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### Identification of Corn Plant Diseases and Pests Based on Digital Images using Multinomial Naïve Bayes and K-Nearest Neighbor

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#### Abstract

Statistical machine learning has developed into integral components of contemporary scientific methodology. This integration provides automated procedures for predicting phenomena, case diagnosis, or object identification based on previous observations, uncovering patterns underlying data, and providing insights into the problem. Identification of corn plant diseases and pests using it has become popular recently. Corn (Zea mays L) is one of the essential carbohydrate-producing foodstuffs besides wheat and rice. Corn plants are sensitive to pests and diseases, resulting in a decrease in the quantity and quality of the production. Eradicate pests and diseases according to their type is a solution to overcome the problem of (50) ase in corn plants. This research aims to identify corn plant diseases and pests based on the digital image using the Multinomial Naive Bayes and K-Nearest Neighbor methods. The data used consisted of 761 digital images with six classes of corn plants disease and pest. The investigation shows that the K-Nearest Neighbor method has a better predictive performance than the Multinomial Naïve Bayes (MNB) method. The MNB method with two categories has an accuracy level of 92.72%, a precision level of 79.88%, a recall level of 79.24%, F<sub>1</sub>-score 78.17%, kappa 72.44%, and AUC 71.91%. Simultaneously, the K-Nearest Neighbor approach with k=3 has an accuracy of 99.54 %, a precision of 88.57%, recall 94.38%, F<sub>1</sub>-score 93.59%, kappa 94.30%, and AUC 95.45%.

#### Keywords

Corn Plant Diseases and Pests, K-Nearest Neighbour, Naïve Bayes

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Data analysis and machine learning, known as statistical machine learning, have emerged as critical components of modern scientific practice. Their integration enables automated techniques for predicting events, diagnosing phenomena, identifying objects based on prior observations, revealing hidden patterns in the data, and providing insight into the problem. Naïve Bayes and K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) are popular statistical learning methods to classify or identify objects (Rukmawan et al., 2021; Alsafy et al., 2014), mainly based on digital images (Umar et al., 2020; Hsu et al., 2017). The performance of both methods is satisfactory. For example, Srianto and Mulyanto (2016) classify soil suitable for planting teak trees. The obtained performance for the KNN is 96.66% accuracy, 95.45% precision, and 98.63% recall, while for the Naïve Bayes is 82.63% accuracy, 84.57% precision, and 82.02% recall. Another research is proposed by Rukmawan et al. (2021) to classy

cerebral infarction. The obtained accuracy for the KNN is 91% and 97% using the Naïve Bayes method.

Corn (Zea mays L) is one of the foodstuffs whose productivity is threatened. For corn plants to grow well, the planting process requires adequate rainfall and an irrigation system. Nevertheless, from seed to corn ready to harvest, corn plants are sensitive to diseases and pests in their growth cycle. They can reduce the amount and quality of production. Therefore, early identification of both can reduce the risk of further damage to crops so that the quality and quantity of production can be maintained.

The implementation of statistical machine learning in identifying diseases of corn plant using digital image data has been popular recently (Ngugi et al., 2021; Xian and Ngadiran, 2021; Syarief and Setiawan, 2020; Panigrahi et al., 2020; Sibiya and Sumbwanyam 22 2019; Kusumo et al., 2019; Mengistu et al., 2018). Digital image processing using the red, green, and blue (RGB) color space model is the most informative feature in de-

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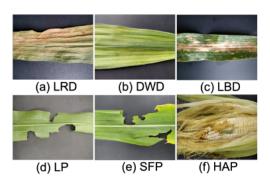


Figure 1. Digital Image of Corn Plant Disease and Pest Class

tecting corn plant diseases compared to other features such as scale-invariant feature transform (SIFT), strong feature acceleration (SURF), Oriented FAST, rotated BRIEF (ORB), and object detectors such as oriented gradient histogram (HOG). Furthermore, this property has the highest accuracy in most machine learning approaches (Kusumo et al., 2019).

However, most research that implements statistical machine learning only identifies diseases that attack corn plants but have not identified pests. This research aims to identify corn plant diseases and pests using a digital image as a database. The image is processed using an RGB color space model. The proposed statistical learning methods for identification tasks are Multinomial Naïve Bayes and KNN. The Multinomial Naïve Bayes method is a type of Naïve Bayes method that can be used as an alternative if the assumption of the Gaussian distribution of the predictor variable is not fulfilled.

