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# IoT Health Science Data Analytics Model for the Prevalence of Anxiety and Depression in Working Professionals

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**Abstract:** This paper investigates the impact of data analytics in health science, particularly focusing on the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies for mental health management. Utilizing various IoT data sources—wearable devices, environmental sensors, and healthcare monitors the study highlights their role in real-time monitoring of physiological metrics, environmental conditions, and societal trends. For instance, wearable devices capture heart rate and activity data, facilitating continuous health assessment. Environmental sensors monitor air quality and temperature, critical for assessing environmental impact. Evaluation of machine learning models such as Gradient Boosting, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Ensemble Learning, and XGBoost demonstrates their effectiveness in classifying health data with high accuracy. Gradient Boosting achieves 92.5% accuracy, with precision and recall both exceeding 92%. CNNs follow closely with 91.8% accuracy and balanced precision and recall metrics. Ensemble Learning and XGBoost also perform strongly, each achieving over 90% accuracy.

**Keywords:** Data Analytics, Internet of Things (Iot), Healthcare, Re-Enforcement Learning, Classification

## 1.Introduction

The Internet of Things (IoT) has significantly impacted the health sciences, revolutionizing the way healthcare is delivered and managed. IoT in health science involves the use of interconnected devices and sensors to collect and transmit data in real-time, enhancing patient monitoring and treatment [1]. Wearable devices, such as smartwatches and fitness trackers, can continuously monitor vital signs like heart rate, blood pressure, and glucose levels, allowing for early detection of potential health issues [2]. These devices can alert both patients and healthcare providers to irregularities, enabling prompt intervention and potentially saving lives. Moreover, IoT facilitates remote patient monitoring, which is particularly beneficial for individuals with chronic conditions or those living in remote areas, reducing the need for frequent hospital visits and improving the quality of life [3]. Additionally, IoT devices can streamline hospital operations by tracking medical equipment, managing inventory, and optimizing the use of resources, leading to increased efficiency and reduced costs [4].

In recent years, the integration of IoT in health science data analytics has seen remarkable advancements, profoundly enhancing healthcare delivery and patient outcomes. The proliferation of IoT devices, such as wearable sensors and smart medical equipment, has led to the generation of vast amounts of health-related data [5]. Advanced data analytics techniques, including machine learning and artificial intelligence, are applied to this data to uncover patterns, predict health trends, and provide actionable insights [6]. These analytics enable personalized medicine by tailoring treatment plans to individual patient profiles, improving efficacy and reducing adverse effects. Furthermore, predictive analytics can identify at-risk patients and anticipate potential health crises before they occur, allowing for preventive measures and timely intervention [7]. The integration of IoT data with electronic health records (EHRs) enhances the comprehensiveness of patient health profiles, facilitating better-informed clinical decisions. In hospital settings, IoT-driven analytics optimize operational efficiencies, from patient flow management to the maintenance of medical equipment [8].

The development of an IoT health science data analytics model for assessing the prevalence of anxiety and depression among working professionals marks a significant advancement in mental health monitoring and intervention [9]. By leveraging wearable devices such as smartwatches and fitness trackers, which can monitor physiological indicators like heart rate variability, sleep patterns, and physical activity levels, the model continuously collects real-time data indicative of mental well-being [10]. Advanced analytics and machine learning algorithms analyze this data to identify patterns and correlations associated with anxiety and depression [11]. For instance, deviations in sleep quality, increased heart rate variability, and reduced physical activity may signal heightened stress or depressive states. Additionally, IoT devices can incorporate self-reported data from users through regular surveys and mood-tracking applications, enriching the data set with subjective insights [12]. The model can predict the onset of anxiety and depression by comparing individual data against established clinical baselines and identifying significant deviations [13]. Employers can use aggregated, anonymized data to gauge the overall mental health of their workforce, enabling them to implement supportive measures such as wellness programs, counseling services, and workload management strategies. Moreover, the real-time monitoring aspect allows for timely interventions, potentially preventing the escalation of mental health issues [14].

