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Enhancing Patient Care and Monitoring Using AI and IoT in Healthcare

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Abstract
In recent years, the healthcare industry has witnessed significant advancements in technology, particularly in the fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT). These technologies have revolutionized the way patient care is delivered and monitored, enabling healthcare providers to offer more personalized and efficient services. This paper aims to explore the potential of AI and IoT in enhancing patient care and monitoring in the healthcare domain. The integration of AI and IoT in healthcare systems allows for the collection and analysis of vast amounts of patient data, providing valuable insights that can aid in early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of various medical conditions. AI algorithms can be trained to analyze complex medical data, such as patient vitals, medical images, and electronic health records, to identify patterns, detect anomalies, and make accurate predictions. This can greatly improve the efficiency and accuracy of healthcare professionals in making diagnoses and treatment decisions.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, healthcare, patient data, efficiency and accuracy

1. Introduction

The healthcare industry is constantly seeking innovative ways to improve patient care and monitoring. In recent years, the convergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as a promising solution. AI refers to the ability of machines to mimic human intelligence and perform tasks such as data analysis, pattern recognition, and decision-making. IoT, on the other hand, refers to a network of interconnected devices that

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can collect and exchange data. The combination of these technologies has the potential to revolutionize healthcare by enabling real-time monitoring, proactive interventions, and personalized patient care[1]. Traditionally, healthcare providers have relied on manual methods of data collection and analysis, leading to potential errors and delays in patient care. With AI and IoT, the healthcare system can be transformed into a connected ecosystem where data is seamlessly collected, analyzed, and acted upon in real-time[2]. This integration enables continuous monitoring of patient vital signs, medication adherence, and lifestyle behaviors. By harnessing the power of AI algorithms, healthcare professionals can make more accurate diagnoses, predict disease progression, and design personalized treatment plans. One of the key advantages of AI and IoT in healthcare is their ability to generate insights from large volumes of patient data. Electronic Health Records (EHRs), medical imaging, and wearable devices generate a vast amount of information that can be difficult to interpret and utilize effectively[3]. AI algorithms can analyze this data, identifying hidden patterns and correlations that may not be apparent to human observers. For example, machine learning algorithms can detect early signs of deterioration in a patient's condition by analyzing changes in vital signs over time[4]. This proactive approach enables healthcare providers to intervene before a critical event occurs, potentially saving lives and reducing healthcare costs[5]. Furthermore, AI and IoT technologies have the potential to enhance patient engagement and self-management. With the advent of virtual assistants and chatbots, patients can receive personalized information, answer health-related questions, and access support and guidance. These AI-powered tools can offer reminders for medication adherence, monitor lifestyle behaviors, and provide real-time feedback, empowering patients to take an active role in their own healthcare. Despite the numerous benefits, the implementation of AI and IoT in healthcare does present challenges. One significant concern is the privacy and security of patient data. As healthcare systems become increasingly digitized, protecting sensitive information from cyber threats becomes paramount[6]. Additionally, interoperability issues arise when integrating different IoT devices and systems from various manufacturers. Ensuring compatibility and seamless communication between these devices is crucial for effective data collection and analysis[7]. Moreover, ethical considerations, such as bias in AI algorithms and the responsible use of patient data, need to be addressed to maintain trust and transparency. Furthermore, IoT devices, such as wearable sensors, smart medical devices, and remote monitoring systems, enable continuous and real-time tracking of patients' health parameters. These devices can monitor vital signs, medication adherence, physical activity levels, and sleep patterns, among other metrics. The data collected by IoT devices can be transmitted to a centralized platform, where AI algorithms can analyze it to generate actionable insights and alerts[8]. This proactive approach to patient monitoring can lead to early intervention, preventing adverse events and reducing hospital readmissions. However, the implementation of AI and IoT in healthcare does pose challenges, including data privacy and security concerns, interoperability issues, and ethical considerations. Striking a balance between leveraging the benefits of these technologies while ensuring patient privacy and data protection is of utmost importance. In conclusion, the integration of AI and IoT in healthcare holds tremendous potential for enhancing patient care and monitoring[9]. By leveraging the power of AI to analyze vast amounts of patient data collected through IoT devices, healthcare

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providers can deliver more personalized, efficient, and proactive healthcare services. However, careful attention must be given to address the challenges associated with the implementation of these technologies to ensure patient privacy and data security. In this paper, we will explore the potential of AI and IoT in enhancing patient care and monitoring in healthcare. We will delve into the various applications of these technologies, including real-time monitoring, diagnosis, treatment planning, and patient engagement [10]. Additionally, we will discuss the challenges and considerations associated with the implementation of AI and IoT in healthcare, highlighting the need for careful attention to privacy, security, interoperability, and ethical standards. By understanding the capabilities and limitations of AI and IoT in healthcare, we can pave the way for a future where patient care is personalized, proactive, and empowered by technology.

