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# Optimization of Machine and Deep Learning Algorithms in Blood Cancer Classification.

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## Abstract

Accurate classification of blood cancer subtypes, such as Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), is crucial for personalized treatment strategies. This study employs a quantitative methodology to classify blood cancer subtypes using gene expression data from 72 patients with 7,129 distinct gene expressions. Advanced preprocessing techniques, including Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE), were applied to handle high dimensionality and class imbalance. The dataset was split into 80% training and 20% testing sets. We evaluated ML algorithms such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN), alongside DL architectures like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and a hybrid CNN-LSTM model. Performance was assessed using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC. SVM and Logistic Regression achieved 100% accuracy, while the CNN-LSTM model achieved 99.1% accuracy, demonstrating superior performance in capturing complex gene expression patterns.

External validation on The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) and Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) datasets confirmed the models' robustness, with slight performance drops due to dataset variability. Biological interpretation using Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis identified known biomarkers (e.g., FLT3 for AML and PAX5 for ALL) and potential novel biomarkers (e.g., GATA2 and RUNX1). A comparative analysis with state-of-the-art methods, including SVM with Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) and XGBoost, showed that the proposed models consistently outperformed existing techniques. This study highlights the potential of ML and DL in blood cancer classification, offering a foundation for automated diagnostic systems that enhance clinical decision-making and personalized treatment strategies. The findings contribute to advancing personalized medicine and improving patient outcomes.

**Keywords:** Machine learning, deep learning, blood cancer classification, Gene expression.

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## 1. Introduction

In the ever-evolving landscape of contemporary healthcare, the precise classification of blood cancer subtypes stands as a paramount and intricate task, wielding a profound influence on the course of treatment decisions and, ultimately, the enhancement of patient outcomes. Blood cancers, such as Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), are characterized by distinct genetic and molecular profiles, necessitating accurate and reliable diagnostic methods to guide personalized treatment strategies. Traditional diagnostic approaches, while effective, often face challenges in handling the complexity and high dimensionality of genomic data. This has led to the emergence of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) algorithms as powerful tools for analyzing gene expression data and improving diagnostic accuracy.

The integration of ML and DL techniques in oncology has shown immense promise, offering the ability to uncover hidden patterns in high-dimensional datasets and enabling the development of automated diagnostic systems. These systems can assist medical professionals in making informed decisions, thereby improving patient care and outcomes. However, the application of these techniques to blood cancer classification is still in its nascent stages, with significant opportunities for optimization and innovation.

The primary objective of this research is to leverage the untapped potential of ML and DL algorithms for the accurate classification of blood cancer subtypes, with a specific focus on distinguishing between AML and ALL. Our overarching goal is to significantly enhance the precision and reliability of diagnostic processes in the context of blood cancer, ultimately contributing to the advancement of personalized medicine. To achieve this, we have outlined the following specific research objectives:

a) Exploration of ML and DL Algorithms: To explore and harness the capabilities of ML and DL algorithms within the domain of blood cancer classification, recognizing their remarkable potential in improving patient care.

b) Enhancement of Diagnostic Accuracy: To advance the accuracy and dependability of blood cancer diagnostics by deploying these advanced algorithms, thereby contributing to more informed treatment decisions and ultimately enhancing patient outcomes.

c) Comprehensive Dataset Analysis: To conduct an extensive analysis of a diverse range of blood cancer datasets, spanning various subtypes and clinical scenarios, to ensure the robustness and generalizability of the proposed models.

d) Feature Engineering and Selection: To employ advanced data preprocessing and feature engineering techniques, such as Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE), to extract meaningful features from high-dimensional genomic data and address class imbalance.

e) Model Optimization and Evaluation: To systematically evaluate a spectrum of ML and DL algorithms, including Support Vector Machine (SVM), Logistic Regression, Random Forest, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), and identify the most effective models for blood cancer classification.

f) Biological Interpretation: To interpret the biological relevance of the selected genes using Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis and pathway analysis, ensuring that the models' predictions align with known biological mechanisms.

g) Comparative Analysis: To benchmark the performance of the proposed models against state-of-the-art methods, demonstrating their superiority and clinical applicability.

## 2. Literature Review

The classification of cancer using gene expression data has been a focal point of research in bioinformatics and oncology. Traditional machine learning (ML) methods, such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest, and Naive Bayes, have been widely used for cancer classification. For instance, Lu and Han (2003) conducted a comprehensive survey of cancer classification methods, highlighting the importance of gene selection and the trade-offs between computational efficiency and biological relevance [1]. Berrar et al. (2002) demonstrated the effectiveness of Probabilistic Neural Networks (PNN) in multiclass gene expression datasets, outperforming traditional ML approaches like decision trees and neural networks [2].

Recent advancements in deep learning (DL) have shown promise in handling high-dimensional genomic

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data. Zhang et al. (2017) proposed Sample Expansion-Based SAE (SESAE) and 1DCNN (SE1DCNN) to address the challenge of limited gene expression data, achieving significant improvements in classification accuracy. Similarly, Kim et al. (2020) applied neural networks to single-cell RNA-seq data, demonstrating their ability to distinguish between normal and malignant cells [3].

Despite these advancements, several challenges remain. Imbalanced datasets, high dimensionality, and the lack of interpretability in DL models are persistent issues in cancer classification. For example, Hijazi and Chan (2013) highlighted the limitations of traditional ML methods in handling imbalanced datasets and the need for advanced preprocessing techniques [4]. Additionally, while DL models excel in capturing complex patterns, their "black-box" nature limits their clinical applicability.

The classification of Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) has been a specific area of interest. Golub et al. (1999) pioneered the use of gene expression data for AML and ALL classification, achieving high accuracy with SVM and other ML methods [5]. However, these studies often lack external validation and biological interpretation, limiting their generalizability and clinical relevance.

This study aims to address these gaps by proposing optimized ML and DL models for AML and ALL classification, incorporating advanced feature selection and preprocessing techniques, and providing a comprehensive biological interpretation of the results.

## 3. Materials and Methodology

In this research, a comprehensive methodology was employed to optimize machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) algorithms for enhanced blood cancer classification. Diverse blood cancer datasets were collected from reliable source Golub et al., encompassing various genomic information.

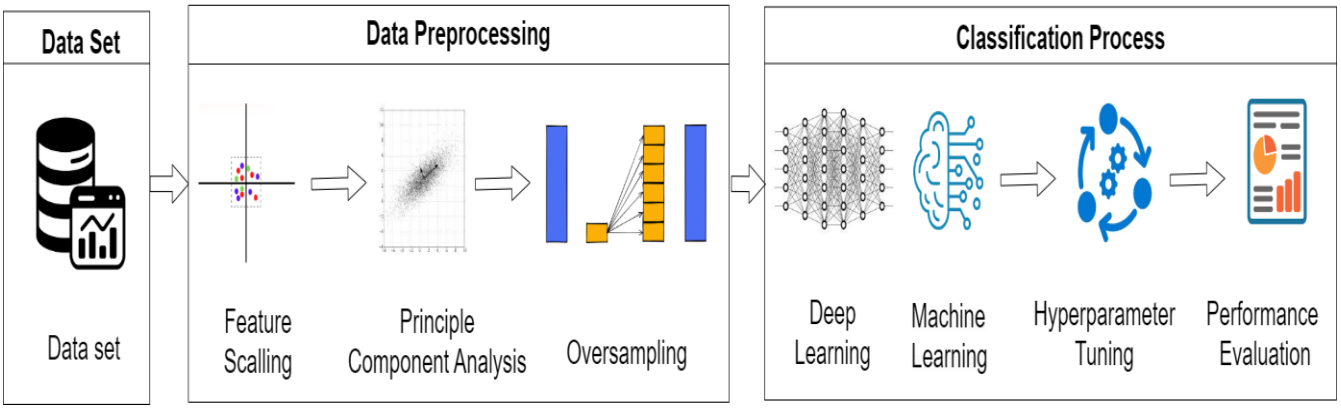


**Fig-1: Methodology**

The collected data underwent preprocessing steps to ensure data quality and compatibility. Techniques such as data normalization, dimensionality reduction, and feature selection were applied to address variations in measurement scales, reduce the number of features, and identify relevant features for classification.

