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1. INTRODUCTION

A dataset is class imbalanced if the classification categories are not approximately equally represented. The level of imbalance (ratio of size of the majority class to minority class) can be as huge as 1:99 [1]. It is noteworthy that class imbalance is emerging as an important issue in designing classifiers [2], [3], [4]. Furthermore, the class with the lowest number of instances is usually the class of interest from the point of view of the learning task [5]. This problem is of great interest because it turns up in many real-world classification problems, such as remote-sensing [6], pollution detection [7], risk management [8], fraud detection [9], and especially medical diagnosis [10]–[13].

There exist techniques to develop better performing classifiers with imbalanced datasets, which are generally called Class Imbalance Learning (CIL)

methods. These methods can be broadly divided into two categories, namely, external methods and internal methods. External methods involve preprocessing of training datasets in order to make them balanced, while internal methods deal with modifications of the learning algorithms in order to reduce their sensitiveness to class imbalance [14]. The main advantage of external methods as previously pointed out, is that they are independent of the underlying classifier.

Whenever a class in a classification task is under represented (i.e., has a lower prior probability) compared to other classes, we consider the data as imbalanced [15], [16]. The main problem in imbalanced data is that the majority classes that are represented by large numbers of patterns rule the classifier decision boundaries at the expense of the minority classes that are represented by small numbers of patterns. This leads to high and low accuracies in classifying the majority and minority classes, respectively, which do not necessarily reflect the true difficulty in classifying these classes. Most common solutions to this problem balance the number of patterns in the minority or majority classes.

Resampling techniques can be categorized into three groups. Under-sampling methods, which create a subset of the original data-set by eliminating instances (usually majority class instances); oversampling methods, which create a superset of the original data-set by replicating some instances or creating new instances from existing ones; and finally, hybrids methods that combine both sampling methods. Among these categories, there exist several different proposals; from this point, we only center our attention in those that have been used in under sampling. Either way, balancing the data has been found to alleviate the problem of imbalanced data and enhance accuracy [15], [16], [17]. Data balancing is performed by, e.g., oversampling patterns of minority classes either randomly or from areas close to the decision boundaries. Interestingly, random oversampling is found comparable to more sophisticated oversampling methods [17]. Alternatively, under-sampling is performed on majority classes either randomly or from areas far away from the decision boundaries. We note that random under-sampling may remove significant patterns and random oversampling may lead to over-

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fitting, so random sampling should be performed with care. We also note that, usually, selective under sampling of majority classes is more accurate than oversampling of minority class. In this paper, we are laying more stress to propose an external class imbalance learning method for solving the class imbalance problem by performing selective under sampling of majority class.

This paper is organized as follows. Section II presets the problem of cluster disjuncts. Section III briefly reviews the data balancing problems and its measures and in Section IV, we discuss the proposed method of MAJOR_CD (Majority Under-sampling based on Cluster Disjunct) for class imbalance learning. Section V presents the imbalanced datasets used to validate the proposed method, while In Section VI, we present the experimental setting and In Section VII discuss, in detail, the classification results obtained by the proposed method and compare them with the results obtained by different existing methods and finally, in Section VIII we conclude the paper.

II. PROBLEM OF CLUSTER DISJUNCT

In Class Imbalance learning, the numbers of instances in the majority class are outnumbered to the number of instances in the minority class. Furthermore, the minority concept may additionally contain a sub concept with limited instances, amounting to diverging degrees of classification difficulty [18-19]. This, in fact, is the result of another form of imbalance, a within-class imbalance, which concerns itself with the distribution of representative data for sub concepts within a class [20-22].

The existence of within-class imbalances is closely intertwined with the problem of small disjuncts, which has been shown to greatly depreciate classification performance [20-23]. Briefly, the problem of small disjuncts can be understood as follows: A classifier will attempt to learn a concept by creating multiple disjunct rules that describe the main concept [18-19], [23]. In the case of homogeneous concepts, the classifier will generally create large disjuncts, i.e., rules that cover a large portion (cluster) of examples pertaining to the main concept. However, in the case of heterogeneous concepts, small disjuncts, i.e., rules that cover a small cluster of examples pertaining to the main concept, arise as a direct result of underrepresented sub concepts [18-19], [23]. Moreover, since classifiers attempt to learn both majority and minority a concept, the problem of small disjuncts is not only restricted to the minority concept. On the contrary, small disjuncts of the majority class can arise from noisy misclassified minority class examples or underrepresented subconcepts. However, because of the vast representation of majority class data, this occurrence is infrequent. A more common scenario is that noise may

influence disjuncts in the minority class. In this case, the validity of the clusters corresponding to the small disjuncts becomes an important issue, i.e., whether these examples represent an actual subconcept or are merely attributed to noise. To solve the above problem of cluster disjuncts we propose the method cluster disjunct minority oversampling technique for class imbalance learning.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

In this section, we first review the major research about clustering in class imbalance learning and explain why we choose under-sampling as our technique in this paper.

The different imbalance data learning approaches are as follows:

Table 1 : Imbalanced Data learning Approaches

- ❖ SAMPLING METHODS
 - ✓ BASIC SAMPLING METHODS
 - Under-Sampling
 - Over-Sampling
 - ✓ ADVANCED SAMPLING METHODS
 - Tomek Link
 - The SMOTE approach
 - Borderline-SMOTE
 - One-Sided Selection OSS
 - Neighbourhood Cleaning Rule (NCL)
 - Bootstrap-based Over-sampling (BootOS)
- ❖ ENSEMBLE LEARNING METHODS
 - ✓ BAGGING
 - Asymmetric bagging, SMOTE Bagging
 - Over Bagging, Under Bagging
 - Roughly balanced bagging
 - Lazy Bagging
 - Random features selection
 - ✓ BOOSTING
 - Adaboost
 - SMOTEBoost
 - DataBoost-IM
 - ✓ RANDOM FORESTS
 - Balanced Random Forest BRF
 - Weighted Random Forest WRF
- ❖ COST-SENSITIVE LEARNING
 - ✓ Direct cost-sensitive learning methods
 - ✓ Methods for cost-sensitive meta-learning
 - ✓ Cost-sensitive meta-learning
 - ✓ Thresholding methods

- ✓ MetCost
- ✓ Cost-sensitive meta-learning sampling methods
- ❖ FEATURE SELECTION METHODS
 - ✓ Warpper
 - ✓ PREE (Prediction Risk based feature selection for Easy Ensemble)
- ❖ ALGORITHMS MODIFICATION
 - ✓ Proposal for new splitting criteria DKM
 - ✓ Adjusting the distribution reference in the tree
 - ✓ Offset Entropy

Siti Khadijah Mohamad et al. [24] have conducted a review to look into how the data mining was tackled by previous scholars and the latest trends on data mining in educational research. Hongzhou Sha et al. [25] have proposed a method named EPLogCleaner that can filter out plenty of irrelevant items based on the common prefix of their URLs.

M.S.B. PhridviRaj et al. [26] have proposed an algorithm for finding frequent patterns from data streams by performs only one time scan of the database initially and uses the information to find frequent patterns using frequent pattern generation tree. Chumphol Bunkhumpornpat et al. [27] have a new over-sampling technique called DBSMOTE is proposed. DBSMOTE technique relies on a density-based notion of clusters and is designed to oversample an arbitrarily shaped cluster discovered by DBSCAN. DBSMOTE generates synthetic instances along a shortest path from each positive instance to a pseudo centroid of a minority-class cluster. Matías Di Martino et al. [28] have presented a new classifier developed specially for imbalanced problems, where maximum F-measure instead of maximum accuracy guide the classifier design.

V. Garcia et al. [29] have investigated the influence of both the imbalance ratio and the classifier on the performance of several resampling strategies to deal with imbalanced data sets. The study focuses on evaluating how learning is affected when different resampling algorithms transform the originally imbalanced data into artificially balanced class distributions. Table 2 presents recent algorithmic advances in class imbalance learning available in the literature. Obviously, there are many other algorithms which are not included in this table. A profound comparison of the above algorithms and many others can be gathered from the references list.

María Dolores Pérez-Godoy et al. [30] have proposed CO2RBFN, a evolutionary cooperative-competitive model for the design of radial-basis function networks which uses both radial-basis function and the evolutionary cooperative-competitive technique on imbalanced domains. CO2RBFN follows the

evolutionary cooperative-competitive strategy, where each individual of the population represents an RBF (Gaussian function will be considered as RBF) and the entire population is responsible for the definite solution. This paradigm provides a framework where an individual of the population represents only a part of the solution, competing to survive (since it will be eliminated if its performance is poor) but at the same time cooperating in order to build the whole RBFN, which adequately represents the knowledge about the problem and achieves good generalization for new patterns.

Table 2 : Recent advances in Class Imbalance Learning

| ALGORITHM | DESCRIPTION | REFERENECE |
|-----------------|---|------------|
| DCEID | Combining ensemble learning with cost-sensitive learning. | [27] |
| RUSBoost | A new hybrid sampling/boosting Algorithm. | [29] |
| CO2RBFN | A evolutionary cooperative-competitive model for the design of radial-basis function networks which uses both radial-basis function and the evolutionary cooperative-competitive technique. | [30] |
| Improved FRBCSs | Adapt the 2-tuples based genetic tuning approach to classification problems showing the good synergy between this method and some FRBCSs. | [33] |
| BSVMs | A model assessment of the interplay between various classification decisions using probability, corresponding decision costs, and quadratic program of optimal margin classifier. | [37] |

Der-Chiang Li et al. [31] have suggested a strategy which over-samples the minority class and under-samples the majority one to balance the datasets. For the majority class, they build up the Gaussian type fuzzy membership function and a-cut to reduce the data size; for the minority class, they used the mega-trend diffusion membership function to generate virtual samples for the class. Furthermore, after balancing the data size of classes, they extended the data attribute dimension into a higher dimension space using classification related information to enhance the classification accuracy.

Enhong Che et al. [32] have described a unique approach to improve text categorization under class imbalance by exploiting the semantic context in text documents. Specifically, they generate new samples of rare classes (categories with relatively small amount of training data) by using global semantic information of

classes represented by probabilistic topic models. In this way, the numbers of samples in different categories can become more balanced and the performance of text categorization can be improved using this transformed data set. Indeed, this method is different from traditional re-sampling methods, which try to balance the number of documents in different classes by re-sampling the documents in rare classes. Such re-sampling methods can cause overfitting. Another benefit of this approach is the effective handling of noisy samples. Since all the new samples are generated by topic models, the impact of noisy samples is dramatically reduced.

Alberto Fernández et al. [33] have proposed an improved version of fuzzy rule based classification systems (FRBCSs) in the framework of imbalanced data-sets by means of a tuning step. Specifically, they adapt the 2-tuples based genetic tuning approach to classification problems showing the good synergy between this method and some FRBCSs. The proposed algorithm uses two learning methods in order to generate the RB for the FRBCS. The first one is the method proposed in [34], that they have named the Chi et al.'s rule generation. The second approach is defined by Ishibuchi and Yamamoto in [35] and it consists of a Fuzzy Hybrid Genetic Based Machine Learning (FH-GBML) algorithm.

J. Burez et al. [36] have investigated how they can better handle class imbalance in churn prediction. Using more appropriate evaluation metrics (AUC, lift), they investigated the increase in performance of sampling (both random and advanced under-sampling) and two specific modeling techniques (gradient boosting and weighted random forests) compared to some standard modeling techniques. They have advised weighted random forests, as a cost-sensitive learner, performs significantly better compared to random forests.

Che-Chang Hsu et al. [37] have proposed a method with a model assessment of the interplay between various classification decisions using probability, corresponding decision costs, and quadratic program of optimal margin classifier called: Bayesian Support Vector Machines (BSVMs) learning strategy. The purpose of their learning method is to lead an attractive pragmatic expansion scheme of the Bayesian approach to assess how well it is aligned with the class imbalance problem. In the framework, they did modify in the objects and conditions of primal problem to reproduce an appropriate learning rule for an observation sample. In [38] Alberto Fernández et al. have proposed to work with fuzzy rule based classification systems using a preprocessing step in order to deal with the class imbalance. Their aim is to analyze the behavior of fuzzy rule based classification systems in the framework of imbalanced data-sets by means of the application of an adaptive inference system with parametric conjunction operators. Jordan

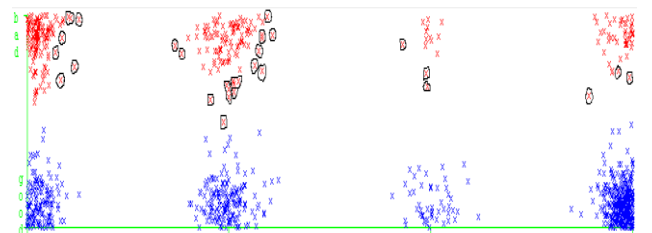
M. Malof et al. [39] have empirically investigated how class imbalance in the available set of training cases can impact the performance of the resulting classifier as well as properties of the selected set. In this K-Nearest Neighbor (k-NN) classifier is used which is a well-known classifier and has been used in numerous case-based classification studies of imbalance datasets.

The bottom line is that when studying problems with imbalanced data, using the classifiers produced by standard machine learning algorithms without adjusting the output threshold may well be a critical mistake. This skewness towards minority class (positive) generally causes the generation of a high number of false-negative predictions, which lower the model's performance on the positive class compared with the performance on the negative (majority) class.

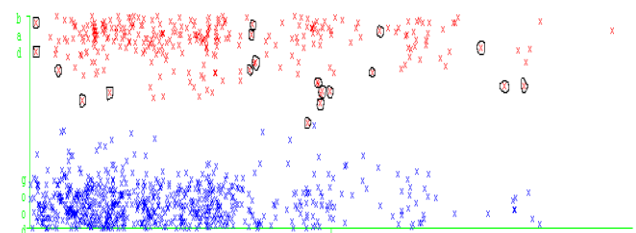
IV. METHODOLOGY

In this section, we follow a design decomposition approach to systematically analyze the different imbalanced domains. We first briefly introduce the framework design for our proposed algorithm.

The working style of under-sampling tries to remove selective majority instances. Before performing selective under-sampling on the majority subset, the main cluster disjuncts has to be identified and the borderline and noise instances around the cluster disjuncts are to be removed. The number of instances eliminated will belong to the 'k' cluster disjuncts selected by visualization technique. The remaining cluster disjunct instances of the majority subset have to be combined with minority set to form improved dataset. Here, the above said routine is employed on every cluster disjunct, which removes examples suffering from missing values at first and then removes borderline examples and examples of outlier category.



