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# Design and Development of an Improved Multimodal Biometric Authentication System using Machine learning Classifiers

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**Abstract** - A multi modality biometric authentication system can combine information from various modalities and provides accurate results compared to biometric systems used individually. A novel ensemble classifier-based multimodal biometric authentication system has been proposed in this work. The performance of the proposed multimodal authentication system is measured using parameters such as Accuracy, Sensitivity and Specificity and compared with the SVM classifier, Decision tree classifier when fingerprint, Iris, and Face features are used. The results of the multimodal biometric system are also compared with the biometric authentication system when fingerprint features are used and combined with Fingerprint & Iris features. The proposed ensemble classifier-based multimodal biometric authentication system provides an accuracy of 96.75%, Sensitivity of 94.74%, Specificity of 98.95%, FAR of 1.04 and FRR of 5.26. The proposed ensemble classifier outperforms SVM and decision tree classifiers regarding performance measures.

**Keywords** - Authentication, SVM classifier, Decision tree classifier, Ensemble classifier.

## 1. Introduction

Biometric authentication is a security process that allows only authorized users or persons to access the system or digital sources. It uses biometrics such as Fingerprints, Iris, Retina, Face, ECG, DNA, etc., to verify the authorized persons [1-3]. The biometric authentication system compares the features the designer stores to those claiming ownership or authentication. If both data match, it provides access to the users and will block them from accessing if the data does not match [4-6].

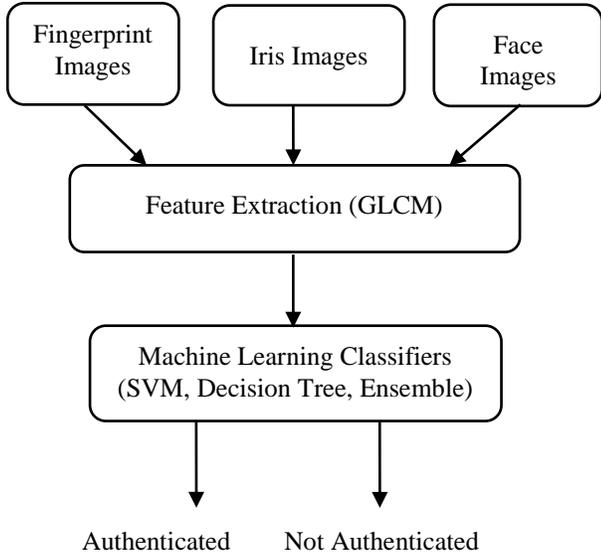
Multimodal biometric authentication systems improve security by a certain margin. Unlike conventional biometric authentication systems, it uses multiple features from multiple modalities or sources of input; as a result, better accuracy can be expected [7-11]. Even though many researches were conducted on biometric authentication systems, few researchers focus on multimodal authentication systems.

## 2. Literature Review

The research conducted in biometric authentication using multimodal biometrics attempted to find the results in this area [12-16]. They used fingerprints, finger veins and retina as biometrics and fused using feature level fusion method. The modified MDRSA method was used for biometric authentication. The model achieved an actual acceptance rate of 95.3% and a False acceptance rate of 0.01%. [17, 18]

The main drawback is that performance measures were insufficient to conclude the results, and the sample size was also shallow. The similar research using a Modified support vector machine classifier (MSVM), and the Convolution neural network method was used for extracting features [19-22]. They used to fingerprint and ECG signals and fused those features using different level fusion methods. Accuracy, FAR, and FRR were calculated for the simulated model.