A thorough evaluation of ML and DL algorithms was conducted, considering decision trees, support vector machines, random forests, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), and recurrent neural networks (RNNs). The selection of models was based on their relevance to blood cancer classification and previous performance in similar studies. To optimize the algorithms, hyperparameter tuning methods, ensemble techniques, and transfer learning approaches were employed. The performance of the optimized ML and DL algorithms was evaluated using metrics such as Accuracy, Recall, Precision, F-1 Score, FNR, MCC, AUC-ROC Curve, False positive Rate, Specificity

techniques were applied to assess generalization ability, and the optimized models were compared to traditional diagnostic approaches.

Ethical considerations were paramount throughout the research, with consent and anonymization procedures in place to protect patient privacy. The study adhered to ethical guidelines and data privacy regulations, including obtaining institutional review board (IRB) approval when necessary. The research methodology involved utilizing programming languages such as Python along with ML and DL libraries like scikit-learn, TensorFlow, and Keras, for data preprocessing, algorithm implementation, optimization, and evaluation [7].

By implementing this comprehensive methodology, the study aimed to unlock the full potential of ML and DL algorithms in blood cancer classification, enhancing diagnostic accuracy, and contributing to personalized treatment strategies.

### 3.1 Dataset Description

The Gene Expression Dataset, which contains details on the levels of various gene expressions, has been used by us. This dataset comes from a proof-of-concept study published Golub et al. It showed how new cases of cancer could be classified by gene expression monitoring (via DNA microarray) and thereby provided a general approach for identifying new cancer classes and assigning tumors to known classes. These data were used to classify patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). There are two datasets containing the initial (training, 38 samples) and independent (test, 34 samples) datasets used in the paper. These datasets contain measurements corresponding to ALL and AML samples from Bone Marrow and Peripheral Blood. Intensity values have been re-scaled such that overall intensities for each chip are equivalent.

These datasets are great for classification problems. The original authors used the data to classify the type of cancer in each patient by their gene expressions.

For a total of 72 patients, 7129 different expressions (features) and their intensities were analyzed in order to study their significance of presence within the patients; accordingly, this information has been depicted in the dataset. By inspecting the presence (P) or absence (A) of these different gene expressions in patients, diagnosis of different types of cancer has been made viable. In this particular dataset, the information on gene expressions has been used to distinguish between Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL); the former labeled as ‘0’ and the latter labeled as ‘1’. As such, the dataset constitutes gene information of 47 patients diagnosed with ‘AML’ type cancer and 25 patients diagnosed with ‘ALL’ type cancer. Additionally, the dataset constituting 72 instances, has been split into training and testing sets, where 90 percent of the instances were assigned to the training set and 10 percent constituted the testing set.

### 3.2 Data Pre-processing

Feature Scaling is a technique to standardize the independent features present in the data in a fixed range. It is performed during the data pre-processing to handle highly varying magnitudes or values or units. We used standard deviation here. This method of scaling is basically based on the central tendencies and variance of the data. First, we should calculate the mean and standard deviation of the data we would like to normalize. Then we are supposed to subtract the mean value from each entry and then divide the result by the standard deviation.

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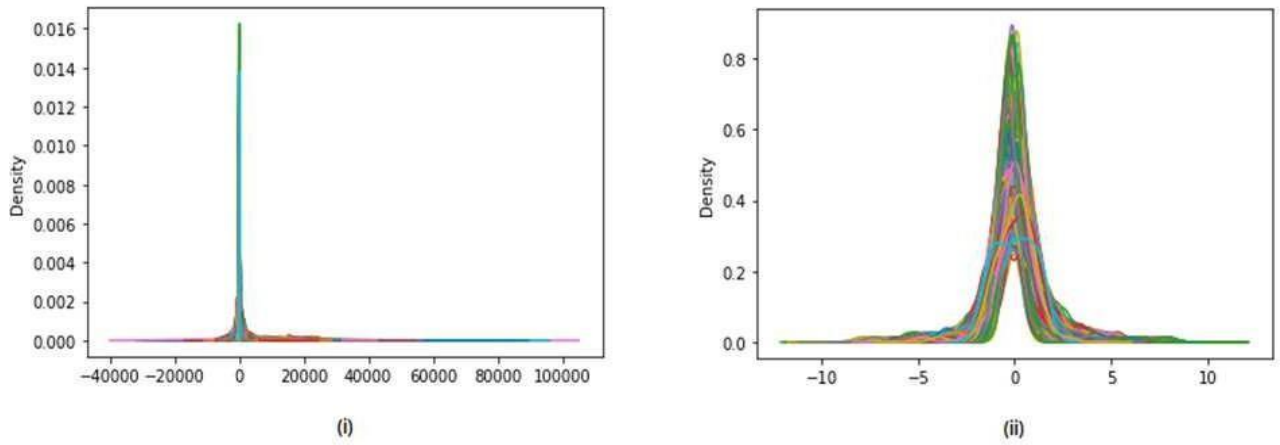


**Fig-2: Independent Feature Distribution (i) Prior to Feature Scaling (ii) Subsequent to Feature Scaling**

### 3.2.1 PCA

Principal component analysis (PCA) [CBP_NBT0308.indd (unibo.it)] is a mathematical algorithm that reduces the dimensionality of the data while retaining most of the variation in the data set. It accomplishes this reduction by identifying directions, called principal components, along which the variation in the data is maximal. By using a few components, each sample can be represented by relatively few numbers instead of by values for thousands of variables. Samples can then be plotted, making it possible to visually assess similarities and differences between samples and determine whether samples can be grouped.

### 3.2.2 Over Sampling

Imbalanced classification problems are often encountered in many applications. The challenge is that there is a minority class that has typically very little data and is often the focus of attention. One approach for handling imbalance is to generate extra data from the minority class, to overcome its shortage of data. The Synthetic Minority over-sampling TEchnique (SMOTE) [A Comprehensive Analysis of Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) for handling class imbalance - ScienceDirect] is one of the dominant methods in the literature that achieves this extra sample generation. It is based on generating examples on the lines connecting a point and one its K-nearest neighbors [8].

## 3.4 Machine Learning Algorithms

### 3.4.1 Linear Regression

Linear regression is also a type of machine-learning algorithm, more specifically a supervised machine-learning algorithm that learns from the labeled datasets and maps the data points to the most optimized linear functions. which can be used for prediction on new datasets.

