



# Prediction of Chronic Kidney Disease Using Random Forest Machine Learning Algorithm

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*Abstract: The healthcare industry is producing massive amounts of data which need to be mine to discover hidden information for effective prediction, exploration, diagnosis and decision making. Machine learning techniques can help and provides medication to handle this circumstances. Moreover, Chronic Kidney Disease prediction is one of the most central problems in medical decision making because it is one of the leading cause of death. So, automated tool for early prediction of this disease will be useful to cure. In this study, the experiments were conducted for the prediction task of Chronic Kidney Disease obtained from UCI Machine Learning repository using the six machine learning algorithms, namely: Random Forest (RF) classifiers, Sequential Minimal Optimization (SMO), NaiveBayes, Radial Basis Function (RBF) and Multilayer Perceptron Classifier (MLPC) and SimpleLogistic (SLG).The feature selected is used for training and testing of each classifier individually with ten-fold cross validation. The results obtained show that the RF classifier outperforms other classifiers in terms of Area under the ROC curve (AUC), accuracy and MCC with values 1.0, 1.0 and 1.0 respectively.*

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## I. Introduction

Kidneys are a pair of organs positioned toward the lower back of the abdomen. Its work is to purify blood by removing toxins material from the body using bladder through urination. When kidneys incapable to filter waste then body becomes encumbered with toxins, cause kidney failure and consequently can lead to death Kidney problems can be categorized to either acute or chronic. Chronic kidney disease comprises circumstances that harm kidneys and reduce its ability to keep us healthy. If kidney disease gets worse, wastes can build to high levels in our blood and may cause difficulties like high blood pressure, anaemia (low blood count), weak bones, poor nutritional health and nerve damage. Also, kidney disease increases the risk of having heart and blood vessel disease. Chronic kidney disease may be caused by diabetes, high blood pressure, hypertension, Coronary artery Disease, lupus, Anaemia, Bacteria and albumin in urine, complications from some medications, Deficiency of Sodium and Potassium in blood and Family history of kidney disease and many more. Early revealing and treatment can often keep chronic kidney disease from getting worse. When kidney disease progresses, it may eventually lead to kidney failure, which requires dialysis or a kidney transplant to maintain life.

Machine Learning is a growing field concerned with the study of enormous and several variable data and grown from the study of pattern recognition and computational learning theory in artificial intelligence, having computational methods, algorithms and techniques for analysis and prediction. In Medical Science's viewpoint, Machine Learning techniques have showed success in prediction and diagnosis of numerous critical diseases. In this strategy some set of features are used for the representation of every instance in any dataset is used. Furthermore, human professionals and experts are limited in finding hidden pattern from data. Hence, the alternative is to use computational methods to investigate the raw data and mine exciting information for the decision-maker.

**DSVGK Kaladhar, Krishna Apparao Rayavarapu and Varahalarao Vadlapudi** et al [1] applied machine learning techniques to predict kidney stones by using C4.5, Random forest (93%), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Logistic, NN and Naive Bayes machine learning algorithms which becomes

