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Automated ECG Signal Analysis with 1D CNN: A Deep Learning Approach

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Abstract: *ECG signal analysis has prime importance in the detection and diagnosis of several cardiac anomalies. The present work proposes an automated scheme for ECG classification via a One-Dimensional Convolutional Neural Network (1D CNN), which can help efficiently and reliably diagnose heart conditions. The dataset stored in the pickle (.pk1) format consisted of raw ECG waveforms, which have undergone preprocessing and were used for training and evaluation. The 1D CNN model extracts significant temporal features from the ECG signals, allowing it to differentiate normal and abnormal heart rhythms, including arrhythmias. The increase in diagnostic accuracy provided by the deep learning approach is due to convolutional layers being used for feature extraction and classification. Our results show that the proposed model can classify the ECGs with high accuracy and thus can be considered as a possible tool for real-time monitoring of the heart and early detection of cardiovascular diseases. This work helps facilitate AI-driven medical diagnostics and serves as a dependable and automated approach to the ECG signal analysis.*

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INTRODUCTION

In electrocardiography, an electrocardiogram (ECG) would widely be regarded as a non-invasive approach to monitoring and diagnosing heart conditions, relying primarily on the electrical nature of the heart [1]. An ECG signal depicts a cardiac cycle, and deviations from these signals may be considered in various cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) such as arrhythmias, atrial fibrillation, and myocardial infarction, among others. Given the rising cases of incapacitating heart diseases in most parts of the world, there arises a greater demand for efficient, automated, and accurate ECG analysis techniques to assist healthcare professionals with diagnostics and interventions within time. Today, manual inspections may be advisable in conventional methods for ECG analysis but the procedure is time-consuming, and sometimes misinterpretations result due to human error. The inclusion of deep learning and AI in the field of ECG classification was remarked as very significantly helpful in improving the accuracy and efficiency of automated diagnostics [1].

This study presents the approach based on One Dimensional Convolutional Neural Network (1D CNN) aimed at studying the ECG signal classification [2]. The 1D CNN model acts to process raw ECG signals to the extraction of significant features and classification into normal and abnormal categories with very high precision. Also, this research involves pre-processed ECG signals, which were saved in pickle (.pk1) format, available for good data handling and training. By relying more on the learning capabilities of deep learning techniques, our method improves on reliability for ECG classification making it applicable in real-time cardiac monitoring and early disease detection [2].

A. Importance of Research

Early diagnosis is critical to controlling fatalities caused by the cardiovascular diseases which are one of the most important reasons for death around the globe. Manual interpretation of ECGs needs very expert knowledge; it is not rare that even very good doctors miss subtle abnormalities or misdiagnose conditions. Automating ECG interpretation with deep learning will be a major leap in speed, accuracy, and availability for cardiac diagnostics [3].

Research significance can be summarized as follows:

- Productivity: Analysis of ECGs is manual, while using deep learning will enable automation and quick processing: Longitudinally large data sets will be analyzed with the changes.
- Accuracy: The newly developed deep learning models, particularly CNNs, showed better accuracy in identifying ECG abnormalities than rule-based methodologies.
- Scalability- The model can be mounted in real-time ECG classification [6] using wearable health monitoring devices, telemedicine, and hospital indications.
- Reduced Dependency on Humans: AI-driven ECG analysis leads to minimal dependence on expert cardiologists, and the facility becomes available even in remote and underdeveloped regions.
- Opportunity for Early Intervention: Real-time ECG interpretation will allow for quick detection of cardiac diseases and thus reduce complications in the severe level and improve efficacy for treatment.

B. Objectives of the Study

The main aim is to create an effective and reliable ECG classification system using 1D CNN [7] for heart disease diagnosis. Some other objectives include:

- Preprocessing ECG signals and assembling them into a format suitable for deep learning classification.
- Designing and implementing a 1D CNN capable of extracting temporal features from ECG waveforms.
- Training the CNN model on a dataset of ECG signals [8] and evaluating performance to achieve good classification accuracies between normal and abnormal cardiac conditions.
- To enhance clinical accuracy and efficiency through deep learning when compared with conventional ECG interpretation.
- To assess the real-life application of the proposed ECG classification framework onto wearable health monitoring systems and telemedicine.

