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Harnessing Structural Equation Modelling Based Synthetic Data with Artificial Intelligence on Employee Performance Prediction Model in Multinational Organisations

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Abstract

As organizations evolve, their employee performance capabilities must also advance to maintain competitive advantage. Employees are integral to organizational success, with their performance significantly influencing overall business outcomes. The rapid advancement of information technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI), has permeated various organizational departments, including Human Resource Management (HRM). Despite extensive research in AI, there remains a deficiency in investigating the practical applicability and reliability of AI/ML tools in business contexts. This paper introduces a novel method termed Harnessing Structural Equation Modeling Based on Synthetic Data with Artificial Intelligence on Employee Performance Prediction Model (HSEMSD-AIEPPM). The HSEMSD-AIEPPM model offers a cutting-edge approach for forecasting employee performance in multinational corporations utilizing AI methodologies. Initially, the model applies z-score normalization to preprocess data, enhancing input quality. Subsequently, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) is employed to generate synthetic data, ensuring a comprehensive dataset that encapsulates varied employee performance scenarios. For the predictive analysis, the model harnesses the long short-term memory (LSTM) technique. Ultimately, LSTM parameters are optimized using the Improved Pelican Optimization Algorithm (IPOA) to enhance model efficacy. To ascertain the model's improved performance, extensive simulations are conducted, and results are evaluated across various metrics. Comparative analysis demonstrates the superiority of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM method over existing techniques.

Keywords: AI, Employees Performance, Human Resources Management, Machine Learning, Organisation Performance.

Introduction

The current financial landscape has observed a deep transformation in employment structure, with office work securely creating itself as a keystone (1). Office work is the most dominant method of occupation, which plays an essential part in the economy. The efficiency of office employees has a direct effect on the achievement and development of businesses (2). Higher levels of efficiency outcome in enlarged productivity, superior time management, and advanced excellence of work output (3). These improve incomes and a positive economic return for businesses. In contrast, decay in productivity can main to reduced efficacy, enlarged expenses, and decreased economic profit (4). Many numbers of international successors endure to upsurge as multi-national businesses trust expatriates to well achieve their foreign companies (5). On the other hand, the failure of the expatriate traditionally regulates to their country's atmosphere. This will have harmful concerns for both the expatriate and the multi-national companies (6). In the past few years, the HRM has experienced a major development in both function and shape (7). Business administrators are rapidly organizing for the digital age and Machine Learning (ML)-based AI potentials to adjust the HR department on a wide range of levels. Numerous abilities establish HRM and so their assessment goals to found intellectual workforce (8). Several AI support methods like Artificial Neural Network (ANN), Fuzzy Set (FS), and intelligent decision model are deployed in a wide range of contexts. The possible lack of a complete stage for AI implementation and a full level of HRM to examine its exact process (9). While advanced AI-technologies are decreasing the requirement for human efforts in multi-nationals, involving these technologies to the organization desires and deliverables needs an in-depth description of

