

Machine Learning and Deep Learning: Emerging Techniques, Applications, and Future Trends-A Comprehensive Review

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Abstract

Machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) have emerged as powerful paradigms in artificial intelligence, enabling systems to learn patterns from data and automate complex decision-making processes. This paper presents a comprehensive review of machine learning and deep learning approaches, focusing on their fundamental principles, commonly used techniques, and diverse real-world applications. The study discusses core ML algorithms, neural network architectures, and the role of deep learning models in solving complex problems such as image recognition, natural language processing, healthcare analytics, and recommendation systems. Furthermore, the paper highlights the key differences between traditional machine learning methods and deep learning models, emphasizing their strengths and limitations. Recent research trends, including explainable AI, transfer learning, and large-scale data-driven modeling, are also examined to provide insights into the evolving landscape of intelligent systems. By synthesizing findings from recent literature, this review aims to offer researchers and practitioners a clearer understanding of current developments and future opportunities in machine learning and deep learning technologies.

Keywords

Machine Learning; Deep Learning; Artificial Intelligence; Neural Networks; Explainable Artificial Intelligence; Intelligent Systems; Applications

Introduction

Artificial intelligence (AI) has evolved from a predominantly theoretical research area into a broad technological field that supports data-driven analysis, prediction, automation, and decision-making. Within this field, machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) have become central approaches for developing systems that can learn representations or decision rules from data. Their development has been supported by the increasing availability of digital data, advances in computing hardware, and improvements in optimization and learning algorithms. Consequently, ML and DL are now applied across diverse domains, including healthcare, finance, transportation, manufacturing, natural language processing (NLP), computer vision, and recommendation systems [1]. Although ML and DL are closely related, they differ substantially in their learning mechanisms, data requirements, feature representation, computational demands, and typical application settings. Conventional ML methods often depend on explicitly designed features

and can perform effectively on structured or relatively moderate-sized datasets. DL methods, in contrast, use multi-layer neural architectures to learn hierarchical representations directly from data and are particularly effective for high-dimensional and unstructured inputs such as images, speech, video, and text. These differences influence not only predictive performance but also model development cost, interpretability, scalability, and deployment requirements. The rapid expansion of ML and DL has also produced a diverse algorithmic landscape. Traditional approaches such as linear and logistic regression, decision trees, support vector machines (SVM), k-nearest neighbors (KNN), and ensemble methods remain important because of their relatively moderate computational requirements and, in several cases, greater interpretability. At the same time, neural architectures such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), generative adversarial networks (GANs), transformers, graph neural networks (GNNs), and diffusion models have expanded the range of problems that can be

addressed using learned representations [2] [3]. Emerging approaches increasingly combine these methods through hybrid architectures, transfer learning, self-supervised learning, federated learning, and other strategies intended to improve generalization, data efficiency, privacy, or computational efficiency.

Despite this progress, selecting an appropriate ML or DL approach remains dependent on the characteristics of the problem rather than on model complexity alone. Factors such as dataset size and quality, feature structure, availability of labels, computational resources, latency requirements, interpretability, privacy constraints, and the consequences of prediction errors can substantially affect the suitability of an algorithm. Moreover, high predictive performance does not necessarily imply reliable real-world deployment. Issues involving data bias, distribution shifts, explainability, privacy, security, computational cost, and responsible use remain important considerations [4] [5].

Although deep learning and machine learning are still in their infancy, they have the potential to dramatically transform of several industries. More investigation and creativity are needed to fully realize their potential and get over challenges like bias and data privacy concerns. However, these technologies have a bright future because new developments and uses are being found daily [6] [7]. The objectives of this review are therefore to: (i) clarify the conceptual and methodological relationship between ML and DL; (ii) organize and characterize major learning paradigms and algorithms; (iii) examine representative contemporary architectures and their application areas; (iv) compare the strengths, limitations, computational requirements, and deployment considerations of ML and DL approaches; and (v) identify emerging research directions and unresolved challenges. By structuring the literature around these dimensions, the review aims to provide a consolidated reference for researchers and practitioners while distinguishing established methodologies from rapidly developing approaches.

Background

Machine learning can be understood as a computational approach in which models learn relationships or patterns from data and subsequently use the learned representation to perform a specified task. Depending on the learning paradigm, the available data may contain explicit labels, partial labels, or no labels, while reinforcement-based approaches learn through interactions with an environment. The general learning process involves providing data to an algorithm, estimating model parameters during training, evaluating the resulting model using appropriate validation or test data, and applying the trained model to previously unseen inputs. Figure 1

illustrates the general relationship between data, learning, model training, and the resulting ML/DL model [8][72].

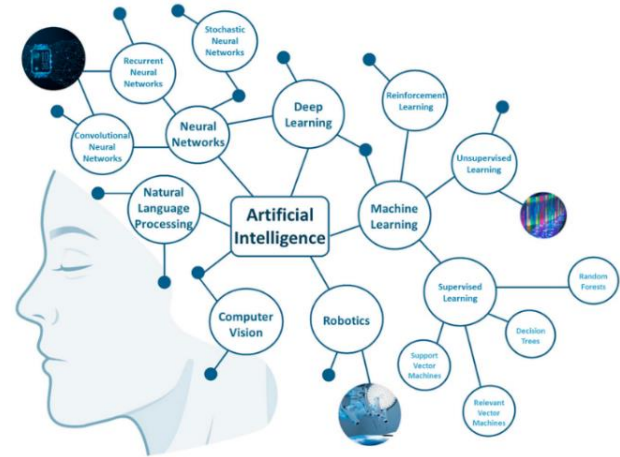


Figure 1: Introduction and how to train parts ML, DL, and AI from [72] under [CC BY](#)

The distinction between an algorithm and a trained model is important. An algorithm defines the procedure used to learn from data, whereas a trained model represents the parameters obtained after the learning procedure has been applied to a particular dataset. During training, model parameters are iteratively adjusted according to an objective or loss function. The resulting model can then be used for tasks such as classification, regression, prediction, pattern recognition, or decision-making. The effectiveness of this process depends on factors including data quality, model assumptions, feature representation, optimization, and the degree to which the training data represents the conditions encountered during deployment [9]. At a conceptual level, Artificial Intelligence is the broader field concerned with computational systems capable of performing tasks associated with intelligent behavior. Machine Learning constitutes a major approach within AI in which systems learn from data rather than relying exclusively on manually specified rules. Deep Learning is a specialized family of ML methods based primarily on multi-layer neural networks that learn hierarchical representations from data.

The AI–ML–DL relationship should not be interpreted simply as a progression in which DL is always preferable to conventional ML. Rather, each level represents a different scope and methodological emphasis. Traditional ML can be effective when the data are structured, the number of observations is limited, domain-specific features are informative, or interpretability and computational efficiency are important. DL becomes particularly useful when the problem involves complex, high-dimensional, or unstructured data and sufficient training data and computational resources are available.

