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# **Research on the Application of Artificial Neural Network-Based Virtual Image Technology in College Tennis Teaching**

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At the same time that my country has shifted from high-speed development to high-quality development, my country has also put forward new requirements for education development. Due to the limited study time during college, each student's study habits and learning process are also different, and the degree of connection between tennis lessons is high, so there will be polarization when learning tennis. With the development of science and technology, more and more technological innovations are integrated into the classroom, and traditional teaching methods can no longer keep up with the pace of the times. Tennis teaching is a subject of equal proportion between theory and practice. The traditional teaching method simplifies the theory, which makes students to have some bad phenomena when they practice. Aiming at this series of problems, this paper uses algorithms such as softmax function and threshold function to construct an application model of virtual image technology based on the artificial neural network in tennis teaching. The research results of the article show that: (1) the average accuracy rate of the method in this paper is 97.22%, and the highest accuracy rate is 99.17%. The average accuracy rate also tends to increase with the increase of sample size; the recall rate is the highest, and the highest recall rate is 99.36%. The average recall rate is 96.77%; the highest correct rate is close to 100% and is significantly higher than the other three methods; the average correct rate reaches 98.8%; the response time is the shortest; the average response time is 33 ms; and the response time increases with the increase of the sample size. (2) After using this model, tennis skills have been improved, with an average of 12 in situ flips, an average of 7 in situ rackets, an average of 5 in situ forehand draws, and an average of 3 in situ backhand draws. (3) The average forehand and backhand scores of the class after the experiment were 90 and 86; the average forehand and backhand stability were 8 and 7; and the average forehand and backhand accuracy were 31 and 29, respectively. The average depth of forehand and backhand is 36 and 32. (4) Most of the students are satisfied with this model, and they all choose to strongly agree and relatively agree, and the percentage of very agree that helps stimulate learning has reached 60.52%, and no students choose to disagree very much.

## **1. Introduction**

At present, although the traditional teaching methods of tennis in colleges and universities are helpful for students to understand and master the basic tennis movements, the traditional methods are relatively simple and cannot provide deeper guidance to students. Therefore, this paper uses the softmax function and threshold function to construct the application model of virtual image technology based on an artificial neural network in tennis teaching. Improve students' learning ability of tennis through virtual imaging technology. This paper has received a lot of support on the

basis of previous results. Artificial neural networks solve many problems that are difficult for modern computers to solve in the field of model recognition [[1](#page-10-0)]. It exhibits good intelligence properties [[2\]](#page-10-0). Artificial neural networks are proposed in the technology of modern neuroscience research results [\[3](#page-10-0)]. Neuron processing units can represent different objects [\[4\]](#page-11-0). Artificial neural networks enable parallel distributed systems [[5\]](#page-11-0). It adopts a completely different mechanism from traditional artificial intelligence and information processing technology [\[6](#page-11-0)]. And it has the characteristics of self-adaptation, self-organization, and realtime learning [\[7](#page-11-0)]. Virtual is a description of distance and

impossibility [[8\]](#page-11-0). The most favorable narrative method of digital images is its virtuality [\[9](#page-11-0)]. Virtual imaging technology uses information as material and transforms information into perceived reality [[10\]](#page-11-0). Virtual can merge the vast and the subtle into one [[11\]](#page-11-0). Virtual image technology combines art design and computer technology [[12\]](#page-11-0). Virtual imaging technology is a general term for existing virtual reality, augmented reality, and projection technologies [[13\]](#page-11-0). The artificial neural network model mainly considers the topology of network connections [[14\]](#page-11-0). An artificial neural network is a nonlinear, adaptive information processing system composed of a large number of interconnected processing units [[15\]](#page-11-0).