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organizational members' abilities (10). Clearly, emerging skills related to AI and its applications are very significant to aid the workers to remain practical in the future. This manuscript offers a novel Harnessing Structural Equation Modeling Based Synthetic Data with Artificial Intelligence on Employee Performance Prediction Model (HSEMSD-AIEPPM) Method. Primarily, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model employs z-score normalization for data pre-processing to enhance the quality of the input data. Next, structural equation modelling (SEM) is applied for synthetic data generation to ensure a robust dataset that reflects diverse employee performance scenarios. For prediction process, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model takes place long short-term memory (LSTM) technique can be exploited. Eventually, the LSTM model parameters are fine-tuned using the improved pelican optimization algorithm (IPOA) to optimize model performance (11). To establish the improved performance of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM system, a wide range of experiments take place and the outcomes are reviewed under several measures. The study mainly focuses on connecting the sentiments of employees by utilizing AI-based text analysis methods through which the sentiments of an employee can be understood. This technique also employs a quantitative model comprising correlations, regression, and Cronbach's alpha approaches. Authors of existing research work performed a field investigation that utilized AI concerning HR to accomplish a planned, data-based analysis of EP (12). The research also produces two sets of information. Initially, employees take into account AI to be both reasonable and precise in computing EP than average HR managers. Then, on par with AI, the fairness perceived by employees towards HR managers played a significant part by assisting HR managers greatly than the analysis accuracy of the managers, reducing the EP gap analyzed by managers associated with AI evaluation, and restricting the accuracy effect of HR managers introduce a system to anticipate the EP rating by employing several factors. In the first phase, the study relates diverse methodologies depending on AI (13). Authors of existing research work presented an impartial AI-assisted solution to anticipate future EP by taking into account physical, social, and economic atmospheric aspects that affect EP(14).This study implemented fewer machine Learning (ML) tools encompassing classifiers such as LR, GNB, DT, K-NN, SVM, and so on, to anticipate the analysis of EP. Then, the research associated the efficiency of the ML techniques. Authors of existing research work have presented a smart technique to compute the EP in the IT field (15). The study also utilizes AI to perform the evaluation. The diverse attributes that are affecting the EP are technical skills, salary, training, working atmosphere, supervision, and schedule. Employee's personal opinions are attained by considering influencing factors. The dataset is filtered by employing optimization and ML mechanisms for training the network in order to anticipate the EP by taking into account influencing factors. The research proposes a methodology by utilizing a fuzzy set theory based on the concepts of AI, KS, and HRM (16). The presented model indicates that the utilization of AI technologies does not improve HRM activities. On the contrary, the incorporation of KS and AI presents a more feasible HRM technique to attain optimum accomplishment in a dynamic digital society. The authors of research developed WORK-PERF—an AI technique for precisely automating the anticipation, rating, and timely determination of non-physical aspects of human EP toward suitable job role placement (17). The AI approach is a feed-forward optimized, multi-layer Neuro-Fuzzy (NF) approach encompassing several nodes for the precise anticipations of work accomplished on an open dataset.

Methodology

In this manuscript, we offer a novel HSEMSD-AIEPPM Method. The HSEMSD-AIEPPM model presents an innovative model for predicting employee performance in multi-national organizations using AI techniques. Figure 1 depicts the entire procedure of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM method.

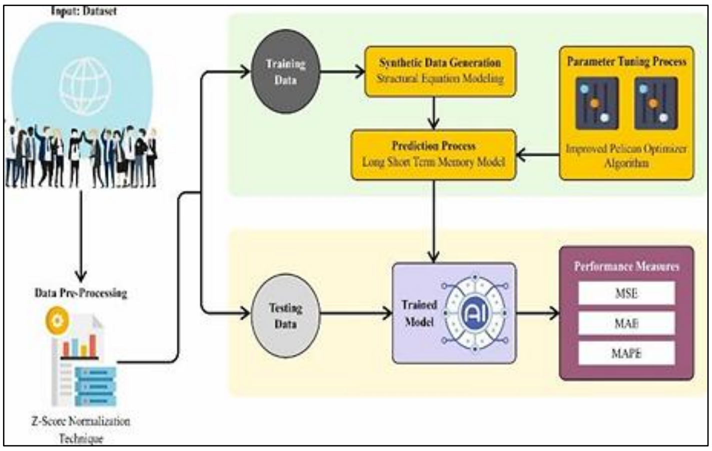

Figure 1: Overall Process of HSEMSD-AIEPPM Method

Z-Score Normalization

Primarily, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model employs z-score normalization for data preprocessing to enhance the quality of the input data. Z-score normalization is an important data preprocessing method employed in employee performance prediction systems to standardize features over distinct scales (18). By changing the data into a regular scale with a mean of 0 and standard deviation (SD) of 1, supports mitigating the control of outliers and skewed allocations. Therefore, z-score normalization significantly enhances the reliability of predictions assuming employee performance, facilitating more learned decision-making in human resource management.

SEM-based Synthetic Data Generation

Next, an SEM is applied for synthetic data generation to ensure a robust dataset that reflects diverse employee performance scenarios. Structural equation modeling is a strong numerical method, which is generally employed to fit probabilistic methods depending upon examined measurements (19). The detected variables are distinct variables at random, which is equivalent to the sample features. $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_K$. Their dependencies are signified by a probabilistic system containing M latent constant random variables, such as, $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_M$. the squared nodes $A_i; i = 1, \dots, 4$ signify the patent variables. Where the rounded nodes, $X_i; i = 1, \dots, 5$, represent the hidden variable. Nodes without incoming edges (X_1 andX_2) denote independent latent variables, whereas nodes with incoming edges (X_3, X_4, and X_5) signify dependent latent variable. In SEM, these edges indicate the straight relations among the equivalent latent variable that might arise from factors like correlation. Furthermore, every $(i, j) \in E$ is related with a weight $\alpha_{i,j} \in R$ demonstrating the regression co-efficient among X_i and X_j variables. The node X_i without incoming edges (X_1 and X_2) is definite by an independent Gaussian variable with likelihood distribution $N(0, \sigma_i^2)$, whereas σ_i estimates for the basic variability of X_i. In contrast, a node X_i with incoming edges (X_3, X_4 andX_5) relates to a dependent latent variable is defined as the linear mixtures of the normal probability distribution and parent nodes. Its mathematical formulation is mentioned below as Eq. [1]:

$$X_i = \sum_{(j,i) \in E} \alpha_{j,i} X_j + N(0, \sigma_i^2) \qquad [1]$$

Whereas, if the jth node does not affect the ith one, then the regression coefficient $\alpha_{j,i}$ is fixed as 0. For every dependent variableX_i, the value of the mean is 0. For every dependent variableX_i, the mean is zero. Every parent influence is computed as the square of the individual regression co-efficient$\alpha j, i$, which is increased by the varianceσ_j^2. The mathematical formulation is mentioned below here as Eq. [2]:

$$X_i \sim N\left(0, \sigma_i^2 + \sum\nolimits_{(j,i) \in E} \alpha_{j,i}^2 \sigma_j^2\right) \qquad [2]$$

Given the descriptions and relations earlier defined, the complete vector $X = [X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_M]$ has been defined as a multivariate normal distribution. The mean value is 0, and the structure of variance-covariance is set by a matrix$\Sigma \in R^{M \times M}$, as represented below as Eq. [3]:

$$X \sim N(0, \Sigma) \qquad [3]$$

The Σ matrix recognized as the matrix of variance-covariance describes every latent variable and the covariance among every set of latent variables. The calculation of this matrix was attained by the formula as Eq. [4]:

$$\Sigma = Q^T \Sigma_n Q \quad [4]$$

Here, Σ_n means a diagonal matrix with the vector element $[\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_M]$ based upon the on the principal diagonal, and $Q = (I - A)^{-1}$, where A is an adjacent matrix of DAG. The variables X_j and X_i from the matrix of variance-covariance as below as Eq. [5]:

$$\rho_{i,j} = \frac{\Sigma_{ip}}{\sqrt{\Sigma_{ii}}\sqrt{\Sigma_{jj}}} \quad [5]$$

Here $\Sigma_{i,j}$ represents jth element of the ith row of the variance-covariance matrix Σ. If $\rho_{i,j} = \rho_{j,i}$, then it is symmetrical. To make simpler the following explanation, it is beneficial to state the matrix of covariance $\Sigma_{[i,j]} \in R^{2\times 2}$ among the dual variables $X_i and X_j$ as their correlation and variance coefficient modelled as Eq. [6]:

$$\Sigma_{[i,j]} = \left[\Sigma_{i,i}\ \rho_{i,j}\sqrt{\Sigma_{i,i}}\sqrt{\Sigma_{j,j}}\ \rho_{i,j}\sqrt{\Sigma_{i,i}}\sqrt{\Sigma_{jj}}\Sigma_{j,j}\ \Sigma_{j,j}\ \right] \quad [6]$$

Let consider that $\rho_{i,j} = 1$ resembles a matrix of singular value.

Employee Performance Prediction using LSTM

For the prediction process, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model takes place LSTM technique can be exploited. LSTM network is an enhanced kind of recurrent neural network (RNN), which tackles the difficulties of gradient explosion and gradient vanishing faced in conventional RNNs (20). In LSTM, the first step involves the forget gate, which defines the degree of influence of the preceding time-step cell state C_{t-1} on the present time-step cell state $C_t.f_t$ signifies an output of the forget gate, with an input being the hidden layer (HL) h_{t-1} from the preceding sequence and the present sequence data x_i. σ denotes sigmoid, b_f refers to bias vector and w_f is the weight matrix employed in the calculation of the forget gate.

