

# Detection of Parkinson Disease Using Clinical Voice Data Mining

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**Abstract**—Parkinson disease is the second most common neurological disorder. Approximately 90% of people with Parkinson have speech disorders. In this paper we have classified the healthy people and Parkinson suffering people using data mining of voice features. Support vector machine is used as a classifier. The accuracy of the classifier depends on the voice features and their count. Various subsets can be prepared with the available voice features. An algorithm is proposed to select the best subset and as a result 100% accuracy is achieved. DFA (Detrended fluctuation analysis) and PPE (pitch period entropy) are the very significant features in this classification.

**Keywords**— Classification; Data mining; Parkinson disease; Support Vector Machine; Voice Features

## I. INTRODUCTION

**D**ATA mining have great potential in disease detection for the advancement of medical field. Data mining is basically a tool for converting the raw data into some very useful information. Data mining provides ways to extract information transform and present the data in a useful format. It is used widely in many applications [1]. Parkinson disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disease. It is caused by the death of dopamine neurons which conveys the message from the brain to the rest body. PD patients show the symptoms like poverty of movement, slowness of movements and rigidity. Diagnosis of Parkinson disease is a difficult process. At the early stages its symptoms resemble with other medical conditions. No laboratory tests are available for the detection. To exclude the other medical conditions blood tests, MRI (magnetic resonance image), PETscan (positron emission tomography), SPECT (single photon emission computed tomography) are done. With the advancement of signal processing experts use some discriminative measures from the voice of people for PD detection. Detection can be done at an early stage of disease because vocal cord disorder starts early.

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In the Parkinson disease patient's voice have some abnormal deviations and extra oscillations are present. Sometimes even patients cannot speak the correct vocal sound. Parkinson incidence increases with age and is slightly higher in men than women. The Parkinson detection using clinical voice data mining is very reliable, easy and economic [2], [3].

Max Little developed software for differentiating the healthy and Parkinson disease patients voices. A large amount of data is collected for this purpose. PPE (Pitch period entropy), a measure of dysphonia, and also robust to the unwanted effects has been introduced. He achieved accuracy of 91.4% with SVM classifier [4]. Multi-Layer Perceptron neural network and Support Vector Machine with linear and puk kernel function were used for classifying Parkinson data set with an accuracy of 90% [5]. In Artificial neural network method, 70% of data was used for training, and 30% for testing .Using this approach, 93.2% accuracy was achieved. The data set consist of twenty three features [6]. By using maximum-relevance-minimum-redundancy criteria, features are selected on the basis of mutual information measures between the features [7]. In some cases, twenty three attributes are reduced to sixteen and 83.3% accuracy is achieved [8]. Various features subsets can be prepared and the subset which gives maximum accuracy is selected [2]. Genetic algorithm is used for feature selection. In genetic algorithm, solutions are represented by chromosomes until acceptable results are obtained. Crossover and mutation process is done to get new chromosomes. With genetic algorithm for feature selection and support vector machine for classification, 94.5% accuracy is achieved [9]. When genetic algorithm with KNN (k- nearest neighbour) classification method is applied, 98.2% performance is obtained [10].

For feature selection a correlation filter is used. Fuzzy C means clustering and pattern recognition is applied on selected features for classifying normal speakers and PD speakers [11]. Classification results of healthy and PD speakers are equally significant for both male and female [3]. Among four classifier models in WEKA software, naive bayes simple, naive bayes, decision table, NNge the decision table attains the best accuracy as 96% [1]. Relief feature selection and random tree classification combination provides 100% accuracy [12]. Fisher score attribute selection method is used for detection of effective attributes and 91.28% is obtained with feed forward

neural network [13]. Genetic programming and expectation-maximization algorithm is used to create a learning feature function which classifies the two different groups [14]. Sixteen features are extracted from the data set using student's t-test. Multilayer Perceptron network and radial basis function network are used for classification. RBF (Radial Basis Function) gives better results [15]. The Fuzzy K-nearest neighbour (FKNN) with principal component analysis to construct the most discriminative new feature set is used for Parkinson diagnosis [16].

In this paper, we have used the feature dataset of Parkinson disease. Feature selection and classification is used to classify healthy and pathological datasets. An optimum feature subset is selected and an accuracy of 100% is observed.

