

Federated Learning Approaches for Joint Biomechanics and Sports Injury Prediction in Recurrent Neural Model

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Article Info	ABSTRACT
Article History: Received Apr 09, 2026 Revised May 12, 2026 Accepted Jun 11, 2026 Keywords: Machine learning, Sports injury prediction, Recurrent neural models, Artificial intelligence (AI)	Conventional approaches to sports injury prevention and recovery mostly rely on standardized intervention regimens and subjective clinician-guided evaluations. These methods frequently lead to inadequate personalization, slow response times, and poor accuracy. Recent developments in wearable sensors, multimodal analytics, and AI offer new possibilities for achieving goals, real-time, and customized injury treatment techniques. This study proposes a Federated Learning-based Recurrent Neural Network (FL-RNN) framework for joint biomechanics analysis and sports injury prediction. The proposed approach enables decentralized model training across multiple data sources while preserving athlete data privacy. Biomechanical and historical injury data collected from wearable sensors and physical training records are processed to capture temporal movement patterns. A Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) is employed to model sequential dependencies in athlete movement data and learn temporal characteristics associated with injury risk and rehabilitation progress. The federated learning strategy aggregates locally trained model parameters without sharing sensitive athlete information, thereby enhancing data security and model generalization. The proposed framework also incorporates historical injury records and biomechanical indicators to provide personalized injury risk prediction and support rehabilitation monitoring. This study compares the RNN model with the current Support Vector Machine (SVM) with regard to the impact of physical education and sports therapy.
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1. INTRODUCTION

A crucial area of human movement study, sports biomechanics produces useful data to improve athletic performance and reduce injury risk at all competitive stages. The use of computational techniques has significantly changed this field. Standard mechanical analysis techniques make use of laboratory-based facilities [1], after which highly skilled individuals analyze the data. Both methods take a lot of time and don't adequately capture the affordance of freedom in participation in on-field sports [2]. The incorporation of AI into sports biomechanics research has been prompted by these constraints.

Pattern identification and modeling predictions from complicated datasets are made possible by AI, which includes ML, NN [3], and DL approaches. For AI uses in sports, systematic reviews have developed taxonomies that differentiate between deep learning architectures for intricate biomechanical evaluation, unsupervised learning (pattern finding), and supervised learning.

ML algorithms use three methods to learn from information: unsupervised learning, directed learning (regression) [4], and reinforcement learning (optimizing through feedback). Computer vision analyzes visual input for automated movement's analysis, whereas deep learning uses multi-layered neural networks to recognize complex patterns. The capacity to evaluate massive information and precisely recognize movement trends has improved thanks to the latest generation of deep learning networks. The analysis of movement data has to be rethought due to advances in algorithms, sensor technology, and processing capacity. Advanced patterns that were previously invisible to human analysts can now be extracted from large, multidimensional datasets thanks to AI approaches. Furthermore, learning management systems (LMS) are becoming essential platforms for information translation, converting intricate biomechanical findings into formats that coaches and athletes can use. This efficiently bridges the gap among laboratory study and field implementation.