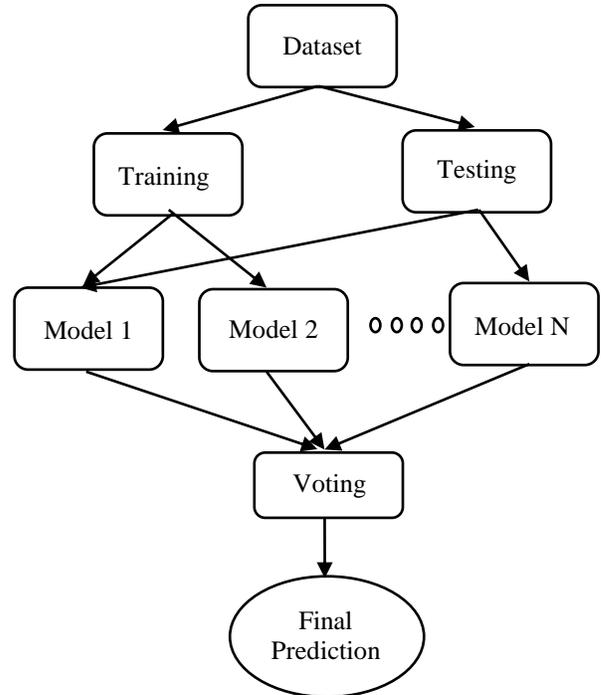
**Fig. 1 Proposed ensemble classifier-based multimodal biometric authentication system**

It is found that the Authentication time takes only 0.123 seconds, and the computational cost is relatively low, which is a significant advantage of this model. Accuracy loss due to poor data augmentation is the major concern of this model. Manju Dhanraj Pawar et al. designed an authentication system using face and fingerprint biometrics with a low classification error rate.

SIFT biometric features such as entropy, average intensity, maximum intensity, contrast, and centroid were extracted for face and ridges, and minute extraction was done for fingerprint biometrics. 93% accuracy is obtained when face features or fingerprint features are used individually, but 98% accuracy is obtained when both features are used together [23-26]. The method's main drawback is less sample size; only 30 sample images were used for testing. A multimodal authentication system using deep learning was proposed. They used to fingerprint and palm print biometrics for the multimodal authentication system. Palm print features such as Edges, centre lines, and wrinkles are extracted and used for deep learning algorithms for authentication. The proposed system is not validated, which is a main drawback of the model [27-29].

### 3. Methodology

A biometric authentication system using various machine learning classifiers has been proposed and developed in this work, and the methodology for achieving authenticity is shown in Figure 1. This proposed work will eliminate authentication accuracy loss and exposure to spoof attacks. Fingerprint, Iris and Face biometrics are considered, and multiple features from these three types of input images are extracted and given as input to the ensemble classifier [30].



**Fig. 2 Ensemble classification methodology**

Accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity, FAR and FRR are the parameters which measure the classifier's performance. The fingerprint minute is extracted using the following steps, image enhancement, binarization, thinning, or skeletonization. For face and iris biometrics, the SIFT features such as contrast, correlation, entropy, and energy are calculated using GLCM [31-36]. Then the features are applied to the proposed ensemble classifier and SVM, Decision tree classifiers for comparison. The methodology of the proposed ensemble classifier and the performance measures are explained in this section.

#### 3.1. Proposed Ensemble Classification (Boosted Tree)

Ensemble classification is a method of generating a new base classifier that performs better than any constituent classifier. They use different training data sets and hyperparameters in classification [37-39]. The methodology of ensemble classification is shown in Figure 2.

Ensemble classification can be done in four methods: stacking, blending, bagging and boosting. The way of training the models differs for all these four methods. Boosted tree method of classification is used in this proposed work. Boosting algorithm is a self-learning technique in which the same weights will be assigned initially to all the models involved. The weights will be adjusted later based on the performance [40-41]. In order to give more focus on misclassified data, it will be assigned.

The Equation defines the final model (1) using the weighted average method.

$$C = \frac{\left(\frac{\sum P_i n_i}{\sum n_i}\right)}{m} \quad (1)$$

Where,

$P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m$  = Base Classifier

$n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m$  = Weights

$m$  = model number

$C$  = Final Classifier

### 3.2. Performance Measures of Multimodal Authentication System

To analyze the performance of classifiers the, parameters like accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity, FAR, and FRR can be very useful and are defined in this section with mathematical expression.

