phase related the business questions to Data Mining goals while specifying the Data Mining problem type and the criteria for model assessment. Examples of Data Mining problem types include classification, prediction, association and clustering. The business process for the issuance of import/export permits to agents is as shown in Fig. 3. Of major concern to PPB is obtaining valuable information from the data on approved permits. This is important to obtain yearly market trends of the various categories of pharmaceutical products, and to discover associations if any within the pharmaceutical product categories with time.

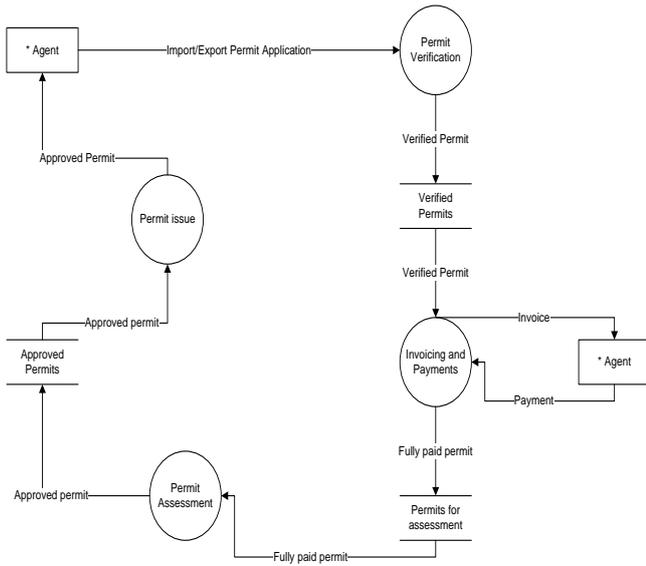


Figure 3: Data flow diagram representing the process of the application of a permit till issue

3.3.2. Data Understanding

Data on imports and exports permits was available from the electronic data repository from the data entry system. The database is housed in Microsoft Access and contains several tables and the tables have several attributes. The following are the tables as they appear in the repository of the data entry system.

Table 1: Summary of the PPB Import/Export Database

Table name	Information contained
dbo_dbo_Agent	Stores basic information of the agent such as City, Postal Address, Telephone Number and email
dbo_dbo_invoice	Stores information on the Proforma Invoice of each consignment, the manufacturer, the agent importing the consignment, the origin country and port, destination country and port, and the Invoice Value of the consignment
dbo_dbo_Manufacturer	Stores basic information of the Manufacturer such as City, Postal Address, Telephone Number and email
dbo_dbo_Country	Stores a list of all countries in the world
dbo_dbo_LineItem	Stores detailed information of the products imported/exported within each proforma Invoice. It is linked to dbo_dbo_invoice via a foreign key and is also linked to dbo_dbo_IDF via foreign key
dbo_dbo_IDF	Stores data from the IDF details such as the IDF total value, IDF number and the date of import

Fig. 4 shows an illustration of the various relationships that exist in the database that was used in the generation of queries to the database.

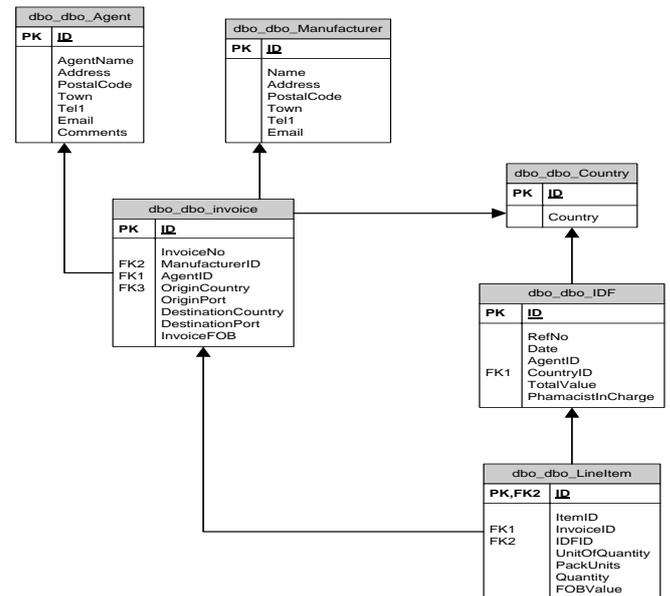


Figure 4: Entity relationship diagram of the PPB import / export database

3.3.3. Data Preparation

A full backup of the database was taken from PPB and migrated to Microsoft SQL Server through the Upsizing wizard present in Microsoft Access. Based on the relationships outlined in the data understanding phase, specific database scripts (see appendix 1) were developed to query the database of relevant data for the study. On running scripts missing data was identified and upon discussion with domain experts it was agreed to omit all missing values.

The process of data entry skipped the years 2009 and 2010. Classification is usually done by the domain experts, who in this case are pharmacists and pharmaceutical technologists, who are conversant with the Kenyan pharmaceutical market. They usually match the names on the product to a list of existing group for example in the group 'Antibiotic' there are products having the name or part of their name containing 'Amoxil', a product having part of its name as 'Malarid' is likely to fall within the category if 'Anti-Malarials' and so on. Due to the large number of records in the database, it was close to impossible to classify the items one by one through a pharmaceutical expert.