#### **2. Basic Knowledge**

#### *2.1. Artificial Neural Network*

*2.1.1. Neural Network Model.* Artificial Neural Network (ANN for short) [\[16](#page-11-0)] is an information processing system established by humans based on the understanding of the operating rules of the brain neural network. The system can imitate the structure of the brain neural network to achieve certain functions. A neural network is an adaptive nonlinear dynamic system composed of multiple linear and nonlinear neurons connected to each other according to a certain method, in which neurons are the storage and processing units of information, and the learning process of the neural network is based on the input between neurons. The pattern connection weights are continuously adjusted to form a memory for the input pattern. A simple neuron model is shown in Figure 1.

In Figure 1, the input of the neuron is represented by  $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots, x_n)$ ; the corresponding weight value of each input is represented by  $W = (w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n)$ ; the bias value of the neuron is represented by *b*; the activation function of the neuron is represented by  $f(\cdot)$ ; and the input of the neuron is represented by *y*.

$$
\cdot = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i + b,\tag{1}
$$

$$
y = f(\cdot). \tag{2}
$$

*2.1.2. Neuron Activation Function.* The activation function is the main processing method of artificial neural network information. The activation functions proposed according to different research problems can be divided into three categories:

(1) Linear activation function: the main function of the linear activation function is to linearly process the input information of the neuron, that is, the output information and the input information satisfy a linear relationship. The most common linear activation function is the pure-line activation function  $[17]$  $[17]$ . The function expression is

$$
f(x) = kx.\tag{3}
$$



Figure 1: Artificial neural network model.

*(*2) Nonlinear activation function: the main function of the nonlinear activation function is to nonlinearly process the input information of the neuron. The two activation functions of Sigmoid and Tanh are mainly used. The function expressions are as follows:

Sigmoid function:

$$
f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}.\tag{4}
$$

Tanh function:

$$
f(x) = \frac{1 - e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-x}}.
$$
 (5)

(3) Threshold function: the threshold function adopts a step function, and the output of the neuron is a binary variable [\[18](#page-11-0)]. Its function expression is

$$
f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \ge 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}.
$$
 (6)

(4) Softmax function: the softmax function is defined as follows:

$$
S_i = \frac{e^{y_i}}{\sum_j e^{y_i}}.\tag{7}
$$

The softmax function shows the concept of mutual exclusion, that is, the closer the judgment result is to a certain class, the closer the corresponding value of this class is to 1, and the closer to 0 for other classes.

(5) Gaussian error linear unit: the Gaussian error linear unit (GELU) adjusts the output value through a gating mechanism, defined as follows:

$$
GELU(x) = xP(X \le x), \tag{8}
$$

where  $P(X \leq x)$  is the cumulative distribution function of the Gaussian distribution.

The Gaussian error linear unit is approximated by the Tanh function:

$$
GELU(x) \approx 0.5x \left( 1 + \tanh\left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left( x + 0.044715x^3 \right) \right) \right). \tag{9}
$$

Approximate using the logistic function:

$$
GELU(x) \approx xL(1.702x). \tag{10}
$$

2.1.3. Loss Function. The loss function is usually used to describe the difference between the prediction result of the model on the sample value and the actual value, which represents the accuracy of the model to a certain extent. The loss function includes the mean square error function and the cross-entropy function.

(1) Mean square error function: the mean square error function uses the mean square error in statistics to characterize the deviation of the predicted value from the actual value and is defined as follows:

$$
\text{Loss} = \frac{\sum (y - y')^2}{n},\tag{11}
$$

where  $y$  is the label value,  $y'$  is the predicted value, and  $n$ is the number of samples.

(2) Cross-entropy function: the cross-entropy function represents the deviation between two probability steps. Assuming that both *p* and *q* represent the law of probability, the cross entropy of *p* represented by *q* is

$$
H(p,q) = -\sum_{x} p(x) \log_2 q(x). \tag{12}
$$

2.2. Artificial Neural Network Algorithm. The learning process of the artificial neural network is composed of forward propagation and back propagation [\[19\]](#page-11-0). The algorithm process is as follows.