#### 2. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

#### 2.1 Data

The study used 761 digital images of disease and pests of corn plants to collect data. Between January and March 2021, digital images were taken with a 12 MP smartphone camera. The captures took place in corn plantations near the University of Sriwijaya, specifically in Tanjung Seteko, Tanjung Baru, and Tanjung Putus, all of which are located in South Sumatra's Ogan Ilir Regency. The data set consists of six classes; leaf rust disease (LRD), downy mildew disease (DWD), and leaf blight disease (LBD), as well as Locusta pests (LP), Spodoptera Frugiperda pest (SFP), and Heliotis Armigera pest (HAP) as presented in Figure 1(a–f).

The first three classes in Figure 1(a-c) are the types of diseases that often attack corn plants. These three diseases attack corn plants, and each class shows a different color combination. The last three classes in Figure 1(d-f) are the types of pests that often attack corn plants. The first two pests attack the corn leaves, while the last class attacks the corn fruit. In the LP image, it appears that the leaf shape is not intact, but the leaves are still green. In the SFP image, apart from incomplete leaves, it also appears that there is a yellowish color to the leaves, while

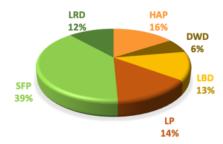


Figure 2. Class Composition of Corn Plant Disease and Pest

in the HAP image, it appears that the corn fruit is not intact.

The data in Figure 2 shows the composition of the six classes of diseases and pests in maize, where 35% is disease data, and 65% is pest data. The most common corn plant disease was LRD as much as 16%, and corn plant pests were dominated by SFP types as much as 39%.

#### 2.2 Method

We propose nonparametric and parametric methods from statistical machine learning to identify diseases and pests of the com plant. Both are supervised learning. K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) is the simplest nonparametric method of all machine learning methods. This method uses the concept of distance that similar samples are generally located close together. Thus, the value of k represents the number of neighbors or data closest to the observation. This method saves all training samples and does not build a classifier until a new sample that does not have a class needs to be classified (Han et al., 2011).

On the other hand, Naïve Bayes is a parametric method that builds a probabilistic data model following some assumptions. NB is the simple statistical Bayesian method. The name naïve is attached to the NB method because this method assumes that all predictor variables are not mutually correlated or class conditional probability is independent. This method also assumes that the predictor variables have Gaussian distribution. If the Gaussian distribution assumption is not fulfilled, the Naïve Bayes method refers to Multinomial Naïve Bayes (Chen and Fu, 2018; Kresnawati et al., 2021; Pan et al., 2018; Resti et al., 2021).

For Naïve Bayes method, suppose  $X_1,...,X_w$  are predictor variables to predict the class of disease and pest of the corn plant. In the multinomial naïve Bayes method, a digital image with w-predictor variables is predicted as the j-th class of disease and pest of the corn plant  $(S_j)$  if the class of the image has a maximum posterior probability as written in Equation 1.

$$\arg \max P(S_j|X_1, ..., X_w) = \arg \max \frac{P(S_j)P(X_1, ..., X_w|S_j)}{P(X_1, ..., X_w)}$$

$$= \arg \max P(S_j)P(X_1, ..., X_w|S_j)$$
(1)

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SFP

FN

TN

TN

TN

TN

TN

HAP

FN

TN

TN

TN

TN

TN



|     | Prediction Class |     |    |
|-----|------------------|-----|----|
| LRD | DWD              | LBD | LP |

LRD

DWD

LBD

LP

SFP

HAP

Table 1. Confusion Matrix for the first class of disease and pest corn plant

Actual class

| Table 2. | Composition | of Learning | g and Testing | Data |
|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------|

|                  | Class      |            |            |                  |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Data             | 1<br>(LRD) | 2<br>(DWD) | 3<br>(LBD) | 4<br>(LP)        | 5<br>(SFP)       | 6<br>(HAP)       |
| Learning         | 39         | 78         | 70         | 86               | 238              | 96               |
| Testing<br>Total | 10<br>49   | 20<br>98   | 18<br>88   | $\frac{22}{108}$ | $\frac{60}{298}$ | $\frac{24}{120}$ |

FN

TN

TN

TN

TN

TN

FN

TN

TN

TN

TN

TN

FN

TN

TN

TN

TN

TN

TP

FΡ

FP

FP

$$\arg \max P(S_j|X_1, ..., X_w = \arg \max P(S_j) \prod_{d=1}^w P(X_d|C_j)$$
 (2)

Equations 1 become 2 because the denominator is a constant and independent assumption of conditional probability between the variables. Each of the prior probability  $P(S_j)$  and probability  $P(X_i|S_i)$  in 2 is defined as,

$$P(S_j) = \frac{\sum_{d=1}^{w} n(X_d|S_j) + 1}{n+s}$$
 (3)

$$P(X_d|S_j) = \frac{\sum_c^m n_c(X_d|S_j) + 1}{n(X_d|S_j) + m}$$
(4)

