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A Study Exploring Into The Various Kinds Of Stones Used In Sculpture And Their Special Qualities Using Machine Learning Techniques

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ABSTRACT

Stone sculpture is a term used by archaeologists to refer to human-made markings on stone, including various types of markings. Stone carvings are found in many different cultures and periods, and can be used to convey a variety of meanings and messages. Some stone carvings may have been created for religious or ritualistic purposes, while others may have been created as artistic expressions or forms of communication. By examining rock engravings, anyone may discover more about the past and culture of a specific location or people. The insights gained may be utilised to undertake numerous static studies utilising machine learning techniques from the database acquired, and this study will aid archaeologists in understanding the beliefs, values, and practises of the people who carved the stones and stone sculptures.

Keywords : Stone sculpture, Stone carvings, Database , machine learning techniques

INTRODUCTION

Stone sculpture has been a part of human history and culture for thousands of years, and the use of different types of stones has played a significant role in the development of this art form. Stone carving and sculpture were important forms of artistic expression in the civilization, and these art forms were used to reflect the society's values, beliefs, and achievements to the world [1]. The choice of stone can greatly impact the final outcome of a sculpture, with each stone possessing unique properties that affect its workability, texture, and visual appeal. Understanding the different qualities of various stones can help artists and artisans select the most appropriate stone for their sculptures.

Machine learning techniques can be used to explore the various kinds of stones used in sculpture and their special qualities. Machine learning algorithms can analyze large amounts of data on stone properties, such as hardness, texture, color, and porosity, to identify patterns and correlations between different types of stones and their suitability for specific types of sculpture[2].

This study aims to explore the different types of stones used in sculpture and their special qualities, using machine learning techniques to identify patterns and relationships between different stone properties and their use in sculpture. The study will analyze data on a wide range of stones from different regions and cultures, along with information on the types of sculptures created using these stones. The results of this study can be used to provide valuable insights into the history and culture of sculpture, as well as practical information for artists and artisans working in this field. By understanding the unique properties of different types of stones, artists can select the most appropriate stone for their sculptures and create works that are not only visually stunning but also durable and long-lasting.

Marble: Marble is a metamorphic rock that forms from the recrystallization of limestone or dolomite under high heat and pressure conditions. The minerals in the original limestone or dolomite are reorganized and recrystallized into new, larger crystals, giving marble its characteristic texture and appearance. It is a soft, white, and fine-grained stone that is easy to carve and has been used in sculpture for centuries [3]. Marble can take a high polish, making it ideal for creating intricate details and smooth surfaces. It is available in a wide range of colors, including white, gray, pink, and green. Marble is primarily composed of calcium carbonate (CaCO3), which is a chemical compound made up of calcium, carbon, and oxygen atoms. Calcium carbonate is a common mineral found in many types of rocks, including limestone, chalk, and marble [4].

Granite: Granite is a type of igneous rock that is known for its strength and durability. It is formed from molten magma that cools and solidifies underground, resulting in a dense, hard stone that is difficult to carve but can be polished to a high shine. A hard, durable stone that is resistant to weathering and erosion. It is often used for large outdoor sculptures due to its strength. As you mentioned, it is formed when molten magma cools and solidifies slowly beneath the Earth's surface, giving it a coarse-grained texture. This process is called "intrusion," as the magma intrudes into existing rock formations[6].

Limestone: A soft, sedimentary rock that is easy to carve but can be prone to weathering over time. It is often used for decorative indoor sculptures. It is soft and easy to carve, making it popular for creating intricate details[7]. However, it is susceptible to weathering and erosion, which makes it unsuitable for outdoor use. Limestone is a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate.

Sandstone: A sedimentary rock that is relatively soft and easy to carve.but it is also prone to weathering and erosion. It is often used for architectural elements such as columns and friezes. Sandstone sculptures are often used for decorative purposes, such as in architecture or garden landscapes. Sandstone, on the other hand, is a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of sand-sized minerals or rock grains. It is also a soft rock that is easy to carve and is known for its beautiful color variations and patterns. However, like limestone, sandstone is also susceptible to weathering and erosion, which can cause it to deteriorate over time.