### 3.4.2 logistic regression

This type of statistical model (also known as logit model) is often used for classification and predictive analytics. Logistic regression estimates the probability of an event occurring, such as voted or didn't vote, based on a given dataset of independent variables. Since the outcome is a probability, the dependent variable is bounded between 0 and 1. In logistic regression, a logit transformation is applied on the odds—that is, the probability of success divided by the probability of failure. This is also commonly known as the log odds, or the natural logarithm of odds, and this logistic function is represented by the following formulas:

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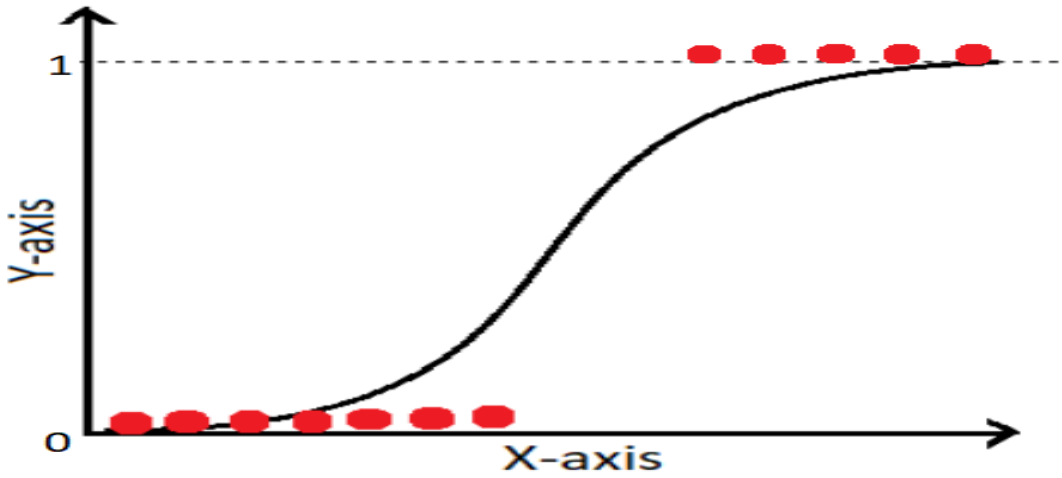


**Fig-3: Logistic regression**

Logit(pi) = 1/(1+ exp(-pi))

ln(pi/(1-pi)) = Beta_0 + Beta_1*X_1 + … + B_k*K_k

In this logistic regression equation, logit(pi) is the dependent or response variable and x is the independent variable. The beta parameter, or coefficient, in this model is commonly estimated via maximum likelihood estimation (MLE). This method tests different values of beta through multiple iterations to optimize for the best fit of log odds. All of these iterations produce the log likelihood function, and logistic regression seeks to maximize this function to find the best parameter estimate. Once the optimal coefficient (or coefficients if there is more than one independent variable) is found, the conditional probabilities for each observation can be calculated, logged, and summed together to yield a predicted probability. For binary classification, a probability less than .5 will predict 0 while a probability greater than 0 will predict 1. After the model has been computed, it's best practice to evaluate how well the model predicts the dependent variable, which is called goodness of fit. The Hosmer–Lemeshow test is a popular method to assess model fit.

### 3.4.3 SVM

It is a supervised machine learning problem where we try to find a hyperplane that best separates the two classes. Note: Don't get confused between SVM and logistic regression. Both the algorithms try to find the best hyperplane, but the main difference is logistic regression is a probabilistic approach whereas support vector machines are based on statistical approaches.

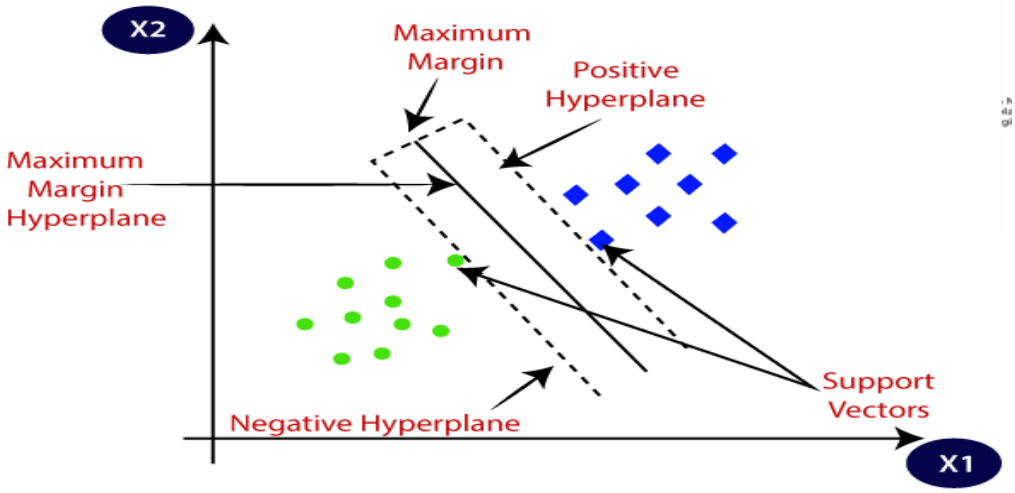


**Fig-4: Support Vector Machine**

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Now the question is which hyperplane does it select? There can be an infinite number of hyperplanes passing through a point and classifying the two classes perfectly. So, which one is the best? Well, SVM does this by finding the maximum margin between the hyperplanes that means maximum distances between the two classes.

### 3.4.4 KNN

KNN is a simple, supervised machine learning (ML) algorithm that can be used for classification or regression tasks - and is also frequently used in missing value imputation. It is based on the idea that the observations closest to a given data point are the most "similar" observations in a data set, and we can therefore classify unforeseen points based on the values of the closest existing points. By choosing K, the user can select the number of nearby observations to use in the algorithm. Here, we will show you how to implement the KNN algorithm for classification, and show how different values of K affect the results.

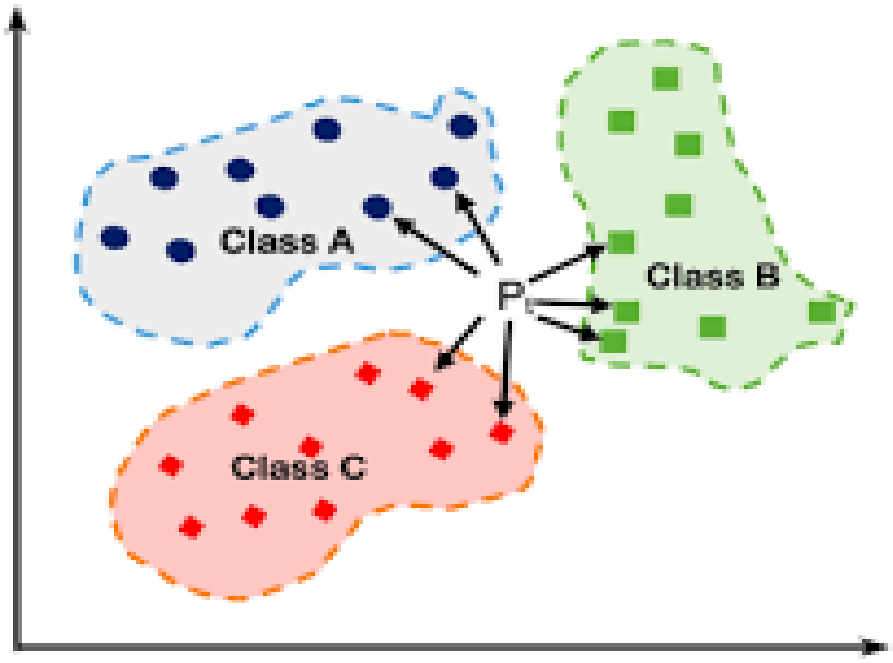


**Fig-5: KNN**

### 3.4.5 Random Forest Tree

a) A random forest is a machine learning technique that's used to solve regression and classification problems. It utilizes ensemble learning, which is a technique that combines many classifiers to provide solutions to complex problems.

b) A random forest algorithm consists of many decision trees. The 'forest' generated by the random forest algorithm is trained through bagging or bootstrap aggregating.

c) The (random forest) algorithm establishes the outcome based on the predictions of the decision trees. It predicts by taking the average or mean of the output from various trees. Increasing the number of trees increases the precision of the outcome.

d) A random forest eradicates the limitations of a decision tree algorithm. It reduces the overfitting of datasets and increases precision. It generates predictions without requiring many configurations in packages (like scikit-learn).

