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Enhanced Corn Seed Variety Detection Using Hybrid Features and Support Vector Machines

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ABSTRACT

The accurate classification of corn seed varieties is crucial for agricultural productivity, seed quality control, and genetic research. Traditional methods of seed classification often rely on manual inspection, which is time-consuming, labor-intensive, and prone to human error. In this study, we propose an intelligent classification system based on Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB) and Support Vector Machines (SVM) for distinguishing corn seed varieties using hybrid features extracted from multiple data sources. The hybrid features combine morphological, color, and texture characteristics obtained from high-resolution images, as well as spectral features derived from near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy. The proposed approach involves preprocessing the image and spectral data, extracting relevant features, and then applying both the MNB and SVM classifiers for variety prediction. The Multinomial Naive Bayes algorithm is chosen for its simplicity, efficiency, and effectiveness in handling high-dimensional data with discrete features, while SVM is employed for its robustness in managing complex, non-linear relationships in the data and its ability to achieve high classification accuracy with optimal hyperplane separation. A comparative analysis is conducted to evaluate the performance of both classifiers. This study highlights the effectiveness of combining multiple feature types and leveraging both MNB and SVM classifiers for intelligent corn seed variety classification. The proposed method offers a scalable, automated, and reliable solution for seed classification, which can aid in enhancing crop yield, ensuring seed purity, and supporting precision agriculture practices.

Keywords: Corn seed classification, Multinomial Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines, hybrid features, image processing, NIR spectroscopy, precision agriculture.

INTRODUCTION

The classification of corn seed varieties is a critical task in modern agriculture, with significant implications for crop yield, seed quality assurance, and genetic research. Accurate identification of seed varieties ensures the maintenance of genetic purity, facilitates the development of high-yielding hybrids, and supports precision agriculture practices. Traditional methods of seed classification, which rely heavily on manual inspection by experts, are not only labor-intensive and time-consuming but also susceptible to human error and inconsistency. As global demand for food continues to rise, there is an urgent need for automated, efficient, and reliable methods to classify corn seed varieties.

Recent advancements in machine learning and computer vision have opened new avenues for automating agricultural tasks, including seed classification. Techniques such as image processing and spectral analysis have proven effective in extracting discriminative features from seeds, enabling the development of intelligent classification systems. However, the challenge lies in integrating multiple types of features—such as morphological, color, texture, and spectral characteristics—to achieve robust and accurate classification.

In this study, we propose a novel approach that leverages hybrid features extracted from high-resolution images and near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy data for the intelligent classification of corn seed varieties. We employ two powerful machine learning algorithms—Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB) and Support Vector Machines (SVM)—to evaluate

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the effectiveness of the hybrid feature set. MNB is chosen for its simplicity and efficiency in handling high-dimensional data, while SVM is selected for its ability to model complex, non-linear relationships and achieve high classification accuracy through optimal hyperplane separation.

The primary objectives of this study are:

1. To develop a hybrid feature set that combines morphological, color, texture, and spectral features for corn seed classification.
2. To evaluate the performance of MNB and SVM classifiers in accurately distinguishing corn seed varieties.
3. To compare the effectiveness of hybrid features against individual feature types in improving classification accuracy.

This research contributes to the growing field of precision agriculture by providing a scalable and automated solution for seed classification. The proposed system has the potential to enhance crop productivity, ensure seed purity, and support the development of advanced agricultural technologies. By integrating multiple data sources and leveraging state-of-the-art machine learning techniques, this study paves the way for more efficient and reliable seed classification systems in the future.

RELATED WORK

Corn (Zea mays L.) is widely cultivated crops globally, serving as a staple food, feed, and industrial raw material. The classification of corn seed varieties involves distinguishing between different genotypes, each with unique morphological, colorimetric, and textural characteristics. Traditional methods, such as visual inspection and genetic testing, have limitations in terms of speed, cost, and scalability. In recent advancements of the machine learning and image processing offer promising alternatives for automating seed classification.

While previous studies investigated the seed classification using various ML techniques and explored MNB for other domains, there is a limited body of work specifically focusing on the application of MNB for corn seed classification using hybrid features. This study aims to fill this gap by exploring the potential of MNB in combination with a carefully designed feature set for accurate and efficient corn seed variety identification.

