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AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System

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Abstract: *Due to the rapid growth of network data, the authenticity and reliability of network information have become increasingly important and have presented challenges. Most of the methods for fake review detection start with textual features and behavioral features. However, they are time-consuming and easily detected by fraudulent users. Although most of the existing neural network-based methods address the problems presented by the complex semantics of reviews, they do not account for the implicit patterns among users, reviews, and products; additionally, they do not consider the usefulness of information regarding define-grained aspects in identifying fake reviews. In this paper, we propose an attention – based multi-level interactive neural network model with aspect constraints that mines the multilevel implicit expression mode of reviews and integrates four dimensions, namely, users, review texts, products and define - grained aspects, into review representations. We model the relationships between users and products and use these relationships as a regularization term to redefine the model's objective function. The experimental results from three public datasets show that the model that we propose is superior to the state- of-the-art methods*

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest Algorithm

I. INTRODUCTION

The development of an AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System is driven by the critical need for early and accurate detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a complex neurodevelopmental condition that impacts millions of individuals globally. ASD is characterized by challenges in social communication, repetitive behaviors, and a wide range of cognitive abilities. Early diagnosis and intervention have been shown to dramatically improve outcomes for individuals with ASD, especially in terms of social, behavioral, and cognitive development. However, the traditional process of diagnosing autism remains slow, resource-intensive, and highly dependent on specialized clinical expertise. This often leads to delayed diagnosis and intervention, which can have lasting effects on the individual's ability to integrate into social and educational environments.

Currently, diagnosing ASD relies heavily on observational assessments, parental questionnaires, and clinical expertise, which introduces subjectivity into the process. Additionally, access to autism diagnosis services is not equitable, with many children in rural, low-resource, or underserved communities lacking access to specialists. Even in well-resourced healthcare systems, the waiting time for an ASD diagnosis can be several months to years, delaying essential early interventions that could significantly improve the child's development. The complexities of ASD, which presents differently across individuals and cultures, make it even more difficult to achieve accurate and timely diagnoses. Moreover, the current diagnostic approach often misses subtle signs of ASD in children, particularly in those with milder forms of the condition or those from culturally diverse backgrounds.

The motivation for this system is to address these significant gaps in the current diagnostic landscape by leveraging the power of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). AI and ML technologies can analyze vast amounts of complex, multi- dimensional data far more efficiently than human experts, offering an opportunity to automate and enhance the accuracy of ASD risk assessments. This system can assist clinicians, parents, and educators by providing an early warning mechanism based on data-driven insights, reducing the time to diagnosis and improving the chances of earlier intervention. By making autism screening faster, more objective, and accessible to a wider population, the AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System has the potential to revolutionize ASD detection, particularly in areas with limited access to healthcare resources. Furthermore, the system is motivated by the need to create a scalable solution that can be applied to larger population-level screening programs. This is particularly important given the rising prevalence of autism diagnoses worldwide, which puts significant strain on healthcare systems and specialized services. AI-based solutions are inherently scalable and can be adapted to different healthcare diagnosis and intervention that currently exist across regions, socioeconomic backgrounds, and cultures.

The primary problem that the AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System seeks to solve is the inefficiency, subjectivity, and inaccessibility of current ASD diagnostic methods. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a heterogeneous condition, meaning it manifests differently in different individuals, making its diagnosis particularly challenging. Traditional diagnostic tools, such as the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) and the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M- CHAT), are effective tbut are resource-intensive, time-consuming, and require highly trained specialists. These methods often involve extensive clinical observation, parental interviews, and developmental testing, all of which introduce the potential for human error and bias. Moreover, these diagnostic tools are not readily available in all regions, particularly in low-resource settings where specialized healthcare professionals may be scarce or non-existent.

One significant challenge is the delay in diagnosing ASD, which often results in missed opportunities for early intervention. Early intervention is crucial because it is during the early developmental stages that the brain is most malleable, making it more responsive to therapies aimed at improving social, communication, and behavioral skills. The delay in diagnosis is particularly problematic for children who present with subtle or atypical symptoms of autism, which may not fit neatly into the predefined categories used in traditional diagnostic frameworks. This can lead to either underdiagnosis, where children are not identified as being on the spectrum until much later in life, or overdiagnosis, where behaviors that do not necessarily indicate autism are classified as such due to the subjective nature of clinical judgment. environments, providing a way to screen children in schools, community health centers, or even through mobile health initiatives. As AI technology becomes more sophisticated, its ability to continuously learn and adapt means that the autism prediction system can evolve over time, incorporating new research insights and improving its predictive accuracy with more diverse datasets. Ultimately, this system aims to democratize access to autism screening, reducing the disparities in