With this knowledge of the technique of matching, a sample of all product names and their respective group names was obtained from PPB and this was used to generate a database script that was used to group all the products into their respective classifications. A new table was created to contain the names of all product categories and their category ID.

3.3.4. Modelling

The data obtained from the data preparation phase was fed into the RapidMiner for analysis. Since our data was in MSSQL Server, the first step was to create a database connection to be used to connect RapidMiner to MSSQL Server without having to specify the details over and over again each time a new query is to be run. The dates were changed appropriately so that the results could be obtained for the various years within the dataset. The next stage is the opening of a new 'process' which

shall open a new working space. The data is then loaded for modeling.

3.3.5. Correlation Analysis

Correlation analysis was done on the dataset obtained from the data preparation phase. A new process was created with the 'Read Database' operator and the 'Correlation Matrix' operator as illustrated in figure 5. The dataset range was modified to include the years 2008 through to 2013.

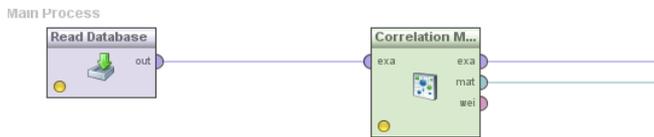


Figure 5: Correlation Process in Rapidminer

3.3.6. Association Analysis

The same data set was then subjected to a new process for association analysis. This process required the following operators illustrated in figure 6.

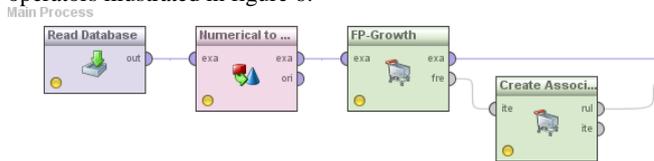


Figure 6: Process workflow for Association Analysis

4.0. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1. Correlation among Pharmaceutical Product groups

Through correlation analysis by RapidMiner it was found that there are product groups which are related based on their FOB values. A sample of the matrix indicating the level of correlation as shading of the coefficients obtained is as shown in Table 2. For better visualization of the correlations, we generated pair wise plots of the highly correlated pairs of pharmaceutical products. The following are the selected correlations done on the various groups of pharmaceutical products:

- Drugs affecting Blood against Anti Diabetics
- Respiratory Tract against Anti-Allergies
- Respiratory Tract and Antibiotic drug
- Drugs Affecting Blood and Cardiovascular Drugs
- Drugs Affecting Blood and Hormones, Endocrine and Contraceptive Drugs
- Drugs affecting Blood and Respiratory Tract Drugs
- Drugs Affecting Blood and Anti-Allergies and Anaphylaxis
- Respiratory Tract and Hormone, Endocrine and Contraceptives
- Respiratory tract and Anti-Allergies, Anaphylaxis
- Antiretrovirals and Antibiotics
- Antiretrovirals and Cardiovascular Drugs
- Antiretrovirals and Antimalarial Drugs
- Antiretrovirals and Dermatological Drugs
- Cardiovascular and Antineoplastics, Immunorepressive
- Antibiotics and Dermatological Drugs
- Antineoplastics_Immunorepressive and Antimalarials
- Antibiotics and Dermatological Drugs
- Antibiotics and Cardiovascular Drugs

Samples of the plots generated are shown in Fig 7 and Fig 8.

Table 2: Part of the Correlation Matrix showing the relationship between the various product groups

Attributes	DRUGS_AFFECTING_BLOOD	MUSCLE_RELAXANTS	ANTI_DIABETICS	BLOOD_PRODUCTS	HORMONE	RESPIRATORY_TR...	ANTI_A
DRUGS_AFFECTING_BLOOD	1	0.031	0.930	0.382	0.488	0.170	0.188
MUSCLE_RELAXANTS	0.031	1	-0.172	0.182	0.027	0.167	0.269
ANTI_DIABETICS	0.930	-0.172	1	0.342	0.489	0.311	0.252
BLOOD_PRODUCTS_BLOOD_SUBSTITUTES	0.382	0.182	0.342	1	0.413	0.251	-0.049
HORMONES_ENDOCRINE_and_CONTRACEPTIVES	0.488	0.027	0.489	0.413	1	0.038	0.241
RESPIRATORY_TRACT	0.170	0.167	0.311	0.251	0.038	1	0.712
ANTI_ALLERGICS_ANAPHYLAXIS	0.188	0.269	0.252	-0.049	0.241	0.712	1
PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC_DRUGS	0.323	0.595	0.342	0.098	0.232	0.032	0.028
MISCELLANEOUS	-0.028	-0.137	-0.013	-0.035	-0.032	0.331	0.278
ANESTHETICS	0.103	0.658	-0.112	0.112	0.229	0.306	0.028
VITAMIN_and_MINERALS	-0.302	0.122	-0.163	-0.023	-0.228	0.078	-0.215
ANTIPILEPTICS	-0.132	-0.169	0.100	0.186	0.345	-0.009	-0.121
GASTROINTESTINAL	0.075	0.303	0.153	0.046	-0.017	0.003	-0.042
IMMUNOLOGICAL_VACCINES	-0.082	-0.276	-0.103	0.285	-0.083	0.147	0.065
ANTI_VIRALS	-0.082	-0.187	-0.087	-0.147	-0.132	0.250	0.208
ANALGESICS_ANTIPIRETTICS_NSADs	-0.020	-0.121	0.091	0.117	0.018	0.102	-0.077
ANTIMIGRAINE	-0.249	1	0.186	0.183	0.258	-0.071	-0.044
ANTI_RETROVIRALS	-0.006	-0.228	-0.004	-0.074	0.117	0.227	0.284
ANTINEOPLASTICS_and_IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE	0.005	0.124	0.073	0.272	0.084	-0.035	-0.105
ANTI_MALARIALS	0.288	-0.127	0.110	-0.168	0.087	0.114	-0.019
OPHTHALMOLOGICAL_PREPARATIONS	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

