

# Feature Selection using Information Gain on the K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) and Modified K-Nearest Neighbor (MKNN) Methods for Chronic Kidney Disease Classification

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## Abstract.

**Purpose:** Kidneys has an important role in the human excretory system. Unhealthy kidneys can affect kidney function. It is important to know the symptoms of chronic kidney disease. One data mining technique that can be applied is the classification technique to determine whether a person has chronic kidney disease or not based on the symptoms (attributes) obtained from medical records. The symptoms of chronic kidney disease obtained amount to 24 symptoms or attributes,

**Methods/Study design/approach:** In this research, the classification of chronic kidney disease is performed using the information gain feature selection method and the KNN and MKNN classification methods. The number of data used is 400 data with 2 classes, namely chronic kidney disease (CKD) and non-chronic kidney disease (non-CKD).

**Result/Findings:** Based on the test results, it was found that the hemo (Hemoglobin) attribute has the highest information gain value, which is 0.6255. The best accuracy for the KNN classification method is 96.61%, and for the MKNN method, it is 98%.

**Novelty/Originality/Value:** The purpose of information gain feature selection is to choose features or attributes that significantly influence chronic kidney disease.

**Keywords:** Chronic Kidney Disease, Information Gain, KNN, MKNN

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## INTRODUCTION

Kidneys are very important organs in the human excretory system and generally, every human has two kidneys in the body [1]. Based on data from the Global Burden of Disease, chronic kidney disease (CKD) was ranked 27th in the world in 1990 and 18th in 2010. According to data from the Indonesian Ministry of Health, around 2 out of every 1,000 Indonesians, or 499,800 people, had CKD in 2013. Around 6 out of every 1,000 or 1,499,400 Indonesians suffered from kidney stones [2].

While in Indonesia, nearly 70,000 people suffer from chronic kidney disease, and this number will continue to increase every year. Based on a survey by the World Health Organization (WHO), the number of chronic kidney disease patient in Indonesia will increase by 46% from 1955 to 2025 [3]. Therefore, it is important for everyone to understand the symptoms of kidney disease, one of which is by using classification techniques in data mining.

Classification techniques in data mining allow us to understand the causes of the symptoms of a particular condition. Data mining has long been known as a method that can extract knowledge or insights from a large amount of data. In the healthcare industry, data mining is often used to provide predictions about the diagnosis of various diseases [3]. Classification is a technique for finding a model that serves to group and reveal class differences in data. Classification aims to predict the class or label so that the data can be analyzed based on the known class groups [4]. Classification is a technique for finding a model that serves to group and reveal class differences in data. Classification aims to predict the class or label so that the data can be analyzed based on the known class groups [5]. The results of the study explain that the value of K and the number of training data have a significant effect on accuracy. This study produced the highest accuracy value of 97.61% with K=1 and 90% training data.

In this study, the method applied for classification is Modified K-Nearest Neighbor (MKNN), which is a development of K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) by incorporating additional steps, including validity calculation and threshold of weight value [5]. In the process, the MKNN classification method uses all

available features, so it can sometimes cause problems because of the presence of some irrelevant features, and this affects the accuracy of the classification results. To improve the accuracy results and reduce detection errors, the feature selection process is carried out first before the classification process [4].

Feature selection is a special stage in data mining that aims to identify important attributes. Its main purpose is to remove irrelevant and redundant attributes, so that algorithms can operate more efficiently and improve accuracy[6]. Information Gain is a feature selection method that is useful for ranking attributes based on their relevance. The higher the value of an attribute on Information Gain, the more important that attribute is in data analysis [7]. Previous research that focused on Information Gain attribute selection is “Model Prediction of Diabetes Disease Using Bayesian Classification and Information Gain for Feature Selection and Adaptive Boosting for Data Weighting” [8]. From the results of the study, it can be seen that the accuracy of Naive Bayes increased from 74.01% to 79.10%, accompanied by an AUC value of 0.8722.

In this study, the application of Information Gain in the classification of chronic kidney disease using the Modified K-Nearest Neighbor (MKNN) and KNN methods on the dataset in the UCI machine learning repository will be studied, and also to compare the performance between classification using information gain and without using information gain.