ML methods can be further organized according to how learning signals are obtained. Supervised learning uses labeled examples to learn a mapping between inputs and target outputs and is commonly applied to classification and regression. Unsupervised learning seeks structure in unlabeled data through approaches such as clustering, association analysis, and dimensionality reduction. Semi-supervised learning combines a limited amount of labeled data with a larger quantity of unlabeled data, while reinforcement learning learns policies through interactions with an environment and feedback in the form of rewards or penalties. These paradigms provide complementary strategies for dealing with different forms of data availability and learning objectives.

Deep learning extends the representation-learning capability of ML through neural networks containing multiple computational layers. CNNs are particularly associated with spatial data and computer vision, whereas RNN-based architectures were developed for sequential data and temporal dependencies. GANs introduced an adversarial framework for learning data distributions and generating synthetic samples. More recent architectures and learning strategies, including transformers, GNNs, diffusion models, and self-supervised learning, have expanded deep learning beyond the conventional CNN/RNN framework. These developments are considered later in the review rather than being treated as isolated techniques [10].

The selection of an ML or DL approach consequently depends on the interaction between the learning objective, data characteristics, computational resources, and deployment requirements. This perspective provides the foundation for the subsequent discussion of learning paradigms, deep learning architectures, current algorithms, applications, and research trends.

Types of Machine Learning

Machine learning methods are commonly divided into four main categories according to the way models learn from data and interact with the environment. These categories are supervised learning, unsupervised learning, semi-supervised learning, and reinforcement learning.

A. Supervised machine learning

Supervised learning is a kind of machine learning that trains algorithms to identify patterns and predict outcomes using labeled information. Supervised learning algorithms, in contrast to unsupervised learning, get labeled training data to understand the connection between input and output [11]. Organizations can more

easily develop sophisticated models with precise prediction capabilities by using supervised machine learning techniques. They are therefore extensively utilized in a wide range of sectors and domains, including marketing, financial services, healthcare, and more.

The training phase involves feeding the algorithm labeled data, where each data point is coupled with its appropriate output. The algorithm gains the ability to recognize connections and patterns in the input and output data. In the testing phase, fresh, unseen data is fed into the algorithm, and its capacity to forecast the right result based on patterns learned is assessed.

By forecasting a categorical label or output variable from the input data, classification algorithms are used to group data. When output variables are categorical, that is, have two or more classes, classification is employed. Email spam filtering, picture recognition (such as face or object identification), medical diagnosis, fraud detection, document classification, sentiment analysis, and customer behavior prediction (such as churn modeling) are some of the machine learning applications of classification. To automate decision-making and boost productivity across a range of industries, these tasks entail training an algorithm on labeled data to predict discrete categories or classes for fresh, unseen data. In machine learning, classification uses techniques such as Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Random Forests, Decision Trees, and Logistic Regression to group data into predetermined categories. To predict the proper class for fresh, unseen data, these supervised learning approaches are trained using labeled datasets [12] [13].

In machine learning, regression is used to model relationships between variables and predict continuous outcomes. It finds applications in areas such as financial risk assessment, customer trend analysis, sales forecasting, price prediction (stocks, housing), marketing campaign effectiveness, and predictive maintenance. Regression models find patterns in previous data to forecast values and guide strategic business decisions [14]. The following are important methods: Ridge Regression and Lasso Regression for regularizing linear models; Polynomial Regression for curved relationships; Linear Regression for straight-line trends; and ensemble methods like Random Forest Regression for increased accuracy and robustness by combining multiple decision trees. For iterative feature selection, further methods include Stepwise Regression, Decision Tree Regression, and Support Vector Regression (SVR) [15]. Table 1 provides more information about supervised machine learning.

B. Unsupervised machine learning

One area of machine learning that works with unlabeled data is called unsupervised learning. Unsupervised learning algorithms are entrusted with identifying patterns and correlations within the data without any prior knowledge of the data's meaning, in contrast to supervised learning, where the data is labeled with a certain category or consequence. Without any human involvement—that is, without providing our model with output—unsupervised machine learning algorithms uncover hidden patterns in data. The training model finds the groups or patterns on its own using only the input parameter values [16]. Customer segmentation, which groups customers based on their behavior for targeted marketing, anomaly detection, which detects fraud or system problems, recommendation systems, which make product recommendations to users, and market basket analysis, which identifies connections between items purchased, are just a few of the many uses for unsupervised machine learning. Additional applications include computer vision for tasks like object recognition, medical imaging, scientific discovery to identify patterns in data, and natural language processing for text analysis and translation [17]. Unsupervised machine learning consists of the following parts:

- a) Clustering
- b) Association Rule Learning
- c) Dimensionality Reduction

a) Clustering: In unsupervised machine learning, clustering is the process of assembling unlabeled data into groups according to shared characteristics. Finding patterns and connections in the data without any prior understanding of its significance is the aim of clustering. Our machine learning model discovers that this strategy is generally used to categorize data according to various patterns, including similarities or contrasts. Raw, unclassified data objects are processed into categories using these techniques. Clustering approaches use algorithms like K-means and DBSCAN to arrange data into clusters based on similarities [18].

b) Association rule learning: In unsupervised machine learning, association rule learning, also referred to as association rule mining, is a popular method for finding

associations. This method is a rule-based machine learning technique that identifies some extremely helpful relationships between a vast dataset's parameters. This method is mostly applied to market basket analysis, which aids in a deeper comprehension of the connections among various products [19].

c) Dimensionality reduction: The process of lowering a dataset's feature count while maintaining the greatest amount of information is known as dimensionality reduction. By lowering the number of features while keeping crucial information, dimensionality reduction techniques, which use techniques like Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and autoencoders, simplify data. Data visualization and machine learning algorithm performance can both be enhanced with this method [20].

C. Semi-supervised learning

Semi-supervised learning is a special type of machine learning that combines a large amount of unlabeled data with a small amount of labeled data during training. Semi-supervised learning falls between supervised learning (using labeled training data) and unsupervised learning (using unlabeled training data). There are many practical uses for semi-supervised learning. In many domains, labeled data is scarce. Because they require expensive, time-consuming investigations, specialized equipment, or human annotators, it may be difficult to obtain the labels (target variable) [21]. Graph-Based Methods like Label Propagation (using graph structures to propagate labels between data points), Co-Training (training multiple models on different "views" of the data), and Self-Training (using a model to label its own unlabeled data for retraining) are examples of semi-supervised learning techniques that use a small amount of labeled data with a large amount of unlabeled data to improve model performance. Additional methods include generative models (like GANs), multi-view learning (which uses complementary information from many data views), and pseudo-labeling, which adds high-confidence predictions to the labeled set [22]. Table 1 provides more information about semi-supervised machine learning.

Table 1: Some characteristics of machine learning types.