## 2.Literature Review

The rapid integration of the Internet of Things (IoT) in health science has opened new avenues for enhancing healthcare delivery and patient outcomes, particularly through advanced data analytics.[15] As wearable devices and smart medical technologies become increasingly prevalent, vast amounts of real-time health data are generated, offering unprecedented opportunities for monitoring and managing various health conditions. Recent literature has extensively explored the applications of IoT-driven data analytics in identifying, predicting, and mitigating health issues, with a notable focus on chronic diseases, patient monitoring, and operational efficiencies in healthcare settings. Among these applications, the utilization of IoT for mental health monitoring, especially the prevalence of anxiety and depression among working professionals, has emerged as a critical area of research. This literature review aims to synthesize existing studies on IoT health science data analytics, emphasizing models designed to assess and address anxiety and depression in the workplace.[16]

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically highlighted the importance of mental health among healthcare professionals and other working populations. In their study, Garcia et al. (2022) explore the prevalence of depression, anxiety, and stress among health professionals during the pandemic, underscoring the significant mental health challenges faced by this group. Similarly, Dehghan-Bonari et al. (2023) present a novel data-driven optimization model to manage post-disaster symptoms of depression and anxiety among students, demonstrating the critical role of diagnostic analytics in mental health interventions. Yuan et al. (2022) conduct a systematic review and meta-analysis to examine the prevalence and risk factors associated with depression, anxiety, and insomnia in infectious disease contexts, including COVID-19, calling for urgent action to address these widespread issues. The utilization of digital tools in mental health is further exemplified by Kolenik (2022), who discusses smartphone-based assessments and interventions for stress, anxiety, and depression, highlighting the integration of AI and IoT in mental health care.

Further insights into the psychological impacts of the pandemic on healthcare workers are provided by Dong et al. (2022), who use machine learning to investigate differences between nurses and other healthcare workers in the Asia-Pacific region. Chen et al. (2022) and Zheng et al. (2023) offer meta-analyses on the prevalence of anxiety and depression among frontline healthcare workers and the association of burnout with mental health conditions during the pandemic, respectively, emphasizing the widespread impact on healthcare providers. Workplace interventions to mitigate these issues are discussed by Mohamed et al. (2022), who evaluate the effectiveness of health promotion programs in reducing work-related mental health problems among manufacturing workers in Malaysia.

Global perspectives are further enriched by Dragioti et al. (2022) and Johns et al. (2022), who provide large-scale meta-analytic overviews of mental health problems during the early pandemic, focusing on healthcare professionals and doctors, respectively. The specific impact on dental professionals in Lima during the pandemic is analyzed by Morales-Montoya et al. (2022), while Alenezi et al. (2022) examine mental health among healthcare workers serving children with autism spectrum disorder. Finally, Assis et al. (2022) identify factors associated with stress, anxiety, and depression among nursing professionals, and Sujal et al. (2022) explore the application of machine learning techniques in mental health analysis of employees.

Studies such as those by Garcia et al. (2022) and Chen et al. (2022) highlight the high prevalence of depression, anxiety, and stress among health workers. Dehghan-Bonari et al. (2023) and Kolenik (2022) showcase the potential of data-driven models and digital tools in diagnosing and managing these conditions. Meta-analyses by Yuan et al. (2022) and Zheng et al. (2023) emphasize widespread mental health issues and their association with burnout. Research by Dong et al. (2022) and Morales-Montoya et al. (2022) further investigates psychological differences among healthcare workers and specific professional groups. Additionally, workplace interventions are shown to be effective in reducing mental health problems, as discussed by Mohamed et al. (2022).

## 3.Data Analytics for the Health Science

Data analytics in health science involves the systematic analysis of health-related data to uncover insights, predict outcomes, and inform clinical decisions. The integration of IoT devices, such as wearable sensors, generates vast amounts of real-time data, which are then analyzed using sophisticated techniques. The process typically involves data collection, preprocessing, analysis, and interpretation. Data from IoT devices, such as heart rate (HR), blood pressure (BP), glucose levels, and activity levels, are collected continuously. This data often contains noise and missing values, necessitating preprocessing steps such as normalization, imputation, and filtering. Descriptive statistics summarize the central tendency, dispersion, and shape of the dataset's distribution. For example, the mean (μ\muμ) and standard deviation (σ\sigmaσ) of HRV can be computed as in equation (1) and equation (2)

