

DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION OF COTTON LEAF DISEASES USING MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS- A REVIEWS

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ABSTRACT

This review study discusses various techniques for identifying illnesses in cotton plants. Studies reveal that classifying and diagnosing diseases based just on professional observations made with the unaided eye can be expensive and time-consuming, especially in poor and rural areas. We present an image processing based fast, automated, precise, and economical approach. There are four primary steps in this solution: (a) Color Transformation: First, we implement color space transformation to the RGB leaf image, after which we build a structure for modifying its colors. (b) Image Segmentation: The K-means clustering algorithm is used to divide the images into pieces. (c) Texture Feature Calculation: For the divided afflicted regions, we calculate texture features. (d) Neural Network Classification: A neural network that has already been trained is used to examine the extracted features.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A sizable portion of Indian workers are engaged in agriculture. A country's economy can only be strengthened by its crop output. The crop's growth determines how much it produces, and any disease that affects the crop could have an impact on the crop's overall yield. However, without the use of an outside tool, diagnosing the ailment is a difficult process for the farmers. To get to the disease's core cause and prevent agricultural production losses, it would be helpful to identify the disease that is affecting the crop's growth in its early stages. There is constant pressure on the agriculture industry to produce more and more. Every year, a large number of agricultural crops are imported and exported to other countries. Half of the world's population depends on cotton, also referred to by its scientific name *Gossypium her baceum*. It is one of the most frequently used items worldwide. India is the world's largest exporter and the third-largest producer of cotton. India is without a doubt the world's biggest user and producer of cotton. Cotton is widely utilized in clothes, home textiles, home décor, cotton seed oil, and money in addition to the textile and fabrics sector. One could consider cotton to be a miraculous substance that works for everyone. The need for cotton is rising along with the population, yet there is still very little supply or manufacturing. A method that either boosts crop productivity or reduces crop production loss is required to keep up with the demand-supply mismatch.

2. CULTIVATION OF COTTON CROP

Knowing the steps for the cultivation of Cotton is the first step in identifying the constraints that limit its production, growth, and yield. To prevent the plant from getting infected with various cotton diseases, special treatment is required at different stages of the plant's development. There are many forms of cotton grown in India. Good irrigation systems and field management techniques could make cotton cultivation profitable quickly. Cotton cultivation phases are shown in the figure.