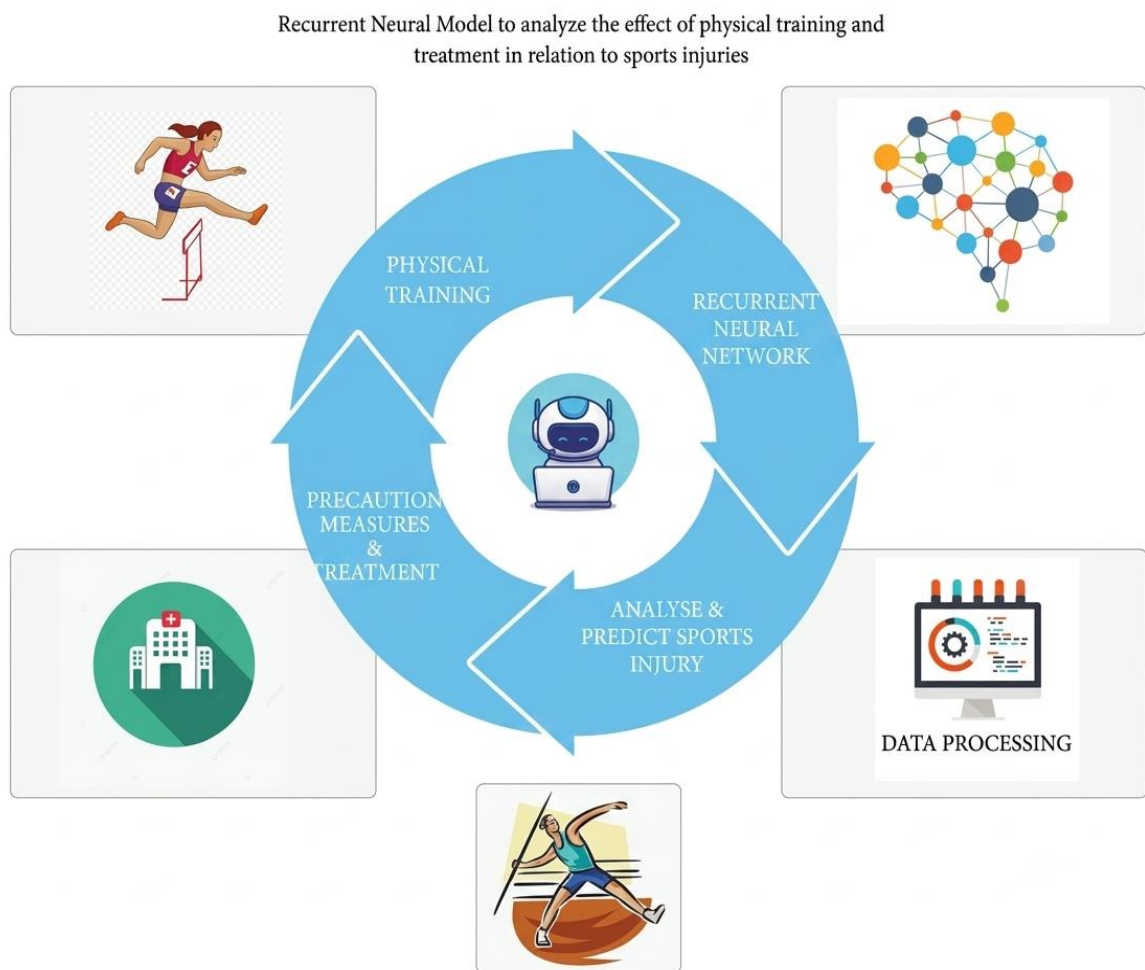


Figure 1. A suggested Recurrent Model for Sports Injury Evaluation and Forecasting

In this instance, Figure 1 [6] illustrates the usage of a Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) model to examine the impact of physical training and treatment on sports-related injuries occasionally, sports injuries can escalate to the point that the athlete becomes disabled. This ends the athlete's career and results in significant losses for the team that spent a lot of time and money on that specific individual. We regularly monitor their health, and the information is entered into a database system [5]. Every athlete and player has a unique form of physical health. In this case, the health information of one person cannot be used to treat another person beyond a particular point. The player's data must be checked and examined with his own previously recorded dataset. AI neural networks are used to gather and interpret data. A record amount of sports data has been collected, real-time athlete tracking has been made possible, and rich, interconnected datasets have been created thanks to the widespread use of wearable monitoring equipment and advanced physiological sensors. Such enormous richness is too much for traditional analytical techniques to handle.

By showcasing integration methodologies that maximize both data quality and analytical accuracy for performance applications, complete structures for AI-enhanced sensing in sports medicine have been built [7]. However, AI—especially machine learning—is best suited to tackle these issues, therefore these methods are becoming more and more crucial for obtaining pertinent data. The transition from reactionary to proactively injury prevention is one of the major trends made possible by AI's predictive powers. AI has the capacity to discover potential risk factors and warning indications that can help implement remedies before injuries occur, whereas traditional therapy concentrates on post-event care. This proactive approach has the potential to prolong competing careers and enhance athlete health.

Separate elements of this topic have been studied in earlier systematic reviews. Despite treating a variety of sports as uniform environments [8], AI applications for sports science placed little focus on injury prevention strategies. Wearable devices for biomechanical evaluation, but failed to demonstrate how AI converts sensor data into useful therapeutic insights. Sensor validation needs, sport-specific AI model requirements, and medical translation paths are critical implementation gaps that have not yet been solved.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

On March 24, 2020, a search of the PubMed repository was conducted. Original research examining ML's potential for predicting and preventing sports injuries was included in the eligible articles. Articles were reviewed; eligibility, bias risk, and data extraction were evaluated by two separate reviewers. The Newcastle-Ottawa Scale was used to assess methodology quality and bias risk. The GRADE working group technique was used to assess the quality of the study. Eleven of the 249 studies satisfied the requirements for inclusion and exclusion [9]. A variety of machine learning techniques were employed, including tree-based ensemble methods ($n = 9$), support vector algorithms ($n = 4$), and artificial brain networks ($n = 2$).

