

# A Survey of Machine Learning Techniques for Arrhythmia Prediction

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**Abstract** - Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) in medicine are currently the areas of intense exploration. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques in arrhythmia prediction and detection has been the intense growing areas of research. An early and accurate detection of arrhythmias is essential reduce the mortality rate due to cardiac diseases. Various models have been proposed in order to improve the rate and accuracy of arrhythmia detection. They include hybrid models combining convolution neural networks (CNN) and recurrent neural networks (RNN), support vector machines (SVM) with many included and in-built features and they also include non-linear regression models. These models are evaluated on MIT-BIH Arrhythmia Database datasets for accurate and specific performance rate. However there a few challenges such as small datasets and limited generalizability and certain regular concerns that needs to be addressed for the improvement in performance. Also understanding of the basic mechanisms of arrhythmias also plays a crucial part for the development of the treatment.

**Index Terms** - combining convolution neural networks (CNN), recurrent neural networks (RNN), support vector machines (SVM), cardiovascular diseases (CVD), Arrhythmia, artificial neural networks (ANN)

## I. INTRODUCTION

A problem with the rate or rhythm of your heartbeat is known as arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat). Our heart may beat irregularly, too rapidly, or too slowly. Your heart rate should increase during physical exercise and decrease while relaxing or sleeping. It's also common to experience periodic heart palpitations. However, a persistent irregular rhythm can indicate that your heart is not supplying your body with enough blood. Dizziness, faintness, and other symptoms could be present. Arrhythmias can be controlled with medical interventions or medication. Arrhythmias can harm the heart, brain, or other organs if they are not addressed, which can result in a potentially fatal stroke, heart failure, or cardiac arrest. When a person experiences cardiac arrest, their heart stops beating abruptly and unexpectedly. If they are not treated right away, they will die. If you have been given an arrhythmia diagnosis, your doctor might discuss healthy lifestyle adjustments with you. You might need to stay away from things that could make your arrhythmia worse. These actions might aid in preventing the worsening of your arrhythmia.

### A. Causes

Coronary artery disease, other heart problems and previous heart surgery. Narrowed heart arteries, a heart attack, abnormal heart valves, prior heart surgery, heart failure, cardiomyopathy and other heart damage are risk factors for almost any kind of arrhythmia. Common triggers for an arrhythmia are viral illnesses, alcohol, tobacco, changes in posture, exercise, drinks containing caffeine, certain over-the-counter and prescribed medicines, and illegal recreational drugs.

### B. Consequences

In general, complications of heart arrhythmias may include stroke, sudden death and heart failure. Heart arrhythmias are associated with an increased risk of blood clots. If a clot breaks loose, it can travel from the heart to the brain, causing a stroke. Living with an arrhythmia may cause fear, anxiety, depression, and stress. Talk about how you feel with your healthcare team. Talking to a professional counselor can also help. If you are depressed, you may need medicines or other treatments that can improve your quality of life. If people do not receive treatment for arrhythmia, it can lead to life-threatening complications, such as heart failure, stroke, or cardiac arrest. Although usually harmless, sometimes an arrhythmia increases your risk of a more serious heart condition. "While most arrhythmias are harmless, some may be a sign of a more serious heart condition or require treatment," says Dr. Rajesh Venkataraman, cardiac electrophysiologist at Houston Methodist.

### C. Issues faced

You may be more likely to have arrhythmias if you have: Heart and blood vessel diseases, such as cardiomyopathy, congenital heart defects, heart attack, and heart inflammation. Kidney disease. Lung diseases, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

AF is a life-long condition that changes over time but there are things you can do to help manage your condition. Although the majority of AFib diagnosis happen over the age of 60, more and more young people – even teenagers and 20-somethings – are suffering from heart conditions.