Another problem is the lack of scalability in current ASD screening tools. Traditional diagnostic methods are limited by the availability of trained professionals and the time required to conduct thorough assessments. This limits their applicability in large-scale public health settings, where there is a need to screen many children efficiently. In countries with underdeveloped healthcare infrastructures, where specialist services are scarce, the likelihood of children receiving a timely diagnosis is even lower. There is a pressing need for a solution that can operate at scale, providing widespread access to autism screening, regardless of geographic or socioeconomic barriers. Additionally, cultural differences in behavioral norms and communication styles can influence the interpretation of symptoms, leading to disparities in diagnosis across different populations. These discrepancies highlight the need for a system that can provide consistent, unbiased assessments that are applicable across diverse demographic groups.

The AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System addresses these problems by employing machine learning algorithms that can analyze large, complex datasets to identify patterns and indicators of ASD that may not be immediately apparent to human clinicians. This system uses demographic, behavioral, genetic, and health-related data to provide a comprehensive risk assessment, allowing for a more nuanced understanding of autism risk factors. By automating the screening process, the system reduces the burden on healthcare professionals, allowing them to focus on children who are most likely to benefit from further evaluation and intervention. The system also offers a level of objectivity that is difficult to achieve with human-only evaluations, reducing the potential for bias in the diagnostic process.

Moreover, the AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System is designed to be scalable and adaptable, capable of being deployed in a variety of settings, from clinics and hospitals to schools and community centers. This scalability is essential for addressing the global need for autism screening, particularly in underserved areas. The system's use of AI enables continuous improvement as more data is collected, ensuring that its predictive models become more accurate and effective over time. This adaptability is key to ensuring that the system remains relevant and useful as new research into autism emerges, and as diagnostic criteria evolve. By addressing the inefficiencies and limitations of current

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diagnostic practices, the AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System has the potential to significantly improve early detection rates and contribute to better developmental outcomes for individuals with ASD.

Project Scope

The AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System is designed to provide a scalable, accessible, and accurate tool for assessing autism risk in individuals based on key demographic and health- related factors. The system's primary goal is to assist clinicians, parents, and educators by offering an early warning mechanism, enabling timely intervention when necessary. By leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning (ML) models, the system predicts the likelihood of an individual being on the autism spectrum by analyzing inputs such as age, gender, ethnicity, and specific health conditions. The system is not intended to replace traditional clinical diagnostics but to complement them by offering preliminary risk assessments that could prompt further investigation.

- **Data Collection and Analysis:** The system relies on a comprehensive dataset compiled from medical and psychological research focusing on autism prevalence and risk factors.
- **AI/ML Model Integration:** The system utilizes various machine learning algorithms, including logistic regression, decision trees, and random forests, trained on the dataset to ensure accurate predictions.
- **Frontend Development:** The application features a user- friendly interface for input and result display, designed to be accessible to a broad range of users.
- **User Accessibility:** The system is designed for accessibility, providing a modern, responsive, and intuitive experience for non-technical users, while maintaining the technical robustness required by clinical practitioners.

Functional Requirements

System Feature 1(Functional Requirements)

The primary feature of the AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System is to provide a **risk assessment** for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) based on user input. This feature leverages advanced machine learning models to analyze various demographic and health-related factors that contribute to autism risk. The core components of this feature are as follows:

User Input Collection: The system collects data from users, which includes key information such as age, gender, ethnicity, and specific health conditions like jaundice, which have been linked to autism risk. Users are guided through a simple, intuitive form where they enter their data. The system ensures data integrity by validating the input to avoid missing or incorrectly formatted information.

AI/ML Model Processing: Once the user input is collected, it is processed through AI/ML algorithms such as logistic regression, decision trees, and random forests. These algorithms have been trained on a comprehensive dataset, making them capable of identifying patterns that correlate with autism risk factors. The system dynamically assesses the data, providing a **real-time prediction** of the user's autism risk level. The risk is presented as a probability score or a classification (e.g., low, moderate, or high risk).

Results Presentation: After processing, the system displays the prediction in a user-friendly format. The results page highlights the autism risk assessment, provides a brief explanation of the factors contributing to the prediction, and offers guidance on potential next steps, such as seeking professional evaluation. The system ensures the output is clear and easily interpretable by both medical professionals and non-expert users (e.g., parents or caregivers).