Type of learning	Supervised learning	Unsupervised learning	Semi-supervised learning	Reinforcement learning
Objective	Build models that map inputs directly to known	Uncover natural structures, similarities, or	Improve results by combining limited labeled data with much	Optimize decisions by learning through

	results.	groupings in raw data.	more unlabeled data.	repeated interactions and feedback.
Data Requirement	Requires extensive labeled datasets.	Relies only on unlabeled datasets.	Needs both a small labeled portion and a larger unlabeled portion.	Requires environment-based experience data.
Accuracy	Typically, high when sufficient data is present.	Generally lower than supervised accuracy.	More accurate than unsupervised, approaching supervised levels.	Accuracy varies, but improves through exploration over time.
Complexity	Medium to advanced depending on architecture.	Moderate complexity, often simpler than deep supervised models.	More advanced than either supervised or unsupervised alone.	Very complex due to dynamic and sequential nature.
Techniques	Classification (for predicting categorical values), and Regression (for predicting continuous values).	Clustering includes: K-means, DBSCAN, and Hierarchical	graph-based label propagation, co-training, and self-training.	Temporal Difference (TD) learning, Monte Carlo methods, and Dynamic Programming
Classes	Works with fixed, predefined classes.	Number of clusters not predefined.	Uses available labeled classes while inferring hidden ones.	Depends on defined states and possible actions.
Outputs	Produces labels or continuous numeric predictions.	Outputs groupings, clusters, or compressed features.	Generates predictions along with structural insights.	Produces strategies or policies that maximize cumulative rewards.

D. Reinforcement learning

Reinforcement learning (RL) is one type of machine learning process that emphasizes the decision-making of autonomous agents. An autonomous agent is any system that can make decisions and react to its environment without direct human user instruction. Autonomous agents

include things like self-driving cars and robots. Without any assistance from a human user, an autonomous agent learns to complete a task through trial and error in reinforcement learning. Table 1 shows the pseudocode of Reinforcement Learning using Q-Learning.

Table 2: The pseudocode of Reinforcement Learning using Q-Learning

Algorithm: Reinforcement Learning using Q-Learning Input: - Environment - Learning rate α - Discount factor γ - Exploration rate ϵ - Number of episodes E Output: - Trained Q-table / RL model 1. Initialize $Q(s, a)$ for all states s and actions a 2. For episode = 1 to E do: 3. Initialize the environment - Get initial state s 4. While the episode is not finished do: # Action Selection 5. Select action a using ϵ-greedy policy: - With probability ϵ: - Choose a random action - Otherwise: - Choose action with maximum $Q(s, a)$ # Environment Interaction 6. Perform action a in the environment 7. Observe: - Next state s' - Reward r - Done status # Q-value Update 8. Calculate the target: - Target $\leftarrow r + \gamma \times \max_{a'} Q(s', a')$ 9. Update Q-value: $Q(s, a) \leftarrow Q(s, a) + \alpha \times [\text{Target} - Q(s, a)]$ 10. Set current state: $s \leftarrow s'$ 11. End While 12. Reduce exploration rate ϵ 13. End For 14. Return the trained Q-table / RL model End Algorithm
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Sequential decision-making issues in uncertain environments are specifically addressed. Model-based or model-free, value-based, policy-based, or actor-critic approaches, as well as on-policy or off-policy learning, are several types of reinforcement learning (RL) methodologies [23]. Important methods include Q-learning for discrete environments, policy gradient methods for continuous action spaces, Monte Carlo methods and Temporal Difference (TD) learning for experience-based learning, and Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL), which enhances these methods using deep neural networks. Table

2 provides the pseudocode of Reinforcement Learning using Q-Learning.

There are two general methods by which an agent collects data for learning policies:

- Online: In this case, an agent directly gathers data by engaging with its surroundings. As the agent keeps engaging with that environment, this data is gathered and analyzed iteratively.

- Offline: When an agent lacks direct access to an environment, it can nonetheless learn from the environment's logged data. Offline learning is what this is. Due to the practical challenges of training models through direct contact with environments, a significant portion of research has shifted to offline learning [24].

Deep Learning Architectures

Deep learning is a subfield of machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) that mimics how the human brain functions, allowing computers to identify complex patterns that result in discoveries and solutions. A deep learning model is a group of nodes that connect and layer in neural networks, much like the human brain. These networks transmit and receive data as it passes through each layer to identify patterns. Deep learning models employ many types of neural networks to achieve certain objectives [25]. Deep learning models work by interacting with vast data sets and finding patterns and solutions from them through learning techniques akin to what people naturally do. They process and parse data sets using artificial neural networks (ANNs). The networks operate utilizing algorithms, which let the computer adapt, learn, and accomplish difficult tasks on its own without needing a person to guide the learning [26]. Figure 2 explains the process of deep learning and machine learning [14].

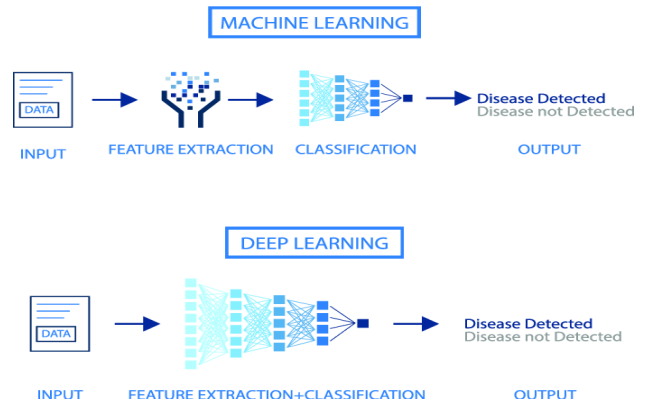


Figure 2: Machine learning and deep learning process. Reproduced from [14] under [CC BY 4.0](#).

A. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

Neural networks, a branch of machine learning, are the foundation of deep learning methods. Their node levels consist of an input layer, one or more hidden layers, and an output layer. Each node is linked to all other nodes and has a weight and threshold. If a node's output surpasses the specified threshold value, it is activated and transmits data to the next tier of the network. If not, no data is moved to the next tier of the network [27].

Although feedforward networks were the main topic of our discussion, there are other types of neural nets that are used for various data types and applications. Convolutional neural networks, also referred to as CNNs or ConvNets, are more commonly utilized in computer vision and classification applications, whereas recurrent neural networks are commonly used in speech recognition and natural language processing. Before CNNs, tedious, manual feature extraction methods were used to identify objects in images. However, convolutional neural networks now provide a more scalable approach for image classification and object recognition applications by employing ideas from linear algebra, specifically matrix multiplication, to identify patterns in a picture. Table 3 provides more information about Deep Learning (Applications, Methods, and Techniques). However, because they use graphics processing units (GPUs) to train models, they can be computationally taxing [28] [29]. Figure 3 explains the process of convolutional neural networks. When it comes to image, speech, or audio signal inputs, convolutional neural networks perform better than other neural networks [30]. They have three main types of layers, which are:

- Convolutional layer
- Pooling layer
- Fully-connected (FC) layer

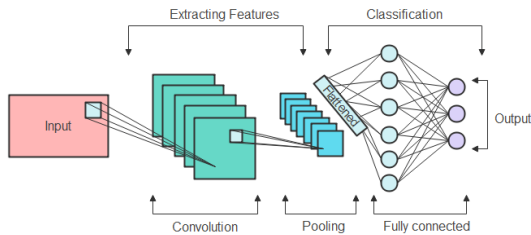


Figure 3: Convolutional Neural Networks process from [73] under [CC BY-NC-ND 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/)

As shown in Figure 3, A convolutional network's convolutional layer is its initial layer. The fully-connected layer is the last, although convolutional layers may be

followed by other convolutional layers or pooling layers [73]. The CNN becomes more complex with each layer, recognizing larger image areas. Simple elements like colors and edges are the emphasis of earlier layers. As the image moves through its layers, the CNN begins to identify the object's major components or shapes, eventually recognizing the target object. Table 3 explains more about CNN in pseudocode.