This explores the uses of FL in smart healthcare systems, especially how it integrates with wearables [10], IoT gadgets, and remote monitoring to enable real-time, distributed data processing for individualized care and predictive modeling. It tackles important issues, such as security threats like model inverse inversion, adversarial assaults, and data poisoned. It also addresses problems with system interoperability, scalability, and data heterogeneity. In addition to this, the paper emphasizes the importance of new privacy-preserving techniques such secure multiparty computing and differing privacy in addressing the shortcomings of FL. Improving FL's precision,

effectiveness, and wider use in healthcare requires overcoming these obstacles. In the end, FL promises better patient outcomes, operational effectiveness, and data sovereignty throughout the healthcare ecosystem, offering revolutionary potential for safe, data-driven health care systems.

The application of federated learning research to medical picture processing is examined in detail in this work [11], which also outlines technical contributions. We produced a thorough summary and analysis of information systems literature by adhering to Okali and Schabram's review technique. The results highlighted studies in cardiology, dermatological, gastrointestinal, neurology, cancer, pulmonary medicine, and urology that applied federated learning to neural network techniques. The ability of standard machine learning models to successfully adapt to real-world data sets and privacy preservation were identified as the primary challenges. We presented two approaches to deal with these issues: privacy-enhancing techniques and independent and identically dispersed data.

This study looks at how biomechanical concepts are applied in sports layouts, specifically how they affect athletes [12]' performance, how well athletic equipment is used, and how to optimize venue design. Through experiments, the effects of various runway hardnesses, equipment designs, and venue arrangements on athletes' biomechanical characteristics (such as joint forces and muscle loads) were examined, confirming the usefulness of biomechanics in enhancing sports efficiency and lowering sports injuries. It was discovered that, in comparison to a hard running track, a soft running track can considerably lessen the impact force on players' joints and lower the risk of sports injuries. Additionally, the ideal resistance configuration and equipment angle can lessen the muscle strain on athletes, enhancing the exercise effect and movement performance efficiency.

3. METHODS AND MATERIALS

3.1 Federated Learning

FL is a decentralized machine learning technique in which several clients work together to train a common model without explicitly exchanging data. This approach is especially useful in situations where data privacy is crucial or where data storage centralised is impractical because of limitations like speed or data ownership laws [13]. In conventional machine learning, data is gathered centrally and used to train a model. But in FL, only model updates—like gradients or weights—is shared with a central server; the data stays on the client devices. This protects privacy and lowers the risk of data breaches by guaranteeing sensitive information never leaves the device or organization.

Different FL designs are created to deal with various scenarios when data is shared across interested clients [14]. These approaches enable interactive learning while protecting privacy and data confidentiality. Federated transferred learning, vertical FL, and horizontal FL are the three main FL designs. Horizontal FL is defined by dividing data across different entities with similar properties when customers have different samples but the same characteristic spaces. Customer data from multiple companies, for instance, can contain identical columns but different details [15]. Vertical FL can be used when two clients share a sample ID space but have different feature spaces. By having clients collaborate on a common set of samples while adding unique features, this system enables comprehensive data analysis without requiring the full exchange of data. When clients have distinct sample and feature spaces, distributed transfer learning is employed. By enabling information flow among clients with varied distributions, this technique makes learning via a range of datasets with minimal data transfer easier.

The central server first creates and distributes a global model to each participating client. After then, each client uses its own data to train this approach remotely. Usually, the client's local dataset is used for a few model iterations during the local training. Rather than providing the raw data itself, the client transmits the model updates—such as modifications to weights or gradient changes—back to the centralized server following training. These updates from several clients are then combined by the central server, frequently using a technique known as Federated Averaging (FedAvg). In order to ensure that clients with more data contribute comparatively more to the model update, this method averages the model revisions based on the number of data points each client has. After that, the clients receive the combined global model and use it to proceed with training in the subsequent rounds.