## II. MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES AND THEIR USE CASES IN HEALTHCARE AND HEART DISEASE PREDICTION

One of the main causes of death worldwide and a serious danger to human health is cardiovascular disease (CVG). In both industrialised and developing nations throughout the past few decades, cardiovascular diseases have been the leading cause of death. 17.6 million people died in 2016 as a result of CVD, a 14.5% increase from 2006. According to estimates, 17.9 million deaths worldwide in 2019 were attributable to CVDs, or 32% of all fatalities. The precise identification of cardiac illness should be accomplished using an effective machine learning technique. Unfortunately, the rates of CVD mortality and morbidity are rising every year, especially in emerging countries because of a wide range of problems. According to studies, 80 percent of CVD-related fatalities take place in low- and middle-income nations. Many patient records are now easily accessible thanks to the advent of sophisticated healthcare systems, and they can be utilised to create predictive models for cardiovascular illnesses. Machine learning can be thought of as a discovery approach for looking at enormous data from several angles and distilling it into information that is helpful. Machine learning uses a variety of techniques to create mathematical models and make predictions based on previous information or data. Machine learning, one of the most widely used AI technologies, allows machines to comprehend and learn from data. In reality, AI and machine learning are frequently used interchangeably. A specific form of artificial intelligence called machine learning enables systems to learn from data and identify patterns with little to no human involvement. They entail the creation of algorithms and statistical models that allow computer systems to learn and predict the future without explicit programming. When computers employ machine learning, they can see patterns and data that allow them to draw their own conclusions rather than waiting for instructions. In other terms, it is a technique for instructing computers to spot patterns in varied data and utilise them to infer or draw conclusions.

It is a growing technology that enables computers to learn automatically from their past data. Machine learning techniques is a growing field of research with many advanced and potential applications. There are several types of machine learning, including supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning, each of them with their own set of techniques and algorithms. As patient data becomes more readily available, machine learning technology and its techniques will become increasingly important to healthcare professionals and healthcare industries for extracting meaning from medical information.

In recent years, the wide availability of powerful hardware and cloud computing has resulted in the broader adoption of ML in different areas of human lives, from using it for recommendations on social media to adopting it for process automation in factories.

Machine Learning (ML) is used in healthcare sectors worldwide. Machine Learning methods help in the protection of heart diseases, locomotor disorders in the medical data set. Machine learning in the healthcare industry is used to draw insights from large medical data sets to enhance clinicians,

decision-making, improve patient outcomes, automate healthcare professionals' daily workflows, accelerate medical research, and enhance operational efficiency. The discovery of such essential data helps researchers gain valuable insight into how to utilize their diagnosis and treatment for a particular patient. Researchers use various Machine Learning methods to examine massive amounts of complex healthcare data, which aids healthcare professionals in predicting diseases. Using machine learning for healthcare and in healthcare industries for tasks can provide a lot of opportunities for healthcare organizations. First, it allows healthcare professionals to focus on patient care rather than spending their time on information search or entry. The second important role of machine learning in healthcare is the increase of diagnosing accuracy. Machine Learning plays a major role in diagnosing the disease and coming with accurate results such as mortality. Third, using machine learning in medicine can help healthcare professionals to develop a more precise treatment plan. A lot of medical cases are unique and require a special approach or ways for effective care and side effect reduction. Machine learning algorithms can simplify the search for such solutions.

The superiority of facilities is the main issue that the healthcare sector is currently facing. The accuracy of the diagnosis and the efficacy of the patient's therapy determine the level of service. An incorrect diagnosis could have severe, unaccepted results. There are a lot of records or data about medical history, but they come from many different sources. Medical professionals' interpretations of the data are crucial components. Data pre-processing will be necessary in order to fill the database's missing values because real-world data may be noisy, inconsistent, and incomplete. Cardiovascular diseases have been identified as the most preventable and treatable illnesses, while having historically been a major cause of death worldwide. The timely assessment of a disease is crucial for its complete and appropriate care. There appears to be a major need for an accurate and rigorous technique for identifying high -risk individuals and data mining for rapid investigation of heart infection. There are many machine learning algorithms used in healthcare.

The most popular machine learning algorithms include Artificial Neural Network (ANN) which is considered to be the most humanized machine learning algorithm, Logistic Regression and Support Vector Machine.

Machine Learning use cases in healthcare:

- Patient Behavior Modification
- Clinical Decision Support System
- Smart Record keeping
- Robotic Surgeries
- Machine learning in medical imaging
- Disease Outbreak Prediction
- Drug Discovery and Prediction

- Elderly and low mobility group care
- Clinical Research

### III. EXISTING AI TECHNIQUES USED FOR ARRHYTHMIA PREDICTION

There are several AI techniques that have been used for arrhythmia prediction, which is the identification of abnormal heart rhythms that can potentially lead to serious health conditions. Some of these techniques include:

- **Machine Learning:** Various machine learning algorithms such as support vector machines (SVM), random forests, and artificial neural networks (ANN) have been used for arrhythmia prediction. These algorithms can be trained on large datasets of heart rhythm data, including electrocardiograms (ECGs), to learn patterns and features that can distinguish normal heart rhythms from abnormal ones.
- **Deep Learning:** Deep learning techniques, which are a subset of machine learning, have been used for arrhythmia prediction as well. Convolutional neural networks (CNN) and recurrent neural networks (RNN), including long short-term memory (LSTM) networks, have been utilized to analyze ECG data for arrhythmia detection. Deep learning algorithms can automatically extract relevant features from the ECG data, making them well-suited for complex and high-dimensional data.
- **Feature Engineering:** Feature engineering involves extracting relevant features from raw ECG data that can be used as input to machine learning algorithms. Features such as heart rate variability, QRS complex duration, and P wave morphology have been used for arrhythmia prediction. These features can be calculated from the ECG signals and used as inputs to machine learning algorithms to train predictive models.
- **Ensemble Methods:** Ensemble methods, such as stacking or boosting, have been used for arrhythmia prediction. These methods combine the outputs of multiple base models to improve prediction accuracy. For example, combining the predictions of multiple machine learning or deep learning models can help improve the overall performance of the arrhythmia prediction system.
- **Time-series Analysis:** Arrhythmia prediction often involves analyzing time-series data, such as ECG signals, which capture changes in heart rhythms over time. Time-series analysis techniques, such as autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) models and hidden Markov models (HMM), have been used to analyze ECG data and predict arrhythmias based on temporal patterns.
- **Hybrid Approaches:** Hybrid approaches that combine multiple AI techniques, such as combining machine learning with deep learning or time-series analysis with feature engineering, have also been used for arrhythmia prediction. These approaches aim to leverage the strengths of different techniques to improve prediction accuracy and robustness.

### IV. Existing Methods for Arrhythmia Prediction

#### “Arrhythmias Prediction Using a Hybrid Model Based on Convolution Neural Network and Nonlinear Regression”

In [11] authors presented by Abdoul-Dalibou Abdou was published in the journal “IEEE Access” in 2020.

In this paper, the author produces a hybrid model which is based on the convolutional neural network (CNN) and nonlinear regression in order to predict arrhythmias, which are the abnormal heart rhythms.

This proposed hybrid model mainly consists of two stages where in, in the first stage, convolution neural network is used to extract the features from electrocardiogram signals received and in the second stage non-linear regression is used to predict the occurrence of arrhythmia.

The proposed convolution neural network consists of the five convolutions, corresponding to five classes of cardiac arrhythmias: Class 1: Sino-auricular node dysfunction; Class 2: supra-ventricular tachycardia; Class 3: ventricular tachycardia; Class 4: auricular flutter and Class 5: auricular fibrillation.

This model was trained and evaluated using the MIT-BIH arrhythmia database and the ECG signals were pre-processed by removing noise, baseline and powerline interference.

The convolution neural network was then used to extract features from the segmented ECG signals which were then fed into the nonlinear regression model for the prediction of arrhythmia. This particular model was evaluated with great sense of accuracy, specificity and sensitivity.

The proposed hybrid model could be useful in clinical practice for the early detection of arrhythmias. It achieved an overall performance rate of 91.70% against an error rate of 9.30%. The area under the ROC curve of the proposed model was 0.9895 which provided a distinguishing feature between the normal and the abnormal ECG signals. The proposed hybrid model was also robust to noise and performed well.

There are a few shortcomings and limitations with respect to the proposed hybrid model. One major shortcoming is the dataset size, where in this model used a relatively small dataset of recordings from 48 subjects, each of them lasting for 30 minutes. Another shortcoming is the complexity of the hybrid model since the proposed hybrid model combines both CNN and nonlinear regression, making it more complex.

Irrespective of the limitations and several shortcomings, overall, the results of the study suggest that the proposed hybrid model which is based on CNN and nonlinear regression is a better and a promising approach for the early detection and prediction of arrhythmias.

### “DEEP MULTI-SCALE FUSION NEURAL NETWORK FOR MULTI-CLASS ARRHYTHMIA DETECTION”

The DMF-Net methodology involves several key steps:

**Data Preparation:** In this study, we learn a deep representation for ECG records and apply them to a full-circle disease categorization. We define  $D = (x_i, y_i) | i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  as the ECG data set to keep things simple. If  $x_i$  represents a single ECG signal of length  $l_i$ ,  $y_i$  represents the disease category to which  $x_i$  belongs, and  $C$  represents the total number of disease categories. We next use a Deep Multi-Scale Fusion (DMSF) CNN architecture to capture discriminative signal properties at various scales.