The mathematical formulation is mentioned below as Eq. [7]:

$$f_t = \sigma\left(W_f h_{t-1} + W_f x_t + b_f\right) \quad [7]$$

The second step is the input gate, which contains dual parts. Its computational expression is given as follows Eqs. [8] and [9]:

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i h_{t-1} + W_i x_t + b_i) \quad [8]$$

$$C_t = f_t \times C_{t-1} + i_t \times tanh(W_c h_{t-1} + W_c x_t + b_c) \quad [9]$$

Here, i_t defines the essential data to be upgraded into the cell state; C_t denotes the novel cell state at tth time ; W_c means a weight matrix; b_c refers to the bias vector; and $tanh$ denotes the hyperbolic tangent function. The third step is the output gate, which controls the power of C_t on h_t, and its upgrade formulation is as below as Eqs. [10] and [11]:

$$o_t = \sigma(W_o h_{t-1} + W_o x_t + b_o) \quad [10]$$

$$h_t = o_t \times tanh(C_t) \quad [11]$$

While, o_t regulates the output part of the cell state; b_o means the bias vector; W_o denotes the weight matrix for the output gate; and h_t signifies the HL value of the equivalent unit at time t. Figure 2 depicts the structure of LSTM.

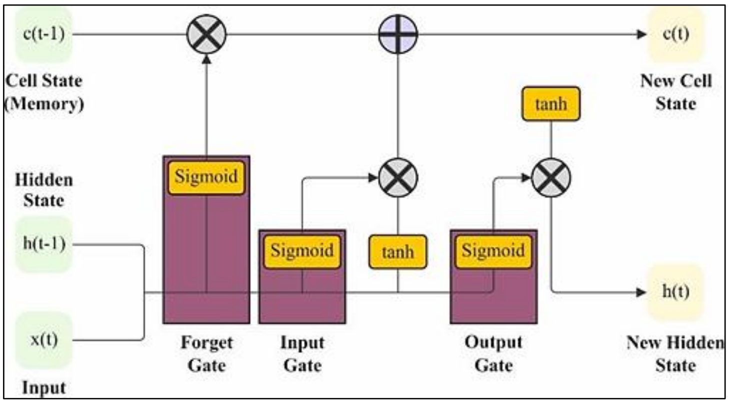

Figure 2: Architecture of LSTM

IPOA based Parameter tuning

Eventually, the LSTM model parameters are fine-tuned using the IPOA to optimize model performance. The POA is stimulated by the hunting and attacking behaviors of pelicans (21). The mathematical method is mentioned below:

Initialize

The initialization of the pelican population is given below in the computation form shown in Eq. [12]:

$$X_{i,j} = l_b + rand.(u_b - l_b), \quad i = 1,2,\ldots,N, j = 1,2,\ldots,m \quad [12]$$

Here, $X_{i,j}$ denotes jth dimensional location of the ith pelican. N denotes the population size. m refers to the solution size. $rand$ refers to a arbitrarily generated value within the ranging of [0,1]. u_b and l_b represents the upper and lowest limits of jth dimension, correspondingly. The formulation is mentioned below as Eq. [13]:

$$X = [X_1 \ \vdots \ X_i \ \vdots \ X_N]_{N\times m} = [X_{1,1} \ \dots \ X_{1,j} \ \dots \ X_{1,m} \ \vdots \ddots \vdots \ \vdots \ X_{i,1} \ \dots \ X_{i,j} \ \dots \ X_{i,m} \ \vdots \ \vdots \ddots \vdots \ X_{N,1} \ \dots \ X_{N,j} \ \dots \ X_{N,m}]_{N\times m} \quad [13]$$

While X signifies the matrix of the pelican's population; X_i means the position of ith pelican. The vector of objective function value is signified below as Eq. [14]:

$$F = [F_1 \ \vdots \ F_i \ \vdots \ F_N]_{N\times 1} = [F(X_1) \ \vdots \ F(X_i) \ \vdots \ F(X_N)]_{N\times 1} \quad [14]$$

Whereas, F indicates a vector of objective function; F_i specifies an objective function value of ith pelican

Exploration Stage

In this stage, prey and pelicans hunt for one another and travel near together in the searching space. For improving the search ability of POA in resolving the precise search issue, the position of the quarry is produced at random. The computation formulation of this stage is mentioned below as Eqs. [15] and [16]:

$$X_{i,j}^{P_1} = X_{i,j} + rand.(P_j - I.X_{i,j}), F_p < F_j \quad [15]$$

$$X_{i,j}^{P_1} = X_{i,j} + rand.(X_{i,j} - P_j), F_p > F_i \quad [16]$$

In this formulation, $X_{i,j}^{P_1}$ denotes jth dimensional location of the ith pelican. $rand$ is a randomly produced value in the interval of [0,1]. I denotes a random value of 1 or 2. P_j Refers to jth dimensional location of the prey. F_P means a value of an objective function of prey. The exact method is given below as Eq. [17]:

$$X_j = \{X_i^{P_1}, F_i^{P_1} < F_i \ X_i, else \quad [17]$$

$X_i^{P_1}$ refers to the novel location of ith pelican; $F_i^{P_1}$ means an objective function value of $X_i^{P_1}$.

