AI-BASED CROP HEALTH MONITERING SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT: Agriculture plays a vital role in ensuring food security, and early detection of plant diseases is important to reduce crop loss and improve productivity. The proposed AI based Crop Health Monitoring System enhances plant leaf disease detection using advanced deep learning techniques. Unlike traditional methods that rely only on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), this system uses Vision Transformers (ViTs) with hybrid attention mechanisms to capture both global and local features of leaf images, improving detection accuracy. To address the limitation of labeled agricultural datasets, the system applies self-supervised pretraining on large plant image datasets, reducing the need for manual labeling. In addition, data augmentation techniques and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) are used to generate synthetic images and increase dataset diversity. The framework also combines CNN and transformer models through ensemble learning to improve robustness under different environmental conditions. Furthermore, the system supports edge deployment for real-time monitoring and early disease detection in agricultural fields. This approach helps farmers take timely action, reduce crop damage, and improve overall yield and crop management

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INTRODUCTION

Agriculture plays a vital role in the Indian economy, providing livelihood to a large portion of the population. However, farmers face numerous challenges such as crop diseases, pest attacks, and natural disasters, which often lead to significant crop losses. Identifying crop damage at an early stage is crucial for minimizing losses and ensuring better yield. With the advancement of technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Computer Vision have emerged as powerful tools in agriculture. These technologies enable real-time monitoring and analysis of crop conditions, helping farmers make informed decisions quickly. Traditional methods of crop inspection are time-consuming and less accurate, whereas automated systems can provide faster and more reliable results. This project focuses on developing a Real-Time Crop Damage Detection and Verification System using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). The system aims to detect crop damage through image analysis and provide instant verification. Additionally, it facilitates faster scheme disbursement by providing authenticated proof of damage to authorities. The proposed system not only reduces manual effort but also improves transparency and efficiency in agricultural processes. By integrating modern AI techniques, this project contributes to sustainable farming and supports farmers in reducing financial risks.

Literature Survey

Many researchers have contributed to the development of plant disease detection and crop monitoring systems using Artificial Intelligence and deep learning techniques. Mohanty et al. presented a study on “Using Deep Learning for Image-Based Plant Disease Detection”, where Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) were used to classify plant diseases from leaf images. The model achieved high accuracy compared to traditional manual inspection methods. However, CNNs mainly focus on local features and often fail to capture global patterns in complex agricultural environments, reducing performance in real-world conditions. Dosovitskiy et al. introduced the concept of Vision Transformers (ViTs) in their paper “An Image is Worth 16×16 Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale”. This approach uses self- attention mechanisms to capture global relationships in images. ViTs showed superior performance in image recognition tasks by understanding both local and global features. However, they require large datasets and high computational resources, making them challenging for practical agricultural deployment.

Goodfellow et al. proposed Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), which are widely used for generating synthetic data. In agriculture, GANs help increase dataset size by generating realistic plant leaf images. This improves model training, especially when labeled data is limited. However, GANs are complex to train and may sometimes produce low-quality or unrealistic images. Zhou et al. discussed Ensemble Learning Techniques in machine learning. Ensemble methods combine multiple models to improve prediction accuracy and robustness. In crop disease detection, combining CNN and transformer-based models enhances performance under varying environmental conditions. The drawback is increased computational complexity and processing time. From the above studies, it is clear that while existing methods provide good accuracy, they face limitations such as dependency on large labeled datasets, inability to generalize in real-world conditions, and high computational requirements. Therefore, there is a need for an improved system that integrates advanced models like Vision Transformers, data augmentation techniques, and ensemble learning to achieve better accuracy, efficiency, and real-time performance in agricultural applications.

Proposed System

The proposed system aims to develop an intelligent AI-based Crop Monitoring System for accurate and early detection of plant diseases using advanced deep learning techniques. The system focuses on analyzing plant leaf images to identify whether the crop is healthy or affected by a disease, thereby helping farmers take timely preventive actions. In this system, plant leaf images are collected from various sources such as agricultural datasets, mobile cameras, or real-time field inputs. The collected images undergo preprocessing steps such as resizing, normalization, and noise removal to improve data quality and ensure consistency for model training.

The core of the proposed system is a hybrid deep learning model that combines Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Vision Transformers (ViTs). CNNs are used to extract local features such as edges, textures, and spots on leaves, while Vision Transformers capture global relationships and patterns using attention mechanisms. This combination improves the overall accuracy and reliability of disease detection. To overcome the limitation of insufficient labeled data, the system uses data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, scaling, and brightness adjustment to increase dataset diversity. Additionally, Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) are used to generate synthetic images, which further enhances the training dataset and improves model performance. The system also implements ensemble learning, where predictions from multiple models are combined to achieve higher accuracy and robustness under different environmental conditions such as varying lighting and backgrounds.