On accomplishing these objectives, this work aims to fill the gap between AI-based medical diagnostics and conventional ECG analysis and, thus, contribute towards advancing automated cardiac healthcare solutions.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The SUE, or the Spatial Uncertainty Estimator, has been proposed by **Seoni, S., et al. (2024) [9]** to boost the validity of an AI-based ECG classification under coronary artery disease (CAD). Attempts are made in this study to integrate Grad-CAM that assesses the spatial feature overlap to assign a confidence score to predictions. The combination of CNN and BiLSTM as a deep learning model achieved an accuracy of 99.6%, a sensitivity of 99.8%, and a specificity of 98.2%, showing improvements in classification reliability along with robustness through explainable AI (XAI) and uncertainty quantification (UQ).

Lu, H., et al. (2024) [10] studied machine learning techniques for ECG classification with a focus on Recurrent Convolutional Neural Networks (RCNN) incorporated with a Modified Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO). The PTB Diagnostic ECG and MIT-BIH Arrhythmia databases were used to exhibit their RCNN-based methodology outperforming previous methods with an accuracy of 98%. The comparative analysis results have indicated that they outperform others in decision tree, KNN, random forest, SVMs, and logistic regression.

Ozaltin, O., & Yeniay, O. (2023) [11] introduced an ECG classifier with 34 layers, consisting of multiple stages through which scalograms are generated from 1D ECG signals through Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT). This model with Support Vector Machines provided an impressive result of 99.21% in accuracy compared to AlexNet and SqueezeNet. The authors maintained that CWT led to optimal preprocessing and CWT along with cross-validation was deemed as the best method for training.

Ahmed, A. A., et al. (2023) [12**]** detailed a 1D CNN for arrhythmia classification trained on the MIT-BIH dataset with noisy ECG signals. The model managed to surmount the hurdles of diagnosis errors imposed by noise and achieved an accuracy score of 1.00 on training while obtaining 0.99 on testing, thus aggrandizing credence to its being a very effective automated alternative in arrhythmia diagnosis.

Zhu, J., et al. (2022) [**13]** proposed CNN-FWS, a novel hybrid deep learning scheme, which integrates Recursive Feature Elimination (FW-RFE) with CNNs in ECG classification. The model used up 17,259 records and achieved an F1 of 0.902 and recall of 0.889, indicating the capability for enhanced feature selection and classification performance from that of redundant features exclusion.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

To design an automated ECG classification system based on a 1D Convolution Neural Network (1D-CNN) [14], the research methodology discussed in this study adheres to a sequence of steps. That includes data acquisition, preparation and preprocessing of the data, design of the model and training, evaluation, and performance analysis. The reliability and accuracy of the ECG classification system are significantly supported by each of the steps.

Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

In this study, ECG signals [15] from a standard dataset with labeled samples for normal and abnormal heart conditions would provide the input for the various methods analyzed in this work. The standard dataset is split into training and testing sets for allowing the model to learn and validate. Raw ECG signals almost always have noise composed of muscle artifact and baseline wandering; therefore, filtering, normalization, and segmentation can be used as signal preprocessing techniques. These preprocessing routines were developed to enhance the quality of data such that what the model detects as patterns are true patterns and not just variations introduced through artificial means.

Model Design and Architecture

The center of this study focuses on a 1D-CNN architecture that extracts the important features from the ECG signals automatically. CNNs work well in time-series signal applications as they can represent both spatial hierarchies and spatial patterns. The model consists of several convolutional layers followed by activation functions and pooling layers. The activation function used is ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) [16], which introduces non-linearity, and max-pooling lets one reduce the dimensionality and computation complexity of data. A fully connected (FC) layer at the end of the network transfers the extracted features to the correct classification output.