Exploitation Stage

This stage exhibits the pelican's advent at the surface of water for nourishing. For enhanced searching region, the method inspects the pelican's adjacent position, which is expressed in the mathematical formulation below as Eq. [18]:

$$X_{i,j}^{P_2} = X_{i,j} + R \cdot \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right) \cdot (2 \cdot rand - 1) \cdot X_{i,j} \quad [18]$$

Here, $X_{i,j}^{P_2}$ signifies the jth dimensional location of ith pelican. $rand$ is a randomly produced number within the interval of [0,1]. R means a constant value that is equivalent to 0.2. t refers to the current iteration count. T denotes the highest iteration count.

Where in this stage, valid upgrades were employed to reject or accept novel pelican locations, which is exactly demonstrated below as Eq. [19]:

$$X_i = \{X_i^{P_2}, F_i^{P_2} < F_i \ X_i, else. \quad [19]$$

IPOA

The outcomes of analysis of the benchmark functions display that POA (Algorithm1) beats genetic methods namely the teaching and learning optimizer method, PSO, grey wolf optimizer (GWO) method, WHO, gravitational search model, beleaguered swarm methods, and marine predator techniques in terms of exploration and exploitation performances. Conversely, issues like weak exploratory capability, effortlessly dropping into local optimizer, and unsound exploitation devices, also occur. To tackle these problems, the below-mentioned tactics will be employed:

Algorithm1: Pseudo code of IPOA
Input: N, n, T, I
Initialize the population of pelicans utilizing Eq. [12]
Compute the fitness value of every pelican particles
while $(t < T)$ do
Make the location of the prey at random
for $i = 1{:}N$ do
Exploration stage: Moving near prey
for $j = 1 : n$ do
Compute novel status of jth size utilizing Eqs. [15] and [16]
end for
Upgrade the ith population member employing Eq. [17]
Exploitation stage: Flying on the surface of the water

for $j = 1 : n$ do
Compute novel status of jth size utilizing Eq. [18]
end for
Upgrade the ith population member utilizing Eq. [19]
end for
Upgrade the finest candidate solution
end while
Output: X_{best}

Dynamic Nonlinear Decreasing Factor

In Eq. [15], the fitness value of prey is better when compared to the pelican particles. Then it went near the prey representing that the random prey originates a superior location in the space of solution. So, firming the randomness is highly helpful for the technique to appropriately hunt the space of solution and discover the global optimum solutions. The $rand$ parameter in Eq. [15] is now enhanced to tackle the above lacks as Eq. [20]:

$$w = \left[w_{max} - e^{\left(\frac{-t}{T}\right)^2}\right] * rand * cos(2\pi R) \quad [20]$$

Here, $w_{max} = 3$, t means the present iteration, and T represents the maximum iteration count. $rand$ refers to a produced value at random within the interval of $[0,1]$. R denotes a generated number at random in the range of [1, 1]. w is the dynamic non-linear decreasing coefficient. w discovers the solution space at random within the range of $[-2,2]$ with a larger step size to upsurge the global search ability as Eq. [21].

$$X_{i,j}^{P_1} = X_{i,j} + w \cdot (P_j - I \cdot X_{i,j}), F_P < F_i. \quad [21]$$

The fitness choice is the main aspect controlling the efficiency of IPOA. The parameter choice process holds the encoded process for measuring the effectiveness of the candidate. During this paper, the IPOA assumed that accuracy was a primary condition to plan the fitness function (FF). The below Eqs. [22] And [23] will find the fitness values as,

$$Fitness = max\,(P) \quad [22]$$

$$P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad [23]$$

Whereas, TP and FP illustrate the true and false positive rates.

Results and Discussion

The performance validation outcome of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM technique can be tested using the employee performance dataset (22).