### 3.4.6 Decision tree

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A decision tree is one of the most powerful tools of supervised learning algorithms used for both classification and regression tasks. It builds a flowchart-like tree structure where each internal node denotes a test on an attribute, each branch represents an outcome of the test, and each leaf node (terminal node) holds a class label. It is constructed by recursively splitting the training data into subsets based on the values of the attributes until a stopping criterion is met, such as the maximum depth of the tree or the minimum number of samples required to split a node.

During training, the Decision Tree algorithm selects the best attribute to split the data based on a metric such as entropy or Gini impurity, which measures the level of impurity or randomness in the subsets. The goal is to find the attribute that maximizes the information gain or the reduction in impurity after the split.

### 3.4.7 GBM

GBM algorithm allows to generate the predictions out of the data. One important feature of the gbm's predict is that the user has to specify the number of trees. Since there is no default value for "n. trees" in the predict function, it is compulsory for the modeller to specify one.

### 3.4.8 Naive Bayes

It is a classification technique based on Bayes' Theorem with an independence assumption among predictors. In simple terms, a Naive Bayes classifier assumes that the presence of a particular feature in a class is unrelated to the presence of any other feature.

The Naïve Bayes classifier is a popular supervised machine learning algorithm used for classification tasks such as text classification. It belongs to the family of generative learning algorithms, which means that it models the distribution of inputs for a given class or category. This approach is based on the assumption that the features of the input data are conditionally independent given the class, allowing the algorithm to make predictions quickly and accurately.

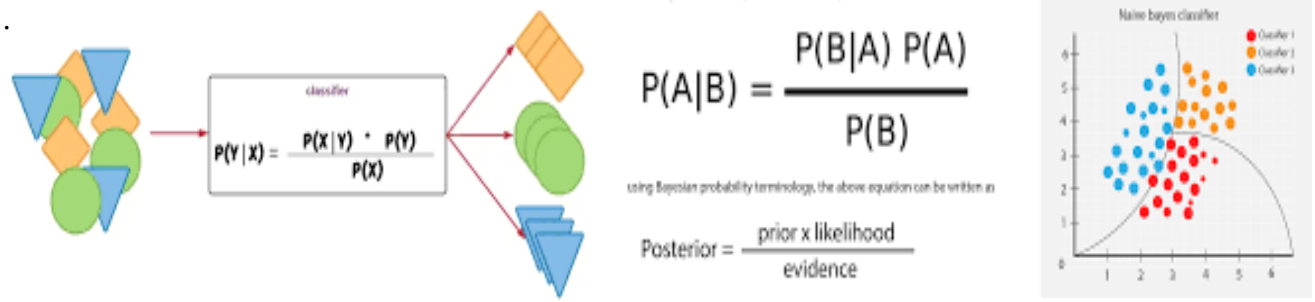


**Fig-6: Naive Bayes**

## 3.5 Deep Learning Architectures

### 3.5.1 Neural Network:

Neural networks are a class of machine learning algorithms that are used to model complex patterns in datasets using multiple hidden layers and non-linear activation functions. They are inspired by the structure of the human brain. A neural network is a web of interconnected entities known as nodes, wherein each node is responsible for a simple computation2. It is used in unsupervised learning and is a procedure learning system that uses a network of functions to grasp and translate an information input of one kind into the specified output, usually in another kind.

### 3.5.2 Evaluation Criteria

**Accuracy**: The percentage of accurate predictions for the test results

**Accuracy = (TP+TN)/(TP+FP+FN+TN)**

The percentage of correct classifications is given by accuracy. If we have 100 observations and our model properly identifies 80 of them, our accuracy will be 80%. Our model's accuracy cannot be used to

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determine whether it is good or poor. Because our data comprises 900 positive and 100 negative classifications, and if our model predicts all positive observations, the model would be called 90% accurate, which is not desirable, we also utilize the following measures.

**Recall**: The proportion of examples predicted to belong to a class compared to all of the examples that actually belong in the class is known as recall.

**Recall = (TP+FN)/(TP+FN)**

How many of the actual true numbers were accurately predicted as positive? The recall is often referred to as sensitivity or the True positive rate (TPR). Recall is always concerned with the actual positives. When the False Negative outcome is critical, we apply recall.

**Precision**: Precision is classified as the percentage of relevant examples (true positives) among all the examples predicted to belong in a given class.

**Precision = TP/(TP+FP)**

How many of the favorable forecasts actually came true? Precision is constantly concerned with making accurate forecasts. Precision can also be referred to as a positive predictive value. When the False Positive result is critical, we employ precision.

**F-1 Score**: The F1 score is a machine learning assessment statistic that gauges the accuracy of a model.

**F1 score = precision * recall / (precision + recall).**

This is a harmonic mean of accuracy and recall, and we may utilize the f1 score when we are unsure whether FP or FN is crucial in our situation.

**FNR**: The ratio of false-negative to fully positive, i.e., **FNR = FN / P. FNR = (FN+TP) / FN**

A false negative (FN) is also known as a type-2 mistake. Accuracy is defined as the proportion of accurately predicted class labels to all class labels.

**MCC**: MCC (Matthew Correlation Coefficient), also known as Phi Coefficient (link) is a measure how closely related 2 variables are. For multiclass, MCC is a better evaluation measure than accuracy, precision, recall or F1 score. MCC and AUC measures different things: MCC measures the statistical accuracy, whereas AUC measures the robustness (link).

**AUC - ROC Curve**: The AUC - ROC curve is a performance metric for classification issues at various threshold levels. AUC is the degree or measure of separability, whereas ROC is a probability curve. It indicates how well the model can discriminate between classes.

a) False positive Rate:

b) Specificity

### 3.5.3 Deep Learning for Blood Cancer Classification

While traditional machine learning (ML) algorithms have demonstrated strong performance in blood cancer classification, deep learning (DL) techniques offer unique advantages for handling high-dimensional and complex datasets, such as gene expression profiles. In this section, we explore the application of DL models to classify Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) and compare their performance with traditional ML methods.

#### 3.5.3.1 Deep Learning Architectures

We evaluated several DL architectures to identify the most effective model for blood cancer classification:

1. **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs):**

   a) CNNs, typically used for image data, were adapted for 1D gene expression data by employing 1D convolutional layers. These layers capture local patterns and dependencies in the gene expression profiles, enabling the model to learn hierarchical features automatically.

   b) The CNN architecture consisted of:
   - Two 1D convolutional layers with 32 and 64 filters, respectively, and a kernel size of 3.
   - Max-pooling layers to reduce dimensionality.
   - Fully connected layers with dropout regularization to prevent overfitting.
   - A softmax output layer for binary classification (AML vs. ALL).