## METHODS

The research steps taken in this study are shown in Figure 1

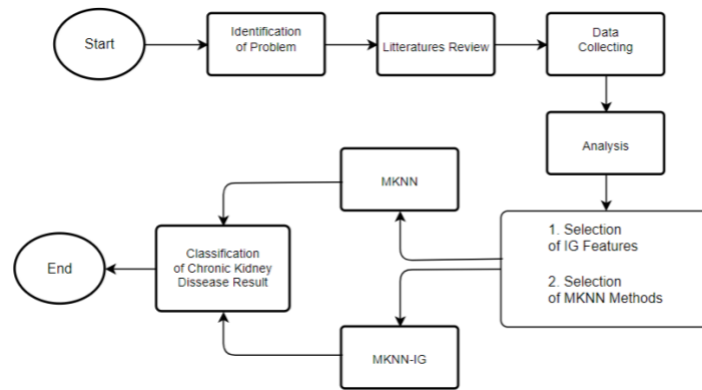


Figure 1. Research Steps and Methods.

### Litterature Review

In this step, a literature review is used to gather information and references related to the research topic. These literature sources can include previous thesis reports, scientific articles, notes, and relevant literature from various experts. The purpose is for the research to be based on relevant theories and conducted systematically

### Data Collecting

In this study, data from patients with chronic kidney disease were used. The data were obtained from the UCI machine learning repository. The dataset used consists of 400 data samples, consisting of 24 attributes and 2 classes, namely the Chronic Kidney Diseases (CKD) class or affected by chronic kidney disease and the not Chronic Kidney Disease (non-CKD) class or not affected by chronic kidney disease.

### Data Mining

Data mining has long been known as a method that can extract knowledge or insights from large amounts of data. The main goal in Data Mining is to extract valuable knowledge from a wide dataset, by transforming it into a more understandable and useful format for future use [9]. In the healthcare industry, data mining is often used to provide predictions about the diagnosis of various diseases[3].

### Features Selection

Feature selection is a specialized step in data analysis that aims to identify attributes that are relevant. The goal is to eliminate attributes that are not significant or redundant, so that the algorithm can run more efficiently and improve the accuracy of its results [6].

## Information Gain

Information gain is a popular feature selection method that has the advantage of ranking each attribute. The larger the value of an attribute, the more relevant it is to use. This is necessary because there are some features that are not needed and can make the algorithm's performance inefficient [10].

Here are the steps involved in performing feature selection with information gain:

- a. Calculating of the entropy value of the initial dataset or the entropy value of the class E(D). The initial E(D) value, or also known as the expected information value, is calculated based on the number of data and the number of classes used. In this study, the dataset consists of 400 data and is divided into two different classes, so the calculation is as follows:

$$N = 400$$

P1 = Class of CKD, total data in Class of CKD as many as 250 data

$$P1 = 250/400 = 0,625, \log_2 = -0,6781$$

P2 = Class of non-CKD, total data in Class of non-CKD as many as 150 data

$$P2 = 150/400 = 0,375, \log_2 = -1,4150$$

Next, the entropy value is calculated using the equation formula (1) below, so the result is,

$$E(D) = (-0,625 * -0,6781) + (-0,375 * -1,4150)$$

$$E(D) = 0,4242 + 0,5306$$

$$E(D) = 0,9544$$

- b. Calculating the entropy value for each attribute in the dataset, with the formula of:

$$Entropy(S) = \sum_i^c -P_i \log_2 P_i \quad (1)$$

After the initial E(D) value is obtained, the entropy value for each attribute is then calculated. The attribute to be calculated is the ba attribute, as follows:

Table 1. BA Features

S	BA	CKD(S <sub>1</sub> )	NON-CKD(S <sub>2</sub> )
S <sub>1</sub>	1	22	0
S	0	228	150

Calculate the entropy value for the first subset, namely BA 1 in the CKD and non-CKD classes.

$$n = 378$$

$$P1 = 228/378 = 0,603, \log_2 \text{ nya} = -0,7298$$

$$P2 = 150/378 = 0,397, \log_2 \text{ nya} = -1,3328$$

$$E(D2) = (-0,603 * -0,7298) + (-0,397 * -1,3328)$$

$$E(D2) = 0,4401 + 0,5291$$

$$E(D2) = 0,9692$$

- c. After all of the Entropy values have been calculated, the next process is to calculate the Information Gain value using the formula of:

$$IG = E(D) - \left( \frac{D1}{D} E(D1) + \frac{D2}{D} E(D2) \right) \quad (2)$$

Which is:

E(D) = Initial Entropy dataset

D = Total of the entire sample from data

D1 = The number of values in subset1 of attribute1

D2 = The number of values in subset1 of attribute2

E(D1) = Entropy value of subset1 of attribute1

E(D2) = Entropy value of subset1 of attribute2

After the entropy value for each feature is obtained, the final step is to find the information gain value for each feature using the formula in equation (2)

$$IG = 0,9544 - (22/400(0) + 378/400(0,9692))$$

$$IG = 0,9544 - (0 + (0,945 * 0,9692) = 0,9159)$$

$$IG = 0,0385$$

Then do the same thing to all the attributes that exist. So the calculation results are obtained as shown in the following chapter.