Initialize weights and thresholds [\[20\]](#page-11-0): after the network BP (*n*, *q*, *m*) is determined, the network algorithm includes the weight from the *i* unit of the input layer to the *j* unit of the hidden layer, the weight of  $W_{ij}^1$  ( $i = 1, \ldots, n; j = 1, \ldots, k$ ) from the *j* unit of the hidden layer to the *k* unit of the output layer, and the weight of  $W_{ij}^0$  (  $j = 1, \ldots, q; k = 1, \ldots, m$ ). The activation threshold of the *j* unit of the hidden layer is  $\theta_j^H$  (*j* = 1, . . . , *q*), and the activation threshold of the *j* unit of the output layer is  $\theta_k^0$  ( $k = 1, ..., m$ ). The above weights and initial thresholds are randomly generated before the network is trained.

Training sample information [\[21](#page-11-0)]: assuming that *P* is a common training sample, input the  $r(r = 1, \ldots, p)$  training sample information to the first hidden layer of forward propagation and obtain the output information of the hidden layer through the action of the activation function  $f(x)$ .

$$
H_{jr} = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{ij}^{1} x_{ir} \theta_{j}^{1}\right), \quad (j = 1, \ldots, q; r = 1, \ldots, p). \quad (13)
$$

The hidden layer output information is transmitted to the output layer, which may be the final output result [[22](#page-11-0)].

$$
Y_{kr} = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{q} w_{jk}^{0} H_{jr} \theta_{k}^{0}\right), \quad (k = 1, \dots, m; r = 1, \dots, p).
$$
\n(14)

In the process of forward propagation of learning information in the network, the error of another process is backpropagated [[23](#page-11-0)]. If there is an error between the network output and the desired output value, then backpropagate the error, using all adjusted network weights and thresholds.

$$
\Delta w(t+1) = \eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w} \alpha \Delta w(t),\tag{15}
$$

where  $\Delta w(t)$  is the modified value of the *t* training weight and threshold [\[24\]](#page-11-0) and *η* and *α* are the scale factor and momentum factor, respectively.

$$
E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{r=1}^{p} (Y_r - t_r)^2.
$$
 (16)

The above two procedures are repeated until the error between the network outputs reaches a certain requirement and desired output.

2.3. The Basic Principle of Artificial Neural Network. The input net<sup>*m*</sup> for the *j* neuron in layer *m* is

$$
net_j^m = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij}^{m-1} o_i^{m-1} + b_j^m.
$$
 (17)

Then, the output  $o_j^m$  of the *j* neuron in the *m* layer is

$$
o_j^m = f_j^m(\text{net}_j^m)
$$
\n
$$
= f_j^m\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij}^{m-1} o_i^{m-1} + b_j^m\right).
$$
\n
$$
o^n = f^n\left(w^{n-1} f^{n-1}\left(\dots \left(w^{i+1} f^{i+1}\left(w^i o^i + b^{i+1}\right)\dots\right)\right)\right)
$$
\n
$$
+ b^{n-1}\right) + b^n,
$$
\n(19)

where  $w_{ii}^{m-1}$  is the weight between the *i* neuron in the *m* − 1 layer and the *j* neuron in the *m* layer,  $b_j^m$  is the bias value of the *j* neuron in the *m* layer, and  $o_i^{m-1}$  is the second layer. Three neurons were applied to output;  $f_j^m$  is the activation function of the *j* neuron in the *m* layer.

Thus, the expression of the final output information of the neural network about the input information can be obtained. The expression is represented by a vector as follows:

$$
o^n = f^n \left( w^{n-1} f^{n-1} \left( w^{n-2} o^{n-2} + b^{n-1} \right) + b^n \right). \tag{20}
$$

2.4. Learning Rules of Artificial Neural Networks. The error function generated for sample *a* and the *h* output neuron is defined as follows:

$$
e_h = d_h - o_h. \tag{21}
$$

In order to make the partial derivative continuous, a quadratic error function is generally used, and the total error function for sample *a* is

$$
E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h}^{L} (d_h - o_h)^2.
$$
 (22)

When training, when  $p$  training sample is input at a time, the total error function is

$$
E_p = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^{p} \sum_{h=1}^{L} \left( d_h^p - o_h^p \right)^2.
$$
 (23)

