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#### ABSTRACT

Myocardial Infarction (MI) is known as heart attack, it is one of the most life-threatening cardiovascular diseases. During infarction, the coronary artery which is responsible for the delivery of blood, oxygen and nutrients, is fully or partially blocked, and the heart muscle will die of ischemia. Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) is a nonsurgical technique to treat MI, the faster the patient receives PCI treatment, the higher the survival rate. The heart activity (pumping blood) is controlled by the electrical current generated by itself, therefore 12-lead electrocardiogram is an excellent tool to capture the activity of the heart, the pattern of a complete heart cycle is referred to as the PQRST cycle. MI will cause a morphological change to this pattern, therefore this can be used to diagnose the MI. In order to avoid the intra-/inter-observer effect caused by manual human interpretation, many researchers proposed machine-learning-based methods and then nowadays many deep-learning-based methods have emerged to perform automatic and end-to-end classification. Nevertheless, many studies that emphasized deep learning models did not care about the data split method during their experiment, this led to a misleadingly supreme performance due to information leakage problem. The models might be trained to memorize which subjects have MI heartbeats instead of learning the features related to the disease itself from the amplitude and time (in a sequential model). Thus, this research proposed three models: Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) and 1-dimensional Convolutional Neural Network (1D-CNN) with the implementation of intra-patient and inter-patient data split techniques. In FYP 2, the architecture for each model had been improved compared to FYP 1 to augment the performance, then regularization and dropout techniques were applied to increase the generalization ability and finally, one transformer model had been developed to test its potential in processing ECG signal. From the perspective of the inter-patient method, the LSTM model obtained 90.53% accuracy, while the 1D-CNN and GRU models obtained 85.82% and 86.65% accuracy respectively. On the other hand, for all the intra-patient models, LSTM and GRU obtained a similar 95.4% accuracy while 1D-CNN obtained a 97.68% accuracy. The transformer model achieved 82.28% and 91.15% in intra-patient and interpatient analysis. Obviously, this has proven that the intra-patient models can produce a misleadingly high result. Another dataset is obtained from the open database on the Internet, but unfortunately, the testing result has shown that all of the models failed to generalize.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| CVD    | Cardiovascular Disease                     |
|--------|--|
| LSTM   | Long Short-Term Memory                     |
| GRU    | Gated Recurrent Unit                       |
| MI     | Myocardial Infarction                      |
| STEMI  | ST-elevation Myocardial Infarction         |
| NSTEMI | Non-ST-elevation Myocardial Infarction     |
| LV     | Left Ventricle                             |
| CNN    | Convolutional Neural Network               |
| 1D-CNN | 1-Dimensional Convolutional Neural Network |
| 2D-CNN | 2-Dimensional Convolutional Neural Network |
| ECG    | Electrocardiogram                          |
| LLM    | Large Language Model                       |
| FC     | Fully Connected                            |
| IDE    | Integrated Development Environment         |

# Chapter 1 Introduction

In this chapter, the background and motivation of this research are presented, along with the contributions to the field, and the outline of the thesis.

Nowadays, risk factors such as the excessive use of tobacco and alcohol, high salt content in food, less fruit and vegetable consumption as well as being physically not active have resulted in hypertension, raised blood glucose (diabetes) as well as obesity or high cholesterol [1]. Figure 1.1 [2] shows that 1.7 million Malaysians lived with major risk factors and Figure 1.2 [3] points out prevalence of diabetes and obesity among Malaysians had shown a steady increment from 2011 to 2019. They act as the contributing factor to cardiovascular disease (CVD) and by the estimation of [3], it is taking 17.9 million lives away from us every year. As a matter of fact, the main cause of death in Malaysia in 2022 is actually ischaemic heart disease and surprisingly it is four times the deaths caused by COVID-19 as shown in Figure 1.3 [4], which is classified as one of the CVDs and its prevalence took the most significant position among the life-threatening incidents. CVDs is a general medical term comprising various symptomatic and asymptomatic [5] disorders of the heart and blood vessels. According to WHO [6], it includes but is not limited to coronary heart disease, arrhythmia, peripheral arterial disease, rheumatic heart disease and congenital heart disease as well as deep vein thrombosis and so on. Obviously, we can tell from the name that CVDs are lifethreatening enough to cause damage to every part of our body from the brain to the heart and the leg.



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| Figure 1.1 Statistics | on diabetes, | hypertension | and high cholest | terol in Malaysia | [1] |
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| DISK FACTORS                            | PREVAL | CHANGE (%) |       |
|---|--------|------------|-------|
|   | 2011   | 2019       |       |
| Hypercholesterolemia                    | 35.1   | 38.1       | +8.5  |
| Hypertension                            | 32.7   | 30.0       | -8.3  |
| Physical inactivity                     | 35.7   | 25.1       | -29.3 |
| Smoking                                 | 25.0   | 21.3       | -14.8 |
| Obesity                                 | 15.1   | 19.7       | +30.5 |
| Diabetes                                | 11.2   | 18.3       | +63.4 |
| Heavy alcohol use<br>(> 6 drinks/ week) | 12.8   | 11.8       | -7.8  |

Prevalence of CVD risk factors in Malaysia (2011 vs. 2019)





Figure 1.3 Statistics on causes of death in Malaysia [4]

Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours) Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (Kampar Campus), UTAR This study is mainly focused on one of the subfields of CVDs, myocardial infarction (MI) which results from coronary heart disease. Coronary heart disease can be explained as obstruction or hindrances of blood flow through the coronary arteries and therefore possibly trigger a myocardial infarction [7]. In layman's terms, myocardial infarction is often described as a heart attack [8]. A person who is having MI probably experiencing chest pain or discomfort (angina) in the chest, arm or shoulder. The coronary artery is responsible for supplying oxygenated blood to our heart muscles (myocardium). Therefore, the blockage of the coronary artery will interfere with the normal blood flow to the myocardium, consequently, they will start to die of ischemia (deficiency of nutrients and oxygen [8]). The death of myocardium brings rapid and irreversible damage to the structure and function of the left ventricle (LV) [10] to lose its original contractility so the cardiac output to the entire body [11] cannot be maintained. This is the reason for the high mortality rate due to MI. Currently, MI can be classified into two classes according to its infarct extent [10], transmural and nontransmural. Transmural infarcts affect the whole myocardium wall (epicardium to endocardium) whereas non-transmural ones only affect 1/3 of the myocardium wall. Transmural MI is also named ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) [10], it is a subclass of myocardial infarction and also one of the most severe manifestations of acute coronary disease. Its name originated from the distinct morphological change of ECG signal where a heartbeat cycle is composed of PQRST phases, ST segment would show subtle or significant elevation when compared with the healthy patient's normal ECG as the blockage of blood flow will change of electrical activity of heart [12] as shown in Figure 1.4. According to Clinical Practice Guideline Malaysia in 2019 [13], the in-hospital, 30-day and 1-year mortality following STEMI was 10.6% (8.0% in non-STEMI patients), 12.3% and 17.6% while the patients were generally more ill.



Figure 1.4 Visualization of coronary artery blockage which induces the morphological change of ECG signal [12]

Medical experts apply many tools in diagnosing MI and classifying infarct extents such as serial ECGs, troponin/CK-MB/LDH test (cardiac biomarkers), and immediate or delayed coronary angiography (imaging) [10,14]. In [15], the authors defined onset-to-balloon as the time from occurrence of symptoms to operation of percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI). The second one is door-to-balloon time as the time from arrival at the hospital to the operation of PCI, and presentation time represents the time from symptom onset to arrival at the hospital. A clearer visualization is shown in Figure 1.5.



Figure 1.5 The names of different phases during the total ischaemic time [15]

As mentioned before, the detection and diagnosis of MI can be done by using diverse methodologies. Among all the methods that can help in the diagnosis of MI, ECG is the non-invasive and fastest one yet it is cost-effective [16] compared to CAG. An electrocardiogram (ECG) is the most common device used in the medical field to capture and record the

electrical activity of the heart [12, 17, 18] for the evaluation and speculation of the occurrence of CVD by interpreting the morphologic change of the signals. It helps show the cardiac cycle and rhythm of humans and enables the doctor to speculate the occurrence of abnormalities in the heart's atrium and ventricles as many arrhythmias and ECG morphological changes associated with angina and atherosclerosis. A conventional ECG is usually named a 12-lead ECG as it consists of six limb leads called I, II, III, aVL, aVR, and aVF as well as six chest leads called V1 to V6 [18, 26]. Besides, ECG plays an extremely important role in telemedicine in ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) intervention as shown in Figure 1.6. Nevertheless, in the traditional telemedicine network such as LATIN and RAHAT, two population-based telemedicine programs for STEMI in South America, the interpretation of ECG still depends on human resources [19] as it could be observed that besides tertiary hospitals that have expert cardiologists, other medical institutions do not perform as well as the former. In addition to that, it is also crucial to be aware that not all cardiologists in worldwide countries can always perform with 90% accuracy.