(a)



(b)

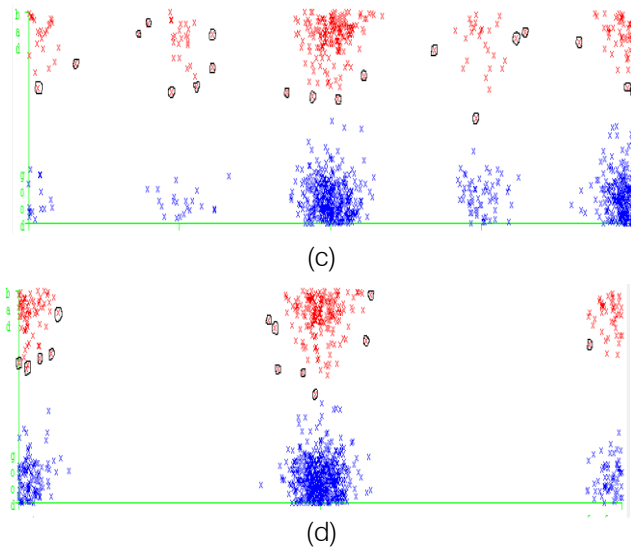


Figure 1 : Before (a). Checking Status (b). Duration (c). Credit History (d). Housing

The algorithm 1: MAJOR_CD can be explained as follows,

The inputs to the algorithm are majority subclass “p” and minority class “n” with the number of features j. The output of the algorithm will be the average measures such as AUC, Precision, F-measure, TP rate and TN rate produced by the MAJOR_CD methods. The algorithm begins with initialization of $k=1$ and $j=1$, where j is the number of cluster disjuncts identified by applying visualization technique on the subset “n” and k is the variable used for looping of j cluster disjuncts.

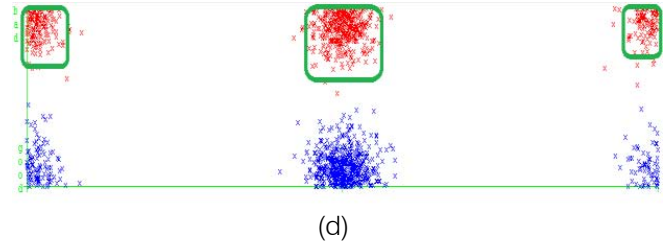
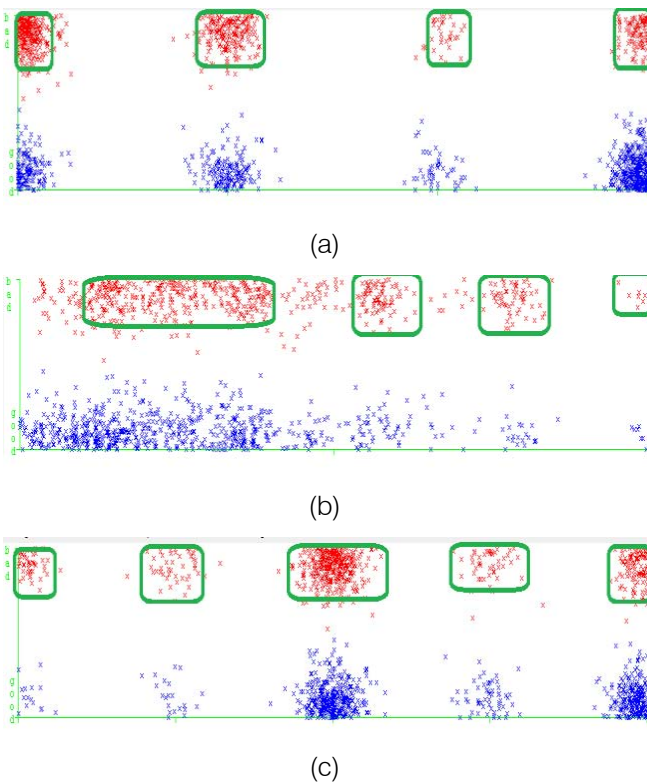


Figure 2 : After Applying MAJOR_CD: (a). Checking Status (b). Duration (c). Credit History (d). Housing

The ‘j’ value will change from one dataset to other, and depending upon the unique properties of the dataset the value of k can be equal to one also i.e no cluster disjunct attributes can be identified after applying visualization technique on the dataset.

In another case attributes related cluster disjunct oversampling can also be performed to improve the skewed dataset. In any case depending on the amount of minority examples generated, the final "strong set" can or cannot be balanced i.e number of majority instances and minority instances in the strong set will or will not be equal.

The presented MAJOR_CD algorithm is summarized as below.

Algorithm 1: MAJOR_CD

Input: A set of major subclass examples P, a set of minor subclass examples N, $|P| < |N|$, and F_j , the feature set, $j > 0$.

Output: Average Measure { AUC, Precision, F-Measure, TP Rate, TN Rate }

Phase I: Initial Phase:

- 1: begin
- 2: $k \leftarrow 1, j \leftarrow 1$.
- 3: **Apply** Visualization Technique on subset P,
- 4: Identify cluster disjunct C_j from P, $j =$ number of cluster disjunct identified in visualization

Phase II: Under sampling Phase

- 5: **Apply** Oversampling on C_j cluster disjunct from P,
- 6: **repeat**
- 7: $k = k + 1$
- 8: Remove ‘ $C_j \times s$ ’ noisy, borderline instances from the majority examples in each cluster disjunct C_j .

9: **Until** $k = j$

Phase III: Validating Phase

- 10: Train and Learn A Base Classifier (C4.5) using Improved P and N
- 11: end

The different components of our new proposed framework are elaborated in the next subsections

a) *Preparation of the Majority and Minority subsets*

The datasets is partitioned into majority and minority subsets. As we are concentrating over sampling, we will take minority data subset for further visualization analysis to identify cluster disjuncts.

b) *Improve cluster disjunct by removing noisy and borderline instances*

Minority subset can be further analyzed to find the noisy or borderline instances so that we can eliminate those. For finding the weak instances one of the ways is that find most influencing attributes or features and then remove ranges of the noisy or weak attributes relating to that feature.

How to choose the noisy instances relating to that cluster disjunct from the dataset set? We can find a range where the number of samples are less can give you a simple hint that those instances coming in that range or very rare or noise. We will intelligently detect and remove those instances which are in narrow ranges of that particular cluster disjunct. This process can be applied on all the cluster disjuncts identified for each dataset.

c) *Forming the strong dataset*

The minority subset and majority subset is combined to form a strong and balance dataset, which is used for learning of a base algorithm. In this case we have used C4.5 or Naïve Bayes as the base algorithm.

V. EVALUATION METRICS

To assess the classification results we count the number of true positive (TP), true negative (TN), false positive (FP) (actually negative, but classified as positive) and false negative (FN) (actually positive, but classified as negative) examples. It is now well known that error rate is not an appropriate evaluation criterion when there is class imbalance or unequal costs. In this paper, we use AUC, Precision, F-measure, TP Rate and TN Rate as performance evaluation measures.

Let us define a few well known and widely used measures:

The Area under Curve (AUC) measure is computed by equation (1),

$$AUC = \frac{1 + TP_{RATE} - FP_{RATE}}{2} \tag{1}$$

The Precision measure is computed by equation(2),

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{(TP) + (FP)} \tag{2}$$

The F-measure Value is computed by equation(3),

$$F - measure = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall} \tag{3}$$

The True Positive Rate measure is computed by equation (4),

$$TruePositiveRate = \frac{TP}{(TP) + (FN)} \tag{4}$$

The True Negative Rate measure is computed by equation (5),

$$TrueNegativeRate = \frac{TN}{(TN) + (FP)} \tag{5}$$

VI. EXPERIMENTAL FRAMEWORK

In this study MAJOR_CD are applied to twelve binary data sets from the UCI repository [40] with different imbalance ratio (IR). Table 3 summarizes the data selected in this study and shows, for each data set, the number of examples (#Ex.), number of attributes (#Atts.), class name of each class (minority and majority) and IR. In order to estimate different measure (AUC, precision, Fmeasure, TP rate and TN rate) we use a tenfold cross validation approach, that is ten partitions for training and test sets, 90% for training and 10% for testing, where the ten test partitions form the whole set. For each data set we consider the average results of the ten partitions.

Table 3 : Summary of benchmark imbalanced datasets

| S.no | Datasets | # Ex. | # Atts. | Class (-,+) | IR |
|------|------------|-------|---------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Breast | 268 | 9 | (recurrence; no-recurrence) | 2.37 |
| 2. | Breast_w | 699 | 9 | (benign; malignant) | 1.90 |
| 3. | Colic | 368 | 22 | (yes; no) | 1.71 |
| 4. | Credit-g | 1000 | 21 | (good; bad) | 2.33 |
| 5. | Diabetes | 768 | 8 | (tested-potv; tested-negtv) | 1.87 |
| 6. | Hepatitis | 155 | 19 | (die; live) | 3.85 |
| 7. | Ionosphere | 351 | 34 | (b;g) | 1.79 |
| 8. | Kr-vs-kp | 3196 | 37 | (won; nowin) | 1.09 |
| 9. | Labor | 56 | 16 | (bad ; good) | 1.85 |
| 10. | Mushroom | 8124 | 23 | (e ; p) | 1.08 |
| 11. | Sick | 3772 | 29 | (negative ; sick) | 15.32 |
| 12. | Sonar | 208 | 60 | (rock ; mine) | 1.15 |

To validate the proposed MAJOR_CD algorithm, we compared it with the traditional Support Vector Machines (SVM), C4.5, Functional Trees (FT), SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling TEchnique) and CART algorithm.

VII. RESULTS

For all experiments, we use existing prototype's present in Weka [41]. We compare the following domain adaptation methods:

We compared proposed method MAJOR_CD with the SVM, C4.5 [42], FT, SMOTE [43] and CART state-of -the-art learning algorithms. In all the

experiments we estimate AUC, Precision, F-measure, TP rate and TN rate using 10-fold cross-validation. We experimented with 12 standard datasets for UCI repository; these datasets are standard benchmarks used in the context of high-dimensional imbalance learning. Experiments on these datasets have 2 goals. First, we study the class imbalance properties of the datasets using proposed MAJOR_CD learning algorithm. Second, we compare the classification performance of our proposed MAJOR_CD algorithm with the traditional and class imbalance learning methods based on all datasets.

Following, we analyze the performance of the method considering the entire original algorithms, without pre-processing, data sets for SVM, C4.5, FT and CART. we also analyze a pre-processing method SMOTE for performance evaluation of MAJOR_CD. The complete table of results for all the algorithms used in this study is shown in Table 4 to 9, where the reader can observe the full test results, of performance of each approach with their associated standard deviation. We must emphasize the good results achieved by MAJOR_CD, as it obtains the highest value among all algorithms.

Table 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 reports the results of AUC, Precision, F-measure, TP Rate, TN Rate and accuracy respectively for fifteen UCI datasets. Tables 4-9 provide both the numerical average performance (Mean) and the standard deviation (SD) results. If the proposed technique is better than the compared technique then '●' symbol appears in the column. If the proposed technique is not better than the compared technique then '○' symbol appears in the column. The mean performances were significantly different according to the T-test at the 95% confidence level. The results in the tables show that MAJOR_CD has given a good improvement on all the measures of class imbalance learning. This level of analysis is enough for overall projection of advantages and disadvantages of MAJOR_CD. A two-tailed corrected resampled paired t test is used in this paper to determine whether the results of the cross-validation show that there is a difference between the two algorithms is significant or not. Difference in accuracy is considered significant when the p-value is less.

Table 4 : Summary of tenfold cross validation performance for Accuracy on all the datasets

| Datasets | SVM | C4.5 | FT | SMOTE | CART | MAJOR_CD |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Breast | 67.21±7.28● | 74.28±6.05○ | 68.58±7.52● | 69.83±7.77● | 70.22±5.19● | 72.42±6.32 |
| Breast_w | 96.75±2.00○ | 95.01±2.73○ | 95.45±2.52○ | 96.16±2.06○ | 94.74±2.60 | 94.61±2.39 |
| Colic | 79.78±6.57● | 85.16±5.91 | 79.11± 6.51● | 88.53±4.10○ | 85.37±5.41 | 85.00±5.97 |
| Credit-g | 68.91±4.46● | 71.25±3.17○ | 71.88±3.68○ | 76.50±3.38○ | 73.43±4.00○ | 70.39±4.19 |
| Diabetes | 76.55±4.67○ | 74.49±5.27○ | 70.62± 4.67● | 76.08±4.04○ | 74.56±5.01○ | 73.45±5.07 |
| Hepatitis | 81.90±8.38○ | 79.22±9.57○ | 81.40±8.55○ | 78.35±9.09○ | 77.10±7.12○ | 75.29(8.95) |
| Ionosphere | 90.26±4.97○ | 89.74±4.38○ | 87.10±5.12● | 90.28±4.73○ | 88.87±4.84 | 88.70(5.31) |
| Kv-rs-kp | 99.02±0.54 | 99.44±0.37 | 90.61±1.65● | 99.66±0.27 | 99.35±0.43 | 99.41(0.49) |
| Labor | 92.40±11.07○ | 78.60±16.58● | 84.30±16.24○ | 80.27±11.94 | 80.03±16.67 | 80.60(17.16) |
| Mushroom | 100.0±0.00 | 100.0±0.00 | 100.0±0.000 | 100.0±0.00 | 99.95±0.09 | 100.00(0.00) |
| Sick | 99.26±0.04○ | 98.72±0.55● | 96.10±0.92● | 97.61±0.68● | 98.85±0.54 | 98.68(0.55) |
| Sonar | 75.46±9.92○ | 73.61±9.34○ | 86.17±8.45○ | 82.42±7.25○ | 70.72±9.43● | 71.70(9.00) |

Table 5 : Summary of tenfold cross validation performance for AUC on all the datasets

| Datasets | SVM | C4.5 | FT | SMOTE | CART | MAJOR_CD |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Breast | 0.586±0.102● | 0.606±0.087● | 0.604±0.082● | 0.717±0.084○ | 0.587±0.110● | 0.611±0.095 |
| Breast_w | 0.977±0.017○ | 0.957±0.034○ | 0.949±0.030● | 0.967±0.025○ | 0.950±0.032● | 0.954±0.030 |
| Colic | 0.802±0.073● | 0.843±0.070● | 0.777±0.072● | 0.908±0.040○ | 0.847±0.070● | 0.850±0.065 |
| Credit-g | 0.650±0.075● | 0.647±0.062● | 0.655±0.044● | 0.778±0.041○ | 0.716±0.055○ | 0.656±0.065 |
| Diabetes | 0.793±0.072○ | 0.751±0.070 | 0.668±0.051● | 0.791±0.041○ | 0.743±0.071 | 0.743±0.067 |
| Hepatitis | 0.757±0.195○ | 0.668±0.184○ | 0.678±0.139○ | 0.798±0.112○ | 0.563±0.126● | 0.631(0.182) |
| Ionosphere | 0.900±0.060○ | 0.891±0.060○ | 0.831±0.067● | 0.904±0.053○ | 0.896±0.059○ | 0.885(0.070) |
| Kr-vs-kp | 0.996±0.005● | 0.998±0.003 | 0.906±0.017● | 0.999±0.001 | 0.997±0.004● | 0.998(0.002) |
| Labor | 0.971±0.075● | 0.726±0.224● | 0.844±0.162● | 0.833±0.127● | 0.750±0.248● | 0.802(0.200) |