useful in automating the treatment of kidney stones diseases. **J.Van Eyck, J.Ramon, F.Guiza, G.Meyfroidt, M.Bruynooghe, G.Van den Berghe, K.U.Leuven et al** [2] used data mining techniques for predicting acute kidney injury after elective cardiac surgery by using Gaussian process & machine learning techniques. **K.R.Lakshmi, Y.Nagesh and M.VeeraKrishna et al** [3] compared the performance of Artificial Neural Networks, Decision Tree and Logical Regression for Kidney dialysis survivability. They found ANN outperforming as compared to rest. **Morteza Khavanin Zadeh, Mohammad Rezapour, and Mohammad Mehdi Sepehri et al** [4] described the supervised techniques to predict the early risk of AVF failure in patients. They used classification methodologies to predict probability of difficulty in new haemodialysis patients who are referred by nephrologists to AVF surgery. **Abeer Y. Al-Hyari et al** [5].used and compared the performance of Artificial Neural Network (NN), Decision Tree (DT) and Naïve Bayes (NB) to predict chronic kidney disease. **Xudong Song, Zhanzhi Qiu, Jianwei Mu et al** [6] proposed a new variable precision rough set decision tree classification algorithm based on weighted limit number explicit region. **N. SRIRAAM, V. NATASHA and H. KAUR et al** [7].used data mining approach of parametric evaluation to advance the treatment of kidney dialysis patient. **Jicksy Susan Jose, R.Sivakami, N. Uma Maheswari, R.Venkatesh et al** [8] described an effective Diagnosis of Kidney Images Using Association Rules. **Divya Jain et al** [9] offered effect of diabetes on kidney using C4.5 algorithm with Tanagra tool. The performance of classifier is evaluated in terms of recall, precision and error rate. **Koushal Kumar and Abhishek et al** [10] compared the three neural networks such as (MLP, LVQ, RBF) on the basis of its accuracy, time taken to build model, and training data set size for kidney stone disease.

So, the healthcare industry is producing massive amounts of data which need to be mine to discover hidden information for effective prediction, exploration, diagnosis and decision making. Machine learning techniques can help and provides medication to handle this circumstances. Moreover, Chronic Kidney Disease prediction is one of the most central problems in medical decision making because it is one of the leading cause of death. So, automated tool for early prediction of this disease will be useful to cure. In this study, we experimented on the dataset of chronic kidney disease to explore the machine learning algorithm to find outperforming algorithm for our considered domain.

## II. Material and Methods

### Dataset

For study, I downloaded the dataset from the UCI Machine Learning Repository named Chronic Kidney Disease uploaded in 2015. This dataset has been collected from the Apollo hospital (Tamilnadu) nearly 2 months of period and has 25 attributes, 11 numeric and 14 nominal. The attributes and its description is mentioned in Table 1. Total 400 instances of the dataset is used for the training to prediction algorithms, out of which 250 has label chronic kidney disease (CKD) and 150 has label non chronic kidney disease (NCKD)

**(Insert Table 1)**

### Random Forest

Random forests [11] are a combination of tree predictors so that all trees depend on the values of a random vector sampled autonomously and with the similar distribution for all trees in the forest. The random forests algorithm for prediction or classification task can be explained as follows:

1. Using original samples data draw n tree bootstrap
2. For every of the bootstrap samples, produce an unpruned classification tree, by following modification: at each node, instead of choosing the best split among all predictors, arbitrarily sample m try of the predictors and select the best split among those variables.
3. Predict new data by aggregating the predictions of the ntree trees using majority votes for classification.

An estimation of the error rate can be found, based on the training data, by the following steps:

1. At every bootstrap iteration, predict the data not in the bootstrap sample (what Breiman calls “out-of bag”, or OOB, data) by considering the tree developed with the bootstrap sample.
2. Cumulate the OOB predictions. (On the average, every data point would be out-of-bag around 36% of the times, so cumulate these predictions.) Calculate the error rate, and call it the OOB estimate of error rate.

### III. Results and Discussion

For testing our proposed method the experiments were conducted for prediction task for chronic kidney disease by separately applying six machine learning algorithms namely: Random Forest (RF), NaiveBayes, Sequential Minimum Optimisation (SMO), Radial Basis Function (RBFClassifier), Multilayer Perceptron Classifier (MLPC) and SimpleLogistic (SLG) using Weka 3.7.12 [12]. The classification performances of the classifiers were analysed with respect to the standard performance parameters, namely: Accuracy, Specificity, Sensitivity, Precision, Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Area [13], Matthew's Correlation Coefficient (MCC) besides time taken for training (learning). The formula for calculating these parameters are given below:

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{tp}{tp + fn} * 100 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{tn}{tn + fp} * 100 \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{tp + tn}{tp + fp + tn + fn} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{tp}{tp + fp} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{MCC} = \frac{(tp * tn) - (fp * fn)}{\sqrt{(tp + fn) * (tn + fp) * (tp + fp) * (tn + fn)}} \quad (9)$$

where

$tp$  is the number of true positives,

$tn$  is the number of true negatives,

$fp$  is the number of false positives and

$fn$  is the number of false negatives.