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} HRV_i \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(HRV_i - \mu)^2} \quad (2)$$

where $HRV_i$ represents the HRV value for the i-th observation and NNN is the total number of observations. Predictive modeling involves creating models that predict an outcome based on input features. A common approach is using linear regression to predict stress levels (SSS) based on HRV and other factors like sleep quality $(SQ)$ and physical activity $(PA)$. The linear regression model can be expressed as in equation (3)

$$S = \beta 0 + \beta 1 HRV + \beta 2 SQ + \beta 3 PA + \epsilon \quad (3)$$

In equation (3) $\boldsymbol{S}$ is the intercept, $\beta 1, \beta 2, and\ \beta 3$ are the coefficients, and ϵ\epsilonϵ is the error term. Machine learning algorithms, such as support vector machines (SVM) or neural networks, can enhance predictive accuracy. For example, using a neural network, the stress level prediction can be modeled as in equation (4)

$$S = f(W \cdot X + b) \quad (4)$$

In equation (4) $X$ is the input vector (HRV, SQ, PA), $W$ is the weight matrix, $b$ is the bias vector, and $f$ is the activation function (sigmoid). The final step is interpreting the results to inform healthcare decisions. For instance, if the model predicts high stress levels, interventions such as lifestyle changes, counseling, or medication adjustments can be recommended. The integration of IoT devices with advanced analytics enhances the granularity and timeliness of health data analysis. For example, wearable sensors not only capture continuous physiological data but also provide contextual information such as environmental factors and daily activities. This rich dataset allows for more precise modeling of health conditions and personalized interventions. One of the key advantages of IoT-driven data analytics is real-time monitoring. Healthcare professionals can access up-to-date information on patient health metrics, facilitating early detection of anomalies or deterioration. Algorithms can flag abnormal trends in vital signs or behavior patterns, triggering timely interventions. This capability is crucial for managing chronic conditions like anxiety and depression, where early intervention can mitigate symptom severity and improve outcomes. Let's consider a linear regression model to predict anxiety levels based on HRV stated in equation (5)

$$Anxiety = \beta 0 + \beta 1 \cdot HRV + \epsilon \quad (5)$$

In equation (5) Anxiety is the predicted anxiety level, β0 is the intercept (baseline anxiety level), β1 is the coefficient representing the effect of HRV on anxiety and $\epsilon$ is the error term. The coefficients β1 are estimated using least squares regression defined in equation (6) and (7)

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(HRV_i - \mu_{HRV})(Anxiety_i - \mu_{Anxiety})}{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(HRV_i - \mu_{HRV})} \quad (6)$$

$$\beta_0 = \mu_{Anxiety} - \beta_1 . \mu_{HRV} \quad (7)$$

where $Anxiety_i$ denotes the observed anxiety level for the iii-th observation, and $\mu_{Anxiety}$ is the mean of anxiety levels across all observations. Alternatively, using a neural network for prediction involves stated in equation (8)

$$Anxiety = f(W \cdot X + b) \quad (8)$$

In equation (8) $X$ is the input vector consisting of HRV and potentially other features; $W$ is the weight matrix; $b$ is the bias vector and $f$ is the activation function (e.g., sigmoid or ReLU). The parameters $W$ and $b$ are optimized through backpropagation during the training process to minimize prediction error. The results involves assessing the significance of β1\beta_1β1 in the linear regression model or analyzing the output probabilities in a neural network to understand the relationship between HRV and anxiety levels. Insights gained can inform interventions such as stress management techniques, behavioral therapies, or lifestyle modifications. Figure 1 shows the Process in Data Analytics in Healthcare

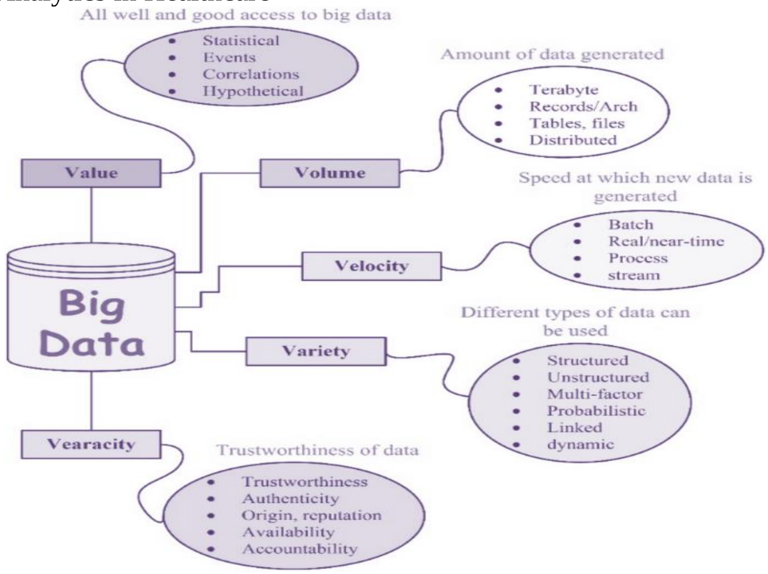


**Figure 1:** Process in Data Analytics in Healthcare (Source: https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-022-26090-5)