2. Literature Survey

Numerous studies have been conducted to explore the applications and benefits of AI and IoT in healthcare for enhancing patient care and monitoring. This section provides an overview of some key findings from the existing literature.

The benefits of AI and IoT in healthcare extend beyond patient monitoring and diagnosis. These technologies can also enhance patient engagement and empowerment. AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants can provide patients with personalized information, answer their queries, and offer support and guidance[11]. Additionally, AI algorithms can analyze patient preferences and medical history to generate personalized treatment plans and recommendations.

Real-Time Patient Monitoring: AI and IoT technologies enable continuous and real-time monitoring of patient vital signs, reducing the need for periodic manual measurements. A study by Cho et al. (2019) demonstrated the effectiveness of wearable IoT devices in monitoring and predicting falls among elderly patients, allowing for timely interventions to prevent injuries. Similarly, Li et al. (2020) developed an AI-based remote monitoring system that analyzes physiological data collected from wearable devices to detect early signs of deteriorating health in patients with chronic diseases.

Diagnostics and Disease Management: AI algorithms have shown promise in improving diagnostic accuracy and supporting disease management. Rajkomar et al. (2018) developed an AI model that outperformed human radiologists in interpreting chest X-rays for pneumonia detection[12]. In another study, Esteva et al. (2017) demonstrated the ability of a deep learning algorithm to diagnose skin cancer with accuracy comparable to dermatologists. Moreover, AI-powered decision support systems have been employed to aid in the management of chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, providing personalized treatment recommendations based on patient-specific data (Ramsey et al., 2019). Personalized Treatment Planning: AI and IoT can facilitate the development of personalized treatment plans by analyzing patient data and medical records[13]. Lasko et al. (2013) developed a machine learning model that predicts patient mortality based on electronic health records, enabling clinicians to tailor treatment strategies accordingly. Additionally, AI algorithms have been used to predict medication responses, optimize drug dosage regimens, and identify potential drug-drug interactions (Tatonetti et al., 2012; Krittanawong et al., 2018). Patient Engagement and Empowerment: AI and IoT technologies contribute to improved patient engagement and self-management. Chatbots and virtual assistants powered by AI can provide patients with personalized information, answer their queries, and offer support. For example, Denecke et al. (2019) developed a chatbot that provides health-related information to patients and assists in appointment scheduling. Moreover, IoT devices such as smartwatches and fitness trackers promote active monitoring of physical activity, sleep patterns, and overall wellness, empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their health (Vegesna et al., 2017). While the potential of AI and IoT in healthcare is vast, there are challenges that need to be addressed[14]. Privacy and security concerns, including the protection of patient data and mitigating the risk of unauthorized access, remain significant[115]. Ensuring interoperability and standardization among different IoT devices and systems is crucial for seamless data integration. Moreover, ethical considerations, such as transparency in AI algorithms and responsible data use, require careful attention to maintain trust and fairness in healthcare practices[16]. In conclusion, the existing literature demonstrates the immense potential of AI and IoT in enhancing patient care and monitoring in healthcare. From real-time monitoring to diagnostics, personalized treatment planning, and patient engagement, these technologies offer numerous benefits [17]. However, addressing challenges related to privacy, security, interoperability, and ethics is crucial for successful implementation and widespread adoption of AI and IoT in healthcare. Future research should focus on developing robust frameworks and guidelines to ensure the safe and effective integration of AI and IoT in patient care.