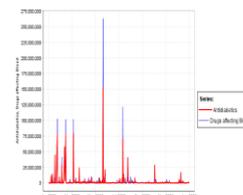


Figure 7: Correlation between Drugs affecting Blood and Anti-diabetics

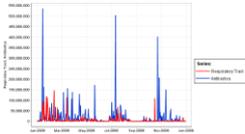


Figure 8: Correlation between Respiratory Tract against Anti-Allergics

From the selected plots of correlated product groups, the presence of correlation can be visually confirmed in addition to the correlation matrix. These correlations are indicative of the fact that importation of Respiratory Tract drugs and Anti-Allergics occurs simultaneously. The same case applies to Drugs Affecting Blood and Anti-diabetics. These correlations also indicate that an increase in the value of imports of one category is directly linked to an increase in the other.

4.2. Association Analysis

The occurrence of frequent item sets is common within transactions containing items. Frequent item sets are simply groups of items that often occur together in a data set. The data on imports of pharmaceuticals contains various associations. It was observed that the product group Antibiotics is associated to a number of other combinations of product groups which implies that within the various item sets, there exists an Antibiotic. It also implies that an antibiotic is a common conclusion to many product groups imported into the country.

Table 3: Association Rules obtained from Rapid Miner at 0.95 confidence level

PREMISES	CONCLUSION	SUPPORT	CONFIDENCE
DERMATOLOGICAL	ANTI_BIOTICS	0.6	
GASTROINTESTINAL, ANALGESICS ANTIPYRETICS_NSAIDs	ANTI_BIOTICS	0.573883	0.95977
GASTROINTESTINAL, RESPIRATORY_TRACT	ANTI_BIOTICS		0.965318
GASTROINTESTINAL, DERMATOLOGICAL	ANTI_BIOTICS	0.563574	0.982036
ANTI_BIOTICS, CARDIOVASCULAR	GASTROINTESTINAL	0.560137	0.958824
GASTROINTESTINAL, CARDIOVASCULAR	ANTI_BIOTICS	0.560137	0.970238
ANALGESICS_ANTIPYRETICS_NSAIDs, RESPIRATORY_TRACT	ANTI_BIOTICS	0.5	

ANALGESICS_ANTIPYRETICS_NSAIDs, RESPIRATORY_TRACT	GASTROINTESTINAL	0.532646
ANALGESICS_ANTIPYRETICS_NSAIDs, DERMATOLOGICAL	ANTI_BIOTICS	0.52921
ANALGESICS_ANTIPYRETICS_NSAIDs, CARDIOVASCULAR	ANTI_BIOTICS	0.522337

Investigation of the associations conducted included the following groups of pharmaceutical products:
 Dermatological and Antibiotics
 Gastrointestinal, Analgesic, Antipyretic, NSAIDS and Antibiotics
 Gastrointestinal, Antibiotics and Respiratory Tract
 Gastrointestinal, Dermatological and Antibiotics
 Antibiotics, Cardiovascular and Intestinal Drugs
 Analgesics, Antipyretics, NSAIDS, Respiratory Tract and Antibiotics
 Analgesics, Antipyretics, NSAIDS, Dermatological and Antibiotics
 Analgesics, Antipyretics, NSAIDS, Cardiovascular and Antibiotics

Sample charts are shown in Fig 9 and Fig 10

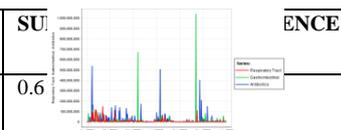


Figure 9: Association among three Products - Gastrointestinal, Respiratory Tract and Antibiotics

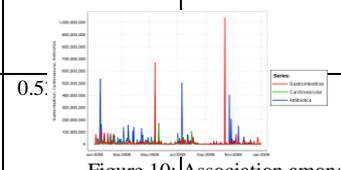


Figure 10: Association among three Products – Gastrointestinal, Cardiovascular, and Antibiotics

The following is a brief description of the functions of the mentioned categories:

Gastrointestinal – Drugs that are used to treat ailments of the digestive system which is also referred to as the gastrointestinal tract.