#### 3.2.1. Accuracy

The amount of authorized persons correctly authenticated is called true positive (TP), and authorized persons wrongly authenticated is called False Positive (FP). The amount of unauthorized persons correctly authenticated is called True negative (TN), and unauthorized persons wrongly authenticated is known as False negative (FN) [42-46]. The accuracy of the classifier is given in Equation (2).

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad (2)$$

#### 3.2.2. Sensitivity

Sensitivity is the ratio of correctly authenticated authorized persons to the overall authorized persons defined in Equation (3).

$$Sensitivity = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} \quad (3)$$

#### 3.2.3. Specificity

Specificity is the ratio of correctly authenticated unauthorized persons to the overall unauthorized persons defined in Equation (4).

$$specificity = \frac{TN}{TN+FP} \quad (4)$$

#### 3.2.4. False Acceptance Rate (FAR)

The number of unauthorized persons correctly accepted or authenticated is called the false acceptance rate, given in Equation (5).

$$FAR = \frac{FP}{FP+TN} \quad (5)$$

#### 3.2.5 False Rejection Rate (FRR)

The amount of unauthorized persons correctly accepted or authenticated is called the false acceptance rate in Equation (6).

$$FRR = \frac{FN}{FN+TP} \quad (6)$$

## 4. Result and Discussion

Two hundred samples of fingerprint, Iris & Face images are considered input images and features from those images are extracted. The results of minutia extraction from fingerprint images are shown in Figure 3(a) and Figure 3(b). Edge detection using the Hough circle for the iris image is shown in Figure 3(c) and Figure 3(d). Figure 3(e) and Figure 3(f) show edge detection using Hough circle for the face image.