For each class,  $n_c(X_d|S_j)$  is the number of images of the j-th class in a variable  $X_d$  with category c,  $n_c \circ_d |C_j)$  is the number of the image in all variables X,  $n(S_j)$  is the number of images of the j-th class, m is the number of categories in the variable  $X_d$  and s is the total of corn plant disease and pest

It is essential to test Gaussian assumptions before implementing the Naïve Bayes method so that interpretation and inference are reliable or valid. There are three general ways to check Gaussian assumptions; Q-Q plots, histograms, and numerical method statistical tests, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure. There are a large number of normality tests available in the literature, but the last way is a more formal procedure.

based on the empirical distrition function (EDF). The test compares the estimated EDF based on the data with the Gaussian distribution's cumulative distraction function (CDF) to see a good match between the two. The Kolmogorov-Smirnov and the Cramer von Mises test are appropriate when the hypothesized Gaussian distribution parameters are fully known (Arnastauskaitė et al., 2021; Razali et al., 2011). Anderson-Darling test assesses whether the sample comes from a specific distribution (Adefisoye et al., 2016; Razali et al., 2011; Sibiya and Sumbwanyambe, 2019; Umar et al., 2020). In this research, the distribution in question is the Gaussian distribution, according to the assumptions of the Naïve Bayes method. Shapiro-Wilk and Jarque-Bera are tests based on skewness and kurtosis. Jarque-Bera test is based on the sample skewness and sample kurtosis, which uses the Lagrange multiplier procedure on the Pearson family of distributions to obtain tests for normality (Adefisoye et al., 2016). The Shapiro-Wilk test can detect deviations from the Gaussi 19 distribution due to skewness, kurtosis, or both (Adefisoye et al., 2016; Arnastauskaitė et al., 2021; Razali et al., 2011).

The null hypothesis of the inference is that 12 predictor variable follows a Gaussian distribution. The hypothesis is rejected if the p-value is smaller than the significant level of 5%. Suppose  $x_i$  is the 2h digital image pixel value for the predictor variable  $X_i$ ,  $F(x_i)$  is the cumulative distribution function,  $F(z_i)$  is the standard cumulative normal distribution function  $Z_i$  and n is the sample size. Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS), Cramer von Mises (CvM), and Anderson-Darling tests statistics are shown by (Adefisoye et al., 2016; Arnastauskaitė et al., 2021; Razali et al., 2011; Jäntschi and Bolboacă, 2018).

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**Table 3.** The Gaussian distribution assumption test

| TD                 | 15 R  |                       | G      |                        | В     |                       |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Test               | stat  | p-value               | stat   | p-value                | stat  | p-value               |
| Kolmogorov-Smirnov | 0.05  | $3.86 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.12   | $2.20 \times 10^{-16}$ | 0.07  | $2.34 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| Cramer von Mises   | 0.34  | $1.11 \times 10^{-4}$ | 2.19   | $7.37 \times 10^{-10}$ | 0.55  | $1.01 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| Anderson-Darling   | 2.31  | $7.22 \times 10^{-6}$ | 13.16  | $2.20 \times 10^{-16}$ | 3.31  | $2.78 \times 10^{-8}$ |
| Shapiro-Wilk       | 0.98  | $2.56 \times 10^{-5}$ | 0.93   | $1.81 \times 10^{-15}$ | 0.98  | $3.11 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| Jarque-Bera        | 14.78 | $2.50 \times 10^{-3}$ | 109.35 | $2.20 \times 10^{-16}$ | 20.06 | $2.00 \times 10^{-3}$ |

Table 4. Discretization of Learning Data

| Category | R               | Interval        | D               |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|          | K               | G               | В               |
| 1        | 79.10 - 95.60   | 82.69 - 99.72   | 36.63 - 55.12   |
| 2        | 95.61 - 112.11  | 99.73 - 116.74  | 55.12 - 73.61   |
| 3        | 112.12 - 128.62 | 116.75 - 133.77 | 73.62 - 92.09   |
| 4        | 128.62 - 145.13 | 133.78 - 150.80 | 92.10 - 110.58  |
| 5        | 145.14 - 161.64 | 150.81 - 167.82 | 110.59 - 129.07 |

$$KS = \frac{1 \le i \le n}{\max} (|F(z_i) - F_{ni-1}(x_i)|, |F(z_i) - F(x_i)|)$$
(5)

$$CvM = \frac{1}{12n} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( F(x_i) - \frac{2i-1}{2n} \right)^2$$
 (6)

$$AD = -n - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n} (2i - 1) \left( \ln(F(x_i)) + \ln(1 - F(x_{n-i+1})) \right)$$
 (7)