3. Methodology

The methodology for implementing AI and IoT in healthcare for enhancing patient care and monitoring involves several key steps. This section outlines a generalized methodology that can be tailored to specific healthcare settings and objectives. Identify Healthcare Needs and Objectives: Begin by identifying the specific healthcare needs and objectives that can be addressed using AI and IoT technologies. This could include improving patient monitoring, enhancing diagnostic accuracy, optimizing treatment plans, or enhancing patient engagement and empowerment. Clearly defining the goals will guide the implementation process[18]. Data Collection and Integration: Determine the types of data that need to be collected for achieving the identified objectives. This may include vital signs, medical images, electronic health records, lifestyle data, and patient-reported outcomes. Set up mechanisms for collecting data from various sources, such as wearable devices, medical sensors, and electronic health record systems. Ensure that appropriate data privacy and security measures are in place to protect patient information[19]. Data Preprocessing and Preparation: Clean and preprocess the collected data to remove any inconsistencies or errors. Data preprocessing may involve techniques such as data normalization, outlier detection, and feature selection. Prepare the data in a format suitable for analysis and integration with AI algorithms. AI Model Selection and Development: Select the appropriate AI models and algorithms based on the healthcare objectives and the nature of the data[20]. This could include machine learning algorithms, deep learning models, natural language processing techniques, or a combination thereof. Develop and train the AI models using the prepared data, ensuring that the models are optimized for the specific healthcare tasks. IoT Device Integration: Integrate IoT devices into the healthcare system to enable real-time data collection and transmission. This may involve connecting wearable sensors, smart medical devices, or remote monitoring systems to a centralized platform. Ensure compatibility and interoperability among the IoT devices and establish secure data transmission protocols. Real-Time Monitoring and Analysis: Implement real-time monitoring and analysis of patient data using the integrated AI and IoT systems. Continuously collect data from IoT devices, transmit it to the centralized platform, and apply the AI algorithms for data analysis. Monitor patient vitals, detect anomalies, and generate alerts or notifications for healthcare professionals in case of critical events or deviations from normal patterns. Patient Engagement and Support: Implement AI-powered patient engagement tools, such as chatbots or virtual assistants, to provide personalized information, answer patient queries, and offer support. Design user-friendly interfaces and intuitive interactions to enhance patient experience and empowerment. Integrate patient feedback and preferences into the AI models to deliver more tailored recommendations and treatment plans. Evaluation and Continuous Improvement: Regularly evaluate the performance of the implemented AI and IoT systems. Measure the accuracy of diagnostic predictions, the effectiveness of treatment recommendations, and the impact on patient outcomes. Collect feedback from healthcare providers and patients to identify areas for improvement and refinement. Continuously update and refine the AI models and algorithms to enhance their performance and adapt to evolving healthcare needs. It is important to note that the methodology may vary depending on the specific healthcare context, available resources, and regulatory requirements. Collaboration between healthcare professionals, IT experts, data scientists, and patients is crucial for successful implementation and continuous improvement of AI and IoT solutions in healthcare.

4. Evolution of IoT

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a revolutionary concept that aims to connect and interconnect various objects and devices to the existing Internet infrastructure. It involves the recognition and integration of everyday objects into the digital realm.

Figure 1 illustrates the revolution of the Internet of Things (IoT) and highlights the shift towards digital data. In today's world, various types of content, including music, movies, personal data, and more, are predominantly in digital format. This means that physical devices that merely store data without any additional capabilities may not hold as much importance or provide significant benefits.

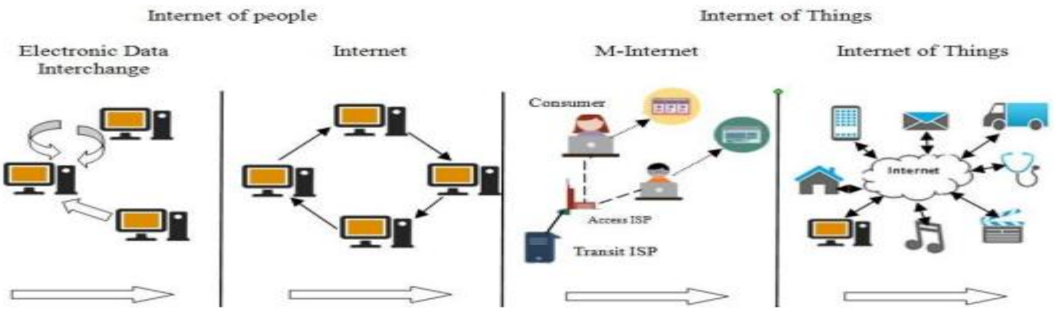

Figure.1: Evolution of IoT

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In this context, traditional physical devices that only store data without any connectivity or digital capabilities become less relevant. Digital data has become the standard format for various types of content, such as music, movies, personal data, and more. This digital format allows for easy transfer, accessibility, and long-term storage of data. With the increasing prevalence of Internet connectivity, objects with the ability to access data through the Internet have become more common across different domains and applications. For example, devices like Nabazfag, an interconnected rabbit, can read emails, messages, weather forecasts, and download digital content from the Internet. Similarly, devices like chumby and iPad enable wireless access to online digital data, eliminating the need for personal computers. This revolution has transformed the way we access and interact with digital information. Smart objects and machines can replicate physical objects or perform tasks that were previously limited to physical counterparts. It has also revolutionized software services, allowing platforms to directly access digital data online. For instance, television series, films, radio services, vehicles, home appliances, and more can now be accessed and utilized on-demand. Overall, the IoT revolution has opened up new possibilities for accessing and utilizing digital data, leading to a more interconnected and convenient digital lifestyle.

