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Determination of Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip Using Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) on Ultrasound Viewing According to Graf's Method

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1. Introduction

Developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) is one of the common orthopedic diseases. It is seen nearly in 1/1000 born, the female/male ratio is 6/1. The DDH is a dynamic musculoskeletal disease, and the treatment is easier in the earlier months. Some musculoskeletal diseases may be risks factor for the DDH as torticollis, congenital club foot, metatarsus adductus.

Pregnancy period, type of birth, first birth, prematurity, family history, gender is etiologic factors for DDH. Ultrasound (US) viewing according to Graf's method is the one of used tool for diagnosis of the DDH because of its advantages as absent of radiation risks and early diagnosis (1-3).

The Graf's classification includes several major types

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that have subdivided. The types are classified by angle measurements and morphological aspects (Table 1) (4). Neural networks can be used as a classification system to determine malformed classes where the definition of an undesirable characteristic would not change. The network would be expected to perform the same classification repeatedly (5). Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) graphs are useful for organizing classifiers and visualizing performance. ROC graphs are used in medical decision making commonly. In recent years it has been used increasingly in machine learning and data mining research. Although ROC graphs are considered as simple, some common misconceptions and pitfalls occur in some studies (6). This research aims to determine the best Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) structure for classification to be used in the diagnosis of developmental dysplasia of the hip classes using alpha and beta angles obtained from US and to test the most successful network on the cases of the orthopedic clinic.

2. Material and Methods

This research has been approved by the IRB of the authors' affiliated institutions. Ethics approval was obtained for this study. The data of 135 cases have been obtained from the orthopedic clinic of our hospital by using ultrasonography. Measurement of alpha and beta angles was done according to the Graf's US method.

The data were divided into 2 groups according to which side (left or right) that have developmental dysplasia of the hip. Each group has been treated separately and has its information about alpha and beta angles, gender, and the Graf's US classification.

In the general primer care of a newborn, hip ultrasounds according to the Graf's classification were assessed. The alpha and beta angle measurements were made by a radiologist that has worked in our university hospital. The alpha angle is drawn between the acetabular roof and the vertical cortex of the ilium. It reflects the development of the bony acetabular roof. The beta angle is drawn between the vertical cortex of the ilium and the triangular labral fibrocartilage. It measures the cartilaginous coverage over the femoral head. Alpha and beta angles are continuous measurements that are determined during ultrasound hip imaging. The angles are classified for hip type (Ia, Ib, IIa, IIb, IIc, III, IV, or D) (7).

The data was organized using tabulation software. 18 samples for the input data and target data were selected among 135 cases. The samples were regarded to be determinant for training the neural network. There were not any cases in some hip dislocation classes. In some classes, there were a few cases. For this reason, the target data was arranged for 3 types (Type I, II, and III). The artificial neural network (ANN) for the classification of hip dislocation was established, trained, and tested in Mathworks Matlab R2015a software. For these purposes, a script was coded, following the steps shown in Listing 1.

The script runs 27 combinations of 3 different neuron numbers (3, 6, 10) in the hidden layer and 9 different training functions. The training functions are listed in Table 2. Half of the input values were used for training, a quarter for validation, and the rest for testing. For each combination, the script loops at most 20 times to reach the desired performance values. Among those networks, the network with the best performance value was saved to get the outputs. The coefficient of determination (R-Squared) of the network was calculated using targets across outputs.

The best network out of 27 combinations was compared to the others and the network with the highest R-Squared value was used on all of 135 cases. The confusion matrix of the network was conducted using outputs and targets using the 0.5 thresholds.

The accuracy of the networks was calculated with the formula:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{P + N}$$
[1].

where TP is true positives, TN is true negatives, P is several positives and N is the number of negatives. ANN diagram for classification with 10 neurons in the hidden layer is shown in Figure 1.

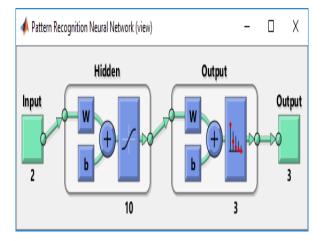


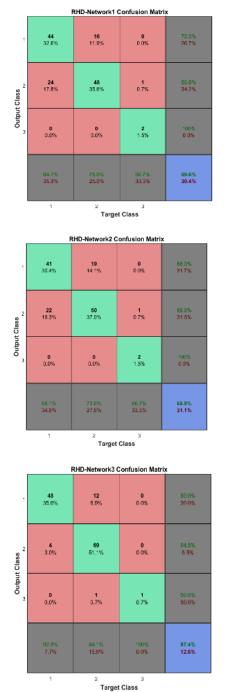
Figure 1: Demonstration of pattern recognition neural network.

