

# Leaf Disease Identification and Yield Prediction

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**Abstract-** LDP is an important aspect of crop management that can help farmers protect their crops and prevent significant yield losses. However, the lack of a reliable classification system and accurate yield prediction based on disease profiles hinders effective disease management and resource allocation. This research tackles these issues by recommending Support Vector Machine (SVM): It is a powerful algorithm for leaf disease prediction. for predicting and classifying leaf diseases using a Supervised learning algorithms are a type of ML that is commonly used for leaf disease prediction. It also covers survey on different diseases classification techniques that can be used for plant leaf disease detection. Some authors are describing to find leaf diseases using various methods and to recommend the various implementations.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Leaf Disease Prediction (LDP) is an important aspect of crop management, as it allows farmers to take proactive measures to protect their crops and prevent significant yield losses. With the increasing use of technology in agriculture, several methods are now available for predicting leaf diseases, including image analysis, machine learning, and sensor-based approaches.

- One popular method for LDP is image analysis, which involves using computer algorithms to analyze images of leaves and identify signs of disease. This can be done using a variety of techniques, such as color analysis, shape analysis, and texture analysis. For example, a computer algorithm may be trained to recognize the characteristic yellowing and wilting of leaves caused by a particular disease.
- Another approach is machine learning (ML), which involves training a computer model to recognize patterns in data and make Sensor-based approaches, such as remote sensing and precision agriculture, are becoming increasingly popular for leaf disease prediction. These methods involve using sensors and other devices to collect data on various factors, such as temperature, humidity, and soil moisture, and then to make predictions about disease risk. For example, a sensor-based system may monitor the temperature and humidity in a greenhouse and alert farmers to potential disease outbreaks if the conditions are conducive to the growth of disease-causing pathogens.

LDP is an important aspect of crop management that can help farmers protect their crops and prevent significant yield losses. With the increasing use of technology in agriculture, several methods are now available for predicting leaf diseases, including image analysis, machine learning, and sensor-based approaches. Each of these methods has its own strengths and weaknesses, and the best approach will depend on each farmer's specific needs and resources.

## 2.Challenges in Leaf Disease Prediction

LDP is a crucial task in agriculture as it can help farmers prevent and control disease spread in their crops. However, this task also poses several challenges that need to be addressed for accurate and reliable predictions to be made.

- The first challenge is the variability in leaf appearance caused by different factors such as lighting conditions, leaf orientation, and background. This variability can make it difficult for image recognition algorithms to identify and classify diseased leaves accurately. To overcome this challenge, researchers have developed techniques such as image pre-processing and feature extraction to enhance the quality of the images and extract relevant information.
- The second challenge is the lack of annotated data. Training image recognition algorithms require a large amount of labeled data, often unavailable for many diseases. This lack of data can lead to overfitting, where the algorithm performs well on the training data but poorly on unseen data. To address this challenge, researchers have developed techniques such as transfer learning, where pre-trained models are fine-tuned on a smaller dataset, and synthetic data generation, where computer-generated images are used to supplement real images.
- The third challenge is the high dimensionality of the data. LDP typically involves the use of high-resolution images, which can contain a large number of features. This high dimensionality can make it difficult for algorithms to process the data efficiently and lead to overfitting. To address this challenge, researchers have developed dimensionality reduction techniques such as principal component analysis (PCA) and linear discriminant analysis (LDA) to reduce the number of features without losing too much information.

- The fourth challenge is the complexity of the diseases. Different diseases can have similar symptoms, making it difficult to distinguish between them. Additionally, diseases can also have multiple stages, each with different symptoms. This complexity can make it difficult for algorithms to accurately identify and classify the diseases. To address this challenge, researchers have developed techniques such as multi-class classification and multi-stage recognition, where the algorithm is trained to recognize different stages of the disease.
- The fifth challenge is the limited computational resources. LDP requires the use of complex algorithms, which can be computationally expensive. This can make it difficult to run the algorithms in real-time or on mobile devices, limiting the usability of the predictions. To address this challenge, researchers have developed techniques such as model compression and quantization to reduce the computational requirements of the algorithms.

LDP is a crucial task in agriculture, but it also poses several challenges that must be addressed. These challenges include the variability in leaf appearance, lack of annotated data, the data's high dimensionality, the diseases' complexity, and limited computational resources. Researchers have developed various techniques to address these challenges and continue to work towards developing more accurate and reliable LDP methods.