Figure 1.6 The performance of humans in different medical resource levels [19]

#### **1.1 Problem Statement and Motivation**

According to several systematic and comprehensive reviews [20, 21, 22], nowadays many researchers have been utilizing AI techniques mainly deep-learning-based models for automatic and accurate MI detection. The most popular type of deep learning network

architecture seems to be CNN (1D-CNN and 2D-CNN) while models like Transformer or sequential models such as LSTM and GRU were less likely to be developed and deployed.

Following using these models a high performance from the perspective of accuracy, specificity, sensitivity, F1, etc. was achieved by conducting their research without specifying the type of data-split method or only applying intra-patient analysis, this can be observed through the tables in [20] collecting the performance figures. An intra-patient analysis is about splitting and randomly allocating the heartbeat data produced from one patient into training sets, validation sets and testing sets [23] which do not truly represent real-world situations where we might encounter an unseen patient. Consequently, the patient-level information is leaked to the model makes the model memorize the ownership of the heartbeat and build a relationship between the ownership and the category of the patient (0/1). As we cannot guarantee that the patient has been seen before, thus instead, the model should learn the temporal relationship between the data points (voltage reading of ECG) in an effort to recognize and differentiate the pattern of MI ECG from the normal ones.

Other than that, some of the researchers would use 12-lead ECG data as the input of their models, it was considered time-consuming and extremely increased the complexity as well as the computational cost of the model. In real-world applications, utilizing 12-lead data will affect the speed of prediction due to the longer processing time needed by loading and pre-processing the data in order to transform it into the format that the model can recognize.

The aforementioned has motivated this research to explore and further validate the performance and feasibility of LSTM, GRU and Transformer for the inter-patient analysis for MI detection in ECG. LSTM, GRU and Transformer are chosen as they are also suitable for processing sequential data just like the readings (amplitude) of ECG while the Transformer has advantages such as a multi-head self-attention mechanism to allow the parallelism and captures an even longer range of dependencies than LSTM and GRU as we can see it is the foundation of LLM nowadays.

On top of that, 2D-CNN requires the ECG images as its input, which is troublesome for portable devices to keep capturing and sending images to their cloud or on-site server at a high frequency as this will lead to flooding of internet bandwidth and a more severe device heating. Instead, sequential models such as 1D-CNN, LSTM, GRU and Transformer only require the string/text data containing ECG readings recorded by the pre-installed sensor in the device, the total size of transferred data is significantly reduced compared to graphics.

#### **1.2** Research Objectives

- 1. To propose an automatic detection of myocardial infarction (MI) from ECG signals for inter-patient analysis, utilizing data from a single ECG lead, deploying models including LSTM, GRU, 1D-CNN and Transformer.
- 2. To evaluate the accuracy, precision, sensitivity and F1-score of MI detection within LSTM, GRU, 1D-CNN and Transformer networks for inter-patient analysis.
- 3. To investigate the effect of deploying different data-split methods on the performance of the models for inter-patient and intra-patient analysis.

#### **1.3 Project Scope and Direction**

- The deliverable of this project is four deep learning models (LSTM, GRU, 1D-CNN and Transformer with each trained from two different data-split methods) that can automatically diagnose MI by feeding the pre-processed single-lead data to the models.
- ECG signal data will be obtained from the open-source database, PTB Diagnostic ECG database [24] as it is one of the few that can be obtained for free. ECG signal data is collected from 200 patients consisting of 148 MI patients and 52 normal subjects.
- 3. Lead II data will be chosen for this research as this is the most commonly used in other research and the performance is satisfactory.

#### 1.4 Contributions

The inter-patient splitting method contributed to the improved reliability of the model to be deployed in the real world for unseen patients. On the other hand, the models trained by the intra-patient method are suitable for detecting the presence of a heart attack in a seen patient. Secondly, using single-lead ECG data contributed to the lower computational cost and complexity of the models. By comparing the intra-/inter-patient models' performance, the effect of different data-split methods on performance can be observed. Ultimately improving patient outcomes, which in return increases the chance of successful treatment and better overall recovery of the patient.

#### 1.5 Report Organization

This thesis was written to show the details of the research in the following chapters. In Chapter 2, a systematic and comprehensive review of some of the current literature was conducted and represented by a summary table. Chapter 3, is a clear manifestation of the system model and design. In Chapter 4, the implementation of the system model was shown to build deep learning models using the Pytorch framework. In Chapter 5, a comparison between the performance of inter-patient models and intra-patient models was conducted with a discussion of the findings. Eventually, a conclusion was drawn from the experimental result for the whole development and progress of the project in Chapter 6. Besides, the limitations and future works were also discussed in this chapter.

# Chapter 2 Literature Review

- 2.1 Previous works on developing Deep-Learning-Based MI classifier
- 2.1.1 Near real-time single-beat myocardial infarction detection from single-lead electrocardiogram using Long Short-Term Memory Neural Network [23]

In this research, an LSTM model was proposed and the problem of data leakage, overfitting and bias resulting from the intra-patient splitting method was highlighted. The authors conducted experiments to examine the effects of different data-split techniques on the performance of the model in the testing phase as they claimed that the intra-patient splitting technique could produce a misleadingly outstanding performance. In the end, the model could achieve an accuracy of 89.56%, a recall/sensitivity of 91.88%, and a specificity of 80.81%.

The authors noticed that abundant papers regarding to this field used different sources of data, different classification methods and different data-split methods. The data-split methods were classified by the authors into three groups: beat-split, record-split and patient-split. The beat-split technique is the least restrictive method which allows an individual patient could have a set of heartbeats in the training and another set of heartbeats, albeit different, in the testing set. The record-split technique represents the individual heartbeats associated with each of the individual records that can only be present in one of the sets. In simpler words, any given record cannot have a simultaneous appearance in the testing and training sets. The last and also the most restrictive method, the patient-split method allows each patient with all of its available records to be present in one of the sets. Although some papers achieved good results, they did not mention clearly their types of classification whether it was trained using an intrapatient or an inter-patient analysis. At the same time, the authors also observed that the CNN classifier from another paper which claimed a title of real-time classification requires whole ECG images to be the input of the classifier.

Single-lead (lead II) ECG data was used in this research even though the authors knew that it was challenging to use only single-lead data to detect MI occurring in different regions of the heart. The reason for using lead II data was because of the common deployment of this lead in sports equipment such as trackers. It is crucial to highlight that in this research, while deploying the patient split method, no heartbeats or subjects (MIs and HCs) seen in the training phase appeared in the testing phase again, therefore the classifier was an inter-patient classifier.

The pre-processing steps that have been utilized in this research included A 60 Hz stop-band and a 500-ms moving average filter for purposes of denoise and baseline wandering removal, Independent Component Analysis (ICA) based algorithm to identify the R-peak locations and thereafter segmented each heartbeat with a consistent sequence length of 1000ms.

A three-layer LSTM was built with layers 1 and 2 having 100 neuron units (hidden size = 100) by using the tanh activation function while layer 3 only consists of 1 neuron by using the sigmoid activation function. A clearer visualization (**Figure 2.1**) helps in understanding the structure. An RMSprop with settings of learning rate = 0.1, weight decay = 0.95, and epsilon = 10e- 6, and gradient clipping (5.0) optimizer was chosen in the training phase. The weights of this model did not start from zero, instead, Xavier initialization was chosen. Moreover, early stopping was set to 10 for the training set so that the process would stop after 10 epochs with no performance improvement.



Figure 2.1 Architecture of LSTM model [23]

The performance metrics of this research included Accuracy, F1-score, Precision, Recall, Specificity and J-measure (=Recall + Specificity -1). The experiment also conducted optimization according to two different metrics: Accuracy and J-measure. **Figure 2.2** shows the respective results according to the categories. The mean training time for the model took 34.4 epochs and 27.4 epochs for respective metrics. The mean testing time of 1-s sample ECG only took around 40ms therefore the authors claimed this was enough for real-time application as the time between fast-pace heartbeats was around 300ms. The authors Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours) Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (Kampar Campus), UTAR explained that the specificity could easily obtain bad results as the dataset is heavily imbalanced: the number of MI heartbeats is triple that of the normal subject.

| Optimization | Acc            | F1             | Prec           | Recall         | Spec           | J              | # Epochs       |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Acc          | 91.36 (±2.88%) | 94.71 (±1.97%) | 93.54 (±2.46%) | 96.00 (±2.45%) | 69.28 (±8.41%) | 65.28 (±8.41%) | 34.40 (±19.40) |
| J            | 89.56 (±2.79%) | 93.45 (±1.94%) | 95.30 (±2.86%) | 91.88 (±3.13%) | 80.81 (±9.62%) | 72.69 (±8.98%) | 27.40 (±12.64) |

## Figure 2.2 Performance of LSTM model optimized using different metrics: Accuracy and J-

measure [23]

After developing and training the model well using an inter-patient method, the authors decided to retrain the model using different data split methods to examine how they affect the performance metrics. Firstly, comparing the evolution of performance metrics of the interpatient analysis having the trend in Figure 2.3. Nevertheless, a different trend was observed in the intra-patient analysis as shown in Figure 2.4, the testing performance almost followed/tracked the training performance, and this was very abnormal. This is due to when meeting a new unseen patient, the model should be learning the new variability or any other useful information related to the disease itself that improves the performance, instead, the intra-patient classifier tended to learn the features across the heartbeats that belong to certain patients. Ultimately, the classifier appeared to memorize how to differentiate the patient according to the heartbeat and decide the classification based on its prior knowledge. This conclusion can be further validated by an experiment: the authors randomized the correct labels (0/1) and distributed them uniformly before training the intra-patient classifier. Therefore, if the aforementioned was wrong, the classifier should not achieve an accuracy not greater than 50%. As a matter of fact, Figure 2.5 already proved that inappropriate data-split technique could lead to mask overfitting and extremely good performance metrics.



