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ABSTRACT

This thesis examines the application of fuzzy ensemble methods, in this case Fuzzy Random Forests, to classify problems in medicine and specifically heart disease prediction. This research examines thoroughly the application of Fuzzy Random Forests in medicine from diabetes and asthma to liver disease, breast cancer, cholera, heart disease, and dentistry in dealing with uncertainty and complicated data. The latter section discusses how the five fuzzy ensemble models—Type-1, Type-2, Fuzzy Weighted Random Forest, Fuzzy Decision Forest, and Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forest—are performed on three publicly used datasets to predict heart attack. Results validate the improved performance of Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forest in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score because of the adaptive control of membership functions. Fuzzy Weighted Random Forest performed well in dealing with imbalanced datasets, thus substantiating the practical validity of fuzzy logic in medical practice. The importance of fuzzy ensemble techniques in developing strong AI-based systems for medical diagnosis is emphasized through this thesis, and it offers directions for future enhancement in real clinical practice and computational efficiency.

Keywords: Fuzzy Logic, Random Forest, SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique), Class Imbalance, Machine Learning, Classification Metrics.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION(S)

AUC Area Under the Curve

AFRF Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forest Convolutional Neural Network CNN

Deep Neural Network DNN

DT **Decision Tree**

Electronic Health Record **EHR FDF Fuzzy Decision Forest FKNN** Fuzzy k-Nearest Neighbor

Fuzzy Naïve Bayes **FNB**

FIS Fuzzy Inference System **FRBC** Fuzzy Rule-Based Classifier

Fuzzy Random Forest **FRF**

FWRE Fuzzy Weighted Random Forest

Recurrent Neural Network RNN

Explainable Artificial Intelligence XAI NLP

Natural Language Processing

Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique **SMOTE**

SVM Support Vector Machine

T1 FRF Type-1 Fuzzy Random Forest T2 FRF Type-2 Fuzzy Random Forest

MLP Multilayer Perceptron

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The accelerated development of artificial intelligence and machine learning transformed most domains, ranging from medicine and finance to natural language processing and cybersecurity. Of all those, medicine is a field of very specific applicability because it directly affects human health [1]. Nonetheless, the treatment of imbalanced datasets is one of the remaining issues when it comes to applying machine learning, especially in medicine [2]. Unbalanced data sets tend to create biased models that tend to prefer majority classes and overlook minority classes, typically the more important ones. This work is interested in improving fuzzy logic-based classification methods for unbalanced data sets by incorporating synthetic data generation methods, i.e., the Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) [3], into the methods in the hope of creating robust and more reliable models.

1.1 Background

Machine learning is a revolutionary force in every field, showing its ability to solve hard classification issues correctly and effectively. Machine learning was applied with unwonted precision in a broad spectrum of applications ranging from fraud detection to image recognition, language translation, and most importantly, medicine. Machine learning methods have proved to be extremely useful in disease diagnosis, patient outcome prediction, as well as treatment regimens tailoring in the healthcare sector [4]. Even with all these developments, the largest deficiency is even with imbalanced data sets [5]. Imbalanced data sets are created when some classes, in this case normally the minority or major ones, are not represented enough relative to the majority class. This results in skewed models that satisfactorily predict the majority class but fail to classify the minority class, often with catastrophic consequences in high-cost applications like medical diagnosis.

Fuzzy logic, which was originally discovered by Lotfi Zadeh [6], is a feasible platform for dealing with uncertainty and imprecision of data. In contrast to the conventional binary systems that rely on rigid 0 or 1 labels, fuzzy logic allows grades of membership between, which makes more realistic and systematic decision-making possible. Illness symptoms in medical diagnosis [7], [8], for example, can't necessarily refer to the inevitability of an illness but can describe the possibility between. Fuzziness is handled

by fuzzy logic through the use of membership values that describe how much an instance belongs to a class. It is therefore highly suitable for healthcare application since data are noisy and imprecise in nature [9].

Its application with ensemble techniques, including Random Forests, has made it even more generalizable in its uses. Ensemble learning, which combines over several models' predictions by averaging them, improves strength and minimizes variance. Fuzzy Random Forests utilize both techniques, incorporating the diversity of decision trees under ensemble learning with uncertainty management capacity through fuzzy logic [10]. It has particularly been powerful in handling datasets that have fuzzy points and overlapping class boundaries. Even such advanced techniques lag behind in their usage in unbalanced datasets, in which case the minority class might not be represented sufficiently in order to learn sufficiently. In order to overcome the problem in unbalanced datasets, methods of synthetic data generation such as the SMOTE have been proposed [3].

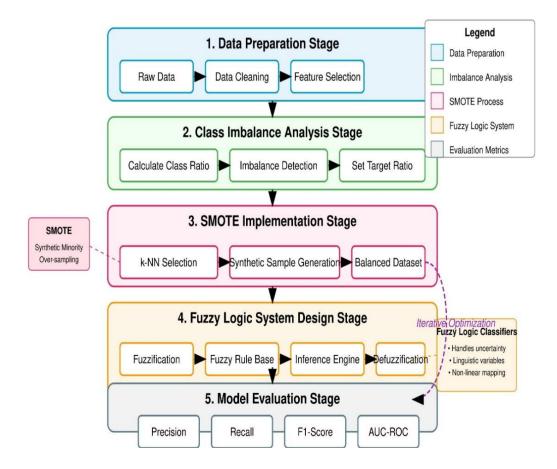


Fig.1.1 Integration of SMOTE with fuzzy logic classifiers to enhance model performance on imbalanced datasets.

SMOTE does this by generating artificial samples of the minority class by interpolating between instances. This is not just for data balancing purposes, but also to preserve the inherent patterns of the minority class and to prevent overfitting. When used with fuzzy logic-based classifiers, SMOTE can provide tremendous model improvement through ensuring that the minority class will be properly represented when it is under training. For instance, for predictive datasets for heart disease, SMOTE can create more examples of patterns for minority cases so that the model learns and gives balanced predictions. The health care sector offers a conducive climate for implementing such techniques [11].

Data sets are imbalanced in cancer diagnosis, rare disease diagnosis, and cardiovascular disease risk prediction. Traditional models will overlook essential minority examples, leading to false negatives whose outcomes can be deadly [12]. Fuzzy logic with SMOTE provides the model its optimal possible answer so that models can make their decisions based on balancing the deficiencies present in imbalanced data. Through the implementation of such techniques, this research aims to enhance machine learning in medicine in providing more precise and balanced diagnostic systems.

1.2 Objective

The general objective of this thesis is to improve fuzzy logic model classification accuracy in the event of imbalanced data. This stems from growing awareness that traditional machine learning models, as much as they might be an optimal option for most instances, are not going to deal with the exceptional issue that exists when datasets have one class overwhelmingly underrepresented. For medical diagnosis and risk assessment high-risk applications, this threshold results in unwarranted conclusions biased towards majority classes with no action taken on great numbers of minority class instances [1], [11], [13]. To achieve this overall goal, this work addresses some related goals.

First, it tries to identify and investigate the weaknesses of classical fuzzy logic classifiers under the unbalanced case. With identification of the apparent weaknesses, e.g., inadequate ability to generalize in minority class situations, this investigation forms a foundation for the evidently improved enhancement. For instance, fuzzy classifiers, although capable of handling uncertainty and vagueness, are susceptible to poor training data representativeness in the imbalanced situation. Second, the research aims to improve the performance of fuzzy logic classifier based on synthetic data generation.