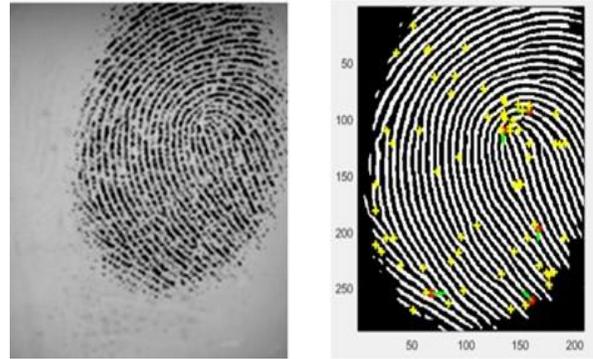


Fig. 3(a) Fingerprint image 3(b) Minutia detection after filtration

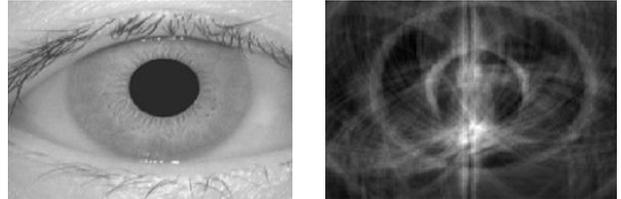


Fig. 3(c) Iris image 3(d) Edge detection using hough circle

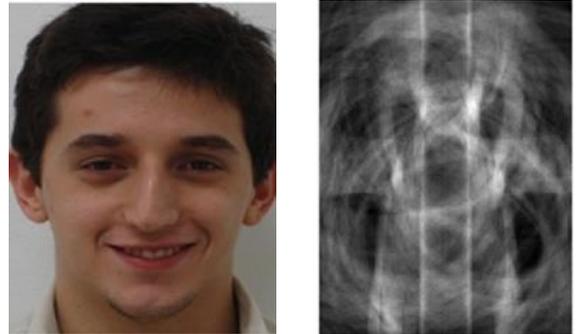


Fig. 3(e) Face image 3(f) Edge detection using hough circle

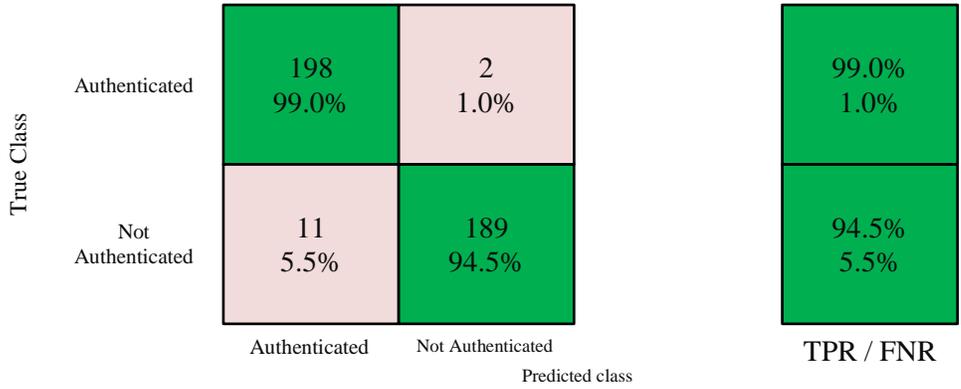


Fig. 4(a) Confusion matrix for ensemble classifier (boosted tree)

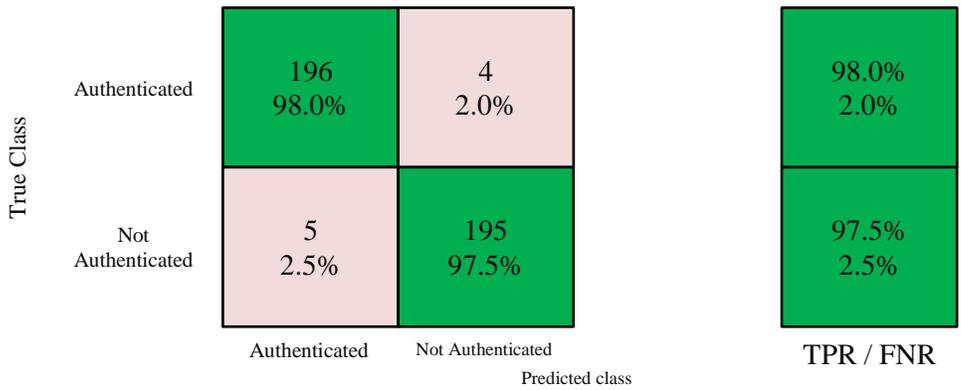


Fig. 5(a) Confusion matrix for SVM classifier

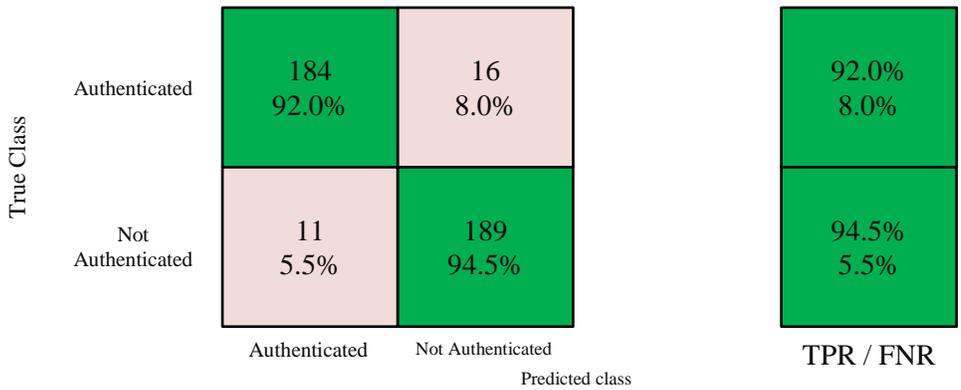


Fig. 6(a) Confusion matrix for decision tree classifier

The features extracted from fingerprint, Iris, and Face images are given as input to the proposed boosted tree classifier, an ensemble classifier. Decision tree classifiers considered and implemented with these multi modal input features for comparison classifiers such as SVM. When these three classifiers are tested with sample testing images, the response of classifiers is given as a confusion matrix as below. The confusion matrix, ROC curve of the proposed ensemble classifier, SVM, and Decision tree are shown in Figure 4(a), Figure 4(b), Figure 5(a), Figure 5(b), Figure 6(a) and Figure 6(b) respectively.