### Modified K-Nearest Neighbor (MKNN)

MKNN (Modified K-Nearest Neighbor) is an improvement over the KNN method that involves additional steps, including the evaluation of validity values and the setting of weight thresholds [5].

Here is an explanation of the classification process using the MKNN method, namely:

- a. Determining the value of K, K must be odd so that ambiguity does not occur in the classification process.
- b. Calculating the distance between training data using the Euclidean Distance formula. Then the calculation results are sorted from smallest to largest by selecting the nearest neighbors according to the predetermined value of k. Euclidean Distance formula:

$$d(x_i, y_i) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^n (x_i - y_i)^2} \quad (3)$$

Which is:

d= Distance between points in training data,  
x= rows in training data,  
y= columns in training data

- c. Calculating the validity value between training data using the formula:

$$Validitas_{(i)} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k S(lbl_x, lbl_{Ni_x}) \quad (4)$$

Description:

K : Number of nearest neighbors  
Lbl (x) : Class X  
Lbl Ni (x) : Class label of the nearest point x

- d. Finding the distance between test data and training data using the Euclidean Distance formula in Equation 3.
- e. Calculate the value of Weight Voting, with the formula in the following equation:

$$W_{(i)} = Validitas_{(x)} \times \frac{1}{d_e + a} \quad (5)$$

Description:

W(i) : weight voting calculation  
Validitas (x) : Validity of training data  
de : Euclidean Distance  
alfa(α) : smoothing regulator value, the value used is 0.5

- f. After all the weight voting (wv) values are obtained, then sort the values from largest to smallest. Take the wv values according to the K value.
- g. The values of each weight voting class will be accumulated. The class with the largest accumulated total will be the classification result.

### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of classifying chronic kidney disease using information gain feature selection with the MKNN and KNN methods will be explained as follows.

#### Data Cleaning

The data source for this study is a dataset obtained from the UCI Machine Learning Repository. The data used consists of 400 data with 24 attributes and 2 classes, namely the class of patients with chronic kidney disease/Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and the class of patients without chronic kidney disease/not Chronic Kidney Disease (Non-CKD). The data parameters used are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Data Attributes

No	Abbreviation	Data Input
1	Age	Age
2	Bp	Blood Pressure
3	Sg	Specific Gravity

4	Al	Albumin
5	Su	Sugar
6	Rbc	Red Blood Cells
7	Pc	Pus Cell
8	Pcc	Pus Cell Clumps
9	Ba	Bacteria
10	Bgr	Blood Glucose Random
11	Bu	Blood Urea
12	Sc	Serum Creatinine
13	Sod	Sodium
14	Pot	Potassium
15	Hemo	Hemoglobin
16	Pcv	Packed Cell Volume
17	Wbcc	White Blood Cell Count
18	Rbcc	Red Blood Cell Count
19	Htn	Hypertension
20	Dm	Diabetes Mellitus
21	Cad	Coronary Artery Disease
22	Appet	Appetite
23	Pe	Pedal Edema
24	Ane	Anemia

The data for patients with chronic kidney disease has many missing values, so the data needs to be filled in first so that the data to be used becomes of high quality and can obtain the best accuracy results. To fill in the missing values in this data, use the Weka application. The following is the initial data for patients with chronic kidney disease before data cleaning is performed. On the data, it can be seen that there are still many missing values in some attributes.

No.	1: age	2: bp	3: sg	4: al	5: su	6: rbc	7: pc	8: pcc	9: ba	10: bgr	11: bu	12: sc	13: sod	14: pot
	Numeric	Numeric	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Numeric	Numeric	Numeric	Numeric	Numeric
1	48.0	80.0	1.020	1	0		nor...	notp...	notp...	121.0	36.0	1.2		
2	7.0	50.0	1.020	4	0		nor...	notp...	notp...		18.0	0.8		
3	62.0	80.0	1.010	2	3	nor...	nor...	notp...	notp...	423.0	53.0	1.8		
4	48.0	70.0	1.005	4	0	nor...	abn...	pres...	notp...	117.0	56.0	3.8	111.0	2.5
5	51.0	80.0	1.010	2	0	nor...	nor...	notp...	notp...	106.0	26.0	1.4		
6	60.0	90.0	1.015	3	0			notp...	notp...	74.0	25.0	1.1	142.0	3.2
7	68.0	70.0	1.010	0	0		nor...	notp...	notp...	100.0	54.0	24.0	104.0	4.0
8	24.0		1.015	2	4	nor...	abn...	notp...	notp...	410.0	31.0	1.1		
9	52.0	100.0	1.015	3	0	nor...	abn...	pres...	notp...	138.0	60.0	1.9		