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|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Mushroom | 1.000±0.00 | 1.000±0.00 | 1.000±0.00 | 1.000±0.00 | 0.999±0.001 | 1.000±0.00 |
| Sick | 0.990±0.014○ | 0.952±0.040○ | 0.795±0.053● | 0.962±0.025○ | 0.954±0.043○ | 0.948(0.042) |
| Sonar | 0.771±0.103○ | 0.753±0.113○ | 0.859±0.086○ | 0.814±0.090○ | 0.721±0.106● | 0.725(0.100) |

Table 6 : Summary of tenfold cross validation performance for Precision on all the datasets

| Datasets | SVM | C4.5 | FT | SMOTE | CART | MAJOR_CD |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Breast | 0.745±0.051○ | 0.753±0.042○ | 0.762±0.051○ | 0.710±0.075● | 0.728±0.038● | 0.732±0.043 |
| Breast_w | 0.988±0.019○ | 0.965±0.026○ | 0.964±0.026○ | 0.974±0.025○ | 0.968±0.026○ | 0.961±0.027 |
| Colic | 0.845±0.060○ | 0.851±0.055○ | 0.839±0.062● | 0.853±0.057○ | 0.853±0.053○ | 0.843±0.061 |
| Credit-g | 0.776±0.033○ | 0.767±0.025○ | 0.791±0.027○ | 0.768±0.034○ | 0.779±0.030○ | 0.758±0.030 |
| Diabetes | 0.793±0.037○ | 0.797±0.045● | 0.764±0.036● | 0.781±0.064● | 0.782±0.042 | 0.782±0.048 |
| Hepatitis | 0.604±0.271○ | 0.510±0.371○ | 0.546±0.333○ | 0.709±0.165○ | 0.232±0.334● | 0.429(0.325) |
| Ionosphere | 0.906±0.080○ | 0.895±0.084 | 0.938±0.073○ | 0.934±0.049○ | 0.868±0.096● | 0.894(0.080) |
| Kr-vs-kp | 0.991±0.008● | 0.994±0.006 | 0.905±0.021● | 0.996±0.005○ | 0.993±0.007● | 0.994(0.006) |
| Labor | 0.915±0.197○ | 0.696±0.359● | 0.802±0.250○ | 0.871±0.151○ | 0.715±0.355● | 0.738(0.300) |
| Mushroom | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 0.999±0.002 | 1.000±0.000 |
| Sick | 0.997±0.003○ | 0.992±0.005 | 0.975±0.007● | 0.983±0.007● | 0.992±0.005 | 0.992(0.005) |
| Sonar | 0.764±0.119○ | 0.728±0.121○ | 0.883±0.100○ | 0.863±0.068○ | 0.709±0.118● | 0.715(0.108) |

Table 7 : Summary of tenfold cross validation performance for F-measure on all the datasets

| Datasets | SVM | C4.5 | FT | SMOTE | CART | MAJOR_CD |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Breast | 0.781±0.059● | 0.838±0.040○ | 0.776±0.057● | 0.730±0.076● | 0.813±0.038○ | 0.823±0.043 |
| Breast_w | 0.965±0.019○ | 0.962±0.021○ | 0.975±0.016○ | 0.960±0.022○ | 0.959±0.020 | 0.958±0.019 |
| Colic | 0.833±0.055● | 0.888±0.044○ | 0.838±0.054● | 0.880±0.042● | 0.890±0.040○ | 0.883±0.046 |
| Credit-g | 0.802±0.027 | 0.805±0.022○ | 0.779±0.034● | 0.787±0.034● | 0.820±0.028○ | 0.794±0.032 |
| Diabetes | 0.778±0.037● | 0.806±0.044○ | 0.827±0.038○ | 0.741±0.046● | 0.812±0.040○ | 0.794±0.041 |
| Hepatitis | 0.469±0.265○ | 0.409±0.272○ | 0.557±0.207○ | 0.677±0.138○ | 0.179±0.235● | 0.375(0.258) |
| Ionosphere | 0.787±0.098○ | 0.850±0.066○ | 0.855±0.079○ | 0.905±0.048○ | 0.841±0.070● | 0.843(0.078) |
| Kv-rs-kp | 0.911±0.016● | 0.995±0.004 | 0.991±0.005● | 0.995±0.004 | 0.994±0.004 | 0.994(0.005) |
| Labor | 0.794±0.211○ | 0.636±0.312● | 0.879±0.195○ | 0.793±0.132○ | 0.660±0.316● | 0.734(0.280) |
| Mushroom | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 0.999±0.001 | 1.000±0.000 |
| Sick | 0.979±0.005● | 0.993±0.003● | 0.996±0.003○ | 0.987±0.004● | 0.994±0.003 | 0.993(0.003) |
| Sonar | 0.844±0.099○ | 0.716±0.105● | 0.753±0.102○ | 0.861±0.061○ | 0.672±0.106● | 0.704(0.105) |

Table 8 : Summary of tenfold cross validation performance for TP Rate (Recall) (Sensitivity) on all the datasets

| Datasets | SVM | C4.5 | FT | SMOTE | CART | MAJOR_CD |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Breast | 0.806±0.091● | 0.947±0.060○ | 0.815±0.095● | 0.763±0.117● | 0.926±0.081● | 0.941±0.061 |
| Breast_w | 0.967±0.025○ | 0.959±0.033○ | 0.962±0.029○ | 0.947±0.035● | 0.952±0.034● | 0.956±0.032 |
| Colic | 0.832±0.075● | 0.931±0.053● | 0.835±0.077● | 0.913±0.058● | 0.932±0.050 | 0.931±0.062 |
| Credit-g | 0.815±0.041● | 0.847±0.036○ | 0.783±0.052● | 0.810±0.058● | 0.869±0.047○ | 0.835±0.055 |
| Diabetes | 0.795±0.054● | 0.821±0.073○ | 0.868±0.065○ | 0.712±0.089● | 0.848±0.066○ | 0.811±0.067 |
| Hepatitis | 0.448±0.273○ | 0.374±0.256○ | 0.573±0.248○ | 0.681±0.188○ | 0.169±0.236● | 0.371(0.272) |
| Ionosphere | 0.689±0.131● | 0.821±0.107○ | 0.820±0.114○ | 0.881±0.071○ | 0.830±0.112○ | 0.807(0.115) |
| Kv-rs-kp | 0.916±0.021● | 0.995±0.005 | 0.990±0.007● | 0.995±0.006 | 0.995±0.006 | 0.994(0.007) |
| Labor | 0.845±0.243○ | 0.640±0.349● | 0.885±0.234○ | 0.765±0.194● | 0.665±0.359● | 0.775(0.321) |
| Mushroom | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 |
| Sick | 0.984±0.006● | 0.995±0.004 | 0.995±0.004 | 0.990±0.005● | 0.996±0.003○ | 0.994(0.004) |
| Sonar | 0.820±0.131○ | 0.721±0.140○ | 0.757±0.136○ | 0.865±0.090○ | 0.652±0.137● | 0.708(0.147) |

Table 9 : Summary of tenfold cross validation performance for TN Rate (Specificity) on all the datasets

| Datasets | SVM | C4.5 | FT | SMOTE | CART | MAJOR_CD |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Breast | 0.260±0.141 | 0.335±0.166○ | 0.151±0.164● | 0.622±0.137○ | 0.173±0.164● | 0.259±0.134 |
| Breast_w | 0.932±0.052○ | 0.977±0.037○ | 0.931±0.060○ | 0.975±0.024○ | 0.940±0.051○ | 0.928±0.053 |
| Colic | 0.717±0.119● | 0.734±0.118○ | 0.731±0.121○ | 0.862±0.063○ | 0.720±0.114● | 0.727±0.125 |
| Credit-g | 0.398±0.085● | 0.469±0.098○ | 0.371±0.105● | 0.713±0.056○ | 0.421±0.102○ | 0.419±0.092 |
| Diabetes | 0.603±0.111○ | 0.574±0.095● | 0.567±0.105● | 0.807±0.077○ | 0.554±0.113● | 0.601±0.117 |
| Hepatitis | 0.900±0.097○ | 0.882±0.092● | 0.942±0.093○ | 0.837±0.109● | 0.928±0.094○ | 0.867(0.100) |
| Ionosphere | 0.940±0.055○ | 0.949±0.046○ | 0.933±0.063● | 0.928±0.057● | 0.921±0.066● | 0.936(0.054) |
| Kv-rs-kp | 0.993±0.007● | 0.990±0.009● | 0.987±0.010● | 0.998±0.003○ | 0.992±0.008● | 0.994(0.007) |
| Labor | 0.865±0.197○ | 0.945±0.131○ | 0.843±0.214○ | 0.847±0.187○ | 0.877±0.192○ | 0.827(0.192) |
| Mushroom | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 1.000±0.000 | 0.999±0.002 | 1.000±0.000 |
| Sick | 0.875±0.071 | 0.974±0.026○ | 0.846±0.080● | 0.872±0.053● | 0.876±0.078● | 0.874(0.074) |
| Sonar | 0.749±0.134○ | 0.752±0.148○ | 0.762±0.145○ | 0.752±0.113○ | 0.756±0.121○ | 0.724(0.122) |

than 0.05 (confidence level is greater than 95%). In discussion of results, if one algorithm is stated to be better or worse than another then it is significantly better or worse at the 0.05 level.

We can make a global analysis of results combining the results offered by Tables from 4–9:

- Our proposal, MAJOR_CD are the best performing one when the data sets are no preprocessed. It outperforms the pre-processing SMOTE methods and this hypothesis is confirmed by including standard deviation variations. We have considered a complete competitive set of methods and an improvement of results is expected in the benchmark algorithms i.e SVM, C4.5, FT and CART. However, they are not able to outperform MAJOR_CD. In this sense, the competitive edge of MAJOR_CD can be seen.
- Considering that MAJOR_CD behaves similarly or not effective than SMOTE shows the unique properties of the datasets where there is scope of improvement in minority subset and not in majority subset. Our MAJOR_CD can only consider improvements in majority subset which is not effective for some unique property datasets.

The contributions of this work are twofold:

A general strategy to handle class imbalance problem: This is scalable, flexible, and modular, allowing the many existing supervised methods to be as a base algorithm. The method achieves competitive or better results compared to state-of-the-art baselines.

We emphasize that our approach is learner-independent: visualization can be used in conjunction with many of the existing algorithms in the literature. Furthermore, the fact that we select samples in the model space, as opposed to the feature space, is novel and sets it apart from many previous approaches to transfer learning (for both classification and ranking). This allows us to capture the “functional change” assumption and incorporate labeled information in the transfer learning process.

Finally, we can say that MAJOR_CD are one of the best alternatives to handle class imbalance problems effectively. This experimental study supports the conclusion that a cluster disjunct approach for cluster detections and elimination can improve the class imbalance learning behavior when dealing with imbalanced data-sets, as it has helped the MAJOR_CD method to be the best performing algorithms when compared with four classical and well-known algorithms: SVM, C4.5, FT and CART and a well-established pre-processing technique SMOTE.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Class imbalance problem have given a scope for a new paradigm of algorithms in data mining. The traditional and benchmark algorithms are worthwhile for discovering hidden knowledge from the data sources, meanwhile class imbalance learning methods can improve the results which are very much critical in real world applications. In this paper we present the class imbalance problem paradigm, which exploits the cluster disjunct concept in the supervised learning research area, and implement it with C4.5 as its base learners. Experimental results show that MAJOR_CD have performed well in the case of multi class imbalance datasets. Furthermore, MAJOR_CD is much less volatile than C4.5.

In our future work, we will apply MAJOR_CD to more learning tasks, especially high dimensional feature learning tasks. Another variation of our approach in future work is to analyze the influence of different base classifier effect on the quality of synthetic minority instances generated.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Today the massive use of numerical methods in medical imaging generates increasingly important volumes of data .One of the most important problems in such applications is how to store and transmit images [1].It is well established that the accuracy and precision of diagnostic are initially related to the image quality.

Over the past ten years, the wavelets (DWT), have had a huge success in the field of image processing such as encoding, weaknesses have been noted in its use in the detection and representation of the objects' contours, and have been used to solve many problems such as image compression and restoration [2].Image representations in separable orthonormal bases such as Fourier, local Cosine or Wavelets can not take advantage of the geometrical regularity of image structures. Standard wavelet bases are optimal to represent functions with piecewise singularities; however, they fail to capture the geometric regularity along the singularities of edges or contours because of their isotropic support. To exploit the anisotropic regularity along edges, the basis must

include elongated functions that are nearly parallel to the edges. Multi-scale geometric analysis (MGA) developed recently provides a group of new basis that has anisotropic supports such as Curvelets, contourlet [15-16].

To overcome this problem, In this paper, we introduce tree new type of transform, the first is devoted to representation of the Lifting scheme, and then we present the biorthogonal wavelet CDF 9/7,the second called bandelet transform by Pennec and Stéphane Mallat [17], this transform is more recently developed method of compression technique, which decompose the image along multiscale vectors that are elongated in the direction of a geometric flow, and the third transform multi resolution decompositions called quincunx wavelets which are better adapted to the image representation. This structure of decomposition allows the construction of a no separable transform. No separable wavelets, by contrast, offer more freedom and can be better tuned to the characteristics of images. Their less attractive side is that they require more computations. The quincunx wavelets are especially interesting because they are nearly isotropic [3].

II. LIFTING SCHEME WAVELET TRANSFORMS

In [4], Calderbank et al.introduced how to use the lifting scheme presented in [5], where sweldens showed that the convolution based biorthogonal WT can be implemented in a lifting-based scheme as shown in figure (1) for reducing the computational complexity. The lifting-based WT consists of splitting, lifting, and scaling modules and the WT is treated as prediction-error decomposition.

It provides a complete spatial interpretation of WT. In figure (1), let X denote the input signal, and XL_1 and XH_1 be the decomposed output signals.