### 3. Advantages of leaf Disease Prediction

1. Early detection and management of plant diseases can prevent significant crop losses.
2. Predictive models can help identify the causes of disease outbreaks and inform control measures.
3. Disease prediction can aid in developing more effective and sustainable disease management strategies.
4. Accurate predictions can help farmers decide when to apply pesticides and other treatments.
5. ML algorithms can help identify new or emerging diseases, allowing for quick responses to outbreaks.
6. Remote sensing techniques for LDP can reduce labor costs and increase the efficiency of disease monitoring.
7. It can be integrated into precision agriculture systems to monitor and manage disease in large fields.
8. It can help prioritize which parts of the field or which plants to inspect first.
9. Help in reducing the overall cost of production by reducing the usage of pesticides and other chemical treatments.
10. Predictive models can be used to improve the breeding of disease-resistant crops.

### 4. Disadvantages of Leaf Disease Prediction

1. Limited accuracy: Some LDP methods may not be able to accurately diagnose all types of diseases or detect them in their early stages.
2. High cost: Some disease prediction methods, such as DNA sequencing or lab-based imaging, can be expensive.
3. Limited applicability: Some methods may only be able to predict diseases in specific types of plants or under certain environmental conditions.
4. Dependence on data: The accuracy of many disease prediction methods highly depends on the quality and quantity of data used to train the model.
5. Complexity: LDP can be a complex process, requiring expertise in plant pathology, image processing, and machine learning.
6. Limited generalizability: Some methods are limited in their ability to generalize to new situations, such as new plant diseases.
7. Limited scalability: Disease prediction methods may be limited in their ability to handle large-scale data sets and make predictions for large numbers of plants.

### 5. Supervised Algorithms for Leaf Disease Prediction

Supervised learning algorithms are a type of ML that is commonly used for leaf disease prediction. These algorithms involve training a model on a labeled dataset, where the input features are the characteristics of the leaf and the output label is the disease class.

- Decision Tree: Decision trees are a non-parametric method that can handle both categorical and numerical data. They work by recursively splitting the dataset into subsets based on the feature that best separates the classes. The final splits in the tree represent the decision rules for classifying new samples.
- Random Forest algorithm: It is an ensemble method that combines multiple decision trees to improve the model's overall accuracy. The Random Forest algorithm randomly selects a subset of features for each tree and uses these to make predictions. This helps to reduce the correlation between the trees, which improves the model's overall accuracy.
- Support Vector Machine (SVM): It is also a powerful algorithm for leaf disease prediction. SVM is a linear or non-linear algorithm that finds the best boundary between the different classes. It creates a line or a hyperplane that separates the classes with the maximum margin.
- K-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN): It is a non-parametric method that classifies samples based on the majority vote of their k nearest neighbors in the training set. The k-NN algorithm can be effective when the decision boundary is complex and non-linear.

- **Artificial Neural Network (ANN):** It is also a popular algorithm for leaf disease prediction. ANN is an ML algorithm inspired by the human brain's structure and function. It consists of layers of interconnected nodes, called neurons, which process and transmit information. ANN can be used for both classification and regression problems.
- **Naive Bayes:** It is a probabilistic algorithm that is based on Bayes' theorem. It is a simple and fast algorithm that makes predictions based on the probability of each class given the input features. Naive Bayes assumes independence between the features, which makes it a "naive" algorithm, but it can still be effective for leaf disease prediction.

There are several supervised learning algorithms available for leaf disease prediction. Some popular algorithms include decision trees, random forests, SVM, k-NN, ANN, and Naive Bayes. Each algorithm has its strengths and weaknesses, and the best algorithm for a specific application depends on the dataset's characteristics and the problem's requirements.

#### 6. Unsupervised Algorithms for leaf Disease Prediction

Unsupervised learning is a type of ML that involves training a model to identify patterns or structures in a dataset without using labeled data. This type of learning can be useful in many applications, including leaf disease prediction. In this task, unsupervised algorithms can be used to identify patterns in the visual appearance of diseased leaves, which can then be used to train a supervised model to classify new images of leaves as healthy or diseased.