Figure 2. Initial data of Chronic Kidney Disease Patient

### Data Transformation

The initial data for patients with chronic kidney disease has some features that are still in text form, so it needs to be transformed first so that the data can be used. Below is the data after the transformation is done.

Table 3. Data Transformation

No	<i>age</i>	<i>bp</i>	<i>sg</i>	<i>al</i>	...	...	<i>appet</i>	<i>pe</i>	<i>ane</i>	<i>class</i>
1	48	80	1.02	1	...	...	1	0	0	1
2	7	50	1.02	4	...	...	1	0	0	1
3	62	80	1.01	2	...	...	0	0	1	1
4	48	70	1.005	4	...	...	0	1	1	1
5	51	80	1.01	2	...	...	1	0	0	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
397	55	80	1.02	0	...	...	1	0	0	0
398	42	70	1.025	0	...	...	1	0	0	0
399	12	80	1.02	0	...	...	1	0	0	0
400	17	60	1.025	0	...	...	1	0	0	0
401	58	80	1.025	0	...	...	1	0	0	0

After all the data is transformed into numeric form, because the difference in values in the data is too large, normalization is performed. The normalization used is min-max normalization. The results of the normalization are as follows.

Table 4. Data after normalization

No	<i>age</i>	<i>bp</i>	<i>sg</i>	<i>al</i>	...	...	<i>appet</i>	<i>pe</i>	<i>ane</i>	<i>class</i>
1	0,523	0,231	0,75	0,2	...	...	1	0	0	1
2	0,057	0	0,75	0,8	...	...	1	0	0	1
3	0,682	0,231	0,25	0,4	...	...	0	0	1	1
4	0,523	0,154	0	0,8	...	...	0	1	1	1
5	0,557	0,231	0,25	0,4	...	...	1	0	0	1
...	...				...	...	...	...	...	...
397	0,602	0,231	0,75	0	...	...	1	0	0	0
398	0,455	0,154	1	0	...	...	1	0	0	0
399	0,114	0,231	0,75	0	...	...	1	0	0	0
400	0,170	0,077	1	0	...	...	1	0	0	0
401	0,636	0,231	1	0	...	...	1	0	0	0

### Information Gain

In this study, the feature ranking process was carried out using the Weka application with the ranking results of each attribute as follows:

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Ranked attributes:
0.6255 15 hemo
0.5914 16 pcv
0.5499 3 sg
0.515 4 al
0.4941 12 sc
0.4221 18 rbcc
0.3378 19 htn
0.3122 13 sod
0.3064 20 dm
0.2814 10 br
0.2443 11 bu
0.2127 14 pot
0.18 5 su
0.1659 2 bp
0.1613 22 appet
0.1476 7 pc
0.1476 23 pe
0.1129 24 ane
0.1101 1 age
0.0863 6 rbc
0.0765 8 pcc
0.061 21 cad
0.0591 17 wbcc
0.0387 9 ba

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Figure 3. Information Gain Value

From the test results above, it was found that the hemo (Hemoglobin) attribute has the largest value with a value of 0.6255, which means that the hemo attribute has the greatest influence on the dataset. Similarly, the ba (bacteria) attribute has the smallest value with an attribute value of 0.0387

### Results of Information Gain Feature Selection Classification with KNN and MKNN

The classification results are presented in the form of a table comparing the accuracy of information gain feature selection between the KNN and MKNN methods with the ratio of training and test data used, namely 90:10, 80:20, and 70:30. Here are the results:

a. Information gain and MKNN method testing with a 90:10 ratio

Table 5. IG+MKNN 90:10

No	Total Attributes	K-Value	Accuracy
1	24	3	97,5%
		5	97,5%
		7	97,5%
2	20	3	97,5%
		5	100%
		7	100%
3	15	3	97,5%
		5	97,5%
		7	97,5%
4	10	3	97,5%
		5	97,5%
		7	97,5%
5	5	3	100%
		5	97,5%
		7	97,5%
Accuracy Means			98%

The next, is information gain and KNN method testing with a 90:10 ratio. The test starts from using the existing 24 features, then continues with the test using 20 features, 15 features, 10 features, and finally using 5 features. The variation of the k value used is 3, 5, and 7. The average accuracy obtained in this test is 96.17%.