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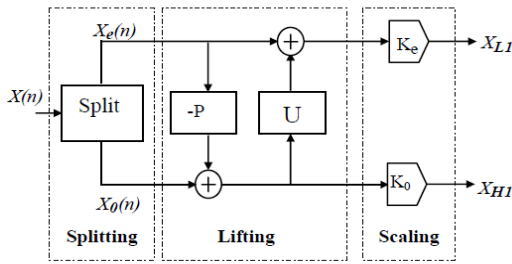


Figure 1 : The Lifting -based wavelet

This article deals with biorthogonal wavelet 9/7. These wavelets are part of the family of symmetric biorthogonal wavelet CDF. The low pass filters associated with wavelet 9/7 have $p=9$ coefficients in the analysis, $p=7$ coefficients to synthesize.

The wavelets 9/7 have a great number of null moments for a relatively short support. They are more symmetrical and very close to orthogonality. Antonini and Barlaud were the first [7] to show the superiority of the biorthogonal wavelet transform 9/7 for the decorrelation of natural images. It has been widely used in image coding [8],[9],[25] and is used by the JPEG-2000 codec [10].

III. THE BANDELET TRANSFORM

Bandelet transform, introduced by Pennec and Mallat [18] built a base adapted to the geometric content of an image.

Bandelet transform is an analysis tool which aims at taking advantage of sharp image transitions in images. A geometric flow, which indicates directions in which the image gray levels have regular variations, is used to form bandelet bases in bandelet transform. The bandelet bases lead to optimal approximation rates for geometrically regular images and are proven to be efficient in still image compression [24], video compression, and noise-removal algorithms [6-10].

Apparently, bandelet transform is appropriate for the analysis of edges and texture of images.

In bandelet transform, a geometric flow of vectors is defined to represent the edges of image. These vectors give the local directions in which the image has regular variations. Orthogonal bandelet bases are constructed by dividing the image support in regions inside which the geometric flow is parallel. Let Ω_i denote the i th region, which composes the image support $S = \cup_i \Omega_i$. Within each Ω_i the flow is either parallel horizontally or vertically.

Figure 2 shows an example of a vertically parallel geometric flow in a region of the hat of Lena image.



Figure 2 : geometric flow in a region of the hat of Lena image

The image is partitioned small enough into square regions, each region Ω_i includes at most one contour. If a region does not include any contour, the image intensity is uniformly regular and the flow is not defined. In bandelet transform, these regions are approximated in the separable wavelet basis of $L^2(\Omega)$ in:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\psi_{j,n_2}(x_2) \\ \psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\phi_{j,n_2}(x_2) \\ \psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\phi_{j,n_2}(x_2) \end{array} \right\}_{(j,n_1,n_2) \in I_\Omega}$$

where I_Ω is an index set that depends upon the geometry of the boundary of Ω , and x_1, x_2 denote the location of pixel in the image, $\phi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\psi_{j,n_2}(x_2)$, $\psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\phi_{j,n_2}(x_2)$ and $\psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\phi_{j,n_2}(x_2)$ are the modified wavelets at the boundary. If a geometric flow is calculated in Ω , this wavelet basis is replaced by a bandelet orthonormal basis of $L^2(\Omega)$ in

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\psi_{j,n_2}(x_2 - c(x_1)) \\ \psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\phi_{j,n_2}(x_2 - c(x_1)) \\ \psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\phi_{j,n_2}(x_2 - c(x_1)) \end{array} \right\} \quad (4)$$

The horizontal wavelet $\psi_{j,n}^H$ have not vanishing moments along contour, to be replaced by new functions:

$$\psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\psi_{j,n_2}(x_2 - c(x_1)) \quad (5)$$

This is called bandeletization [13], The orthonormal basis of bandelet of field warping is defined by:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\psi_{j,n_2}(x_2 - c(x_1)) \\ \psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\phi_{j,n_2}(x_2 - c(x_1)) \\ \psi_{j,n_1}(x_1)\psi_{j,n_2}(x_2 - c(x_1)) \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \psi_{j,n}^H \\ \psi_{j,n}^V \\ \psi_{j,n}^D \end{array} \right\}, j, l > n_1, n_2 \quad (6)$$

IV. QUINCUNX WAVELETS

The separable dyadic analysis require three families of wavelets, which is sometimes regarded as a disadvantage, in addition the factor of addition between

two successive scales is 4 which may seem high. It is possible to solve these two problems, but at the cost of the loss of filter separability and therefore a slightly higher computational complexity. An analysis has been particularly well studied to find a practical application, known as "quincunx" , [1]. Quincunx decomposition results in fewer subbands than most other wavelet decompositions, a feature that may lead to reconstructed images with slightly lower visual quality.

The method is not used much in practice, but [14] presents results that suggest that quincunx decomposition performs extremely well and may be the best performer in many practical situations. Figure (3) illustrates this type of decomposition [3].

We notice that the dilation factor is not more than 2 between two successive resolutions, and that only one wavelet family is necessary [15,16]. It is noticed that the dilatation step is $\sqrt{2}$ on each direction and the geometry of the grid obtained justifies the name given to this multiresolution analysis.

First, we recall some basic results on quincunx sampling and perfect reconstruction filter banks, [17][18]. The quincunx sampling lattice is shown in figure(4). Let $x[\vec{n}]$ denote the discrete signal on the initial grid.

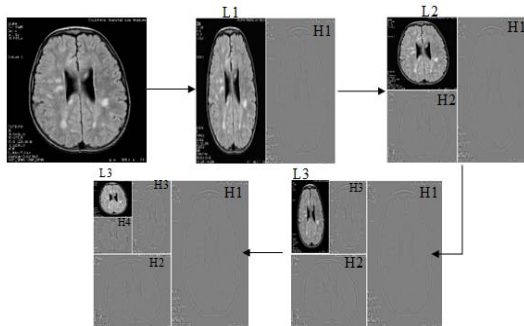


Figure 3 : Quincunx wavelet

Now, we write the quincunx sampled version of $x[\vec{n}]$ as:

$$[x]_{\downarrow M}[\vec{n}] = x[M\vec{n}] \text{ where } M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

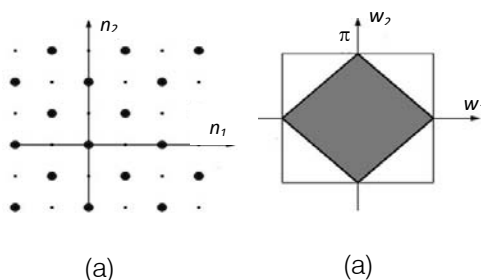


Figure 4 : (a) Quincunx lattice, (b) the corresponding Nyquist area in the frequency domain

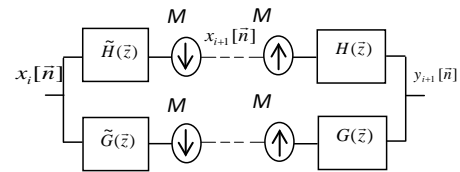


Figure 5 : Perfect reconstruction filter bank in a quincunx lattice

Since quincunx sampling reduces the number of image samples by a factor of two, the corresponding reconstruction filter bank has two channels (Fig.5). The low-pass filter \tilde{H} reduces the resolution by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$; the wavelet coefficients correspond to the output of the high-pass filter $2\tilde{G}$ [15,16,17].

The conditions for a perfect reconstruction is:

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{H}(\vec{z})H(\vec{z}) + \tilde{G}(\vec{z})G(\vec{z}) = 2 \\ \tilde{H}(-\vec{z})H(\vec{z}) + \tilde{G}(-\vec{z})G(\vec{z}) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Where H and G (respectively \tilde{H} and \tilde{G}) are the transfer functions of the synthesis (respectively analysis) filters. In the orthogonal case, the analysis and synthesis filters are identical up to a central symmetry; the wavelet filter G is simply a modulated version of the low-pass filter H .

To generate quincunx filters, we will use the standard approach which is to apply the diamond McClellan transform to map a 1D design onto the quincunx structure [19].

Thus, our quincunx refinement filter is given by

$$H_a(e^{j\vec{w}}) = \frac{\sqrt{2} (2 + \cos \omega_1 + \cos \omega_2)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}{\sqrt{(2 + \cos \omega_1 + \cos \omega_2)^\alpha + (2 - \cos \omega_1 - \cos \omega_2)^\alpha}} \quad (17)$$

V. SPIHT CODING SCHEME

The SPIHT algorithm proposed by Said and Pearlman in 1996 [20,21], ameliorate progressive algorithm is compared to the EZW algorithm. The Set Partitioning in Hierarchical Trees (SPIHT) is one of the most advanced schemes available, even outperforming the state-of-the-art JPEG 2000 in some situations, based on the creation of three list SCL, ICL and ISL with a calculated threshold T, each time you make a scan on both lists SCL and ISL and that for the classified significant coefficient in the list of significant coefficient.

The adapted for quincunx wavelet transform coupled by SPIHT is done in [26,27],

VI. QUALITY EVALUATION PARAMETER

The Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR) is the most commonly used as a measure of quality of reconstruction in image compression. The PSNR were identified using the following formulae:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{M \times N} \sum_{i=1}^{i=N} \sum_{j=1}^{j=M} (I(i, j) - \hat{I}(i, j))^2 \quad (21)$$

Mean Square Error (MSE) which requires two $M \times N$ grayscale images I and \hat{I} where one of the images is considered as a compression of the other is defined as:

- The PSNR is defined as:

$$PSNR = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{(\text{Dynamics of image})^2}{MSE} \right) \quad (22)$$

Usually an image is encoded on 8 bits. It is represented by 256 gray levels, which vary between 0 and 255, the extent or dynamics of the image is 255.

- The structural similarity index (SSIM):

This parameter compares the similarity the brightness, contrast and structure between each pair of vectors, where the structural similarity index (SSIM) between two signals x and y is given by the following expression, [22].

$$SSIM(x, y) = l(x, y) \cdot c(x, y) \cdot s(x, y) \quad (23)$$

The quality measurement can provide a spatial map of the local image quality, which provides more information on the image quality degradation, which is useful in medical imaging applications. For application, we require a single overall measurement of the whole image quality that is given by the following formula:

$$MSSIM(I, \hat{I}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M SSIM(I_i, \hat{I}_i) \quad (24)$$

Where I and \hat{I} are respectively the reference and degraded images, and I_i and \hat{I}_i are the contents of images at the i -th local window.

M : the total number of local windows in image. The MSSIM values exhibit greater consistency with the visual quality.

VII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We are interested in this work to the medical images compression, that we applied algorithm (QWT+SPIHT), (DWT9/7(lifting scheme) +SPIHT), (bandelet +SPIHT), (DWT9/7 banc filter +SPIHT). For this, we chose sets of medical images (MRI, CT, ECHO and MAMOG) images gray level size 512x 512 encoded on 8 bits per pixel. These images are taken from the GE Medical System (database) [23].

The importance of our work lies in the possibility of reducing the rates for which the image quality remains acceptable. Estimates and judgments of the compressed image quality are given by the PSNR evaluation parameters and the MSSIM similarity Index.

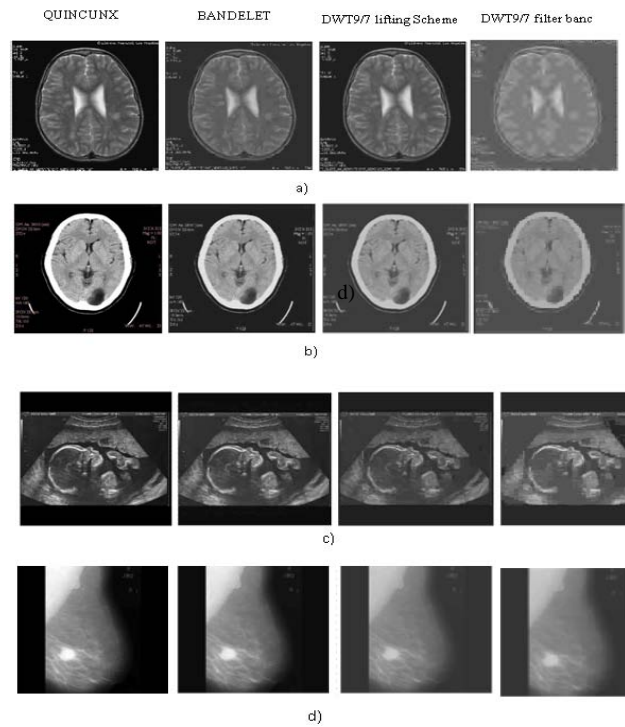
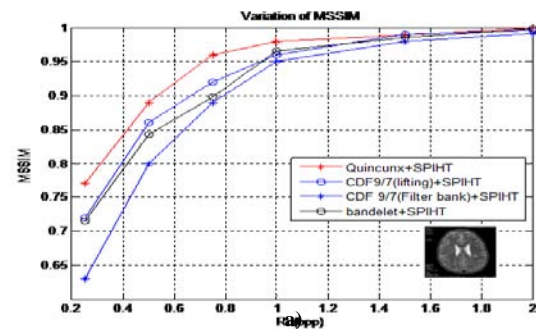
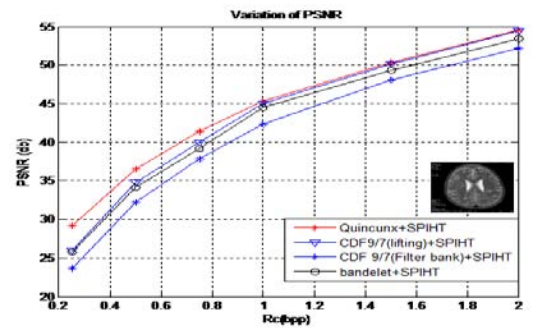


Figure 6 : MRI, CT, ECHO and MAMOG compressed images by QWT, Bandedet, DWT 9/7 (filter banc) and (DWT 9/7 (lifting scheme) coupled SPIHT coder for $R_c=0.5$ Bpp (a) MRI image, (b) CT image, (c) ECHO image and (d) MAMOG image