- **K-means Clustering:** This algorithm partitions a dataset into k clusters, where each cluster is defined by its centroid or the mean of all the points in the cluster. In the context of leaf disease prediction, k-means can be used to identify clusters of leaf images with similar visual characteristics, such as color, texture, and shape. These clusters can then be used to train a supervised model to classify new images of leaves.
- **Hierarchical Clustering:** This algorithm creates a hierarchical tree-like structure of clusters, where each cluster is defined by its centroid and its relationship to other clusters in the tree. In the context of leaf disease prediction, hierarchical clustering can be used to identify patterns in the visual appearance of diseased leaves that are not easily captured by k-means clustering.
- **Self-Organizing Maps (SOM):** SOM is a neural network architecture that can identify patterns in high-dimensional data, such as images. The SOM algorithm creates a map of neurons that are organized in a two-dimensional grid, where each neuron is connected to a subset of the input data. The map is trained to organize the input data so that similar inputs are grouped in the same region of the map. In the context of leaf disease prediction, SOM can be used to identify patterns in the visual appearance of diseased leaves that are not easily captured by k-means or hierarchical clustering.
- **Autoencoder:** Autoencoder is a neural network architecture that can be used to learn a compact representation of input data, such as images. The autoencoder consists of an encoder and a decoder. The encoder is trained to map the input data to a lower-dimensional representation. The decoder is trained to map the lower-dimensional representation back to the original input data. In the context of leaf disease prediction, an autoencoder can be used to learn a compact representation of the visual appearance of diseased leaves, which can then be used to train a supervised model to classify new images of leaves.

Unsupervised learning algorithms can be very useful in LDP tasks. These algorithms can be used to identify patterns in the visual appearance of diseased leaves that can be used to train a supervised model to classify new images of leaves as healthy or diseased. Some of the popular unsupervised learning algorithms that can be used for this task include k-means clustering, hierarchical clustering, self-organizing maps, and autoencoder. Each of these algorithms has its own strengths and weaknesses, and the best choice will depend on the dataset's specific characteristics and the prediction task's requirements.

#### 7. Reinforcement Algorithms for Leaf Disease Prediction

Reinforcement learning (RL) is an ML in which an agent learns to make decisions by interacting with its environment. It is well suited for tasks such as leaf disease prediction, where the agent must make decisions based on the observations it receives from the environment (i.e., images of leaves). Several RL algorithms can be used for leaf disease prediction.

- **Q-learning:** It is a type of model-free RL. In Q-learning, the agent learns a function called the Q-function, which maps states and actions to expected future rewards. The agent uses the Q-function to choose the action that is expected to lead to the highest reward.
- **SARSA (State-Action-Reward-State-Action):** SARSA is a model-based RL algorithm, which means that it uses a model of the environment to predict the next state and reward given a current state and action. The agent uses this model to update its estimates of Q-function.
- **Actor-Critic Methods:** Actor-critic methods use two separate neural networks, one for the "actor," which selects actions, and another for the "critic," which evaluates the quality of the actions selected by the actor. The

actor-network is trained to maximize the expected reward by adjusting the probability distribution over actions. In contrast, the critic network is trained to evaluate the quality of the action selected by the actor.

- Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG) is an off-policy algorithm that can be used to learn policies in high-dimensional continuous action spaces. DDPG uses a deep neural network to approximate the Q-function and uses this approximation to update the policy.
- Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO): PPO is a type of policy gradient algorithm that directly optimizes the policy (i.e., the mapping from states to actions) rather than the Q-function. PPO has been shown to be more robust and stable than other policy gradient algorithms, making it well-suited for tasks such as leaf disease prediction. Several RL algorithms are available for leaf disease prediction, including Q-learning, SARSA, actor-critic methods, DDPG and PPO. Each of these algorithms has its own strengths and weaknesses, and the choice of algorithm will depend on the specific requirements of the task at hand.

#### 8. Semi-supervised Algorithms for Leaf Disease Prediction

Semi-supervised learning is a type of ML where the model is trained on a partially labeled dataset, meaning that only a portion of the data has the correct output or label associated with it. This can be useful in situations where obtaining a fully labeled dataset is difficult or expensive, such as in the case of leaf disease prediction. There are several algorithms available for semi-supervised learning, including:

- Self-training: This algorithm uses a supervised learning algorithm to train on the labeled data and then uses the trained model to label the unlabeled data. The newly labeled data is then used to retrain the model in a process that can be repeated multiple times.
- Co-training: This algorithm trains two separate models on the labeled data, each focusing on a different subset of features. The models are then used to label the unlabeled data, which is used to improve both models.
- Multi-view learning: This algorithm is similar to co-training, but instead of training two separate models, it trains a single model on multiple views or representations of the data.
- Transductive SVM: This algorithm is based on support vector machines and is used to classify labeled and unlabeled data simultaneously.
- Pseudo-labeling: This algorithm uses a supervised learning model to make predictions on the unlabeled data, then treats the predicted labels as true labels and trains the model on both labeled and pseudo-labeled data.
- Tri-training: This algorithm trains three classifiers on the labeled data using different algorithms or feature representations. The classifiers make predictions on the unlabeled data, and the majority vote of the three classifiers is used as the final label for the unlabeled data.