## II. DATA SET

The dataset used in this paper was created by Max little of the University of Oxford with the NCVS (National centre for voice and speech) collaboration. The dataset consists of phonation from 23 Parkinson and 8 control subjects. The sustained phonation of vowel 'a' was recorded for duration of 36 seconds. Phonations were recorded for six times and total 195 samples were recorded with a head mounted microphone (AKG CS420) positioned 8cm from lips. Age of the subjects range from 46-85 years. The recordings are made at a sampling frequency of 44.1 KHz with 16 bit resolution. All samples were digitally normalized in amplitude before feature calculations. The dataset is divided into two classes according to its "status" column which is set to 0 for healthy subjects and 1 for those PD [4]. Fig 1 represents the speech signal of healthy and Parkinson persons.

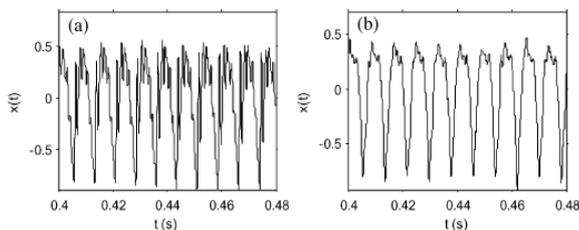


Fig.1. Two selected examples of speech signals. (a) Healthy. (b) Parkinson. The horizontal axis is time in seconds and the vertical axis is signal amplitude [4].

## III. FEATURE EXTRACTION

For all 195 phonations, features are extracted. For feature extraction only first half of the recordings are considered, because the second half of the recording is influenced by reduced lung pressure. Various traditional measures and nonstandard measures are extracted. A set of 22 features is prepared. Feature set consists of Fo(Hz), Fhi(Hz), Flo(Hz), Jitter(%), Jitter(Abs), RAP, PPQ, Jitter:DDP, Shimmer,

Shimmer(dB), Shimmer:APQ3, Shimmer:APQ5, APQ, Shimmer:DDA, NHR, HNR, RPDE, DFA, spread1, spread2, D2, PPE.

The vocal fold vibration frequency is known as fundamental frequency. The perturbation in the frequency and amplitude in successive vocal fold cycles is termed as jitter and shimmer respectively. The noise-to-harmonic and harmonic-to-noise measures are measured using estimates of signal to noise by calculation of autocorrelation of each cycle. D2 is the correlation dimension between the signal and its first time delay embedded signal whereas the RPDE (recurrence period density) is the measure of periodicity of the reconstructed signal after embedding time delay. DFA (Detrended fluctuation analysis) is the log-log plot of the time scales L and amplitude variation F(L). Non linear measure of fundamental frequency variation is defined in terms of spread 1 and spread 2. The logarithmic scale of pitch sequence is explained as semitone pitch  $p(t)$  where  $t$  is the time. The entropy of relative semitone variation is known as pitch period entropy (PPE). All these parameters show variation for the healthy and parkinson's case. Next, features are selected among these to get best classification among the two groups.

## IV. FEATURE SELECTION

Feature are selected which have more separable values than others and a new feature data subset is prepared which contains 15 features as shown in Table 1. Support vector machine classifier is used and their performance is evaluated. Classifier used is supervised classifiers and therefore dataset is divided into training and testing datasets. 75% of the data is used for training purpose and rest 25% is for testing. Out of 195 observations, 146 are used for training (110 parkinson +36 healthy) and 49 are used for testing. Target data is also prepared. The classifiers that are used in this work are described below

Table 1. Details of 15 features of the PD data set.

Label	Attribute	Description
F1	MDVP:F0(Hz)	Average vocal fundamental frequency
F2	MDVP:Fhi(Hz)	Maximum vocal fundamental frequency
F3	MDVP:Shimmer	Several measures of variation in amplitude
F4	MDVP:Shimmer(Hz)	
F5	Shimmer:APQ3	
F6	Shimmer:APQ5	
F7	MDVP:APQ	
F8	Shimmer:DDA	Measure of ratio of noise to tonal components in the voice
F9	HNR	
F10	NHR	Nonlinear dynamical complexity measures
F11	RPDE	
F12	D2	Signal fractal scaling exponent
F13	DFA	
F14	Spread2	
F15	PPE	Nonlinear measures of fundamental frequency

## V. SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE CLASSIFIER

Various classifiers are present which provide good results. ANN (artificial neural network), SVM (support vector machines), GMM (Gaussian Mixture Model) and HMM (Hidden Markov Model) are mostly used in speech processing applications [17, 18, 19]. SVMs are set of related supervised learning methods used for classification and regression.