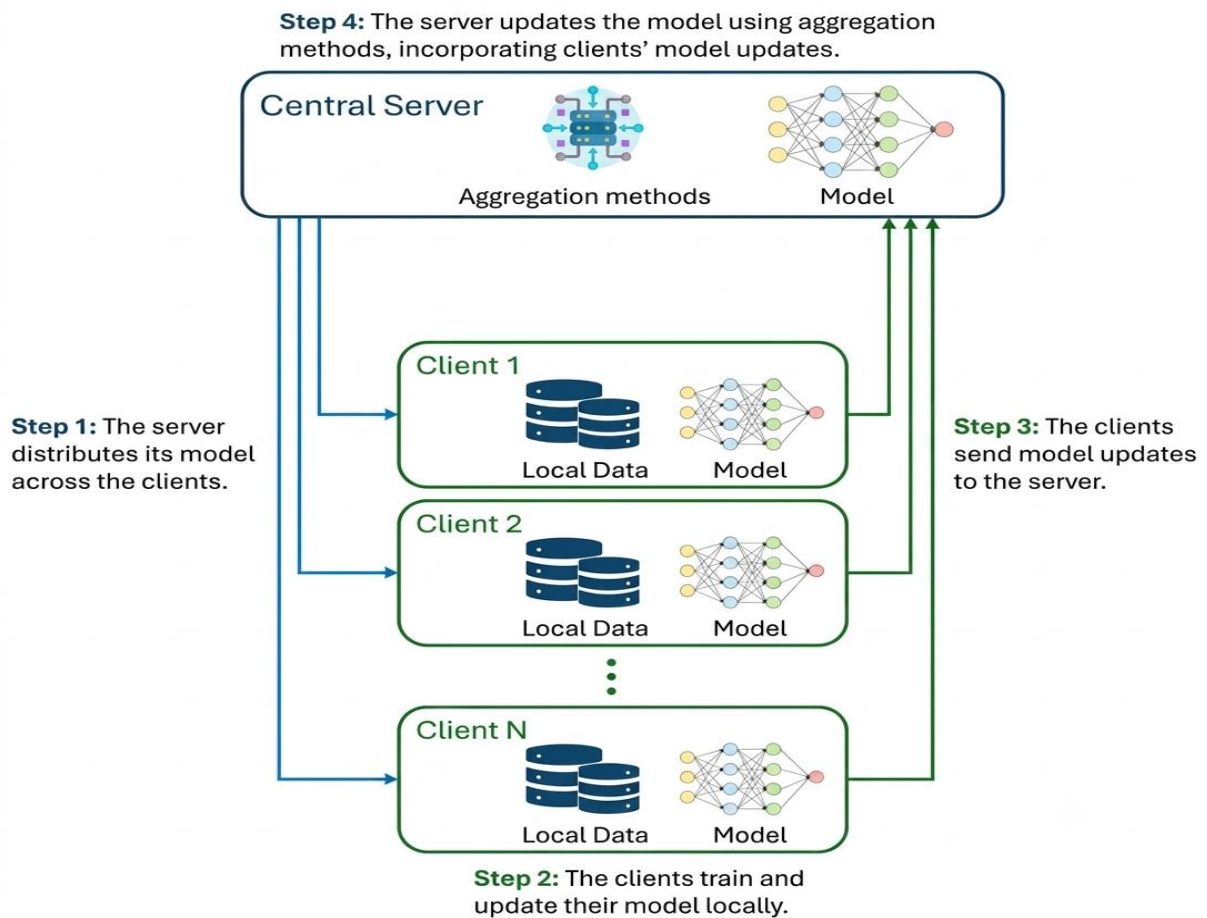


Figure 2. Proposed Federated Learning Architecture for Joint Biomechanics and Sports Injury Prediction

As seen in Figure 2, the Proposed Federated Learning Architecture for Joint Biomechanics and Sports Injury Prediction that enable the joint training of a global model. Federated Averaging is one of the main algorithms utilized in FL. This technique aids in creating a single global model by combining the updates from several clients. FedAvg calculates weighted averages of the model's parameters, giving each client's model update a weight determined by the quantity of data points used. This guarantees that changes from clients with greater data will be prioritized during the aggregate process. For example, the model update from Client A will be given more weight in the aggregation if Client B has 400 examples and Client A has 8000. Until the global model reaches an ideal answer, this iterative process of local training and modeling aggregation keeps going.

In addition to the basic FedAvg algorithm, several advanced optimization techniques have been developed, including FedProx, SCAFFOLD, and FedNova. FedProx addresses network diversity by incorporating a proximate factor into the local optimization target, which helps to stabilize training over a range of clients. SCAFFOLD reduces client drift in non-IID (not separate and equally distributed) data setups by using parameter shifts to account for local update drift. FedNova is particularly useful when clients have varying data quantities since it enhances converging by standardizing and scaling local changes.