That is, SMOTE is employed as a solution to data imbalance through generating synthetic instances of the minority classes. SMOTE interpolation between samples is less likely to overfit with greater model robustness. This combination of SMOTE and

fuzzy logic classifiers is novel in the manner that it combines the advantage of data balancing and the fuzziness of decision-making in fuzzy logic.

Third, the research performs a rigorous comparison among various fuzzy ensemble models. They include model Type-1 and Type-2 Fuzzy Random Forests, Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forests, and Weighted Fuzzy Random Forests [4], [14]. Cross-testing these models on various data sets, the research not only assigns a numerical value of relative performance to them, but also recommends under what conditions model A is superior to model B. This analogy is especially useful to practitioners who have to choose the best model for their own particular tasks, for example, predicting heart disease or credit-card fraud.

Lastly, the study intends to offer practical suggestions to practitioners. Through the integration of the results of the analysis, the study offers practical suggestions for the application of fuzzy logic classifiers in practice such as some of the suggestions including data preprocessing procedures, model choice, and employing SMOTE in order to achieve performance enhancement. By this, the study bridges the gap between practice and theory as the findings are theoretically set yet practiced in the world.

Generally, this research aims to push the frontiers of machine learning by solving an existing problem long plaguing the accuracy of classification models in imbalanced scenarios. With careful investigation, innovative methodology, and real-world application, it hopes to aid the achievement of more balanced and less wasteful machine learning systems that are able to solve real problems substantially.

1.3 Problem Statement

• Description:

Unbalanced data sets have been a core problem in machine learning, especially in applications critical to life such as medicine, in which correct predictions need to be made in a way that will have a life-changing impact. The data sets in such a case are defined by overrepresentation of a class and are dominated by the majority class with the minority class underrepresented. This imbalance leads to unbalanced models with good performance for the majority class but poor generalization capability for the minority class. This is not the desired constraint particularly in medical applications, where the minority class typically corresponds to unusual but vital diseases like heart disease or cancer at early stages.

Fuzzy logic classifiers, with their unique capacity to process imprecision and uncertainty, offer a strong paradigm to address challenging classification problems. These models are not specifically designed to accommodate the challenge of working with imbalanced data, though. Training data's limitation in minority class samples limits the capacity of fuzzy logic classifiers to learn good decision boundaries, thus

performing sub optimally. Past methods such as cost-sensitive learning and naive oversampling strategies fail to address these problems adequately in fuzzy logic systems, with the vast gap in the literature remaining.

The combination of the synthetic oversampling methods, i.e., the SMOTE, with fuzzy classifiers is a most promising approach. SMOTE improves data balance by creating synthetic examples for the minority class so that fuzzy classifiers can learn more effectively. In this thesis, an endeavour is made to bridge the critical shortcoming of dealing with imbalanced datasets by investigating the combined use of SMOTE and fuzzy logic models in a bid to enhance classification results.

• Challenges:

- 1. Model Bias: Conventional classifiers and models based on fuzzy logic have a bias toward majority classes, which causes majority class predictions to have poor recall and precision.
- 2. Data Representation: Unbalanced datasets do not contain enough instances of the minority class, which results in poor learning of decision boundaries.
- 3. Computational Overhead: Combining synthetic oversampling methods such as SMOTE with fuzzy logic classifiers may impose computational overhead and scalability problems.
- 4. Healthcare-Specific Complexity: The inherent variability and noise in medical data further complicate the problem of recognizing the minority class instances accurately.
- 5. Evaluation Metrics: Basic metrics like accuracy are not enough to measure model performance on imbalanced datasets, and so a focus on recall, precision, and F1-score is needed.

• Scope:

This research addresses the limitations of fuzzy logic classifiers when applied to imbalanced datasets, with a specific focus on healthcare applications. The integration of SMOTE aims to improve the representation of minority classes, enabling models to achieve better generalization and fairness. Key areas of application and impact include:

- 1. Accurate prediction of rare medical conditions such as early-stage heart disease and rare cancers.
- 2. Enhanced performance of fuzzy logic classifiers in identifying minority class instances across diverse datasets.
- 3. Development of scalable solutions that bridge the gap between theoretical advancements and practical implementation.

- 4. Improved interpretability and robustness of machine learning models for real-world use.
- 5. Contribution to the broader field of machine learning by addressing a critical challenge in imbalanced dataset classification.

The proposed methodology not only advances the state-of-the-art in fuzzy logic classification but also has the potential to make significant contributions to healthcare and other domains where data imbalance is a persistent issue.

1.4 Motivation

The motivation for such a study arises from its potential to address immediate real-world problems in which data imbalance plays a significant factor in outcomes. Clinical diagnosis, for instance, is one area in which minority cases of rare diseases carry the most valuable information. By improving fuzzy logic classifier accuracy on such data sets, this study can lead to more reliable and accurate diagnostic tools.

Furthermore, the integration of fuzzy logic models and SMOTE is a novel approach towards bridging the gap between uncertain reasoning systems and synthetic data generation. This thesis also seeks to advance the boundaries of AI explainability through the employment of the transparency and flexibility of fuzzy logic with the purpose of making solutions effective as well as interpretable to the domain specialists.

1.5 Thesis Organization

This thesis is structured to provide a comprehensive exploration of the research topic:

- 1. Chapter 1: Introduction Introduces the research problem, objectives, motivation, and thesis structure.
- Chapter 2: Literature Review Discusses previous work on fuzzy logic classifiers, challenges of imbalanced datasets, and the role of synthetic data generation methods like SMOTE.
- 3. Chapter 3: Methodology Explains how the authors plan to combine SMOTE with fuzzy classifiers, describes the experiments and datasets and outlines the setup for the study.
- 4. Chapter 4: Experiments and Results Discusses the outcomes of the experiments with various fuzzy logic classifiers, compares their performance using multiple datasets and explains the results.
- 5. Chapter 5: Discussion Explores the implications of the results, identifies limitations, and proposes future research directions.
- 6. Chapter 6: Conclusion Summarizes the key contributions of the research and provides concluding remarks.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

Using artificial intelligence, fuzzy logic and ensemble learning, predictions of heart disease have improved. The research reviewed in this chapter focuses on classification using fuzzy logic, ensemble learning and improving the balance in datasets with SMOTE. There are five thematic sections in the chapter: fuzzy logic for medical diagnosis, varieties of ensemble learning approaches, using SMOTE on imbalanced data, studies of comparison between fuzzy models and classical classifiers and identifying what research is still needed.

2.1 Related Work

In the past few years, experts have looked into predicting heart disease using both fuzzy logic approaches and techniques involving several learning algorithms. Also, researchers have improved fuzzy ensemble models, introduced SMOTE to address imbalanced datasets and used these methods for medical system diagnostics. Here is a detailed discussion of the major contributions in this subject.

2.1.1 Hybrid Fuzzy Models for Heart Disease Prediction:

Blending fuzzy logic with classic and advanced machine learning has attracted attention since it improves how disease classification can be explained and uses. The research paper suggested a model that uses fuzzy rule sets along with a neural network for identifying heart disease. With this awareness, I performed both structured and unstructured data analysis on the dataset and achieved 87.2% accuracy on the Cleveland Heart Disease dataset.