Table 6. IG+KNN 90:10

No	Total Attributes	K-Value	Accuracy
1	24	3	97,5%
		5	97,5%
		7	92,5%
2	20	3	97,5%
		5	97,5%
		7	97,5%
3	15	3	97,5%
		5	95%
		7	95%
4	10	3	95%
		5	95%
		7	95%
5	5	3	100%
		5	95%
		7	95%
Accuracy Means			96,17%

b. Information gain and MKNN method testing with a 80:20 ratio

In this test, the test will be carried out using a data training and test ratio of 80:20. The test starts from using the existing 24 features, then continues with the test using 20 features, 15 features, 10 features, and finally using 5 features. The variation of the k value used is 3, 5, and 7. The average accuracy obtained in this test is 97.75%.

Table 7. IG+MKNN 80:20

No	Total Attributes	K-Value	Accuracy
1	24	3	97,5%
		5	98,33%
		7	98,33%
2	20	3	97,5%
		5	98,33%
		7	98,33%
3	15	3	97,5%
		5	97,5%
		7	97,5%
4	10	3	96,66%
		5	96,66%
		7	97,5%
5	5	3	96,66%
		5	96,66%
		7	96,66%
Accuracy Means			97,44%

The next is, information gain and KNN method testing with a 80:20 ratio. The test starts from using the existing 24 features, then continues with the test using 20 features, 15 features, 10 features, and finally using 5 features. The variation of the k value used is 3, 5, and 7. The average accuracy obtained in this test is 96.5%

Table 8. IG+KNN 80:20

No	Total Attributes	K-Value	Accuracy
1	24	3	97,5%
		5	96,25%
		7	97,5%
2	20	3	97,5%
		5	97,5%
		7	98,75%
3	15	3	97,5%
		5	96,25%
		7	96,25%
4	10	3	96,25%
		5	96,25%
		7	96,25%
5	5	3	96,25%
		5	93,75%
		7	93,75%
Accuracy Means			96,5%

- c. Information gain and MKNN method testing with a 70:30 ratio  
 The test starts from using the existing 24 features, then continues with the test using 20 features, 15 features, 10 features, and finally using 5 features. The variation of the k value used is 3, 5, and 7. The average accuracy obtained in this test is 97.44%.



Table 9. IG+MKNN 70:30

No	Total Attributes	K-Value	Accuracy
1	24	3	97,5%
		5	98,33%
		7	98,33%
2	20	3	97,5%
		5	98,33%
		7	98,33%
3	15	3	97,5%
		5	97,5%
		7	97,5%
4	10	3	96,66%
		5	96,66%
		7	97,5%
5	5	3	96,66%
		5	96,66%
		7	96,66%
Accuracy Means			97,44%

The next is, information gain and KNN method testing with a 70:30 ratio. The test starts from using the existing 24 features, then continues with the test using 20 features, 15 features, 10 features, and finally using 5 features. The variation of the k value used is 3, 5, and 7. The average accuracy obtained in this test is 96.61%.

Table 10. IG+KNN 70:30

No	Total Attributes	K-Value	Accuracy
1	24	3	
		5	98,33%
		7	98,33%
2	20	3	97,5%
		5	98,33%
		7	98,33%
3	15	3	96,67%
		5	96,67%
		7	96,67%
4	10	3	95,83%
		5	95,83%
		7	95%
5	5	3	95,83%
		5	94,17%
		7	94,17%
Accuracy Means			96,61%

**CONCLUSION**

Based on several tests that have been conducted, it can be concluded that information gain feature selection has an impact on improving the accuracy results, both using the MKNN method and the KNN method. In the test with a data comparison of 90:10, the best accuracy in the test using information gain and the MKNN method is at the number of features 20 with the value k=5, with an accuracy of 100%, and at the number of features 5 with the value k=3, the accuracy is 100%. Then for those using the KNN method, the best accuracy is at the number of features 5 with the value k=3, with an accuracy of 100%. However, it should

be noted that if you want to use information gain feature selection, you first need to set a threshold or limit, so only features with the smallest gain value are deleted. This is because based on the results of the tests that have been conducted, if too many features with high gain values are deleted, it can affect or even reduce the accuracy results.

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