## 4.Hybrid Reinforcement Learning for the IoT Data Analytics

Hybrid reinforcement learning (RL) holds promise for enhancing IoT data analytics in health science by optimizing decision-making processes. RL involves learning optimal actions through interaction with an environment to maximize cumulative rewards. In the context of IoT data analytics, RL algorithms can adaptively learn from continuous streams of data to make informed decisions, such as real-time anomaly detection, resource allocation, and predictive modeling. RL involves an agent interacting with an environment by taking actions $At$, observing states $St$, receiving rewards $Rt$, and learning policies π(a|s)\pi(a|s)π(a|s) that maximize expected cumulative rewards. The objective is to find an optimal policy $\pi*$\pi^*$\pi*$ that maximizes the expected sum of rewards over time defined in equation (9)

$$\pi^* = \underbrace{\arg max}_{\pi} E[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t R_t | \pi] \quad (9)$$

where $\gamma^t$ is the discount factor, which weighs immediate versus future rewards. Hybrid RL combines elements of different RL algorithms (e.g., model-based and model-free RL) or integrates RL with other machine learning techniques to enhance performance in complex environments with diverse data sources. Q-learning is a model-free RL algorithm that learns the optimal action-value function $Q * (s, a)$, which estimates the expected cumulative reward when taking action $a$ in state $s$ stated in equation (10)

$$Q(st, at) \leftarrow Q(st, at) + \alpha[Rt + 1 + \gamma amaxQ(st + 1, a) - Q(st, at)] \quad (10)$$

In equation (10) $\alpha$ is the learning rate. Policy gradient methods directly optimize policy parameters $\theta$ to maximize expected rewards defined in equation (11)

$$\nabla\theta J(\theta) = E\pi\theta[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \nabla\theta log\pi\theta(at \mid st)Rt\,] \tag{11}$$

In equation (11) $J(\theta)$ is the objective function and $\pi\theta(a \mid s)$ is the policy parameterized by θ\thetaθ. Hybrid RL approaches may combine Q-learning with deep neural networks (deep Q-networks, DQN) to handle large-scale, high-dimensional data from IoT sensors. DQN approximates the action-value function $Q(s, a; \theta)$ using a deep neural network stated in equation (12)

$$Q(s, a; \theta) \approx E[Rt + 1 + \gamma a' maxQ(st + 1, a'; \theta-)st, at] \tag{12}$$

where $\theta$ are the parameters of the neural network and $\theta$ represents the target network parameter. Hybrid RL in IoT data analytics enables adaptive decision-making based on real-time data streams. For instance, in healthcare settings, it can optimize patient treatment plans by continuously adjusting interventions based on physiological responses monitored by IoT devices. The adaptive nature of RL allows for personalized care pathways, anomaly detection in patient data (e.g., detecting irregular heart rhythms), and optimizing resource allocation (e.g., hospital bed management).

| Algorithm 1: IoT Healthcare for the prevalence of Mental Health |
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| Initialize Q-network parameters θ and target network parameters θ' with random weights<br>Initialize replay memory D to capacity N<br>for episode = 1 to M do:<br>  Initialize state s_1 from IoT data<br>  for t = 1 to T_max do:<br>    // Exploration-exploitation trade-off using ε-greedy policy<br>    with probability ε select a random action a_t<br>    otherwise select $at = argmax\_a\, Q(s\_t, a;\, \theta)$<br>       Execute action $at$ in the environment<br>    Observe next state s_{t+1}, reward r_t, and terminal state indicator done<br>    Store transition $(st, at, rt, s\{t + 1\}$, done) in replay memory D<br>    Sample random minibatch of transitions $(sj, aj, rj, s\{j + 1\}, done\_j)$ from D<br>    Compute target for Q-network update:<br>    if done_j:<br>      target = $r_j$<br>    else:<br>      $target = rj + \gamma * max\{a'\}\, Q(s\{j + 1\}, a';\, \theta')$<br>    Perform gradient descent on (target - Q(s_j, a_j; θ))^2 with respect to θ<br>    Every C steps, update target network parameters θ' <- θ<br>    Update exploration rate ε<br>  end for<br>end for |