In all three classifiers, the ROC curve approaches towards which indicate better classification. The area under the curve for the ensemble classifier is higher than the other two classifiers, which shows the superior performance of the ensemble over other classifiers.

TP, TN, FP, and FN values obtained from the confusion matrix are used for calculating performance measures, and the results are tabulated. Classifier results when fingerprint features alone are used are tabulated in Table 1.

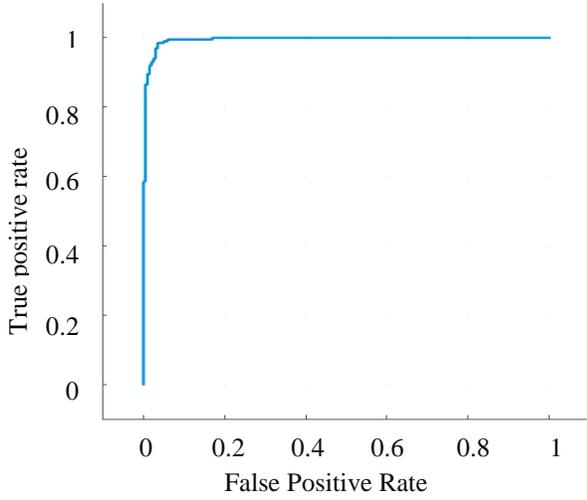


Fig. 4(b) ROC for ensemble classifier (boosted tree)

