

Machine Learning (ML) for Artillery War Strategic Readiness Prediction, and Postmortem Analysis for Optimum Performance

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Abstract

Computer soft-ware based-tool, a tool to process data that produces accurate results and does not make mistakes like human beings. Based on its efficient storage to secure and protect information stored inside it as well as fast access to information stored. These qualities were needed as aids for artillery war strategic readiness prediction, and postmortem analysis for optimum performance achievement already developed by the authors of this article. Hence, the development of Machine Learning (ML) which is a branch of artificial intelligence (AI) that focused on enabling computers and machines to imitate the way that humans learn, to perform tasks autonomously, and to improve their performance and accuracy through experience and exposure to more data. The Problem was defined, the data used in the manual computation were collected, the right algorithm was developed using Python Programming Language, the data were split, the develop model was trained, the models were evaluated and optimized before being deployed. The results were found to be exactly the same as the manually computed results of Akinnuli *et al* [2]. This Machine Learning successfully predicts the case studied artillery level of readiness for an operation at this point in time as **74%** and the risk involved (that is unreadiness) as **26%**. The score of this case study was 233 out of 315 points. The score is Less than 248 but greater than 186 which fell into “**Scenario C**” of Decision Conditions ($248 > SDS_p \geq 186$). The quantitative assessment is (**Good**). Time used for manual computation was one hour twenty minutes (1Hr. 20 Minutes) that is eighty minutes (80 minutes) while computer used fifteen (15) minutes, data input time and processing time added for these computations. This is a very good saving time of sixty-five (65) minute. Comparing the Machine Learning results with the manually computed results Statistic correlation model (**Product moment coefficient of correlation (r)**) was used to prove the reliability of the developed ML algorithm. The correlation $r = 1.0071$ (Approximately $r = 1.00$) which shows that it is strong positive perfect correlation. This is scientific base that gave approval for deployment of the Machine Learning algorithm developed for its artillery corps usage.

Keywords: *Machine learning, artillery war strategies, readiness prediction model, war postmortem analysis, performance optimization.*

1. Introduction

In the current age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR or Industry 4.0), the digital world has a wealth of data, such as Internet of Things (IoT) data, cybersecurity data, mobile data, business data, social media data, health data, etc. To intelligently analyze these data and develop the corresponding smart and automated applications, the knowledge of artificial intelligence (AI), particularly, machine learning (ML) is the key [17].

Geza, worked on Potential Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Development of Field Artillery The article, after a short theoretical explanation, examines the role that artificial intelligence can play in the development of different areas of field artillery

(artillery target acquisition, fire control systems, weapons and ammunition) [15]. At the end of the study, the author draws attention to an area that is still quite undeveloped today, the ethical issues of the use of artificial intelligence. Long and Qian, solve the problems of confusing concepts and uncertain technologies in the development of intelligent artillery, this paper proposed to study intelligent artillery from the perspective of intelligent engineering concept [10, 19]. First, the concept of intelligent artillery engineering was explained, and the scientific ideas and methods of intelligent artillery research were defined.

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Gorsevski et al [16], analysed the Impacts of armed conflict on the Eastern Afromontane forest region on the South Sudan—Uganda border using multitemporal Landsat imagery. Simone et al [25], researched on “Sound of guns: digital forensics of gun audio samples using artificial intelligence,” Audio event recognition in noisy environments using power spectral density and dimensionality reduction was carried out by Siddat et al [24], while Eva et al [13] authored “Gun type recognition from gunshot audio recordings,” in 3rd international workshop on biometrics and forensics. Machine learning inspired efficient acoustic gunshot detection and localization system, and Automated detection of gunshots in tropical forests using convolutional neural networks”, were the works of Muhammad et al [21] and Lydia et al [20] in this area, much research were done and published such as: John et al [18], Zhicong et al [26], Rahu et al [23], Ali et al [3], and Rahul et al [23]. Weapon detection in real-time cctv videos using deep learning research was done by Mohammed et al [22]. The literature reviewed so far showed gap in literature of non-existence of Machine Learning (ML) for artillery war strategic readiness prediction, and postmortem analysis for optimum performance.