Figure 2.3 Evolution of performance of inter-patient classifier based on optimization of accuracy and J-measure metrics [23]



Figure 2.4 Evolution of performance of intra-patient (beat-split) classifier [23]



Figure 2.5 Experimental result to test if the intra-patient classifier will memorize the patients [23]

The authors also emphasized that using only lead II data has its weakness in detecting MI when it occurs in some regions of the heart such as lateral MI and posterior MI as shown in **Figure 2.6**. In conclusion, the authors claimed that their research was unique at that time as they were using the combination of single-lead data, single heartbeat plus inter-patient splitting method, so there were no other studies that could fairly compare to their work. **Figure 2.7** shows that different flaws such as a low number of data or only focus on Inferior MI existed in other papers albeit they used the patient-split method too.



Figure 2.6 Relationship of MI detection rate and MI location [23]

| Study                                | Leads<br>used    | #Patients               | # Beats             | Sample<br>length | Method           | Acc               | Recall            | Specificity       | J-Measure         |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| [8]                                  | II, III, aVF     | 30MI, 52HC              | 3240 MI, 3037<br>HC | 3 s              | SWT &SVM         | 81.71             | 79.01             | 79.26             | 58.27             |
| [9]                                  | 12               | 128MI, 52HC             | 48690MI,<br>10646HC | 1 s              | MFB-CNN          | 98.79             | 98.73             | 99.35             | 98.08             |
| [13]                                 | aVL,V2,<br>V3,V5 | Records: 167MI,<br>80HC | Not Specified       | Whole<br>Record  | ML-CNN           | 96.00             | 95.40             | 97.37             | 92.77             |
| [14]                                 | V5               | 52MI, 52HC              | Not Specified       | 0.65 s           | Random<br>Forest | 83.26             | 87.95             | 78.82             | 66.77             |
| [16]                                 | 12               | Images: 483MI,<br>474HC | Not Specified       | 7 s              | MBFN-CNN         | 94.73             | 96.41             | 95.94             | 92.35             |
| Proposed (Accuracy<br>Optimization)  | п                | 148MI, 52HC             | 50732MI,<br>10123HC | 1 s              | LSTM             | 91.36<br>(±2.88%) | 96.00<br>(±2.45%) | 69.28<br>(±8.41%) | 65.28<br>(±8.41%) |
| Proposed (J-Measure<br>Optimization) | П                | 148MI, 52HC             | 50732MI,<br>10123HC | 1 s              | LSTM             | 89.56<br>(±2.79%) | 91.88<br>(±3.13%) | 80.81<br>(±9.62%) | 72.69<br>(±8.98%) |

Figure 2.7 Comparison of performance between the proposed model and other studies [23]

### 2.1.2 Deep Learning Networks Accurately Detect ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction and Culprit Vessel [16]

A research paper produced by Wu, Lin et al. was published which focuses on using deep learning networks including CNN-LSTM, LSTM and CNN to detect STEMI and find culprit vessels. In this paper, the authors highlighted that coronary angiography (CAG) is an invasive and radioactive examination method to accurately prove the presence of STEMI instead of other CVDs. This instead indicated the importance of using twelve-lead ECG as it is a noninvasive and cost-effective method.

Nevertheless, the introduction of ECG to the medical field cannot permanently solve the dilemma of differentiating STEMI from some diseases such as pneumothorax, aortic

dissection and pulmonary embolism. From the morphological aspect of ECG, its dynamic and spontaneous ST elevation, lead positioning, improper high-pass filter setting and QRS sections' width as well as axis might affect the ST elevation magnitude too. This eventually resulted in low specificity and sensitivity in detecting STEMI through ECG because the ECG is not user-friendly to medical personnel. That is the reason why machine learning-based (ML-based) or deep learning-based (DL-based) methods are introduced for interpretation. The authors realized that previous studies were limited by only utilizing the data from MIT-BIH and PTB databases. On top of this, some other research only employed typical STEMI ECG patterns and excluded other ECG-related ST segment changes such as ventricular premature beat, left ventricular hypertrophy, complete left bundle branch block, and complete right bundle branch block. In conclusion, as an effort to avoid the weaknesses of previous models, authors established their own real-world ECG dataset based on verification of CAG result.

The authors collected their STEMI and control (healthy) data from the Hospital Information system and Cardio-Catheter Room database from January 2015 to December 2018 in the Third-Affiliated Hospital of Sun-Yat-sen University (Cohort 1) as their internal dataset. Moreover, the external dataset was collected from Guangzhou First People's Hospital (Cohort 2). The authors set strict inclusion and exclusion criteria for the data collection. The ECG sample will be collected if the final diagnosis of STEMI is present and without a history of myocardial infarction or PCI. The ECG sample will be rejected if he/she is a patient who needs CAG for any reason and does not reach the diagnosis of STEMI, data with excessive noise, unstable or incomplete baseline, more than one vessel disease other than STEMI, no CAG performed during the first 24 hours of the onset of symptoms of STEMI. The collected ECG was performed at a sampling rate of 1000Hz and data with excessive noises were removed using wavelet transform. The authors also applied a 5-s segment ECG input model. The final specification of ECG data was (5000,12). **Figure 2.8** shows the process of collection of the ECG dataset.



**Figure 2.8** Process of collection of ECG data from two different institutions [16] The authors then started to build three different models to find the one that performed the best. They split the training process into two stages, In the first stage the models were trained for classification between MI and control while in the second stage, the models were trained to find the culprit's vessels. Thus, this literature review will only focus on the development of



Figure 2.9 Methodology of this research, the development of model 1 in stage 1 will be the useful part to refer to for this research [16]

For CNN, the authors designed three layers with the kernel size 2 and random kernel number from a list of parameters 16, 24, 32, 48, and 64. Each layer was followed by a pooling layer, and yet a dropout layer was inserted to improve the generalizability. The details of the architecture of CNN are shown in **Figure 2.10**.
| Layer (type)                            | Output | Shape     | Param # |
|---|--------|-----------|---------|
| convld_1 (Conv1D)                       | (None, | 5000, 32) | 800     |
| <pre>max_pooling1d_1 (MaxPooling1</pre> | (None, | 2500, 32) | Θ       |
| convld_2 (ConvlD)                       | (None, | 2500, 32) | 2080    |
| <pre>max_pooling1d_2 (MaxPooling1</pre> | (None, | 1250, 32) | 0       |
| convld_3 (Conv1D)                       | (None, | 1250, 48) | 3120    |
| max_pooling1d_3 (MaxPooling1            | (None, | 625, 48)  | 0       |
| dropout_1 (Dropout)                     | (None, | 625, 48)  | Θ       |
| flatten_1 (Flatten)                     | (None, | 30000)    | 0       |
| dense_1 (Dense)                         | (None, | 2)        | 60002   |

Total params: 66,002 Trainable params: 66,002 Non-trainable params: 0

#### Figure 2.10 CNN architecture [16]

The authors designed two layers for LSTM which has 100 neurons and 50 neurons (best performance) in the first and second layers respectively which the neurons' numbers were randomly picked from a list of parameters of 500, 200, 100 and 50. A dropout layer with a rate of 0.2 was applied after each LSTM layer to increase generalizability. The details of the architecture of LSTM are shown in **Figure 2.11**.

| Layer (type)         | Output Shape      | Param # |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| lstm_18 (LSTM)       | (None, 5000, 100) | 45200   |
| dropout_33 (Dropout) | (None, 5000, 100) | Θ       |
| lstm_19 (LSTM)       | (None, 50)        | 30200   |
| dropout_34 (Dropout) | (None, 50)        | Θ       |
| dense_31 (Dense)     | (None, 3)         | 153     |
| Total params: 75,553 |                   |         |

Trainable params: 75,553 Non-trainable params: 0

#### Figure 2.11 LSTM architecture [16]

For the CNN-LSTM model that combined CNN and LSTM, the final output was (50, 12, and 48), reshaped into (50, 576), and then fed into subsequent LSTM networks with 50 neurons to calculate 50 samples of 576 dimensions, which became 50 dimensions after calculation (**Figure 2.12**). After the development, the authors conducted a blind and independent comparative test between the different DL-based methods with 16 doctors which contained four medical interns, four internal medicine residents, four experienced cardiologists, and four emergency physicians.