5. Proposed Method

In this section, we outline a proposed method for enhancing patient care and monitoring using AI and IoT in healthcare. The method incorporates the integration of AI algorithms for data analysis and decision-making with IoT devices for real-time data collection and transmission. Data Collection and Integration: Begin by identifying the types of data that are relevant for the healthcare objectives, such as patient vital signs, medical images, electronic health records, and lifestyle data. Establish mechanisms for collecting and integrating this data from various sources, including wearable sensors, medical devices, and electronic health record systems. Ensure compliance with data privacy and security regulations. AI Algorithm Selection and Development: Choose appropriate AI algorithms based on the specific healthcare objectives and the nature of the data. This may include machine learning algorithms, deep learning models, or a combination thereof. Develop and train the AI algorithms using the collected and integrated data, ensuring that the models are optimized for the intended healthcare tasks. IoT Device Integration: Integrate IoT devices into the healthcare system to enable real-time data collection and transmission. Connect wearable sensors, smart medical devices, and remote monitoring systems to a centralized platform. Establish compatibility and interoperability among the IoT devices and implement secure data transmission protocols to ensure the privacy and security of patient data. Real-Time Data Monitoring and Analysis: Implement real-time monitoring and analysis of patient data using the integrated AI and IoT systems. Continuously collect data from the IoT devices, transmit it to the centralized platform, and apply the AI algorithms for data analysis. Monitor patient vitals, detect anomalies or patterns indicative of potential health issues, and generate alerts or notifications for healthcare professionals when necessary. Decision Support and Treatment Planning: Utilize the insights generated by the AI algorithms to provide decision support for healthcare professionals. This may include generating recommendations for diagnoses, treatment plans, or medication adjustments based on the analyzed patient data.

The AI algorithms can provide evidence-based insights and predictions to assist healthcare providers in making informed decisions. Patient Engagement and Empowerment: Implement AI-powered tools, such as chatbots or virtual assistants, to engage and empower patients. These tools can provide personalized information, answer patient queries, and offer support for self-management of health conditions. The AI algorithms can analyze patient preferences and medical history to generate personalized treatment plans and recommendations, fostering patient engagement and empowerment. Evaluation and Continuous Improvement: Regularly evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the implemented AI and IoT systems. Measure the accuracy of diagnoses, treatment recommendations, and patient outcomes. Collect feedback from healthcare providers and patients to identify areas for improvement. Continuously update and refine the AI algorithms and models to enhance their performance and adapt to evolving healthcare needs. It is important to note that the proposed method is a general framework and can be customized and adapted to suit specific healthcare contexts, objectives, and available resources. Collaboration between healthcare professionals, IT experts, data scientists, and patients is crucial for successful implementation and ongoing refinement of AI and IoT solutions in healthcare.