Data Privacy and Security: The system incorporates stringent data protection measures to ensure that all user information is handled securely. User data is encrypted, and privacy policies adhere to standards such as **GDPR** or **HIPAA**, ensuring confidentiality and protection against unauthorized access.

Personalized Insights and Recommendations: Based on the user's risk level, the system can offer personalized insights and recommendations. For example, users identified as moderate or high risk may receive suggestions to consult with healthcare professionals for further assessment or to explore resources and interventions tailored to individuals on the autism spectrum. This feature aims to make autism screening more accessible, offering an early,

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data-driven risk evaluation that could prompt timely interventions, particularly in underserved areas where access to specialized healthcare services may be limited.

Safety Requirements

Risk of Misinterpretation: The system must ensure that users do not misinterpret the autism risk assessment as a definitive medical diagnosis. The prediction is a **risk assessment**, not a

diagnosis, and the system should clearly communicate this distinction. Users must be advised to consult a healthcare professional for a full evaluation. The system should provide disclaimers and warnings to manage user expectations and mitigate any potential harm caused by misinterpretation of the results.

Educational Guidance: To promote safe use of the system, it should include educational content explaining what the autism risk score means, as well as the importance of professional medical advice. This ensures that users do not make healthcare decisions solely based on the system's predictions without further consultation.

Error-Free Data Input: The system should include validation checks to prevent the submission of erroneous or incomplete data. By ensuring that users provide accurate information (e.g., valid age, health history), the system reduces the likelihood of inaccurate predictions that could lead to inappropriate actions or anxiety.

Regular Model Updates: The AI and machine learning models must be updated regularly to ensure they reflect the latest research and best practices in autism detection. Outdated models may lead to incorrect risk assessments, which could have harmful consequences.

Security Requirements

Data Encryption: All user data, including personal details and health-related information, must be encrypted both in transit and at rest. This protects against unauthorized access or data breaches. The system should implement end-to-end encryption using industry- standard protocols like SSL/TLS during data transmission and AES for data storage.

Authentication and Authorization: The system should require secure user authentication, especially for users such as clinicians or researchers who may access sensitive data. Multi- factor authentication (MFA) can be implemented to provide an additional layer of security. Additionally, role-based access control (RBAC) ensures that users only have access to the features and data necessary for their role, preventing unauthorized data access.

Compliance with Regulations: The system must comply with relevant data protection regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in Europe or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in the United States. This ensures that user data is collected, stored, and processed in a lawful manner, with proper user consent obtained where necessary.

Anonymization of Data: To further protect user privacy, the system should anonymize sensitive user data before storing it for future analysis or research purposes. This ensures that even if data is accessed without authorization, it cannot be traced back to a specific individual.

Audit Logs: The system should maintain detailed logs of all user interactions, including who accessed what data and when. These logs are essential for detecting any unauthorized access or potential security breaches and for maintaining transparency.

ML Algorithms for Disease Prediction & Diagnosis

The core of the project utilizes advanced AI and ML algorithms to analyze user input and provide a prediction regarding autism risk. The system employs techniques such as:

Logistic Regression: A statistical method for predicting binary outcomes, used to estimate the probability of autism based on input parameters.

Decision Trees: A supervised learning algorithm that creates a model based on feature values to classify inputs and predict outcomes.

Random Forests: An ensemble learning technique that uses multiple decision trees to improve prediction accuracy and reduce overfitting.

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These algorithms are trained on the dataset to create a predictive model that can effectively assess autism risk based on the user's input.

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

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OBJECTIVE:

Educate Users: To raise awareness about autism, its symptoms, and risk factors through an interactive platform.

Risk Assessment: To analyze user input using AI and ML algorithms and provide an autism risk level (Low, Moderate, High).

Enhance User Engagement: To design a user-friendly and engaging interface that encourages users to explore autism-related information.

Promote Early Identification: To support early diagnosis of autism by providing timely and informative predictions.

Deliver Real-Time Results: To provide instant predictions by processing data in real time using a seamless frontend backend connection.