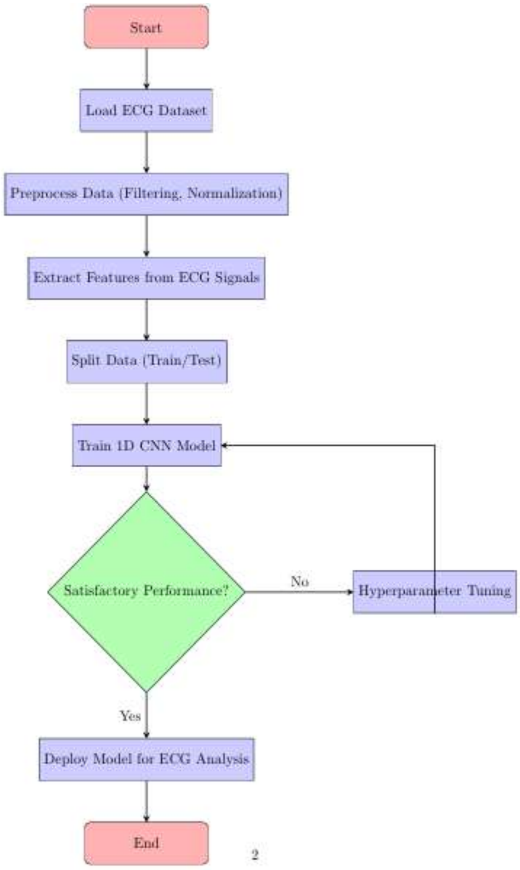

Fig. 1. Research Flowchart

Training and Optimization

The training dataset was used to train the model, learning to tell the difference between distinguishing patterns from ECG signals [17]. The measure of error in prediction is the loss function, for example, categorical cross-entropy, whereas the optimizer (like Adam-A Adaptive Moment Estimation) helps in adjusting the model weights in order to minimize the error. Batch normalization was applied to speed up training and stabilize learning. The model incorporates dropout regularization to minimize overfitting, whereby a percentage of units are randomly removed during training to aid in generalization. model accordingly, as shown in Figure 1 [18].

Model Evaluation and Performance Metrics

After the training phase, the model is tested upon the testing dataset. Performance is measured using standard evaluation metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and Area Under Curve-Receiver Operating Characteristic (AUC-ROC). These metrics give an idea about the model's classification capability, ensuring it does not just perform well in training but generalizes well on new ECG signals. The confusion matrix is studied to understand cases of misclassification and enhance the

Comparison with Existing Methods

To validate the effectiveness of the proposed 1D-CNN model, its performance is compared to existing deep learning architectures and traditional machine learning classifiers. This comparative exercise brings out the advantages of the proposed method with respect to accuracy, computational efficiency, and robustness. In addition, ablation studies are performed to analyze the contribution of each component to overall performance so that ECG classification is optimized [19].

Implementation and Deployment Considerations

In the end, a trained model will be scrutinized for industrial applicability. The integration of the chosen model into a cloud- or edge-computing scheme will be looked at, paying attention to the feasibility of introducing real-time ECG analyses in clinical contexts and mobile-based implementations. This is considered so that the model can be effectively used in clinical situations for early diagnoses and continuous heart-condition monitoring [20].

This research methodology ensures a comprehensive and systematic approach to ECG classification using deep learning to address challenges related to data preprocessing, model training, evaluation, and deployment with guaranteed accuracy and reliability.

Proposed Work

A. Dataset

The project dataset comprises recorded Electrocardiogram (ECG) signals saved in the pickle format using a .pk1 extension, emphasizing the efficient storage and retrieval of structured data. There are mainly two files involved: train_med_amp.pk1 and test_med_amp.pk1. The former file contains ECG signals meant for training the model, while the latter houses signals that are used in performing testing and evaluation of the model. These files store the raw time series amplitude value of ECG waveforms, either as NumPy arrays or lists. These waveforms represent the electrical activity of the heart along time, which is extremely helpful for diagnosing any cardiovascular disease. Thus, preprocessing steps may also possibly have adjusted amplitudes, filtered out noise, smoothed, or normalized data to allow for easier training [21].

This data assumes a crucial role in the training of the 1D Convolutional Neural Network (1D CNN), a deep learning architecture for sequential data such as this ECG signal. The CNN conducts analysis over such waveforms to elicit vital features within them, also including points like peaks, troughs, and even salient waveforms such as the QRS complexes, which capture the event of ventricular depolarization. These features, henceforth described, will assist the model in differentiating between normal heart rhythms and its counterpart. The CNN, with the learning of such patterns, will be able to classify ECG signals belonging to normal and abnormal states like arrhythmias or atrial fibrillation [22].