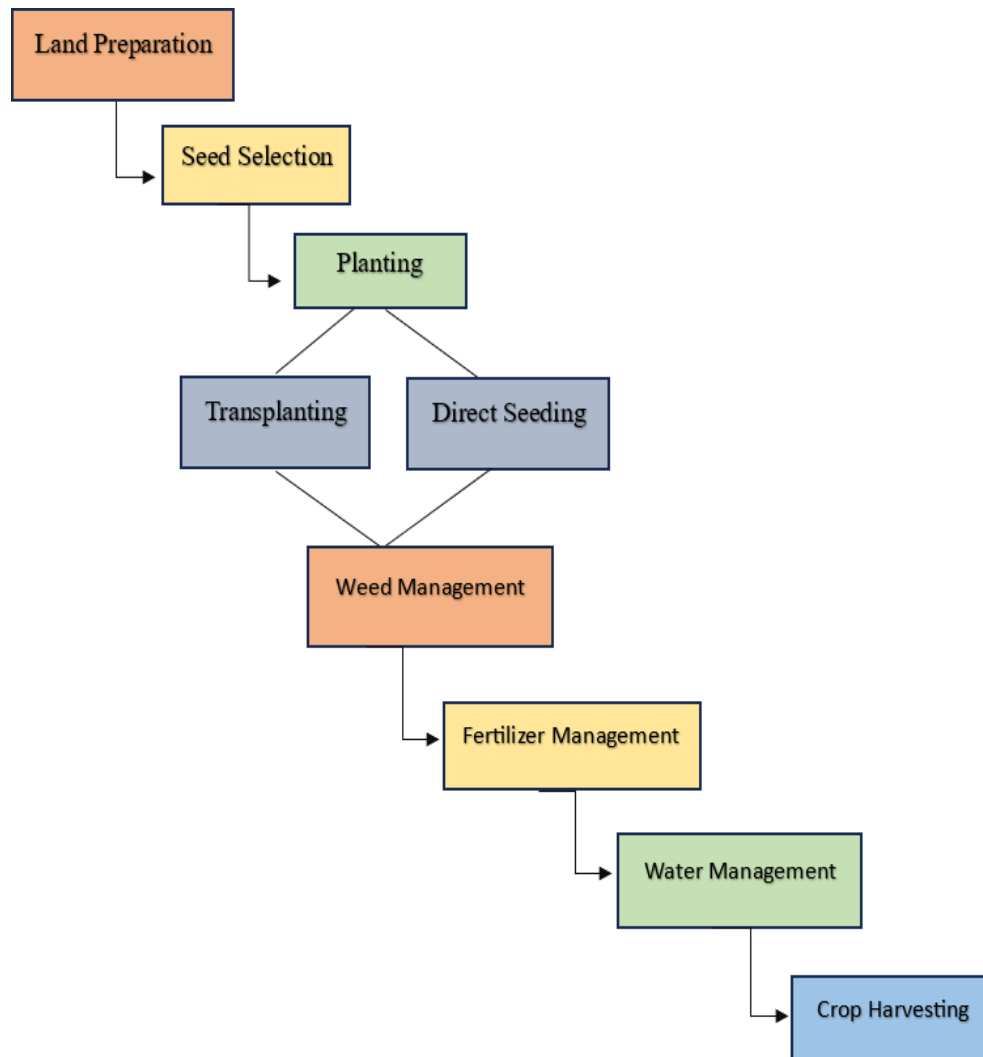


Fig. 1 Cultivation of Cotton crop

Preparation of the land is the first step in cotton cultivation. By creating furrows in the soil, cotton is grown on prepared land. The planting season for cotton begins in early February and ends in late June. A direct water irrigation system and furrows help the soil warm faster. A soil temperature of 65 degrees is the appropriate temperature for planting. Seeds will be planted in the soil by farmers. The second step in cotton cultivating a crop is to choose the seeds. Crop production is greatly influenced by seed selection. Farmers should use tractors and large farm equipment, such as a harrow, cultivator, field leveller, etc., for planting and soil preparation. The quality of the soil is improved by soil preparation for better production. Next is management of weeds, which involves methods for preventing or eliminating weed development. Different fertilizers are used in fertilizer management to avoid viruses, fungus, and pests from growing on the plant. Through water management, the right amount of water is kept at the right level for plant growth. Next comes the last phase of crop harvesting. Cotton production is influenced by numerous variables, such as soil quality, the environment, prevention of diseases, water management, fertilizer management, etc.

2. TYPES OF LEAF DISEASES AND FACTORS INFLUENCING THE DISEASES

Leaf diseases can be categorized into bacterial, viral, and fungal types. This work aims at addressing the loss to the crop due to various diseases. The less production of the crop can be attributed to various factors like the crop being infected by various contaminated diseases,

use of low-quality seed, unsuitable weather conditions, improper irrigation facilities etc. Out of these, the loss because of crop disease is the most vital factor affecting the yield of the crop and ranges from 20% to 100%. If we can detect the infection at an early stage, we could stop it from spreading over the whole field. It is also important to know the gravity of the infection to the crop as that would affect the total yield of the crop. Further, it is also important from the point that if the gravity of infection is low, it could be treated with pesticides and reduce the loss of crop yield, which would not be possible in case of very the gravity of infection is high. Advanced computer vision technology can come in handy to diagnose the type and gravity of the infection infecting the crop. Certain deep learning algorithms can be use in categorizing the infection or disease affecting the cotton plant. A quality corpus of disease or infection affecting the crop is required for smooth running of these models.

Below are examples of diseased and non-diseased cotton leaves. Diseases of crops are classified as follows:

1. Red Spot Disease (Lalya)
2. White Spot Disease (PandhariMashi)
3. Crumple Leaf Disease (Kokada)

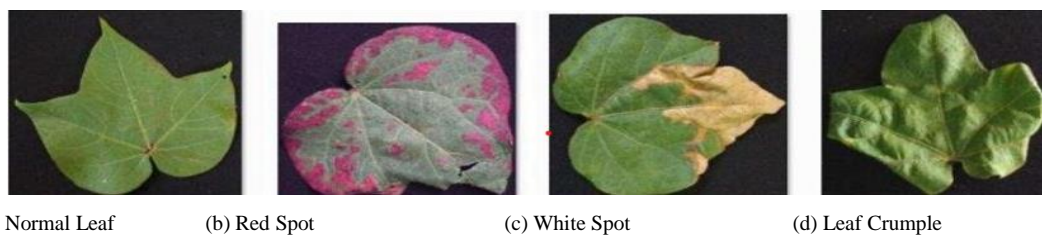


Fig. 2 Image of Cotton leaves disease detection based on machine learning. (a) Normal (b)(c)(d) Diseased.

Plant diseases can often be identified through observable symptoms, including changes in color, alterations in the shape or function of the plant. Among various leaf diseases affecting plants, the most challenging to diagnose are those caused by viruses. Agricultural experts possess the knowledge to identify plant diseases effectively, although this process is time-consuming and labour-intensive. When it comes to monitoring extensive crop fields, automating disease detection becomes crucial, aiding in the identification of diseases based on their symptoms. Utilizing image processing techniques, automatic plant disease detection contributes to efficient disease management.

3. NEED OF THE STUDY

- i) Early detection allows farmers to identify diseases before they cause significant damage to the crop.
- ii) Monitoring and detecting diseases contribute to understanding how changing climate conditions may impact disease prevalence.
- iii) Detecting and managing diseases helps minimize economic losses associated with reduced crop yields and lower quality fibers.