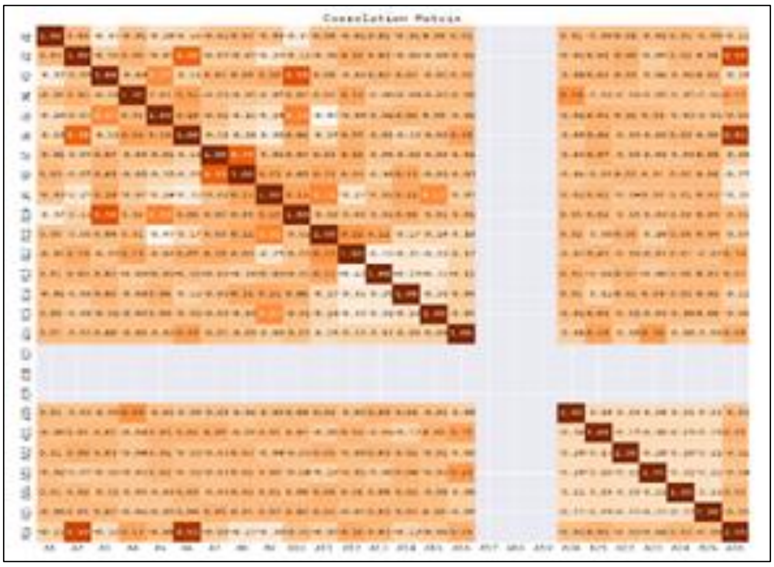

Figure 3: Correlation Matrix of HSEMSD-AIEPPM Technique

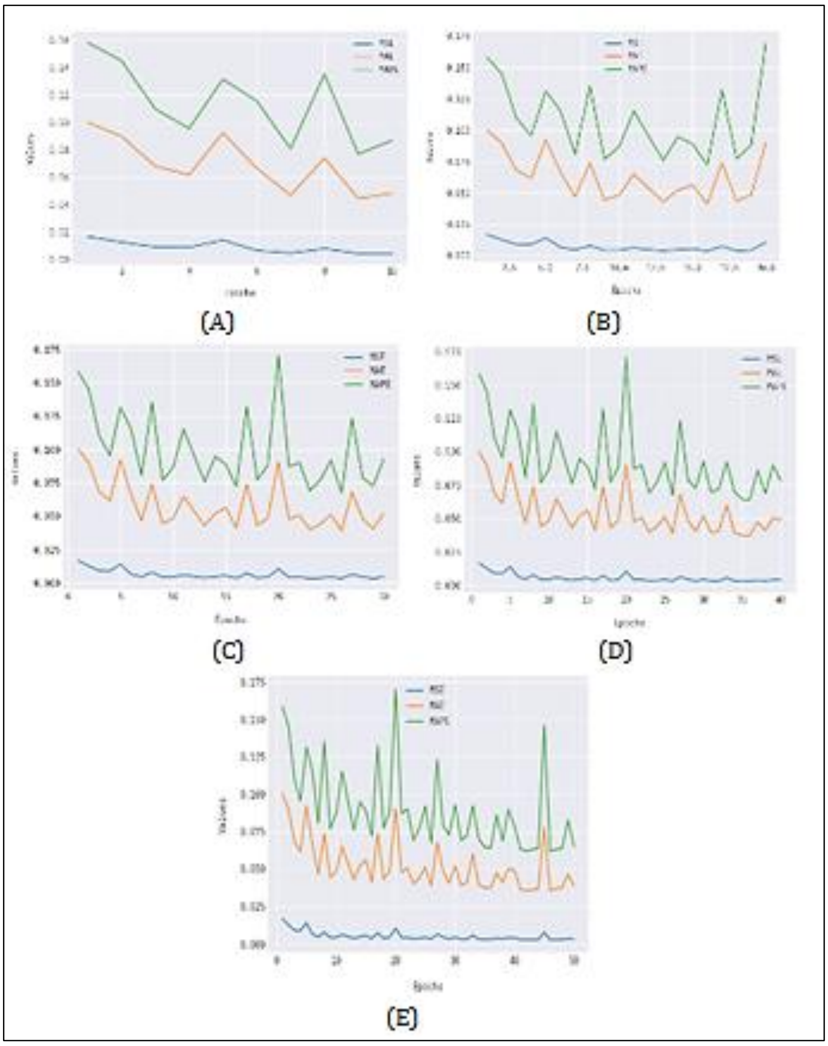

Figure 4: Results Analysis for Loss Graphs of Different Epochs A) 10, B) 20, C) 30, D) 40, and E) 50

Figure 3 determines the correlation matrix made by the HSEMSD-AIEPPM technique in the test dataset. The results show that the HSEMSD-AIEPPM method has efficacious recognition and classification of 26 classes. In Figure 4, the TRA loss (TRALO) graph of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model is revealed. The loss value is computed throughout 0-50 epochs. It is signified that the TRALO value explains a decreasing tendency, which reported the ability of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model to correspond to a trade-off between data fitting and generalized.