Figure 2.12 CNN-LSTM architecture [16]

Among the models built, the CNN-LSTM performed best with AUCs of 1.00 and 0.99 in test 1 and test 2 in stage 1, this has shown that the CNN-LSTM model has a good generalization ability because there is no significant difference between internal and external dataset while for the stage 2 results would not be discussed here as the objective of stage 2 was to find culprit's vessel. In a comparative test between CNN-LSTM and doctors, it outperformed doctors with an AUC of 1.0 as shown in **Figure 2.13**.

|          |                  | п              | AUC          | ACC          | SEN          | SPEC         | PPV          | NPV  | F1           |
|----------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|--------------|
| Model 1  |                  |                |              |              |              |              |              |      |              |
| CNN-LSTM | Test 1           | 1,484          | 1.00         | 0.98         | 0.97         | 0.97         | 0.99         | 0.99 | 0.98         |
|          | Test 2           | 1,857          | 0.99         | 0.91         | 0.94         | 0.83         | 0.98         | 0.98 | 0.96         |
| CNN      | Test 1           | 1,393          | 0.95         | 0.87         | 0.90         | 0.91         | 0.83         | 0.84 | 0.87         |
|          | Test 2           | 1,857          | 0.96         | 0.84         | 0.90         | 0.69         | 0.99         | 0.99 | 0.94         |
| LSTM     | Test 1           | 1,801          | 0.90         | 0.83         | 0.78         | 0.80         | 0.85         | 0.81 | 0.84         |
|          | Test 2           | 1,857          | 0.95         | 0.86         | 0.93         | 0.79         | 0.94         | 0.92 | 0.93         |
| LSTM     | Test 1<br>Test 2 | 1,801<br>1,857 | 0.90<br>0.95 | 0.83<br>0.86 | 0.78<br>0.93 | 0.80<br>0.79 | 0.85<br>0.94 |      | 0.81<br>0.92 |

**Figure 2.13** Performance of each classifier in model 1 in classification stage 1 [16] To further emphasize the advantage of their experiment, the authors highlighted that they used a current real-world database which included arrhythmias that also affected ST segment changes, unlike databases (MIT-BIH and PTB) used by previous studies to achieve better

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sensitivity and specificity. On top of that, the authors used raw ECG data from 12-lead ECG as their input instead of doing feature extraction in this end-to-end model to lessen feature loss, maintain data integrity, and improve accuracy. Compared to another paper that proposed a similar network to coronary artery disease ECG classification, this research used fewer LSTM layers and could accept larger input. Nevertheless, the authors also pointed out their limitations including they should use 18-lead ECG to increase the robustness.

# 2.1.3 Evolution of single-lead ECG for STEMI detection using a deep learning approach [25]

According to the advantages that can be brought by single-lead analysis, Gibson et al. proposed their deep-learning model (CNN) for STEMI detection to speed diagnosis During this research, there were a total of 2 models developed for STEMI detection and localization respectively. In the beginning, the authors mentioned the concept of 'door-to-needle' (D2N), 'door-to-balloon' (D2B) times and 'symptom-to-door', the improvement strategies such as management and human resources that have been implemented in hospitals managed to get D2N and D2B times significantly reduced to below 90 minutes and 30 minutes respectively. The problem was, that the 'symptom-to-door' time remained at 2.5 hours because of the lack of improvement, this motivated the authors to develop an algorithm for STEMI detection using artificial intelligence, and yet they assumed the accuracy for the analysis using single-lead can be the same as using twelve-lead.

The authors managed to obtain good data from a reliable source, which is the Latin America Telemedicine Infarct Network (LATIN), a population-based Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) program. Yet, this brought limitations to their work which the patients were only made up of local people, therefore the generalizability of the classifier might not be satisfactory in other geolocations. The datasets contained 4255 STEMI ECGs and 4256 non-STEMI ECGs, the non-STEMI data was further broken down into 2128 Normal ECGs and 2128 Abnormal ECGs (interpreted by an expert cardiologist from a group of 30 specialists.) which can increase the robustness of the model that it could detect STEMI not only from STEMI data versus normal data, but also versus non-STEMI but unhealthy data. The ECGs were then pre-processed to produce heartbeats with a consistent length of 1.3 s (0.4 to the left and 0.9 to the right according to QRS location) as the input of the CNN model through wavelet technique to detect QRS complex and reduce noise. Next, the authors implemented the following methodology:

1. CNN was developed to identify a STEMI among 12-lead ECGs;

2. CNN was developed to correctly detect a STEMI by analyzing single-lead ECGs;

3. Third, the data was analysed to identify the best single lead for STEMI detection and compared against the 12-lead ECG model results.



Figure 2.14 Data Collection and Machine Learning System of this research [25]

As a result, the experiment using 12-lead ECG for analysis outperformed the single-lead ECG. Their results are: 96.3%, the specificity was 96.8%, and the accuracy was 96.5% (12-lead) versus accuracy of 90.5%, sensitivity of 86% and specificity of 94.5% (single-lead V2(performed the best)). The authors also listed several advantages and disadvantages of using single-lead data to support their work in **Figure 2.15**.



Figure 2.15 Advantages and disadvantages of training classifier with only single-lead data [25]

# 2.1.4 Early detection of ST-segment elevated myocardial infarction by artificial intelligence with 12-lead electrocardiogram [26]

A 1D-CNN (Res-Net) model was proposed to solve the problem of incidence and mortality of STEMI which was still unsatisfactory in China. As the most severe CVD, it caused 31.5% of global all-cause mortality, and ischemic heart disease was responsible for the contribution of 90.9% of CVD-related deaths in China. The door-to-balloon was below 90 minutes in China due to the establishment of Chest Pain Centers, whereas the total ischemic time was as high as 4 hours and this is the main reason for the high mortality of STEMI in China, thus a real-time monitoring and detection system was required. All of these supported the authors to propose an automatic detection system of STEMI to incorporate with ECG equipment to achieve the goal. The authors realized that the detection of STEMI is much more complicated than other symptoms such as arrhythmia because the data requirement is higher such as 12-lead instead of single-lead, and the second one is the requirement for the sensitivity of STEMI detection is higher as STEMI is more fatal than arrhythmia. The last of the difficulties was the filtering as one of the preprocessing steps in major studies could compromise the ST magnitude. This motivated using raw 12-lead data without any filtering process, but the authors still applied a bandpass filter in their research.

During the data collection and labelling, the authors collected raw STEMI and control ECG from Shanghai Tenth People's Hospital and Changhai Hospital, in total of 667 STEMI samples and 7571 control samples (**Figure 2.16** and **Figure 2.17**).



Figure 2.16 Data Collection [26]



Figure 2.17 Data Collection [26]

The shape of each sample is (5000,12) which meant each of the 12 leads gave 5000 data points. Before feeding into 1-D Res-Net, the data went through the pre-processing steps to remove noise and baseline wandering (**Figure 2.18**) by using the finite impulse response (FIR) and bandpass filter. To increase the amount of data, the data expansion was conducted by firstly downsampling the data from 500Hz to 128Hz by using one-dimensional interpolation together with uniform sampling, in the end, to transform the data to the shape of (1280,12). Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)

Next, they moved the starting point of the original ECG with 1280 data points by continuous 640 points to produce another 640 points in total for each original ECG. The results of expansion were 276,480 STEMI and 3,369,600 control.



Figure 2.18 C and D are the result of pre-processing steps [26].

The 1D-CNN Res-Net architecture is shown b **Figure 2.19**. There were 16 Res-Net blocks in total and ReLu would be the activation function. The authors set the number of filters to 64 from block 1 and then doubled in blocks 3, 4, 6 and 13. The kernel size was set to 7 in only block 1 while it was 3 in all other blocks. An Adam optimizer with learning rate beta-1, beta-2 and clip norm of 0.001, 0.9, 0.999 and 1 was chosen in the training process.



Figure 2.19 CNN architecture [26]

The training process of the 1D-ResNet took 96 hours to complete. After that, a comparative test was conducted between the classifier and 15 doctors including 5 interns, 5 internal medical residents and 5 experienced cardiologists. The research team noticed that in previous studies the ECG is often labelled by ECG experts or cardiologists which is based on human Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)

interpretation, this has proven that the result might be false in a higher probability as the patient does not have any angiography result that was applied in this study. The team built 102 different deep learning models in total with different hyperparameters, the model 1 was selected as the final algorithm. The sensitivity, specificity, accuracy and F1 score are 97.22%, 99.11%, 98.96%, 89.94% and 0.9344 respectively. The developed model has outperformed the doctor group and current commercial algorithm (**Figure 2.20**).



Figure 2.20 Result of comparative test [26]

## 2.1.5 Application of CNN for Detection and Localization of STEMI Using 12-Lead ECG Images [27]

A 2D-CNN model was proposed in this paper to perform the binary classification task of STEMI detection using ECG images. Due to the high mortality rate of STEMI, the diagnosis must be done within 10 minutes. The authors found in previous studies that 99 physicians only presented 76.9% of sensitivity and 65% of specificity and another 124 physicians presented 65% of sensitivity and 79% of specificity. The disappointing performance of humans gave the motivation to the authors to develop an AI model to automatically detect STEMI by only utilizing ECG images. On top of that, the previous studies that the authors reviewed were mostly focused on the detection or localization of MI instead of STEMI, and there is only one research team conducted a study related to STEMI at that moment. Compared to ML-based methods, DL-based methods do not require manual feature extraction. The 2D-CNN model will take ECG images as input while 1D-CNN and RNN will take ECG waveforms as input. The authors also mentioned that the previous studies mostly used raw

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ECG data which is not easy to obtain, sometimes the business-to-business agreement with the hospital and ECG device company was required.