FL tackles a number of issues with conventional ML, including as scalability, bandwidth constraints, and information privacy. Users retain control over their private or company information because raw data is never sent to the central server, which is essential in industries like healthcare, banking, or any other area where privacy is vital. Additionally, FL makes it possible to train models on large, varied datasets that are dispersed throughout numerous devices or organizations, which may result in models that are more reliable and broadly applicable. Because only model revisions need to be shared, the method is also bandwidth-efficient because fewer massive data transfers are required.

But Florida also has its own set of difficulties. One reason is because clients frequently have non-IID (non-isolated and identically dispersed) data, which means that distinct clients' data may have distinct distributions or not be evenly distributed. Because the global model needs to generalize across a wide range of datasets, this may make standard model training more challenging. Furthermore, Federated Secure Grouping techniques or differential privacy to ensure that updates cannot be reverse-engineered to reveal specific client data are examples of strong mechanisms that FL needs to ensure secure model updates and prevent malicious actors from corrupting the global model. Additionally, there are problems with system diversity and communication efficiency since clients may have varying network access or processing resources, necessitating careful learning process design.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The fourth- and eighth-grade students' performance is combined to do the computation. At the early stages of new technology, the suggested algorithm, the Recurrent Neural Network Model, has a lower percentile. Later on, though, the method was able to provide outcomes that were on par with the Support Vector Machine. The fuzzy model produces results that are identical to those of the Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Recurrent Neural Network Model methods. This kind of comparing graph shows how the Recurrent Neural Network Model can help instructors and pupils perform better through recurrent training, standard care, and teaching.

Table 1 demonstrates that, at an average assessment weight of 38, its Recurrent Neural Network Model offered worse training precision than other techniques. In addition, the Recurrent Neural Network Model's accuracy rate is continuously rising in contrast to the other two algorithms' erratic outcomes. The suggested approach eventually attained an accuracy of 99%, which is at least nine percentage points better than the Support Vector Machine and then 18% better than the Fuzzy set model.

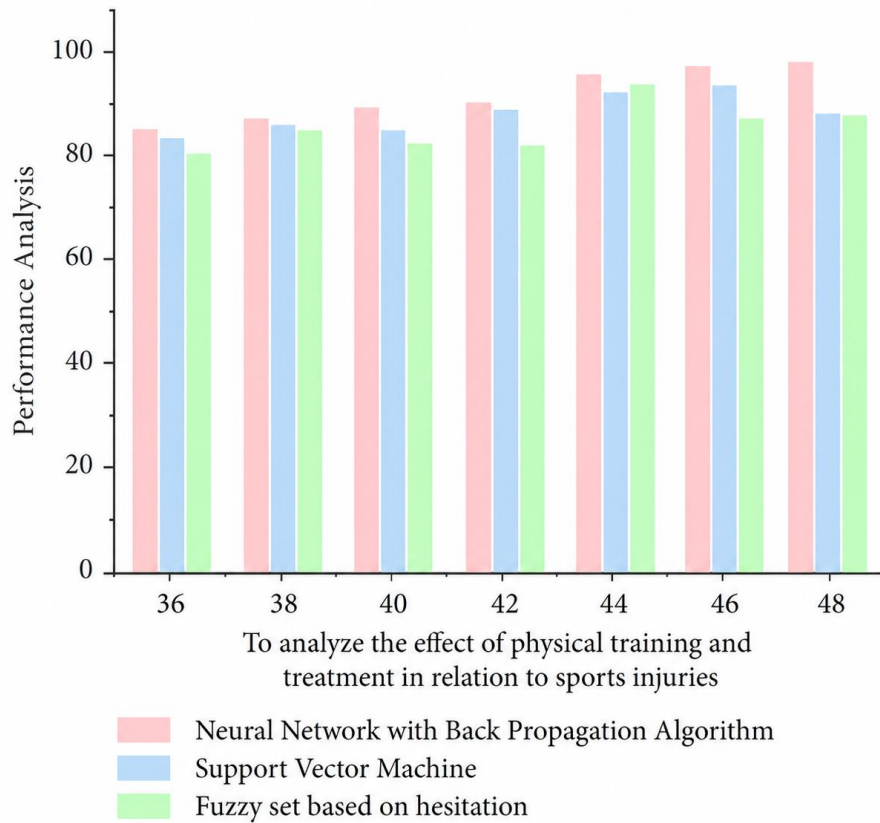


Figure 3. The measurement weight findings' Computation Accuracy is Contrasted

Figure 3 shows the physical education training and treatment performance of children in grades four and eight. The graph above, which requires learning the optimization approach, is defined as the average score of these mean squares. A Fuzzy Set Model based on hesitation, a Support Vector Machine, and a Recurrent Neural Network Model is used to assess the efficacy of training and treatment.