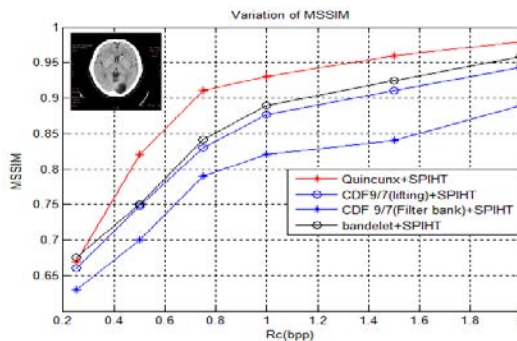
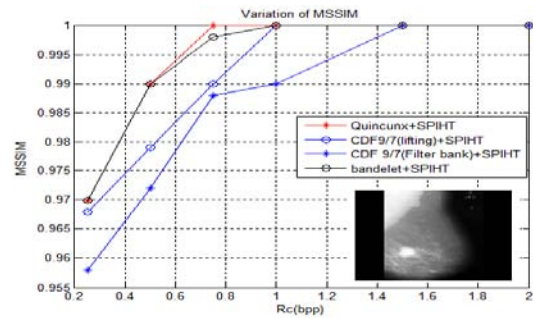
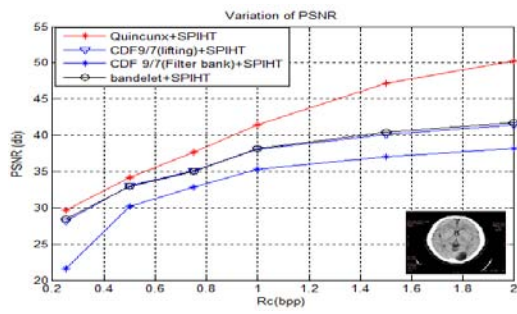


Figure 7 : PSNR and MSSIM variation using different methods for : (a) MRI image, (b) CT image, (c) ECHO image and (d) MAMOG image

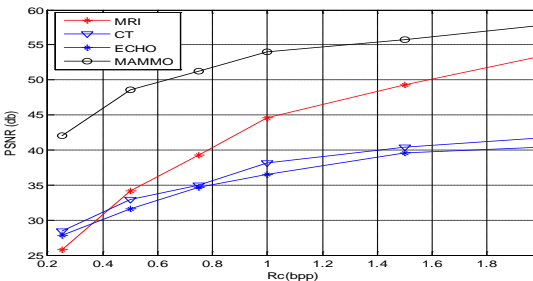
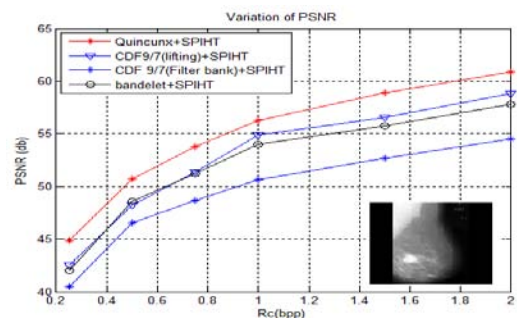
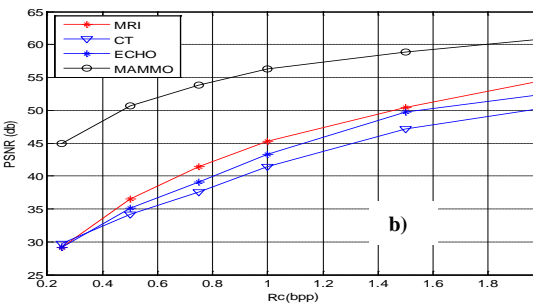
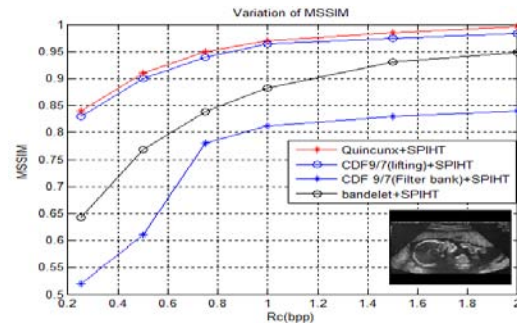
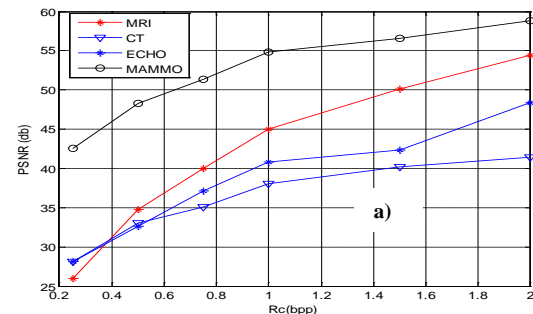
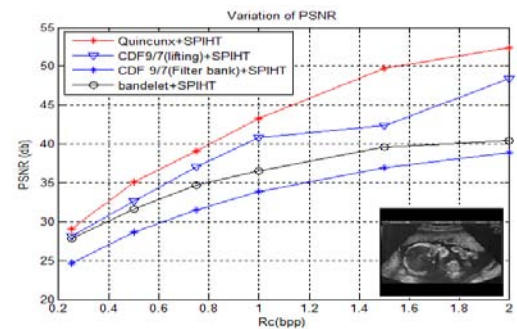


Figure 8 : Comparison results between MRI, CT ,ECHO and MAMMOGRAPHIC image compressed by / a) Quincunx transform ; b) biorthogonal wavelet 9/7 (lifting Scheme); and c)Bandelet transform coupled by SPIHT coder

Figure (6) shown below illustrates the compressed different modality of medical image quality using different transforms. According to the PSNR and MSSIM values, we note that from 0.5bpp, image reconstruction becomes almost perfect. We observe that compression degrades to a lessen extent the image

structure for a low compression bit-rate. However, for high compression bitrate, our algorithm better safe guards the various image structures. We note that our algorithm is adapted for the medical image compression.

We see from the figure 7, that the Quincunx transform coupled with SPIHT coder offer PSNR and MSSIM values better than to the other algorithms. In order to specify the type of medical image adapted to algorithm (Quincunx+SPIHT), we recapitulate the results for the four medical images (MRI, CT, ECHO and MAMOG) compressed by (Quincunx+SPIHT), (DWT9/7(lifting scheme) +SPIHT) ,(bandelet +SPIHT) algorithms in the following in figure 8.

Visually, from the two curves, it is clearly that the (QWT+SPIHT) algorithm allows us to have a good image reconstruction so a better image visual quality and this is proved by the large values of the parameters evaluation.

Now we have chosen a retinographic color image of size 512 x 512. In our application, we applied our algorithms for our color image for each layers after converted RGB space to YCrCb layers. We see from the figure 9, that the Quincunx transform coupled with SPIHT coder offer PSNR and MSSIM values better than to the other algorithms.

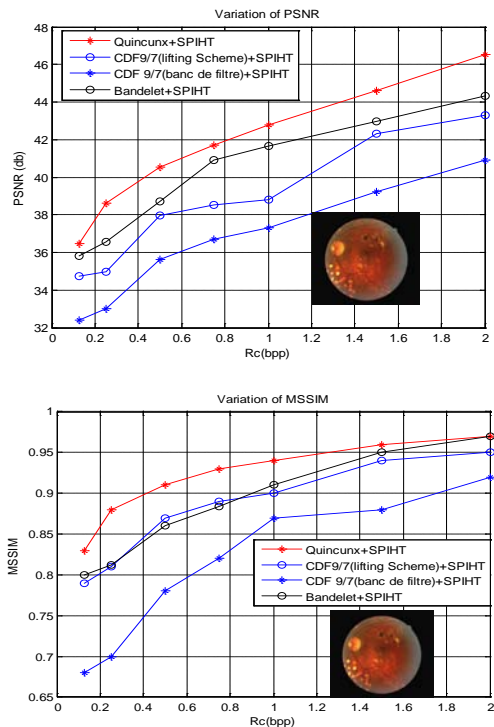


Figure 9 : PSNR and MSSIM variation using different methods for color image

VIII. CONCLUSION

The objective of this paper is undoubtedly the enhancement of medical images quality after the

compression step. The latter is regarded as an essential tool to aid diagnosis (storage or transmission) in medical imaging. We compared the quincunx wavelet transform , bandelet transform and the biorthogonal wavelet 9/7 based on the filter banc and the lifting scheme coupled with the SPIHT coding for the gray scale and color medical image. After several applications for different modality medical images, we found that the algorithm for the quincunx wavelet transform gives better results than the other compression techniques. We have noticed that for 0.5 bpp bit-rate, the algorithm provides very important PSNR and MSSIM values from medical images. In perspective, we aspire to apply our algorithm to compress the medical video sequences.

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The Systems Development Life Cycle is more than just a theoretical concept; it is used every day in IT departments around the world. Sinason and Normand (2006) studied the Systems Development Life Cycle and the real world application for Omni Furniture Company as well as the benefits to student who study real world cases, "Organizations constantly adapt their information systems to reflect changes in the type of information needed because of changes in technology, the organization's business processes, the organization's structure, or the external environment. A process called the systems development life cycle (SDLC) has been developed to ensure that these changes are orderly and

productive. Because of the importance of this process, all accounting information systems (AIS) textbooks present the SDLC as either a four- or five-stage cycle of activities. Thus, most students are introduced to the SDLC in the accounting systems course but few students have the chance to actually experience the process. The Omni Furniture Company Case helps students enrolled in an AIS course further their understanding of the SDLC by thinking through all stages of the process and designing a system that meets the users' information and internal control needs." (p. 01).

II. AGILE METHODOLOGY

What are the significant features of this approach?

The Agile approach is cyclical in nature and is based on iterative and incremental development, where requirements and solutions evolve through collaboration. Due to the cyclical nature, it allows for problems to be resolved as phases repeat. It allows for issues to be found and then addressed in the next cycle.

In what type of environment or situation will this approach be most appropriate?

Software development using standard methods and parameters.

What are the weaknesses of this approach, relative to other approaches?

With shorter phase time compared to Waterfall, some things can be missed early in the project.

III. TEST DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT

What are the significant features of this approach?

Test Driven Development is another cyclical design methodology that is based on short cycles. Due to the cyclical nature, it allows for problems to be resolved as phases repeat. Studies have found this approach to be more productive, principally due to the hands on approach.

In what type of environment or situation will this approach be most appropriate?

This method is good when the direction is not clear and trial and error is required.

What are the weaknesses of this approach, relative to other approaches?

This method relies heavily of testing and short cycles. It could be described as brutish.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the 1990s India emerged as a major player in the field of software engineering, information technology services and Web-based services. Presently the Indian information technology industry employs a little more than half million people and provides indirect employment to over a quarter of a million people (NASSCOM). In today's world, the degree of stress increased owing to urbanization, globalization that results into cut-throat competition. Stress is inescapable part of modern life, work place is becoming a volatile stress factory for most employees and it is rightly called as the Age of anxiety. Stress has becoming significantly with the result of dynamic social factors and changing needs of life styles. Stress is man's adaptive reaction to an outward situation which would lead to physical mental and behavioural changes. Brain cells create ideas, Stress may kill brain cells. The truth is that not all

stresses are destructive in nature. Appropriate amount of stress can actually trigger your passion for work, tap your latent abilities and even ignite inspirations. Stress is the emotional and physical strain caused by our response to pressure from the outside world. Common stress reactions include tension, irritability, inability to concentrate, and a variety of physical symptoms that include headache and a fast heartbeat. Stress is a condition or feeling experienced when a person perceives that- demands exceed the personal and social resources the individual is able to mobilize. $S > P > R$ i.e., stress occurs when the pressure is greater than the resources. Stress is our body's way of responding to any kind of demand. It can be caused by both good and bad experiences. When people feel stressed by something going on around them, their bodies react by releasing chemicals into the blood. These chemicals give people more energy and strength, which can be a good thing if their stress is caused by physical danger. But this can also be a bad thing, if their stress is in response to something emotional and there is no outlet for this extra energy and strength.

Stress is everywhere, but as a relatively new phenomenon. How can we define it and how can we explain its extraordinary cost to both business and government? The suffering induced by stress is no figment of the imagination but can we accurately examine the relationship between stress and ill-health? Whatever stress is, it has grown immensely in recent years, which brings us to question – what is happening in society that is causing stress? The report shows that stress has its greatest effects on those at the very top and those at the very bottom of the socio-economic ladder. The Indian Software industry has grown at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 28 % during the last 5 years. The key segments that have contributed significantly to the industry's exports include – software services - BPO sector is playing vital role in the growth of our country's economy. Due to liberalization of Indian economic policy, the growth of software industry is in commendable position. Due to cost advantage, availability of skilled manpower, quality services are the main reasons for the growth of IT industry in India. The perception of the effects of stress on an individual has changed. Stress is not always dysfunctional in nature, and, if positive, can prove one of the most important factors in improving productivity within an organization (Spielberger, 1980). If not positive, stress can create a

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number of physical and psychological disorders among employees, and can be responsible for frustration, haste, and job dissatisfaction. As a result, the lack of work may cause complacency within the organization. Stress is, therefore, multidimensional, and its results depend on whether employees perceive it as a problem or a solution.

Different studies have classified occupational stress in terms of physical environment; role stressors, organizational structure, job characteristics, professional relationships, career development, and work-versus-family conflict (see Burke, 1993). Cooper and Marshall (1976) add to this list factors intrinsic to a job, the management's role, and professional achievements. Based on these complexities, stressors can be grouped into two main categories: (i) job-related stressors, and (ii) individual-related stressors. Stress is a slow and insidious malady which is an unavoidable one and a common problem in the workplace. The level of stress and its amount of consequences vary between organizations based on the nature and type of work practices. Organization must begin to manage people at work differently, treating them with respect and valuing their contribution. Recognition, participation and continuous training of employees are required to retain the skilled employees. Stress issue has become contemporary, being an occupational hazard in fast pacing IT profession, needs to be addressed without delay. Hence the importance of the study of stress at various levels, among IT employee is growing. At organizational level, well designed coping strategies have become the attention of companies like Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys, Wipro, Microsoft, and Cognizant etc., Stress can make an individual productive and constructive when it is identified and well managed. In times of great stress or adversity, it's always best to keep busy, to plough anger and energy into something positive. Positive attitude and meditation will be helpful for coping the stress. Having broader perspective of life will definitely change the perception of stress. Let us hope that we will be successful eliminating stress for our healthy lifestyle as well as organizational well-being. Stress is measured using a number of instruments. Our focus, however, is organizational role stress (ORS), which measures total role stress. We use Pareek's (1983) scale, which evaluates respondents' quantum of stress in terms of total ORS scores. It also measures the intensity of the following ten role stressors that contribute to the total ORS score:

1. Inter-role distance (IRD): Conflict between organizational and non-organizational roles.
2. Role stagnation (RS): The feeling of being "stuck" in the same role.
3. Role expectation conflict (REC): Conflicting expectations and demands between different role senders.