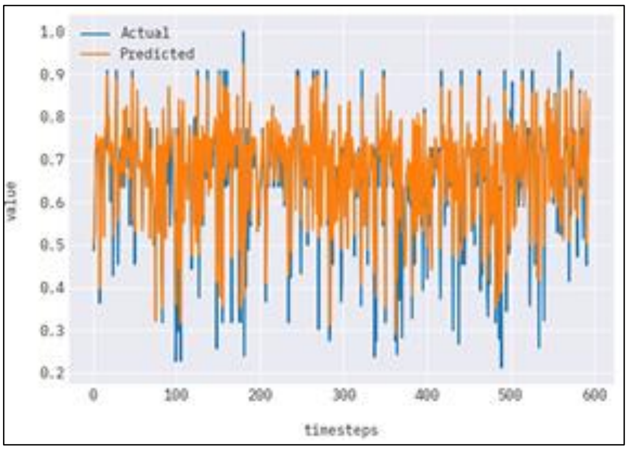

Figure 5: Actual and Predictive Values of HSEMSD-AIEPPM Model

Figure 5 showcases a complete predictive result analysis of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model. The figure identified that the HSEMSD-AIEPPM algorithm has accomplished successful predictive values under distinct timestep. It is noted that the variance between the actual and predictive values is significantly low. In Table 1 and Figure 6, the overall prediction outcomes of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model under various measures. The table values imply that the HSEMSD-AIEPPM approach has obtained effective performances. Based on MSE, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM technique has obtained MSE value of 0.0032. In addition, based on MAE, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM methodology has achieved MAE value of 0.0389. Finally, based on MAPE, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM method has acquired MAPE value of 0.0653.

Table 1: Overall Prediction Outcomes of HSEMSD-AIEPPM Model under Various Measures

Metrics	Values
MSE	0.0032
MAE	0.0389
MAPE	0.0653

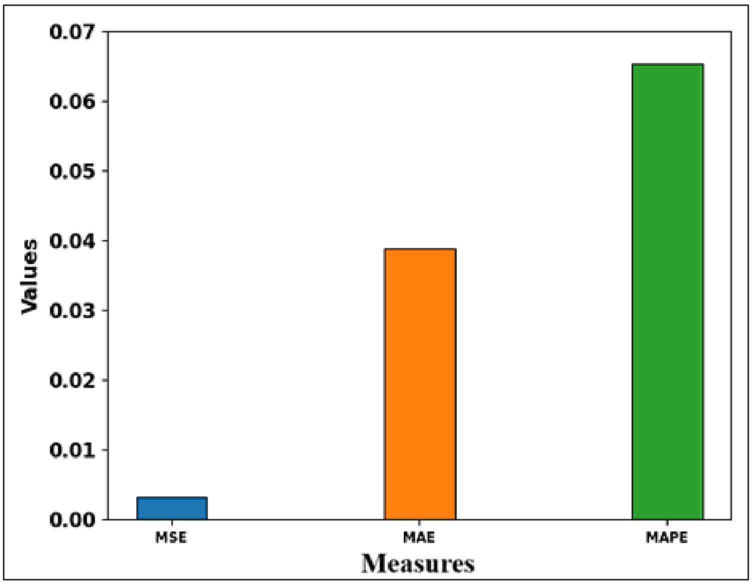

Figure 6: Overall Prediction Outcomes of HSEMSD-AIEPPM Model under Various Measures

To demonstrate the better performance of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM method, a short-term comparison study is made in Table 2 (23). Figure 7 demonstrates the MSE analysis of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM algorithm with existing approaches. The results exemplified that the linear regression model has shown worse performances with a higher MSE of 0.2132. Likewise, the ridge regression technique has exhibited a slightly lower MSE of 0.1132. Followed by, the lasso regression, RF, Gradient Boosting, and XGBoost algorithms have outperformed reasonable performances with MSE of 0.0903, 0.0893, 0.0783, and 0.0563, respectively. However, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model has demonstrated effective results with a lower MSE of 0.0032. Figure 8 determines the MAE study of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM approach with current methods. The results represented that the linear regression model has shown inferior performances with a higher MAE of 4.5500. Similarly, the ridge regression performance has shown a slightly higher MAE of 5.6000. Afterward, the lasso regression, RF, Gradient Boosting, and XGBoost algorithms have exceeded reasonable performances with MAE of 2.3000, 4.4600, 3.1300, and 3.7100, individually. Yet, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model has established effective results with a lower MSE of 0.0389.