The classification of ECG signals is good for the early detection of heart diseases, currently one of the tops among the major causes of death in global settings. Traditional analysis of the ECGs requires qualified cardiologists to study the waveforms manually, which require a lot of time to perform and is prone to human error. Using deep learning techniques and an adequately organized ECG dataset, the present project therefore aims at automation, thereby increasing accuracy and speed. The dataset enables good generalization potential of the model away from the training samples for predicting reliably on newly unseen ECG data. This not only increases the accuracy of diagnosis but also enables monitoring of patients with cardiac conditions in real time and early intervention [23].

Incorporation of such a dataset shall remain paramount in advancing AI-assisted medical diagnosis, and in curtailing failures in diagnosis age-old with human vision, whilst guaranteeing a high class with accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity in classifying ECG signals. This automated system can also fit within healthcare applications to facilitate quick decision-making by medical professionals, thus ensuring better patient outcomes and enhanced clinical aspect of cardiac care [24].

B. 1-DCNN

The 1D Convolution Neural Network (1D-CNN) is a deep learning architecture, much specialized in processing and analyzing one-dimensional sequential data. As such, it is exclusive for classifying ECG signals. Unlike the normal 2D CNN, which deals with maps (images), the 1D-CNN applies the convolutional filter in a direct approach towards time-series data. This is due to the fact that it can capture those important features, such as peaks, troughs, and patterns, within the ECG waveform. This model consists of arrangement layers such as convolutional bricks beyond feature hierarchical extraction and pooling layers for dimensionality reduction with computational efficiency. Fully connected layers here accomplish the final classification task. Through this architecture, the network learns to differentiate normal heart from abnormal heart rhythms in identifying the characteristic patterns of the ECG signals. Compared to the conventional machine learning techniques, 1D-CNN does not require hand-crafted feature extraction requirement, and hence, they are the more effective and scalable means to process large-scale ECG data. They are modern-day tools in full automated cardiovascular diagnostics, early disease detection, and eventually enhance healthcare outcomes because of their capability to learn and recognize important waveform features automatically [25].

The 1D Convolutional Neural Network (1D-CNN) is basically a deep learning architecture specifically processing and analyzing sequential data, dimensionality one. Thus, it covers applications such as ECG signal classification. Different from the traditional 2D CNN that utilizes inputs from images, 1D-CNN uses it convolutional filters directly on the time-series data to extract important features such as peaks, troughs, and patterns. The model consists of several layer configurations: convolutional layers that develop hierarchical features extraction to pooling layers for dimensionality reduction with computational efficiency, and finally fully connected layers that help in making the final classification. Through this architecture, the network studies between a normal and an abnormal heart rhythm according to the patterns it learns from such ECG signals. One major difference between these two is the time taken for conventional machine learning techniques and that aspect of 1D-CNN, which has an advantage over it when it comes to large-scale scalability with respect to feature extraction. They automatically learn and recognize important components of the waveform-feature, making them synonymous with contemporary automated cardiovascular diagnostics and contributing to early detection of diseases and eventually improved health care results [26].

C. Algorithm for Automated ECG Signal Analysis using 1D-CNN

Input: ECG dataset $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, Labels $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$

Output: Predicted class labels $\hat{Y}$

Step 1: Data Preprocessing

Normalize ECG signals: $X_{norm} = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$ Split dataset into training (X_{train}, Y_{train}) and testing (X_{test}, Y_{test}) sets

Step 2: Define 1D-CNN Model

Apply convolution operation:

$$Z_l = W_l * X_{l-1} + b_l$$

Apply activation function (ReLU):

$$A_l = \max(0, Z_l)$$

Apply max-pooling operation to reduce dimensionality:

$$P_l = \max(A_l)$$

Flatten and pass through fully connected layers Compute final class probabilities using Softmax:

$$P(y = j|x) = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_k e^{z_k}}$$

Step 3: Training the Model

Compute loss using categorical cross-entropy:

$$L = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \log(\hat{y}_i)$$

Update weights using gradient descent (Adam optimizer):

$$W_{t+1} = W_t - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_t}$$

Repeat until convergence

Step 4: Model Evaluation Compute accuracy:

$$Accuracy = \frac{\text{Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total Samples}} \times 100$$

