DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT AI-ENABLED EDGE COMPUTING FOR INTELLIGENT-IOT APPLICATIONS

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Abstract: The advancements in the technologies and the increase in the digital miniaturization day by day are causing devices to become smarter and smarter and the emergence of the internet of things and the cloud has made things even better with insightful suggestions for organization as well as the way the people work and lead their life. The limitations in the cloud paradigm in terms of processing complexity, the latency in the service provisioning and improper resource scheduling, remains as a reason leading to shifting of applications from cloud to edge. Moreover the emergence of the artificial intelligence in the edge computing has turned out to be center of attention as it improves the speed and the range of the IOT applications. The paper also puts forth the design of the AI-enabled Edge computing for developing a Smart Farming.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The IOT devices growing at a rapid pace has increased the height of the data generation causing an enormous flow of information. These sensitive data gathered by the device associated with the IOT are been largely stored in the cloud paradigm but the delay experienced in the conveyance between the cloud data centers and the end-users has made the arrangement baseless. Even the organization associated with the cloud faces reliability issues while handling operational needs that are critical.

This has remained as the reason for the several enterprises or the organizations to shift from the cloud paradigm to edge that enables the information to be processed or executed locally at the user end allowing a faster computation and real time decision making.
The edge computing is considered as the promising framework that has side stepped the cloud by ensuring an automated decision making with very low latency and enabling a seamless gleaning of data from the devices associated with the IOT along with the real-time decision making at the user end.

The emergence of the artificial intelligence has resulted in an accurate and intelligent allocation of utilities and has become predominant in multitude of applications. The artificial intelligence incorporated into the edge has strengthened the edge computing with its compact structural design and ensures an improved decision making, allowing a huge amount of information to be stored locally eluding the necessity of storing the information in a remote place.

The utilization of edge computing eludes the entailment to convey the data to the cloud for executing/processing, thus eliminating the issue related to the latency and the time complexity. Moreover the advancements in the information technology and the communication have led to the save, compute and decide with the solution locally by constructing an on premise IOT solution. The Artificial Intelligence in the edge computing enables a continuous processing by avoiding the unexpected failures in the devices and identifying the requirement for the predictive maintenance. The AI more over ensure the secured repository for the sensitive information’s by storing the information’s locally within the premises and reduces the security threats. The fig.1 below provides the advantages of the edge enriched with the AI.
So the paper puts forth the AI enabled edge computing for examining the crop growth, soil moisture, pestilence attack, temperature, humidity, climatic changes, occurrence of disasters and the time to harvest, turning the farming smart without the intervention of the cloud computing.

The paper is organized with the related works in the section II, proposed AI enabled Edge computing for smart farming in section III, the results gained in Section IV and Conclusion in section V.
2. RELATED WORKS

The edge computing behaving as a promising alternative for the cloud for the applications that requires an on-premises, storage and processing eluding the latency in execution/computing of the information’s. The involvement of AI in the Edge has further enhanced the capability of the edge by providing a continuous monitoring and increasing the production rate. The Related work hold few recent papers that have proposed application with the cloud, fog, edge and the AI enabled edge. Venkatesh et al [1] in his paper explores the "The Evolution of Internet of Things: Bringing the power of Artificial Intelligence to IoT, its Opportunities and Challenges." and Duraipandian, M et al [2] in his paper provides the "Cloud Based Internet of Things for Smart Connected Objects."


3. PROPOSED WORK

The proposed model of smart framing shifts from the traditionally used cloud computing paradigm to the edge computing to reduce the latency in the service provided, and the cost charged for the communication of the information. Any way the edge could not replace the cloud paradigm as it is has the capability of accommodating any number of service utilization and data storage for multitudes of users. But the edge could be a promising alternative in case of small level application that requires an on premises computation and solution with a limit period of time. So the smart farming in the proposed model prefers the edge computing to bring down the security threats, enhance the speed and minimize the cost.

The proposed frame work of the smart farming includes the artificial intelligence along with the edge computing to enhance the farming output and the efficiency, by enabling the farmer to completely monitor the crop health and soil status regularly. The block diagram in the Fig.2 details the involvement of AI in the edge computing for the smart farming.
The artificial intelligence involved in the edge computing utilizes the deep learning module H$_2$O to predict the consistency of the soil, the growth of the crop, and the proper time to sow as well as harvest. It also provides the weather forecast and natural disaster’s to occur based on the dataset provided for training. It learns utilizing the multi-layer feed forward artificial neural network that is trained using the stochastic gradient that uses the back propagation algorithm. The ISTAT (national institute of statistics) dataset was used in training the neural network employing the back propagation algorithm and tested using the real-time dataset gathered based on the crop growth, temperature, weather, humidity, forthcoming disasters and the right time to sow and reap.

The drone enabled with the tetracam-ADC lite camera enables to monitor the growth in the crops and the pestilence attacks. The wireless environmental sensor engaged enables to monitor the temperature, humidity, soil moisture, the
wind speed and the pressure etc., entire information of the farming area is completely gathered and transmitted to the edge layer where the information’s are computed using the H₂O. Based on the training provided for the H₂O, it predicts the necessity for the immediate measure to be taken and alarms the farmers for the preparations to be done. The temperature, humidity, wind speed and the pressure sensor enable the deep learning module to predict the right time to sow as well as reap. The soil moisture sensor enables to have the right time water the crops and the drones examining the crop growth and the pestilence attack enables to know the right time to add the fertilizers to the crop to avoid the damages in the crop.

All the information gathered from the sensor is conveyed using the Wi-Fi max and processed in the edge layer and conveyed back to the portable device of the farmer using the Wi-Fi. This reduces the time consumption in the conveyance of the information as well as the delay in the execution of the task.

4. RESULTS

The proposed model is tested based on the real time data set observed to evince the accuracy of the prediction and evaluated using the MATLAB to note down the maximum time consumed in transmission of the information from the edge to the user. The fig.3 shows the percentage of the accuracy in prediction based on the details observed for a week.
The fig. 3 below provides the latency observed in information conveyance from the edge to the user for a week.

Fig. 3 Prediction Accuracy

The fig. 4 below provides the latency observed in information conveyance from the edge to the user for a week.
5. CONCLUSION

The Edge computing enabled with the artificial intelligence could be accessed from anywhere at any time without the intervention of the cloud, it would be highly suitable for the small size application that requires an on premises solution with a secure information storage and reduced latency in processing. So the AI enabled edge computing could not be a replacement for the cloud computing that can handle a huge set of data and interconnect the entire world. The proposed model with AI enabled edge computing for the smart computing is an on premises solution for the agriculture field by providing the accurate information’s of the soil moisture, temperature, humidity etc. related to the particular field. The AI enabled Edge ensure the effective way to decrease the unexpected failure of the devices allowing a continuous monitoring and increase in the productivity by providing the accurate information’s at very low latency. The results obtained shows that the smart farming with the AI enabled edge has a limited power consumption and conveyance time on comparing with the traditional methods. In future the paper is to continue with survey on the AI enabled automation methods involved in the plough-ing, sowing, harvesting and the supply chain management of the crops.

Fig.4 Time consumed

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