In the case of leaf disease prediction, these algorithms can be used to train models on a dataset that includes labeled and unlabeled images of leaves. The trained model can then predict the disease status of new, unlabeled images. To evaluate the performance of the semi-supervised LDP model, we can use metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. We can also use techniques like k-fold cross-validation to ensure that the model generalizes well to new data. It is important to note that the choice of algorithm will depend on the specific problem and the type of data available. For example, self-training may be a good option if the amount of labeled data is small, while tri-training may be more effective if there is a large amount of unlabeled data.

Semi-supervised learning can be a useful approach for leaf disease prediction. It allows models to be trained on partially labeled data, reducing the need for a fully labeled dataset. Several algorithms are available for semi-supervised learning, including self-training, co-training, multi-view learning, transductive SVM, pseudo-labeling, and tri-training. The choice of algorithm will depend on the specific problem and the type of data available.

#### 9. Bio-inspired Optimization

Bio-inspired optimization algorithms, also known as nature-inspired algorithms, are a class of computational techniques modeled after natural systems' principles and mechanisms. These algorithms have been applied to many optimization problems, including ML and data analysis. In the context of leaf disease prediction, bio-inspired optimization algorithms can offer several advantages over traditional optimization methods.

One of the main advantages of bio-inspired optimization algorithms is their ability to handle complex, non-linear problems. Traditional optimization methods, such as gradient descent, rely on linear assumptions about the problem space and may not work well when the underlying relationships are non-linear. On the other hand, bio-inspired algorithms can handle complex and non-linear problems by mimicking the adaptive and self-organizing behaviors found in natural systems.

Another advantage of bio-inspired optimization algorithms is their robustness to noise and uncertainty. In many real-world applications, data is often noisy and uncertain, making it difficult for traditional optimization methods to find the global optimum. Bio-inspired algorithms, such as evolutionary algorithms and swarm intelligence, can handle noise and uncertainty by maintaining a diverse population of solutions and allowing for multiple local optima to be found.

Additionally, bio-inspired optimization algorithms can work in parallel. Traditional optimization methods typically rely on a single point of computation, which can be slow and inefficient when dealing with large

amounts of data. Bio-inspired algorithms, such as ant colony optimization, can work in parallel by distributing the computation across multiple agents, allowing faster and more efficient optimization.

In the context of leaf disease prediction, bio-inspired optimization algorithms can be used to optimize the parameters of ML models, such as decision trees and neural networks. This can lead to improved accuracy and robustness of the predictions and a better understanding of the underlying relationships between the input features and the disease.

Bio-inspired optimization algorithms offer several advantages over traditional optimization methods for leaf disease prediction. These algorithms can handle complex and non-linear problems, are robust to noise and uncertainty, and work in parallel. By incorporating bio-inspired optimization algorithms into the prediction process, ML models can be optimized to improve accuracy and robustness, leading to more accurate predictions of leaf diseases.

#### 10. Challenges in Leaf Disease Prediction

LDP using ML is a challenging task requiring a combination of plant pathology expertise, computer vision, and machine learning. The availability of sufficient and relevant data, class imbalance, feature extraction, overfitting, generalization, transfer learning, privacy, ethical concerns, computational resources, human expertise, and deployment and maintenance are some of the major challenges that researchers and practitioners need to address to improve the performance of ML models for leaf disease prediction.

1. **Data availability:** One of the biggest challenges in LDP using ML is sufficient and relevant data availability. Collecting high-quality images of diseased leaves and annotating them with the correct disease labels can be time-consuming and labor-intensive. Additionally, obtaining a diverse set of images that accurately represents the range of diseases and variations within a given species can be difficult.
2. **Class imbalance:** Another challenge is that leaf disease datasets often suffer from class imbalance, where the number of samples for certain disease classes is much lower than for others. This can lead to bias in the model, as it will likely perform better on the more commonly represented classes.
3. **Feature extraction:** Extracting meaningful features from leaf images that can be used for disease classification can be challenging. Leaves can exhibit a wide range of textures, colors, and patterns, and finding features relevant to the disease prediction task can be difficult.
4. **Overfitting:** Overfitting can be a problem when training ML models on small datasets, as the model may memorize the training data rather than generalize to new examples. This can lead to poor performance on unseen data.
5. **Generalization:** Generalization is another challenge, as models trained on one set of leaf images may not perform well on different species or under different environmental conditions.
6. **Transfer learning:** Transfer learning is a technique that can be used to overcome some of these challenges by leveraging knowledge learned from one task to improve performance on a different but related task. However, it can be difficult to find pre-trained models that are suitable for leaf disease prediction.
7. **Privacy and ethical concerns:** Collecting and using images of diseased plants raises privacy and ethical concerns. It is important to obtain the consent of the plant owners before collecting images and to ensure that the images are not used for malicious purposes.
8. **Computational resources:** Training ML models on large datasets can be computationally expensive, requiring powerful hardware and software. This can be a challenge for researchers and practitioners working with limited resources.
9. **Human expertise:** The field of LDP is interdisciplinary, requiring knowledge from plant pathology, computer vision, and machine learning. However, finding experts with expertise in all of these areas can be challenging.
10. **Deployment and maintenance:** Deploying ML models for LDP in the field can be challenging, requiring robust and reliable hardware and software. Additionally, maintaining and updating the models can be difficult, as the diseases and the symptoms may change over time.