Evaluate using precision, recall, and F1-score

Step 5: Prediction on New ECG Data

Given a new ECG signal x_{new}, predict the class:

$$\hat{y}_{new} = \underset{j}{\text{argmax}} P(y = j | x_{new})$$

Return predicted labels $\hat{Y}$

5. Results

Table 1. Training and Validation Performance

Epoch	Training Loss	Training Accuracy	Validation Loss	Validation Accuracy
1	0.9885	0.5950	1.1808	0.5100
2	0.8795	0.6217	1.0003	0.5867
3	0.8544	0.6314	0.8979	0.6300
4	0.8359	0.6419	0.9371	0.6033
5	0.8168	0.6479	0.8369	0.6500
6	0.8003	0.6548	0.7912	0.6833
7	0.7938	0.6556	0.8420	0.6700
8	0.7765	0.6624	0.7920	0.6767
9	0.7628	0.6742	0.8048	0.6733
10	0.7460	0.6777	0.7716	0.6867
11	0.7398	0.6850	0.7441	0.7167
12	0.7267	0.6952	0.8115	0.6800
13	0.7088	0.6958	0.7502	0.7067
14	0.6970	0.7009	0.7825	0.7333

15	0.6697	0.7100	0.7220	0.7467
16	0.6480	0.7199	0.7049	0.7500
17	0.6579	0.7152	0.7444	0.7367
18	0.6337	0.7324	0.7682	0.7300
19	0.6098	0.7377	0.8012	0.7633
20	0.6063	0.7406	0.7966	0.7767
21	0.5854	0.7499	0.7970	0.7767
22	0.5677	0.7598	0.8190	0.8100
23	0.5460	0.7662	0.7108	0.7933
24	0.5412	0.7712	0.7490	0.7933
25	0.5179	0.7841	0.7701	0.7833
26	0.5008	0.7871	0.7954	0.7833
27	0.4923	0.7987	0.7330	0.8200
28	0.4703	0.7978	0.7648	0.8067
29	0.4653	0.8049	0.7720	0.8367
30	0.4494	0.8124	0.7626	0.8267
31	0.4405	0.8155	0.6400	0.8567
32	0.4298	0.8211	0.8915	0.8200
33	0.4180	0.8297	0.7886	0.8600
34	0.3955	0.8405	0.7638	0.8467
35	0.3837	0.8405	0.9018	0.8267
36	0.3806	0.8422	0.7784	0.8867
37	0.3641	0.8521	0.8297	0.8600
38	0.3589	0.8525	0.7884	0.8867
39	0.3546	0.8527	0.8234	0.8933
40	0.3388	0.8610	0.7197	0.8967
41	0.3361	0.8566	0.6950	0.9100
42	0.3180	0.8722	0.7931	0.8833
43	0.3143	0.8722	0.8424	0.9067
44	0.3090	0.8752	0.6942	0.9000
45	0.2851	0.8890	0.7587	0.8933
46	0.2819	0.8832	0.7718	0.9033
47	0.2805	0.8890	0.7167	0.8933
48	0.2900	0.8822	0.7849	0.9167

49	0.2734	0.8907	0.7696	0.9200

Table 1. encapsulates the training and validation performance of a deep-learning model at various phases spanning over 50 epochs. From it can be extracted the learning process of the model from leading training loss, training accuracy, validation loss, and validation accuracy. At the initial phase of training, the training loss is highly high with 0.9885 and a validation loss of 1.1808, with corresponding accuracies of 59.50% and 51.00%, respectively. This indicates that the model does not perform well when generalizing to unseen data. However, further training leads to a gradual decline in training and validation losses side by side with improvements in the accuracy. All show a learning process. Validation accuracy from epochs 5 to 20 improves every epoch, topping approximately 77.67% at epoch 20. Fluctuating loss appears to have a downward trend over multiple validations as well. This implies that the model improves its ability to differentiate between patterns of the dataset. Also consistently, training accuracy increases throughout the epochs to the point of 74.06% at epoch 20.