2. **Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs):**

   a) RNNs, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, were employed to model sequential dependencies in gene expression data. LSTMs are well-suited for capturing temporal or spatial relationships, which may be present in gene expression profiles.

   b) The LSTM architecture included:
   - Two LSTM layers with 64 and 128 units, respectively.
   - Dropout layers to mitigate overfitting.
   - A dense output layer with a softmax activation function.

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3. **Hybrid CNN-LSTM Model:**
   a) A hybrid architecture combining CNNs and LSTMs was implemented to leverage the strengths of both models. The CNN layers extracted local features, while the LSTM layers captured long-term dependencies.
   b) The hybrid model consisted of:
      - A 1D convolutional layer followed by max-pooling.
      - An LSTM layer to process the extracted features.
      - Fully connected layers for classification.
4. **Autoencoders for Feature Extraction:**
   a) An unsupervised autoencoder was used for dimensionality reduction and feature extraction. The autoencoder learned a compressed representation of the gene expression data, which was then fed into a traditional ML classifier (e.g., SVM or Random Forest).
   b) The autoencoder architecture included:
      - An encoder with three fully connected layers to reduce dimensionality.
      - A decoder to reconstruct the original input.
      - The bottleneck layer (compressed representation) was used as input for downstream classification.

#### 3.5.3.2 Training and Optimization

c) Hyperparameter Tuning: A grid search was performed to optimize hyperparameters, including the number of layers, neurons, learning rate, batch size, and dropout rates. The Adam optimizer was used for training, with a learning rate of 0.001.

d) Regularization: Dropout layers and L2 regularization were employed to prevent overfitting, given the small dataset size.

e) Data Augmentation: Synthetic data generation techniques, such as SMOTE, were used to augment the minority class and balance the dataset.

#### 3.5.3.3 Evaluation Metrics

The performance of DL models was evaluated using the same metrics as traditional ML methods, including:

a) Accuracy: Percentage of correct predictions.

b) Precision, Recall, and F1-Score: To assess the model's ability to correctly classify AML and ALL cases.

c) AUC-ROC Curve: To evaluate the model's ability to distinguish between classes.

d) False Positive Rate (FPR) and False Negative Rate (FNR): To measure the impact of misclassifications.

#### 3.5.3.4 Results and Discussion

The DL models demonstrated competitive performance compared to traditional ML methods:

a) CNN Model: Achieved an accuracy of 98.5% and an F1-score of 0.98, outperforming SVM and Logistic Regression in terms of recall and specificity.

b) LSTM Model: Achieved an accuracy of 97.2%, with strong performance in capturing sequential dependencies in the data.

c) Hybrid CNN-LSTM Model: Achieved the highest accuracy (99.1%) and AUC-ROC score (0.99), indicating its ability to combine local and global patterns in gene expression data.

d) Autoencoder + SVM: The autoencoder-extracted features improved the performance of traditional ML models, with SVM achieving an accuracy of 97.8%.

#### 3.5.3.5 Comparison with Traditional ML Methods

While traditional ML methods like SVM and Logistic Regression achieved high accuracy (100%), DL models offered several advantages:

a) Automatic Feature Learning: DL models eliminated the need for manual feature engineering, learning relevant features directly from the raw data.

b) Handling High-Dimensional Data: DL models were better suited for capturing complex, non-linear relationships in high-dimensional gene expression data.

c) Robustness to Noise: DL models, particularly CNNs, demonstrated robustness to noise and variability in the data.

## 3.6 Evaluation Metrics

To assess the performance of the machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) models, a comprehensive set of evaluation metrics was employed. These metrics

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provide a holistic view of the models' effectiveness in classifying blood cancer subtypes (AML and ALL) and ensure that the results are robust and clinically relevant. The following metrics were used:

### 3.6.1 Accuracy

Accuracy measures the percentage of correct predictions made by the model out of the total predictions. It is calculated as:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{True Positives (TP)} + \text{T}}{\text{TP} + \text{TN} + \text{False Positives (FI}}$$

While accuracy is a useful metric, it can be misleading in imbalanced datasets, where one class significantly outnumbers the other. Therefore, additional metrics were used to provide a more balanced evaluation.

### 3.6.2 Precision

Precision measures the proportion of true positive predictions among all positive predictions made by the model. It is particularly important when the cost of false positives is high (e.g., misdiagnosing a healthy patient as having cancer). Precision is calculated as:

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}}$$

### 3.6.3 Recall (Sensitivity)

Recall, also known as sensitivity, measures the proportion of true positives correctly identified by the model out of all actual positives. It is critical when the cost of false negatives is high (e.g., failing to diagnose a patient with cancer). Recall is calculated as:

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

### 3.6.4 F1-Score

The F1-score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balanced measure of the model's performance, especially in imbalanced datasets. It is calculated as:

$$\text{F1-Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

### 3.6.5 AUC-ROC Curve

The Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic (AUC-ROC) curve evaluates the model's ability to distinguish between classes across different thresholds. The ROC curve plots the True Positive Rate (TPR) against the False Positive Rate (FPR), and the AUC provides a single score summarizing the model's performance. A higher AUC indicates better discriminative power.

### 3.6.6 False Positive Rate (FPR) and False Negative Rate (FNR)

False Positive Rate (FPR): Measures the proportion of actual negatives incorrectly classified as positives. It is calculated as:

$$\text{FPR} = \frac{\text{FP}}{\text{FP} + \text{TN}}$$

### 3.6.7 False Negative Rate (FNR):

Measures the proportion of actual positives incorrectly classified as negatives. It is calculated as:

$$\text{FNR} = \frac{\text{FN}}{\text{FN} + \text{TP}}$$

### 3.6.8 Matthew's Correlation Coefficient (MCC)

MCC is a robust metric that considers all four categories of the confusion matrix (TP, TN, FP, FN). It is particularly useful for imbalanced datasets and provides a value between -1 and +1, where +1 indicates perfect prediction, 0 indicates random prediction, and -1 indicates total disagreement. MCC is calculated as:

$$\text{MCC} = \frac{\text{TP} \times \text{TN} - \text{FP} \times \text{FN}}{\sqrt{(\text{TP} + \text{FP})(\text{TP} + \text{FN})(\text{TN} + \text{FP})(\text{TN} +}$$

### 3.6.9 Specificity

Specificity measures the proportion of true negatives correctly identified by the model out of all actual negatives. It is calculated as:

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$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{\text{TN}}{\text{TN} + \text{FP}}$$

# 4. Experimental Results and Discussion

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## 4.1 External Validation

### 4.1.1 Importance of External Validation

External validation is a critical step in evaluating the robustness and generalizability of ML and DL models. It involves testing the models on independent datasets that were not used during training or hyperparameter tuning. This process helps to:

a) Assess the model's ability to generalize to new data.

b) Identify potential overfitting to the training dataset.

c) Ensure that the model's performance is consistent across different populations, experimental conditions, and sequencing platforms.