The ECG dataset containing 1137 images of this study was collected from Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital and the data was labelled by the physicians and from the patients who were correctly diagnosed as a STEMI patient. The images were then randomly distributed to the training set, validation set and testing set (**Figure 2.21**). Discussion of public datasets was also available in this paper, the authors pointed out that although many public datasets can be found from PhysioNet such as the Long-Term ST Database (LTST) and PTB Diagnostic ECG Database (PTB-ECG), the former only includes ECG data recorded on two or three leads and both of them are not labelled as STEMI, so they are not suitable for the study. The pre-processing steps of the ECG images in this study are shown in Figure. The OpenCV library together with Python was used to perform steps such as grayscale transformation, padding and thresholding. A summary of the pre-processing steps is shown in **Figure 2.22**.

| Dataset    | STEMI | Number of ECG Images |  |  |
|------------|-------|----------------------|--|--|
|            | Yes   | 270                  |  |  |
| Training   | No    | 270                  |  |  |
|            | Yes   | 30                   |  |  |
| Validation | No    | 30                   |  |  |
|            | Yes   | 131                  |  |  |
| Testing    | No    | 406                  |  |  |
|            | Yes   | 431                  |  |  |
| Total      | No    | 706                  |  |  |
|            | Total | 1137                 |  |  |

Figure 2.21 Result of comparative test [27]



Figure 2.22 Pre-processing steps taken in [27]

For the architecture, the network consists of 10 layers and less than 13000 parameters to show that the computational complexity of the model was low and suitable to apply in lowend computers or devices, but there is no any prove in terms of time for this claim. The details of the network are shown in **Figure 2.23** while the performance is shown in **Figure 2.24**. Then a comparative test between the proposed network and the transfer learning models was experimented and the results were produced as **Figure 2.25** shows that the proposed model outperformed the ResNet, VGG, Xception and so on even though the parameters were a smaller number.

| Layer | Туре                      | Layer Parameters   | Output Shape | Number of<br>Parameters |
|-------|---------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1     | Conv 2D                   | Filters=8, Kernel size=(3,3), Stride=(1,1), Activation=RELU  | (250,500,8)  | 224                     |
| 2     | MaxPooling 2D             | Pool size= $(2,2)$ , Stride= $(2,2)$                         | (125,250,8)  | 0                       |
| 3     | Conv 2D                   | Filters=16, Kernel size=(3,3), Stride=(1,1), Activation=RELU | (125,250,16) | 1168                    |
| 4     | MaxPooling 2D             | Pool size= $(2,2)$ , Stride= $(2,2)$                         | (62,125,16)  | 0                       |
| 5     | Conv 2D                   | Filters=24, Kernel size=(3,3), Stride=(1,1), Activation=RELU | (62,125,24)  | 3480                    |
| 6     | MaxPooling 2D             | Pool size= $(2,2)$ , Stride= $(2,2)$                         | (31,62,24)   | 0                       |
| 7     | Conv 2D                   | Filters=32, Kernel size=(3,3), Stride=(1,1), Activation=RELU | (31,62,32)   | 6944                    |
| 8     | Global Average Pooling 2D |  | (32)         | 0                       |
| 9     | Dense                     | Units=32, Activation=RELU                                    | (32)         | 1056                    |
| 10    | Softmax                   | Units=2, Activation=SoftMax                                  | (2)          | 66                      |
|       |                           |  |              | Total params: 12 93     |

Figure 2.23 Network architecture of 2D-CNN classifier [27]

| Metric Name          | Result |
|----------------------|--------|
| Accuracy             | 96.3%  |
| Sensitivity (Recall) | 96.2%  |
| Precision            | 89.4%  |
| F1-score             | 0.926  |
| ROC-AUC              | 0.962  |

Figure 2.24 Performance of 2D-CNN classifier [27]

| Model<br>Name        | Total<br>Parameters | Trainable<br>Parameters | Training<br>Accuracy | Testing<br>Accuracy | Sensitivity | Precision | F1-Score | ROC AUC |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Proposed Model       | 12938               | 12938                   | 98.70%               | 96.30%              | 96.20%      | 89.40%    | 0.926    | 0.962   |
| VGG16-TL             | 14731170            | 16482                   | 95.40%               | 93.90%              | 80.20%      | 93.80%    | 0.864    | 0.892   |
| VGG19-TL             | 20040866            | 16482                   | 95.20%               | 92.60%              | 84.70%      | 84.70%    | 0.847    | 0.899   |
| Xception-TL          | 20927114            | 65634                   | 93.00%               | 81.40%              | 77.10%      | 59.10%    | 0.669    | 0.799   |
| ResNet50V2-TL        | 23630434            | 65634                   | 92.00%               | 78.60%              | 83.20%      | 54%       | 0.655    | 0.801   |
| ResNet101V2-TL       | 42692194            | 65634                   | 91.10%               | 70.80%              | 87.80%      | 50%       | 0.594    | 0.765   |
| ResNet152V2-TL       | 58397282            | 65634                   | 90.40%               | 74.90%              | 73.30%      | 49%       | 0.587    | 0.743   |
| InceptionV3-TL       | 21868418            | 65634                   | 93%                  | 80.80%              | 90.00%      | 56.70%    | 0.696    | 0.84    |
| InceptionResNetV2-TL | 54385986            | 49250                   | 86.50%               | 79.30%              | 86.30%      | 54.90%    | 0.671    | 0.817   |
| MobileNetV2-TL       | 2299042             | 41058                   | 91.90%               | 67.80%              | 85.50%      | 42.10%    | 0.564    | 0.738   |
| DenseNet121-TL       | 7070370             | 32866                   | 87.40%               | 84.70%              | 73.30%      | 67.10%    | 0.701    | 0.809   |

Figure 2.25 Result of comparative test between other transfer learning models and the proposed model [27]

# 2.1.6 Multiclass classification of myocardial infarction with convolutional and recurrent neural networks for portable ECG devices [28]

In this paper, the authors built six models to have a comparison between them: Hand-crafted features MLP, CNN, CNN-LSTM, and CNN stacking decoding. CNN-LSTM stacking decoding and CNN-LSTM decoding with hand-crafted features. The authors targeted developing an MI classifier that is suitable for wearables, so using single-lead data would be appropriate.

The authors indicated the development trend of ECG devices from bulky machines to portable devices, plus the increment of data volume of ECG due to the growing population, it was not realistic and feasible to rely solely on physicians to detect MI manually. The classifier should be trained to detect MI using ECG from less number of leads. Multiclass rather than binary classification between MI and other healthy and unhealthy (not MI) subjects as well as the noise data was conducted in their research. This is because previous studies that used ECGs from the PTB diagnostic database only included MI patients and

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healthy subjects, but in real-world situations, some subjects might have historical or existing CVDs other than MI, thus a good classifier had to be trained to differentiate MI from not only healthy subjects but also patients with other CVDs.

The pre-processing steps of this research comprised two Savitzky-Golay filters which were responsible for denoising and baseline wandering removal, an algorithm with a new nonlinear transform and first-order Gaussian for heartbeat segmentation as well as zero-padding to ensure a consistent length of 512 data point. Moreover, normalization was also applied to the input data to shift the amplitude range from -2500 (min) and 2500 (max) to 0 (min) and 1 (max).