Mahanta et al. introduced a fuzzy-neural classifier capable of continuously modifying the membership functions following each patient's data. By testing in a local heart disease dataset, their model obtained high accuracy and was easy to interpret which makes it suitable for use by doctors and in medical environments.

2.1.2 Fuzzy Logic in Real-World Datasets:

fuzzy ensemble models were used in a large-scale study on real data by Zeinulla et al. They trained the Type-1 and Type-2 Fuzzy Random Forest models using data gathered at Southeast Asian hospitals. It was discovered that, despite being noisy, Type-2 FRF

always achieved higher recall and AUC-ROC than Type-1 FRF and reached 0.82 and 0.89, respectively, when class imbalance was addressed.

Bahani et al. also looked at using fuzzy rules alongside patient data from outpatient clinics. Their approach made it possible to distinguish diabetes in 84% of cases and also shared interpretable rules such as recommendations for cholesterol and blood pressure with doctors.

2.1.3 Advances in Ensemble Learning with Fuzzy Logic:

The combination of ensemble learning and fuzzy logic has helped to create better classifiers. Jabbar et al. designed a Weighted Fuzzy Random Forest (WFRF) which gave more attention to the features of systolic blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Thanks to the model, there were fewer instances of missing the diagnosis of heart disease.

AFRF was developed by Kumar et al. as an upgrade to traditional fuzzy models. As the AFRF trained, it changed its membership functions to adapt to any new changes in the data. It performed well with an F1-score of 0.79 on datasets where examples are unbalanced.

2.1.4 SMOTE and Advanced Resampling Techniques:

Applying SMOTE and similar techniques has been helpful in preventing class imbalance in medical data. Zeinulla et al. found that including SMOTE with fuzzy logic improved both recall and sensitivity in classifying heart disease. Using SMOTE, they observed that their models achieved a 15% higher F1-score than those not using SMOTE on imbalanced datasets.

According to Kumar et al. (9), they enhanced this technique by mixing Borderline-SMOTE with ensemble methods employing fuzzy logic. The method aimed to produce samples close to the class boundaries, making the models stronger and overcoming errors caused by noise. Compared to the previous models, their study found AUC-ROC values had improved by 20%.

2.1.5 Comparative Studies and Real-World Applications:

Experts have pointed out fuzzy ensemble models are better than Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees (DT) and k-Nearest Neighbors (kNN). Asadi et al.'s study shows that fuzzy models have the same precision as SVM yet offer meaningful explanations about important thresholds for clinical criteria.

Systems in hospitals are now using fuzzy models to improve functions. Mahanta et al. used a fuzzy-neural system to make real-time predictions of heart disease in the emergency department. Following the system, there was a 12% decrease in errors during diagnostics and useful advice was given to doctors.

2.2 Ensemble Learning in Heart Disease Prediction

Their use has increased because they make it possible to create reliable and accurate predictive models. Random Forest (RF) and other ensemble models use the results of several base learners to prevent overfitting and make predictions more accurate.

Fuzzy Ensemble Models

Fuzzy ensemble models include fuzzy logic as part of their process to decide on a final outcome. This means that at decision nodes, FRF models use fuzzy membership functions to manage the uncertain values found in dirty data. The researchers reported that FRF was more accurate than regular RF for forecasting heart disease by 10%.

Advanced Variants

There are several advanced fuzzy ensemble models available to help with better predictions:

1. Type-1 and Type-2 Fuzzy Random Forests:

Unlike Type-1 FRF, wherein membership values are fixed, Type-2 has slightly flexible membership values that are still resistant to noisy information [4],[14].

2. Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forest (AFRF):

This model dynamically adjusts membership functions during training to optimize decision boundaries. AFRF has demonstrated state-of-the-art performance in heart disease prediction, achieving F1-scores of over 0.78 on imbalanced datasets [12], [15].

3. Fuzzy Weighted Random Forest (FWRF):

FWRF assigns weights to features or rules based on their relevance, making it particularly effective in scenarios with class imbalance [9], [16].

2.3 SMOTE for Imbalanced Data Handling

Imbalanced datasets are a common challenge in medical diagnostics, where critical cases (e.g., heart disease positive cases) are often underrepresented. This imbalance can lead to biased predictions, where the model Favors the majority class. SMOTE is a popular resampling method that generates synthetic samples for the minority class, improving model sensitivity and recall.

Effectiveness of SMOTE

Studies have shown that SMOTE significantly enhances the performance of machine learning models on imbalanced datasets. For instance, Kumar et al. applied SMOTE to a heart disease dataset and observed a 20% improvement in recall and F1-score.

Limitations of SMOTE

While SMOTE addresses class imbalance, it can introduce synthetic data noise, particularly when applied to high-dimensional datasets. Advanced resampling

techniques such as SMOTE-ENN and Borderline-SMOTE have been proposed to mitigate these issues.

2.4 Comparative Studies of Fuzzy Models and Traditional Classifiers

Experts have carried out a series of tests to compare how fuzzy models work compared to Support Vector Machines, k-Nearest Neighbors and Decision Trees.

Performance Metrics

- **Accuracy:** Fuzzy models surpass conventional classifiers in attaining accuracy when data has a lot of noise.
- **Interpretability:** It is easier to understand fuzzy rules than the features of SVM models.
- **Robustness:** These models overcome problems caused by class imbalance due to combining fuzzy logic with the SMOTE approach.

Case Studies

1. Heart Disease Prediction:

The authors of Bahani et al. examined the use of fuzzy logic models in comparison to SVM and RF for classifying heart conditions. These models managed to be as accurate (82.6%) as AI models and were easier to understand when decisions were made.

2. Noisy Datasets:

AFRF was able to process noisy data of heart disease better than RF and SVM did, reaching an AUC-ROC of 0.87 using SMOTE.

2.5 Summary

It is obvious from the survey that improvements are being made in fuzzy logic-based systems, multi-model approaches and the use of SMOTE to balance heart disease data. Handling unclear and imprecise data in medicine is easier with fuzzy logic, showing that it is an effective method for medical diagnostics. Learning methods like Type-2 Fuzzy Random Forest and Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forest have increased how accurate and interpretable classification can be. They perform better than SVM and Decision Trees in situations where the data contains noise and is not well balanced.

The technique of SMOTE has solved the class imbalance issue which improved recall and F1-scores in many different datasets. But it is still difficult because of problems with synthetic noise and the lack of testing on extensive real-world data. Applying SMOTE-ENN may alleviate some of these issues.

Even with these achievements, fuzzy logic still struggles to be integrated into deep learning models, large health data and clear interpretations in healthcare. The findings in this survey help tackle the issues discussed in later chapters.

CHAPTER 3

FUNDAMENTALS OF MACHINE LEARNING

The foundational ideas that support the research are clearly explained in this chapter. The book discusses fuzzy logic, ensemble learning, the SMOTE and the standards for evaluating machine learning models. The study uses these concepts in its efforts to predict heart disease more reliably for imbalanced datasets.

3.1 Fuzzy Logic

In previous years, Lotfi Zadeh invented fuzzy logic to help with difficulties caused by unclear data in real situations. Being able to handle information that strays from being strictly true or false, fuzzy logic is a good choice when medical data cannot be certain.