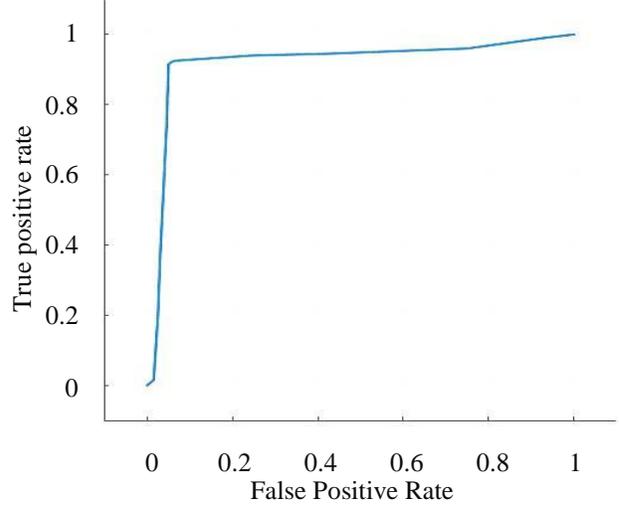


Fig. 6(b) ROC for decision tree classifier

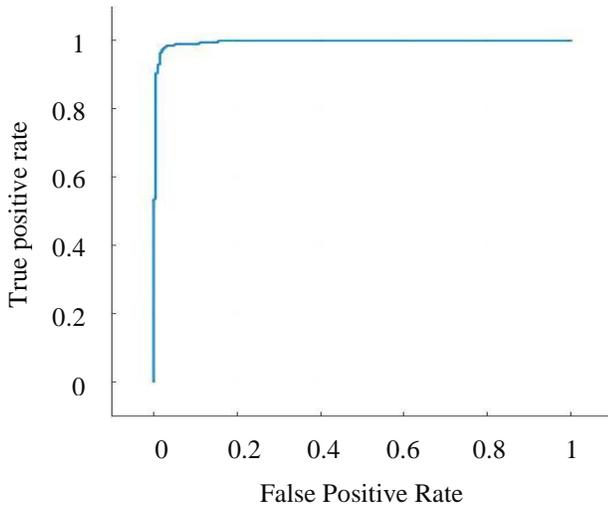


Fig. 5(b) ROC for SVM classifier

Classifier results when Fingerprint & Iris features combined are tabulated in Table 2. Classifier results and multimodal Fingerprint, Iris, & Face features are tabulated in Table 3. Based on the simulation results and results from Table 1, it is found that the ensemble classifier-based multimodal biometric authentication system performs better than the decision tree and SVM classifier when fingerprint features alone are given as input to classifiers. It achieves the highest accuracy of 94%, Sensitivity of 91.51%, Specificity of 96.8%, lowest FAR of 3.19%, and FRR of 3.49%. Ensemble classifier outperforms the other two classifiers when fingerprint & Iris features are jointly given, shown in Table 2 and Figure 7 and Figure 8. When three modalities, namely fingerprint, Iris and face features combined and given as input to classifiers, the ensemble classifier performs excellently, which is evident from Table 3.

Table 1. Performance measures of SVM, decision tree, ensemble classifiers (finger print)

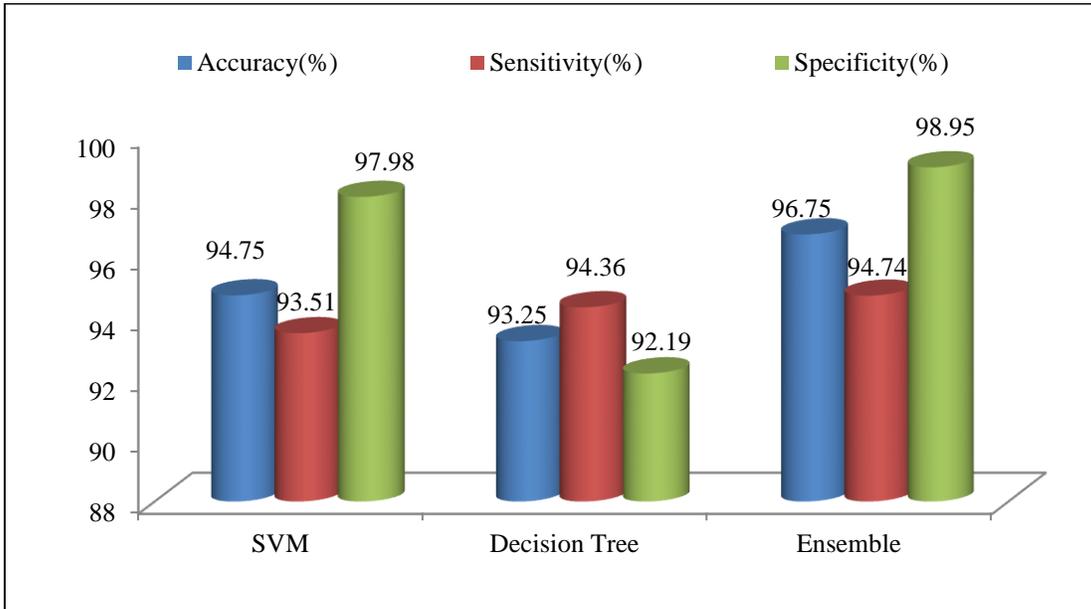
S.No	Classifiers Used	TP	FP	TN	FN	Accuracy (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	FAR (%)	FRR (%)
1.	SVM Classifier	191	9	192	8	92.75	90.57	95.52	4.48	4.02
2.	Decision Tree Classifier	181	19	180	20	90.25	90.05	90.45	9.55	9.95
3.	Ensemble Classifier	194	6	182	18	94	91.51	96.80	3.19	3.49

Table 2. Performance measures of SVM, decision tree, ensemble classifiers (finger print + iris)