4. GENERAL APPROACH FOR COTTON LEAF DISEASES DETECTION

The cotton leaf disease detection process involves a combination of image processing techniques and machine learning algorithms to automate the identification and monitoring of diseased plants, aiding farmers in timely disease management and crop protection.

The methodology for detecting cotton leaf diseases typically involves several key steps:

1. **Image Acquisition:** Capture images of cotton leaves using digital cameras or other imaging devices. Ensure that the images have sufficient resolution for accurate analysis.
2. **Pre-processing:** Clean and enhance the acquired images to improve their quality and facilitate subsequent analysis. This may involve tasks such as noise reduction, contrast enhancement, and image normalization.
3. **Segmentation:** Divide the pre-processed images into meaningful regions or segments, separating the cotton leaf areas from the background and other irrelevant elements.
4. **Feature Extraction:** Extract relevant features from the segmented regions, such as color, texture, shape, and other visual characteristics. These features serve as input for the disease detection algorithms.
5. **Classification:** Employ machine learning or deep learning algorithms to classify the extracted features into different categories representing healthy or diseased cotton leaves. Train the classification model using labeled data to enable it to distinguish between different disease types accurately.
6. **Detection and Diagnosis:** Use the trained classification model to detect and diagnose cotton leaf diseases based on the features extracted from the images. This step aims to identify the presence and severity of diseases in cotton plants.
7. **Validation and Testing:** Evaluate the performance of the disease detection system using separate datasets not used during training. Assess the accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity of the system to ensure reliable disease detection.
8. **Deployment and Monitoring:** Implement the developed detection system for real-time or periodic monitoring of cotton crops in the field. Continuously monitor the health status of cotton plants and take appropriate actions based on the detected diseases to prevent further spread and minimize crop damage.

Overall, the methodology for cotton leaf disease detection involves a combination of image processing, feature extraction, machine learning, and validation techniques to develop an accurate and reliable detection system for early disease identification and management in cotton crops.

5.1 MACHINE LEARNING METHODS

Machine Learning methods can be effectively utilized to diagnose leaf diseases in plants, including cotton. Some commonly used machine learning techniques for disease diagnosis in plant leaves include:

5.1.1 Supervised Learning Algorithms:

a. Support Vector Machines (SVM): SVMs are effective for classification tasks and can be used to classify leaf images into healthy or diseased categories.

b. Random Forest: Random Forests are like a team of decision trees working together to make better guesses. They're good at dealing with lots of information and can still make good predictions even if there's some extra noise in the data.

c. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs): CNNs are particularly well-suited for image classification tasks. They can automatically learn relevant features from raw image data and have achieved state-of-the-art performance in various plant disease recognition tasks.

5.1.2 Unsupervised Learning Algorithms:

a. K-Means Clustering: K-Means clustering can be used to group similar leaf images together, potentially identifying clusters of leaves with similar disease symptoms.

b. Hierarchical Clustering: Hierarchical clustering methods organize leaf images into a hierarchical structure based on similarity, which can provide insights into the relationships between different disease types.

5.1.3 Deep Learning Techniques:

a, Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs): RNNs are useful for sequential data analysis and can be applied to time-series data collected from plant monitoring systems to detect disease progression over time.

b. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Networks: LSTM networks are a special kind of neural network that can understand and remember long patterns in data that happens over time. They're great for looking at how plants grow and stay healthy because they can spot patterns in their growth over long periods.

5.1.4 Ensemble Learning Methods:

a, Boosting Algorithms (e.g., AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting): Boosting methods combine multiple weak classifiers to create a strong classifier, which can improve the overall accuracy of disease diagnosis.

b. Voting Classifiers: Voting classifiers combine predictions from multiple individual classifiers to make a final decision, leveraging the diversity of different models to achieve better performance.

These machine learning methods can be trained on labeled datasets containing images of healthy and diseased plant leaves to learn patterns and features indicative of specific diseases. After they learn from lots of examples, these models can check new pictures of leaves all by themselves and tell if there's a disease. This helps catch plant problems early and figure out how to fix them.

5. DATASET

We get the leaf image input from the database (Kaggle, github, Mendeley, roboflow), and it is pre-processed by resizing the image, after reducing the size of the leaf image, extracting the interest region from the natural background.

6. CONCLUSION

This paper examines and condenses image processing methods utilized in identifying cotton plant diseases. These methods are employed to examine both healthy and diseased cotton plant leaves. Some challenges associated with these techniques include the impact of background data on resulting images, tailoring the technique for specific plant leaf diseases, and automating the process for continuous monitoring of cotton plant leaf diseases in real-world field conditions. The review indicates that while this disease detection technique demonstrates promise in detecting cotton plant leaf diseases, it also has limitations. Hence, there is scope for enhancement in current research efforts.

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