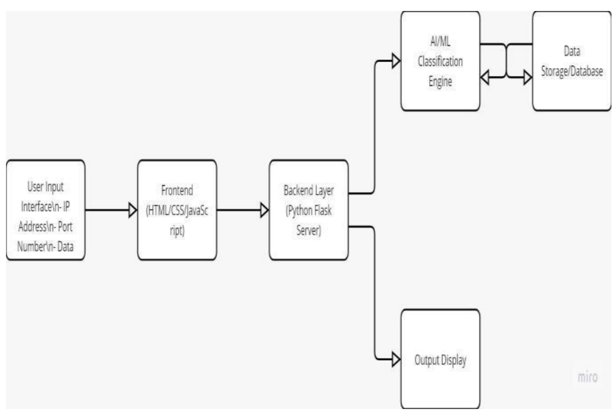

Fig. 1 System Architecture Diagram

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

The system architecture for fraud detection and analysis in insurance claims using machine learning would consist of multiple interconnected layers, each designed to handle specific tasks, from data acquisition to decision-making and reporting. Here's an overview of the architecture:

Data Layer: This layer is responsible for collecting and managing data from various sources such as insurance claims databases, policyholder information, payment records, social media, and external data sources like public records or medical reports. The data is stored in a scalable database or data lake that supports structured and unstructured data, allowing for future expansion and integration.

Data Processing Layer: In this layer, the raw data undergoes pre- processing, which includes data cleaning, normalization, and feature extraction. This layer ensures that data is of high quality and is ready for analysis. Feature engineering, such as deriving risk scores or flagging unusual behavior, may be applied here. Distributed computing frameworks like Apache Spark or Hadoop can be used for large-scale data processing.

Machine Learning Model Layer:
This layer is responsible for training and maintaining machine learning models used for fraud detection. Supervised or unsupervised algorithms, such as decision trees, random forests, or neural networks, can be used depending on the complexity and nature of the data. The models are trained on historical data and continuously improved as more data is collected. This layer also includes the deployment of the model for real-time or batch processing of incoming claims.

Fraud Detection and Scoring Layer: After data is processed and passed through the machine learning models, this layer analyzes the claims and assigns fraud risk scores to each claim based on the model's predictions. The claims are classified into categories such as "legitimate," "suspicious," or "high-risk" for further investigation. Thresholds are set to automatically flag claims that require manual review.

Security and Compliance Layer: To ensure data privacy and protect against unauthorized access, this layer includes encryption, role-based access controls, and secure data transfer mechanisms. It also ensures compliance with legal and industry standards related to data protection, such as GDPR or HIPAA.

Scalability and Cloud Integration Layer: The architecture should be designed for scalability to handle increasing volumes of data and claims. Cloud platforms like AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud can provide the necessary infrastructure for scaling, integrating various services like machine learning, storage, and real-time analytics.

II. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The development of the AI & ML-Based Autism Prediction System follows a structured methodology combining data analysis, machine learning, and frontend development to deliver a predictive and educational tool for autism awareness and early diagnosis.

Data Collection & Preprocessing
Collect autism-related datasets from reputable sources including demographic and health-related attributes such as age, gender, ethnicity, and medical history (e.g., jaundice).
Clean and preprocess the data by handling missing values, encoding categorical features, and normalizing numerical inputs.

Model Development
Apply multiple machine learning algorithms to train models on the dataset:
Logistic Regression – for binary classification and probability estimation.
Decision Trees – for interpretable model generation based on user inputs.
Random Forest – for increased accuracy and reduced overfitting through ensemble learning.
Evaluate models using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

Integration with Frontend
Develop a user-friendly web interface using:
HTML for structure,
CSS for styling (including a modern dark theme),
JavaScript for interactive elements and communication with the backend.
Create input forms to collect user data and send it to the backend for processing.
Prediction & Risk Assessment
Upon form submission, the frontend sends user data to the backend where the trained ML model processes the input and returns a prediction (e.g., Low, Moderate, High risk of autism).

Display the prediction clearly on the screen along with recommendations or next steps.
Educational Content Delivery
After the prediction, the system provides the user with relevant educational content including:
Definition and overview of autism,
Signs and symptoms,
Risk factors
Trusted external resources and support organizations.
Feedback and Improvements
Collect feedback from users and domain experts to improve the system continuously.
Retrain models with more data if available and enhance the frontend for better user experience.

III. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

User Privacy and Data Security: Ensure that all personal data collected from users (age, gender, health conditions, etc.) is handled with strict confidentiality. Implement secure data transmission and storage protocols to protect sensitive information.

Informed Consent:
Clearly inform users that the system provides an AI-based prediction and is not a substitute for professional medical diagnosis. Obtain user consent before collecting or processing any personal data.
Avoiding Misdiagnosis and Harm: Emphasize that the risk assessment is probabilistic and should not be used for self- diagnosis. Provide disclaimers and guide users to consult qualified healthcare professionals for accurate evaluation and intervention. **Bias and Fairness:** Regularly evaluate the dataset and ML models to detect and minimize biases based on gender, ethnicity, or other demographic factors. Ensure the model performs equally well across different user groups to avoid unfair predictions.
Transparency of AI Models: Make the working of the AI/ML models interpretable, especially when providing predictions, so users can understand why a certain risk level was assigned.
Educational Responsibility: Present accurate and up-to-date information about autism. Avoid creating fear or stigma through the language or design of the application.
Compliance with Ethical and Legal Standards: Follow ethical AI guidelines and comply with relevant data protection laws (such as GDPR or HIPAA, if applicable).