The table 2 shows the values of Sensitivity, Specificity, Accuracy, Precision, MCC, AUC performance metrics besides their training time for all the five classifiers separately for our chosen dataset.

**(Insert Table 2)**

The sensitivity indicates the ability of the classifier to identify positive instances correctly, the specificity indicates the ability of the classifier to identify negative instances correctly and accuracy indicates the percentage of correct classification of both positive class as well as negative class instances. The RF performs better than other classifiers with sensitivity, specificity and accuracy values 1.00, 1.00 and 1.00 respectively.

The Mathews Correlation Coefficient (MCC) is another important parameter to evaluate the performance of the binary class classifiers. A coefficient of +1 represents a perfect classification, 0 an average random classification and -1 an inverse classification. It can be observed from the table 2 that, that classifier having high value of accuracy performance parameter for a particular family also have high MCC. In our experiment the MCC value we achieved is 1.00 for RF.

The area under ROC curve (AUC) is an important statistical property to compare the overall relative performance of the classifiers. AUC can take values from 0 to 1. The value 0 for the worst case, 0.5 for random ranking and 1 indicates the best classification as the classifier has ranked all positive examples above all negative example. The figure 2 shows that AUC value of RF classifier is greater than other classifier for our considered dataset equals to 1.00.

**(Insert Fig. 1)**

#### **IV. Conclusion and Future Work**

We have compared the performance of six classifiers (including SVM, which was reported as the better performing classifier by the previous studies) in the prediction of chronic kidney disease. The experimental results of our proposed method have demonstrated that RF has produced superior prediction performance in terms of classification accuracy, AUC and MCC respectively for our considered dataset. It was also observed that few classifiers have yielded poor classification accuracy as compared to RF like SMO and RBF. This problem will be investigated in our future study by (i) Exploring all possible combination of various different types of input features and different machine learning

algorithms, (ii) By deal with various factors that affects prediction performance (such as class imbalance, incomplete learning etc.) for improving the prediction accuracy and finally identifying the exact cause (through checking very high similarity by generating human interpretable rules through PART algorithm. In future I am also planning to develop a web tool based on our discovered algorithm which will be helpful in prediction of chronic kidney disease.

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### **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