The continuing improvements in validation accuracy which rise to pass the 85.00% mark in the 31st epoch clearly denotes the significant development that the model was continuing to experience within the epochs between 20 and 35. Curiously, the training loss continues to decrease, whereas validation loss dramatically oscillates. This section discusses the extent to which the model has learned to generalize better, although some signs of overfitting are already public. In the last phase of the model (epochs 35 to 50), the highest peak in validation accuracy is achieved with 92.00% by epoch 49. Validation loss may vary, but the overall trend points to gradual improvement in teaching the model to classify the assigned data. The training accuracy reaches 89.07%, which demonstrates solid performance with the model. Some overfitting is apparent because the accuracy achieved during training is consistently higher than that achieved during validation. Overall, the learning of the model is steady; validation accuracy improves every time while loss gets reduced. The final accuracy being 92.00% indicates good performance on unseen data. Further tuning, like early stopping and regularization techniques, could help improve minor overfitting issues.

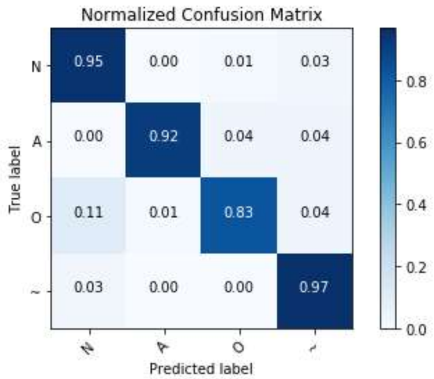

Fig. 2. Confusion Matrix

The Fig 2. depicts a Normalized Confusion Matrix that is one of the important evaluation metrics in machine learning. This particular matrix shows how well a classifier does in terms of the true labels and the predicted classification for the test works. The matrix breaks down into a grid where each cell contains the fraction of instances having a particular true label (the rows) predicted to belong to a specific label (the columns). The diagonal elements of the matrix signify correct predictions, whereas off-diagonal elements show misclassification.

In this particular confusion matrix,

- For a true label "N" (any label), 0.95 proportion of it goes being classified correctly.
- 0.92 proportion TRUE of a true label A being classified correctly.

- A true label 0 has 0.83 high proportion of it being classified correctly.
- A true label 2 has an exceptionally high proportion of it being classified correctly at 0.97.

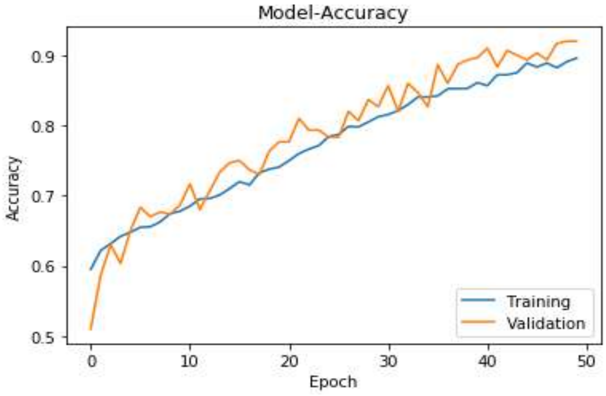

Fig. 3. Model Accuracy

Fig 3. gives the matrix the scenario about the classifier and where it stands (strengths and weaknesses) on distinction performance for different classes so as to improve the aspect of accuracy and areas of identification in the classification task for further enhancement.. The first graph plots accuracy trends for the training and validation datasets across 50 epochs. The x-axis shows epochs while the y-axis denotes accuracy. Training and validation accuracies correspond to the blue and orange lines, respectively. At first, both training and validation accuracies are low, while validation accuracies fluctuate more in the earlier epochs. As the model becomes trained, both accuracy curves show upward trends in indicating better performance. The validation accuracy surpasses 70% around epoch 10 and continues upwards to above 85% by epoch 30. The end accuracy stabilizes close to 92%, which is interpreted to indicate that the model generalizes well. The fluctuations of validation accuracies may arise from variations in mini-batch updates or the model's adaptation to different features within the dataset on which it is evaluated during slight forward updates.