**Review of the model:** There are three primary parts to the proposed DMSF Net: A backbone network is used to learn shared low-level features; several sub-networks are used to learn high-level scale-specific signal features using a variety of scales and convolution kernels; and multi-scale features are used. A 2-D dilated convolution can be described mathematically as follows:

$$y[i, j] = X \otimes_p X \otimes_q x[i + r \cdot p, j + r \cdot q] w[p, q]$$

**Single-Scale Feature Extraction:** The shared feature maps by the backbone are fed into the different scale branches. For the input  $x_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , the branch output  $fb_j, j \in \{1, 2\}$  can be defined as:  $fb_j = N_b(x_i; \theta_b); \theta_b$  Then the posterior probability of each class is calculated:

$$z_{bj} = \text{gm}(fb_j) \quad p(z_{bj}) = \exp(w > y_i z_{bj}) \prod_{k=1}^C \exp(w > k z_{bj})$$

,the objective lost function can be defined as:  $L_{bj} = - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^C I\{y_i = k\} \log p(z_{bj})$

**Multi-scale Feature Fusion Learning:** concatenating the multiple scale-specific features  $fb_j$  :

$$F = \text{Cat}(fb_1, fb_2)$$

At each spatial point  $u$  of  $F$ , a global average pooling operation yields a global feature map  $S$ .  $S_u = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{k=1}^c$ , the new fusion characteristics,  $f_u, k$  With the weighted characteristics,  $fb_f$  may be calculated.

$$f_{att} = \sigma(W * S + b) \quad F = F + f_{att} \otimes F$$

And average pooling is more conducive to extracting global information of the signal by average operation:  $z_{bf} = \text{gm}(F) + \text{ga}(F)$

The details can be expressed as follows:  $L_{bf} = - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^C I\{y_i = k\} \log p(z_{bf})$

**Joint Optimization for Multi-Loss Systems:** Importantly, the scale-specific branches are correlated rather than independent. We train the entire model by minimizing the losses of various branches in order to learn efficient and discriminative classification features. The ultimate objective function for the whole network training is as follows:  $L$  is defined as  $L = L_{bf} + \lambda_1 L_{b1} + \lambda_2 L_{b2}$  where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are the balance parameters which are set to 1.0 in our experiments.

The proposed approach specifically achieves an overall classification F1 score of 82.8%. The suggested approach yields improvements of roughly 5.2% (0.828 0.776) and 4.3% (0.828 0.785) when compared to the Resnet and ordinary VGG network, respectively.

Additionally, our approach outperforms LSTM by 7.0% (0.828 0.758) gain. Our method outperforms the Acharya et al. and MS-CNN approaches in F1 score by 6.7% (0.828 0.761) and 3.1% (0.828 0.797), respectively. In this research, we describe a novel end-to-end deep learning approach (DMSFNet) for classifying ECG signals using features from many scales. We simultaneously incorporate joint optimization with several losses of various scales into a single convolutional neural network.

Like other neural networks, DMF-Net may be prone to overfitting, where it may perform well on the training data but may not generalize well to unseen data.

Convolutional network models typically outperform LSTM models. This is primarily due to the network's difficulty in capturing long-term memory data when the input time step is excessively lengthy.

The effectiveness of DMF-Net may still need to be tested in actual clinical practice, although its performance can be assessed utilizing controlled research environments.

### “ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING IN ARRHYTHMIAS AND CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY”

This paper was published in the journal "Cardiac Electrophysiology Clinics" in 2020.

It provides a comprehensive overview of the applications of AI and ML in the field of arrhythmias and cardiac electrophysiology, as well as the challenges and opportunities associated with these technologies. The authors discuss various approaches to using AI and ML in this field, including:

**Predictive modeling:** AI and ML algorithms can be used to develop predictive models for arrhythmias and other cardiac conditions, based on various clinical and physiological parameters.

**Image analysis:** AI and ML can be used to analyze cardiac images, such as echocardiograms or MRIs, to aid in diagnosis and treatment planning.

**Signal analysis:** AI and ML can be used to analyze physiological signals, such as ECGs or intracardiac electrograms, to aid in arrhythmia detection and diagnosis.