Table 3: The pseudocode of Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

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Algorithm: Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
Input:
  Training dataset (X, Y)
  Learning rate  $\alpha$ 
  Number of epochs E
  Batch size B
Output:
  Trained CNN model
1. Initialize CNN parameters:
   - Convolution filters/weights
   - Biases
   - Fully connected layer weights
2. For epoch = 1 to E do:
3. Divide training data into batches of size B
4. For each batch (X_batch, Y_batch) do:
   # Forward Propagation
5. Apply convolution operation:
   FeatureMaps  $\leftarrow$  Convolution(X_batch, Filters)
6. Apply activation function:
   ActivatedMaps  $\leftarrow$  ReLU(FeatureMaps)
7. Apply pooling:
   PooledMaps  $\leftarrow$  MaxPooling(ActivatedMaps)
8. Flatten the pooled feature maps:
   Flattened  $\leftarrow$  Flatten(PooledMaps)
9. Pass flattened data through fully connected layer:
   Output  $\leftarrow$  FullyConnected(Flattened)
10. Apply Softmax to obtain class probabilities:
   Predictions  $\leftarrow$  Softmax(Output)
   # Loss Calculation
11. Calculate loss:
   Loss  $\leftarrow$  CrossEntropy(Predictions, Y_batch)
   # Backward Propagation
12. Compute gradients of Loss with respect to
    all weights and biases
   # Parameter Update
13. Update weights and biases:
   Weights  $\leftarrow$  Weights -  $\alpha \times$  WeightGradients
   Biases  $\leftarrow$  Biases -  $\alpha \times$  BiasGradients
14. End For
15. Evaluate model performance on validation data
16. End For
17. Return the trained CNN model
End Algorithm

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B. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

The way that RNNs process information is different from that of conventional neural networks. RNNs feed information back into the network at every stage, whereas ordinary neural networks only carry information in one direction, from input to output [31]. Imagine trying to guess the next word in a sentence by reading it aloud and remembering the words that came before it in addition to the current word. Similarly, RNNs take into account all of the previous words to determine the most likely next word by "remembering" past information and transferring the output from one phase as input to the next. The network can better comprehend context and make predictions because of this memory of earlier stages [32].

While the input and output topologies of RNNs are similar to those of other deep learning architectures, the information flow from input to output is very different, as opposed to conventional deep neural networks, which have unique weight matrices for every dense layer. RNNs can retain information over sequences because they employ common weights across time steps. [33]. Figure 4 explains the process of Recurrent Neural Networks.

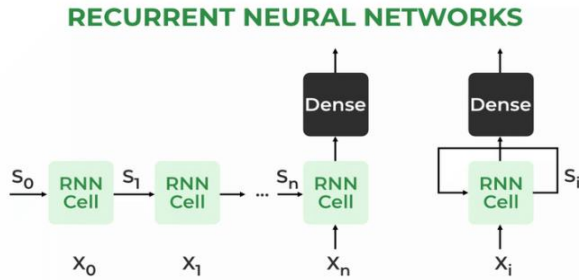


Figure 4: Recurrent Neural Networks process from [74] under [CC BY RNNP](#)

As shown in Figure 4, RNNs process units with a fixed activation function at each time step [74]. These units store information from earlier time steps in an internal concealed state that serves as memory. The network can store historical information in this memory and adjust to fresh inputs. Table 4 is explained in pseudocode for an RNN.

Table 4: The pseudocode of Algorithm: Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

Algorithm: Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) Input: - Training dataset X - Target labels Y - Learning rate α - Number of epochs E - Sequence length T
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Output:

Trained RNN model

1. Initialize:
 - Input-to-hidden weights W_{xh}
 - Hidden-to-hidden weights W_{hh}
 - Hidden-to-output weights W_{hy}
 - Hidden bias b_h
 - Output bias b_y
 2. For epoch = 1 to E do:
 3. For each input sequence $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T)$ do:
 4. Initialize hidden state:

$$h_0 \leftarrow 0$$
 - # Forward Propagation
 5. For $t = 1$ to T do:
 6. Calculate hidden state:

$$h_t \leftarrow \tanh(W_{xh} \times x_t + W_{hh} \times h_{t-1} + b_h)$$
 7. Calculate output:

$$y_t \leftarrow W_{hy} \times h_t + b_y$$
 8. Apply activation function:

$$\text{Prediction}_t \leftarrow \text{Softmax}(y_t)$$
 9. End For
 - # Loss Calculation
 10. Calculate total loss:

$$\text{Loss} \leftarrow \text{CrossEntropy}(\text{Predictions}, Y)$$
 - # Backward Propagation Through Time
 11. Compute gradients of Loss with respect to:

$$W_{xh}, W_{hh}, W_{hy}, b_h, b_y$$
 12. Update parameters:

$$W_{xh} \leftarrow W_{xh} - \alpha \times \partial \text{Loss} / \partial W_{xh}$$

$$W_{hh} \leftarrow W_{hh} - \alpha \times \partial \text{Loss} / \partial W_{hh}$$

$$W_{hy} \leftarrow W_{hy} - \alpha \times \partial \text{Loss} / \partial W_{hy}$$

$$b_h \leftarrow b_h - \alpha \times \partial \text{Loss} / \partial b_h$$

$$b_y \leftarrow b_y - \alpha \times \partial \text{Loss} / \partial b_y$$
 13. End For
 14. Evaluate the RNN on validation data
 15. End For
 16. Return the trained RNN model
- End Algorithm

C. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

By finding patterns in pre-existing training datasets, a machine learning model known as a generative adversarial network (GAN) is designed to generate realistic data. It operates as two neural networks: one of which generates data and the other detects whether the data is generated or real, by utilizing deep learning techniques and an unsupervised learning framework [34]. Even though deep learning has excelled in tasks like picture classification and speech recognition, the complexity of computations in generative models has made it more challenging to generate new data, including realistic images or text [35].