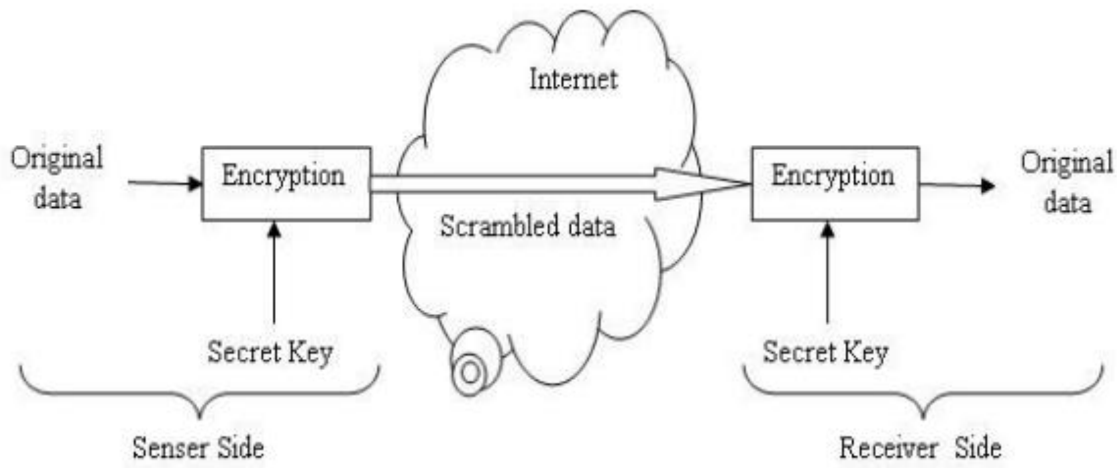

Figure.2: Secure Data Transmission through the Internet

Cryptography is a field that focuses on security techniques used to protect information and data exchange during communication over public channels. It involves following specific rules to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of data. Figure 2 illustrates the process of cryptography. In the encryption process, the original data, also known as plaintext, is inputted into an encryption algorithm along with a secret key. The encryption algorithm transforms the plaintext into unreadable data, known as ciphertext. The sender transmits the ciphertext data to the recipient through a communication channel. During transmission, even if an intermediate node in the communication channel is compromised, the data remains secure and protected from unauthorized access or data leakage. The ciphertext can only be converted back into its original plaintext format using the appropriate decryption algorithm and secret key. Data encryption can be applied at different stages of communication: at the node, link, and node-to-node. In link encryption, the data packets received from the predecessor node are automatically converted back into the original message using the secret key. The next immediate link then encrypts the original message back into ciphertext for transmission. This process ensures the security of data while it is being transmitted through the links. On the other hand, node encryption technique does not keep the data in its original form at any intermediate node. This means that sensitive data is encrypted at each node before transmission, offering stronger protection against unauthorized access or interception. End-to-end encryption refers to the process of encrypting the actual message only at each node before transmitting it. This ensures that the message remains encrypted throughout its entire journey, from the sender to the recipient, providing enhanced security and privacy. In summary, cryptography plays a crucial role in securing data during communication. It involves encrypting the original data using encryption algorithms and secret keys, transforming it into unreadable ciphertext. This ensures that data remains confidential and protected from unauthorized access or interception, even if intermediate nodes in the communication channel are compromised.

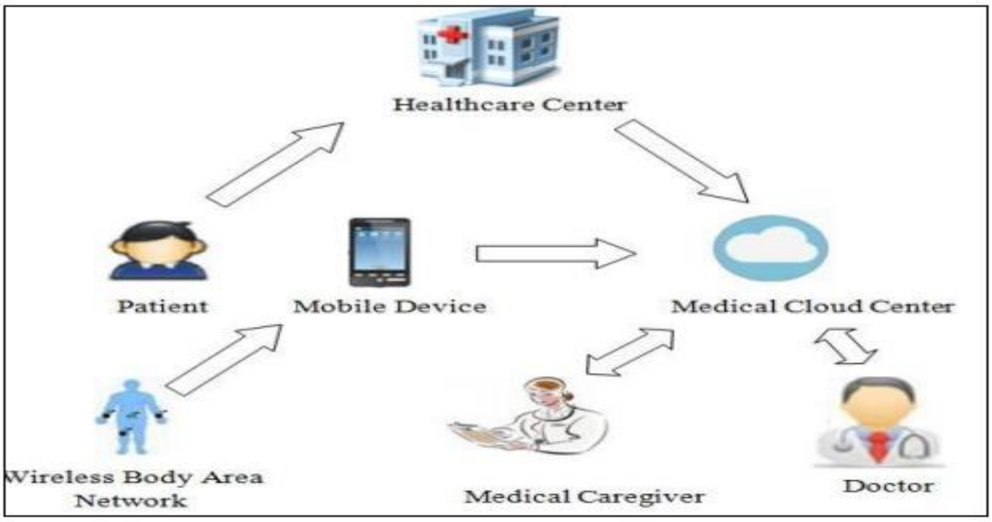

Figure.3: Mobile Based WBAN Healthcare System