**Treatment optimization:** AI and ML can be used to optimize the selection and delivery of various therapies for arrhythmias, such as ablation or device therapy.

This paper also discusses the challenges and limitations of using AI and ML in this particular field, including the need for large amounts of high-quality data, the potential for bias and errors in algorithm development, and the importance of ensuring patient privacy and ethical considerations.

**Mobile Arrhythmia Detection Technology** By permitting long-term, passive evaluation of pulse rate and regularity to detect an irregular pulse associated with AF, wearable photoplethysmography sensors have revolutionized the possibilities for AF screening. The Apple Watch's photoplethysmography monitoring algorithm was tested on 419297 individuals in the Apple Heart Study, with 2161 of them receiving an alert when 5 out of 6 photoplethysmography tachographs indicate AF. A total of 34% of the 450 participants who later wore an external cardiac monitor for about a week were found to have AF, and there was an 84% positive predictive value between the photoplethysmography and the concurrent external monitor. Similar research was conducted in China, where 187912 people underwent AF screening using photoplethysmography monitoring technology in Huawei wristband and wristwatches. Two hundred sixty-two people were alerted to the possibility of AF, and they got timely follow-up care that included clinical assessment and ECG monitoring. Eighty-seven percent of these people had AF, and the photoplethysmographic signals had a 92% positive predictive value. The Food and Drug Administration has given the Kardia Band and Apple Watch Series 4-5 permission to employ wearable ECG recording capabilities for on-demand ECG confirmation of photoplethysmographic-based detection of AF in addition to photoplethysmographic pulse detection. The user of an Apple Watch Series 4-5 is prompted to record a single-lead ECG using the digital crown's sensor when an abnormal rhythm is detected using photoplethysmography. The Kardia band algorithm continuously monitors heart rate and activity level using pedometer and photoplethysmographic sensors on an Apple Watch Series 2 or 3. The wearer is prompted to record a modified lead I ECG by placing their thumb on the exclusive sensor included into the watchband when there are discrepancies in these measurements. With the help of 24 patients who had implantable cardiac monitors and a history of paroxysmal symptoms, the algorithm's performance was confirmed.

Overall, the paper provides a valuable summary of the current state of the art of AI and ML in arrhythmias and cardiac electrophysiology, and highlights the potential for these technologies to improve patient outcomes and advance our understanding of cardiac disease.

### “A FAST MACHINE LEARNING MODEL FOR ECG-BASED HEARTBEAT CLASSIFICATION AND ARRHYTHMIA DETECTION”

**Data Collection:** The research used a dataset of electrocardiogram (ECG) recordings obtained from databases: the MIT-BIH arrhythmia (MIT-BIH AR) [28] and the AHA [29]. All the heartbeat annotation labels are converted to five heartbeat types: N (normal beats), S (supraventricular ectopic beats), V (ventricular ectopic beats), F (fusion beats), and Q (unclassifiable beats). Each database is split into two sets: one for training (DS1) and one for testing (DS2). . 22 of the 44 ECG records of the MIT-BIH AR database are part of the set DS1 and the other 22 are part of the set DS2. n. In the AHA database, the set DS1 contains 79 ECG recordings with the label series = 0 and the DS2, 75 recordings labeled with series = 1.

**Data Preprocessing:** The ECG recordings were preprocessed to remove noise and artifacts, and to extract relevant features from the ECG signals. Common preprocessing techniques such as resampling, filtering, heartbeat detection, RR calculation, heartbeat segmentation and normalization were applied to ensure the quality and consistency of the data.

**Feature Extraction:** Several features were extracted from the preprocessed ECG signals to capture the relevant information for heartbeat classification and arrhythmia detection. 60 raw samples of the segmented heartbeat waveform centered around the position annotated for the heartbeat.  $\ln(\text{RR}(i))$ : logarithm of the current RR interval.  $\ln(\text{RR}(i + 1))$ : logarithm of the next RR interval.  $\ln(\text{RRmean})$  logarithm of an average of the previous 250 RR intervals (averaging over the  $n$  available RR intervals when  $n < 250$ ). At the end of the processing and feature extraction stage, each heartbeat is represented as a  $d$ -dimensional vector containing three features related to the RR intervals.