IV. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

The theoretical framework for advanced medical diagnosis integrates concepts from multiple domains, ensuring a holistic approach to improving healthcare outcomes through AI-driven solutions. Drawing from precision medicine, clinical decision support systems, and adaptive learning frameworks, the framework guides the development of AI-powered tools like disease prediction, diagnostic imaging, and personalized treatment recommendations.
Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM):
The EBM framework ensures that AI-driven diagnosis is grounded in clinically validated research and real- world medical data. The diagnostic AI model, for instance, enhances accuracy by continuously learning from updated datasets of patient symptoms, lab results, and treatment responses. This aligns with EBM's principles of integrating the best available evidence with clinical expertise, ensuring reliability and trust in AI-assisted medical decisions.
Machine Learning and Adaptive Learning Theories:
The diagnostic tool leverages machine learning principles to enhance predictive accuracy and treatment recommendations. By integrating adaptive learning algorithms, the system refines its diagnostic capabilities based on user feedback and new medical discoveries, ensuring a personalized experience. For instance, the AI model improves disease recognition by analyzing evolving patient data patterns, offering tailored recommendations for individual cases.
Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS):

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CDSS emphasizes the role of technology in assisting clinicians with decision-making by providing real- time insights, risk assessments, and early warning signals. The AI-powered diagnostic system enhances clinical workflows by analyzing symptoms, medical history, and imaging results to generate evidence- based recommendations. This interactive approach supports physicians in making precise and timely decisions, improving patient care.

Digital Health Inclusion Framework:
The digital health inclusion framework ensures that AI-driven diagnostic tools are accessible across diverse populations, including those in remote or resource-limited settings. By prioritizing affordability, mobile accessibility, and multilingual support, the system bridges healthcare disparities. Ethical considerations such as patient data privacy, explainability of AI decisions, and compliance with regulatory standards ensure transparency and user trust.
Synthesis of Frameworks: The integration of EBM, adaptive learning, CDSS, and digital health inclusion theories provides a strong foundation for AI-driven medical diagnosis. This multidisciplinary approach ensures that the system not only delivers high diagnostic accuracy but also fosters accessibility and equity in healthcare. By aligning design and implementation with these frameworks, the study ensures clinical relevance, technological robustness, and long-term impact.

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the application of machine learning for fraud detection and analysis in insurance claims presents a significant advancement in safeguarding against fraudulent activities. By leveraging advanced algorithms and data-driven approaches, insurers can effectively identify patterns and anomalies that may indicate fraudulent behavior. This proactive approach not only enhances the accuracy and efficiency of fraud detection but also reduces financial losses and fosters a culture of trust within the insurance industry. As technology continues to evolve, integrating machine learning with robust databases and real-time analytics will further strengthen the capabilities of insurers to combat fraud. Ultimately, embracing these innovative solutions will lead to improved operational efficiency, better customer experiences, and a more secure insurance landscape.
The future scope of fraud detection and analysis for insurance claims using machine learning is promising, driven by advancements in technology and data analytics. As machine learning algorithms become more sophisticated, they will enhance the accuracy of fraud detection systems, allowing for the identification of increasingly complex fraud schemes. The integration of real-time data processing will enable insurers to detect fraudulent activities as they occur, minimizing losses and improving response times.
Additionally, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning can facilitate predictive analytics, enabling insurers to anticipate potential fraud before it happens by analyzing patterns and behaviors. The incorporation of natural language processing (NLP) can further enhance analysis by processing unstructured data, such as claims descriptions and communication logs, to identify inconsistencies or red flags.
Collaboration across industries and the use of shared data platforms will also play a significant role in enhancing fraud detection efforts. By pooling data from various sources, insurers can gain a more comprehensive view of fraud trends and improve their models. Furthermore, the implementation of blockchain technology may increase transparency and traceability in claims processing, reducing opportunities for fraud.
As regulatory frameworks evolve, insurers will need to adapt their strategies to comply with new guidelines while maintaining effective fraud detection systems. Overall, the continued development of machine learning techniques and their application in fraud detection will lead to more efficient, accurate, and proactive approaches in the insurance industry.

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