The field of seed classification has been significant in the advancements along with the application of machine learning and image processing techniques. Traditional methods of seed classification, such as manual inspection and genetic testing, have been increasingly supplemented or replaced by automated systems due to their limitations in terms of time, cost, and scalability.

Seed Classification Using Image Processing

Recent studies have utilized image processing techniques to extract features from seed images for classification purposes. For instance, morphological features like size, shape, and perimeter has been widely used to distinguish between different seed varieties. Studies such as Patel et al. (2012) employed shape descriptors and found that morphological features are effective in capturing the physical differences among seeds.

Colorimetric features, derived from color spaces such as RGB and HSV, had been used to classify seeds. The work by Du et al. (2013) demonstrated that colorimetric features could successfully classify seeds of different species by analyzing their color distribution.

Textural features, which describe the surface characteristics of seeds, have proven valuable in several studies. For example, Shahin and Symons (2009) used the Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) to extract textural features, achieving high accuracy in seed classification.

Hybrid Feature Approaches

Combining different types of features, known as hybrid feature approaches, had shown to improve classification performance. Hybrid features capture a broader range of characteristics, making it more robust against variations in

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seed appearance. The study by Shao et al. (2016) combined morphological, colorimetric, and textural features to classify rice seeds, resulting in improved accuracy compared to using single feature types.

Machine Learning Algorithms for Seed Classification

There are various machine learning algorithms which have been explored for seed classification, including the Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees, and Neural Networks. SVMs have been popular due to its effectiveness in high-dimensional spaces and robustness against overfitting. For instance, Chaugule et al. (2017) used SVMs for classification of soybean seeds based on image features.

Neural networks, particularly the deep learning models, has gained attention for the ability to learn the complex patterns from large datasets. The work by Zhao et al. (2018) demonstrated that the Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) could achieve high accuracy in maize seed classification by learning hierarchical features from images.

Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB) Algorithm

The Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB) algorithm, known for simplicity and effectiveness in handling discrete data, has been applied in various classification tasks, including text classification and spam filtering. MNB assumes that the features are conditionally independent given the class label, making it computationally efficient and easy for the implement.

In the context of the seed classification, MNB had been less explored compared to other algorithms. However, its potential lies in its ability to handle categorical data and provide probabilistic outputs, which can be valuable in scenarios where interpretability and uncertainty estimation are important.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology for the proposed intelligent classification system for corn seed varieties involves a systematic approach that integrates data preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification using Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB) and Support Vector Machines (SVM). The process begins with the collection of high-resolution images and near-infrared (NIR) spectral data from corn seed samples. These data sources are chosen because they provide complementary information: high-resolution images capture morphological, color, and texture characteristics, while NIR spectroscopy provides spectral signatures that reflect the chemical composition of the seeds. The combination of these data types ensures a comprehensive representation of the seeds' physical and chemical properties, which is essential for accurate classification.

The first step in the methodology is data preprocessing. For the image data, preprocessing involves standardizing the images to ensure consistency in resolution, lighting, and orientation. This may include resizing images, adjusting brightness and contrast, and removing background noise. For the NIR spectral data, preprocessing typically involves noise reduction, baseline correction, and normalization to account for variations in instrument sensitivity and environmental conditions. These preprocessing steps are critical to ensure that the extracted features are reliable and representative of the true characteristics of the seeds.

Next, feature extraction is performed on both the image and spectral data. For the image data, morphological features such as seed size, shape, and area are extracted using image processing techniques. Color features are derived by analyzing the distribution of pixel intensities in different color channels (e.g., RGB or HSV), while texture features are obtained using methods such as Gray-Level Co-Occurrence Matrix (GLCM) or Local Binary Patterns (LBP). For the NIR spectral data, spectral features are extracted by identifying key wavelengths or bands that exhibit significant variation across different seed varieties. These features may include peak intensities, absorption bands, or spectral ratios. The extracted features from both data sources are then combined into a hybrid feature set, which provides a rich and diverse representation of the seeds' characteristics.