**Classification Algorithm:** Classifier built upon ESN with a ring topology. This computing paradigm is made of three layers: input,

reservoir and output. The reservoir matrix response  $r$  for the  $n$ th heartbeat for the standard ESN is obtained as follows:  $r(n) = F(\gamma X(n) + \eta W r(n - 1))$ . where  $W$  is the random connection square matrix, with dimensions  $N \times N$ ,  $F$  is the ESN activation function and  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  are the input and connection scaling parameters. The response of the ESN to the input,  $r(n)$ , is used to calculate the expected output,  $y(n)$ , according to:  $y(n) = W_{out} r(n)$  where  $W_{out} 1 \times N$  are the output weights of the ESN and  $l$  the number of output nodes.

**Model development:** The typical model construction decisions in a ring ESN include: setting the network size ( $N$ ), the scaling parameters  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  and the random input connections ( $W_{in}$ ). pair  $(\eta, \gamma)$  with a fixed number of neurons  $N = 500$  for the MIT-BIH AR and the AHA databases. However, we have found that the choice of random  $(\eta, \gamma)$  parameter values is valid for the classification of leads II (MIT-BIH AR) and A (AHA) but it yields a significant decrease in the PPV of leads V1' (MIT-BIH AR) and B (AHA). Therefore,  $\eta = 0.2$  and  $\gamma = 0.1$  are the optimum values used in the Results section.

After optimizing the parameters of the classifier over the training set (DS1) as described in the Methods section, we evaluate the classifier using the optimal parameters. Since the original heartbeat waveform is normalized between  $[-1, 1]$  and the RR intervals are similar between both databases, the optimum ESN parameters ( $\eta = 0.2$ ,  $\gamma = 0.1$ , and  $N = 1000$ ) coincide for the MIT-BIH AR and the AHA databases. Thus, we expect that these optimum parameters can also be valid for other databases. The best performance is obtained for the lead A of the AHA database. Besides providing a detailed characterization of the arrhythmia heartbeat classifier based on ESNs, our study also aims at achieving computational times that allow for real-time processing of ECG data. In particular, we have implemented the ESN classifiers described here independently in an unparalleled C++ version for the CPU and a C++/CUDA version for the GPU. The proposed method shows excellent classification results for the VEB class on the MIT-BIH AR and the AHA databases, outperforming existing single lead classification algorithms in the detection of ventricular arrhythmia.

Classifiers sharing heartbeats for the same subjects in the training and test set have unrealistically better evaluation results than classifiers that follow the interpatient procedure [7]. Semi-automatic heartbeat classifiers (that require some assistance for expert cardiologists) also have a better performance than the fully automatic approaches. A small dataset may not capture the full diversity and variability of ECG recordings, leading to potential biases and limitations in the model's performance.

Machine learning models, especially those based on complex algorithms like artificial neural networks, may lack interpretability and explainability.

The research may not have adequately addressed ethical considerations, such as data privacy, security, and potential biases in the dataset used, which could impact the validity and ethical implications of the research findings.

### “DEEP LEARNING-BASED SYSTEM TO PREDICT CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA USING HYBRID FEATURES OF TRANSFORM TECHNIQUES”

The paper presents a deep learning-based system for the detection of cardiac arrhythmia using a combination of discrete wavelet transform (DWT), empirical mode decomposition (EMD), and a singular value decomposition (SVD).

The proposed system consists of three stages. First stage includes the feature extraction using the transform techniques (DWT, EMD and SVD). The second stage involves feature selection using principal component analysis (PCA) and the third stage is the arrhythmia prediction using a deep neural network (DNN). The system was evaluated using the MIT-BIH arrhythmia database that consisted of ECG recording of 48 subjects, each of them lasting for 30 minutes. The ECG signals were pre-processed and then segmented into 5-second windows. The transform techniques were mainly used to extract features from the segmented ECG signals, which was further then combined to form hybrid features. PCA was then used to select the most relevant feature from the hybrid features and then was fed into the DNN. The overall performance was then evaluated based on accuracy, sensitivity and area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve.

The results of the proposed system showed an overall accuracy of 99.75% outperforming several other existing methods.

Overall, the study shows the potential of a deep learning based system for the early detection of arrhythmias using a combination of transform techniques and feature selection.

Apart from the overall accuracy and results achieved this proposed system has a few shortcomings. One of the major shortcomings is the dataset bias wherein the system is evaluated only on a specific dataset that is the MIT-BIH database.