The discriminator network and the generator network are

the two deep neural networks that make up a GAN architecture. Starting with random input (noise), the generator creates synthetic data such as text, images, or sound that replicates the actual data from the training set as part of the GAN training process. The discriminator determines if the data from the training set and the generated samples are authentic or fraudulent [36] [37]. Figure 5 explains the process of a generative adversarial network.

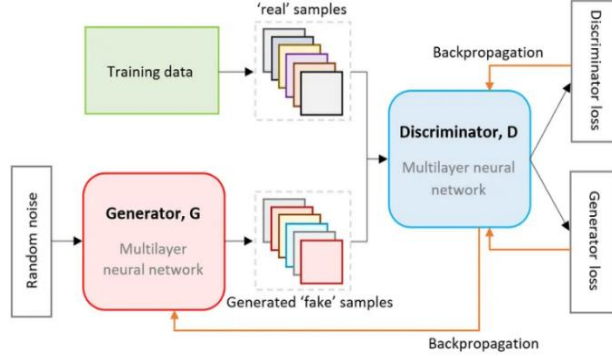


Figure 5: Generative Adversarial Network paradigm from [75] under [CC BY GAN P](#)

An adversarial approach is used to train a GAN architecture. As shown in Figure 5, while the discriminator progressively enhances its capacity to discern between real and fake data, the generator model attempts to fool the discriminator into classifying fake data as real [75]. Table 5 focuses more on the subject through pseudocode.

Table 5: The pseudocode of Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

Algorithm: Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

Input:

Training dataset X
Number of epochs E
Batch size B
Learning rate α

Output:

Trained Generator G
Trained Discriminator D

1. Initialize:

- Generator G
- Discriminator D
- Random noise vector z

2. For epoch = 1 to E do:

3. For each batch of real data X_{real} do:

Step 1: Train the Discriminator

4. Generate random noise:

$z \leftarrow \text{RandomNoise}()$

5. Generate fake data:

$X_{\text{fake}} \leftarrow G(z)$

6. Calculate discriminator output for real data:

$D_{\text{real}} \leftarrow D(X_{\text{real}})$

7. Calculate discriminator output for fake data:

$D_{\text{fake}} \leftarrow D(X_{\text{fake}})$

8. Calculate discriminator loss:

$\text{Loss}_D \leftarrow -[\log(D_{\text{real}}) + \log(1 - D_{\text{fake}})]$

9. Compute gradients of Loss_D

10. Update discriminator parameters:

$D_{\text{parameters}} \leftarrow D_{\text{parameters}} - \alpha \times \text{Gradient}(\text{Loss}_D)$

Step 2: Train the Generator

11. Generate new random noise:

$z \leftarrow \text{RandomNoise}()$

12. Generate fake data:

$X_{\text{fake}} \leftarrow G(z)$

13. Pass fake data through discriminator:

$D_{\text{fake}} \leftarrow D(X_{\text{fake}})$

14. Calculate generator loss:

$\text{Loss}_G \leftarrow -\log(D_{\text{fake}})$

15. Compute gradients of Loss_G

16. Update generator parameters:
 $G_{\text{parameters}} \leftarrow G_{\text{parameters}} - \alpha \times \text{Gradient}(\text{Loss}_G)$

17. End For

18. Evaluate generated samples

19. End For

20. Return trained Generator G and Discriminator D

End Algorithm

Loss functions, which gauge each network's performance, serve as a guide for this procedure. The generator's ability to fool the discriminator into thinking its data is authentic is measured by a generator loss. A minimal generator loss indicates that realistic data is being successfully produced by the generator. The discriminator's ability to discern between authentic and fraudulent data is measured by a discriminator loss. The ability of the discriminator to detect phony data is indicated by a low discriminator loss. Table 6 provides more information about Deep Learning (Applications, Methods, and Techniques)

Table 6: Deep Learning Applications, Methods, and Techniques

Deep Learning Type	Applications	Methods	Techniques
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)	Used for tasks such as tracking faces, evaluating medical scans, identifying things in images, and deciphering films.	Convolutional layers, pooling layers, activation layers that downsample the feature maps, and fully connected layers.	Backpropagation for training, kernels for convolution, and data augmentation to increase dataset size.
Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)	Natural Language Processing (NLP), Speech Recognition and Synthesis, Time-Series Analysis and Forecasting, Music Generation, and Video Analysis and Action Recognition.	Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT), hidden state, and a feedback loop.	Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) to handle long-term dependencies.
Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)	Numerous computer vision applications, including image production, object identification, image-to-image translation, text-to-image generation, and video frame prediction.	Use two competing neural networks—the discriminator and the generator—in a game-theoretic manner.	Employ a discriminator and a generator, two rival neural networks, to produce fresh data.

The Technical Modern Architectures

Self-supervised learning: SSL is a machine learning technique that uses unsupervised learning for tasks that conventionally require supervised learning. Rather than relying on labeled datasets for supervisory signals, self-supervised models generate implicit labels from unstructured data. Self-supervised learning (SSL) is particularly useful in fields such as computer vision and natural language processing (NLP), which require large amounts of labeled data to train state-of-the-art artificial intelligence (AI) models. Because these labeled datasets require time-consuming annotation by human experts, gathering sufficient data can be prohibitively difficult. Self-supervised approaches can be more time- and cost-effective, as they replace some or all of the need to label training data manually [38].

Transformer Model: The transformer model is a type of neural network architecture that excels at processing

sequential data, most prominently associated with large language models (LLMs). Transformer models have also achieved elite performance in other fields of artificial intelligence (AI), such as computer vision, speech recognition, and time series forecasting [39].

Graph neural networks (GNNs): GNNs are a deep neural network architecture that is popular both in practical applications and cutting-edge machine learning research. They use a neural network model to represent data about entities and their relationships. They're useful for real-world data mining, understanding social networks, knowledge graphs, recommender systems, and bioinformatics [40].

Diffusion models: Diffusion models are generative models used primarily for image generation and other computer vision tasks. Diffusion-based neural networks are trained through deep learning to progressively “diffuse” samples with random noise, then reverse that diffusion process to generate high-quality images [41].

Federated and privacy-preserving learning:

Federated learning is an approach to machine learning

that involves training a model without the centralized collection of training data. In federated learning, a central server sends a copy of a partially trained model to each participant and collects model updates instead of data. Each participant constructs its model update by training the model locally on its own data - which it never shares. The resulting model updates can be aggregated and assembled to construct an improved global model. Additional PETs can be ‘layered’ on top of federated learning to guard against reconstruction of sensitive data from model updates or outputs – this is privacy-preserving federated learning (PPFL). This type of scenario was the focus of the UK-US PETs Prize Challenges, which concluded last year, and we are exploring the lessons from this in an ongoing blog series with the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) [42].

Trustworthy AI refers to artificial intelligence systems that are explainable, fair, interpretable, robust, transparent, safe, and secure. These qualities create trust and confidence in AI systems among stakeholders and end users.