Table 1. Use a results analysis to Examine how Physical Training and Treatment Affect Sports Injuries

Effect of Physical Training and Treatment in Relation to Sports	Recurrent Neural Network Model (%)	Support Vector Machine (%)	Fuzzy Set Based on Hesitation (%)
36	85	83	81
38	87	86	85
40	89	78	83
42	90	89	82
44	96	92	94
46	98	94	87
48	99	88	88

As part of the BP neural network evaluation process, the framework is being altered. It appears that the objective of both treatment and capacity training is to reduce τ by altering the Internet backbone authentication procedure.

This also shows how well such built models perform when compared to traditional algorithms, such as neural network models, by attempting to solve activity detection problems. Its great specificity is further confirmed by the training and treatment accuracy rate of 97.55%. By attempting to modify the set of parameters, a convolutional neural network could optimize the necessary data, improve the uniformity of exercise physiology recognition, and capture the characteristics of training (94.26%), training and treatment (94.47%), loss and accuracy of training (87.74%) analysis. The neural network's accuracy training and testing graph is a BP neural network-based capacity estimate for physical education training and treatment.

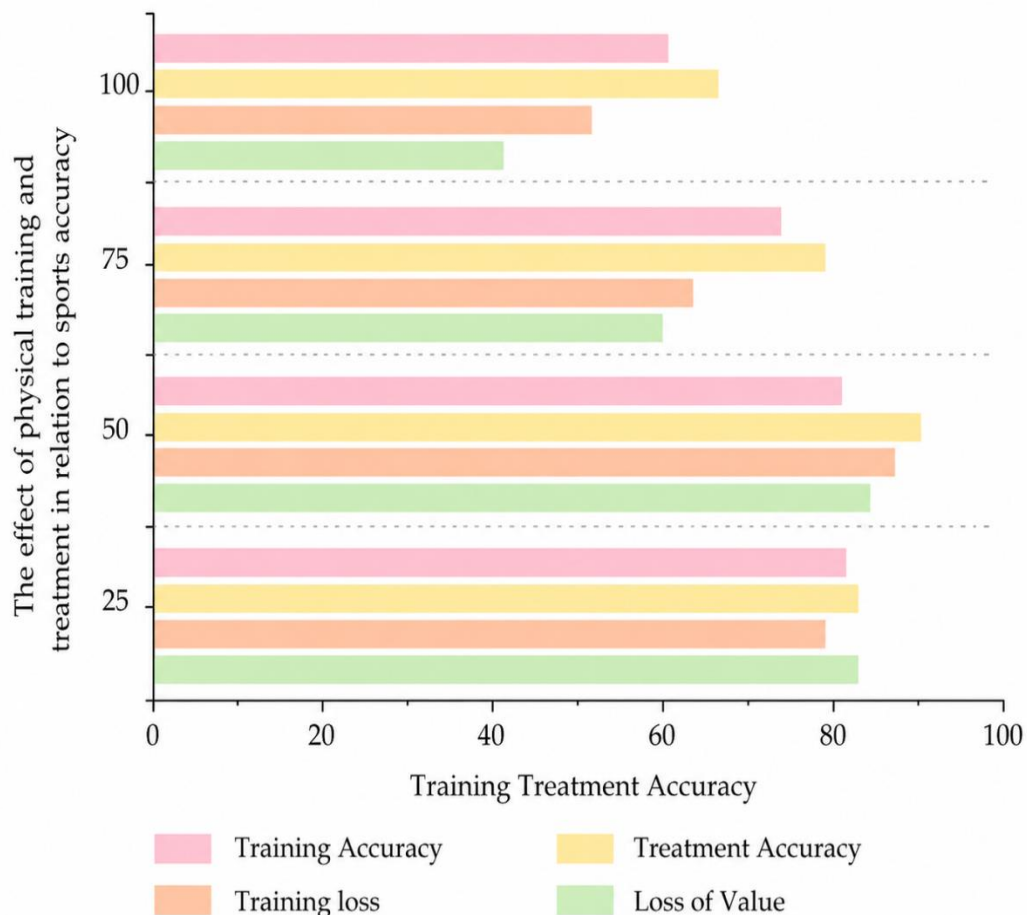


Figure 4. Using the BP Algorithm, the Impact of Physical Training and Therapy on Neural Network Accuracy as Well as Sports Loss