4. Role erosion (RE): The feeling that functions that should belong to the respondent's role are being transformed/performed or shared by others.
5. Role overload (RO): The feeling that more is expected from the role than the respondent can cope with.
6. Role isolation (RI): Lack of linkages between the respondent's role and that of other roles in the organization.
7. Personal inadequacy (PI): Inadequate knowledge, skills, or preparation for a respondent to be effective in a particular role.
8. Self-role distance (SRD): Conflict between the respondent's values/self-concepts and the requirements of his or her organizational role.
9. Role ambiguity (RA): Lack of clarity about others' expectations of the respondent's role, or lack of feedback on how others perceive the respondent's performance.
10. Resource inadequacy (RIIn): No availability of resources needed for effective role performance.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Darshan et al (2009)¹ in their article, A study on professional stress, depression and alcohol use among Indian software professionals, observed that the software employees are professionally stressed and are at 10 times higher risk for developing depression and also significantly increase the incidence of psychiatric disorders. Preventive strategies like training in stress management, frequent screening to identify professional stress and depression at the initial stages and addressing these issues adequately might help the software professionals cope with their profession better without affecting their lifestyle and health. Saurabh Shrivastava and Prateek Bobhate (2010)² in their study, Computer related health problems among software professionals in Mumbai: A cross-sectional study, investigated that Ocular discomfort, musculo-skeletal disorders and psycho-social problems form key category of health problems found among constant computer users. This study has also brought into focus factors contributing to the occurrence of these problems. Thus, the problem requires a multidisciplinary action and hence there is an immediate need for the concerned authorities to collaborate and enforce suitable preventive measures.

Jakkula Rao and Chandraiah (2011)³ in their article, Occupational stress, mental health and coping among information technology professionals, found that job satisfaction and mental health are correlated but not significant. However, job satisfaction was positively and significantly correlated with coping behaviour. The mental health is negatively and significantly correlated with occupational stress. It can be explained that as job satisfaction and mental health increases coping

behaviour increases. And as stress increases mental health decreases. Kesavachandran et al (2012)⁴ in their study, Working conditions and health among employees at information technology - enabled services: A review of current evidence, identified that muscular-skeletal disorders, ocular disorders and psycho-social problems were some of the key health problems observed among software professionals. There is a need for implementation of the programs that include the concepts of ergonomics, health education, training of personnel to prevent and overcome the morbidity, as well as psycho-social problems among workers in software industry.

Michael R. Frone (2008), the relationship of work stressors, those work over load and job insecurity, to employees alcohol use illicit drug use resulted, support the relation of work stressors to alcohol and illicit drug use before work, during the workday, and after work. Vijay V. Raghavan, (2010), the effect of flexible work schedule, employee support and training, and telecommuting as potential coping resources to relieve stress. Perceived workload, role ambiguity, work facilitation, and decision latitude are potential stressors of IT professionals. Removing role ambiguity and improving work facilitation reduce work-related stress and allowing employees to have flexible work schedules ease their perceptions of workload. Sahana Charan, (2007), High work pressure, long hours in front of the computer and a fast-paced lifestyle, if these factors team up to weaken your physical health, here is one more strong reason why they are simply unhealthy: mental health professionals are now convinced that an increasing number of persons working in the IT and IT-enabled services sector fall prey to depression, because of the high stress they undergo. Murali Raj, (2009), Depression is usually related to work and stress these people undergo because of the pressure to perform better, compete with other colleagues and meet tight deadlines. Most of their work is target-oriented and if targets are not met, it can lead to anxiety. Peers are not very supportive as they also competing in the same field. Moreover, insecurity about the job may lead to feelings of expression.

Elkin and Rosch (1990) have summarized a wide range of other strategies which are directed towards increasing worker autonomy, participation and control. These strategies include: redesigning tasks, redesigning the physical work environment, role definition and clarification, establishing more flexible work schedules, participative management, employee-centred career development programmes, providing feedback and social support for employees and more equitable reward system. These are approaches which could prevent stress at work rather than treat stress once it has developed. 75% to 90% of all visits to primary care physicians are for stress-related complaints.

- 40% of job turnover is due to stress; Up to 80% of on-the-job accidents are stress-related.
-*American Institute of Stress*
- The annual cost to Canadian companies due to stress-related disorders is \$12 billion Absenteeism due to stress has increased by over 300% since 1995
-*Statistics Canada*
- Employees in extreme workplace stress conditions suffer from: more than triple the rate of cardiovascular problems; over five times the rate of colorectal cancer; up to three times the rate of back pain
-*Health Canada*
- Problems at work are more strongly associated with health complaints than are any other life stressor; more so than even financial problems or family problems
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co.

Every year in Japan around 30,000 deaths occur because of Karoshi (over work). In a study conducted by Delhi based NGO - Saarthak in 30 Indian companies, it was found that 50% of the employees suffered from stress related problems. Further, in the studies conducted in the US and UK, it was found that more than 60% of employees complain to be stressed out in their jobs. Pestonjee and Singh (1983) study the psychodynamics of people working in the field of computers as software or hardware personnel. In this study job satisfaction and morale were taken, as dependent variables and alienation, participation, involvement and role stress were independent variables. It was hypothesized that personas scoring high on the role stress measure would be less satisfied and obtain lower scores on the morale measure in comparison to those who scored low on the role stress measure. Singh (1987) conducted another study related to computer professionals. While reviewing the literature, he noted that there are very few studies on computer professionals and foreign researchers using foreign samples conduct all of them. All such studies have reported that job dissatisfaction, high role stress and high rate of turnover are common phenomena related to computer professionals.

Mishra et al (1997) studied the nature and inter relationship between motivation and role stress on entrepreneurs in and around Delhi. The major findings of the study revealed that women entrepreneurs scored higher on the motivational variables namely safety, belongingness, self-esteem and self-actualisation as compared to role stagnation, role isolation and role ambiguity. Self-esteem was associated positively and significantly with role overload. Sharma et al (2001) found that gender related unequal division of domestic duties when coupled with a job, may not result in more severe psychological or subjective health impairments. It was found that job provides women with means of

feeling useful and important and provides an opportunity to interact with people and this could be the important source of satisfaction for women. The study also revealed that paid work enhances the status of the employee resulting in enhanced self-esteem. Matthews et al. (2006), in his study compared EI and the personality factors of the Five Factor Model (FFM) as predictors of task-induced stress responses. Results confirmed that low EI was related to worry states and avoidance coping, even with the FFM statistically controlled. However, EI was not specifically related to task-induced changes in stress state.

III. OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

1. To study on job stress among employees of software industries.
2. To examine the relaxation techniques practiced in the organization.
3. To study the relationship between self-esteem and stress.
4. To ascertain the impact of job stress on personal health of employees.
5. To give some suggestions for future studies.

IV. CONCEPTUAL BASIS OF THE STUDY

This qualitative study takes the lead from a recent survey (2010), published in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and noted that for those working 12 hours a day, there was a 37% increase in risk of illness and injury in comparison to those who work fewer hours. And another study done by North-western National Life, reports that one-fourth of employees view their jobs as the number one stressor in their lives. A St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co. study concluded that problems at work are more strongly associated with health complaints than any other life stressor, even financial or family problems.

Sethy and Schultzer (1996) outlined four major reasons why job stress and coping have become important issues:

1. *Concern for individual employee health and well-being:* (E.g. coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, job related accidents).
2. *The financial impact on organization:* (Including days lost due to stress related illness and injury).
3. *Organizational effectiveness:* for organizational health and wellbeing.
4. *Legal obligations:* on employers to provide safe and healthy working environment.

According to *Global business and Economic Roundtable of Addiction and Mental Health*, the top 9 stressors are:

a) *Lack of Control*

Less control employees have over their situations, the greater their stress. Solicit and consider employee suggestions, comments and input.

b) *Lack of Communication*

Try communicating early and often, making sure you listen as often as you deliver news or observations.

c) *No Appreciation*

When is the last time you praised an employee for a job well done? Say "Thank you" more often. Put it in writing for even greater impact. Corporate wellness is a good investment, with a strong return on investment.

d) *No Feedback, good or bad*

Don't wait until the annual review to let employees know how they're doing. They wonder every day. Career and Job ambiguity Uncertainty about opportunity within the company or job security can lead to a feeling of loss of control. Keep employees clear about performance goals, room for advancement and how your organization is doing.

e) *Unclear Policies and no Sense of Direction*

Clearly communicate policies and company goals, and alert top management if employees need further clarity.

f) *Mistrust, Unfairness and Office Politics*

It's important to treat everyone the same and perfectly appropriate to reprimand someone who is negative about other employees. Backbiting keeps everyone on edge.

g) *Pervasive Uncertainty*

This results from inadequately explained or unannounced changes. Meet with people individually to review changes. Follow those meetings with a written memo so everyone can review the facts after emotions have died down.

h) *Random Interruptions*

Telephone calls, e-mails, walk-ins and supervisor demands can keep employees from completing the work at hand. Consider time management training to help people prioritize and delegate.

i) *The Treadmill syndrome*

Having too much or too little to do results in self-defeating behaviour that can lead to high stress. Make sure work is evenly divided, and hire additional help where needed.

The research problem is formulated on the basis of vast study of related literature survey which provides theoretical background and conceptual frame work to this study which broaden knowledge base in this area of research. The research takes the lead from the following dimensions; those are the impact of stress on

body, mind, behaviour and emotions on the basis of review of literature.

Impact of stress in various dimensions

- *Impact on Body*
 1. Headaches, taut muscles, breathlessness
 2. Worrying, muddled thinking, night mares
 3. Accident prone, loss of appetite
- *Impact on Mind*
 1. Loss of confidence, more fussy
 2. Frequent infections, skin irritations
 3. Impaired judgment, indecisions
- *Impact on Behaviour*
 1. drinking and smoking more
 2. irritability, depression, apathy
 3. Fatigue, muscular twitches
- *Impact on Emotions*
 1. Negativity, hasty decisions
 2. Loss of sex drive, insomnia
 3. Alienation, apprehension

V. HYPOTHESIS

The Hypotheses may be stated as:

1. The relationship between the profile of the individual and the level of job stress in the company.
2. The relationship between esteemed employees and stress.
3. The relationship between Gender and Personal health.
4. The relationship between marital status and personal health.
5. Organizational level of outcomes is dependent on occupational stress.

VI. ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The study is based on a survey conducted in HCL in Bangalore with sample size 100. Out of total sample, 69 were men and rest women. The respondents were software professionals at lower and middle levels with a mean of about 5 years in the company.

When the main cause of stress was asked from the employees the main reasons came out to be:-

1. Work environment
2. Supervision
3. Workloads
4. Social injustice
5. Organisational culture
6. Fear of loss of job
7. Operating style

Table1: shows sample description on the basis of employee's age group.

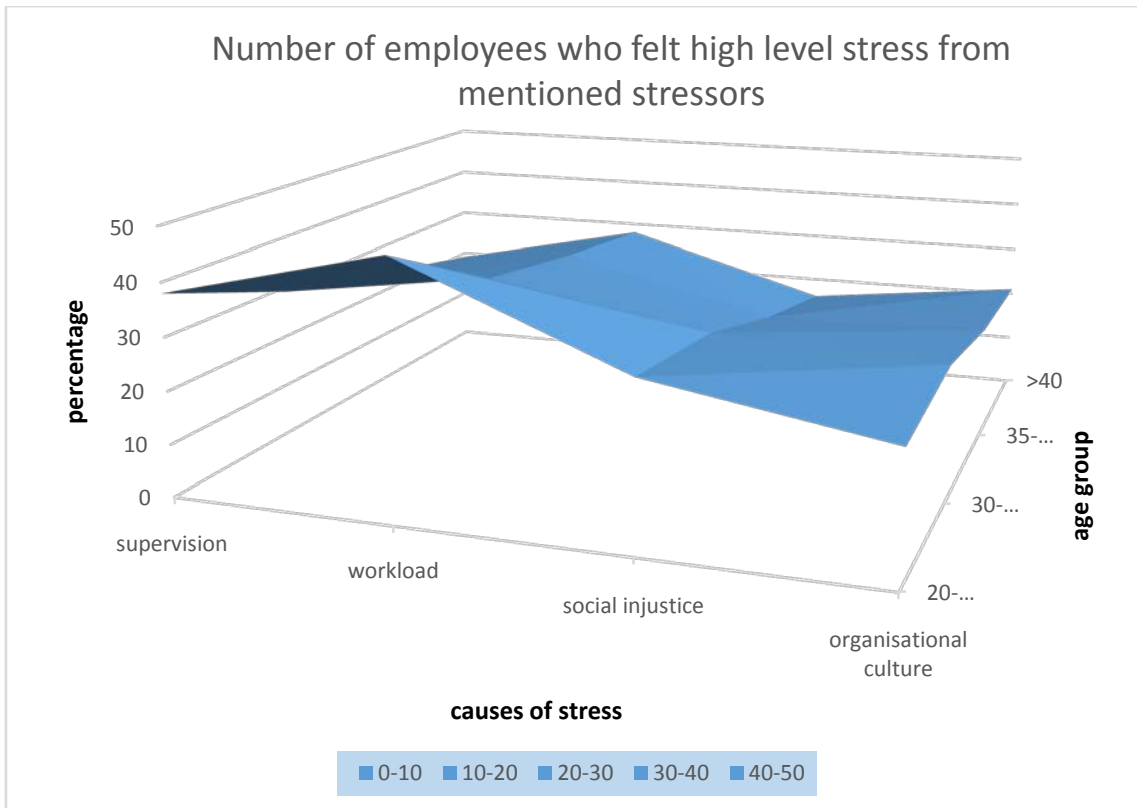
Table 1 : Sample description

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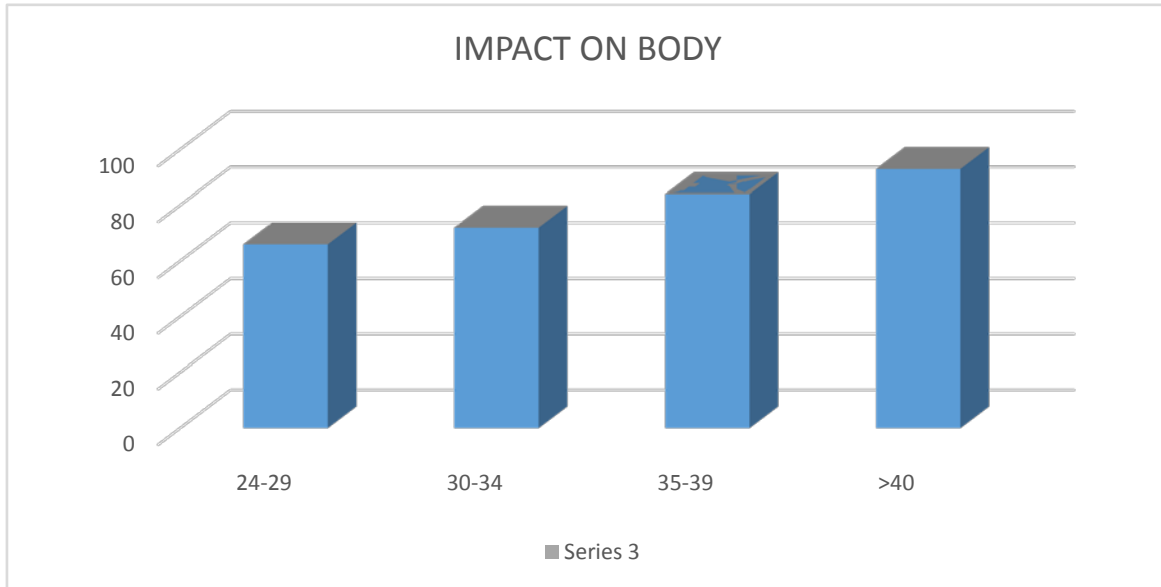
Analysis of the Table 1 statistics

The chart below shows the different causes of stress faced by different groups of people along with their percentage.