2. Methodology

2.1. Strategic Decision for Artillery Defense Plan

The required strategic decision gathered from experienced artillery commanders and literature review of advanced countries as United State of

America, United Kingdom, France, Germany and China were hereby stated by Akinnuli et al [2]:

- (a) Combat operation center security (**A**).
- (b) Avoid detection (**B**).
- (c) Conduct terrain analysis (**C**).
- (d) Provision of Early Warning (**D**).
- (e) Make defensive preparation (**E**).
- (f) Executive defensive actin (**F**).
- (g) Active and passive defense measure (**G**).
- (h) Signals (**H**).
- (i) Reconstituting of Unit (**J**).
- (j) Special considerations for command elements (**K**).

2.2. Mathematical Models

The developed models for this machine learning were adopted from Akinnuli et al [2].

These models were twenty six (26) in number. The required logic was generated using these models by integrating them to form the required logic for the Machine Learning algorithm. This logic is as shown in figure 1.

Each strategic decision contribution and attributes were assigned weighs in two steps following the completion of ordinal ranking. The simplest procedure used was ranking of 5 (Excellent), 4 (Very Good), 3(Good), 2(Fair) and 1(Poor) for each attribute based on position with higher numbers signifying greater importance.

2.3. Determination of Optimum Score

$FS_p = f(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K_a, K_b, K_c)$.

Final Score Points (FS_p) = Sum [A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K_a, K_b, K_c]

The optimum or highest point that can be made is $5(63) = 315$ points which will make the artillery hundred percent (100%) ready for war [2].

2.3.1. Determination of Each Strategic Decision Readiness Final Score

This is achieved by dividing the total score points by summation method by Optimum point available.

$R_w = FS_p / OP_s = TS / 315$ [2].

Where R_w is the war readiness, TS_p is the total scored point and OP_s is the optimum available score points (which is 315 points).

2.3.2. Qualitative judgement scenarios

In order to make a well-defined qualitative decision on these, the following bench marks were set using strategic decision scores or points.

Scores or points:

A). Greater than or Equal to 279 of 315 ($> \text{ or } =$) 279 (**Excellent**). That is ($SDS_p \geq 279$).

B). Greater than or Equal to (> 248 or < 279) = (**Very Good**). That is ($248 < SPS_p < 279$)

C). Less than 248 or Equal to 186 (< 248 or $= 186$) = **(Good)**. That is ($248 > SDS_p \geq 186$)
 D). Less than 186 or equal 125 (< 186 or $= 125$) = **Fair**. That is ($186 > SDS_p \geq 125$)

E). Less than 124 (< 124) = **Poor**. That is ($SDS_p < 124$) [2]