Support vector machines builds a model using set of training examples, each marked to its category and then used for classification. SVM simultaneously minimize the empirical classification error and maximize the geometric margin. SVM map input vector to a higher dimensional space where a maximal separating hyperplane is constructed. In all cases, a maximum margin hyperplane is selected which have the largest separation between the two classes. Maximum margin hyper plane is a plane from which distance to the nearest data point on both sides is maximized.

Classifiers performance can be compared using confusion matrix and some other parameters. The confusion matrix includes the following parameters. True positive (TP) term represent the Parkinson disease samples correctly classified and true negative (TN) represent healthy samples that are correctly classified. False negative (FN) means Parkinson samples classified as healthy and false positive (FP) means healthy sample as parkinson's sample.

Parameters are mathematically described as follows:

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} * 100 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{TN+FP} * 100 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Overall accuracy} = \frac{(TP+TN)}{(TP+TN+FP+FN)} * 100 \quad (3)$$

Accuracy of the classifier depends on the feature data set that is fed to the classifier for classification during training and testing phases. We have selected 15 features out of 22 features by eliminating features which have little and no predictive information. Feature selection can appreciably improve the comprehensibility and lucidity of the resulting classifier [12].

To get highest accuracy in classifying healthy and pathological voice data base, an algorithm shown in Fig. 2 has been used. This algorithm tells what should be the feature subset size and which features should be used. All sizes of subsets from 1 to 15 are considered. Then all possible combinations of features for that particular subset size are taken. Support Vector Machine classifier is used and all the classifier performance parameters are calculated. Classifier accuracy varies with the size of the subset and also the features combination. This algorithm gives the highest accuracy, and therefore helps in selecting and choosing the feature combinations that most important to consider. The classification accuracy varies for different features combinations.

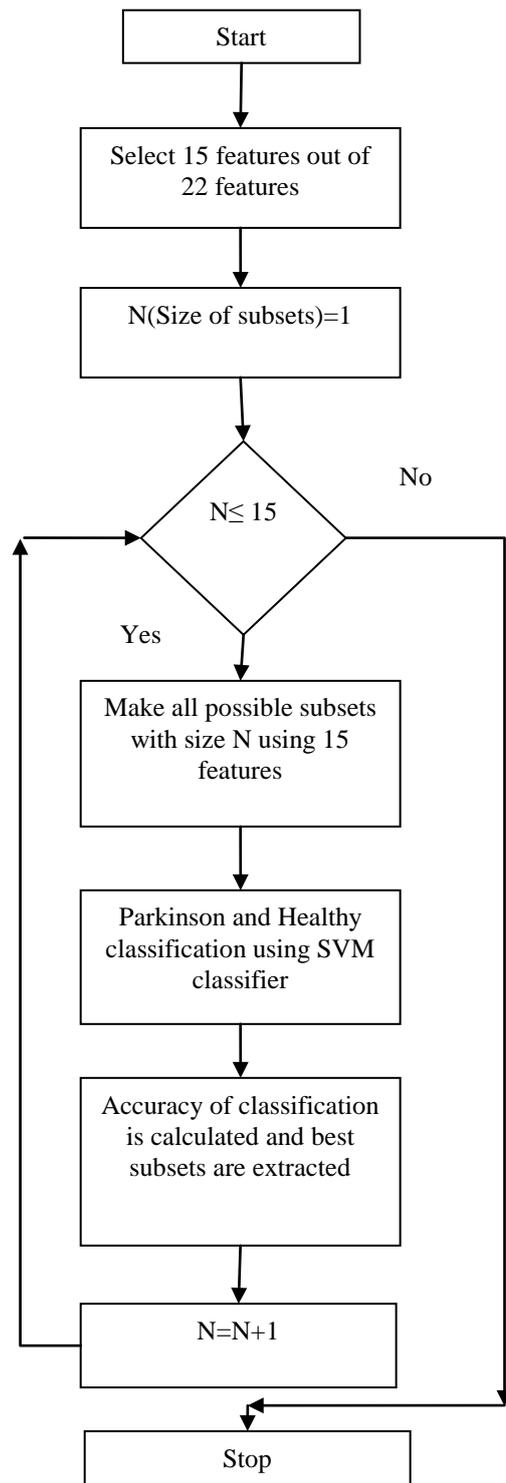


Fig. 2 Algorithm to get highest classification accuracy.