Trustworthy artificial intelligence, or TAI, can mitigate the potential risks that are associated with the deployment of AI models. These AI risks include harm to people, organizations, and ecosystems. When such harms take place, they can undermine not only trust in specific AI models but in artificial intelligence overall [43].

Trustworthy AI frameworks can help guide organizations in their development, adoption, and evaluation of AI technologies. Several government and intergovernmental organizations have established such frameworks, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in the United States, the European Commission’s High-Level Expert Group on AI, and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Additionally, businesses can implement different strategies and tools to improve the trustworthiness of their AI systems. For example, continuous monitoring, documentation, and AI governance frameworks can all help minimize risk [44].

Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI)

Explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) refers to approaches that make the reasoning, predictions, or decision processes of machine learning and deep learning models more understandable to users and other stakeholders. XAI is particularly relevant to complex

models whose internal representations are difficult to interpret directly. Explainability can support transparency, model evaluation, error analysis, and informed human oversight, especially in applications where understanding the basis of a prediction is important.

XAI should therefore be considered as an important component of trustworthy AI rather than as a separate performance objective. The literature discussed in this review links explainability with broader requirements such as fairness, robustness, transparency, safety, and security. Practical implementation may involve selecting appropriate explanation methods, documenting model behavior, and continuously monitoring AI systems to support responsible deployment [43][44].

Current ML and DL Algorithms

Over the past few years, given the rapid pace of development from 2021 to 2025, monitoring these trends has become increasingly complex. Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) have progressed from niche, experimental tools into fundamental elements of intelligent systems. Deep learning and machine learning are two areas of artificial intelligence that have attracted a lot of attention recently. One technique for data analysis that automates the creation of analytical models is machine learning. Without explicit programming, it enables computers to automatically learn from experience and get better. On the other hand, deep learning is a subfield of machine learning that uses neural networks to address difficult problems. Deep learning models may learn from unstructured and unlabeled data, drawing inspiration from the structure and function of the human brain [45].

The corpus of research on machine learning and deep learning is vast and rapidly growing. Due to advancements in processing power and data accessibility, both fields have seen considerable growth in recent years. One of the key benefits of machine learning and deep learning is their ability to autonomously learn from data without the need for explicit programming. Because of this, they are especially helpful in applications where a lot of data is available, such as recommendation systems, natural language processing, and image or audio recognition [46].

In recent years, research and development in the domains of deep learning and machine learning have significantly increased. The growing availability of data and computing power has allowed researchers to develop more complex models and algorithms, leading to significant breakthroughs in a variety of industries [47].

Natural language processing (NLP) is one field of study that has advanced significantly. Researchers have created more precise and effective language models with the use of deep learning models like transformers and recurrent neural networks (RNNs). These models could help automate customer service, enabling more advanced search engines and virtual assistants, and enhance human-machine interactions [48]. FedMedFormer-XAI is an integrated healthcare artificial intelligence framework combining federated learning, multimodal transformers, diffusion models, graph neural networks (GNNs), and explainable artificial intelligence (XAI). Its purpose is to support diabetes prediction and personalized medication recommendation while addressing patient privacy, heterogeneous healthcare data, class imbalance, and model interpretability. The framework aims to improve diabetes prediction by integrating different healthcare data modalities, using diffusion models for synthetic data augmentation, and applying federated learning for privacy-preserving collaboration. Graph-based learning supports medication recommendation, while XAI techniques, including SHAP and Integrated Gradients, help interpret predictions and identify influential features. The study reports 94.2% accuracy, 92.9% F1-score, and 0.96 AUC-ROC for diabetes prediction [49].

Computer vision is another field that has advanced significantly. Researchers have created more precise models for object detection and image categorization with the use of convolutional neural networks (CNNs). These models could help with autonomous driving, enhance medical imaging analysis, and enable more effective manufacturing quality control. Apart from their diverse uses, machine learning and deep learning have sparked worries about things like bias, transparency, and data privacy. Developing ethical frameworks and norms is essential to ensuring the proper use of these technologies, as their application in a variety of industries is growing [50]. All things considered, the literature now available on machine learning and deep learning emphasizes their potential to disrupt the world and change a variety of industries. Further research and development are required to fully realize their potential and overcome challenges like prejudice and data privacy issues [51].

One of the most significant advances in deep learning is the invention of Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs). GANs are made up of two neural networks that cooperate: a discriminator network that determines if the generated data is authentic or fraudulent, and a generator network that creates data samples. GANs have been

applied to a wide range of tasks, including creating realistic human faces, transferring styles, and creating images and videos. However, there are worries that GANs could be abused for nefarious ends, including producing fake news or deepfakes [52].

Another area of deep learning research is reinforcement learning (RL). Reinforcement learning (RL) is a branch of machine learning that teaches an agent to make decisions based on rewards and penalties. Robotics, gaming, and finance are just a few of the fields where RL has been effectively used. For instance, DeepMind's deep reinforcement learning (RL) system AlphaGo defeated the world champion in the board game Go, and its offspring AlphaZero went on to defeat other games without knowing the rules beforehand [53].

Finally, the literature discusses the impact of machine learning and deep learning on employment and the workforce. These technologies could lead to new employment prospects, but they also threaten jobs that can be mechanized. Calls for the creation of programs and policies to deal with the possible disruption to the labor market have resulted from this [54].

The significant advancements in deep learning and machine learning in recent years, as well as their potential to revolutionize several industries, are highlighted in the literature analysis's conclusion. However, there are also problems and issues that need to be fixed to ensure their proper use. To fully realize their potential while resolving moral, legal, and social concerns, more study and development are required. Table 7 presents a purposive set of representative recent studies selected to illustrate methodological and application diversity rather than to provide an exhaustive inventory or a ranking of algorithms. Selection was guided by four criteria: (i) relevance to a major ML/DL method or emerging learning strategy discussed in this review; (ii) publication recency, with emphasis on 2022–2025 studies available in the manuscript's evidence base; (iii) inclusion of an identifiable empirical result, methodological contribution, comparative analysis, or responsible-AI consideration; and (iv) coverage of multiple application domains, including healthcare, social media, transportation, engineering, forecasting, materials discovery, and general machine learning. The selection therefore does not imply that the number of studies for a technique reflects its importance or research volume. [55] [56] [57] [58] [59] [60] [61] [62] [63] [64] [65] [66] [67] [68] [69] [70][71].

Table 7: Recent advances in ML and DL Techniques.