Antibiotics – Drugs that are used to treat diseases brought about by bacterial infections.

Respiratory Tract – drugs that are used in the treatment of diseases affecting the respiratory system.

Cardiovascular- Drugs used to control ailments related to the heart and blood circulation

4.3. Discussion

After performing correlation and association analysis on the data on imports of pharmaceutical products, some inferences can be made from it. From correlation analysis, it can be concluded that within the pharmaceutical product groups imported, there are related pairs based on the results of the coefficients in the correlation matrix. From association analysis, it can be shown that there are associations between several product groups which are represented as frequent item sets. The results also show that there are rules to which the instantaneous imports are done. For every instant purchase of Gastrointestinal and Dermatological drug, there is an Antibiotic drug as indicated by the rule Gastrointestinal, Dermatological → Antibiotics with a confidence of 0.982036. These are indicative of various product groups being imported at the same time and a particular order of occurrence. The common occurrence of Antibiotics as a conclusion to most premises is indicative of the fact that antibiotics are widely used to treat many infections which are mostly bacterial in nature. Graphs of combined product groups plotted against time, for example Gastrointestinal, Respiratory Tract, and Antibiotics, show a similar trend to confirm their association with periods of inactivity in June and September.

There is a major concern on the use of antibiotics, cough and cold medicines, painkillers and anti-diarrhoeals in many developing countries (Le Grand, Hogerzeil, & Haaijer-Ruskam, 1999). The study shows that the sales of the aforementioned classes of medicines exceed the medical condition they are supposed to treat. From the association and correlation analysis done, it can be assumed that inflow of drugs into Kenya follows distinct patterns.

Through this research, we have demonstrated the existence of correlations and associations among the various groups of pharmaceutical products imported to Kenya. These correlations and associations are well described through the observation of trends of the particular product groups of interest. These trends are most likely due to the market responding to a particular need or situation. Research has shown that a visit to a hospital is likely to result in the prescription of a number of medicines to cure the ailment suffered (Adebayo & Hussain, 2010). Usually quite a number of Antibiotics are prescribed.

Research in Bangladesh on drug use and prescribing patterns of medical staff shows existence of a trend on issuance of multiple medicines or poly-pharmacy (Afsan et al, 2012). The same phenomenon is replicated in Ethiopia whereby the average number of drugs per prescription ranges from 1.98 to 2.24 (Angamo, Wabe, & Raju, 2011). The issuance of multiple medicines to a patient implies that there are associations between the various types of medicines available in the country and hence the importance of discovering these association patterns within them.

5.0.CONCLUSION

This research sought to demonstrate the application of Data Mining in the analysis of imports of pharmaceutical products

in Kenya with the objective of discovering patterns of association and correlation among the product groups. Correlation analysis showed the product groups which are related. Association analysis showed the combination of product groups that are associated, for Antibiotics and several other groups.

It is hoped that this research will give regulators of pharmaceutical products in African countries a better insight into the usage of permits and licenses issued to agents for imports and exports of pharmaceutical products. This would result into better control mechanisms of the patterns of import and exports of the products in order to keep their citizen safe from abuse of these highly controlled products.

Associations between the various pharmaceutical product groups and the deduction that this is linked to the actual use, would require the regulators, such as the Pharmacy and Poison Board (PPB) of Kenya, to enforce its influence in the use of doctors' prescriptions in drug shops or liaise with partner regulatory boards such as those regulating doctors to look into the composition of their prescriptions of medicines to patients. The study can provide regulators with indications of excessive or limited amounts of a particular category of product so as to trigger the necessary regulatory action within its mandate to address the situation and avert negative effects to the country's citizens. The study might also trigger the investigation of the use of a particular product group, for example Antibiotics, with the aim of enforcing their proper use to reduce resistance and other issues related to their abuse.

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Performance Analysis of MLP, Modified ERNN and TDNN on Telugu Command Recognition

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Abstract: In this paper, Telugu speech recognition is implemented using MLP and dynamic neural networks in MATLAB. Ten Telugu commands are the words of interest for recognition. Speech samples are collected for ten Telugu words from 30 different speakers in a noise free environment. Front end processing and LPC feature extraction are applied to raw speech data. Data is divided into training and testing sets. This paper gives different topologies of Artificial Neural Networks are used to investigate the Automated Speech Recognition of Telugu speech. The neural network topologies considered are MLP, Modified ERNN and TDNN. The word models are created by giving training data set as inputs to these networks and trained using backpropagation algorithm. Each neural network is trained to identify and classify the words into the respective word models. The testing data set is used to analyze the performance of the network.

Keywords: Telugu command Recognition, MLP, Modified ERNN, TDNN and Backpropagation.