In order to modify its delinking, the developer employs a technique that shows how similar performance metrics are to those of algorithms shown in Figure 4. It has been demonstrated that the isolation of visual media, which includes greater levels of physical and posture judgment in physical training and treatment, continues to give educators objective information about student movements. As a result, this identification of instructional body actions may offer valid input to enhance training performance. Human behavior has been reliably determined using data from intelligent wearable sensors; nevertheless, the categorization of structures remains a contentious issue. Such a convolutional network-based activity detection system could, in fact, recognize human actions with a precision of more than 98% [16], according to the testing results as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Analysis of the Outcomes of the Training Program in Sports Therapy and Physical Education

Physical Education Training Set	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	Accuracy (%)
Various Physical Education	0.88	0.89	0.99
Human Sports Activity	0.91	0.86	0.97

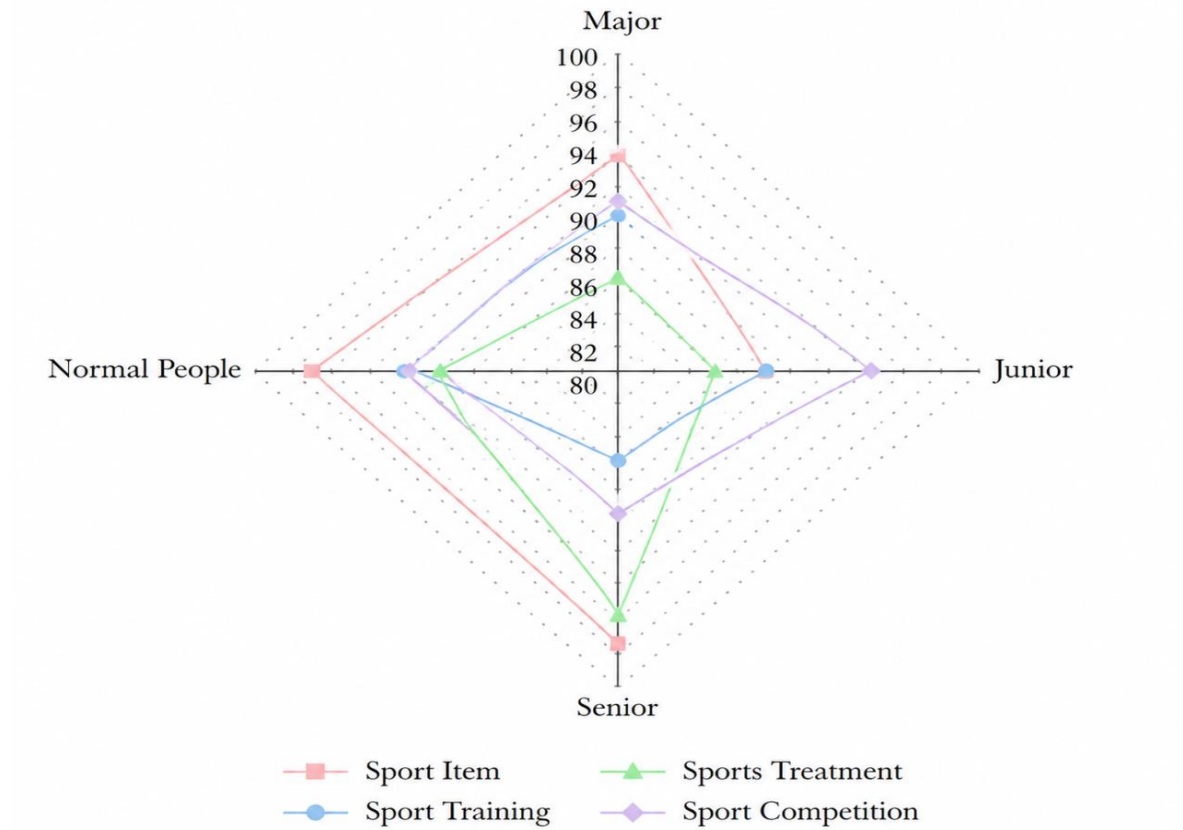


Figure 5. Analysis of the Outcomes of the Physical Therapy and Instruction

The effects of physical education instruction, treatment, and the learning process for children in different grades are analyzed in Figure 5. To be qualified for tournaments in any sport, kids are urged to practice frequently. The graph above illustrates how the study is carried out utilizing sports items, competitiveness, and training as variables on individuals from four distinct categories: regular people, majors, juniors, and elders. A sports item includes all the equipment needed to practice and play any particular sport. It is assumed in this study that the player possesses all required resources.