3. Results

The script firstly was run for the right hip. Networks with 10 neurons in the hidden layer had the highest coefficient of determination (R-Squared) values and most of them had 100% accuracy while training. The highest R-Squared value was measured for the network with 10 neurons in the hidden layer, "One Step Secant" and "Variable Learning Rate Backpropagation" training functions. However, when the networks were tested for all the samples, the highest accuracy was found with the network with 3 neurons in the hidden layer, and the "Resilient Backpropagation" training function as 87.4% (Listing 2, Figures 2).

Lastly, the script was run for hip dislocation on the left. Most of the networks had 100% of the coefficient of determination (R-Squared) values and most of them had 100% accuracy while training.

However, when the networks were tested for all the samples, the highest accuracy was found with the network with 10 neurons in the hidden layer and



"Polak-Ribiére Conjugate Gradient" training function as 83.0% (Listing 3 and Figures 3).

RHD-Network4 Confusion Matrix

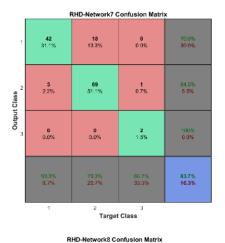
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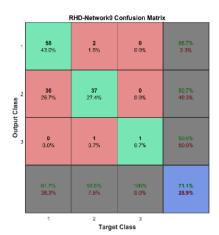
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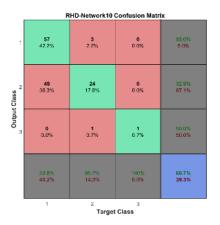


Z Target Class









	RHD-Network11 Confusion Matrix				
1	49 36.3%	11 8.195	0 D 0%	81.7% 18.3%	
Output Class	27 20.0%	45 33.3%	1 0.7%	61.6% 38.4%	
	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 1.5%	100% 0.0%	
	64.5% 35.5%	80.4% 19.8%	86.7% 33.3%	71.1% 28.9%	
	1	2	3		
Target Class					

	R	HD-Network12	Confusion Matri	x
1	41	19	0	66.3%
	30.4%	14,1%	0.0%	31.7%
Class ~	16	57	0	76.1%
	11,8%	42.2%	0.0%	21.9%
Output Class	0	0	2	100%
	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%
	71.8%	75.0%	100%	74.1%
	28.1%	25.0%	0.0%	25.9%
	1	2	3	

 1
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 3

 Target Class

 RHD-Network13 Confusion Matrix

 41
 19
 0
 86.3%

 12
 60
 1
 86.3%
 317%

 12
 60
 1
 82.2%
 77.8%

 0.0%
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 1.5%
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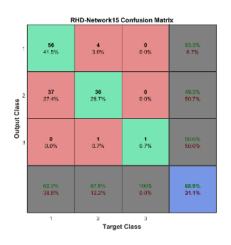
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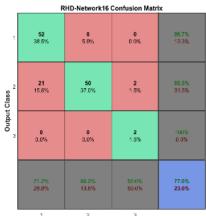
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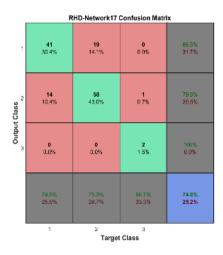
2 3 Target Class RHD-Network14 Confusion Matrix 40 29.6% 20 14.8% 0.0% 53.4% 46.6% **34** 25.2% **39** 28.9% 0 0.0% 50.0% 50.0% 0 0.0% 1 0.7% 1 0.7% 59.3% 40.7% 65.0% 35.0% 100% 1

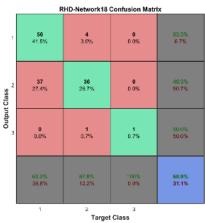
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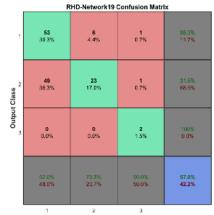