When using the fastest gradient descent algorithm [[25](#page-11-0)]. The formula is

$$
w_{ij}^{m}(k+1) = w_{ij}^{m}(k) - lr \frac{\partial \widehat{E}_{p}}{\partial w_{ij}^{m}},
$$
\n(24)

$$
b_j^m(k+1) = b_j^m(k) - lr \frac{\partial \widehat{E}_p}{\partial b_j^m},
$$
 (25)

where  $w_{ij}^m(k+1)$  and  $w_{ij}^m(k)$  are the weight values between the *i* neuron in the *m* − 1 layer and the *j* neuron in the *m* layer in the  $k + 1$  and  $k$  iterations, respectively;  $b_j^m (k + 1)$ and  $b_j^m(k)$  are the  $k + 1$  and the bias value of the *j* neuron in the *m* layer at the *k* iteration, respectively; *lr* is the learning rate; and  $\tilde{E}_p$  is the approximate error at the *k* iteration.

## **3. Application of Virtual Image Technology in College Tennis Teaching**

#### *3.1. Overview of Virtual Imaging Technology*

3.1.1. Concept of Virtual Image Technology. The virtual image is a visual technology and art based on digital technology. Virtual imaging technology is a combination of photography technology, projection technology, display technology, and other technologies, which can help people better understand the known real space and the unknown virtual space. It simulates and reorganizes text, images, and other information through digital technology to form abstract or real spatial scenes with interactivity, virtuality, and immersion.

*3.1.2. Classification of Virtual Imaging Technology.* Virtual imaging technology can be divided into virtual reality technology, augmented reality technology, holographic projection technology, fog screen stereo imaging technology, wall projection technology, and interactive projection technology as shown in Table [1](#page-4-0).

*3.1.3. Technical Characteristics of Virtual Images.* Virtual imaging technology has the characteristics of integration, fidelity, immersion, imagination, artistry, and interaction as shown in Table [2.](#page-4-0)

*3.2. Basic Principles of Tennis Teaching.* Tennis teaching has the principle of health, which means that the physical safety of students should be guaranteed first in the tennis teaching process; in the process of tennis teaching, the teaching content should be gradual and the principle of low level to high level, starting from the actual principle, from simple to complex and gradually improve. According to the students' physical load and practice venues to arrange teaching, students consciously and actively participate in learning activities; students should firmly grasp the knowledge of all aspects of tennis.

*3.3. Model Construction.* In this paper, a model of college tennis teaching based on virtual image technology based on an artificial neural network is constructed, as shown in Figure [2.](#page-5-0) The tennis teaching model in colleges and universities is divided into three steps: the first step is audition learning, the second step is practical mastery, and the third step is interactive analysis.

In the first step in tennis teaching, students first need to wear virtual imaging technology equipment to gain a preliminary understanding of tennis teaching through the equipment and then take off the equipment, and the teacher will demonstrate and explain the standard movements; after the teacher's explanation, the students need to wear the equipment again and watch a continuous tennis movement to speed up their understanding of the action.

In the second step, the students take off the instrument again and practice freely. The teacher guides the students' movements during this process; after the teacher finds the students' problems, the students wear the instruments again to compare their movements to find their own problems; Remove the instrument again, repeat the previous practice, and correct the problems found in the process; and the teacher also corrects the problems of the students in the process.

Finally, in the third step, students form groups to practice and supervise each other and wear the instrument again to consolidate the practice.

#### **4. Experimental Analysis**

*4.1. Model Testing.* In this paper, an application model of artificial neural network-based virtual image technology in college tennis teaching is constructed, and algorithms such as softmax function and threshold function are used in the model. First, the model will be tested, and the advantages of the model will be checked by comparing it with BP neural network, deep neural network, and traditional methods, and whether it meets the requirements.

In the model testing stage, in order to test the accuracy, recall, correctness, and response time of the model under different sample sizes, the standard degree of students' actions in the learning process was selected as the research object. The experimental sample sizes were divided into 6 groups, namely 10, 30, 50, 70, 90, and 110.