Let  $e = (e_1, e_2, ..., e_n)^T$  be the vector of the expected values of the order statistics of independent and identically distributed random variables sampled from the standard Gaussian distribution, and S be the covariance matrix of those order statistics. The constans  $a_i$  are defined as

$$(a_1, a_2, ..., a_n) = \frac{e^T S^{-1}}{(e^T S^{-1} S^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
 (8)

The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test is obtained using (Adefisoye et al., 2016),

$$SW = \frac{1}{D} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i (x_{n-1+i} - x_i) \right)^2$$
 (9)

where

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$
 (10)

Let  $m_2$ ,  $m_3$ , and  $m_4$  be the second, third, and fourth central moments. The equations  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are written as,

$$b_1 = \frac{m_3^2}{m_2^3} \tag{11}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{m_4}{m_2^3} \tag{12}$$

So the Jarque-Bera (JB) test is defined as,

$$JB = n \left( \frac{b_1}{6} + \frac{(b_2 - 3)^2}{24} \right) \tag{13}$$

Furthermore, if the predictor variables are not Gaussian distribution, this work implements the discretization process as formulated as SAS Institute Inc. (1999),

$$X_d = \text{Range}(X_d) + X_d^o \tag{14}$$

where,

$$Range(X_d) = \frac{\max(X_d^o) - \min(X_d^o)}{c(X_d)}$$
 (15)

 $X_d{}^o$  be the d-th predictor variable which represents the color pixel values in the interval scale. Variable  $X_d$  is variable  $X_d{}^o$  which is discretized as much as  $c(X_d)$  by using 8.

In the KNN method, a digital image with w-predictor variables is predicted as the *j*-th class of disease and pest of corn

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plant if the image in the j-th class has the closest Euclidean distance to k-neighbour. Let  $\mathbf{x}_{ia}$  be the i-th digital image pixel value  $X_i$  in training data and  $\mathbf{x}_{ib}$  be the i-th digital image pixel value  $\mathbf{X}_i$  in testing data, the Euclidean distance between  $\mathbf{x}_{ia}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{ib}$  is defined as Han et al. (2011),

$$d_j(x_{ia}, x_{ib}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ia} - x_{ib})^2}$$
 (16)

Next, the evaluation of methods' performance to predict the class of com plant disease and pest use measures accuracy, precision, recall, kappa, and AUC (Dinesh and Dash, 2016; Mishra et al., 2016; Karthik and Abhishek, 2019; Sokolova and Lapalme, 2009) based on the confusion matrix in Table 1 for the first class of disease and pest com plant. For another class, the measures are similar.

Accuracy = 
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{4} \frac{TP_{j} + TN_{j}}{TP_{j} + FP_{j} + FN_{j}TN}}{4}$$
 (17)

$$Precision = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{4} \frac{TP_j}{TP_j + FP_j}}{4}$$
 (18)

$$\operatorname{Recall} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{4} \frac{TP_j}{TP_j + FN_j}}{4} \tag{19}$$

$$F_1 Score = \frac{2 Precision(Recall)}{(Precision + Recall)}$$
 (20)

$$FPR = 1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{4} \frac{TN_j}{TP_j + FP_j}}{4}$$
 (21)

A receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve for a given model shows the trade-off between the recall and the false positive rate (FPR). FPR is the negation of specificity (TNR).

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Each digital image of 761 data on diseases and pests of corn plants is cropped and transformed into an RGB color space model with 32 x 32 pixels. The following is an example of a 32 x 32 matrix for each channel (component) R, G, and B from one of the Locusta Pest (LP) digital images,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 101 & 94 & 94 & \dots & 128 \\ 100 & 104 & 100 & \dots & 142 \\ 108 & 100 & 97 & \dots & 138 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 76 & 149 & 149 & \dots & 153 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 106 & 104 & 107 & \dots & 137 \\ 112 & 115 & 114 & \dots & 156 \\ 117 & 115 & 109 & \dots & 151 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 91 & 45 & 45 & \dots & 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

The pixel value of each component R, G, and B is the ave 24 value of all entries in the matrix 32x32.

The proposed validation model in this paper is a sub-sampling technique with a ratio of 70:30. Table 2 summarizes the composition of learning and testing data.