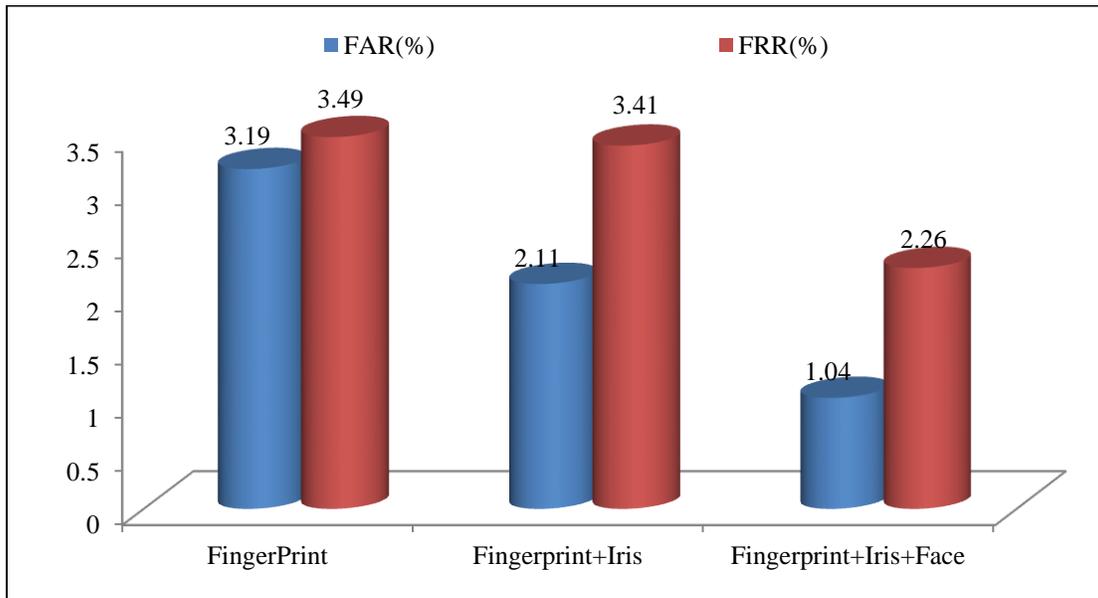
S.No	Classifiers Used	TP	FP	TN	FN	Accuracy (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	FAR (%)	FRR (%)
1.	SVM Classifier	194	6	193	7	94.75	91.51	96.98	3.02	3.48
2.	Decision Tree Classifier	182	18	184	16	91.50	91.92	91.08	8.91	8.08
3.	Ensemble Classifier	196	4	185	15	95.25	92.89	97.88	2.11	3.41

**Table 3. Performance measures of SVM, decision tree, ensemble classifiers (finger print + iris + face)**

S.No	Classifiers Used	TP	FP	TN	FN	Accuracy (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	FAR (%)	FRR (%)
1.	SVM Classifier	196	4	195	5	94.75	93.51	97.98	2.01	2.48
2.	Decision Tree Classifier	184	16	189	11	93.25	94.36	92.19	7.80	5.64
3.	Ensemble Classifier	198	2	189	11	96.75	94.74	98.95	1.04	2.26



**Fig. 7 Accuracy, sensitivity, specificity comparison of SVM, decision tree, ensemble classifiers on biometric authentication system (fingerprint+iris+face)**



**Fig. 8 Performance measures (FAR, FRR) of biometric authentication system using ensemble classifier**

## 5. Conclusion

This work proposes a multimodal biometric authentication system using various biometrics using machine learning classifiers. Features from Fingerprints, Iris and Face are considered multimodal features and given as input to the proposed ensemble classifier and for comparison

given to SVM, Decision tree classifier. The effect of multimodal fusion was analyzed by comparing various combinations of features and individually. The proposed ensemble classifier-based multimodal biometric authentication system provides better results, with high accuracy of 96.75%, Sensitivity of 94.74%, Specificity of 98.95% and low FAR of 1.04% and FRR of 2.26%.

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