The architecture of the CNN classifier and its convolutional block is shown in **Figure 2.26** and **Figure 2.27**. ReLu activation function was used in the convolutional block and the softmax function was used in the output layer. The CNN-LSTM classifier was obtained by modifying layer 29 of CNN architecture from fully connected to LSTM (**Figure 2.28**). Instead of only using the result produced from four units of output layer to perform multiclass classification, the authors deployed the stacking decoding technique. Multiple binary classifiers will be trained for each pair of available classes, then a meta-classifier can be produced and trained (**Figure 2.29**) using the two inputs of each binary classifier (total input =12).

| Layers | Туре                | Output shape    |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 0      | Inputs              | 512             |
| 1-6    | Convolutional block | $256 \times 32$ |
| 7-12   | Convolutional block | $128 \times 32$ |
| 13-18  | Convolutional block | 64 × 32         |
| 19-24  | Convolutional block | $32 \times 32$  |
| 25     | Flattened           | 1024            |
| 26     | Fully connected     | 32              |
| 27     | Batch normalisation | 32              |
| 28     | Dropout 50%         | 32              |
| 29     | Fully connected     | 32              |
| 30     | Batch normalisation | 32              |
| 31     | Dropout 50%         | 32              |
| 32     | Fully connected     | 16              |
| 33     | Batch normalisation | 16              |
| 34     | Dropout 50%         | 16              |
| 35     | Outputs             | 4               |

#### Figure 2.26 CNN architecture [28]

| Туре  | Filter size  | Kernel/pool size                              |
|---|--------------|---|
| Convolutional 1D  | 32           | 3   |
| Batch normalisation   | -            | -   |
| Convolutional 1D  | 32           | 3   |
| Batch normalisation   | -            | _   |
| Max-pooling 1D  | 6 <b>2</b> 1 | 2   |
| Dropout 50%   | -            | 1 <u>1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 </u> |
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| Layers | Туре                                 | Output shape             |
|--------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0      | Inputs                               | 8 × 512                  |
| 1-6    | Time-distributed convolutional block | 8 × 256 × 32             |
| 7-12   | Time-distributed convolutional block | $8 \times 128 \times 32$ |
| 13-18  | Time-distributed convolutional block | $8 \times 64 \times 32$  |
| 19-24  | Time-distributed convolutional block | $8 \times 32 \times 32$  |
| 25     | Time-distributed flattened           | 8 × 1024                 |
| 26     | Time-distributed fully connected     | $8 \times 32$            |
| 27     | Time-distributed batch normalisation | $8 \times 32$            |
| 28     | Time-distributed dropout 50%         | 8 × 32                   |
| 29     | LSTM                                 | 32                       |
| 30     | Batch normalisation                  | 32                       |
| 31     | Dropout 50%                          | 32                       |
| 32     | Fully connected                      | 16                       |
| 33     | Batch normalisation                  | 16                       |
| 34     | Dropout 50%                          | 16                       |
| 35     | Outputs                              | 4                        |

Figure 2.27 Convolutional block architecture [28]

| Layers | Туре                | Output shap |  |
|--------|---------------------|-------------|--|
| 0      | Inputs              | 12          |  |
| 1      | Fully connected     | 32          |  |
| 2      | Batch normalisation | 32          |  |
| 3      | Dropout 20%         | 32          |  |
| 4      | Fully connected     | 32          |  |
| 5      | Batch normalisation | 32          |  |
| 6      | Dropout 20%         | 32          |  |
| 7      | Outputs             | 4           |  |

#### Figure 2.28 CNN-LSTM architecture [28]

#### Figure 2.29 Meta-classifier architecture [28]

For the purpose of comparison, the authors also developed a traditional model of using an MLP classifier with hand-crafted features and its architecture was the same as a metaclassifier. In the end, the performance metrics of each classifier are shown in **Figure 2.30**.

| Classifier   | Sensitivity | Specificity | PPV                 | F1     |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| Hand-crafted features MLP                                | 54.4%       | 93.3%       | 87.2%               | 66.3%  |
| CNN  | 49.8%       | 92.0%       | 86.5%               | 59.7%  |
| CNN-LSTM   | 68.1%       | 86.8%       | 81.2%               | 73.0%  |
| CNN stacking decoding                                    | 64.4%       | 96.3%       | 93.9%               | 75.9%  |
| CNN-LSTM stacking decoding                               | 92.4%       | 97.7%       | 97.2%               | 94.6%  |
| CNN-LSTM stacking decoding with<br>hand-crafted features | 79.9%       | 98.8%       | <mark>98.3</mark> % | 87.2%  |
| Chi-square statistic                                     | 32.7        | 29.4        | 35.9                | 34.6   |
| P-value  | 4.0e-6      | 1.9e-5      | 1.0e-6              | 2.0e-6 |

#### Figure 2.30 Performance of each classifier [28]

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The authors mentioned that the computational time for MI detection of the best-performed model, CNN-LSTM with stacking decoding required 350ms.

In the comparison with models proposed by other studies (Figure 2.31), the authors stated that many of the models might not have the ability to differentiate MI from other CVDs. For the models developed using multiclass ECG, although their sensitivity outperformed the proposed CNN-LSTM with stacking decoding, their specificity was lower. Specificity becomes important when the classification task is changed from binary class to multiclass as this performance metric shows the ability of the model to differentiate MI from other CVDs. Another advantage of this research was they collected noisy data to train their proposed model to ensure the model is applicable in real-world scenes.

| Author                  | Method   | No. of<br>leads | Classes  | Sensitivity | Specificity |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------|--|-------------|-------------|
| Banerjee et al.<br>[22] | Predefined threshold of morphological features extracted by DWT                                    | V1-V4           | MI, healthy  | 92.0%       | 100%        |
| Chang et al. [12]       | SVM on polynomial approximation coefficients of ST segment<br>following PCA                        | 12 leads        | MI, non-MI   | 98.7%       | 96.6%       |
| Arif et al. [20]        | KNN on morphological features  | 12 leads        | MI, healthy  | 99.6%       | 99.1%       |
| Sun et al. [21]         | KNN on morphological features with multiple instance learning                                      | 12 leads        | MI, healthy  | 92.3%       | 88.1%       |
| Sharma et al. [24]      | SVM on principal component multivariate multi-scale sample<br>entropy features                     | 12 leads        | MI, healthy, cardiomyopathy, hypertrophy,<br>dysrhythmia                           | 94.0%       | 89.5%       |
| Huang et al. [26]       | SDA on morphological features following PCA  | п               | healthy, non-healthy   | 89.7%       | 84.6%       |
| Kora et al. [23]        | Levenberg-Marquardt neural network on morphological features<br>selected by improved bat algorithm | II, III,<br>aVF | MI, healthy  | 93.3%       | 92.2%       |
| Zewdie et al. [14]      | SVM on coefficients of second-order ordinary differential<br>equation fitting                      | Ι               | MI, healthy, hypertrophy, valvular heart disease,<br>myocarditis and miscellaneous | 99.8%       | 72.7%       |
| Kumar et al. [17]       | LS-SVM on features extracted by sample entropy in flexible<br>analytic wavelet transform           | П               | MI, healthy  | 98.2%       | 99.2%       |
| Uddin et al. [11]       | LDA on HRV features  | I               | MI, healthy  | 100%        | 75.0%       |
| Acharya et al. [16]     | 11-layer CNN on single beat waveform   | п               | MI, healthy  | 95.5%       | 94.2%       |
| Proposed method         | CNN-LSTM stacking decoding   | I               | MI, healthy, other CVD, noisy  | 92.4%       | 97.7%       |

Figure 2.31 Comparison of performance between the proposed model and other models [28]

## 2.1.7 A New Automatic Approach to Distinguish Myocardial Infarction Based on LSTM [29]

In order to lower the misdiagnosis rate of MI which resulted from human interpretation, an LSTM model was proposed in this research. The authors mentioned that in previous studies that focused on traditional machine-learning-based classification, the design of the algorithm was largely dependent on the knowledge of the designer while the deep-learning-based classifier can be trained by learning features from the data automatically itself. The authors agreed that using single-lead ECG data could speed up the classification speed but it sacrificed the accuracy as the model suffered from useful information loss.

This research only utilized data from 8 leads and MI was classified as Anterior MI and Inferior MI. The pre-processing steps used in this paper included median filtering for baseline wandering removal, a notch filter and Chebyshev digital low-pass filter for denoise (power-frequency interference), and the Pan-Tompkins algorithm for QRS complex detection. The signals were then segmented from 250ms left and 400ms right of the R-peak location.

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| True  | Pre  | dicted C | lass | <b>Classification Performance</b> |        |        |        |  |  |
|-------|------|----------|------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Class | AMI  | IMI      | HC   | Sen                               | Spe    | Ppr    | Acc    |  |  |
| AMI   | 2426 | 2        | 0    | 0.9992                            | 0.9997 | 0.9996 | 0.9995 |  |  |
| IMI   | 1    | 1975     | 1    | 0.9990                            | 0.9991 | 0.9985 | 0.9991 |  |  |
| HC    | 0    | 1        | 1069 | 0.9991                            | 0.9998 | 0.9991 | 0.9996 |  |  |

In this paper, the network architecture for LSTM was not shown. The performance of the classifier and the result of the comparative test are shown in **Figure 2.32** and **Figure 2.33**.

Figure 2.32 Performance of the LSTM model [29]

| Author(Year)             | # of<br>classes | Classifier | Acc<br>(%) |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Padhy et al.(2017) [3]   | 6               | SVM        | 98.15      |
| Acharya et al.(2017) [8] | 2               | CNN        | 95.22      |
| Liu et al.(2018) [9]     | 6               | CNN        | 99.81      |
| Proposed                 | 3               | LSTM       | 99.91      |

Figure 2.33 Comparison of performance between proposed LSTM and other proposed models [29]

## 2.1.8 Deep Learning with Long Short-Term Memory for Enhancement Myocardial Infarction Classification [30]

The authors found that the main weakness of traditional machine learning was the application of hand-engineered features, so they decided to propose a deep-learning-based algorithm as it will automatically enable the feature learning process without human intervention. In this paper, the authors utilized balanced accuracy (BAcc) and Matthew's Correlation Coefficient (MCC) to tackle with the data imbalance problem.

$$BAcc = \frac{\left(\frac{TP}{P} + \frac{TN}{N}\right)}{2}$$

$$MCC = \frac{(TP x TN) - (FP x FN)}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}$$

Figure 2.34 Formula of balanced accuracy and Matthew's Correlation Coefficient [30]

The data source of this research was also the PTB diagnostic ECG database, the preprocessing steps were not mentioned in the paper but the segmentation was conducted to get data with a consistent length of 4000 data points. The authors then explained the principle behind the RNN model to highlight the vanishing gradient problem of RNN. Other than that, the authors also showed the details of the forward pass and backward pass of the LSTM network.