Authors & Years	Techniques	Key Findings	Selection rationale
Rakibul Islam, et al. (2025) [55]	Review of Machine Learning (ML), Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), and Data-driven methods	ML is a game-changing strategy for power system control; it ensures consistent power input/output and enables autonomous defect detection.	Included to represent conventional ML/ANN methods in an engineering and control setting and to broaden the table beyond healthcare and vision applications.
Matthew G. Hanna, et al. (2025) [56]	Ethical review of AI/ML in pathology	As AI gains prominence in medicine, scrutiny of ethical implications and potential biases in integrated models is required.	Included because responsible and ethical evaluation is part of the review scope and provides evidence on bias and deployment considerations in healthcare.
Janosh Riebesell, et al. (2025) [57]	Matbench Discovery evaluation framework for crystal stability	The framework addresses the disconnect between thermodynamic stability and formation energy, providing a benchmarking task for materials discovery.	Included to demonstrate ML benchmarking outside conventional classification tasks and to show the breadth of ML in scientific/materials discovery.
Ilan Price, et al. (2025) [58]	GenCast (probabilistic ML weather model)	The GenCast model outperforms the ENS average-pooled CRPS on 97.6% of targets.	Included to represent probabilistic ML and forecasting, illustrating that the review covers predictive modeling beyond classification.
Darbaz M. Hussein & Hakem Beitollahi. (2022) [59]	Hybrid Deep Learning (LSTM, CNN, ANN, Feature Selection)	The hybrid model achieved an accuracy of approximately 98% in detecting abnormal social media actions...	Included because it directly represents a hybrid DL application using CNN, LSTM, and ANN components and is closely aligned with the manuscript's discussion of hybrid architectures.
Vishal Borate, et al. (2025) [60]	Lung-GAN (combines GANs with CNNs)	The Lung-GAN framework achieved a classification accuracy of 98.1% for lung cancer detection.	Included as a recent GAN–CNN application in medical imaging, representing generative/augmentation-oriented DL and computer-vision applications.
Kerem Gencer, et al. (2025) [61]	GANs for data augmentation, Denoising Autoencoders, and Transfer Learning (EfficientNetB0).	The framework reached a diabetic retinopathy classification accuracy of 94.8%.	Included to represent the combination of GAN-based augmentation, denoising, and transfer learning in medical image classification.

L. Godlin Atlas, et al. (2025) [62]	BiGRU feature extractor and RNN-based LSTM classifier	The BiGRU and LSTM-based model achieved an accuracy of 92.21%.	Included to represent recurrent sequence modeling and the use of BiGRU/LSTM combinations for sequential classification.
Baiju Babu Vimala, et al. (2023) [63]	Transfer Learning using EfficientNet family (B0 to B4)	The fine-tuned EfficientNetB2 model achieved a peak accuracy of 98.85%.	Included to represent transfer learning and demonstrate how pretrained CNN-based architectures can reduce data and training requirements.
Vandana Singh, et al. (2025) [64]	Hybrid CNN-GRU-LSTM model	The hybrid CNN-GRU-LSTM model reduced traffic prediction error values (MAE and RMSE) by 30–35%.	Included to represent hybrid temporal architectures and an applied transportation forecasting task.
Xiaomei Wang, Ijaz Ahmad, et al. (2022) [65]	Intelligent Hybrid Deep Learning Model	The intelligent hybrid deep learning model reached an accuracy of 99.12% in breast cancer detection.	Included because it represents hybrid DL in a clinically important image-classification problem and connects directly to the healthcare emphasis of the review.
Timothy C. Frommeyer, Michael M. Gilbert, et al. (2025) [66]	Reinforcement Learning (RL) systematic review	Explores RL's clinical applications in precision medicine and dynamic treatment regimens within healthcare.	Included to represent reinforcement learning as a distinct learning paradigm and its emerging healthcare applications.
Junyao Ding, Jianchao Du, et al. (2025) [67]	Two-stage feature selection (Random Forest & Improved Genetic Algorithm)	The two-stage feature selection method achieved an average accuracy of 98.24%.	Included to represent feature-selection/model-combination strategies that connect conventional ML with optimization for predictive tasks.
Mohamed M. Abdelkader & Árpád Csámer. (2025) [68]	Logistic Regression (LR), Random Forest (RF), and Support Vector Machine (SVM)	All three machine learning models achieved high performance with ROC-AUC values exceeding 0.90.	Included to provide a direct comparison of widely used conventional ML algorithms rather than focusing only on deep architectures.
Navita, Pooja Mittal, et al. (2025) [69]	Hybrid Machine Learning (SMOTE-ENN & Chi-square feature selection)	The advanced hybrid machine learning model achieved an accuracy of 98.71%.	Included to represent preprocessing, class-imbalance handling, and feature-selection strategies used with hybrid ML pipelines.
Alireza Golkarieh,	Semi-supervised GAN (SS-GAN) & Artificial	The enhanced SS-GAN model achieved an accuracy	Included because it represents semi-supervised and generative learning in

Parsa Razmara, et al. (2025) [70]	Bee Colony (ABC) algorithm	of 96.53% for melanoma detection.	medical diagnosis, complementing the supervised and hybrid studies.
Sadullah Çelik, Bilge Doğanlı, et al. (2025) [71]	Comparative Machine Learning algorithm analysis	The Random Forest algorithm was identified as the most effective model with an accuracy of 94.12%.	Included to provide comparative evidence across conventional ML algorithms and to avoid treating any single algorithm as universally optimal.

Applications of Machine Learning and Deep Learning

Machine learning and deep learning technologies have been widely adopted across numerous industries due to their ability to analyze large volumes of data, identify complex patterns, and support intelligent decision-

making. These technologies enable automation, predictive analytics, and advanced data-driven solutions in various real-world applications. Some of the most significant application areas are discussed below in Table 8.

Table 8: Applications of Machine Learning and Deep Learning Across Different Industries

Industry	Machine Learning / Deep Learning Applications	Example Tasks
Healthcare	Disease prediction, medical image analysis, personalized medicine	Cancer detection from medical images, patient risk prediction, drug discovery
Finance	Fraud detection, credit scoring, risk analysis, stock market prediction	Detecting fraudulent transactions, loan approval prediction
Retail and E-commerce	Customer behavior analysis, recommendation systems, demand forecasting	Product recommendation, personalized advertising
Natural Language Processing	Language understanding and generation	Machine translation, sentiment analysis, chatbots, text summarization
Computer Vision	Image and video analysis	Facial recognition, object detection, image classification
Transportation	Intelligent transportation systems and autonomous vehicles	Self-driving cars, traffic prediction, route optimization
Agriculture	Smart farming and crop monitoring	Crop disease detection, yield prediction,

		soil analysis
Cybersecurity	Threat detection and anomaly detection	Malware detection, network intrusion detection
Manufacturing	Industrial automation and predictive maintenance	Equipment failure prediction, quality inspection
Education	Intelligent tutoring systems and learning analytics	Personalized learning systems, student performance prediction

Discussion and Challenges

Machine learning and deep learning represent two closely related but distinct branches of artificial intelligence that have significantly advanced modern intelligent systems. This review analyzed various learning paradigms, including supervised learning, unsupervised learning, semi-supervised learning, and reinforcement learning, which form the fundamental framework of machine learning methodologies. Each learning paradigm plays a unique role in solving different types of problems such as classification, clustering, prediction, and decision-making.