TABLE 1: Classification of virtual imaging technology.

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TABLE 2: Technical characteristics of virtual images.



The criteria for the model to meet the requirements are as follows: the average accuracy rate of the test samples is more than 97%, the average recall rate is greater than 96%, the average accuracy rate is greater than 98%, and the average response time is less than 34%; then the model meets the requirements.

According to the results in Figure [3](#page-6-0) and Table [3](#page-6-0), the average accuracy rate of the method in this paper is 97.22%, and the highest accuracy rate is 99.17%. The average accuracy rate also tends to increase with the increase of the sample size, indicating that the method in this paper meets the requirements. And, by comparing the method in this paper with the other three methods, it can be seen that the

method in this paper has obvious advantages and the highest accuracy.

As can be seen from Table [4,](#page-6-0) the recall rate of the method in this paper is the highest; the highest recall rate is 99.36%; and the average recall rate is 96.77%, which meets the inspection standard. According to Figure [4,](#page-7-0) it can be clearly seen that the overall recall rate is on the rise, and it is concentrated between 94% and 96%.

The results in Figure [5](#page-7-0) and Table 5 show that the highest accuracy rate of the method in this paper is close to 100%, which is significantly higher than that of the other three methods, and the average accuracy rate reaches 98.8%, indicating that the method in this paper meets the

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Figure 2: Tennis teaching model.

requirements. On the whole, the correct rate of the four methods is above 94%; the average correct rate of the BP neural network is 97.3%; the average correct rate of the deep neural network is 96.6%; and the average correct rate of the traditional method is 96.9%.

The experimental results in Figure [6](#page-8-0) and Table 6 show that the method in this paper requires the shortest response

time, with an average response time of 33 ms, and the response time increases with the increase of the sample size. The traditional method had the highest response time, which was twice as high as the other methods with a sample size of 30.

It can be seen from the experimental results that the method in this paper has reached the standard in terms of

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Table 3: Accuracy (%).

Model		30	50	70	90	110
The method of this paper (%)	94.62	95.37	97.64	98.89	97.62	99.17
BP neural network (%)	92.35	94.58	96.32	95.34	96.17	98.52
Deep neural network (%)	94.84	92.47	93.57	96.87	96.65	97.72
Traditional method (%)	91.83	94.65	93.75	94.76	95.37	95.83

Table 4: Recall rate (%).



average precision, average recall, average correct rate, and average response time and meets the requirements. Compared with the other three methods, the method has obvious advantages and is feasible.

*4.2. Experimental Simulation.* After the model meets the test criteria, it will be used in formal teaching. In order to test the students' learning effect under the model, the students' learning results will be compared with those before the experiment.

*4.2.1. Comparison of Student Tennis Skills.* Students in one class were randomly selected to conduct the experiment, and their average number of in situ hits, average in situ rackets, average in situ forehand draws, and average in situ backhand draws were recorded before and after the experiment. The experimental results are shown in Figure [7.](#page-8-0)

From the results in Figure [7](#page-8-0), it can be seen that the tennis skills of the students before the experiment were relatively weak. After using the model, the tennis skills were improved. The average number of in situ flips was 12 times; the average number of in situ racquets was 7; and the average in situ strokes were 7 times. There is an average of five forehand draws and three backhand draws.

*4.2.2. Comparison of Forehand and Backhand Performance.* Forehand and backhand assessment, stability, accuracy, and depth of stroke are also important components of tennis assessment in tennis teaching.

Forehand and backhand skill evaluation is to score students' actions during the hitting process; forehand and backhand stability is based on students hitting the ball 10 times with forehand and backhand, respectively, and the number of hits is the final score. Forehand and backhand

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Figure 7: Comparison of student tennis skills.

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Figure 8: Comparison of forehand and backhand scores.