2.4. Flow Chart for the Model Developed

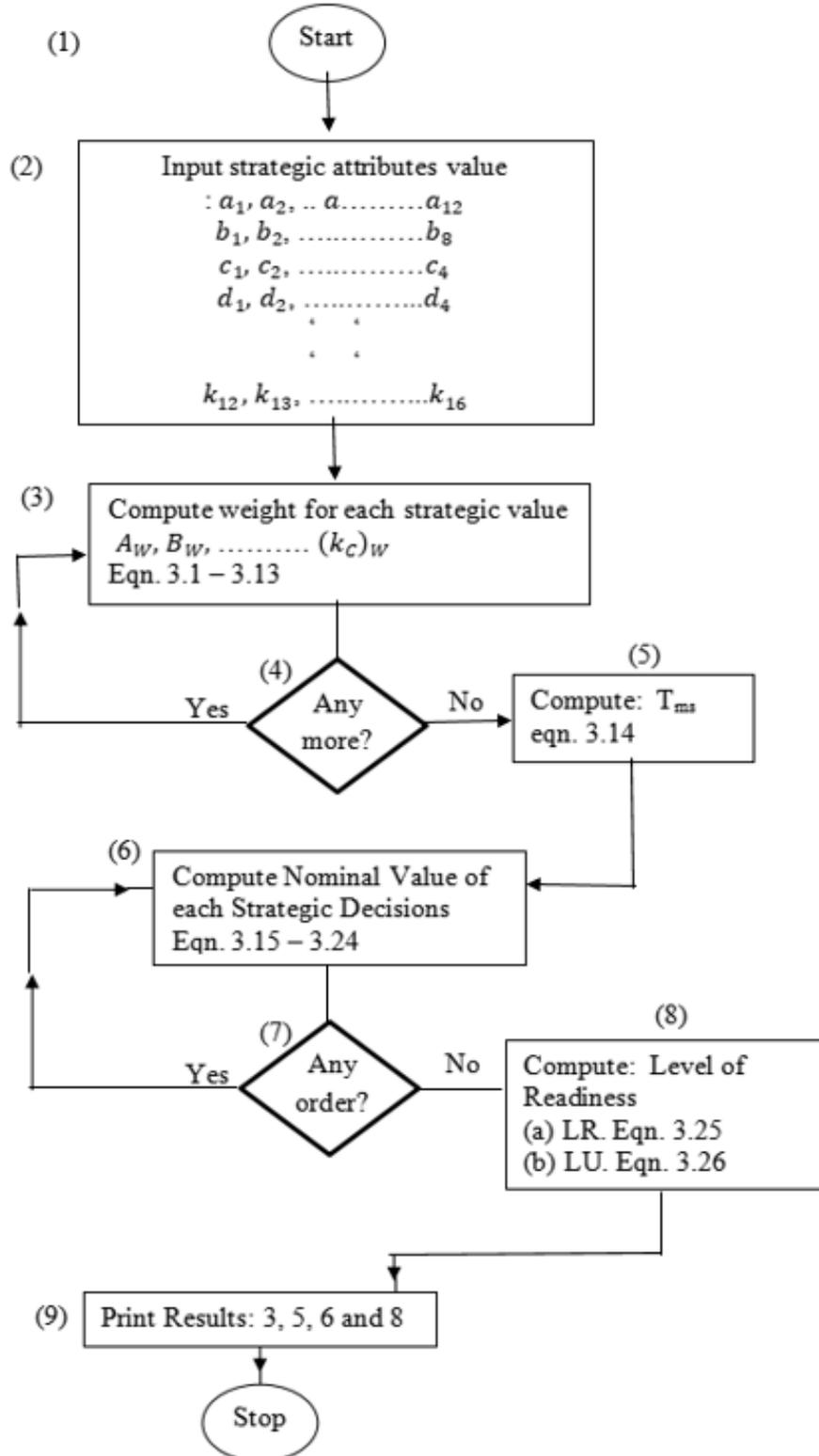


Figure 1. Algorithm Logic for the Machine Learning

2.5. Model Application

2.5.1. Data Mined for computations

The matrix table developed was used to collect the required data for assessment of war level of preparedness. Three Nations were contacted. Two turned down the request with the mind of keeping secrecy secrete only one assisted in filling this table

after strong persuasion and conviction that information collected will only be limited to this research. The benefits of this academic work to them as developed Nation strong in artillery were well stressed. The data collected was as shown in the table 1.

Table 1: Developed Matrix Table for Strategic Decision / Attributes Score Records [2]

	Strategic Decision/Attributes	Acronyms.	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)
A	Target Acquisition Capability.	a₁- a₁₂					
	Radio direction finding.	a ₁	5				
	Counter Fire Radar	a ₂		4			
	Flash /sound ranging	a ₃		4			
	Visual detection from air or ground	a ₄		4			
	Photographic and Thermal detection Devices	a ₅		4			
	Night Observation Devices	a ₆		4			
	Fire by Artillery or Mortars	a ₇	5				
	Air Attack by fixed –or- Rotary-Wing Aircraft	a ₈			3		
	Infantry Assault	a ₉		4			
	Mechanized Assault	a ₁₀	5				
	Infiltration and Sabotage	a ₁₁			3		
	Jamming and Initiative Deception	a ₁₂				2	
	SUM “A” = 60	47	15	24	6	2	0
B	Avoid Detection	b₁- b₈					
	Use of Camouflage	b ₁	5				
	Reduce Electronic Signature	b ₂		4			
	Main light and Noise Discipline	b ₃		4			
	Reduced Weapons Signature	b ₄			3		
	Established a Track Plan.	b ₅	5				
	Use Dispersion.	b ₆		4			
	Practice Communication Security.	b ₇			3		
	Displace	b ₈			3		
	SUM “B” = 40	31	10	12	9	0	0
C	Conduct Terrain Analysis Using KOCOA	c₁- c₅	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)
	Key Terrain	c ₁			3		
	Observation and Fields of Fire.	c ₂			3		
	Cover and Concealment	c ₃		4			
	Obstacles	c ₄	5				
	Avenues of Approach.	c ₅			3		
	SUM “C” = 25	18	5	4	9	0	0