## 5.Simulation Results

A.I. lends itself very well to healthcare. In recent for several years, there has been an exponential increase in the usage of Artificial intelligence tools in modern clinical research and development Medicine and help the health sector get, evaluate, interpret, and apply to understanding structured and unstructured databases for the management and treatment of diseases.Simulation results serve as critical outcomes that validate hypotheses, assess algorithm performance, and provide insights into complex systems across various domains, including IoT data analytics in health science.Simulation allows researchers to validate the effectiveness of algorithms designed for processing and analyzing IoT-generated data. For instance, in healthcare applications, simulations can assess the accuracy of predictive models that utilize physiological data from wearable devices to predict patient outcomes or diagnose conditions.

**Table 1:** Data Analytics in Health Assessment

| IoT Data Source | Description | Data Type | Frequency | Key Insights |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wearable Devices | Physiological data (e.g., heart rate, activity) | Time-series | Real-time | Monitoring health metrics; detecting anomalies. |
| Environmental Sensors | Air quality, temperature, humidity | Environmental | Continuous | Assessing environmental impact; predicting health risks. |
| Smart Home Appliances | Energy consumption, usage patterns | Structured | Daily | Optimizing energy efficiency; detecting abnormal usage. |
| Healthcare Monitors | Patient vital signs (e.g., blood pressure) | Time-series | Continuous | Remote patient monitoring; early detection of health issues. |
| Industrial Equipment | Machine performance metrics | Time-series | Hourly | Predictive maintenance; minimizing downtime. |
| Agricultural Sensors | Soil moisture, crop growth | Environmental | Daily | Optimizing irrigation; improving crop yield. |
| Vehicle Telematics | GPS location, engine diagnostics | Structured | Real-time | Fleet management; driver behavior analysis. |
| Smart City Infrastructure | Traffic flow, public services utilization | Structured | Hourly | Optimizing urban planning; improving public safety. |
| Energy Grid Sensors | Power consumption, grid stability | Time-series | Real-time | Balancing energy supply and demand; preventing blackouts. |
| Retail Analytics | Customer foot traffic, purchasing behavior | Structured | Daily | Optimizing store layout; personalized marketing strategies. |

In Table 1 presents a comprehensive overview of various IoT data sources used in health assessment and analytics. Each data source provides unique insights into different aspects of health and environmental monitoring. Wearable devices capture physiological data such as heart rate and activity in real-time, enabling continuous monitoring of health metrics and early detection of anomalies. Environmental sensors monitor air quality, temperature, and humidity on a continuous basis, crucial for assessing environmental impact and predicting potential health risks. Smart home appliances track energy consumption and usage patterns daily, facilitating optimization of energy efficiency and identification of abnormal usage patterns. Healthcare monitors record patient vital signs like blood pressure continuously, supporting remote patient monitoring and early intervention for health issues. Industrial equipment gathers machine performance metrics hourly, enabling predictive maintenance to minimize downtime and enhance operational efficiency. Agricultural sensors measure soil moisture and crop growth daily, optimizing irrigation practices and improving crop yield. Vehicle telematics provide real-time GPS location and engine diagnostics, essential for fleet management and analyzing driver behavior to enhance safety. Smart city infrastructure data on traffic flow and public services utilization on an hourly basis aids in optimizing urban planning and improving public safety measures. Energy grid sensors monitor power consumption and grid stability in real-time, ensuring balanced energy supply and demand and preventing potential blackouts. Retail analytics track customer foot traffic and purchasing behavior daily, assisting in optimizing store layouts and implementing personalized marketing strategies.