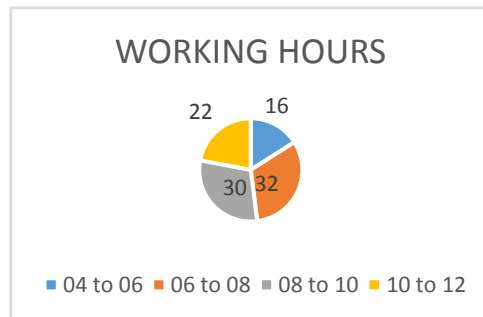
| AGE GROUP | SAMPLE SIZE |
|-----------|-------------|
| 20-29 | 18 |
| 30-34 | 24 |
| 35-39 | 36 |
| >40 | 22 |



• Impact on Body

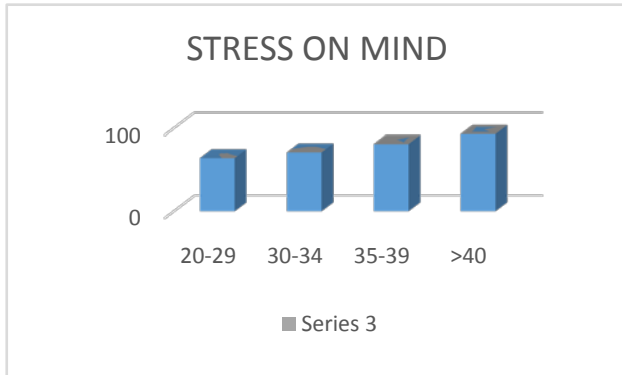


From the Table 1, 93% of employees from >40 age group felt high level of stress impact on body followed by 84% from 35 -39 age group, 72% from 30 -34 age group and 66% from 20 -29 age group. Headaches, fatigue, Hypertension, Coronary artery diseases, Skin disease etc. are impacts of stress. The data obtained from the employees, draw the attention and alarming the individual as well as the company. Considering the physical stress when they were asked about the number of hours they were working daily the answer was-



In a sample space of 100 employees, 16% of employees work for 4-6 hours a day, 32% works for 6-8 hours, 30% works for 8-10 hours while 22% works for 10-12 hours daily. When asked about the overtime they have to do, 28% said employees saying always were mainly from age group 20-29. 54% of employees said often while 18% of employees said they worked overtimes rarely.

- Impact on Mind



VII. CONCLUSIONS

93% of employees from 35 -39 age group felt high level of stress impact on mind followed by 91% from the age group of 30 -34 and 80% from the rest age groups. Stress on mind causes Depressions, Anger, Irritability, Mood swings, Lack of self-confidence etc. which leads to vulnerable effect on individual. When asked that do they feel that they are constantly under pressure going from one deadline to another, 52% of the employees said always, 31% of the employees said often while 17% of the employees said sometimes. When asked that do they feel that they have lost or losing a sense of control in their life and that the balance they need is gone, 53% of the employees said always, 29% of the employees said often while 18% of the employees said sometimes. When asked about how they feel while working in the organization, the answers were unexpected. Only 26% of the people were feeling satisfied or great and rest were just working as if they were no other options. Remaining 74% were frustrated, depressed or unable to concentrate. The following pie chart shows their percentage.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The day to day operations of any enterprise is highly prone to hijack of information. It is very essential part of any enterprise is to put an eye on the security measures so as to minimize the risk of information hijack. The information leaking is not only affecting the day to day activities of the enterprise but also restricts the long term viability of the enterprise. Networks play an important role in the information interchange. Without the communication many of the operation in the gross root level to executive level will be affected. The communication is the back bone of the information and resource sharing. At the same time the network communications are highly riskier because of the intruders. In order to provide a secured information exchange among the enterprise, the first work to be done is to strengthen the network security. The core point of information security is risk management [1]. The people employed with this area use various control and counter measures to defend the security vulnerabilities, but such practices not fulfill the system to be protected against the terrorization due to the intrinsic weakness of the security systems.

Network security measure could be employed on two phases, either the proactive strategy or the reactive strategy. Always the proactive strategy plays a

key role for the risk reduction in the information loss and thereby increasing the security level for the enterprise. This paper discuss about a proactive strategy which uses the anomaly detection for the risk reduction. Intrusion detection techniques can be categorized in misuse detection and anomaly detection. Misuse detection systems find intrusions by matching sample data to known intrusive pattern. Anomaly detection systems find intrusion by analyzing the deviation from normal activities profiles that are retrieved from historical data. Intrusion detection is a critical component of secure information systems [2].

The anomaly detection is based on a genetic classifier. This evolutionary strategy is used for the anomaly detection to detect the unusual patterns in the historical data and able to classify the test data. Evolutionary algorithms are a solid but computationally expensive heuristic. Nevertheless, progressively faster computational resources have allowed evolutionary algorithms to be increasingly used in a variety of applications over the years [3]. To facilitate the evolutionary algorithms to come out of the above said drawback Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is employed as a preprocessing measure in this paper.

The paper is organized in the following sections as section 2 talks about the background study of the concepts deployed in the paper, section 3 discuss on the existing methodology of the core problem. Problem formulation is thrashed out in the section 4. Section 5 deals with the proposed approach of this paper. The experimental details and the results obtained are depicted in the section 6. Discussion on the results is carried out in the section 7. Section 8 concludes the paper.

II. BACKGROUND STUDY

This section briefly discuss on the concepts used in this paper. Information security, Anomaly detection, Evolutionary algorithms, Classification, Genetic algorithm, PCA is conferred in this section.

a) Information security

In today's fast-changing IT world, even the best available security is insufficient for the latest vulnerabilities in various products, and against malware/attacks created to target those vulnerabilities. While cyber-security cannot be 100 per cent fool-proof, we can still try to achieve the maximum security possible

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[4]. The purpose of the intrusion detection system is to help the computer system on how to deal with the attacks that IDS is collecting information from several different sources within the computer systems and networks and compares this information with pre existing patterns of discrimination as to whether there are attacks or weaknesses [5]. The goal of an intrusion detection system is to provide an indication of a potential or real attack. An attack or intrusion is a transient event, whereas vulnerability represents an exposure, which carries the potential for an attack or intrusion. The difference between an attack and vulnerability, then, is that an attack exists at a particular time, while vulnerability exists independently of the time of observation. Another way to think of this is that an attack is an attempt to exploit vulnerability [6]. An intrusion detection system examines system or network activity to find possible intrusions or attacks. Intrusion detection systems are either network-based or host-based. The information security is highly reliable on intrusion detection in the network since the network is the channel for the intrusion and provides the ways of mishandling the information. The intrusion could be detected in three ways

- Event or Signature-based Analysis
- Statistical Analysis
- Adaptive Systems

The event, or signature-based, systems function much like the anti-virus software with which most people are familiar. The vendor produces a list of patterns that it deems to be suspicious or indicative of an attack; the IDS merely scan the environment looking for a match to the known patterns. The IDS can then respond by taking a user-defined action, sending an alert, or performing additional logging. This is the most common kind of intrusion detection system.

A statistical analysis system builds statistical models of the environment, such as the average length of a telnet session, and then looks for deviations from "normal". After over 10 years of government research, some products are just beginning to incorporate this technology into marketable products.

The adaptive systems start with generalized rules for the environment, then learn, or adapt to, local conditions that would otherwise be unusual. After the initial learning period, the system understands how people interact with the environment, and then warns operators about unusual activities. There is a considerable amount of active research in this area.

Intrusion detection based on anomaly detection techniques has a significant role in protecting networks and systems against harmful activities [7].

b) Anomaly detection

Anomaly Detection is an important alternative detection methodology that has the advantage of

defending against new threats not detectable by signature based systems. In general, anomaly detectors build a description of normal activity, by training a model of a system under typical operation, and compare the normal model at run time to detect deviations of interest. Anomaly Detectors may be used over any audit source to both train and test for deviations from the norm [8]. The goal of the anomaly detection is to find all objects that are different to other objects. Anomaly detection finds extensive use in a wide variety of applications such as fraud detection for credit cards, insurance or health care, intrusion detection for cyber-security, fault detection in safety critical systems, and military surveillance for enemy activities [9]. The challenges of the anomaly detection is listed in [9] as follows

- Defining a normal region which encompasses every possible normal behavior is very difficult. In addition, the boundary between normal and anomalous behavior is often not precise. Thus an anomalous observation which lies close to the boundary can actually be normal, and vice-versa.
- When anomalies are the result of malicious actions, the malicious adversaries often adapt themselves to make the anomalous observations appear like normal, thereby making the task of defining normal behavior more difficult.
- In many domains normal behavior keeps evolving and a current notion of normal behavior might not be sufficiently representative in the future.
- The exact notion of an anomaly is different for different application domains. Thus applying a technique developed in one domain to another is not straightforward.
- Availability of labeled data for training/validation of models used by anomaly detection techniques is usually a major issue Often the data contains noise which tends to be similar to the actual anomalies and hence is difficult to distinguish and remove.

c) Evolutionary algorithms

Evolutionary algorithms are stochastic search methods that mimic the metaphor of natural biological evolution [10]. Evolutionary algorithms operate on a population of potential solutions applying the principle of survival of the fittest to produce better and better approximations to a solution. At each generation, a new set of approximations is created by the process of selecting individuals according to their level of fitness in the problem domain and breeding them together using operators borrowed from natural genetics. This process leads to the evolution of populations of individuals that are better suited to their environment than the individuals that they were created from, just as in natural adaptation. Evolutionary computation (EC) techniques can be used in optimization, learning and design [11].

The most important components of any one of the variants of an evolutionary algorithm is given by [12] as

- Representation
- Evaluation function
- Population
- Parent selection mechanism
- Variation operators, recombination and mutation
- Survivor selection mechanism

d) *Classification*

Classification consists of predicting a certain outcome based on a given input. In order to predict the outcome, the algorithm processes a training set containing a set of attributes and the respective outcome, usually called goal or prediction attribute. The algorithm tries to discover relationships between the attributes that would make it possible to predict the outcome. Next the algorithm is given a data set not seen before, called prediction set, which contains the same set of attributes, except for the prediction attribute –not yet known. The algorithm analyses the input and produces a prediction. The prediction accuracy defines how “good” the algorithm is [13]. These data analysis help us to provide a better understanding of large data. Classification predicts categorical and prediction models predict continuous valued functions [14].

e) *Genetic algorithms*

A genetic algorithm is a class of adaptive stochastic optimization algorithms involving search and optimization [15]. Genetic algorithms were first used by Holland (1975). Genetic Algorithms (GAs) are adaptive heuristic search algorithm based on the evolutionary ideas of natural selection and genetics. As such they represent an intelligent exploitation of a random search used to solve optimization problems. Although randomized, GAs are by no means random, instead they exploit historical information to direct the search into the region of better performance within the search space. The basic techniques of the GAs are designed to simulate processes in natural systems necessary for evolution; especially those follow the principles first laid down by Charles Darwin of "survival of the fittest." Since in nature, competition among individuals for scanty resources results in the fittest individuals dominating over the weaker ones. [16]

f) *Principal Component Analysis*

Principal component analysis is appropriate when you have obtained measures on a number of observed variables and wish to develop a smaller number of artificial variables (called principal components) that will account for most of the variance in the observed variables. The principal components may then be used as predictor or criterion variables in

subsequent analyses [17]. Principal component analysis (PCA) is a standard tool in modern data analysis - in diverse fields from neuroscience to computer graphics because it is a simple, non-parametric method for extracting relevant information from confusing data sets [18].

III. EXISTING METHODOLOGIES

Security risk assessment and mitigation are two vital processes that need to be executed to maintain a productive IT infrastructure [19]. Risk analysis is the basis of information protection, risk management, and risk in the process of information protection. Risk analysis includes process such as identification of activity, threat analysis, vulnerability analysis and guarantees [20]. The modern security analysis has employed the following techniques like Grey relational making approach [21], Fuzzy number arithmetic operational, Information entropy [22], Fuzzy weighted average approach [23] and Fuzzy measure and Evidence theory [24], Fuzzy AHP method [25-26].

IV. PROBLEM FORMULATION

In the modern day of communication era Information security highly relies on the network security. In this paper the author tries to employ the anomaly detection mechanism as the base for the identification of the security risk factor. The core idea is the different behavioral pattern leads to the risk. So by the identification of the anomaly could be used to identify the risk.

The major issues in the anomaly detection are the classification mechanism employed. The input data to classifiers is an extremely large set of features, but not all of features are relevant to the classes to be classified. Hence, the learner must generalize from the given examples in order to produce a useful output in new cases. Decision Trees (DTs) are a non-parametric supervised learning method used for classification and regression. The goal is to create a model that predicts the value of a target variable by learning simple decision rules inferred from the data features [27].

The advantage of using this method is, it is simple to understand and to interpret. Trees can be visualized. It requires little data preparation. Performs well even if its assumptions are somewhat violated by the true model from which the data were generated. Nonlinear relationships between parameters do not affect tree performance. At the same time we have to concentrate on the issues of Decision tree. Decision-tree learners can create over-complex trees that do not generalize the data well. This is called over fitting. Mechanisms such as pruning, setting the minimum number of samples required at a leaf node or setting the maximum depth of the tree are necessary to avoid this problem.

Decision tree construction with GA Based classification takes longer time than the traditional one although it eliminates many of the unnecessary features; this is one area where more research can be done, to improve the response time [28].

This paper aims to develop a risk reduction mechanism through the employment of the anomaly deduction mechanism through the application of dimension reduction by the PCA and the multi class classifier uses the GA. The pruning is done by the GA based K means clustering.