The total data that could be used for training and testing were 12,359 with 10,144 of them being MI and the rest being healthy subjects. There were four models had been developed: Standard RNN and 1-/2-/3-layered LSTM. It can be observed that all of the models were weak in detecting healthy subjects (**Figure 2.35**).

| Model    | Class           | Performance |             |          |  |  |  |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--|--|--|
|          |                 | Precision   | Sensitivity | F1 Score |  |  |  |
| Standard | Healthy Control | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00     |  |  |  |
| RNN      | MI              | 0.83        | 1.00        | 0.91     |  |  |  |
|          | avg/total       | 0.68        | 0.83        | 0.75     |  |  |  |
| 1 hidden | Healthy Control | 0.91        | 0.59        | 0.71     |  |  |  |
| LSTM     | MI              | 0.91        | 0.99        | 0.94     |  |  |  |
| layer    | avg/total       | 0.91        | 0.91        | 0.90     |  |  |  |
| 2 hidden | Healthy Control | 0.85        | 0.65        | 0.73     |  |  |  |
| LSTM     | MI              | 0.92        | 0.97        | 0.94     |  |  |  |
| layers   | avg/total       | 0.90        | 0.91        | 0.90     |  |  |  |
| 3 hidden | Healthy Control | 0.94        | 0.68        | 0.74     |  |  |  |
| LSTM     | MI              | 0.90        | 0.99        | 0.94     |  |  |  |
| layers   | avg/total       | 0.91        | 0.91        | 0.90     |  |  |  |

Figure 2.35 Performance of each model in classification [30]

## 2.1.9 Classification of myocardial infarction with multi-lead ECG signals and deep CNN [31]

Similarly, the motivation of this research was to propose an end-to-end deep-learning-based model that could be implemented on portable healthcare devices to eliminate the step of manual feature extraction. In this research, the authors also care about the MI locations.

The data source of this research was still the PTB Diagnostic ECG database. The authors applied a wavelet transform algorithm to denoise and remove baseline wandering. The data was then segmented into heartbeats, the length of the sequence was 651 for each sample (250 data points to the left and 400 to the right according to R-peak). The total number of heartbeats was 611,404 while 20.55% of them were healthy group. The distribution of classes is shown in **Figure 2.33**: anterior (A), anterior lateral (AL), anterior septal (AS), inferior (I), inferior lateral (IL), inferior posterior (IP), inferior posterior lateral (IPL), lateral (L), posterior (P) and posterior lateral (PL).

| Classes | Number | of beats |        |        |        |        |                       |                |                |                |                       |                | Total (Percentage) |
|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|         | Leads  |          |        |        |        |        |                       |                |                |                |                       |                |                    |
|         | I      | II       | III    | aVR    | aVL    | aVF    | <b>V</b> <sub>1</sub> | V <sub>2</sub> | V <sub>3</sub> | V <sub>4</sub> | <b>V</b> <sub>5</sub> | V <sub>6</sub> |                    |
| A       | 4902   | 4861     | 4993   | 4720   | 4882   | 4941   | 4742                  | 4741           | 4743           | 4745           | 4743                  | 4741           | 57,754 (9.44%)     |
| AL      | 6424   | 6467     | 6360   | 6579   | 6676   | 6520   | 6501                  | 6538           | 6540           | 6397           | 6589                  | 6514           | 78,105 (12.77%)    |
| AS      | 8146   | 8024     | 8260   | 8153   | 8146   | 8567   | 8152                  | 8148           | 8238           | 8429           | 8151                  | 8152           | 98,566 (16.12%)    |
| Н       | 10,598 | 10,546   | 10,574 | 10,494 | 10,537 | 10,472 | 10,482                | 10,483         | 10,450         | 10,371         | 10,322                | 10,323         | 125,652 (20.55%)   |
| I       | 10,592 | 10,691   | 11,522 | 10,588 | 11,161 | 11,008 | 10,502                | 10,671         | 10,711         | 10,591         | 10,589                | 10,589         | 129,215 (21.13%)   |
| IL      | 5911   | 5888     | 5919   | 5911   | 5909   | 6047   | 5900                  | 5932           | 5914           | 5912           | 5861                  | 5882           | 70,986 (11.61%)    |
| IP      | 48     | 48       | 48     | 48     | 48     | 48     | 48                    | 48             | 48             | 48             | 48                    | 48             | 576 (0.09%)        |
| IPL     | 2516   | 2512     | 2517   | 2516   | 2518   | 2520   | 2515                  | 2503           | 2516           | 2516           | 2516                  | 2516           | 30,181 (4.93%)     |
| L       | 459    | 459      | 460    | 459    | 470    | 459    | 459                   | 459            | 459            | 459            | 459                   | 459            | 5520 (0.9%)        |
| P       | 460    | 460      | 459    | 460    | 460    | 460    | 460                   | 461            | 463            | 460            | 460                   | 460            | 5523 (0.9%)        |
| PL      | 777    | 772      | 777    | 778    | 779    | 778    | 779                   | 778            | 777            | 777            | 777                   | 777            | 9326 (1.52%)       |
| Total   | 50,833 | 50,728   | 51,889 | 50,706 | 51,586 | 51,820 | 50,540                | 50,762         | 50,859         | 50,705         | 50,515                | 50,461         | 611,404 (100%)     |

Figure 2.36 Distribution of classes in each lead [31]

A 10-layered CNN was built according to the architecture in **Figure 2.37** and **Figure 2.38** to perform the multiclass classification task and thus categorical cross-entropy loss function was used. Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 10<sup>-3</sup> and 10<sup>-4</sup> was used during the training phase. To prevent the overfitting issue, the model was not trained using a large number of epochs.

| No | Layer name   | Layer parameters   | Output shape     | Number of Params |
|----|--------------|--|------------------|------------------|
| 1  | Conv 1D      | $64 \times 5$ , Strides=1, Input shape = (651, 1), Activation = ReLU | 647 × 64         | 384              |
| 2  | Conv 1D      | $128 \times 3$ , Strides=1, Activation = ReLU                        | 645 × 128        | 24,704           |
| 3  | MaxPooling1D | Pool size=2, Strides=2   | 322 × 128        | 0                |
| 4  | Dropout      | Rate=0.2   | 322 × 128        | 0                |
| 5  | Conv 1D      | $128 \times 13$ , Strides=1, Activation = ReLU                       | 310 × 128        | 213,120          |
| 6  | Conv 1D      | $256 \times 7$ , Strides=1, Activation = ReLU                        | 304 × 128        | 229,632          |
| 7  | MaxPooling1D | Pool size=2, Strides=2   | $152 \times 256$ | 0                |
| 8  | Flatten      | -  | 38,912           | 0                |
| 9  | Dense        | 64, Activation = ReLU, Dropout rate=0.2                              | 64               | 2,490,432        |
| 10 | SoftMax      | 11, Activation = SoftMax   | 11               | 715              |

Figure 2.37 CNN architecture [31]



Figure 2.38 CNN architecture [31]

Overall, the CNN model achieved a very good result in every lead. (Figure 2.39). The model was able to differentiate MI in different locations and also the healthy subjects. Lead V4 performed the best in this research (Figure 2.40).

| ECG signals               | Training accuracy | Validation accuracy | Testing accuracy |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Lead 1 (I)                | 99.71%            | 99.68%              | 99.61%           |
| Lead 2 (II)               | 99.70%            | 99.56%              | 99.53%           |
| Lead 3 (III)              | 99.55%            | 99.35%              | 99.36%           |
| Lead 4 (aVR)              | 99.47%            | 99.31%              | 99.57%           |
| Lead 5 (aVL)              | 99.64%            | 99.54%              | 99.50%           |
| Lead 6 (aVF)              | 99.66%            | 99.21%              | 99.37%           |
| Lead 7 $(V_1)$            | 99.72%            | 99.70%              | 99.63%           |
| Lead 8 (V <sub>2</sub> )  | 99.64%            | 99.69%              | 99.78%           |
| Lead 9 $(V_3)$            | 99.68%            | 99.73%              | 99.67%           |
| Lead 10 (V <sub>4</sub> ) | 99.67%            | 99.76%              | 99.78%           |
| Lead 11 (V <sub>5</sub> ) | 99.73%            | 99.63%              | 99.75%           |
| Lead 12 (V <sub>6</sub> ) | 99.72%            | 99.77%              | 99.72%           |
| Average:                  | 99.65%            | 99.57%              | <b>99.60%</b>    |