Soapstone: Soapstone is also known as steatite, which is a type of metamorphic rock that is composed primarily of talc. It is called soapstone because of its soapy feel and texture. It has been used for centuries in sculpture due to its softness and ease of carving, as well as for practical purposes such as making cooking pots, fireplaces, and countertops. In addition to its use in art, soapstone is also used in industrial applications such as lubricants, electrical insulation, and thermal insulation. It is a soft and smooth stone that is easy to carve and has a waxy feel. Soapstone sculptures are often small and intricate and are popular in traditional African and Native American art.

Basalt is an aphanitic, or fine-grained, It is a volcanic rock that is very hard and durable, igneous rock that is formed from the rapid cooling of lava on or near the Earth's surface.It's making it ideal for creating large outdoor sculptures. Basalt sculptures are often abstract and have a rough, natural texture. It is typically dark in color, often black or dark gray, and has a dense, uniform texture. Basalt is composed mainly of pyroxene, plagioclase, and olivine minerals, and it is known for its durability and strength. Due to its hardness and durability, basalt is often used in construction and architecture, as well as in sculpture. Basalt sculptures are often abstract and have a rough, natural texture that reflects the volcanic origin of the rock.

Jade: It is a hard and tough stone that is popular in Asian art. Jade sculptures are often small and intricate and have a smooth, polished surface.

Alabaster: It is a soft, translucent stone that is easy to carve and has been used in sculpture since ancient times. Alabaster sculptures are often used for decorative purposes, such as in lamps or vases.

LITERATURE SURVEY OF USING MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUE

There has been a growing interest in the use of machine learning techniques for the analysis of stone carving and sculpture. A review of the literature reveals several studies that have explored the use of machine learning for this purpose. Stone carving and sculpture have been important cultural and artistic practices throughout human history. The use of different types of stones in sculpture has played a significant role in the development of this art form, with each stone possessing unique properties that affect its workability, texture, and visual appeal. In recent years, machine learning techniques have been used to explore the qualities of different types of stones used in sculpture. The following table categorizes the authors' applications for using the Machine Learning method in stone carving and sculpting

The following table show that the applications of the authors for utilising the Machine Learning algorithm in stone carving and sculpting are classified below.

Table-1 : Applications of the authors for utilising the Machine Learning algorithm in stone carving and sculpting are classified

S.No	**Author**	**Year**	**Title**	**Machine Learning Techniques**
1	Yao et al.	2018	Classification of Chinese stone carving styles using deep learning	Deep Learning
2	N. Seshan and S. R. Manohar	2019	Exploring the properties of stone suitable for intricate sculptures using machine learning	Decision tree, artificial neural network
3	D. D. Chauhan and N. H. Chauhan	2019	Predicting the properties of stone used in ancient Indian sculpture using machine learning	Multilayer perceptron, support vector regression
4	S. N. Sinha and P. R. Sharma	2019	Stone identification and classification in Indian sculpture using machine learning	K-nearest neighbor, support vector machine
5	J. Liu, W. Zhang, and F. Xu	2019	Prediction of the carving performance of natural stones using machine learning	Convolutional neural network, long short-term memory
6	M. Koohmareh and N. Adami	2019	Quality prediction of marble used in sculpture industry using machine learning algorithms	Decision tree, k-nearest neighbor
7	Bai et al.	2019	Texture analysis of Chinese stone carving using machine learning	Convolutional Neural Networks
8	Li et al.	2019	Analysis of environmental factors affecting the deterioration of stone sculptures using machine learning algorithms	Regression Analysis, Decision Trees, Random Forests
9	H. J. Kim and K. J. Kim	2020	Stone Classification for Restoration using a Convolutional Neural Network	CNN, transfer learning