1. INTRODUCTION

The motive of speech recognition is to design a system that can be used to automate many tasks that previously required hands– on human interaction, such as recognizing simple spoken commands. A variety of methods and tools are available to implement speech recognition for small size vocabulary to voluminous dictionary applications. The simplest task in human machine communication is recognition of isolated words.

The concept of speech recognition started in early 1940s [3], practically the first speech recognition program has come into sight in 1952 at the bell labs, which was about to identify a digit in the clean environment [4], [5]. The work on speech recognition is extended to large vocabularies were used and the statistical analysis is introduced in the speech recognition with a wide range of networks for handling language structures were implemented [16]. The invention of hidden markov model (HMM) and the statistical models together allowed researchers to solve continuous speech recognition problem [3].

In 1990s, the major technologies used were statistical language understanding, acoustic learning and language models, and many methods were implemented for large vocabulary speech understanding systems.

In recent years, the speech recognitions developed for different languages. Syllable based speech recognition has been adopted for various languages in the literature. This had been developed for Japanese [12], Portuguese [13] and many others.

After so much of research, different methods in speech recognition have finally benefiting the users in variety of ways. The main goal of designing a system that acts like an intelligent human. So far, there has been less research on Telugu speech recognition compared to the other languages. So, I was motivated to find out the best recognition method for Telugu speech recognition.

To apply different neural network topologies i.e., MLP, TDNN and modified ERNN to implement the automatic speech recognition to detect the Telugu commands. To compare the accuracy of the different techniques used.

The thesis gives is organized in 5 parts. The part II gives the methodology in which different methods for speech recognition are explained. The part III framed by the result of used methods. The chapter IV framed by the conclusions and the future work. Finally, references are given in the chapter V.

2. METHODOLOGY

The standard architecture of speech recognition system is illustrated in Figure 1. The elements are as follows:

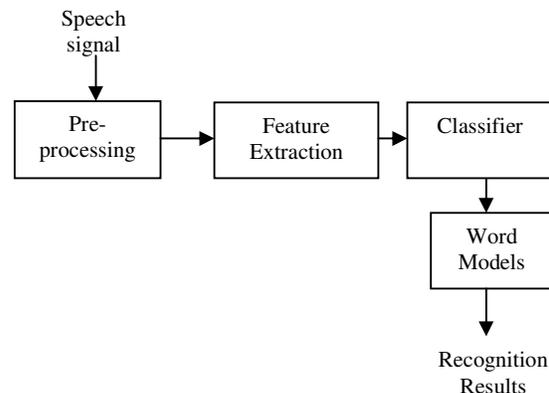


Figure. 1 Recognition system Architecture

Speech signal: acquired speech signal is sampled at a high frequency e.g., 16 KHz over a microphone or 8 KHz over a telephone. This gives the amplitude values of the speech signal over time.

Signal analysis: acquired speech initially transformed, to make the further processing steps easy. Signal analysis techniques which can extract the features from the speech signal.

Linear Predictive Coding (LPC) gives different coefficients of a linear equation that estimate the past history of the acquired speech signal.

Classifier: This block is to classify the different words. The classifiers considered are MLP and Modified ERNN.

Word Models: Word models are created by training the network. The training is done setting target to each word. In testing phase, the word models are used to recognize the word.

2.1 Speech Signal

The speech signal is acquired in the quiet environment i.e., in laboratory. Recording is done with skull microphone.

Sampling rate: 8000 samples/sec

Duration: 2secs

Total no.of samples: 16000 samples.

2.2 Pre - processing

Pre-processing is the first part of the recognizer that the speech signals have to go through. Only the useful speech information in the pre-processing part, will give the good recognition results.

Pre-emphasis is one part in the pre-processing [7]. It will compensate the lip radiation and immanent attenuation of high frequencies in the sampling process. Components at high frequencies are emphasized and components at low frequency are attenuated.

The pre – emphasis will do:

1. The information in the high frequencies of speech is enhanced.
2. The effect of energy decrease in higher frequencies is opposed to enable desired analysis on the complete speech signal spectrum.

The Z-transform representation of pre-emphasis filter is shown below.

$$H(z) = 1 - az^{-1}$$

Where a is filter coefficient and it is ranges from 0.9 to 1. Typical value of a is 0.95.

2.3 Feature Extraction

Feature extraction, also known as front end processing is performed in both testing and training phase. Feature extraction gives the some sets of numerical vectors called feature vectors which represent the speech signal in numerical manner [7].

LPC furnish an excellent speech signal model which is shown in Figure 2. The partially stationary voiced regions of speech in which the LPC which is all pole model gives a good estimation to the vocal tract spectral envelope. For the non stationary regions of speech, the LPC model is less sensitive than for stationary voiced regions. The implementation of LPC will produce much better separation of source and vocal tract.