In order to address privacy issues in the IoT environment, several studies have proposed security schemes and frameworks. Here are some examples: Gong et al. (2015) focused on privacy issues in the healthcare system and implemented a lightweight framework. The framework relied on improved DES encryption and homomorphism algorithms. It consisted of both software and hardware elements, aiming to enhance the security and privacy of medical data. Hu et al. (2017) presented an IoT-based security scheme for smart sensors and cloud computing in healthcare. They utilized various security techniques such as digital certificates, envelope, time-stamp, signature, and public-key encryption algorithms. This scheme effectively monitored personal and medical data of elderly individuals. The authors claimed that their method was accurate, flexible, and minimized the misuse of healthcare resources. Li et al. (2016) discussed an extended chaotic map-based security scheme for authenticating objects in Wireless Body Area Networks (WBANs) using a secret key mechanism. Their approach operated in a cloud environment and employed the Diffie-Hellman key exchange technique to establish secure communication paths between participants. Patient's biological data collected through WBANs was converted into ciphertext before transmission and stored in the cloud. The proposed method allowed continuous monitoring of healthcare data and dynamic analysis. Patients could authorize medical-care helpers to access their personal data, improving the data access mechanism. The authors evaluated the performance and security of their method, demonstrating successful authentication of participants using mobile devices in the medical healthcare system. These studies highlight the importance of implementing secure solutions to protect privacy in IoT environments, especially in healthcare settings. By employing encryption algorithms, authentication mechanisms, and secure communication protocols, researchers aim to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive data and provide reliable and accurate healthcare services.

6. Proposed Computing Based Monitoring System

The proposed monitoring system for predicting stroke-affected patients aims to improve accuracy by utilizing a three-layer architecture, as depicted in Figure 4. The system involves the patient layer, fog computing layer, and cloud layer. The patient layer is responsible for collecting necessary information about the patient, including personal details, location, health-related data, daily activities, behavioral patterns, and environmental factors. This information is gathered through various body sensors and wearable devices. The fog computing layer processes and diagnoses the information collected from the patient layer. To perform the prediction task, the fog layer uses an ensemble classifier. Once the prediction is complete and it is determined whether a patient is affected by a stroke or not, an alert message is generated and sent to the patient. This alert advises them to take preventive measures to reduce the chances of stroke. The cloud layer is responsible for storing the information gathered from the patient layer. It also facilitates effective processing of this information.