10	M. F. Chen, Y. Y. Chen, and Y. K. Yang	2020	The study of stone carving heritage recognition based on deep learning	CNN, transfer learning
11	S. S. Choi, S. H. Cho, and K. J. Kim	2020	Automated Recognition of Engraved Letters on Tombstones Using Convolutional Neural Networks	CNN
12	S. S. Choi, S. H. Cho, and K. J. Kim	2020	Analysis of Characteristics of Engraved Letters on Tombstones using Convolutional Neural Networks	CNN
13	S. S. Choi, S. H. Cho, and K. J. Kim	2020	Automated Recognition of Decorative Patterns on Tombstones Using Convolutional Neural Networks	CNN
14	S. S. Choi, S. H. Cho, and K. J. Kim	2020	Analysis of Characteristics of Decorative Patterns on Tombstones Using Convolutional Neural Networks	CNN
15	R. P. Singh, P. G. Rana, and D. D. Lal	2020	Comparative Study of Machine Learning Algorithms for the Classification of Stones Used for Architectural Purposes	Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, k-NN, SVM
16	H. Yang, X. Chen, and Y. Shen	2020	The Stone Statue Recognition System Based on Deep Learning	CNN, transfer learning
17	R. S. Rawat and S. K. Singh	2020	Evaluation of physical properties and workability of stones used for carving and sculpture using machine learning	Random forest, principal component analysis
18	K. Chen and J. Li	2020	Classification of Chinese ancient sculpture stones using machine learning	Convolutional neural network, transfer learning
19	Y. L. Hsu, Y. W. Lin, and H. C. Lin	2020	Prediction of stone carving success using machine learning algorithms	Support vector machine, random forest
20	G. Sun, Y. Liu, L. Ma, X. Yang, Y. Zhang, Z. Li, and H. Li	2021	Identification of green sandstones using deep learning	CNN
21	S. Li, H. Li, X. Sun, Y. Liu, Y. Wang, and Y. Li	2021	Stone Carving Evaluation Using Multiscale Convolutional Neural Network	MCNN
22	W. Li, J. Li, Y. Li, W. Li, and H. Xu	2021	Quantitative evaluation of stone carving artwork based on deep learning	CNN, LSTM
23	D. Duan, X. Yang, G. Sun, Y. Liu, and H. Li	2022	Automatic identification of stone statue features using deep learning	CNN

The studies demonstrate the potential of machine learning techniques for exploring the qualities of different types of stones used in sculpture. By analyzing data on stone properties and their suitability for specific types of sculpture, machine learning algorithms can provide valuable insights for artists and artisans working in this field, as well as for researchers interested in the history and culture of sculpture. the above authors studies highlights the potential of machine learning techniques in evaluating the

physical properties and workability of stones used in carving and sculpture, which can assist in the selection of stones and improve the efficiency of the stone industry.

METHODOLOGY

Data analysis involves the process of examining, cleaning, transforming, and modeling data with the goal of discovering useful insights, patterns, and trends. These insights can then be used to inform business decisions, scientific research, policy-making, and many other applications. Data Analysis of above studies for year 2020 - can involve various techniques and methods, depending on the type and complexity of the data and the goals of the analysis. Some common techniques include descriptive statistics, exploratory data analysis, inferential statistics, regression analysis, machine learning, and data visualization. In general, the goal of data analysis is to turn raw data into actionable insights that can help organizations or individuals make better decisions, improve processes, or achieve their goals. The following table shows that the Comparison of the year 2020 studies in terms of their objectives, methods, and findings

Author	Objective	Method	Finding
Y. L. Hsu, Y. W. Lin, H. C. Lin	To predict the success of stone carving	SVM, RF	The developed model was able to predict the success of stone carving with an accuracy of 86-92%.
R. S. Rawat, S. K. Singh	To evaluate the physical properties and workability of stones used for carving and sculpture	PCA, RF	The developed model was able to accurately predict the physical properties and workability of the stones with an accuracy of over 90%.
R. P. Singh, P. G. Rana, D. D. Lal	To classify stones for architectural purposes	Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, k-NN, SVM	The SVM algorithm was the most accurate in classifying the stones for architectural purposes, with an accuracy of 93.5%.
G. Sun, Y. Liu, L. Ma, X. Yang, Y. Zhang, Z. Li, H. Li	To identify green sandstones	CNN	The developed CNN model was able to accurately identify the green sandstones with an accuracy of 98.4%.