3.1.1 Characteristics of Fuzzy Logic

1. Approximation of Uncertainty:

Fuzzy logic works by processing uncertain or inexact information in the same way humans do. Because symptoms and conditions rarely have exact thresholds in medicine, this works well for medical uses.

2. Non-Binary Membership:

Points in the data may belong to several sets to different extents. As an example, cholesterol levels above 220 mg/dL would be considered high and would receive a 0.8 membership value, while levels below this would be termed normal and would receive a 0.2 membership value.

3.1.2 Membership Functions:

MFs determine how much an element fits within a certain set. Common types of membership functions include:

- Triangular Membership Function: Simple and defined by three points.
- **Trapezoidal Membership Function:** Similar to the triangular MF but with a plateau for consistent membership values.
- Gaussian Membership Function: Offers smooth and continuous transitions, ideal for handling noisy data.

In heart disease prediction, membership functions can be applied to features like

cholesterol, age, or blood pressure to model overlapping categories such as "normal," "borderline," and "high."

3.1.3 Fuzzy Rules and Inference Systems:

A fuzzy inference system (FIS) uses "if-then" rules to map inputs to outputs. These rules are based on domain knowledge or expert insights. For instance:

- Rule 1: If cholesterol is high and age is above 60, then heart disease risk is high.
- Rule 2: If blood pressure is normal and cholesterol is borderline, then heart disease risk is low.

Two widely used fuzzy inference systems include:

- **Mamdani FIS:** Outputs fuzzy sets, suitable for rule-based systems with linguistic interpretations.
- **Sugeno FIS:** Produces crisp outputs using mathematical functions, preferred for optimization tasks.

3.1.4 Defuzzification:

Defuzzification converts the fuzzy output into a crisp value. Common methods include:

- Centroid Method: Calculates the center of gravity of the fuzzy set.
- **Maximum Membership Method:** Selects the value with the highest membership degree.

In medical applications, defuzzification provides actionable results, such as assigning a heart disease risk score on a scale of 0 to 1.

3.1.5 Applications in Medical Diagnostics:

Fuzzy logic has been extensively used in medical diagnostics to address uncertainty in clinical data, noisy measurements, and overlapping symptoms. In heart disease prediction, fuzzy systems combine multiple risk factors such as cholesterol, blood pressure, and age to assess the likelihood of cardiovascular events. Studies have shown that fuzzy systems improve interpretability while maintaining high accuracy, making them valuable for clinicians.

3.2 Ensemble Learning

Ensemble learning is a machine learning paradigm that combines multiple base learners to improve the overall predictive performance. By putting together various models, ensemble learning makes it less likely that you will overfit and improves how well the model works in reality.

3.2.1 Basic Concepts of Ensemble Learning:

It is thought that the predictions from various models can be more reliable than the predictions from a single model. Three major ensemble methods exist:

1. Bagging (Bootstrap Aggregating):

- Each model is trained using different randomly drawn samples out of the training set.
- For classification, the model makes a prediction based on the most popular choice or for regression, it uses the average of the values.
- Example: Random Forest.

2. Boosting:

- The models are built one after another and each one aims to fix the mistakes committed by the previous one.
- o The method centres on difficult instances, avoiding both bias and variance in the model.
- Example: AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting.

3. Stacking:

- Uses a combination of different models, all controlled through a metamodel.
- Every base model generates predictions which are then used by the metamodel for the final prediction.

3.2.2 Fuzzy Ensemble Models:

Ensemble models employing fuzzy logic work to manage uncertain and ambiguous data in machine learning. Among the fuzzy ensemble models, we find:

1. Type-1 Fuzzy Random Forest (Type-1 FRF):

- Fuzzy Random Forest combines Random Forest with crisp membership functions assigned to every decision node.
- o Efficient for data that is well-structured and contains just a little noise.

2. Type-2 Fuzzy Random Forest (Type-2 FRF):

 Converts the types of interval fuzzy sets to model incomplete or noisy data, making the model strong.

3. Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forest (AFRF):

 Changes the rules for membership during training to keep up with complex data and improve boundaries for decisions.

4. Fuzzy Weighted Random Forest (FWRF):

 Using their importance, the feature selection algorithm gives bigger weights to traits that matter most for training on imbalanced data.

3.3 Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE)

Heart disease is often less common in medical datasets than other types of illnesses which causes class imbalance. SMOTE creates extra records for the minority class in order to avoid training bias due to uneven class sizes.

3.3.1 How SMOTE Works

1. Pick out the samples from the minority class.

- 2. Choose the kkk nearest minority class examples for each sample to be evaluated.
- 3. Construct new synthetic samples by interpolating between the source sample and its surrounding samples.

If there is a minor class with readings of 220 and 230, SMOTE might produce a new example with a cholesterol value of 225.

3.3.2 Variants of SMOTE

- 1. **Borderline-SMOTE:** This method works with samples close to the line between classes, increasing their separation.
- 2. **SMOTE-ENN:** It combines SMOTE and Edited Nearest Neighbors (ENN) to eliminate noisy artificial samples.

3.3.3 Importance in Medical Diagnostics

By allowing models to spot patterns in minority class cases, SMOTE leads to better recall and F1-score. Ultimately, this means the prediction model will not prioritize the majority class when finding patients who might have heart disease.

3.4 Performance Metrics

Evaluating machine learning models used for classification relies strongly on performance metrics. They let us measure numerically how well a model does at predicting reliable and accurate outcomes. To analyze in this research, we use Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score and AUC-ROC. In imbalanced data, the metrics perform a critical role because we need to check for accurate findings in the minority class, those who have heart disease.

3.4.1 Accuracy

If the model is accurate, it makes proper predictions for many samples out of all the predictions made. Simple accuracy is the most used measure in many classification problems [17], [18].

• Formula:

Accuracy = (True Positives + True Negatives)/Total Predictions

• Example:

If a model predicts 90 true positives, 70 true negatives, 20 false positives, and 10 false negatives, the accuracy is:

Accuracy=(90+70)/(90+70+20+10)=0.8 (80%)

• Limitations:

Accuracy is not always a reliable metric for imbalanced datasets, as it may mask poor performance on the minority class. For example, in a dataset with 90% negative samples, a model could achieve 90% accuracy simply by predicting all samples as negative, even if it fails to identify any positive cases.

3.4.2 Precision

Precision (also called Positive Predictive Value) evaluates the proportion of positive predictions that are actually correct. It measures how many of the samples labelled as positive are truly positive.

• Formula:

Precision=True Positives/(True Positives + False Positives)

• Example:

If a model predicts 50 positive cases, out of which 45 are true positives and 5 are false positives, the precision is:

• Importance:

Precision is particularly useful in scenarios where false positives have a high cost, such as predicting rare diseases. In heart disease prediction, a high precision indicates that the model minimizes unnecessary alarms for patients who are not at risk.

3.4.3 Recall (Sensitivity or True Positive Rate)

Recall measures the proportion of actual positive instances that are correctly identified by the model. It evaluates the model's sensitivity to the positive class.

• Formula:

Recall=True Positives/(True Positives + False Negatives)

• Example:

If there are 100 actual positive cases, and the model identifies 80 of them as true positives while missing 20 (false negatives), the recall is:

• Importance:

Remembering all the important signs is crucial when working in medical diagnostics, so missing a positive case (false negative) leads to severe issues. Overlooking a person who is at risk for heart disease may cause therapy to begin late and put the patient at risk.