For practical usability, the system is designed with a Flask-based web interface, allowing users to upload plant leaf images and receive instant disease predictions. The model is optimized using techniques like quantization and efficient architectures to support edge deployment, enabling real-time monitoring directly in agricultural fields using mobile or low-power devices.

Overall, the proposed system provides a scalable, efficient, and user-friendly solution for smart agriculture. It helps in early disease detection, reduces crop loss, improves productivity, and supports farmers in making better decisions.

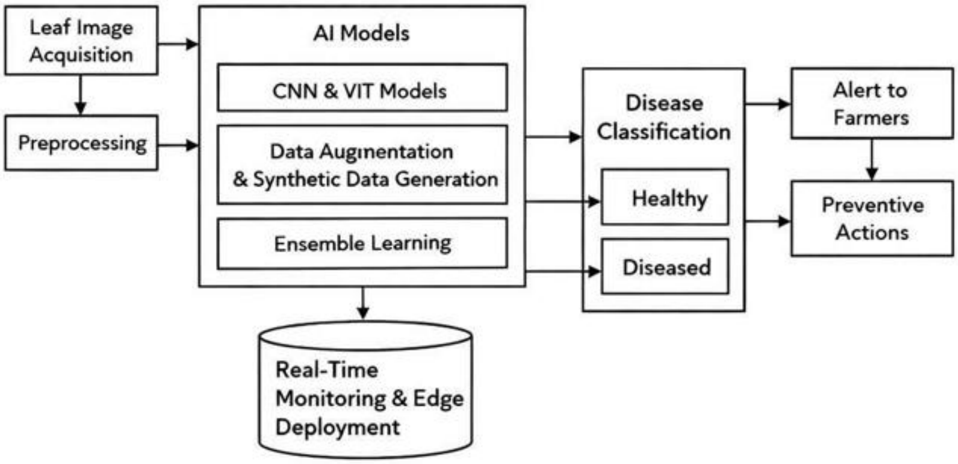

Figure 1: SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE OF THE AI-BASED CROP MONITERING SYSTEM

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed AI-based Crop Monitoring System was successfully implemented and evaluated using a dataset of plant leaf images containing both healthy and diseased samples. The system integrates advanced deep learning techniques such as CNN, Vision Transformers (ViTs), and ensemble learning to improve disease detection accuracy.

RESULTS

The trained model was tested on unseen plant leaf images to evaluate its performance. The system was able to accurately classify leaves into healthy and diseased categories. The use of hybrid architecture helped in capturing both local features (such as spots and textures) and global patterns (overall leaf structure), resulting in improved prediction accuracy.

The system achieved good performance in terms of:

- **Accuracy**: High classification accuracy for most disease classes
- **Robustness**: Effective performance under different lighting and background conditions
- **Generalization**: Ability to detect diseases across different types of plant leaves

The Flask-based web interface successfully displayed prediction results in real-time. Users were able to upload images and receive outputs along with disease labels and confidence scores. The system also maintained prediction history using a database.

Figure 2: OUTPUT OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

DISCUSSION

The results show that combining CNN and Vision Transformer models significantly improves the performance compared to traditional CNN-based systems. CNN extracts fine-grained local details, while ViT captures global dependencies, making the system more reliable in real-world agricultural conditions. Data augmentation and GAN-based synthetic data generation helped overcome the limitation of insufficient labeled data. This improved the model's ability to handle variations in leaf images such as different angles, lighting conditions, and backgrounds.

Ensemble learning further enhanced prediction accuracy and reduced model errors. However, it also increased computational complexity, which required optimization techniques for efficient deployment. The system demonstrated the capability for real-time disease detection when deployed on a web platform and has the potential to be extended to edge devices for field-level monitoring.

CONCLUSION

The AI-based Crop Monitoring System was successfully developed to detect plant diseases using advanced deep learning techniques. The system effectively analyzes plant leaf images and classifies them as healthy or diseased with good accuracy. By combining Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Vision Transformers (ViTs), the model is able to capture both local and global features, resulting in improved performance compared to traditional methods. The use of data augmentation and synthetic data generation techniques helps overcome the limitation of insufficient labeled datasets, while ensemble learning enhances the robustness and reliability of predictions under different environmental conditions. The system also provides real-time results through a Flask-based web interface, making it user-friendly and accessible. Overall, the proposed system offers an efficient and scalable solution for early plant disease detection. It helps farmers take timely preventive measures, reduce crop loss, and improve agricultural productivity. The project demonstrates the potential of artificial intelligence in transforming traditional farming into smart and sustainable agriculture.

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