**Fig 1:** Accuracy of selected classifiers for considered dataset

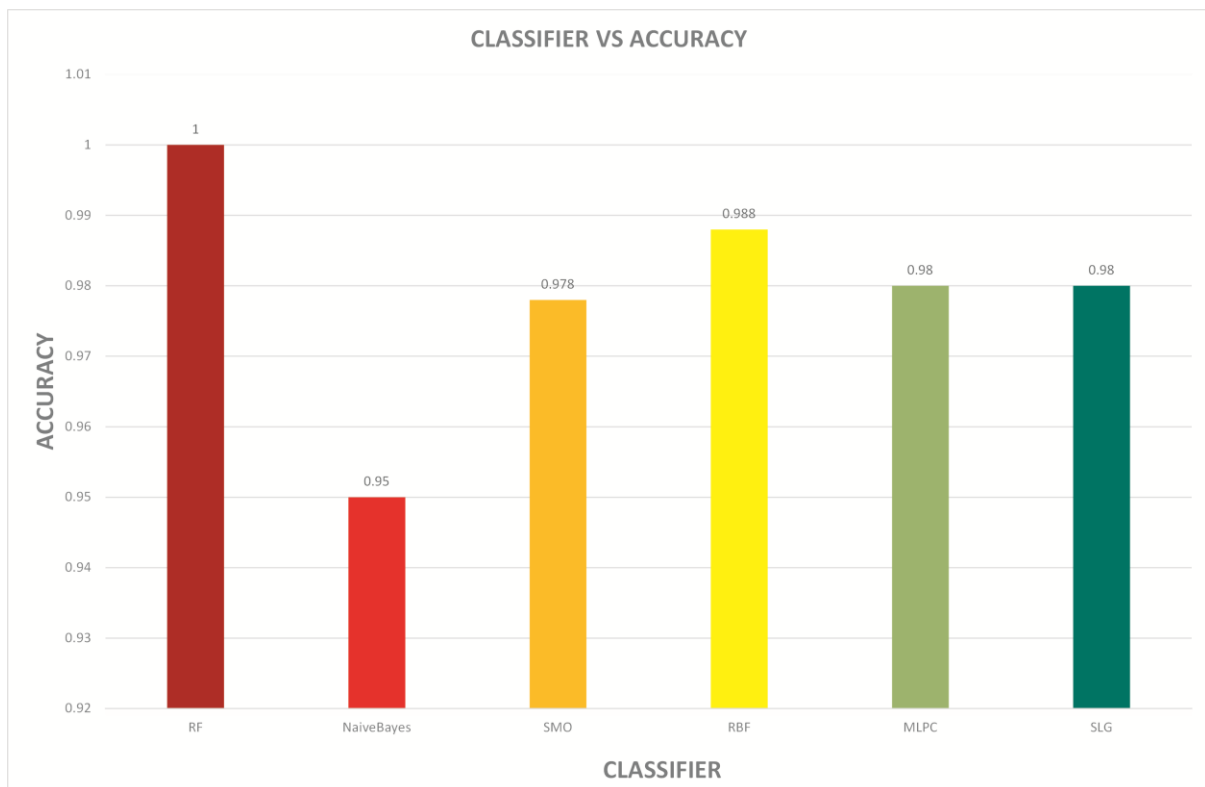
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S. No.	Attribute	Description
1	Age (numerical)	Age in years
2	Blood Pressure (numerical)	bp in mm/Hg
3	Specific Gravity (nominal)	Sg-(1.005,1.010,1.015,1.020,1.025)
4	Albumin (nominal)	al - (0,1,2,3,4,5)
5	Sugar (nominal)	su - (0,1,2,3,4,5)
6	Red Blood Cells (nominal)	rbc - (normal, abnormal)
7	Pus Cell (nominal)	pc - (normal, abnormal)
8	Pus Cell clumps (nominal)	pcc - (present, notpresent)
9	Bacteria (nominal)	ba - (present, notpresent)
10	Blood Glucose Random (numerical)	bgr in mgs/dl
11	Blood Urea (numerical)	bu in mgs/dl
12	Serum Creatinine (numerical)	sc in mgs/dl
13	Sodium (numerical)	sod in mEq/L
14	Potassium (numerical)	pot in mEq/L
15	Haemoglobin (numerical)	hemo in gms
16	Packed Cell Volume (numerical)	pcv
17	White Blood Cell Count (numerical)	wc in cells/cumm
18	Red Blood Cell Count (numerical)	rc in millions/cmm
19	Hypertension (nominal)	htn - (yes, no)
20	Diabetes Mellitus (nominal)	dm - (yes, no)
21	Coronary Artery Disease (nominal)	cad - (yes, no)
22	Appetite (nominal)	appet - (good, poor)
23	Pedal Edema (nominal)	pe - (yes, no)
24	Anemia (nominal)	ane - (yes, no)
25	Class (nominal)	class - (ckd, notckd)

**Table 2:** Performance of six classifiers for the selected dataset

Classifiers	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy	Precision	MCC	AUC	Training Time (in sec)
RF	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.45
NaiveBayes	0.920	1.000	0.950	0.956	0.901	1.000	0.02
SMO	0.964	1.000	0.978	0.979	0.954	0.982	0.06
RBF	0.980	1.000	0.988	0.988	0.974	1.000	0.50
MLPC	0.976	0.987	0.980	0.980	0.958	1.000	0.58
SLG	0.972	0.993	0.980	0.981	0.958	0.999	0.42