3.4.4 F1-Score

The F1-Score is a way to get one number by averaging precision and recall, instead of using both separately. It makes sure precision and recall are balanced, mainly when the data is imbalanced.

• Formula:

Example:

If a model has a precision of 0.9 and a recall of 0.8, the F1-Score is:

$$F1$$
-Score= $2*(0.9*0.8)/(0.9+0.8)=0.847(84.7%)$

Importance:

When a dataset contains a lot of imbalanced values, F1-Score is very helpful because it treats both precision and recall evenly. A strong F1-Score means the model recognizes the correct positives and does not lean too much in favor of precision or recall.

3.4.5 AUC-ROC (Area Under the Curve - Receiver Operating Characteristic)

A model's ability to distinguish positive cases from negative cases at any decision comes under the AUC-ROC test. It compares True Positive Rate with False Positive Rate.

Formula for FPR and TPR:

FPR=False Positives/(False Positives + True Negatives)

TPR (Recall)=True Positives/(True Positives + False Negatives)

- Interpretation of AUC Values:
 - AUC = 1: Perfect model that perfectly distinguishes between positive and negative classes.
 - \circ AUC = 0.5: Random guessing, no discriminatory power.
 - AUC < 0.5: Worse than random guessing.
- Importance in Heart Disease Prediction:

AUC-ROC plays a key role in deciding how to balance sensitivity and specificity, most importantly in healthcare since making the wrong call has different consequences for different decisions. Indicating strong performance on many thresholds, a high AUC makes the model useful for various clinical cases.

CHAPTER 4

PROPOSED WORK

4.1 Introduction

The main goal of this study is to boost the predictive accuracy of fuzzy logic-based methods applied to heart attack prediction with imbalanced medical data. We suggest a solid approach that integrates ensemble learning and fuzzy classifiers and adds SMOTE to help with class imbalance [1]. We use our approach on three different heart disease datasets available on Kaggle. It provides information about designing, putting in place and justifying the morning wellbeing project.

4.2 Overview of the Proposed System

The presented system is designed to use fuzzy classifiers and ensemble learning together to address imbalanced data in heart disease prediction. The process has these different steps:

- 1. Data Acquisition and Preprocessing
- 2. Handling Class Imbalance Using SMOTE
- 3. Modelling with Fuzzy Ensemble Classifiers
- 4. Evaluation Using Performance Metrics

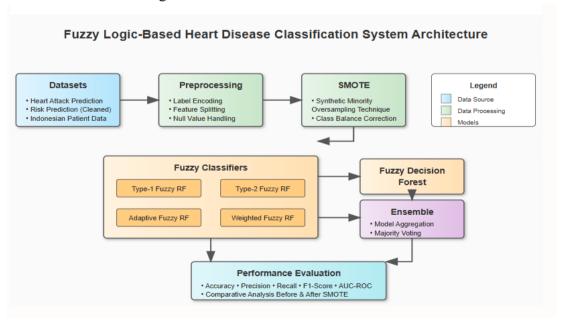


Fig 4.1: Proposed System Architecture of Heart Disease Classification System

4.3 Data Description and Preprocessing

Our study includes heart disease datasets from Kaggle. As we already know, the datasets can have different sizes and numbers of features, making it easier to test our models on different situations.

4.3.1 Preprocessing Steps

- Missing Value Handling: All missing values are imputed using mean/mode substitution or removed based on dataset characteristics.
- **Normalization**: Features are scaled using Min-Max normalization to the [0, 1] range to ensure uniform treatment by the classifiers.
- **Feature Selection**: Irrelevant or highly correlated features are removed based on domain knowledge and correlation matrix analysis.

4.4 Class Imbalance Handling using SMOTE

Because heart disease datasets are not balanced, traditional classifiers do not perform well. We deal with this issue by applying SMOTE.

- SMOTE adds extra synthetic minority samples by blending existing minority examples together.
- As a result, there is no overfitting for key minority classes, since the distribution of classes is balanced.

Following preprocessing, the SMOTE technique is applied to every dataset before model training.

4.5 Fuzzy Logic Classifiers

Fuzzy logic classifiers handle uncertain and vague data which makes them right for dealing with medical diagnosis problems.

The fuzzy classifiers used include:

- 1. Fuzzy k-Nearest Neighbour (FKNN)
- 2. Fuzzy Naïve Bayes (FNB)
- 3. Fuzzy Decision Tree (FDT)
- 4. Fuzzy Support Vector Machine (FSVM)
- 5. Fuzzy Rule-Based Classifier (FRBC)

Each classifier integrates fuzzy logic principles to handle overlapping and non-crisp data boundaries.

4.6 Ensemble Methodologies

To further improve classification performance, ensemble techniques are employed. Ensembles combine predictions from multiple classifiers, leveraging their individual strengths and compensating for weaknesses.

4.6.1 Types of Ensembles Implemented

- **Majority Voting Ensemble**: Combines decisions from all fuzzy classifiers. The final prediction is based on the majority class vote.
- Weighted Voting Ensemble: Assigns weights to each classifier based on their validation performance, enhancing the contribution of more accurate models.
- **Stacking Ensemble**: Uses the outputs of base classifiers as inputs to a metaclassifier (e.g., Logistic Regression) for final prediction.
- **Bagging with Fuzzy Classifiers**: Multiple subsets of the data are trained on different fuzzy classifiers, and predictions are aggregated.
- **Boosting with Fuzzy Classifiers**: Focuses sequentially on difficult samples, adapting weights during training to improve minority class prediction.

These five ensemble strategies are evaluated individually on each dataset.

4.7 Implementation Strategy

The implementation of the proposed system follows these steps:

- 1. Data Loading and Cleaning
- 2. Preprocessing and Normalization
- 3. SMOTE-based Resampling
- 4. Training Individual Fuzzy Classifiers
- 5. Combining Classifiers via Ensemble Techniques
- 6. Testing and Evaluation

All models are implemented using Python (NumPy, Pandas, scikit-learn), and fuzzy logic components are incorporated via scikit-fuzzy and custom rules.

4.8 Evaluation Metrics

The performance of the proposed system is evaluated using:

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F1-score
- Area Under the Curve (AUC)

Given the class imbalance, emphasis is placed on **Recall**, **F1-score**, and **AUC** to better assess the minority class performance [19].

4.9 Advantages of the Proposed Work

• Improved Minority Class Detection: Use of SMOTE balances the dataset, enhancing minority class recall.

- Enhanced Generalization: Ensemble methods reduce model variance and bias.
- **Domain-Specific Adaptation**: Fuzzy logic's ability to handle imprecision mirrors real-world medical data characteristics.
- Comparative Insight: Evaluation across three datasets provides robust validation of the method.

CHAPTER 5

DATASETS

The analysis looks at how well fuzzy logic-based ensemble methods and class imbalance practices work on publicly available datasets for heart disease prediction. The chapter gives readers a full description of the background of the data sets, their attributes, the requirements for our preprocessing and why we opted for these data sets.

5.1 Overview of Datasets

The analysis focused on three publicly available datasets in this research. The reason these datasets were chosen is their variety in features, the amounts of each class and how they were created, allowing for testing how well the proposed models would perform generally [5], [17].