## VI. RESULTS

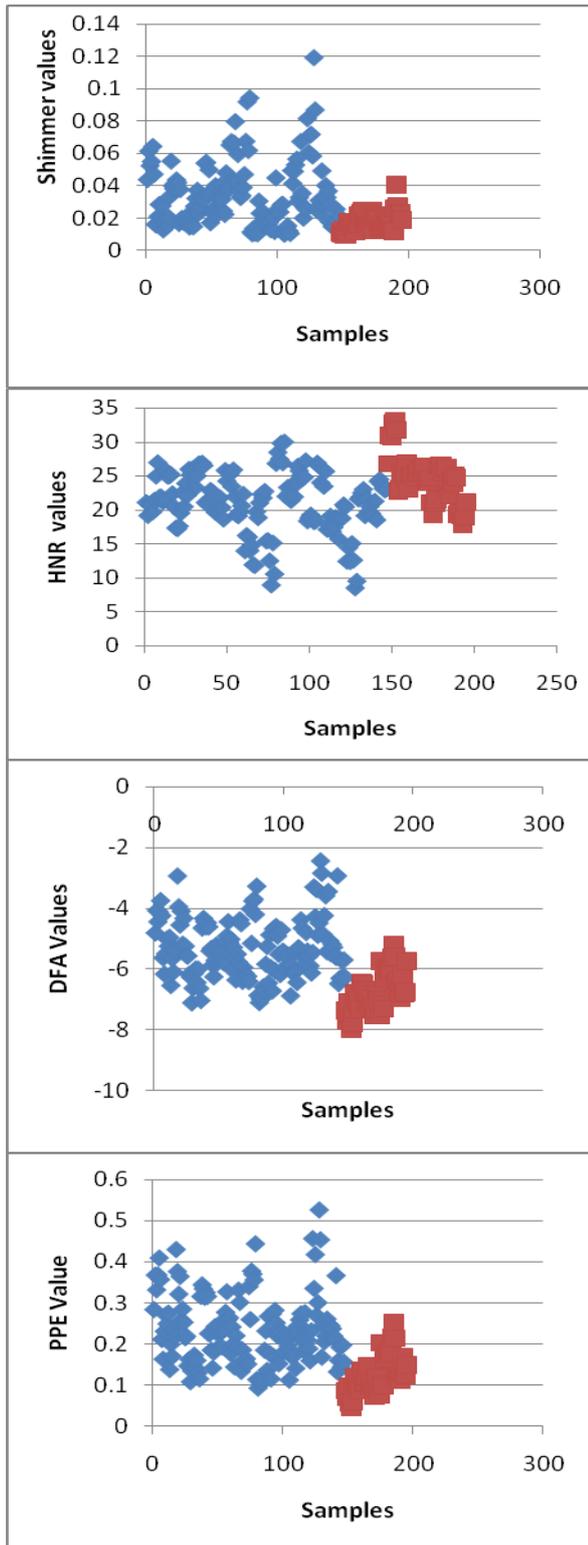


Fig. 3 Parameters value distribution  
 Parkinson people → ◆, Healthy people → ■

All selected 15 features are significant in classifying the healthy and Parkinson subjects. These features show different

values for both cases. The vocal tremor and rigidity in voice is visible in parkinson disease. Due to this, various traditional and non traditional features of voice get effected. The fundamental frequency gets reduced when voice of a person is suffering from Parkinson. vocal tremor is visible in jitter and shimmer values of the voice. Shimmer values are higher in parkinson subjects than the healthy one. The harmonic to noise ratio values are high for the healthy one. The non-traditional measures show appreciable differentiation between the two classes. All the three features DFA, Spread2 and PPE have higher values for parkinson subjects than the healthy one. All the 15 features are used in SVM; the classification accuracy comes out 94%. This accuracy got improved when we used subsets of this 15 features dataset. Table 2 shows the no of subsets of size ranging from 1 to 15 and their corresponding accuracies. 100% accuracy is achieved in a large no of cases. Using SVM classifier with subset size 7 or 8, we obtained maximum higher accuracy feature combination subsets. The complete information is presented in table. Comparison of different size subsets which gives 100% accuracy is shown in Fig 4. Different series represent the subset sizes. In three cases 100% accuracy is not achieved, when the sizes of the subsets are 1, 14 and 15. Here least accuracy of SVM classifier is 74%. Also, when large size subsets are used classifier accuracy ranges 90% to 100%. It shown in the Table 2 for subset size 12, 13 and 14 no entry is visible upper part of the table. 83.3% and 80.8% accuracy is achieved using artificial neural network using 16 and 22 features respectively [8]. Using genetic algorithm maximum accuracy is achieved when the number of features is 4 as compare to when number of features are 7 and 9 [10]. So the choice of proper size of subset is very important. The comparison of proposed work with the literature is shown in Table 3.