The principle behind the LPC model is that a given speech sample at time n , $s(n)$ can be estimated as a linear combination of the past p speech samples. Such that

$$s(n) = a_1s(n-1) + a_2s(n-2) + \dots + a_p s(n-p)$$

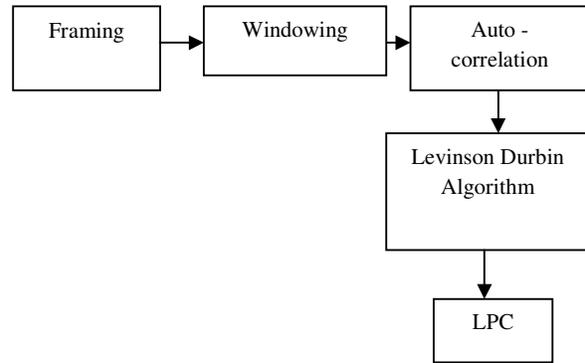


Figure. 2 Feature Extraction

The pre-emphasized speech samples are divided into 30-ms frame having 240 samples for each frame i.e., Number of samples in a Frame = $F_s \times$ Frame Length.

In addition, adjacent frames are separated by 80 samples (1/3 of the original frame), with 160 overlapping samples. The number of samples for separation and overlapping depends on frame length. The frame length is the choice according to the sampling rate. The larger the sampling rate, larger the frame length.

The windowing technique for each frame is product of the impulse response and a window function to implement a corresponding filter, which tapers the ideal impulse response.

Where $\alpha = 0.54$ and $\beta = 1 - \alpha = 0.46$.

The Auto-correlation LPC block determines the autocorrelation of the input i.e., windowed speech signal. These auto-correlations in turn useful in finding the linear predictor coefficients for the time series in each frame of input signal by reducing the error in the least square sense. Levinson–Durbin algorithm is a procedure in linear algebra to recursively calculates the solution to normal equation. It is computationally efficient to calculate the prediction coefficients.

2.4 Classifier

The classifier is basically to divide words into certain groups. The classifiers used are MLP, TDNN and Modified ERNN.

2.4.1 Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)

An MLP is a fully artificial neural network model that maps group of input data onto a group of appropriate outputs [18]. An MLP consists of more than two layers of nodes in a directed graph, with each layer fully connected to the next one. MLP diagram is shown below in Figure 3.

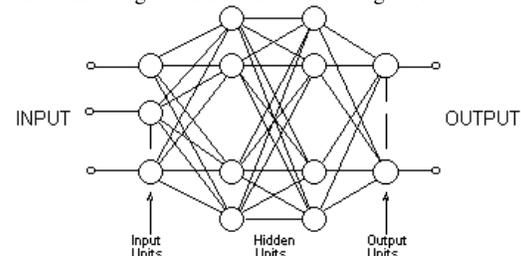


Figure. 3 MLP Architecture

The input to the MLP is 13 LPC coefficients. So, the input layer has 13 nodes. 10 telugu commands are classified using

the MLP. Hence, the output layer consists of 10 nodes. The hidden layers are variable with 15 nodes in each layer.

Back propagation algorithm:

The backpropagation algorithm shown in Figure 4 trains a given MLP for a given set of input patterns with known targets in turn gives the specific classification. When the specific input sample is given to the network, the network determines its output to the specific input pattern. The response is then compared with the known and target output and the mean square error value are calculated. The connection weights of the MLP are adjusted based on the mean square error value.

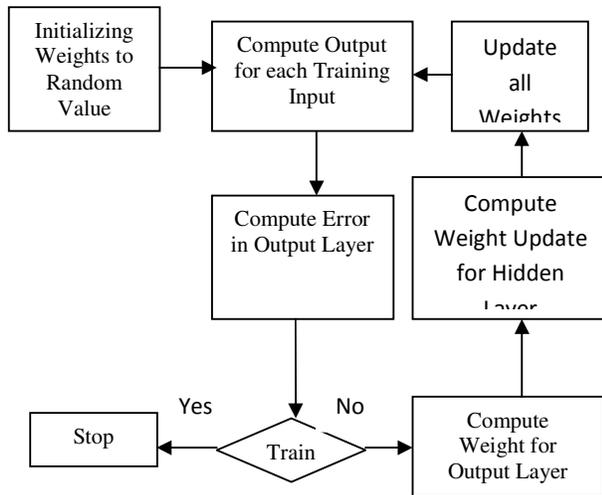


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For each neuron i in every layer $j = 1, 2$, the output of neuron from input to output layer is calculated using following equation.

Where

Error value is calculated for every neuron i in each layer in backward order j say $L, L-1, \dots, 2, 1$, from output to input layer, followed by weight adjustments. For the output layer, the error value is:

And for hidden layers,

The adjustment of weights is done for each connection from neuron k in layer $i-1$ to each neuron i in each layer i :

Where β represents the weight adjustment factor. It is used normalize the weights between 0 and 1.

2.4.2 Time delay Neural Network (TDNN)

TDNN architecture [20] was originally implemented for analyze the speech sequence pattern in time series with local time shifts.

TDNN used has the delay of 1 sample period between each input sample. The delayed input can be applied by

using the tapped delay line. The tapped delay line architecture is shown below in Figure 5.