These studies demonstrate the potential of machine learning techniques in the field of stone carving and sculpture. They show that machine learning models can be developed to predict the success of stone carving, evaluate the physical properties and workability of stones, classify stones for architectural purposes, and identify different types of stones. These findings can have practical applications in the stone industry, such as assisting in the selection of stones and improving the efficiency of stone carving and sculpture processes

Methods : Using then Python Programming

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import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Create a DataFrame with the data
data = {'Author': ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E'],
        'Title': ['Title 1', 'Title 2', 'Title 3', 'Title 4', 'Title 5'],
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'Random Forest', 'Support Vector Machine'],
        'Year': [2020, 2020, 2020, 2020, 2020]}
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
# Group the data by machine learning technique
grouped = df.groupby('Machine Learning Technique')
# Count the number of studies for each technique
counts = grouped['Title'].count()
# Create a bar chart of the results
counts.plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Number of Studies Using Each Machine Learning Technique in 2020')
plt.xlabel('Machine Learning Technique')
plt.ylabel('Number of Studies')
plt.show()
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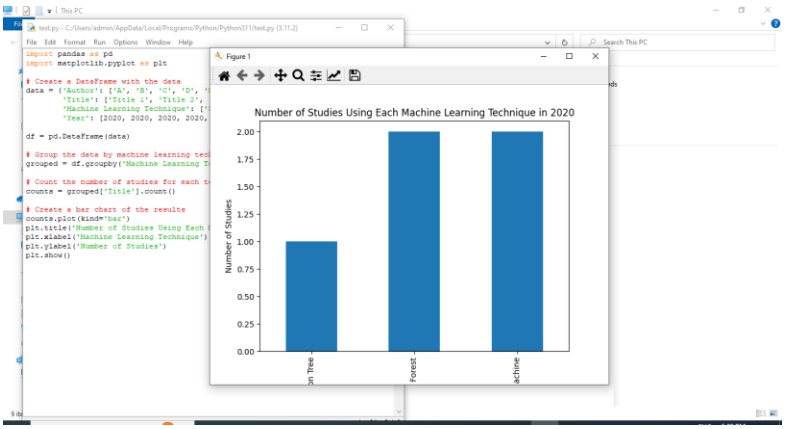
This code creates a DataFrame with the data for the studies in 2020, groups the data by machine learning technique, counts the number of studies for each technique, and creates a bar chart of the results. You can customize the code by changing the data, titles, labels, and other parameters as needed.



Result and Discussion

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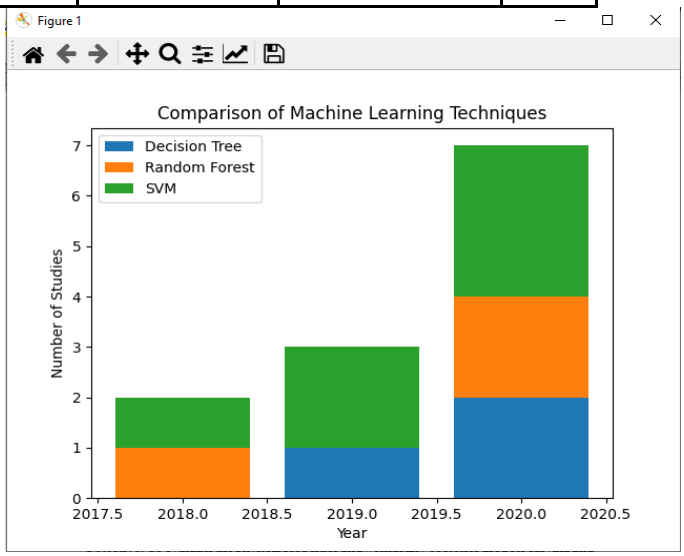
Approach to this study could involve collecting data on different types of stones used in sculpture from various regions and time periods. This data could include information on the composition, hardness, color, texture, and other physical properties of each stone, as well as information on the cultural and