## VII. CONCLUSION

Clinical data mining makes the diagnosis process computerized. So less human expertise is required. It becomes difficult for the Parkinson patients to visit the clinic again and again. In this process of diagnosis through voice analysis patients need not to visit the clinic. Decrease in count of dopamine neurons makes improper muscles movement and vocal parameters get changed from normal one. Parameters related to non linear measure of fundamental frequency are very significant. 94% accuracy is achieved when all selected 15 features are taken. But when we reduce the no of features the 100% classification accuracy is achieved with various subsets. Voice features those expose the malfunctioning of nervous system are very efficient and improve the accuracy when included in the classifier subset. A proper subset size and features that included both things are very important to select properly to get good classification.

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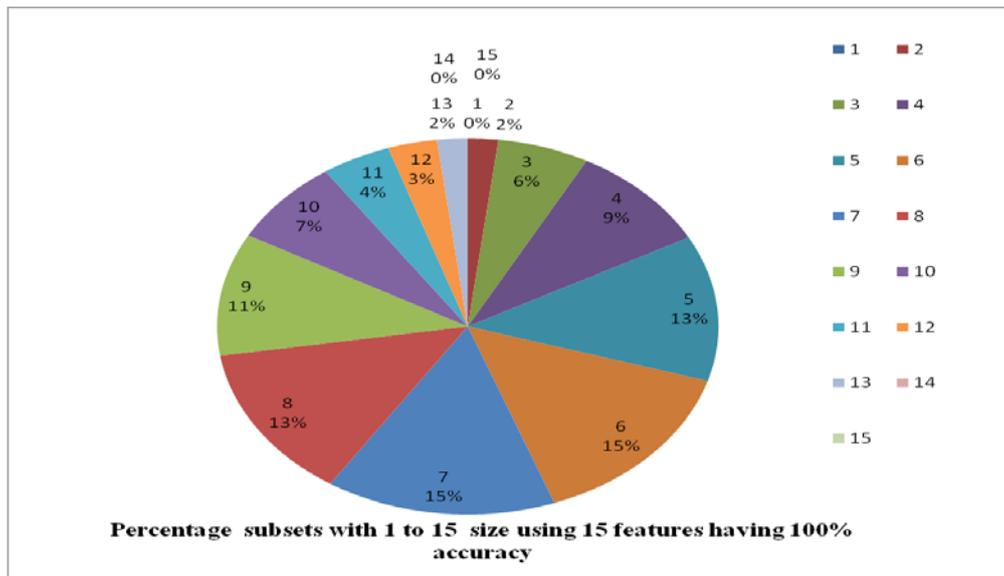


Fig.4. Percentage of count number of subsets with 1 to 15 in size having 100% accuracy

TABLE 2. Classification Accuracy using all subsets with size ranging from 1 to 15

Size of subsets →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Accuracy(%)	No of subsets having corresponding Accuracies														
74	10	36	90	126	116	61	23	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	0	5	9	34	92	148	112	42	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
78	2	5	13	33	69	94	136	136	89	35	9	1	0	0	0
80	0	6	23	71	132	204	220	164	80	20	2	0	0	0	0
82	0	10	49	119	188	205	144	59	13	2	0	0	0	0	0
84	0	2	16	50	92	105	95	71	43	17	5	1	0	0	0
86	1	4	13	48	104	149	143	135	85	45	15	3	0	0	0
88	0	2	17	41	91	135	153	122	84	40	15	5	1	0	0
90	0	0	4	22	64	139	227	267	250	182	88	24	3	0	0
92	0	0	4	29	85	208	376	495	477	345	199	87	24	3	0
94	0	0	5	60	213	464	717	826	733	523	297	130	41	9	1
96	0	1	29	104	299	607	859	903	740	437	177	47	10	1	0
98	2	32	157	505	1095	1773	2303	2382	1894	1142	499	143	24	2	0
100	0	2	26	123	363	712	927	826	509	214	59	14	2	0	0
Total no of subsets	15	105	455	1365	3003	5004	6435	6435	5004	3003	1365	455	105	15	1

Table. 3 Comparison table

Reference	[1]	[2]	[4]	[6]	[7]	[12]	[13]	[14]	[16]	Proposed work
Accuracy	96%	93.8%	91.4%	93.2%	92.7%	100%	91.2%	93.2%	96%	100%