Figure 9: Model evaluation.

accuracy: it means that each student hits the ball 10 times alternately within the specified different score areas and hits the ball to get the corresponding score; the depth of forehand and backhand hitting is the depth area corresponding to each student's different scores. Figure 8 shows the average scores of the students in this class before and after using the model in this paper:

The results in Figure 8 show that the average forehand and backhand scores of the class before the experiment were 81 and 80, the average forehand and backhand stability were 7 and 5, and the average forehand and backhand accuracy were 28 and 24, respectively. Forehand and backhand depths are 30 and 25. The average forehand and backhand scores of the class after the experiment were 90 and 86 points,

<span id="page-10-0"></span>respectively; the average forehand and backhand stability were 8 and 7 times, respectively; and the average forehand and backhand accuracy were 31 points and 29 points, with an average forehand and backhand depth of 36 and 32 points, respectively. And the scores of the students in this class have improved after using the model, indicating that the model has obvious advantages in improving students' performance.

*4.3. Model Evaluation.* After the experiment, the classmates' evaluation of the tennis teaching model using virtual image technology was statistically analyzed by means of questionnaires. It is evaluated in 7 aspects: to cultivate a sense of competition, activate the classroom atmosphere, enhance self-confidence in learning, tap learning potential, improve learning efficiency, enhance teacher-student emotion, and play a dominant role in teaching. The evaluation results are shown in Figure [9.](#page-9-0)

It can be seen from Figure [9](#page-9-0) that most of the students are satisfied with this model, and they all choose to strongly agree or agree, indicating that the students have a high degree of recognition of the tennis teaching model using virtual image technology. And the percentage of very agreeable to help stimulate learning reached 60.52%, and no classmates chose to be very disapproved.

## **5. Conclusion**

College physical education is an important part of the teaching process in colleges and universities, and tennis teaching is a subject that combines theory and practice, so the teaching mode of tennis is different from that of other subjects. With the development of the times, the traditional tennis teaching method has a certain lag in the teaching process. Therefore, this paper uses various algorithms such as softmax function and threshold function to construct a virtual image technology based on an artificial neural network in tennis teaching. Improve students' tennis skills through a combination of tennis teaching and virtual technology.

The findings of the article show that

- (1) The average accuracy rate of the method in this paper is 97.22%, and the highest accuracy rate is 99.17%. The average accuracy rate also tends to increase with the increase of the sample size, indicating that the method in this paper meets the requirements.
- $(2)$  The recall rate of the method in this paper is the highest; the highest recall rate is 99.36%; and the average recall rate is 96.77%, which meets the inspection standard.
- $(3)$  The highest accuracy rate of the method in this paper is close to 100%, which is significantly higher than that of the other three methods, and the average accuracy rate reaches 98.8%, indicating that the method in this paper meets the requirements.
- $(4)$  The response time required by the method in this paper is the shortest, with an average response time

of 33 ms, and the response time increases with the increase of the sample size.

- $(5)$  The tennis skills of the students before the experiment were relatively weak. After using the model, the tennis skills were improved. The average number of in situ flips was 12; the average number of in situ rackets was 7; and the average in situ forehand was drawn. The ball is 5 times, and the average backhand kick is 3 times.
- $(6)$  The scores of the students in this class have improved after using the model, indicating that the model has obvious advantages in improving students' performance.
- (7) Most of the students are satisfied with this model, and they all choose to strongly agree or agree, indicating that the students have a high degree of recognition of the tennis teaching model using virtual imaging technology.

According to the experimental results, in the following teaching process, students' interest in learning and autonomous learning ability should be strengthened; teachers' own teaching ability professional level should be improved; an open and free learning division should be created to increase students' interest in the class. Although the artificial neural network-based virtual image technology constructed in this paper has obvious advantages in the application model experimental results of tennis teaching, there are still many shortcomings and certain limitations. The model constructed in this paper is limited to tennis teaching. It is hoped that in the following research, researchers can conduct in-depth research on the scope of application so that the model is not limited to tennis teaching and increases the scope of application of the model.

#### **Data Availability**

The experimental data used to support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon request.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The authors declared that they have no conflicts of interest regarding this work.

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