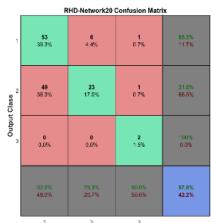




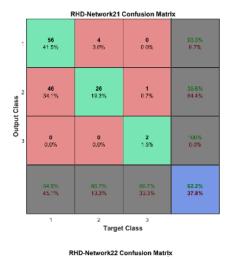




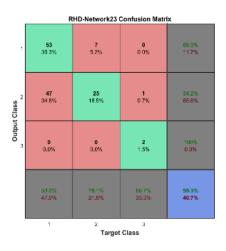
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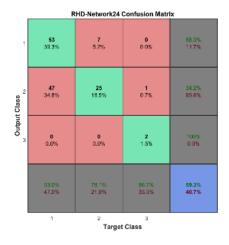


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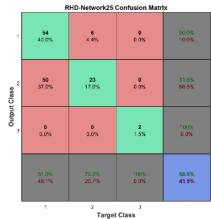
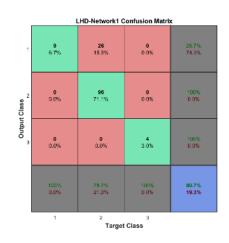


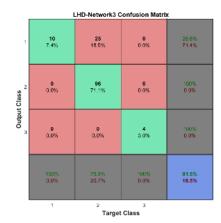


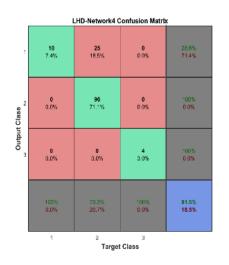
Figure 2: RHD Network Confusion Matrix (Network confusion matrix for right hip dysplasia disease.

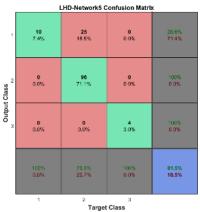


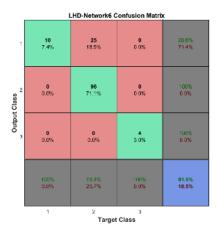
	LHD-Network2 Confusion Matrix					
1	9	26	0	25.7%		
	6.7%	18.3%	0.0%	74.3%		
Output Class	0	96	0	100%		
	0.0%	71,1%	0.0%	0.0%		
Output	0	0	4	100%.		
	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%		
	100%	78.7%	100%.	80.7%,		
	0.0%	21.3%	0.0%	19.3%		
	1	2	3			

Target Class

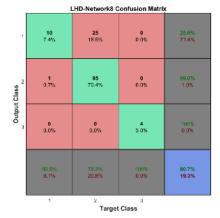


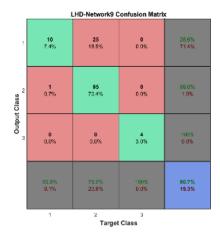


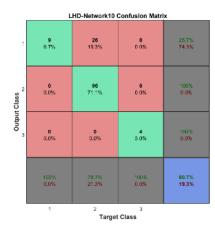


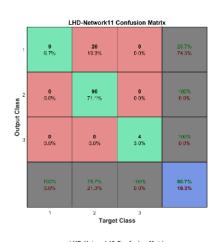


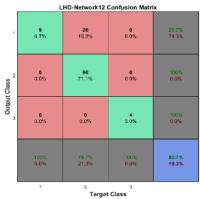
LHD-Network7 Confusion Matrix 10 7.4% 25 18.5% 0 0.0% 99.0% 1.0% **95** 70.4% 1 0.7% 0 0.0% Output Class 0 0.0% 0 0.0% 100% 0.0% 4 3.0% 90.9% 9.1% 80.7% 19.3% 100% 1 2 3 Target Class

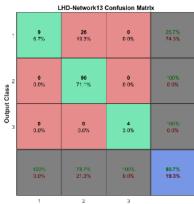




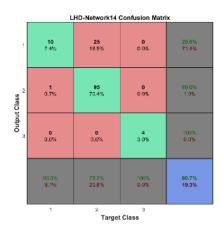








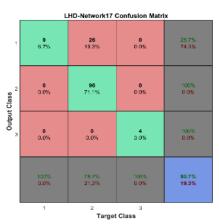




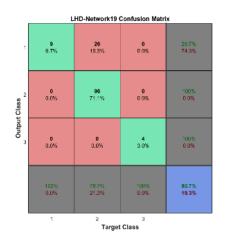
	LHD-Network15 Confusion Matrix			
1	9	26	0	25.7%
	6.7%	19.3%	D 0%	74.3%
Output Class	0	96	0	100%
	0.0%	71,1%	0.0%	0.0%
Output	0	0	4	100%.
	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%
	100%	78.7%	100%.	80.7%
	0.0%	21.3%	D.0%	19.3%
	1	2 Target	3 Class	