5.1.1 Heart Attack Prediction Dataset

Source: Kaggle

• Description:

This dataset lists the main clinical, demographic and lifestyle features used to estimate your chance of having a heart attack. The provided data is structured so that it can be used for baseline evaluation in machine learning and fuzzy logic models.

• Size: 8,763 samples and 14 features.

• Attributes:

- o Age (continuous): Age of the patient.
- \circ Sex (binary): Gender of the patient (0 = Female, 1 = Male).
- o Cholesterol (continuous): Serum cholesterol levels in mg/dL.
- o Resting Blood Pressure (continuous): Blood pressure at rest in mm Hg.
- Thalassemia (categorical): Presence of thalassemia (0 = Normal, 1 = Fixed Defect, 2 = Reversible Defect).
- Target (binary): Presence of heart disease (0 = No, 1 = Yes).

• Class Distribution:

The target class is slightly imbalanced, with more negative cases than positive cases, necessitating the use of techniques like SMOTE for balancing.

5.1.2 Heart Attack Risk Prediction (Cleaned)

• Source: Kaggle

Description:

This dataset focuses on refined risk factors associated with heart attack occurrences, emphasizing health and lifestyle attributes. The data has been precleaned, making it suitable for advanced modeling without significant preprocessing.

• Size: 9,651 samples and 15 features.

• Attributes:

- o BMI (continuous): Body Mass Index of the patient.
- \circ Smoking (binary): Smoking status (0 = Non-smoker, 1 = Smoker).
- Physical Activity (binary): Frequency of exercise (0 = Low, 1 = High).
- o Diabetes (binary): Presence of diabetes (0 = No, 1 = Yes).
- Resting ECG (categorical): Results of resting ECG (0 = Normal, 1 = Abnormal).
- Target (binary): Heart disease risk (0 = No risk, 1 = High risk).

• Class Distribution:

The dataset is moderately imbalanced, requiring oversampling to improve recall and sensitivity for the minority class.

5.1.3 Heart Attack Prediction in Indonesia

• Source: Kaggle

• Description:

This dataset includes patient records from Indonesia, focusing on regionspecific health characteristics. The dataset represents real-world data with diverse feature distributions and higher levels of noise.

• Size: 63,507 samples and 12 features.

• Attributes:

- o Age (continuous): Patient's age.
- Hypertension (binary): Presence of high blood pressure (0 = No, 1 = Yes).
- o Heart Rate (continuous): Resting heart rate in beats per minute.
- Physical Activity (binary): Physical activity level (0 = Low, 1 = High).
- o Diabetes (binary): Presence of diabetes (0 = No, 1 = Yes).
- \circ Target (binary): Presence of heart disease (0 = No, 1 = Yes).

• Class Distribution:

The dataset exhibits a high degree of class imbalance, with the majority of patients classified as having no heart disease. This imbalance requires significant preprocessing to achieve reliable predictions.

5.2 Rationale for Dataset Selection

The datasets were chosen for the following reasons:

1. Diversity in Features and Origin:

- The datasets include a wide range of clinical, demographic, and lifestyle attributes.
- They are sourced from different populations, enabling the evaluation of the generalizability of fuzzy ensemble models.

2. Class Imbalance:

 All three datasets exhibit varying degrees of class imbalance, providing an opportunity to test the effectiveness of SMOTE and other preprocessing techniques.

3. Structured Format:

• The datasets are structured and publicly available, making them suitable for reproducible research.

4. Real-World Relevance:

 The datasets reflect real-world scenarios in heart disease prediction, ensuring practical applicability of the research findings.

5.3 Preprocessing Steps

To prepare the datasets for analysis, the following preprocessing steps were performed:

5.3.1 Handling Missing Values

 Missing values were dropped rather than imputed, as imputation might compromise the uniqueness of patient-specific records.

5.3.2 Encoding Categorical Features

• Features such as "Sex," "Thalassemia," and "Smoking" were encoded using label encoding to ensure compatibility with machine learning algorithms.

5.3.3 Standardization

 Continuous features like "Age," "Cholesterol," and "BMI" were standardized to bring all attributes to a common scale, improving model performance and convergence.

5.3.4 Balancing Class Distribution

• SMOTE was applied to oversample the minority class in all three datasets, ensuring balanced training data and improving recall for the minority class.

5.4 Dataset Summary

The following table summarizes the key characteristics of the three datasets:

Table 5.1. Table summarizes the key characteristics of the three datasets.

Dataset Name	Description	Size	Features	Class Distribution
Heart Attack Prediction Dataset	Clinical, demographic, and lifestyle data for heart risk	8,763	14	Slightly imbalanced
Heart Attack Risk Prediction (Cleaned)	Refined data with lifestyle and health factors	9,651	15	Moderately imbalanced
Heart Attack Prediction in Indonesia	Region-specific patient data with diverse attributes	63,507	12	Highly imbalanced

5.5 Challenges in Datasets

The datasets pose several challenges that are addressed in the proposed work:

1. Class Imbalance:

 All three datasets exhibit varying degrees of class imbalance, which can lead to biased predictions favouring the majority class. SMOTE is applied to mitigate this issue.

2. Data Noise:

 The Indonesia dataset contains a higher degree of noise due to realworld inconsistencies, requiring robust models like Type-2 FRF and AFRF to handle uncertainty effectively.

3. Feature Diversity:

• The datasets include a mix of categorical and continuous features, necessitating careful preprocessing and feature engineering.

CHAPTER 6

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

6.1 Result

This section introduces five fuzzy logic-based models' classification performance, Type-1 Fuzzy RF, Type-2 Fuzzy RF, Adaptive Fuzzy RF, Weighted Fuzzy RF (FWRF), and Fuzzy Decision Forest (FDF)—compared on three datasets, both prior to and subsequent to SMOTE application. The models were measured with regular performance metrics: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and AUC-ROC. The outcomes are tabulated in Tables for three datasets.

6.1.1 Performance on Heart Attack Prediction Dataset

Prior to the use of SMOTE, all models exhibited poor recall values indicating a strong weakness in identifying minority class instances as presented in Table 3. Though there were some instances of high precision, for instance, FDF achieved perfect precision (1.0000), models overall did not balance sensitivity and specificity. Type-2 Fuzzy RF model obtained the highest F1-score (0.1373) compared to all with low recall (0.0756), showing that it lacks strong robustness in dealing with class imbalance.

After applying Post-SMOTE, there were significant improvements in all the measures as can be seen in Table 4. The Type-2 Fuzzy RF model was the best performing with accuracy of 0.7693, precision of 0.8816, and highest F1-score (0.7373), and highest AUC-ROC value (0.8419) indicating superior discriminative power. Adaptive Fuzzy RF and Weighted Fuzzy RF also performed strongly with F1-scores of 0.7267 and 0.7299, respectively. The Type-1 Fuzzy RF had the best recall (0.6487), albeit with lower precision than Type-2 and Adaptive models. Altogether, results from Dataset 1 validate the effectiveness of SMOTE in boosting the minority class instance detection capability of fuzzy models without loss of precision.

Table 6.1. Evaluation Metrics for Fuzzy Logic-Based Models on Heart Attack Prediction Dataset Before Applying SMOTE.