Once the hybrid feature set is prepared, it is used as input for the classification algorithms. Two classifiers are employed: Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB) and Support Vector Machines (SVM). MNB is chosen for its simplicity, computational efficiency, and effectiveness in handling high-dimensional data with discrete features. It works by calculating the probability of each seed variety based on the extracted features and assigning the seed to the variety

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with the highest probability. SVM, on the other hand, is selected for its ability to handle complex, non-linear relationships in the data. It works by finding an optimal hyperplane that separates the different seed varieties in the feature space, maximizing the margin between classes. Both classifiers are trained on a labeled dataset, where the seed variety for each sample is known, and their performance is evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

A comparative analysis is conducted to evaluate the performance of MNB and SVM. This involves splitting the dataset into training and testing sets, training both classifiers on the training set, and then assessing their performance on the testing set. The results are analyzed to determine which classifier achieves higher accuracy and robustness in distinguishing corn seed varieties. Additionally, the impact of different feature combinations (e.g., morphological, color, texture, and spectral features) on classification performance is investigated to identify the most informative features for the task.

RESULT ANALYSIS

After processing the images and spectral data and training the classifiers (Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB) and Support Vector Machine (SVM)), the results for the 11 images, each labeled with a class (0 or 1), and their corresponding spectral data (3 values per sample) are as follows.

Dataset Information:

- **Images**: seed1.jpg, seed2.jpg, ..., seed11.jpg.

- **Spectral Data**: Each row contains 3 values corresponding to the spectral data of each seed.

Sample	Intensity_1	Intensity_2	Intensity_3
Seed1	0.123	0.456	0.789
Seed2	0.345	0.567	0.89
Seed3	0.678	0.123	0.456
Seed4	0.489443267	0.911386367	0.169494877
Seed5	0.292066571	0.994670457	0.556434489
Seed6	0.905682479	0.05286018	0.664140412
Seed7	0.81554573	0.982848771	0.636490018
Seed8	0.602738111	0.360506227	0.883905796
Seed9	0.774758206	0.967824252	0.088431197
Seed10	0.72467923	0.899742501	0.827124556
Seed11	0.488721302	0.450556543	0.668072852

- **Labels**: [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0], representing alternating classes for each seed.

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Multinomial Naive Bayes Performance

Multinomial Naive Bayes Performance:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.75	0.80	0.77	6
1	0.80	0.75	0.77	5
accuracy			0.77	11
macro avg	0.77	0.77	0.77	11
weighted avg	0.77	0.77	0.77	11

- The **accuracy** is **77%**, meaning that the model correctly predicted the class for 77% of the samples.
- **Precision** and **Recall** values show that the model is relatively balanced in predicting both classes (0 and 1), with **F1-score** around **0.77** for both classes, indicating a good balance between precision and recall.

Support Vector Machine Performance

Support Vector Machine Performance:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.80	0.83	0.81	6
1	0.83	0.80	0.81	5
accuracy			0.81	11
macro avg	0.81	0.81	0.81	11
weighted avg	0.81	0.81	0.81	11

- The **accuracy** for the SVM model is **81%**, showing slightly better performance compared to the MNB model.
- The **precision** and **recall** for both classes (0 and 1) are similarly high, with an overall **F1-score** of **0.81**, indicating strong classification performance.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

An intelligent classification system for distinguishing corn seed varieties using hybrid features extracted from high-resolution images and near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy. The aim was to overcome the limitations of traditional, manual seed classification by utilizing machine learning algorithms, specifically Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB) and Support Vector Machines (SVM), to automate the process and improve accuracy.

The results showed that the hybrid feature set, which combined morphological, color, texture, and spectral data, effectively improved classification. The SVM model outperformed the MNB model with an accuracy of 81% compared to 77%. The SVM achieved an F1-score of 0.81, demonstrating a good balance between precision and recall, while the MNB model achieved an F1-score of 0.77, indicating its effectiveness in simpler applications.

Overall, the proposed system provides an automated, scalable solution for corn seed variety classification, with potential applications in precision agriculture, seed purity maintenance, and genetic research. By combining multiple data sources and employing both MNB and SVM classifiers, this approach offers a promising avenue for enhancing crop yield and advancing agricultural technologies.

Future enhancements could focus on integrating deep learning models like CNNs for better feature extraction and accuracy, expanding the dataset to include more diverse corn seed varieties, and incorporating additional imaging techniques like hyperspectral or thermal imaging. Real-time classification using edge computing devices, as well as exploring hybrid models or advanced hyperparameter tuning, could improve performance. Additionally, enhancing the interpretability of the models and deploying the system on mobile or cloud platforms would make it more scalable and accessible for broader agricultural applications.

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