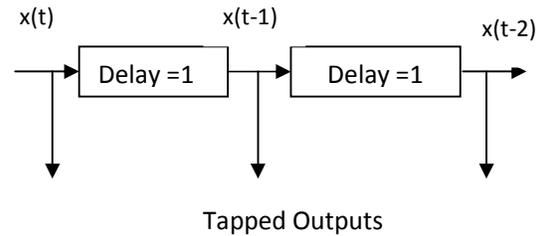


Figure. 5 Tapped Delay Line

TDNN is a multilayer Perceptron with delays in the input shown in Figure 6. Delay in the input is created by using the above delay line. These delayed inputs are given to the MLP. The training phase is same as the MLP.

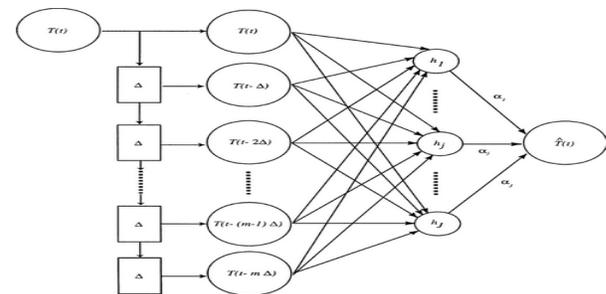


Figure. 6 TDNN Architecture

Delay Used: 1 sample period.

Number of layers used: 1 input layer, 2 and 4 hidden layers and 1 output layer

Number of nodes used: 13 input nodes, 15 nodes for every hidden layer and 10 output layer..

Activation function: hidden layers use sigmoid function and output layer use linear function as activation function.

Learning algorithm used: Backpropagation algorithm

2.4.3 Modified Elman Recurrent Neural Network (MERNN)

The Elman Recurrent Neural Network (ERNN) is the recurrent neural network [23] which had only two layers, and used a sigmoid activation function for the hidden layer and a linear activation function for the output layer.

The Modified ERNN is the generalized model of Elman network to have an arbitrary number of layers and to have arbitrary activation functions in each layer. The Modified ERNN uses same gradient-based backpropagation algorithm used in the multilayer Perceptron. The following Figure 7 illustrates a two-layer Modified ERNN.

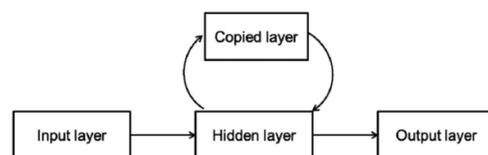


Figure. 7 MERNN Block Diagram

The backpropagation algorithm adds the delay line in the measuring the error during training of the input.

Delay Used: 1 sample period.

Number of layers used: 1 input layer, 2 hidden layers and 1 output layer

Number of nodes used: 13 neurons in input layer, 15 nodes for each hidden layer and 10 neurons in output layer.

Activation function: Sigmoid function for hidden layers and output layer.

Learning algorithm used: Backpropagation algorithm through time [19]

Computation of output:

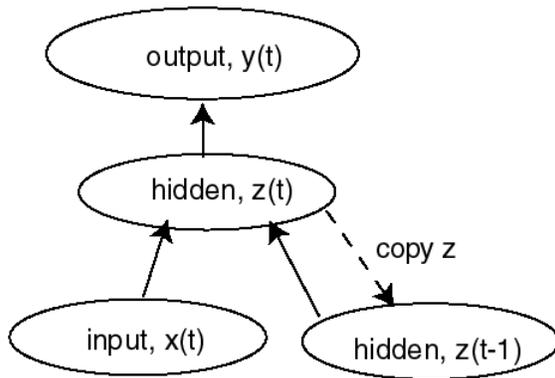


Figure 8 Computational Architecture of MERNN

3. RESULTS

The recognition with TDNN with 4 – layers and 300 samples of data is shown Figureure. It recognizes the word ‘aagu’ 8 times out of 10 samples.