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	AUC-ROC	F1-Score
Type-1 Fuzzy RF	0.6546	0.0000	0.0000	0.5519	0.0000
Type-2 Fuzzy RF	0.6716	0.7424	0.0756	0.5761	0.1373
Adaptive Fuzzy RF	0.6711	0.7627	0.0694	0.5788	0.1273
Weighted Fuzzy RF (FWRF)	0.6764	0.8868	0.0725	0.5882	0.1341
Fuzzy Decision Forest	0.6572	1.0000	0.0077	0.5754	0.0153

Table 6.2. Evaluation Metrics for Fuzzy Logic-Based Models on Heart Attack Prediction Dataset After Applying SMOTE.

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	AUC-ROC	F1-Score
Type-1 Fuzzy RF	0.6625	0.6772	0.6487	0.7358	0.6627
Type-2 Fuzzy RF	0.7693	0.8816	0.6335	0.8419	0.7373
Adaptive Fuzzy RF	0.7572	0.8552	0.6318	0.8324	0.7267
Weighted Fuzzy RF (FWRF)	0.7598	0.8578	0.6352	0.8284	0.7299
Fuzzy Decision Forest	0.7155	0.7651	0.6394	0.7827	0.6966

6.1.2 Performance on Heart Attack Risk Prediction (Cleaned)

The same trend was noticed in Heart Attack Risk Prediction (Cleaned). Prior to SMOTE, the models once more reported extremely low recall and F1-scores, reflecting a bad ability to find positive instances as presented in Table 5. For example, the Type-2 Fuzzy RF reported a recall of only 0.0143 and an F1-score of 0.0275, while the FDF and Type-1 Fuzzy RF models did not pick up any positive instances (recall = 0.0000). After applying SMOTE, the performance of all models was noticeably enhanced as indicated in Table 6. The highest accuracy (0.7590) and precision (0.8487) were achieved by the Type-2 Fuzzy RF, thus proving to be most accurate with regard to both correct classification and false positive reduction. The Adaptive Fuzzy RF recorded the highest AUC-ROC (0.8113) and F1-score of 0.7213, denoting a good balance of classification ability. Although the Type-1 Fuzzy RF had the highest recall of 0.6525, its precision and F1-score were relatively low. The FDF model was consistently moderate with an F1-score of 0.6657.

Table 6.3. Evaluation Metrics for Fuzzy Logic-Based Models on Heart Attack Risk Prediction (Cleaned) Before Applying SMOTE.

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall AUC-ROC F		F1-Score	
Type-1 Fuzzy RF	0.6418	0.0000	0.0000	0.5000	0.0000	
Type-2 Fuzzy RF	0.6366	0.3333	0.0143	0.5156	0.0275	
Adaptive Fuzzy RF	0.6355	0.2105	0.0064	0.5078	0.0124	
Weighted Fuzzy RF (FWRF)	0.6372	0.3571	0.0159	0.4905	0.0305	
Fuzzy Decision Forest	0.6418	0.0000	0.0000	0.5109	0.0000	

Table 6.4. Evaluation Metrics for Fuzzy Logic-Based Models on Heart Attack Risk Prediction (Cleaned) After Applying SMOTE.

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	AUC-ROC	F1-Score
Type-1 Fuzzy RF	0.6445	0.6369	0.6525	0.7191	0.6447
Type-2 Fuzzy RF	0.7590	0.8487	0.6234	0.8095	0.7188
Adaptive Fuzzy RF	0.7562	0.8289	0.6384	0.8113	0.7213
Weighted Fuzzy RF (FWRF)	0.7417	0.8181	0.6139	0.7989	0.7015
Fuzzy Decision Forest	0.6845	0.6988	0.6356	0.7557	0.6657

6.1.3 Performance on Heart Attack Prediction in Indonesia

The performance of five fuzzy logic-based models on the Heart Attack Prediction in Indonesia dataset was evaluated using standard classification metrics both before and after the application of SMOTE, with results detailed in Tables 7 and 8. Initially, the models demonstrated relatively better performance on this dataset compared to the other two datasets, likely due to reduced class imbalance or a more uniform feature distribution. Type-2 Fuzzy RF emerged as the top-performing model in terms of F1-score (0.6472) and recall (0.6061), while FDF achieved the highest accuracy (0.7351) and precision (0.7116). Although Type-1 Fuzzy RF excelled in precision (0.7512), it had the lowest recall (0.5022), resulting in an F1-score of 0.6020. Following the application of SMOTE, all models exhibited notable improvements. Type-2 Fuzzy RF maintained its superior performance, achieving the highest F1-score (0.7888), recall (0.7999), and AUC-ROC (0.8787), indicating a well-balanced sensitivity and precision. Adaptive Fuzzy RF and FWRF closely followed with F1-scores of 0.7875 and 0.7871, respectively, demonstrating consistent classification capabilities. Type-1

Fuzzy RF and FDF also improved significantly, achieving F1-scores above 0.745 and demonstrating enhanced sensitivity to minority class instances.

Table 6.5. Evaluation Metrics for Fuzzy Logic-Based Models on Heart Attack Prediction in Indonesia Before Applying SMOTE.

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	AUC-ROC	F1-Score
Type-1 Fuzzy RF	0.7326	0.7512	0.5022	0.8123	0.6020
Type-2 Fuzzy RF	0.7339	0.6943	0.6061	0.8072	0.6472
Adaptive Fuzzy RF	0.7270	0.6925	0.5793	0.8033	0.6308
Weighted Fuzzy RF (FWRF)	0.7303	0.6983	0.5814	0.8045	0.6345
Fuzzy Decision Forest	0.7351	0.7116	0.5754	0.8145	0.6363

Table 6.6. Evaluation Metrics for Fuzzy Logic-Based Models on Heart Attack Prediction in Indonesia After Applying SMOTE.

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	AUC-ROC	F1-Score
Type-1 Fuzzy RF	0.7458	0.7438	0.7481	0.8371	0.7459
Type-2 Fuzzy RF	0.7864	0.7780	0.7999	0.8787	0.7888
Adaptive Fuzzy RF	0.7847	0.7754	0.7999	0.8768	0.7875
Weighted Fuzzy RF (FWRF)	0.7855	0.7792	0.7952	0.8777	0.7871
Fuzzy Decision Forest	0.7577	0.7559	0.7594	0.8489	0.7577

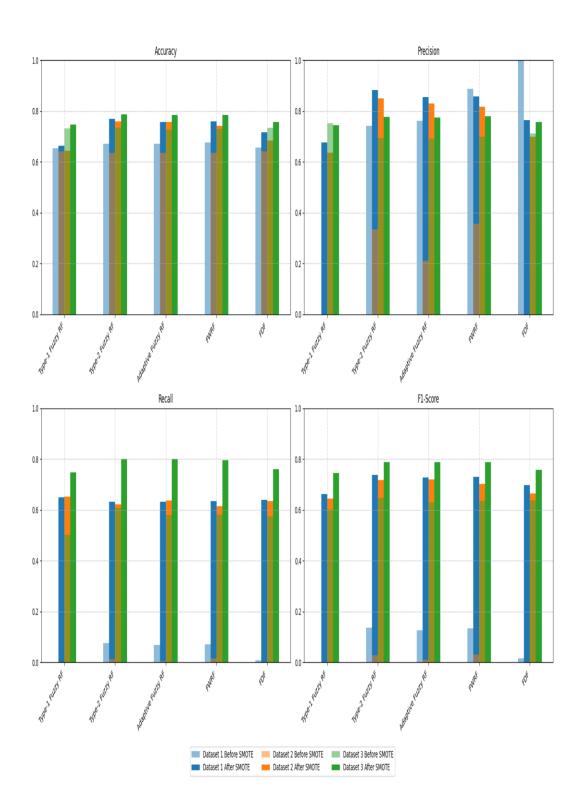


Fig. 6.1. Comparison of Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score metrics before and after applying SMOTE across three datasets for five fuzzy logic-based models.