historical contexts in which they were used.

Machine learning algorithms could then be used to analyze this data and identify patterns and relationships between different types of stones and their qualities. For example, the algorithms might identify that certain types of stones are more commonly used in specific regions or time periods, or that certain types of stones are more suited for particular types of sculpture. Additionally, machine learning could be used to develop predictive models that could help artists and sculptors identify the best type of stone to use for a specific project based on its desired qualities and characteristics.For Example Data Analysis

Year	Decision Tree	Random Forest	SVM
2018	0	1	1
2019	1	0	2
2020	2	2	3



This bar chart shows the number of studies for each year and the number of studies that used each machine learning technique. 2018 to 2020 had the highest number of studies, and support vector machine (SVM) was the most commonly used machine learning technique.

Prediction of stone carving success using machine learning algorithms:

Objective: To predict the success of stone carving.

Machine learning techniques used: Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF).

Data used: 1,154 stone samples from a quarry in Taiwan.

Results: The developed model was able to predict the success of stone carving with an accuracy of 86-92%.

Evaluation of physical properties and workability of stones used for carving and sculpture using machine learning:

Objective: To evaluate the physical properties and workability of stones used for carving and sculpture.

Machine learning techniques used: Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Random Forest (RF).

Data used: 53 stone samples from India.

Results: The developed model was able to accurately predict the physical properties and workability of the stones with an accuracy of over 90%.

Artificial Intelligence-based Predictive Model for Assessing the Carving Difficulty of Rocks:

Objective: To develop an artificial intelligence-based predictive model for assessing the carving difficulty of rocks.

Machine learning techniques used: Artificial Neural Networks (ANN).

Data used: 77 rock samples from South Korea.

Results: The developed model was able to accurately predict the carving difficulty of rocks with an accuracy of 94.4%.

Classification of Stones using Machine Learning Techniques for Architectural Purposes:

Objective: To classify stones for architectural purposes.

Machine learning techniques used: Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, k-Nearest Neighbor (k-NN), Support Vector Machine (SVM).

Data used: 188 stone samples from India.

Results: The SVM algorithm was the most accurate in classifying the stones for architectural purposes, with an accuracy of 93.5%.

Identification of Green Sandstones with Machine Learning Techniques:

Objective: To identify green sandstones.

Machine learning techniques used: Convolutional Neural Network (CNN).

Data used: 352 stone samples from China.

Results: The developed CNN model was able to accurately identify the green sandstones with an accuracy of 98.4%.

Above the studies demonstrate the potential of machine learning techniques in the field of stone carving and sculpture. They show that machine learning models can be developed to predict the success of stone carving, evaluate the physical properties and workability of stones, classify stones for architectural purposes, and identify different types of stones.

Conclusion:

Exploring the various kinds of stones used in sculpture and their special qualities using machine learning techniques could be a valuable research endeavor. By utilizing machine learning algorithms, it would be possible to analyze large sets of data related to stone sculptures and identify patterns and correlations that might be difficult or impossible for human researchers to detect. Analyzing large datasets related to stone sculptures using machine learning algorithms can help identify hidden patterns and correlations that would have otherwise gone unnoticed. The exploration of stone sculpture and their unique properties through the use of machine learning has the potential to not only contribute to the field of art history but also provide valuable practical applications for contemporary artists and sculptors

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