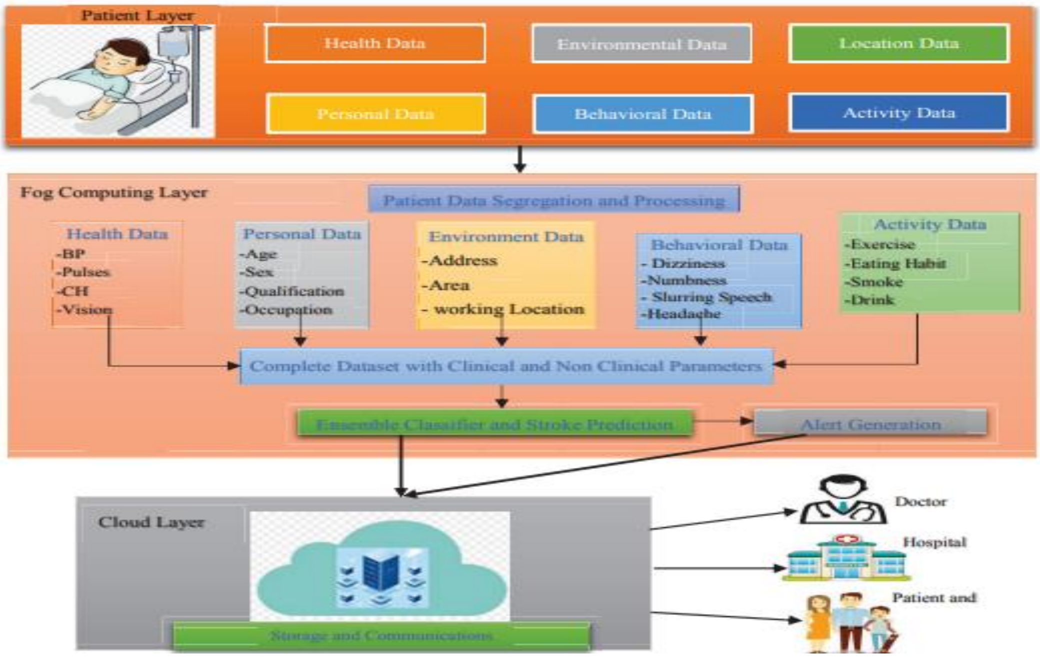

Figure.4: Proposed Computing Based Monitoring System

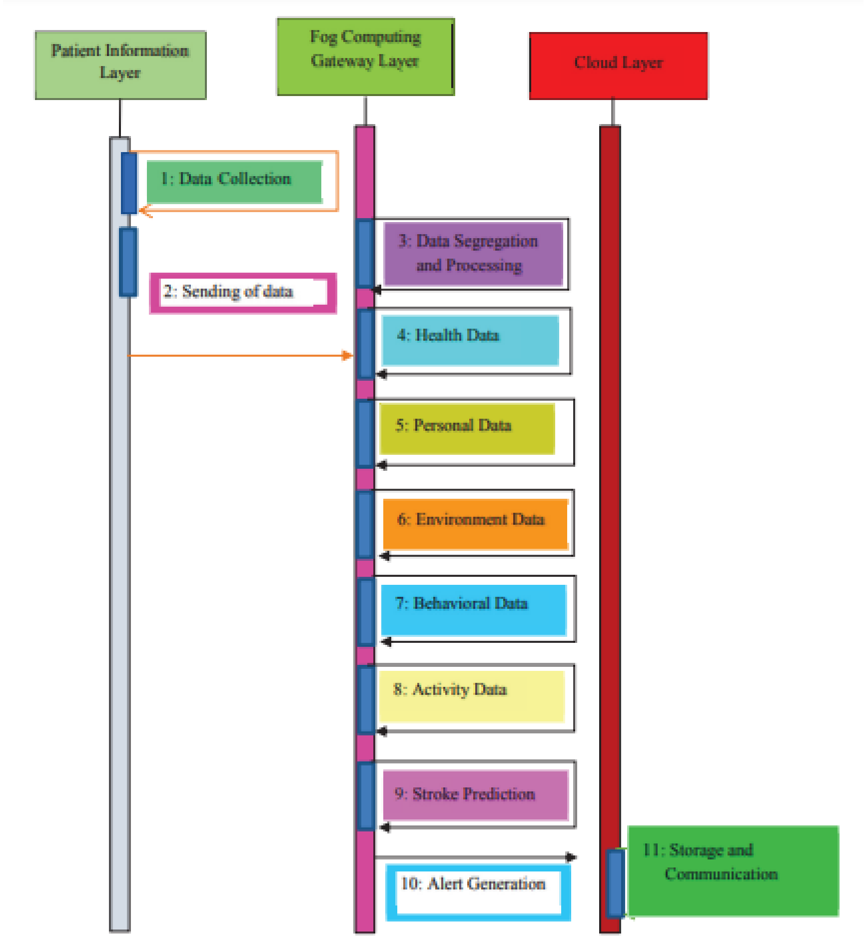

Figure.5: Working Sequence of Proposed Fog Computing Based Monitoring System

The stored data can be shared among doctors, patients, and hospitals to ensure effective treatment. Additionally, the impact of stroke on the patient's health can be assessed using the collected information. Warning messages regarding health status and preventive measures against stroke can also be sent to the patient. Figure 5 illustrates the sequence diagram of the proposed system, showcasing the procedural behavior. In the patient layer, data such as disease symptoms and environmental information are collected. This data is then categorized into health-related data, personal information, behavioral data, activity data, and environmental data. Various sensing devices and wearable sensors are employed to collect this data. Real-time data transmission is achieved through Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) technology. The system utilizes a variety of IoT devices specifically designed for stroke disease monitoring. The health dataset used in the system includes information related to stroke disease and its symptoms. Symptoms such as numbness, headache, vision loss, dizziness, cholesterol levels, blood pressure, speech difficulties, paralysis, and visual impairments are typically monitored. Health sensors are utilized to collect the relevant data for each patient. Overall, the proposed system leverages IoT devices, data collection, processing layers, and classification techniques to predict and monitor stroke-affected patients more accurately, facilitating timely preventive measures and effective treatment.

7. Results and Discussion

In this section, the simulation results of the proposed fog computing-based monitoring system are presented. The effectiveness of the system is evaluated using real-time stroke data, which consists of three classes. Two sample data objects from the stroke dataset are shown in Figure 6. One data object is associated with a stroke patient, while the second data object represents a normal case. To achieve accurate prediction of stroke infection, an ensemble RFB (Radial Basis Function) classifier is employed. The performance of the RFB classifier is evaluated using various metrics, including F-value, precision, accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, error rate, and recall. The implementation of the RFB classifier is carried out in Python programming language on a Windows 10 operating system. To compare the simulation results of the proposed fog-based system, several popular machine learning classifiers are considered. These classifiers include Naive Bayes (NB), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), Boosting, Decision Tree (DT), and Artificial Neural Network (ANN). The simulation results will provide insights into the performance of the proposed fog computing-based monitoring system in predicting stroke infection. By comparing the results with other machine learning classifiers, the effectiveness and efficiency of the proposed system can be assessed.