D	Provide Early Warning.	d₁ - d₄					
	Sentinel Posts and Listening Post	d ₁		4			
	Patrols	d ₂			3		
	Monitoring and Tactical Situation	d ₃		4			
	Other Measures	d ₄	5				
	SUM "D" = 20	16	5	8	3	0	0
E	Make Defense Preparation.	e₁ - e₇					
	Organizing the Defense.	e ₁		4			
	Defensive Diagram	e ₂			3		
	Range Cards.	e ₃				2	
	Fortifications and Obstacles.	e ₄			3		
	Hardening of Positions.	e ₅	5				
	Reaction Force	e ₆		4			
	Coordinate with Adjacent Units Mutual Support	e ₇				2	
	SUM "E" = 35	23	5	8	6	4	0
F	Execute Defense Action.	f₁ - f₃					
	Can Repel / Sustain Attack	f ₁		4			
	Cannot Repel or Sustain Attack	f ₂			3		
	Preplanned Fire/Smoke	f ₃		4			
	SUM "F" = 15	11	0	8	3	0	0
G	Active and Passive Defense Measure.	g₁ - g₂	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)
	Active Defense	g ₁		4			
	Passive Defense	g ₂			3		
	SUM "G" = 10	7	0	4	3	0	0
H	Signals	h₁ - h₃					
	Defense against Air Attack.	h ₁	5				
	NBC Defense.	h ₂				2	
	Ground Attack.	h ₃			3		
	SUM "H" = 15	10	5	0	3	2	0
J	Reconstituting the Unit	j₁ - j₄					
	Report to Higher Headquarters	j ₁	5				
	Radar First Aid and Evacuate Casualties	j ₂		4			
	Assess Damage, repair Equipment, Redistribute Assets etc.	j ₃			3		
	Decontaminate Personnel and Materials if Attacked by NBC	j ₄			3		
	SUM "J" = 20	15	5	4	6	0	0
K	Special Considerations for Command Elements,	k₁ - k₁₅					
ka	FWD COC	k₁ - k₅					
	Mission and Task Assigned	k ₁		4			
	Personnel Located at each side.	k ₂	5				

	Vehicle and Other Section Equipment for Support Mission	k ₃		4			
	Crew-Served Weapons Required for Adequate Protection	k ₄			3		
	Fire Support Available	k ₅		4			
	SUM “ka” = 25	20	5	12	3	0	0
k_b	Main COC	k₆ – k₁₀	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)
	Mission and Task Assigned	k ₆			3		
	Personnel Located at each side.	k ₇			3		
	Vehicle and Other Section Equipment for Support Mission	k ₈				2	
	Crew-Served Weapons Required for Adequate Protection	k ₉	5				
	Fire Support Available	k ₁₀		4			
	SUM “k_b” = 25	17	5	4	6	2	0
k_c	LOGISTICAL TRAIN	k₁₁ – k₁₅					
	Mission and Task Assigned	k ₁₁		4			
	Personnel Located at each side.	k ₁₂			3		
	Vehicle and Other Section Equipment for Support Mission	k ₁₃			3		
	Crew-Served Weapons Required for Adequate Protection	k ₁₄		4			
	Fire Support Available	k ₁₅		4			
	SUM “k_c” = 25	18	0	12	6	0	0

Source: [2]

Table 2. Computations results summary for discussions and decisions making.

S/N	STRATEGIC DECISIONS	READINESS % (R%) (Total Score Points / Max. Score) 100	RISK % (1- R%)
1	Target Acquisition Capability (A)	78.33%	21.67%
2	Avoid Detection (B)	77.50%	22.50%
3	Conduct Terrain Analysis Using KOCO (C).	72.00%	*28.00%
4	Provide Early Warning. (D).	80.00%	20.00%
5	Make Defense Preparation (E).	65.71%	*34.29%
6	Execute Defense Action. (F).	73.33%	*26.67%
7	Active and Passive Defense Measure. (G).	70.00%	*30.00%
8	Signals (H).	66.66%	*33.34%
9	Reconstituting the Unit (J).	75.00%	25.00%
10	FWD COC (K _a).	80.00%	20.00%
11	Main COC (K _b)	68.00%	*32.00%
12	Logistical Train (K _c).	72.00%	*28.00%
	AVERAGE READINESS AND RISK %	74.00%	26.00%

Source: [2]

Table 3. Product moment coefficient of correlation (r) of the readiness results in table 2.