V. PROPOSED APPROACH

The algorithm of the proposed approach is described as follows.

Input: NSL KDD dataset

Step 1: preprocessing is done by the normalization using Z score

/ a set of n scores each denoted by x_n and whose mean is equal to \bar{x} and whose standard deviation is equal to s is transformed in Z -scores as*

$$Z_{n} = \frac{x_n - \bar{x}}{s}$$

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Step 2: Application of PCA for the dimensionality reduction

/ PCA algorithm*

- a. Mean center the data
- b. Compute the covariance matrix of the dimensions
- c. Find eigenvectors of covariance matrix
- d. Sort eigenvectors in decreasing order of Eigen values
- e. Project onto eigenvectors in order (The eigenvector with the highest Eigen value is the Principle component of the data)
- f. Keep only the terms corresponding to the principle component.

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Step 3: Multi class classifier guided by genetic algorithm

/ ID3 algorithm to build the decision tree guided by Genetic algorithm*

Step 3: (a) Tree construction

- a. choose one attribute as the root with highest information gain and put all its values as branches
- b. Apply GA for the choosing recursively internal nodes (attributes) with their proper values as branches.
- c. Stop when
 - all the samples (records) are of the same class, then the node becomes the leaf labeled with that class

- or there is no more samples left
- or there is no more new attributes to be put as the nodes. In this case we apply MAJORITY VOTING to classify the node.

Step 3: (b) Tree pruning

- Identify and remove branches that reflect noise or outliers using GA based K means Clustering

Output: Multi Class classified dataset

VI. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

The experiment is carried out with the NSL KDD data set. Initially the normalization is done through the Z -score. This method preserve range (maximum and minimum) and introduce the dispersion of the series ie, standard deviation. With elementary algebraic manipulations, it can be shown that a set of Z -score has a mean equal of zero and a standard deviation of one. Therefore, Z -scores constitute a unit free measure which can be used to compare observations measured with different units [29]. PCA is employed for the linear projection of high dimensional data into a lower dimensional subspace. Genetic algorithm based multi class classifier using the decision tree induction is deployed for the classification. The tree pruning is done by the GA based K means clustering.

The results obtained are evaluated based on the following performance metrics

- Entropy
- F measure
- Feature reduction
- Accuracy
- Error Rate
- Time taken for the classification

The experiment is carried out and the results are evaluated against the classifier proposed in [30]. The results are shown as the graphical representation as follows

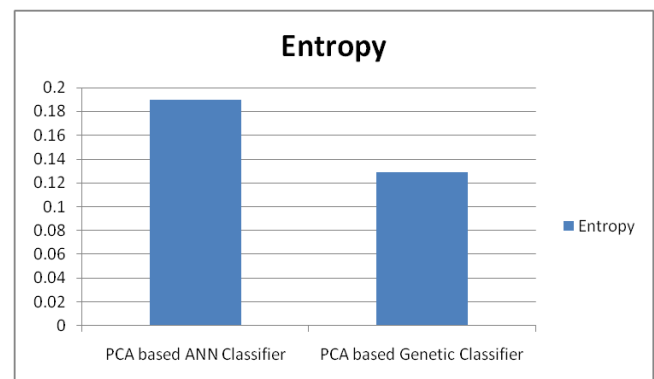


Figure 6.1 : Comparison based on entropy measure

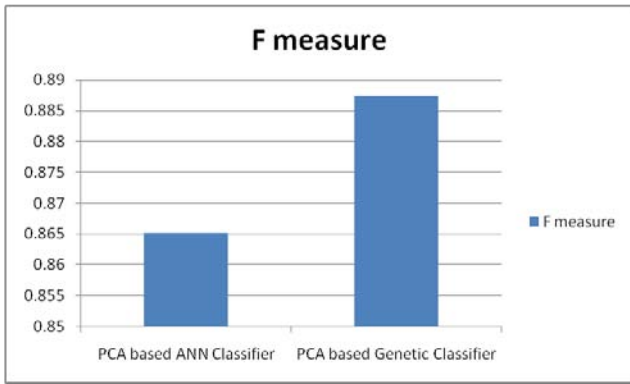


Figure 6.2 : Comparison based on F-measure

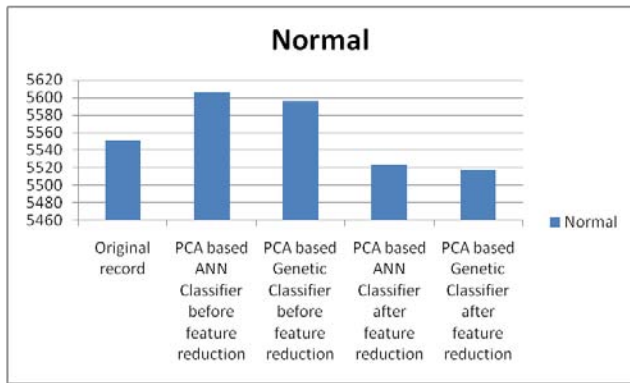


Figure 6.3 : Comparison based on feature reduction on Normal attack data

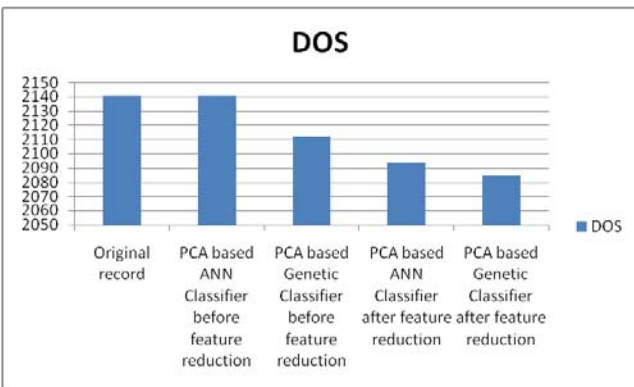


Figure 6.4 : Comparison based on feature reduction on DOS attack data

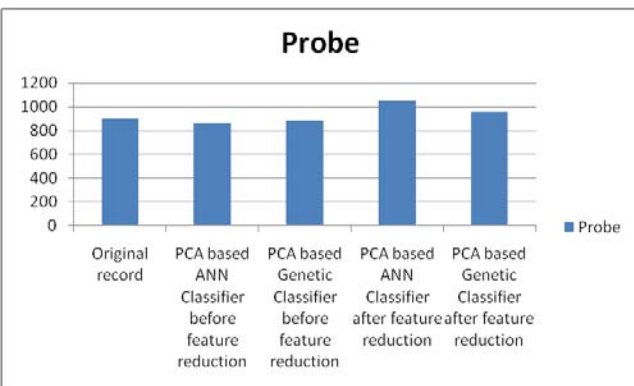


Figure 6.5 : Comparison based on feature reduction on Probe attack data

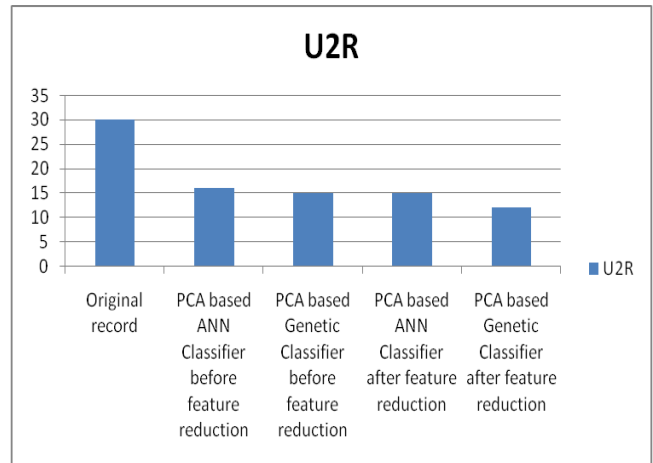


Figure 6.6 : Comparison based on feature reduction on U2R attack data

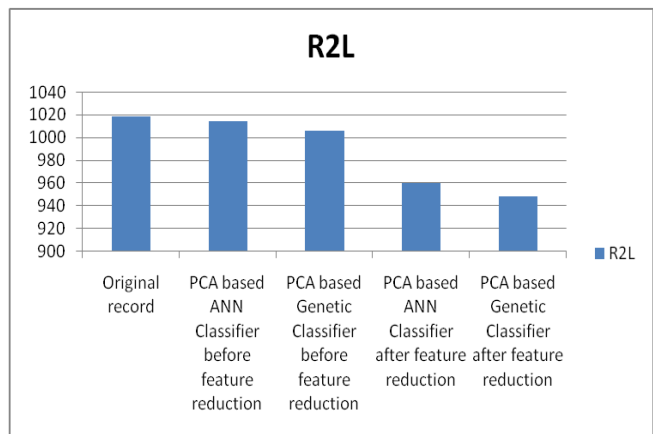


Figure 6.7 : Comparison based on feature reduction on R2L attack data

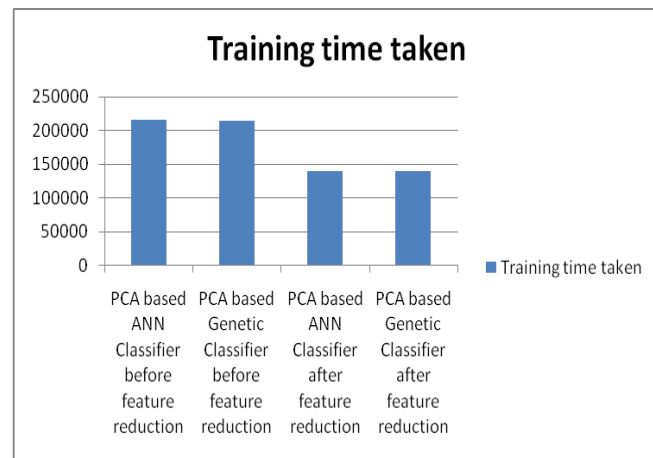


Figure 6.8 : Comparison based on Training time Taken

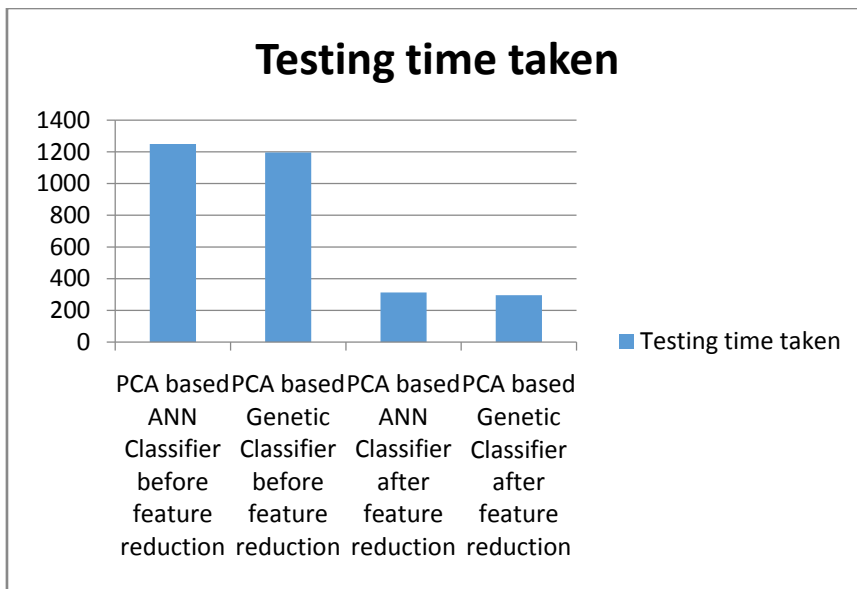


Figure 6.9 : Comparison based on testing time taken

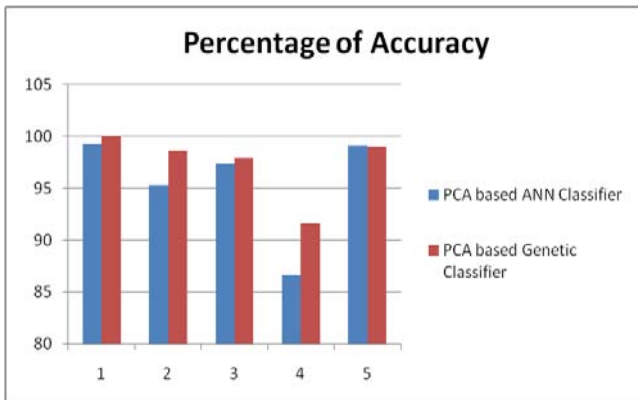


Figure 6.10 : Comparison based on prediction accuracy of the classifier

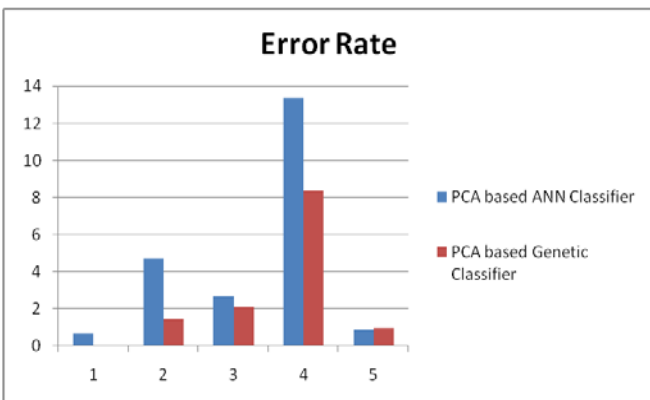


Figure 6.11 : Comparison based on error rate of the classifier

VII. DISCUSSION

The proposed classifier based on the PCA for the dimensionality reduction and the genetic algorithm

with K-means for the decision tree induction is outperforming the existing methodologies.

Table 7.1 : Percentage of improvement of the proposed approach based on Entropy

| | PCA based ANN Classifier | PCA based Genetic Classifier | Percentage of Improvement |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Entropy | 0.1897 | 0.1293 | 31.83975 |

Table 7.2 : Percentage of improvement of the proposed approach based on F-Measure

| | PCA based ANN Classifier | PCA based Genetic Classifier | Percentage of Improvement |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| F measure | 0.8652 | 0.8874 | 2.50169 |

VIII. CONCLUSION

The risk reduction in the information security is being carried out by the anomaly detection. The classification task is the challenging work in this type of detection. In this paper an optimized approach for the classifier is proposed. PCA is employed for the dimensionality reduction. Genetic algorithm is employed for the construction of the tree nodes in the building process of the decision tree. The tree pruning is being employed by the clustering approach, which is being guided by the Genetic algorithm. The experimental

results are demonstrated and the proposed approach is proven to be the best suited from the classical ANN classifier.

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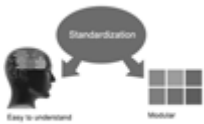




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