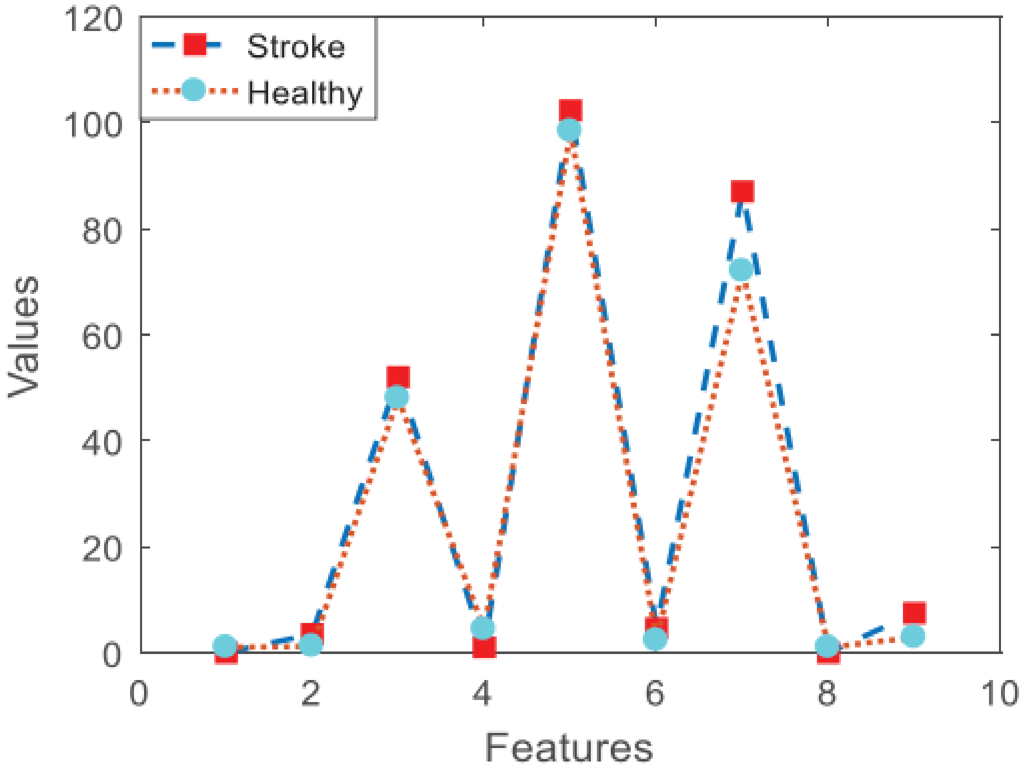

Figure.6: Samples of a stroke dataset

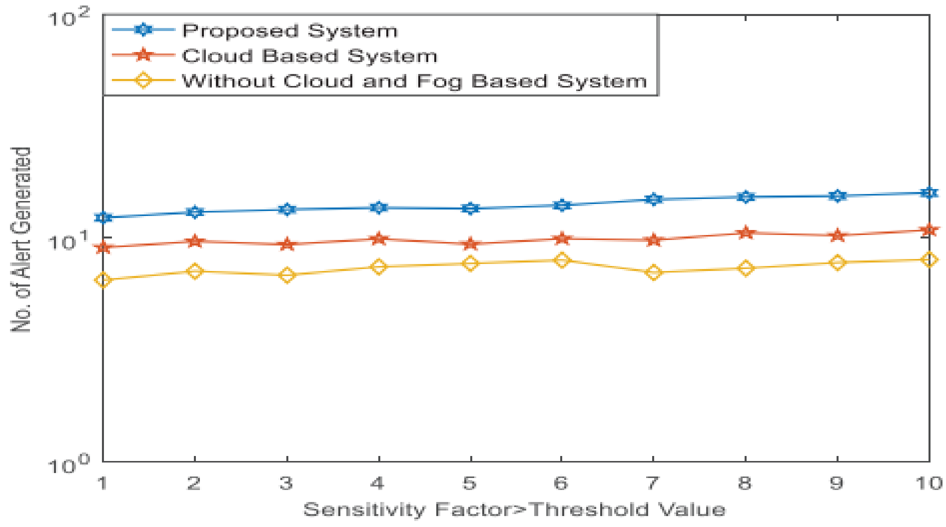

Figure.7: Illustrates the efficiency of alert generation of proposed system

In the proposed fog-based system, alert generation and warning messages play a crucial role. The efficiency of these components is evaluated using various performance measures, including response time, sensitivity, specificity, and precision. These measures help estimate the effectiveness of generating timely and accurate alert and warning messages for stroke patients. The response time parameter is used to assess the efficiency of alert generation and warning messages. Higher values of sensitivity, specificity, and precision indicate better prediction and monitoring of stroke patients. These measures are essential for evaluating the performance of the system in terms of generating timely and accurate alerts and warning messages. Figure 7 provides a comparative analysis of three systems: cloud-based system, system without cloud and fog, and the proposed fog-based system. The efficiency of alert and warning messages is evaluated based on the number of delayed message generations and the total number of alerts generated. It is observed that the cloud computing system and the system without cloud and fog computing have higher latency rates compared to the proposed fog-based system. This is because more time is consumed in processing and transmitting data in the cloud computing layer. The system without cloud and fog computing operates as a standalone system, resulting in higher latency. On the other hand, fog computing significantly reduces network traffic and bandwidth, leading to lower latency as all data is processed at the fog layer. The fog layer acts as an intermediate layer, improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the proposed system. Overall, the proposed fog-based system demonstrates improved efficiency in generating timely alerts and warning messages compared to other systems, thanks to the reduced latency and improved processing capabilities at the fog layer.

8. Conclusion

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) in healthcare has the potential to revolutionize patient care and monitoring. This paper explored the various ways in which AI and IoT can enhance healthcare by enabling real-time data collection, analysis, and decision-making. AI algorithms can analyze vast amounts of patient data, including vital signs, medical images, and electronic health records, to detect patterns, anomalies, and make accurate predictions. This leads to improved diagnostic accuracy, early detection of deteriorating health conditions, and personalized treatment plans. Furthermore, IoT devices such as wearable sensors and smart medical devices enable continuous monitoring of patients' health parameters, providing real-time data for analysis and proactive interventions. In conclusion, the integration of AI and IoT in healthcare holds great promise for enhancing patient care and monitoring. By leveraging the power of AI algorithms to analyze data collected through IoT devices, healthcare providers can deliver personalized, efficient, and proactive healthcare services. However, careful attention must be given to address the challenges associated with the implementation of these technologies to ensure patient privacy, data security, interoperability, and ethical standards. With continued research, collaboration, and innovation, AI and IoT will continue to transform the healthcare landscape, leading to improved patient outcomes and better healthcare experiences.

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