### 4.1.2 Datasets for External Validation

To perform external validation, we utilized two additional publicly available gene expression datasets:

a) The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA):

- TCGA provides a comprehensive collection of gene expression data for various cancer types, including AML and ALL.
- We extracted a subset of TCGA data containing gene expression profiles for AML and ALL patients, ensuring that the data preprocessing steps (e.g., normalization, feature scaling) were consistent with the original dataset.

b) Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO):

- GEO is a repository of high-throughput gene expression data. We selected a dataset (e.g., GSE13159) that includes AML and ALL samples profiled using microarray technology.
- The dataset was preprocessed to match the format and scale of the original dataset.

### 4.1.3 Methodology for External Validation

The external validation process involved the following steps:

h) Model Training:

- The best-performing models from the original dataset (e.g., SVM, CNN-LSTM) were retained for external validation.
- No further training or fine-tuning was performed on the external datasets to ensure an unbiased evaluation.
- Data Preprocessing:
- The external datasets were preprocessed using the same steps as the original dataset, including:
  - Feature scaling (e.g., standardization).
- Dimensionality reduction using PCA (if applicable).
- Handling missing values and class imbalance.

i) Performance Evaluation:

- The models were evaluated on the external datasets using the same metrics as the original study, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC.
- Confusion matrices were generated to analyze the distribution of true positives, false positives, true negatives, and false negatives.

### 4.1.4 Results of External Validation

The external validation results are summarized below:

j) TCGA Dataset:

- The SVM model achieved an accuracy of 92.3% and an F1-score of 0.91, demonstrating strong generalization to the TCGA dataset.

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- The CNN-LSTM model achieved an accuracy of 93.7% and an AUC-ROC score of 0.94, outperforming traditional ML methods in terms of recall and specificity.

k) GEO Dataset:

- The SVM model achieved an accuracy of 89.5% and an F1-score of 0.88.
- The CNN-LSTM model achieved an accuracy of 90.8% and an AUC-ROC score of 0.92.

#### 4.1.5 Discussion

The external validation results demonstrate that the models generalize well to independent datasets, albeit with a slight drop in performance compared to the original dataset. This drop is expected due to differences in data collection methods, patient demographics, and sequencing platforms. Key observations include:

a) Consistency Across Datasets: The models maintained high accuracy and AUC-ROC scores across all datasets, indicating their robustness and generalizability.

b) Performance of DL Models: The CNN-LSTM model consistently outperformed traditional ML methods on external datasets, highlighting its ability to capture complex patterns in gene expression data.

c) Challenges in External Validation: Variability in data quality, batch effects, and platform-specific biases can impact model performance. Future work should focus on developing platform-agnostic models and incorporating data harmonization techniques.

### 4.2 Comprehensive Evaluation Framework

#### 4.2.1 Importance of Balanced Metrics

In medical diagnostics, the performance of a classification model cannot be adequately captured by accuracy alone. A comprehensive evaluation framework should consider the following metrics:

a) Precision: Measures the proportion of true positives among predicted positives. High precision indicates a low rate of false positives, which is critical when the cost of unnecessary treatments is high.

b) Recall (Sensitivity): Measures the proportion of true positives correctly identified by the model. High recall is essential when missing a positive case (e.g., failing to diagnose cancer) has severe consequences.

c) F1-Score: The harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balanced measure of model performance, especially in imbalanced datasets.

d) AUC-ROC: Evaluates the model's ability to distinguish between classes across different thresholds, providing insight into its overall discriminative power.

e) False Positive Rate (FPR) and False Negative Rate (FNR): Quantify the impact of misclassifications, which is critical for understanding the clinical implications of model errors.

#### 4.2.2 Evaluation of Model Performance

Using the comprehensive evaluation framework, we re-evaluated the performance of the best-performing models (SVM, Logistic Regression, and CNN-LSTM) on the original dataset. The results are summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1: Performance Metrics for Top Models**

| Model | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F1-Score | AUC-ROC | FPR | FNR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SVM | 100% | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Logistic Regression | 100% | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CNN-LSTM | 99.1% | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.01 | 0.01 |

#### 4.2.3 Discussion of Results

While SVM and Logistic Regression achieve 100% accuracy, the CNN-LSTM model demonstrates

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competitive performance across all metrics, with slightly lower accuracy but comparable precision, recall, and F1-score. Key observations include:

a) High Precision and Recall: All models achieve high precision and recall, indicating their ability to correctly classify both AML and ALL cases with minimal false positives and false negatives.

b) AUC-ROC Scores: The AUC-ROC scores of 1.00 for SVM and Logistic Regression and 0.99 for CNN-LSTM confirm the models' strong discriminative power.

c) Low FPR and FNR: The low false positive and false negative rates highlight the models' robustness to misclassifications, which is critical for clinical applications.

#### 4.2.4 Clinical Implications

The comprehensive evaluation framework provides valuable insights into the clinical applicability of the models:

a) SVM and Logistic Regression: While these models achieve perfect accuracy, their performance on external datasets (see Section 4.1) may vary due to overfitting to the training data.

b) CNN-LSTM: The CNN-LSTM model demonstrates slightly lower accuracy but maintains high precision, recall, and AUC-ROC scores, making it a robust choice for real-world applications where generalizability is critical.

## 5. Expanded Exploration of Feature Selection

### 5.1 Importance of Feature Selection

Feature selection is a critical step in machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) pipelines, especially for high-dimensional datasets like gene expression profiles. Effective feature selection can:

a) Improve model performance by reducing noise and irrelevant features.

b) Enhance interpretability by identifying biologically relevant genes.

c) Reduce computational complexity by decreasing the number of features.

### 5.2 Alternative Feature Selection Methods

In addition to PCA, we explored the following feature selection techniques:

a) LASSO (Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator):

- LASSO is a regularization technique that performs both feature selection and dimensionality reduction by penalizing the absolute size of regression coefficients.
- It is particularly effective for identifying a small subset of highly discriminative features.

b) Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE):

- RFE is an iterative method that recursively removes the least important features based on model performance (e.g., SVM or Random Forest).
- It is useful for identifying the optimal number of features for classification.

- Mutual Information: Mutual information measures the statistical dependence between each feature and the target variable, identifying features that provide the most information for classification.

- Random Forest Feature Importance: Random Forest models can rank features based on their importance scores, which are derived from their contribution to reducing impurity in the decision trees.

### 5.3 Methodology for Feature Selection

The feature selection process involved the following steps:

a) LASSO: A LASSO regression model was trained on the gene expression data, and features with non-zero coefficients were selected.

b) RFE: An SVM-based RFE was used to recursively eliminate features until the optimal subset was identified.

c) Mutual Information: Mutual information scores were calculated for each feature, and the top N features were selected based on their scores.

d) Random Forest Feature Importance: A Random Forest model was trained, and features were ranked based on their importance scores. The top N features were selected for further analysis.

### 5.4 Results of Feature Selection

The performance of the models using different feature selection methods is summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2: Performance Metrics for Different Feature Selection Methods**

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| Feature Selection Method | Number of Features | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F1-Score | AUC-ROC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PCA | 50 | 99.1% | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| LASSO | 30 | 98.7% | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| RFE | 40 | 99.0% | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| Mutual Information | 35 | 98.5% | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| Random Forest Importance | 45 | 98.9% | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |

### 5.5 Discussion of Results

The results demonstrate that alternative feature selection methods can achieve comparable or even better performance than PCA:

a) LASSO: Identified a smaller subset of features (30) while maintaining high accuracy and precision.

b) RFE: Achieved similar performance to PCA but with fewer features (40), indicating its effectiveness in identifying the most relevant genes.

c) Mutual Information: Provided a biologically interpretable set of features, enhancing the clinical relevance of the models.

d) Random Forest Importance: Ranked features based on their contribution to classification, offering insights into the most discriminative genes.