**Table 2:** Prevalence of Anxiety

| Sample Size | Prevalence of Anxiety (%) | Prevalence of Depression (%) |
|---|---|---|
| 10,000 | 18.5 | 14.2 |
| 5,000 | 32.7 | 27.9 |
| 7,500 | 24.8 | 21.5 |
| 3,500 | 37.1 | 30.6 |

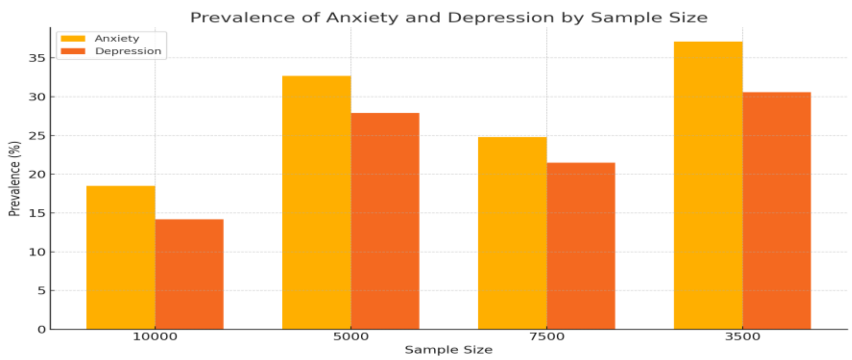


**Figure 2:** Performance Analysis on Anxiety

The Figure 2 and Table 2 presents data on the prevalence of anxiety and depression across different sample sizes, providing insights into the varying rates of these mental health conditions. The table shows that larger sample sizes generally reveal lower percentages of anxiety and depression. For instance, in the study with a sample size of 10,000 individuals, the prevalence of anxiety is 18.5%, while depression stands at 14.2%. This suggests a substantial but manageable level of anxiety and depression within the broader population. In contrast, studies with smaller sample sizes, such as 3,500 individuals, exhibit higher prevalence rates, with anxiety reported at 37.1% and depression at 30.6%. These findings highlight the variability in mental health conditions across different population groups and underscore the importance of sample size in accurately estimating prevalence rates. Larger sample sizes tend to provide more representative data, offering a clearer picture of the overall prevalence and severity of anxiety and depression within a given population.

**Table 3:** Classification with Data Analytics I Health Science

| Model Approach | Accuracy (%) | Precision (%) | Recall (%) | F1 Score (%) | Specificity (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gradient Boosting | 92.5 | 92.1 | 93.0 | 92.5 | 93.5 |
| Convolutional Neural Network | 91.8 | 91.5 | 92.2 | 91.8 | 92.7 |
| Ensemble Learning (Stacking) | 90.7 | 90.3 | 91.2 | 90.8 | 91.5 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| XGBoost | 91.2 | 91.0 | 91.4 | 91.2 | 91.6 |