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aagu aagu aagu aagu aagu aagu aagu aagu emit akkada akkada
>> outputs
outputs =
Columns 1 through 8
0.6331 0.7513 0.7601 0.2782 0.7872 0.8470 0.6131 0.6283
0.3941 0.0871 0.0776 0.0078 0.0810 0.0739 0.0472 0.0497
0.1393 0.1617 0.2120 0.2543 0.1383 0.2293 0.2130 0.2259
0.0687 0.0683 0.0628 -0.0325 -0.0085 0.0079 0.0058 0.0002
0.1642 0.0783 0.0317 0.0173 0.1067 0.0026 0.0191 0.0175
-0.1986 -0.1905 -0.1966 0.0211 -0.2037 -0.2295 -0.1199 -0.1317
-0.0798 -0.0957 -0.0400 0.1940 -0.1193 -0.0379 0.0248 0.0349
0.0197 -0.0265 -0.0366 0.0739 -0.0186 -0.0631 -0.0137 -0.0106
-0.0325 0.0655 -0.0095 -0.0019 0.2007 0.0664 0.0886 0.0558
-0.0847 -0.0561 -0.0133 0.1988 -0.0739 -0.0170 0.0458 0.0533
Columns 9 through 16
0.2462 0.0687 -0.0059 0.0020 0.0001 0.0751 0.0347 0.0264
0.0651 0.8477 1.1000 0.6671 0.8456 0.7381 1.4161 1.1846
0.0355 0.1282 0.1133 -0.0098 0.0037 0.0823 0.1557 0.0571
-0.0209 0.0720 -0.0817 0.2690 0.1241 0.1598 -0.3640 -0.1558
0.3821 0.1574 0.2314 0.2694 0.3262 0.1831 0.2964 0.4089
-0.0166 0.0055 -0.0080 0.0664 0.0238 0.0225 -0.0969 -0.0728
-0.0586 0.1118 0.1536 -0.0673 -0.0221 0.0375 0.2464 0.0864
0.2454 0.0633 0.1095 0.0985 0.1403 0.0647 0.1587 0.2097
```

Figure 9 Recognition result of word ‘aagu’

The table-1 and Table-2 shows the recognition rates of speech recognition system implemented using MLP with 300 samples of data in which 200 samples for training and 100 samples for testing. Recognition results are tabulated for different number of layers i.e., 4 – layer and 2 – layer network.

Table 1, Recognition rate Using MLP with 300 samples

Word	No. of Hidden Layers	
	4 Layer	2 Layer
Aagu	100	70
Akkada	100	100
Avunu	100	100
Ela	100	80
Emiti	100	100
Kadu	100	100
Muyu	100	100
Teruchu	100	60
Tesuko	100	100
Vellu	100	100
Total	100	91

Table 2, Recognition rate Using MLP with 150 samples

Word	No. of Hidden Layers	
	4 Layer	2 Layer
Aagu	100	80
Akkada	100	100
Avunu	100	100
Ela	100	100
Emiti	100	100
Kadu	100	60
Muyu	100	60
Teruchu	100	100
Tesuko	100	100
Vellu	100	80
Total	100	88

The recognition results of the modified ERNN are shown below. Table-3 and 4 shows the recognition results with 4 – layer and 2 – layer modified ERNN with 300 and 150 samples

Table 3, Recognition rate Using Modified ERNN with 300 samples

Word	No. of Hidden Layers	
	4 Layer	2 Layer
Aagu	100	90
Akkada	100	100
Avunu	90	90
Ela	100	100
Emiti	100	80
Kadu	90	90
Muyu	80	80
Teruchu	100	100
Tesuko	100	100
Vellu	100	100
Total	96	93

Table 4, Recognition rate Using Modified ERNN with 150 samples

Word	No. of Hidden Layers	
	4 Layer	2 Layer
Aagu	100	80
Akkada	100	80

Avunu	100	100
Ela	100	100
Emiti	80	60
Kadu	80	80
Muyu	60	60
Teruchu	80	100
Tesuko	100	100
Vellu	100	80
Total	90	84

The recognition results of the TDNN are shown below. Table-V and VI shows the recognition results with 4 – layer and 2 – layer TDNN with 300 samples and 150 samples respectively.

Table 5, Recognition rate Using TDNN with 300 samples

Word	No. of Hidden Layers	
	4 Layer	2 Layer
Aagu	90	80
Akkada	90	80
Avunu	100	90
Ela	100	100
Emiti	100	100
Kadu	90	70
Muyu	100	100
Teruchu	100	80
Tesuko	100	100
Vellu	90	80
Total	96	88

Table 6, Recognition rate Using TDNN with 150 samples

Word	No. of Layers	
	4 Layer	2 Layer
Aagu	80	80
Akkada	100	100
Avunu	80	60
Ela	80	80
Emiti	80	100
Kadu	60	80
Muyu	80	80
Teruchu	100	80
Tesuko	80	60
Vellu	100	80
Total	84	80

4. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

Speech recognition system for Telugu command recognition is implemented. This implementation is done by using three neural network architectures i.e., MLP, TDNN and modified ERNN. Recognition accuracy is calculated for different number of hidden layers (n= 4 and 2) with varied number of samples. It is observed that as the number of hidden layers increases, the accuracy of the recognition system is increased for all three networks i.e., modified ERNN, MLP and TDNN for small vocabulary.

Also, the overall recognition rate is good for MLP (100%) with 4 – hidden layers compared to Modified ERNN (96%) and TDNN (96%). The recognition rates with 2 – layer MLP gave 91% accuracy for 300 samples and 88% for 150

samples, where as 2 – layer TDNN gave 80 % for 150 samples and 84% for 300 samples. 2 – layer Modified ERNN gave 93% for 300 samples and 84% for 150 samples. Overall, 4 – layer MLP gave best (100%) for the small vocabulary of size 300 samples.

The work can be extended by implementing the hybrid models along with the artificial neural networks. Dynamic models use an external representation of time. It is also possible to design neural models in which time is internally managed by the network. The accuracy may be improved by using unsupervised learning methods and the reinforcement learning method.

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