Table 2: MSE and MAE Outcomes of HSEMSD-AIEPPM Method with Existing Approaches

Algorithms	MSE	MAE
Linear Regression	0.2132	4.5500
Ridge Regression	0.1132	5.6000

Lasso Regression	0.0903	2.3000
Random Forest	0.0893	4.4600
Gradient Boosting	0.0783	3.1300
XGBoost	0.0563	3.7100
HSEMSD-AIEPPM	0.0032	0.0389

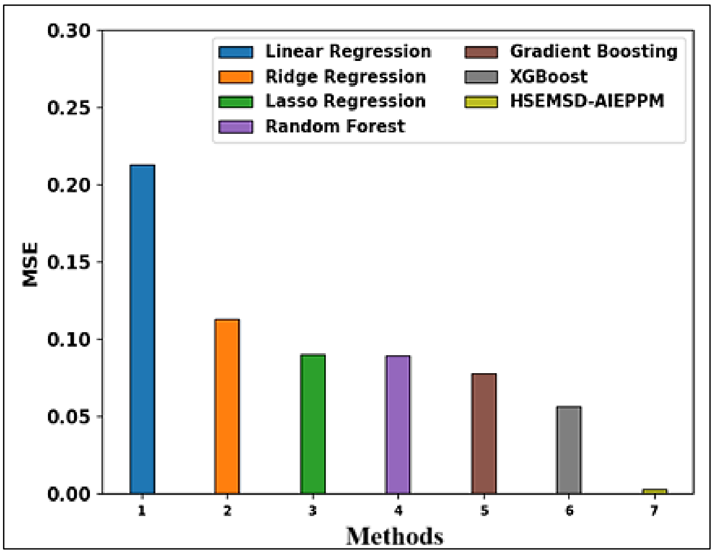

Figure 7: MSE Outcome of HSEMSD-AIEPPM Method with Existing Approaches

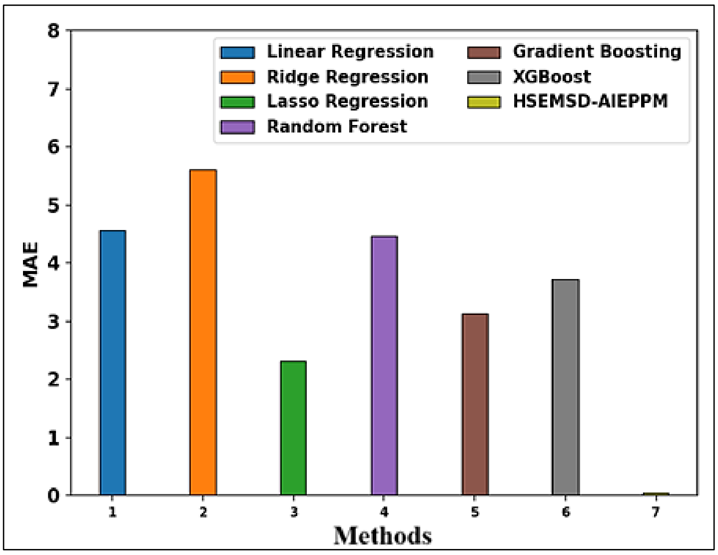

Figure 8: MAE Outcomes of HSEMSD-AIEPPM Method with Existing Approaches

Conclusion

In this manuscript, we offer a novel HSEMSD-AIEPPM Method. The HSEMSD-AIEPPM model presents an innovative model for predicting employee performance in multi-national organizations using AI techniques. Primarily, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model employs z-score normalization for data pre-processing to enhance the quality of the input data. Next, an SEM is applied for synthetic data generation to ensure a robust dataset that reflects diverse employee performance scenarios. For the prediction process, the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model takes place LSTM technique can be exploited. Eventually, the LSTM model parameters are fine-tuned using the IPOA to optimize model performance. To establish the improved performance of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model, a huge range of experimentations take place and the outcomes are inspected under several measures. The comparison study reported the betterment of the HSEMSD-AIEPPM model over existing approaches.

Abbreviations

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