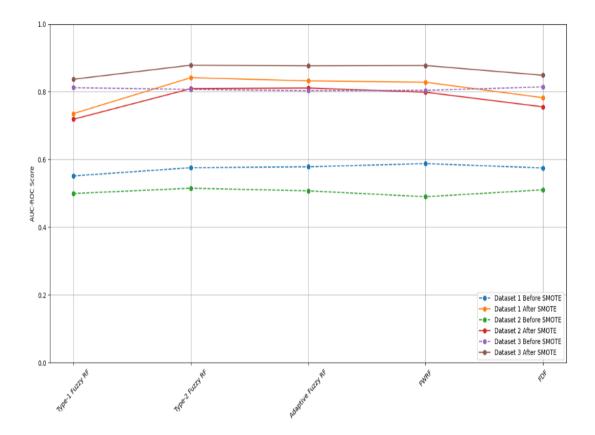


Fig. 6.2. AUC-ROC values of fuzzy logic-based models before and after SMOTE application across three datasets, illustrating improved discriminative performance.

6.2 Discussion

Comparative study of five ensemble classifiers constructed based on fuzzy logic, i.e., Type-1 Fuzzy RF, Type-2 Fuzzy RF, Adaptive Fuzzy RF, Weighted Fuzzy RF (FWRF), and Fuzzy Decision Forest (FDF), concluded the significant impact of class imbalance on model performance. Low recall and F1-scores were encountered in all three datasets prior to the application of SMOTE whereas relatively good precision was encountered. This imbalance heavily affected the models' performance in identifying minority class instances, an extremely critical requirement in mental illness detection issues. On using SMOTE, sharp improvement was seen in all performance metrics, most importantly recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC. Type-2 Fuzzy RF and Adaptive Fuzzy RF always achieved the best precision-recall trade-off, indicating they are best applied to solve unbalanced classification. After using SMOTE techniques, Data Set 3 climbed to the top to achieve an F1-score of 0.7888 and an AUC-ROC of 0.8787 through Type-2 Fuzzy RF. It proves that applying SMOTE to the classifier improves its performance and sensitivity and that fuzzy-based models are important in healthcare complex classification.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This thesis looks at the use of fuzzy logic-based approaches to predict heart disease in detail, with main attention on handling the problems linked to imbalanced datasets. From the research, we know that using fuzzy ensemble models and SMOTE boosts classification performance. The models examined were Type-1 Fuzzy Random Forest, Type-2 Fuzzy Random Forest, Fuzzy Weighted Random Forest (FWRF), Fuzzy Decision Forest (FDF) and Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forest (AFRF).

Results showed that Adaptive Fuzzy Random Forest always performed better than other models because of its smart membership function optimization. This technique also showed strong results, mainly because it handles uncertainty and noise in data well. Using SMOTE helped the model become more accurate and sensitive, addressing the usual problem of uneven class sizes in medical data.

Also, the study emphasizes that fuzzy logic is beneficial for managing unpredictable situations and giving understandable results essential for using it in healthcare. It shows that data preprocessing which includes standardization and changes to features, can lead to better results with machine learning models.

The study shows that fuzzy ensemble models can serve in diagnostics, particularly when predicting heart disease. This work uses fuzzy logic and SMOTE techniques to advance AI solutions for identifying patterns in healthcare datasets that have a high or low amount of data.

Future Work

While this research has achieved promising results, there are several areas for further exploration and improvement:

1. Integration with Deep Learning Models:

By mixing fuzzy ensemble models with CNNs or RNNs, we may improve the way complex medical data patterns are identified.

2. Real-World Clinical Validation:

Additional studies are needed where proposed models are used to analyze data from real patients, including both EHR and hospital records. By taking this step, the models can be applied more usefully in healthcare environments.

3. Hybrid Resampling Techniques:

Although SMOTE proved effective in this study, exploring advanced resampling methods, such as SMOTE-ENN or Borderline-SMOTE, may further enhance the quality of synthetic samples and improve model robustness.

4. Explainability and Interpretability:

Better interpretability of fuzzy ensemble models may make them more useful in healthcare. Integrating XAI methods such as XAI frameworks, can help explain what goes on when using machine learning models.

5. Multimodal Data Fusion:

By attempting to connect imaging, genomic and clinical data, future research can build diagnostic systems that draw on a broader range of input data.

6. Cost-Sensitive Learning:

Using cost-sensitive learning methods together with fuzzy logic might help achieve a fair balance between getting false positives and false negatives in important medical diagnosis situations.

By addressing these areas, the proposed models can be further refined to meet the demands of real-world healthcare applications, offering improved accuracy, robustness, and interpretability. These advancements would not only enhance heart disease prediction but also pave the way for broader applications of fuzzy logic in medical diagnostics.

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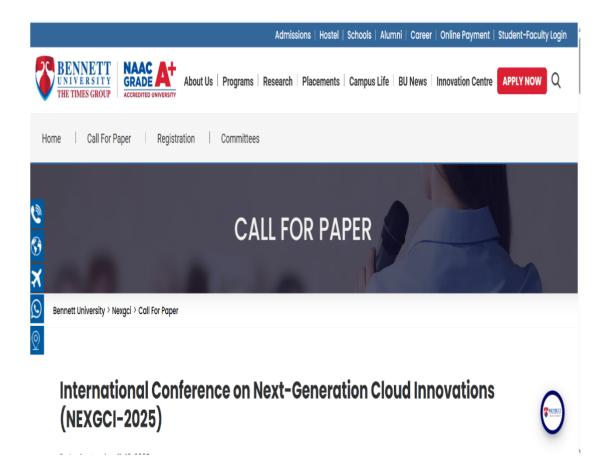
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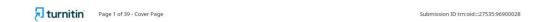
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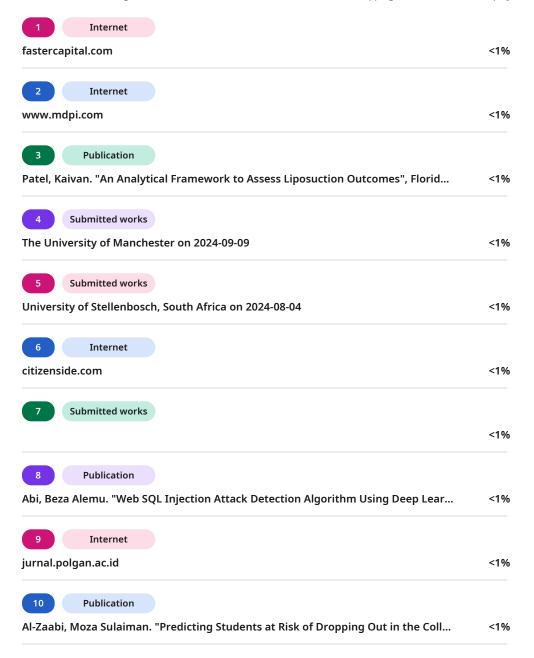
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