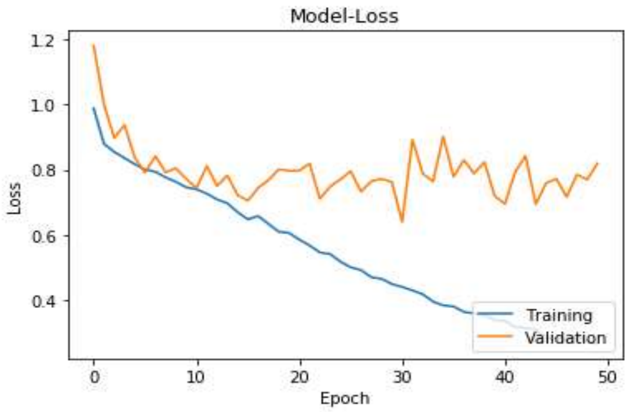

Fig 4. Model Loss

The Fig 4. presents the loss curves in both training and validation datasets. The x-axis refers to the epochs while the y-axis describes the loss values. This blue line represents the training loss, and the orange line indicates the validation loss.At the beginning of training, the loss is quite high and continues to decrease as training progresses, which indicates that the model is gaining knowledge about the data fairly well. Meanwhile, validation loss goes down initially and then shows fluctuations, indicating some instability with its generalization. Nevertheless, validation loss is still being able to follow a downward trend, indicating the model is on a good learning track, with a small amount of overfitting, since the loss control is not as smooth as training loss. Overall, an observation states that the two figures show that the model learned well at a high level of accuracy. Regularization, dropout, or early stopping can be used to promote stability in validation loss and to mitigate overfitting further.

The comparison with the other related research studies,

Table 2. Comparison wih Previous Studies

Study	**Model Architecture**	**Dataset**	**Classes**	**Accuracy**	**Key Features**
Proposed Model	1D CNN	Custom dataset (Pickle format)	2 (Normal vs. Abnormal)	**92%**	Real-time monitoring potential; observed overfitting indicated by validation loss fluctuations
Karthiga, R et al., 2023 [27]	Deep CNN	MIT-BIH Arrhythmia Dataset	Multiple arrhythmia classes	91.92%	Utilized deep CNN for ECG signal classification; focused on arrhythmia detection
Sharma, S et al., 2021 [28]	Deep CNN	PTB Diagnostic ECG Dataset	Multiple arrhythmia classes	88.59%	Applied deep CNN for ECG classification; emphasized on feature extraction techniques

An implementation of a 1D CNN-based model for ECG signal classification gives a performance accuracy of about 92%. Thus, it holds much promise for recent works in the area. It is simpler than most recent architectures employed such as deep CNNs and CNN-LSTM hybrids used in studies by Karthiga et al. (2023) and Sharma et al. (2021), which achieved accuracies of 91.92% and 88.59%, respectively; hence this model is very promising in terms of real-time monitoring, especially for binary classification (Normal Vs. Abnormal). However, the model shows some signs of overfitting as the training loss and validation losses are rather dissimilar, revealing that generalization needs improvement. In comparison, the more complex models in the literature especially using deep CNNs and LSTM layers, exhibited stable performances across training and validation data with the cost of increased computational complexity. The proposed model can be made more robust and generalizable using dropout and batch normalization techniques along with data augmentation, making use of the much larger, more diverse datasets such as MIT-BIH or PTB. In all this, the model's simplicity and efficiency make it very promising for a real-time ECG monitor; however, efforts should be made to improve its performance to match that of more complex architectures.

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates a successful training and evaluation of a deep learning model, achieving an overall accuracy of 92%. During training, the accuracy on the training set showed a growth with increasing epoch counts to reach near the vicinity of 90% by epoch 50, whereas the validation also followed this trend being above the training accuracy at times. This observation implies how the model can learn patterns very well from the training data, and perform excellently on the validation set. The loss curves in this case, however, point to a problem where the training loss continued to reduce but that of validation showed fluctuations and was still higher than the training loss. Towards the end of epochs, the training loss was about 0.3, while validation converged to about 0.8. This widening gap suggests that overfitting might occur as a consequence of learning training data too specifically and failing to generalize it to new and not previously trained data. However, an accuracy of 92% indicates a highly accurate model that is very promising for application in the real world.

Future investigations could seek to entrench this robustness by dropout, batch normalization, early stopping, and hyperparameter tuning. Apart from this, improving generalization could also be brought about by increasing the dataset size or performing data augmentation. This study shows that deep learning is effective in predictive modeling and at the same time emphasizes how one must optimize their model carefully to learn well and generalize.

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