SD	X (Manual Values).	Y (Computer Values)	X ²	Y ²	XY
A	71.66%	71.66324%	5135.1556	5135.6199672976	5135.3877784
B	77.50%	77.50116%	6006.2500	6006.4298013456	6006.3399000
C	72.00%	72.00125%	5184.0000	5184.1800015625	5184.0900000
D	80.00%	80.00164%	6400.0000	6400.2624026896	6400.1344000
E	65.71%	65.71011%	4317.8041	4317.8185562121	4317.8113281
F	73.33%	73.331134%	5377.2889	5374.5525725956	5377.3720562
G	70.00%	70.00402%	4900.0000	4900.5628161604	4900.2814000
H	66.66%	66.660011%	4443.5556	4443.5570665201	4443.5563332
J	75.00%	75.00015%	5625.0000	5625.0225000225	5625.0112500
Ka	80.00%	80.00213%	6400.0000	6400.3408045369	6400.1704000
Kb	68.00%	68.00100%	4624.0000	4624.1360010000	4624.0680000
Kc	72.00%	72.00146%	5184.0000	5184.2102421316	5184.10512
	ΣX = 871.86	Σ Y = 871.877305	Σ X² = 63597.0542	Σ Y² = 63596.6927775181	Σ XY = 63598.6500561432

Correlation Coefficient Formulas and Application.

$$r = \frac{n \sum xy - \sum x \sum y}{\sqrt{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2} \times \sqrt{n \sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2}}$$

Where : n is 12;

$$\sum x \text{ is } 871.86$$

$$\sum y \text{ is } 871.877305$$

$$\sum x^2 \text{ is } 63597.0542$$

$$\sum y^2 \text{ is } 63596.6927775181$$

$$\sum xy \text{ is } 63598.6500561432$$

respectively.

$$r = 3028.853541418 / 3007.485055688$$

$$r = 1.0071 \text{ (Approximately } r = 1$$

$$r = \mathbf{1.00} \text{ (positively perfect correlation).}$$

This is scientific base that gave approval for deployment of the Machine Learning algorithm developed for its artillery corps military usage.

2.6. Developed Computer Software Interface and Applications

In order to get this model easily and friendly used, reduced error and burden of manual computations, a computer software-based tool was developed using Python programming language for its flexibility and friendliness. The interfaces were twelve in number but four were shown as samples in Figures 2 to 5. These interfaces are: interface where the users initiate and define a new project; two interfaces **A** and **B** as shown in Figures 3 and 4 as samples for the strategic decisions scores computations and figure 5 the results output interface.

This is an interface where the users initiate and define a new project. It involves entering project details such as : name, description, stakeholders, and other relevant information to get the project started.

“This panel will collect all information on STRATEGY A. The values expected are to be inputted using the dropdown boxes at the front of each attributes. Click on each dropdown box to choose between ‘Excellent’, ‘Very Good’, ‘Good’, ‘Fair’ and ‘Poor’”.

This same interface was used repeatedly from Strategic decision “A” to “K” but with different data.

The BLUE color indicates the strategic decisions for computation. Here is A (Combat operation center security).