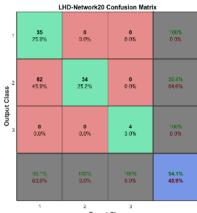
	LHD-Network16 Confusion Matrix					
1	9 6.7%	26 19.3%	0 0.0%	25.7% 74.3%		
Output Class	0 0.0%	96 71,1%	0 0.0%	100% 0.0%		
	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4 3.0%	100%. 0.0%		
	100% 0.0%	78.7% 21.3%	100%, 0.0%	80.7% 19.3%		
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	Target Class					

2 3 Target Class

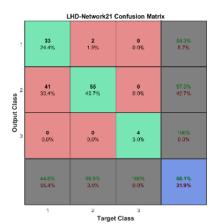


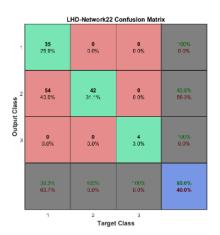
LHD-Network18 Confusion Matrix 9 6.7% 26 19.3% 25.7% 74.3% 0 0.0% **96** 71.1% 0 0.0% 0 0.0% 100% 0.0% Output Class 0 0.0% 0 0.0% 4 3.0% 80.7% 19.3% 100% 1 2 3 Target Class



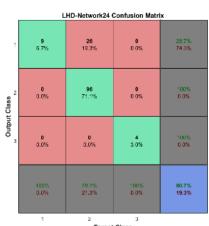


2 3 Target Class





	LHD-Network23 Confusion Matrix				
1	12 8.9%	23 17.0%	0 D.0%	34.3% 65.7%	
Output Class	0 0.0%	96 71,1%	0 0.0%	100% 0.0%	
	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4 3.0%	100%. 0.0%	
	100% 0.0%	80.7% 19.3%	100% 0.0%	83.0%. 17.0%	
	1	2 Torriet	3 Class		
3	0.0% 100% 0.0%	0.0% 80.7% 19.3%	100%, 0.0%	83.0%	



2 3 Target Class

	LHD-Network25 Confusion Matrix					
1	9	26	0	25.7%		
	6.7%	19.3%	0.0%	74.3%		
Class	0	96	0	100%		
2	0.0%	71,1%	0.0%	0.0%		
Output Class	0	0	4	100%		
	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%		
	100%	78.7%	100%.	80.7%		
	0.0%	21.3%	D.0%	19.3%		
	1	2 Torrat	3 Class			
Target Class						



Figures 3: LHD Network Confusion Matrix (Network confusion matrix for left hip dysplasia disease.

4. Discussion

Developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) is a pediatric musculoskeletal disorder (8). The reported incidence of DDH is between 1 and 34 per 1000 newborns (9, 10). In Europe, it is between 3% and 13%, real dysplasia as between 1% and 3% (11, 12). In 1988, Huang reported the incidence of DDH was 2,7/1000 in Taiwan. The incidence of a one-year follow-up was 1.2/1000 (13). In our country, the rate is between 0.4/1000 and 1.7/1000 as a wide range (14-24).

Ultrasonography was introduced to orthopedic trials in the 1980s. This method has been assured to evaluate the infant's hip structure. The Graf's classification has gained popularity due to its early detection and accuracy features (7,25). Ultrasound screening for DDH is has become more effective at detecting the disease. National Health Services (NHS) from the United Kingdom's Newborn and Infant Physical Examination (NIPE) Programme advises hip ultrasound screening within 2-6 weeks.

Lusier screened 1683 newborns during their study period (25). They declared that later than 28 days after birth does not increase surgery rates and it might reduce clinical visits counts. They recommended a cut-off day like 28 days. Also, they predicted decreasing of parental stress, lesser the number of ultrasound studies, cost-sensitive screening programs. Also, this condition reduces the multitude of pediatric and orthopedic clinics, the beneficial use of medical resources.

Ultrasonographic early detection of DDH by the Graf's US method is recommended for reducing the need for surgery and comorbidities due to operations (25). Roovers found that earlier screenings could provide an early diagnosis of abnormal hips (26). However, follow-up of frequent US scans can be a problem for orthopedic surgeons and radiologists during intensive policlinic service. Especially during serial and personal follow-up of the patients for the Graf's US scans, mixing and non-tracking problems may arise. In our country, almost 100 patients are examined daily in orthopedic policlinics.

5. Conclusions

In the outpatient clinics, we emphasize that using artificial intelligence to follow these US records may provide more correct follow-up. The mixing can be avoided in this way.

Conflict of interest statement

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Informed consent

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