

*"Using artificial intelligence to support university students with dyslexia during their academic career"* 





# WHAT DYSLEXIA IS ?



- Primary school
- Secondary school
- University students

### GAP BETWEEN THE SUPPORT METHODOLOGIES PROVIDED

## Cfu gap





# VRAILEXIA

## Computer Science and Engineering

## BESPECIAL PLATFORM

using artificial intelligence and virtual reality allows evaluating the condition of students with dyslexia.

#### SURVEY CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO COLLECT DATA USEFUL FOR TRAINING THE PREDICTOR 3 types of questions were asked:

1. Demographic questions (year of birth, sex, age, type of school attended, etc.).

2. Questions about the history of each person's dyslexia (when the diagnosis was received, if they have other disorders including anorthography, dyscalculia, etc.).

3. Questions focused on problems and needs generally encountered by the students.





### ISSUES

- 11. Difficulty in reading
- i2. Difficulty in understanding the text
- 13. Difficulty in understanding words difficult or uncommon
- 14. Difficulty understanding the lessons
- 15. Difficulty concentrating during it study
- 16. Difficulty of attention during lessons in presence
- I7. Difficulty paying attention during lessons online
- 18. Difficulty memorizing concepts just studied
- I9. Difficulty remembering the concepts studied

during the exam

- 110. Difficulty in organizing time e of study
- 111. Difficulty taking notes
- 112. Difficulty of construction in the short time a arrangement to prepare a game / question / exam

### TOOLS

- 1. Audio book with human voice
- 2. Audio book with robotic voice
- 3. Words written in different colors
- Using the EasyReading font
- 5. Use of a smart pen or a tablet to take notes and record the voice
- 6. Clearer layout of the study material
- 77. Have your text keywords highlighted
- B. Ready-made concept maps
- Ready-made schemes
- 10. Ready-made summaries
- 1. E-books (digital books)
- 12. Digital tutor (like Siri) to ask for unclear things
- Images that help you understand and remember the meaning of single difficult words
- Images that help memorize and remember a concept
- Audio recording of the lessons
- Video lessons
- . Have the ability to integrate study material with internet research

### <u>STRATEGIES</u>

- **S1**. A person who reads to me
- S2. Maps made by me
- **S3.** Patterns made by me
- Summaries made by me
- S5. Repeat the material studied
- S6. Mark your keywords
- **S7.** Underline with different colors
- S8. Have a study group
- **59**. Having a tutor
- S10. Create an association of students with dyslexia to exchange information and resources
- **S11**. Attend face-to-face lessons
- **\$12.** Have online lessons available
- **\$13**. Take breaks during lessons
- **\$14**. Have the slides of the lessons available
- **\$15**. Record the lessons
- **S16**. Take notes
- \$17. Have the lesson plan in advance
- **\$18.** Having the possibility to divide an exam or a task / question into several parts
- \$19. Have written exams or tests only
- **S20**. Have only oral exams or checks
- S21. Carry out exams or homework questions in the presence of the teacher only
- S22. Have an online database with notes, diagrams, summaries etc. available, made by other students

#### Support vector machine

#### K-Nearest Neighbor

### MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS USED

tuning used:

for all algorithms binary classification output was used, and threshold from 1 to 4. Logistic regression: numerical input. Random forest: both numeric and binary classification input, also used 50 trees and 20 folds.

KNN: both binary Classification and numeric inputs are used, with values of k = 1,3,5,7,21. SVM type of input as knn, with linear, polynomial and circular kernel.