In addition to traditional machine learning approaches, deep learning architectures such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in handling complex and large-scale data. CNNs are widely applied in image recognition and computer vision tasks, while RNNs are particularly effective in processing sequential data such as natural language and speech. GANs have opened new possibilities in data generation, simulation, and synthetic data creation.

The review also highlights the widespread applications of machine learning and deep learning across various domains, including healthcare, finance, agriculture, recommendation systems, natural language processing, and image and speech recognition. These technologies have enabled organizations to extract valuable insights from large datasets and automate complex decision-making processes.

Despite their remarkable success, several challenges remain. One major challenge is the requirement for large volumes of high-quality data to train effective models. The performance of both machine learning and deep learning models strongly depends on the diversity and

quality of training data. Techniques such as data augmentation, transfer learning, and synthetic data generation are often used to mitigate data limitations. Another important issue is the lack of transparency and interpretability in many advanced models, particularly deep learning architectures. Concerns related to data privacy, fairness, bias, and ethical use of artificial intelligence must be carefully addressed. Ensuring transparency, accountability, and fairness in model development is essential for the responsible deployment of these technologies.

Furthermore, the integration of machine learning and deep learning with emerging technologies such as cloud computing, blockchain, and the Internet of Things (IoT) is expanding their capabilities and enabling new intelligent applications. However, these advancements also introduce new technical and ethical challenges that require continuous research and interdisciplinary collaboration. Table 9 shows the Comparison Between Machine Learning and Deep Learning.

Machine learning and deep learning have many benefits, but they also face several challenges. One major challenge is data bias, which occurs when the training data is incomplete, inaccurate, or does not fairly represent different groups. As a result, the model may produce biased or unfair predictions. Another important challenge is model explainability. Some machine learning models can be difficult to understand, while deep learning models are often considered “black boxes” because it can be hard to explain how they reach a particular decision. Other challenges include the need for large amounts of high-quality data, high computational costs, privacy and security concerns, overfitting, and difficulties in applying models to new situations. In addition, models may become less accurate when real-world data changes over time. Therefore, developing reliable machine learning and deep learning systems requires attention not only to accuracy, but also to fairness, transparency, privacy,

security, and responsible use.

Table 9: The Comparison Between Machine Learning and Deep Learning

Category	Machine Learning (ML)	Deep Learning (DL)
Definition	A subset of artificial intelligence that enables systems to learn patterns from data and improve performance without explicit programming.	A specialized subset of machine learning that uses multi-layer artificial neural networks to automatically learn hierarchical representations from data.
Feature Engineering	Requires manual feature extraction using domain knowledge.	Automatically learns features from raw data using representation learning.
Model Complexity	Generally, uses simpler models such as decision trees, support vector machines, and regression models.	Uses highly complex neural network architectures with multiple hidden layers.
Hardware Requirements	Typically runs efficiently on CPUs with moderate memory requirements.	Often requires high-performance GPUs or specialized hardware for efficient training.
Interpretability	Many models (e.g., decision trees, linear regression) are relatively easy to interpret.	Models are often considered “black boxes” and are harder to interpret.
Training Time	Usually faster to train, especially on smaller datasets.	Training can take hours, days, or even weeks depending on model size and data volume.
Data requirements	Usually works well with small to medium datasets; often needs carefully engineered features.	Typically requires large datasets, especially for complex tasks such as image, speech, and language processing.
Scalability	Scales reasonably well, but performance can depend heavily on feature engineering and model choice.	Highly scalable with large datasets and distributed computing; performance often improves as data and model size increase.
Robustness	Can be robust with appropriate feature selection and domain knowledge, but may struggle with complex or unexpected inputs.	Can handle highly complex, unstructured inputs well, but may be sensitive to adversarial examples, distribution shifts, or poor-quality training data.
Computational cost	Generally lower; many ML models can run effectively on CPUs.	Generally, much higher; training often requires GPUs/TPUs and substantial memory and energy.
Privacy	Often easier to deploy with smaller datasets and simpler models, but privacy risks still	Greater privacy challenges can arise because DL often uses very large datasets and models may memorize

	depend on the data and training process.	aspects of training data.
Deployment constraints	Usually easier and cheaper to deploy on edge devices, mobile systems, and resource-limited environments.	More demanding due to model size, latency, memory, and energy requirements; model compression or specialized hardware may be needed.

Conclusion and Future Work

Machine learning and deep learning have emerged as two of the most transformative technologies in modern artificial intelligence. Their ability to analyze large datasets, identify complex patterns, and support intelligent decision-making has led to significant advancements across many industries, including healthcare, finance, transportation, and education.

This review examined the fundamental learning paradigms of machine learning, key deep learning architectures, and the current algorithms widely used in practical applications. The study highlights both the strengths and limitations of these technologies while emphasizing their growing impact on real-world problem-solving. Despite the remarkable progress achieved in recent years, several challenges remain. Issues related to data availability, model interpretability, computational complexity, and ethical considerations must be carefully addressed. Developing transparent, explainable, and fair artificial intelligence systems will be critical for ensuring responsible adoption in society.

Future research should focus on improving model explainability, reducing data dependency through techniques such as transfer learning and self-supervised learning, and enhancing the efficiency of deep learning architectures. Additionally, the integration of machine learning with emerging technologies such as edge computing, federated learning, and explainable AI is expected to play a crucial role in the next generation of intelligent systems. The future work explicitly highlights:

- Privacy-Preserving AI: Investigating federated learning implementations on decentralized data streams without compromising model accuracy.
- Edge Intelligence: Developing lightweight deep learning architectures optimized for low-latency, resource-constrained Edge/IoT environments.

- Trustworthy & Explainable AI: Establishing standardized evaluation metrics for Explainable AI (XAI) in critical decision-making applications.

Overall, machine learning and deep learning continue to evolve rapidly, offering tremendous opportunities for innovation and societal benefit. Continued collaboration among researchers, industry practitioners, and policymakers will be essential to fully realize these technologies' potential while ensuring their ethical and responsible use.

Relevance for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

This review is primarily aligned with SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) because it examines machine learning and deep learning as emerging technologies that drive technological innovation, intelligent systems, and data-driven decision-making. It also supports SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) through its discussion of AI applications in healthcare analytics. Overall, the study highlights the potential of advanced AI technologies to support innovation and improve real-world applications.

List of abbreviations

AI: Artificial Intelligence
DL: Deep Learning
ML: Machine Learning
CNNs: Convolutional Neural Networks
RNNs: Recurrent Neural Networks
GANs: Generative Adversarial Networks
LSTM: Long Short- Term Memory
GRU: Gated Recurrent Unit
ANN: Artificial Neural Networks
KNN: K-Nearest Neighbors
GPUs: Graphics Processing Units
PCA: Principal Component Analysis
IoT: Internet of Things
TD: Temporal Difference
RL: Reinforcement Learning

DRL: Deep Reinforcement Learning
LR: Logistic Regression
RF: Random Forest
SVM: Support Vector Machine
SVR: Support Vector Regression
SSL: Self-Supervised Learning
XAI: Explainable AI

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