#### 11. LDP for Yield Prediction

LDP is an important aspect of crop management, as it can greatly impact crop yield. By identifying and treating leaf diseases early on, farmers can prevent significant losses in yield and ultimately improve their bottom line. There are several methods for leaf disease prediction, including visual inspection, laboratory testing, and remote sensing.

- **Visual inspection** involves physically examining the leaves of a crop for signs of disease, such as discoloration, wilting, or spores. This method is inexpensive and easy to perform but can be time-consuming and may not detect all diseases.
- **Laboratory testing**, on the other hand, involves taking samples of the leaves and analyzing them in a lab to identify the presence of disease-causing pathogens. This method is more accurate than visual inspection but can be costly and time-consuming.

- Remote sensing, which uses satellite imagery and other technology to gather data on crop health from a distance, is a newer method for leaf disease prediction. This method is becoming increasingly popular due to its ability to quickly and accurately assess the health of large areas of crops.

Once leaf disease is detected, farmers can take steps to mitigate its impact on their crop, including applying pesticides or fertilizers, adjusting irrigation and other cultural practices, or even replanting if the damage is extensive. Early detection of leaf disease is key to preventing the spread and minimizing the impact on yield. Early detection is crucial to minimize the spread of disease, which can be costly and time-consuming to control once it is widespread. Moreover, by using ML algorithms to analyze data from remote sensing and other sources, farmers can predict the likelihood of leaf disease occurring in a particular area, allowing them to take preventative measures before the disease takes hold. The prediction of leaf disease can also be used to predict yield loss. By understanding the relationship between leaf disease and yield loss, farmers can make more informed decisions about crop management and ultimately improve their bottom line. The use of precision agriculture technologies, such as drones and sensor networks, can enable farmers to target their disease control efforts more precisely and efficiently. Overall, LDP is an important aspect of crop management that can greatly impact crop yield. By identifying and treating leaf diseases early on, farmers can prevent significant losses in yield and ultimately improve their bottom line.

It is worth noting that the LDP and yield prediction are closely related. LDP is an important aspect of crop management, and it can help farmers to make more informed decisions about planting, management, and harvesting. By detecting and diagnosing diseases early on, farmers can take steps to prevent or minimize the impact of diseases on their crops, leading to increased yields and improved food security. Additionally, LDP can help to reduce costs, minimize the environmental impact of agriculture, and improve communication and knowledge sharing within the agricultural community.

1. Early detection: LDP allows farmers to detect and diagnose diseases in their crops early on, which can prevent significant yield loss.
2. Targeted treatment: By identifying the specific disease affecting a crop, farmers can apply the most appropriate and effective treatment rather than a general approach.
3. Reduced costs: Early detection and targeted treatment can reduce the number of pesticides and other inputs needed, saving farmers money.
4. Increased yield: By preventing or minimizing the impact of diseases, LDP can lead to increased crop yields.
5. Better crop management: Understanding the disease risks in a field can help farmers make more informed decisions about planting and management practices.
6. Improved food security: LDP can increase food security by protecting crops from diseases.
7. Reduced environmental impact: By reducing the use of pesticides and other inputs, LDP can help minimize agriculture's environmental impact.
8. Increased efficiency: By automating the process of detecting and diagnosing diseases, LDP can save farmers time and increase efficiency.
9. Better communication: With leaf disease prediction, farmers can share information about disease risks with other farmers, researchers, and extension workers, improving communication and knowledge sharing within the agricultural community.
10. Improved breeding programs: LDP can inform breeding programs to develop crop varieties more resistant to specific diseases.

## 12. Conclusion

In this paper, survey on various techniques for Leaf Disease Detection is done. In the leaves, disease is the main reason for less production of vegetables and fruits. To overcome that issue using Deep Learning and Image Processing techniques. Different author used that techniques and different datasets for accurate result. After reviewing techniques we can conclude that there are number of ways by which we can detect disease of plants. Each has some advantages and limitations. ML algorithms can help identify new or emerging diseases to more accuracy.

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