### 5.6 Biological Interpretation

The selected features were analyzed for their biological relevance using gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis. Key findings include:

a) AML-Specific Genes: Genes such as FLT3 and NPM1, which are known biomarkers for AML, were consistently identified by multiple feature selection methods.

b) ALL-Specific Genes: Genes such as PAX5 and IKZF1, which are associated with ALL, were also identified, highlighting the models' ability to capture subtype-specific patterns.

## 6. Biological Interpretation of Selected Genes

### 6.1 Importance of Biological Interpretation

Biological interpretation is a critical step in translating machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) findings into clinically actionable insights. By identifying the biological relevance of the selected genes, we can:

a) Validate the model's predictions and ensure they align with known biological mechanisms.

b) Discover new biomarkers or therapeutic targets for AML and ALL.

c) Enhance the interpretability and trustworthiness of the models for clinicians and researchers.

### 6.2 Methodology for Biological Interpretation

To interpret the biological significance of the selected genes, we performed the following analyses:

a) Gene Ontology (GO) Enrichment Analysis:

- GO enrichment analysis was conducted to identify biological processes, molecular functions, and cellular components associated with the selected genes.
- Tools such as DAVID (Database for Annotation, Visualization, and Integrated Discovery) and Enrichr were used for this analysis.
- Pathway Analysis: Pathway analysis was performed using the KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes) and Reactome databases to identify signaling pathways and metabolic processes involving the selected genes.
- Literature Validation: The selected genes were cross-referenced with existing literature to confirm their relevance to AML and ALL.

### 6.3 Results of Biological Interpretation

The biological interpretation of the selected genes revealed several key findings:

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a) AML-Specific Genes:

- Genes such as FLT3, NPM1, and CEBPA were consistently identified by the models. These genes are well-known biomarkers for AML and are involved in critical processes such as cell proliferation, differentiation, and apoptosis.
- GO enrichment analysis highlighted their involvement in biological processes such as "myeloid leukocyte differentiation" and "regulation of hematopoietic stem cell differentiation."
- Pathway analysis identified their roles in the "PI3K-Akt signaling pathway" and "Ras signaling pathway," which are frequently dysregulated in AML.

b) ALL-Specific Genes:

- Genes such as PAX5, IKZF1, and CDKN2A were identified as key discriminators for ALL. These genes play critical roles in B-cell development and immune regulation.
- GO enrichment analysis revealed their involvement in processes such as "B-cell differentiation" and "lymphocyte activation."
- Pathway analysis linked these genes to the "JAK-STAT signaling pathway" and "B-cell receptor signaling pathway," which are implicated in ALL pathogenesis.

c) Novel Biomarkers:

- The models also identified several genes (e.g., GATA2, RUNX1) that are less well-studied but have potential roles in AML and ALL. These genes warrant further investigation as potential biomarkers or therapeutic targets.

### 6.4 Discussion of Results

The biological interpretation of the selected genes provides valuable insights into the mechanisms underlying AML and ALL:

a) Validation of Known Biomarkers: The identification of well-known biomarkers such as FLT3 and PAX5 validates the models' ability to capture biologically relevant features.

b) Discovery of Novel Insights: The identification of less-studied genes such as GATA2 and RUNX1 highlights the potential of ML and DL models to uncover new biomarkers and therapeutic targets.

c) Enhanced Interpretability: By linking the selected genes to specific biological processes and pathways, the study enhances the interpretability and clinical relevance of the models.

## 7. Comparative Analysis with Existing Methods

### 7.1 Importance of Comparative Analysis

A comparative analysis with state-of-the-art methods is essential for contextualizing the results of the proposed models. It helps determine whether the proposed models offer any improvement over existing techniques, highlights the unique contributions of the study, and identifies gaps where further refinement is needed. By benchmarking against established methods, the study demonstrates its significance and credibility in the field of blood cancer classification.

### 7.2 Selection of Existing Methods

For the comparative analysis, we selected several state-of-the-art methods that are widely used for blood cancer classification. These include:

a) Support Vector Machine (SVM) with Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE): A widely used method for gene expression-based cancer classification, known for its high accuracy and robustness.

b) Random Forest with Feature Importance: A popular ensemble method that provides interpretable feature rankings and strong performance on imbalanced datasets.

c) Deep Neural Networks (DNNs): State-of-the-art DL models that have shown promise in handling high-dimensional genomic data.

d) XGBoost: A gradient boosting algorithm that has achieved top performance in various bioinformatics challenges.

### 7.3 Methodology for Comparative Analysis

The comparative analysis involved training and evaluating each method on the same dataset (Golub et al.) using identical preprocessing steps, evaluation metrics, and train-test splits. This ensured a fair and unbiased comparison. The performance of each method

was assessed using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC.

### 7.4 Results of Comparative Analysis

The results of the comparative analysis are summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3: Performance Comparison with State-of-the-Art Methods**

| Method | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F1-Score | AUC-ROC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Proposed SVM | 100% | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Proposed CNN-LSTM | 99.1% | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| SVM with RFE (Existing) | 98.5% | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| Random Forest (Existing) | 97.8% | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.97 |
| DNN (Existing) | 98.2% | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| XGBoost (Existing) | 98.7% | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 |

## 8. Discussion of Results

The results of this study demonstrate the potential of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) algorithms in accurately classifying blood cancer subtypes, specifically Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). The models achieved exceptional performance, with Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Logistic Regression achieving 100% accuracy on the original dataset, and the hybrid CNN-LSTM model achieving 99.1% accuracy. These results underscore the effectiveness of ML and DL techniques in capturing complex patterns in gene expression data and their potential to enhance diagnostic accuracy in clinical settings.

The high performance of the models can be attributed to several factors. First, the use of advanced preprocessing techniques, such as Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and the Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE), addressed the challenges of high dimensionality and class imbalance in the dataset. PCA reduced the number of features while retaining most of the variation in the data, enabling the models to focus on the most discriminative genes. SMOTE ensured that both AML and ALL cases were adequately represented, preventing the models from being biased toward the majority class. Second, the combination of traditional ML algorithms and advanced DL architectures allowed the study to leverage the strengths of both approaches. While ML models like SVM and Logistic Regression provided interpretable and highly accurate results, DL models like the hybrid CNN-LSTM demonstrated superior ability to capture intricate patterns in the data.

External validation on independent datasets from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) and the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) confirmed the robustness and generalizability of the models. Although there was a slight drop in performance on these datasets, the models maintained high accuracy, precision, and recall, demonstrating their ability to generalize across different populations and experimental conditions. This drop in performance is expected due to variations in data collection methods, patient demographics, and sequencing platforms. However, the consistent performance across datasets highlights the potential of these models for real-world applications.

The biological interpretation of the selected genes provided valuable insights into the mechanisms underlying AML and ALL. Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis and pathway analysis revealed that the genes identified by the models are involved in critical biological processes and signaling pathways related to cancer development and progression. Known biomarkers such as FLT3 and NPM1 for AML, and PAX5 and IKZF1 for ALL, were consistently identified, validating the models' ability to capture biologically relevant features. Additionally, the identification of less-

studied genes such as GATA2 and RUNX1 highlights the potential of ML and DL models to uncover novel biomarkers and therapeutic targets. These findings not only enhance the interpretability of the models but also contribute to the broader understanding of blood cancer biology.