The Gaussian distribution assumption test, a requirement of the Naïve Bayes method, is presented in Table 3. The p-value for each component R, G, and B less than 5% in all tests indicates that all of these components are not Gaussian distribution.

Table 4 presents the discretizing components R, G, and B into five categories using equation (8). Each predictor variable has a different range of values in the same category.

This work also discretizes 25 lictor variables into 2 and 3 categories using equation (8). Table 5 presents the predictive per 28 nance of the MNB method for the three discretizations.

Based on Table 5, it can be seen that discretization into five categories has a lower performance measure than 2 and 3 categories. In both categories, all performance measures are the same, and only the AUC measure is different. AUC in 2 categories has a higher AUC. So, the MNB method with discretization into two categories has the highest prediction performance.

For the KNN method, we proposed a value of k=3,5,7,9,11 for the tuning system, where k is an odd number (because the number of classes in the dataset is even) starting from the smallest odd integer up to  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{n}$  (with rounding), n=532 is the number of training data from the composition of 70: 30. Prediction performance as is presented in Table 6. Based on Table 6, it can be seen that for k=3, the KNN method has the highest prediction performance.

Referring to Mishra et al. (2016), the performance of the KNN method is better than the performance of the MNB method. The performance of the MNB method in 2 categories was categorized as fair (AUC 70-80%), but the performance of the KNN method for all categories was categorized as excellent (AUC 90%). Likewise, when referring to (Karthik and Abhishek, 2019). The performance of the MNB method is categorized as good agreement (kappa 60-80%), but the performance of the KNN method for all *k* is categorized as very good (kappa 80%). Compared to Panigrahi et al. (2020), who also proposed

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**Table 5.** Prediction Performance using the MNB Method in Percentage

| Category | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F <sub>1</sub> -score | Kappa | AUC   |
|----------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| 2        | 92.72    | 79.88     | 79.24  | 78.17                 | 72.44 | 71.91 |
| 3        | 92.72    | 79.88     | 79.24  | 78.17                 | 72.44 | 71.76 |
| 5        | 88.94    | 69.75     | 64.76  | 66.81                 | 58.06 | 64.07 |

Table 6. Prediction Performance using the KNN Method in Percentage

| k  | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F <sub>1</sub> -score | Kappa | AUC   |
|----|----------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| 3  | 98.54    | 88.57     | 94.38  | 93.59                 | 94.3  | 95.45 |
| 5  | 98.11    | 87.57     | 93.4   | 92.51                 | 92.57 | 93.94 |
| 7  | 97.96    | 85.04     | 92.72  | 91.49                 | 92    | 92.42 |
| 9  | 97.67    | 84.16     | 91.32  | 90.64                 | 90.85 | 92.42 |
| 11 | 97.53    | 84.03     | 90.68  | 90.21                 | 90.28 | 92.42 |

the KNN and MNB methods to identify corn plant disease, the result of this work is better. As shown in Panigrahi et al. (2020), the performance measures for KNN are accuracy 76.16%, recall 75.00%, F<sub>1</sub>-score 76.00%, and NB are accuracy 77.46%, recall 78.00%, F<sub>1</sub>-score 75.50%.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Statistical machine learning has emerged as a critical component of modern scientific practice. Its presence enables automated techniques for predicting events, diagnosing phenomena, identifying objects based on prior observations, revealing hidden patterns in the data, and providing insight into the problem. Statistical machine learning methods have also been implemented for identifying corn plant diseases. In this work, we implement Multinomial Naïve Bayes and K-Nearest Neighbor methods to classify corn plant disease and pests. The results of our study have encouraging performance, especially the KNN method. The implementation of this method has a performance measure of the accuracy of 99.54%, a precision of 88.57%, recall 94.38%, F<sub>1</sub>-score 93.59%, kappa 94.30%, and AUC 95.45%. For the MNB method, the performance measures are accuracy of 92.72%, a precision of 79.88%, recall 79.24%, F<sub>1</sub>-score 78.17%, kappa 72.440%, and AUC 71.91%. These performance measures indicate the successful identification of corn plant diseases and pests. However, this success depends on the amount and quality of available data and the used statistical machine learning methods. The future work of this research is, first, collecting more quality data. Second, implement more other statistical machine learning methods. These works are expected to provide complete information about the best methods for identifying diseases and pests of the corn plant.

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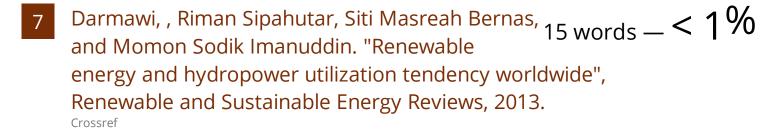
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