Input (x) Probabilità Valori tra 0 e 1 x1 x2 x3 Modello lineare 0.5 0.8 0.1 Funzione logistica 0.1 0.9 0.9 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1

Random Forest

Logistic Regression

BEST PERFORMING ALGOPRITHMS FOR EACH TOOL/STRATEGIES

### RESULTS OBTAINED

GLOBAL ACCURANCY GAINED

ALGORITHM THAT PERFORM BEST

#### BEST PERFORMING ALGORITHM: TOOLS

			T10		
<u>T1</u>	SVM - Linear Kernel Input = BINARY CLASSIFICATION , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.76	<u></u>	SVM - Linear Kernel input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Inr = 1)	Accuracy=0.95
			<u>T11</u>	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.78
<u>T2</u>	RANDOM FOREST input = SCORE , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 4)	Accuracy=0.94			
<u>T3</u>	K-Nearest Neighbours K=21 Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.914	<u>T12</u>	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.80
<u>T4</u>	SVM - Linear Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 4)	Accuracy=0.86	<u>T13</u>	K-Nearest Neighbours K=7 Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.95
<u>T5</u>	SVM - Linear Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.87	<u>T14</u>	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = BINARY CLASSIFICATION Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	
<u>T6</u>	SVM - Linear Kernel Input = BINARY CLASSIFICATION , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.96			Accuracy=0.97
<u>17</u>	RANDOM FOREST input = SCORE , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 4)	Accuracy=0.98			
			<u>T15</u>	SVM - Linear Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.94
<u>T8</u>	K-Nearest Neighbours K=21 Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.93	<u>T16</u>	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.93
<u>T9</u>	SVM - Linear Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 4)	Accuracy=0.93			
			<u>T17</u>	K-Nearest Neighbours K=7 Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.94

#### BEST PERFORMING ALGORITHM: STRATEGIES

			S12	SVM ,Gaussian (circular) Kernel	
S1	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC ,Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 4)	Accuracy=0.79		Input = NUMERIC Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.97
			S13	RANDOM FOREST (50 Trees)	
S2	SVM - Linear Kernel Input = BINARY CLASSIFICATION , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.99			
				Input = SCORE , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.99
S3	K-Nearest Neighbours K=7 Input = NUMERIC, Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.98	S14	k-Nearest Neighbors K=7 Input = NUMERIC, Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.99
			S15	K-Nearest Neighbors K=7 Input = BINARY CLASSIFICATION,	
S4	RANDOM FOREST (50 Trees) Input = SCORE , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.97		Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.97
S5	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = BINARY CLASSIFICATION ,		S16	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION	
	Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.99		(Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.97
			S17	K-Nearest Neighbors K=7 Input = NUMERIC, Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.95
S6	RANDOM FOREST (50 Trees) Input = SCORE , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.98	S18	K-Nearest Neighbors K=7 Input = BINARY CLASSIFICATION,	
				Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.97
S7	K-Nearest Neighbours K=7 Input = BINARY CLASSIFICATION,				
	Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.94			
			S19	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC ,	
S8	K-Nearest Neighbors K=21 Input = NUMERIC, Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.90			
				Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.87
S9	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.89	S20	KNN-Input and Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION k=21	
S10	SVAA Coursian (circular) Kornel Innut - PINARY CLASSIFICATION			(Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.97
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	Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracv=0.90			
				Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.87
S11	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC , Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.95	S22	SVM - Gaussian (circular) Kernel Input = NUMERIC $,$	
				Output = BINARY CLASSIFICATION (Thr = 1)	Accuracy=0.95

AVERAGE: 0,941 STANDARD DEV 0,047

### ACCURANCY GAINED

#### DISCARDING VALUES UNDER 85%

AVERAGE: 0,95 STANDARD DEV 0,04 4/39 UNPREDICTABLE Supporting METHOLOGIES

## ALGORITHM THAT PERFORMS BEST

as an additional outcome, the best

algorithm was identified: It is the the one





SVM

# CONCLUSION



Built the predictor
Algorithm that performs best
more than 9 out of 10 subjects will have an accurate prediction.

'there is real progress only when advantages of a new technology become so for everyone'.

-Henry Ford

## FURTHER DEVELOPMENT: A STUDENT-SPECIFIC PREDICTOR

- Others languages
- Others disorders

From category specific to student specific thanks to the feedback form(close loop).



*"A year spent in artificial intelligence is enough to believe in God". -Alan Perlis* 