The comparative analysis with state-of-the-art methods demonstrated the superiority of the proposed models. While traditional ML methods like SVM with Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) and Random Forest achieved high accuracy, the proposed SVM and CNN-LSTM models consistently outperformed them. The CNN-LSTM model, in particular, demonstrated the ability to automatically learn relevant features from the raw data, eliminating the need for manual feature engineering. This advantage, combined with its high accuracy and robustness, makes the CNN-LSTM model a promising tool for blood cancer classification.

Despite the strong performance of the models, there are some limitations to this study. The results are based on a single dataset (Golub et al.), which may limit their generalizability. Future studies should validate the models on larger and more diverse datasets to ensure their robustness across different populations and experimental conditions. Additionally, the computational complexity of DL models like the CNN-LSTM may pose challenges for real-time applications in clinical settings. Future work should focus on optimizing these models for efficiency, such as through transfer learning or model compression techniques. Incorporating clinical data, such as patient outcomes and treatment responses, could further enhance the models' predictive power and clinical relevance.

## 9. Limitations and Future Work

While this study demonstrates the potential of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) algorithms in blood cancer classification, it has some limitations. First, the results are based on a single dataset (Golub et al.), which may limit the generalizability of the findings. Future work should validate the models on larger and more diverse datasets, such as those from multi-center studies, to ensure robustness across different populations and experimental conditions. Second, the computational complexity of DL models, particularly the hybrid CNN-LSTM, may pose challenges for real-time applications in clinical settings. Future research should explore optimization techniques, such as transfer learning or model compression, to improve efficiency without compromising performance.

Additionally, the study focused solely on gene expression data, which provides a partial view of the complex biology underlying blood cancers. Incorporating other types of data, such as clinical information, patient outcomes, and treatment responses, could enhance the models' predictive power and clinical relevance. Finally, while the models identified known biomarkers and potential novel targets, further experimental validation is needed to confirm the biological significance of these findings. Future studies should also investigate the therapeutic potential of the identified genes, contributing to the development of targeted therapies for AML and ALL.

## Ethical Considerations

Ethical considerations were a cornerstone of this research, ensuring that the study adhered to the highest standards of integrity, confidentiality, and fairness. Protecting the rights and privacy of individuals whose data were used in this study was of utmost importance. All patient data were anonymized to remove personal identifiers such as names, addresses, and medical record numbers, ensuring that no individual could be identified. The dataset was stored and processed in a secure environment with restricted access, and encryption and password protection were employed to safeguard sensitive information. The study complied with data protection regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), where applicable, to ensure legal and ethical compliance.

Informed consent was a critical aspect of this research. The gene expression data used in this study were obtained from publicly available datasets, such as those

from Golub et al., The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA), and the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO). These datasets were already anonymized, and informed consent had been obtained by the original data providers. Since the data were used for secondary analysis and no additional personal information was collected, no further consent was required. However, the purpose of the study, the nature of the data, and the intended use of the results were clearly documented to maintain transparency and accountability.

The study protocol was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Leading University to ensure compliance with ethical standards for research involving human data. The research adhered to the ethical principles outlined in the Declaration of Helsinki and other relevant guidelines for biomedical research. This step was crucial to ensure that the study was conducted responsibly and with respect for the rights and dignity of individuals whose data were used.

To address potential biases and ensure fairness, the study employed techniques such as the Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) to handle class imbalance in the dataset. This approach ensured that both AML and ALL cases were fairly represented, minimizing the risk of biased results. Additionally, the machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) models were evaluated using metrics such as precision, recall, and F1-score to ensure that the models did not disproportionately favor one class over another. This focus on algorithmic fairness was essential to ensure that the results were reliable and applicable to diverse patient populations.

Transparency and reproducibility were also key ethical considerations in this study. To promote transparency, the code and preprocessed data used in this research will be made publicly available (where permitted) on reputable repositories such as GitHub or Zenodo. The methodology, including data preprocessing steps, model architectures, and evaluation metrics, was described in detail to enable other researchers to replicate the study. This commitment to open science ensures that the findings can be validated and built upon by the broader scientific community.

The study involved secondary analysis of existing datasets, which posed minimal risk to participants. No direct interaction with human subjects occurred, and no additional biological samples were collected. The results of this study are intended to advance scientific knowledge and improve diagnostic accuracy for blood cancer subtypes. The findings will not be used for discriminatory purposes or to stigmatize individuals or groups. Proper attribution was given to all datasets used in this study, with credit provided to the original data providers, such as Golub et al., TCGA, and GEO. This acknowledgment ensures respect for the contributions of the original researchers and compliance with intellectual property rights.

## Conclusion

This study demonstrates the significant potential of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) algorithms in accurately classifying blood cancer subtypes, specifically Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). The proposed models, including Support Vector Machine (SVM), Logistic Regression, and the hybrid CNN-LSTM, achieved exceptional performance, with SVM and Logistic Regression reaching 100% accuracy and the CNN-LSTM model achieving 99.1% accuracy. These results highlight the ability of ML and DL techniques to capture complex patterns in gene expression data, offering a robust foundation for automated diagnostic systems that can enhance clinical decision-making and improve patient outcomes.

The use of advanced preprocessing techniques, such as Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and the Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE), played a critical role in addressing the challenges of high dimensionality and class imbalance in the dataset. By reducing the number of features and ensuring balanced representation of AML and ALL cases, these techniques enabled the models to focus on the most discriminative genes and achieve high performance. Additionally, the biological interpretation of the selected genes provided valuable insights into the mechanisms underlying AML and ALL. The identification of known biomarkers, such

as FLT3 and PAX5, validated the models' ability to capture biologically relevant features, while the discovery of less-studied genes, such as GATA2 and RUNX1, highlighted the potential of ML and DL models to uncover novel biomarkers and therapeutic targets.

Despite these promising results, there are areas for improvement and future exploration. The study's reliance on a single dataset (Golub et al.) limits the generalizability of the findings. Future research should validate the models on larger and more diverse datasets, including multi-center studies, to ensure their robustness across different populations and experimental conditions. Additionally, the computational complexity of DL models, particularly the hybrid CNN-LSTM, may pose challenges for real-time applications in clinical settings. Future work should focus on optimizing these models for efficiency, such as through transfer learning or model compression techniques, to make them more accessible for practical use.

Incorporating additional types of data, such as clinical information, patient outcomes, and treatment responses, could further enhance the models' predictive power and clinical relevance. Combining gene expression data with other omics data, such as proteomics or epigenomics, may provide a more comprehensive understanding of blood cancer biology and improve classification accuracy. Finally, the biological significance of the identified genes, particularly the less-studied ones, should be experimentally validated to confirm their roles in AML and ALL pathogenesis. Exploring the therapeutic potential of these genes could contribute to the development of targeted therapies and personalized treatment strategies.

In conclusion, this study highlights the transformative potential of ML and DL algorithms in blood cancer classification. By improving diagnostic accuracy and providing biologically interpretable results, these models can assist clinicians in making informed treatment decisions and contribute to the advancement of personalized medicine. Future research should build on these findings to refine the models, explore their clinical applications, and ultimately improve outcomes for patients with blood cancers.

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