Figure 2. Project creation page of the model

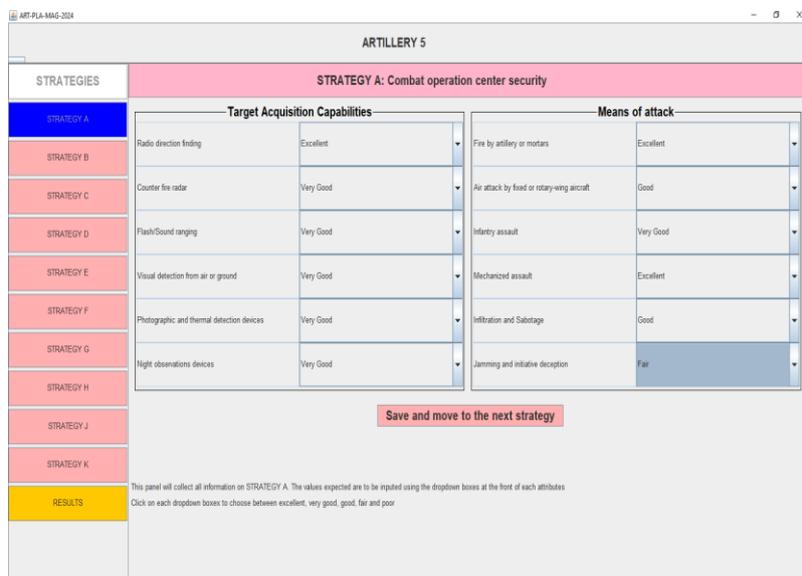


Figure 3. Strategy “A” interface

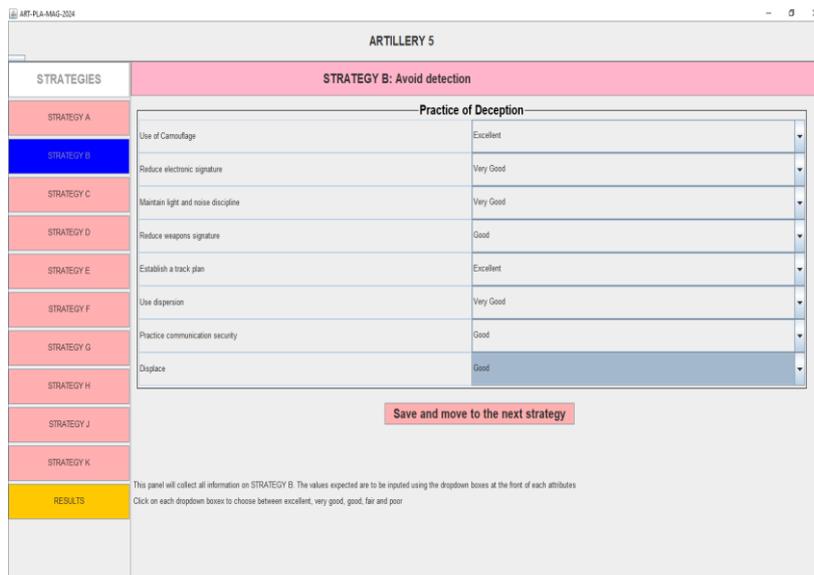


Figure 4. Strategy “B” interface

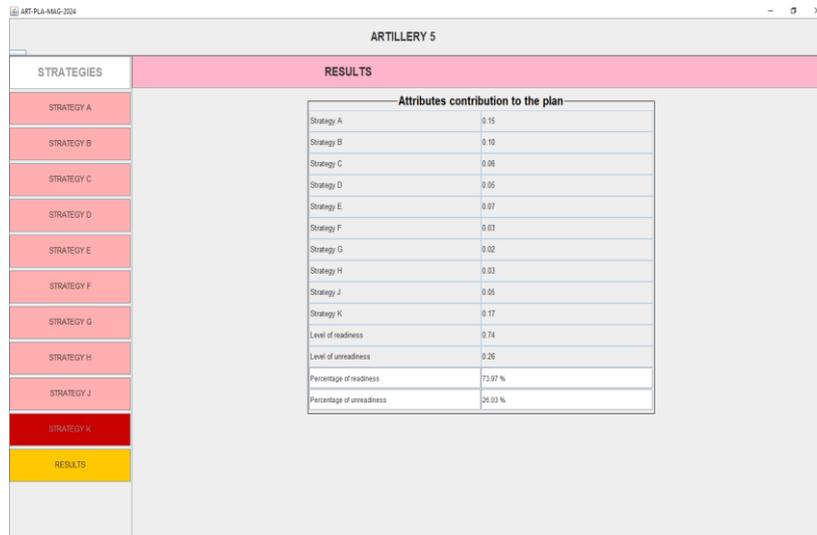


Figure 5. Results interface

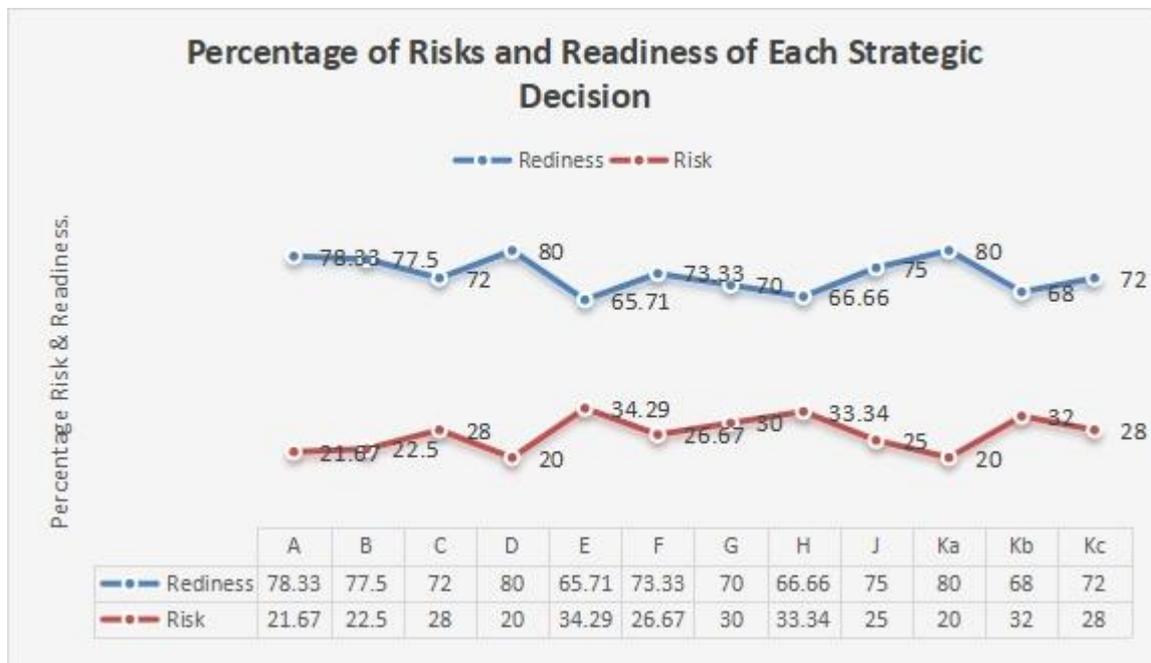


Figure 6. Graphical illustration of results generated for decision making

“This panel will collect all information on STRATEGY B. The values expected are to be inputted using the dropdown boxes at the front of each attribute. Click on each dropdown box to choose between ‘Excellent’, ‘Very Good’, ‘Good’, ‘Fair’ and ‘Poor’” The **BLUE** color indicates the strategic decisions for computation. Here is “**B**” (**Avoid Detection**). Other strategic decisions (“**C**” to “**K**”) were determined by inputting their relevant data.

Percentage Final Score (FS) = 233/315 = 0.73968

Total Score is 220 of 315. The percentage level of readiness for the mission. is [220/315] x 100 =

74.00%. While the total mission risk taken is (100 – 74) % = **26 %**.

Therefore, the score is less than 248 but greater than 186. This score fell into scenario **C** of decision conditions (248 > **SDSp** ≥ 186) = (**Good**).

3. Results and Discussion

The developed algorithm and its application was found perfectly good for the purpose for which it was developed. The correlation r = 1 result ascertained this claim. Results generated were same as the manually computed results of Akinnuli *et al* [2]. Table 2 and figure 6 showed the performance of each strategic decision as it concerns readiness and