Next is the complexity as the proposed system uses a complex architecture consisting of various transform techniques which require several significant computational resources there by limiting their scalability in measuring its results.

While the proposed system achieved high accuracy and specificity in the detection of arrhythmias, its performance may differ depending on the different types of arrhythmia, the ECG signal generated and various other factors.

### “OVERVIEW OF BASIC MECHANISMS OF CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA”

This paper by Charles Antzelevitch and Alexander Burashnikov provides an overview of the fundamental mechanisms that underlie cardiac arrhythmias.

A cardiac arrhythmia simply defined is a variation from the normal heart rate and/or rhythm that is not physiologically justified. Recent years have witnessed important advances in our understanding of the electrophysiologic mechanisms underlying the development of a variety of cardiac arrhythmias. The mechanisms responsible for cardiac

arrhythmias are generally divided into 2 major categories: (1)

enhanced or abnormal impulse formation (i.e, focal activity) and (2) conduction disturbances

The paper begins by defining cardiac arrhythmia and discussing its prevalence and clinical significance. It then describes the various types of arrhythmias, including :The paper begins by defining cardiac arrhythmia and discussing its prevalence and clinical significance. It then network (DNN)..The system was evaluated using the MIT-BIH arrhythmia database that consisted of ECG recording of 48 subjects, each of them lasting for 30 minutes. The ECG signals were pre=processed and then segmented into 5-second windows. The transform techniques were mainly used to extract features from the segmented ECG signals, which was further then combined to form hybrid features. PCA was then used to select the most relevant feature from the hybrid features and then was fed into the DNN. The overall performance was then evaluated based on accuracy, sensitivity and area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve.

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### V. Comparative Analysis of Methods Discussed for Arrhythmia

- **Enhanced Accuracy:** AI and ML algorithms can analyze large amounts of data, including complex patterns and subtle changes in electrocardiogram (ECG) signals, which can lead to improved accuracy in arrhythmia detection and classification compared to traditional methods.
- **Faster Detection:** AI and ML techniques can automate the process of arrhythmia detection, which can significantly reduce the time required for diagnosis.
- **Personalized Care:** AI and ML algorithms can analyze individual patient data, including ECG signals, medical history, and other relevant information, to provide personalized care.
- **Scalability:** AI and ML techniques can be easily scaled to handle large datasets, making them suitable for processing and analyzing vast amounts of ECG data from diverse sources.
- **Decision Support:** AI and ML methods can provide decision support tools for healthcare professionals, aiding in the interpretation of complex ECG data and improving clinical decision-making.

In conclusion, the integration of AI and ML techniques has the potential to significantly enhance the accuracy and speed of arrhythmia detection and classification. These technologies can provide valuable insights, aid in early diagnosis, and support personalized treatment plans, ultimately leading to improved patient outcomes in the field of arrhythmia management. However, it is crucial to ensure proper validation, standardization, and regulatory compliance when implementing AI and ML methods in clinical practice to ensure their safe and effective utilization.

A. Figures and Tables

TABLE I.

Paper Title	Comparisons		
	Methodology	Advantage	Limitation
Arrhythmias Prediction Using an Hybrid Model Based on Convolutional Neural Network and Nonlinear Regression	Hybrid model of CNN and nonlinear regression	High accuracy and specificity	May require large amounts of data for training
Deep learning-based system to predict cardiac arrhythmia using hybrid features of transform techniques	CNN and LSTM based system using hybrid features of transform techniques	High accuracy in arrhythmia detection and classification	Complex architecture may require significant computational resources
Fast machine learning model for ECG based heartbeat classification and arrhythmia detection	CNN and decision tree based model	Fast computation time while maintaining high accuracy	Limited to a specific dataset
Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Arrhythmias and Cardiac Electrophysiology	Review paper on AI and ML techniques in cardiac electrophysiology	Comprehensive overview of various AI and ML techniques	No new methodology proposed
Overview of Basic Mechanisms of Cardiac Arrhythmia	Review of the basic mechanisms underlying arrhythmias	Learn about cardiac arrhythmias and the basic mechanisms that contribute to their development	Few of the disadvantages are: The technical language, Lack of depth, Age of the paper, narrow focus etc.
Deep Multi-Scale Fusion Neural Network for Multi-Class Arrhythmia Detection	Implementation based on DMSFNN techniques	Utilizes multi-scale features for improved detection accuracy	May require large amounts of training data for optimal performance



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