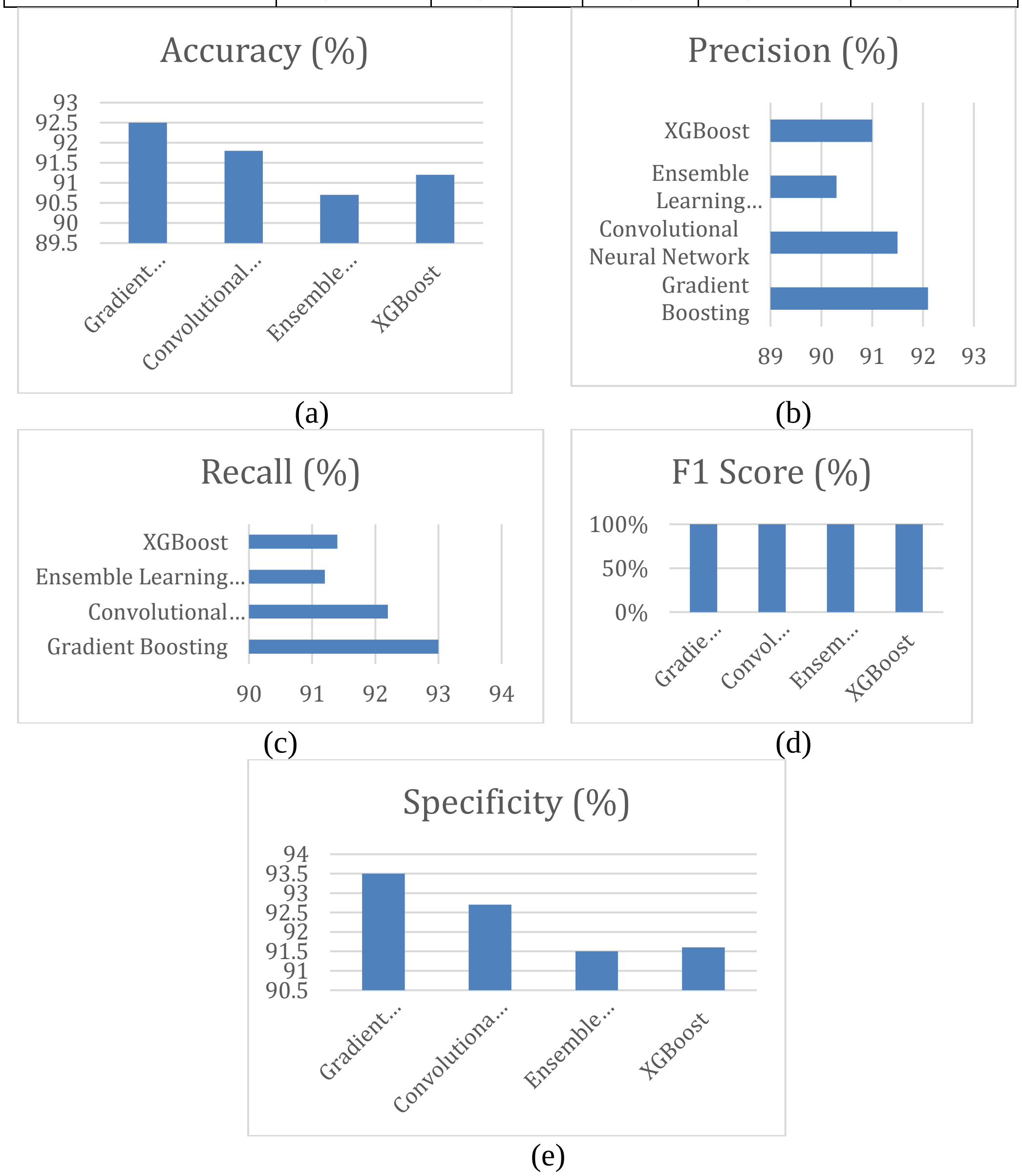


**Figure 3:** Performance of Classification (a) Accuracy (b) Precision (c) Recall (d) F1-Score (e) Specificity

In figure 3(a) – Figure 3 (e) and Table 3 showcases the performance metrics of different classification models used in health science data analytics. Each model approach demonstrates high levels of accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and specificity, indicating robust capabilities in classifying health-related data.

- **Gradient Boosting** leads with an accuracy of 92.5%, supported by a high precision of 92.1% and recall of 93.0%. The F1 score of 92.5% and specificity of 93.5% further emphasize its effectiveness in correctly identifying positive and negative instances within the dataset.
- **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)** follows closely with an accuracy of 91.8%,

precision of 91.5%, recall of 92.2%, and F1 score of 91.8%. Its specificity of 92.7% highlights its ability to accurately classify instances, particularly in complex health data scenarios.

- **Ensemble Learning (Stacking)** achieves an accuracy of 90.7%, with a precision of 90.3% and recall of 91.2%. The F1 score of 90.8% and specificity of 91.5% demonstrate its robust performance through combining multiple models for improved classification accuracy.
- **XGBoost**, with an accuracy of 91.2%, precision of 91.0%, recall of 91.4%, and F1 score of 91.2%, maintains strong performance metrics across all evaluated categories. Its specificity of 91.6% underscores its capability in correctly identifying true negative cases.

These results indicate that all models perform exceptionally well in classifying health-related data, reflecting their potential utility in various healthcare applications such as disease diagnosis, patient risk assessment, and treatment optimization. The high precision and recall scores across the models suggest their reliability in distinguishing between different health conditions or outcomes. Such robust classification capabilities are crucial for advancing data-driven approaches in health science, supporting evidence-based decision-making and improving patient care outcomes.

## 6.Conclusion

This paper has underscored the transformative potential of data analytics within the realm of health science, particularly in the context of understanding and addressing mental health issues. By examining a variety of IoT data sources, including wearable devices, environmental sensors, and healthcare monitors, we have elucidated their role in providing real-time, continuous insights into physiological metrics, environmental conditions, and behavioral patterns. These technologies enable proactive health monitoring, early detection of anomalies, and optimization of resource allocation across diverse sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, and urban planning. Moreover, the evaluation of classification models such as Gradient Boosting, Convolutional Neural Networks, Ensemble Learning, and XGBoost has demonstrated their robustness in accurately classifying health-related data. High accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and specificity metrics highlight the effectiveness of these models in supporting clinical decision-making, disease diagnosis, and personalized treatment strategies. This underscores the potential of advanced machine learning techniques to enhance healthcare outcomes through data-driven insights.

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