unreadiness(risk).The strategic decision score/ point (**SDSp**) of this case study was 233 out of 315 Maximum points available. The score is Less than 248 but greater than 186 which fell into “**Scenario C**” of Decision Conditions ($248 > \text{SDS}_p \geq 186$). The quantitative assessment is (**Good**). These results were 74% readiness and 26% unreadiness (risk), Concerning this war in question, risks involved was 26% to minimize this further and maximize the readiness percentage, the strategic decisions that contributed much to this 26% risk were to be improve upon based on their percentages of unreadiness in this order : **E** (Make Defensive Preparation, 34.23%,); **H** (Signals , 33.34%), **K_b** (32.00%,), **G** (Active and Passive Defense Measure,30%); **C** (Conduct Terrain Analysis using KOCOA, 28%), **K_c** (Logistical trains, 28%,); and **F** (Execute Defense Action, 26.67%) respectively. Time used for manual computation was one hour twenty minutes (1Hr. 20 Minutes) that is

eighty minutes (80 minutes) while computer used fifteen (15) minutes, data input time and processing time added for this computations. The saving time for this prediction by ML is sixty five (65) minutes. This is a very good time. Part of this result is the pseudocode shown in appendix using Python programming language for its flexibility and friendliness.

4. Conclusions

Machine Learning (AI) model for artillery war strategic readiness prediction, and postmortem analysis for optimum performance has been developed tested and fund perfectly okay for use in this respect . This ML will find its usage in all military set up of Nations where artillery operations affects their war operations (which this research believed non) in under developed, developing and developed nations.

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