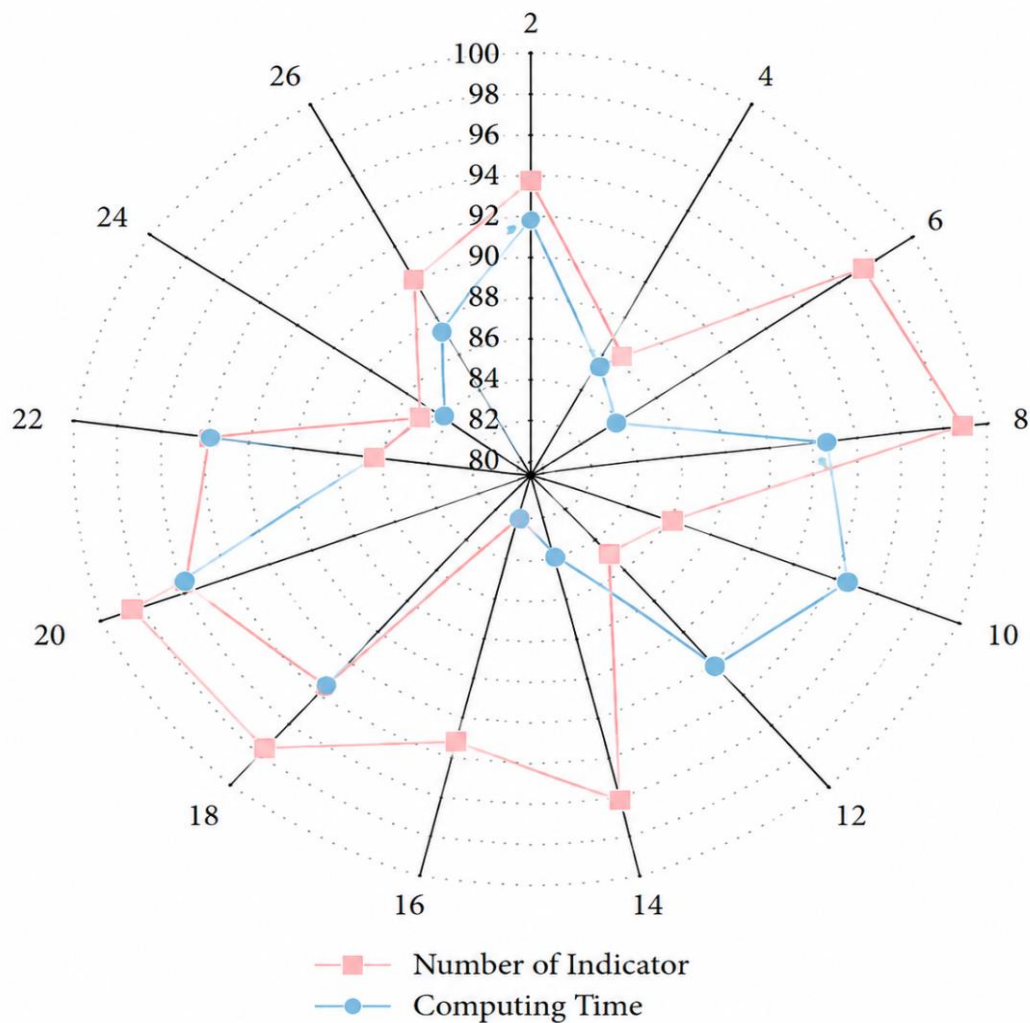


Figure 6. The Comprehensive Results of Sports Therapy and Training are Essential.

Any sport requires training, and the comprehensive results of sports therapy and training, as shown by the statistics in Figure 6 above. As this graph varies, so does the quantity of indicators or exercises, as well as the computation time or the players' length of achievement. First, everyone will spend as much time as possible on brief, easy workouts. As the athletes engage in regular practices and workouts, the calculation time will decrease.

5. CONCLUSION

Sportsmen are most likely to sustain injuries during practice and competition. They must heal from the wounds as soon as possible and begin anew. With the use of an intelligent system, physical training and sports injury treatment can be tracked in the advancement of technology. With regard to practice and therapy, this technological breakthrough helps athletes and coaches provide regular updates on the progress of ailments. The Recurrent Neural Model used in this study is intended to monitor sports injury processes on a regular basis and forecast the likelihood of injuries. The suggested model performed 7%, 6%, and 18% better than the current supported vector machine, fuzzy set based on doubt, and expert score, correspondingly.

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