Figure 2.39 Accuracy achieved by CNN in each lead [31]

| Classes                          | ACC (%) | PRE (%) | SEN (%) | SPE (%) | F1 (%) | Number of Data |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|
| Anterior (A)                     | 99.94   | 99.59   | 99.86   | 99.95   | 99.72  | 736            |
| Anterior Lateral (AL)            | 99.85   | 99.37   | 99.47   | 99.90   | 99.42  | 957            |
| Anterior Septal (AS)             | 99.88   | 99.76   | 99.52   | 99.95   | 99.64  | 1268           |
| Healthy (H)                      | 99.97   | 99.93   | 99.93   | 99.98   | 99.93  | 1562           |
| Inferior (I)                     | 99.97   | 99.93   | 99.93   | 99.98   | 99.93  | 1609           |
| Inferior Lateral (IL)            | 99.93   | 99.64   | 99.76   | 99.95   | 99.70  | 856            |
| Inferior Posterior (IP)          | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100    | 6              |
| Inferior Posterior Lateral (IPL) | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100    | 383            |
| Lateral (L)                      | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100    | 64             |
| Posterior (P)                    | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100    | 54             |
| Posterior Lateral (PL)           | 99.98   | 100     | 99.09   | 100     | 99.54  | 111            |
| Overall Accuracy (%) = 99.78     |         |         |         |         |        |                |

Figure 2.40 Performance metrics achieved by lead V4 [31]

# 2.1.10 Application of deep convolutional neural network for automated detection of myocardial infarction using ECG signals [32]

In this research, the authors claimed that compared to previous studies, no denoising operation was required as their algorithm can detect MI in the presence of noise. A comparative test was conducted using different sets of ECG (denoised / not denoised).

The authors collected the data from the PTB Diagnostic ECG database. The data is then split into two sets. One of them would undergo denoise and baseline wandering removal by using Daubechies wavelet 6 mother wavelet function while the noises were kept in the other set. Pan-Tompkins algorithm was applied to both datasets to segment the heartbeats with a consistent length of 651 data points.

The CNN architecture is shown in **Figure 2.41**. LeakyRelu was used in the convolutional layer and Softmax was used in the last FC layer. The type of the optimizer was unclear in this research but not its parameters: regularization (avoid overfitting), momentum (speed of learning), and learning rate (speed of convergence) parameters were set to 0.2,  $3 \times 10^4$ , and 0.7 respectively.

| Layers | Туре            | Number of neurons (Output Layer) | Kernel size for each output feature map | Stride |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|--------|
| 0-1    | Convolution     | 550 × 3                          | 102                                     | 1      |
| 1-2    | Max-pooling     | 275 × 3                          | 2                                       | 2      |
| 2-3    | Convolution     | 252 × 10                         | 24                                      | 1      |
| 3-4    | Max-pooling     | $126 \times 10$                  | 2                                       | 2      |
| 4-5    | Convolution     | 116 × 10                         | 11                                      | 1      |
| 5-6    | Max-pooling     | 58 × 10                          | 2                                       | 2      |
| 6-7    | Convolution     | 50 × 10                          | 9                                       | 1      |
| 7-8    | Max-pooling     | 25 × 10                          | 2                                       | 2      |
| 8-9    | Fully-connected | 30                               |   | -      |
| 9-10   | Fully-connected | 10                               | -:                                      | -      |
| 10-11  | Fully-connected | 2                                | -                                       | -      |

Figure 2.41 CNN architecture [32]

| From Figure 2.39, it can be observed that the performance of the model using a dataset with |
|---|
| noise dropped by a small degree. This proved that the model was robust to noise.            |

| Beats Type    | TP     | TN   | FP  | FN   | ACC (%) | PPV (%) | SEN (%) | SPEC (%) |
|---------------|--------|------|-----|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Noise         | 37,655 | 9790 | 756 | 2527 | 93.53   | 98.03   | 93.71   | 92.83    |
| Without Noise | 38,368 | 9933 | 613 | 1814 | 95.22   | 98.43   | 95.49   | 94.19    |

TP = True Positive, TN = True Negative, FP = False Positive, FP = False Negative ACC = Accuracy, PPV = Positive Predictive Value, SEN = Sensitivity, SPEC = Specificity

Figure 2.42 Performance metrics of each dataset [32]

### 2.2 Summary of previous 10 works

|      | Model     | Lead    | Data Size   | Inter/Intr | Performance |
|------|-----------|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|
|      |           |         |             | a          |             |
| [23] | LSTM      | II      | Heartbeats: | Inter      | ACC = 0.89  |
|      |           |         | 50732 MI    |            | SEN = 0.91  |
|      |           |         | 10123 HC    |            | SPEC = 0.80 |
| [16] | -1D-CNN   | 12-lead | Subjects    | Not        | CNN-LSTM    |
|      | -LSTM     |         | Set 1       | mentioned  | ACC = 0.98  |
|      | -CNN-LSTM |         | 315 STEMI   |            | SEN = 0.97  |
|      |           |         | 478 Control |            | SPEC = 0.97 |
|      |           |         | Set 2       |            | F1 = 0.98   |
|      |           |         | 62 STEMI    |            | LSTM        |
|      |           |         | 28 Control  |            | ACC = 0.83  |
|      |           |         |             |            | SEN = 0.78  |
|      |           |         |             |            | SPEC = 0.80 |
|      |           |         |             |            | F1 = 0.84   |
|      |           |         |             |            | CNN         |
|      |           |         |             |            | ACC = 0.87  |
|      |           |         |             |            | SEN = 0.90  |
|      |           |         |             |            | SPEC = 0.91 |
|      |           |         |             |            | F1 = 0.87   |
| [25] | 1D-CNN    | 12-lead | Heartbeats: | Intra      | 12-lead     |

#### Table 2.1 Summary of previous works

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|      |            |         | 46,056 STEMI   |           | ACC = 0.96   |
|------|------------|---------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
|      |            | V2      | 23,301         |           | SEN = 0.96   |
|      |            |         | Abnormal       |           | SPEC = 0.96  |
|      |            |         | 21,235 Normal  |           | Lead V2      |
|      |            |         |                |           | ACC = 0.90   |
|      |            |         |                |           | SEN = 0.86   |
|      |            |         |                |           | SPEC = 0.94  |
| [26] | 1D-CNN     | 12-lead | 276,480 STEMI  | Not       | ACC = 0.99   |
|      | (Res-Net)  |         | 3,369,600      | mentioned | SEN = 0.96   |
|      |            |         | Normal         |           | SPEC = 0.99  |
|      |            |         |                |           | F1 = 0.9372  |
| [27] | 2D-CNN     | 12-lead | Images:        | Not       | ACC = 0.96   |
|      |            |         | 540 Training   | mentioned | SEN = 0.96   |
|      |            |         | 537 Testing    |           | PRE = 0.89   |
|      |            |         |                |           | F1 = 0.926   |
| [28] | -MLP       | Ι       | PTB:           | Not       | Due to space |
|      | -CNN       |         | 549 records    | mentioned | constraints, |
|      | -CNN       |         |                |           | can refer to |
|      | stacking   |         | Cardiology     |           | Figure 2.27  |
|      | decoding   |         | Challenge 2017 |           |              |
|      | -CNN-LSTM  |         | database (AF-  |           |              |
|      | -CNN-LSTM  |         | Challenge):    |           |              |
|      | stacking   |         | 8528 records   |           |              |
|      | decoding   |         |                |           |              |
|      | -CNN-LSTM  |         |                |           |              |
|      | stacking   |         |                |           |              |
|      | decoding   |         |                |           |              |
|      | with hand- |         |                |           |              |
|      | crafted    |         |                |           |              |
|      | features   |         |                |           |              |
| [29] | LSTM       | 8-lead  | Heartbeats:    | Not       | ACC = 0.99   |
|      |            |         | 54,753         | mentioned |              |

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| [30] | RNN    | Not       | Signals:      | Not       | BAcc = 0.83  |
|------|--------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
|      | LSTM   | mentioned | 12,359        | mentioned | MCC = 0.75   |
|      |        |           |               |           | PRE = 0.91   |
|      |        |           |               |           | SEN = 0.91   |
|      |        |           |               |           | F1 = 0.90    |
| [31] | 1D-CNN | 12-leads  | Heartbeats:   | Not       | V4           |
|      |        |           | 611,404       | mentioned | ACC = 0.99   |
| [32] | 1D-CNN | II        | Heartbeats:   | Intra     | Noise        |
|      |        |           | 10,546 normal |           | ACC = 0.93   |
|      |        |           | 40,182 MI     |           | SEN = 0.93   |
|      |        |           |               |           | SPEC = 0.92  |
|      |        |           |               |           |              |
|      |        |           |               |           | Wihout Noise |
|      |        |           |               |           | ACC = 0.95   |
|      |        |           |               |           | SEN = 0.95   |
|      |        |           |               |           | SPEC = 0.94  |
|      |        |           |               |           |              |

## Chapter 3 System Design & Model

## 3.1 System Design Diagram



Figure 3.1 System design of this project

As shown in **Figure 3.1**, first and foremost, the dataset is downloaded from the open-source database, PTB Diagnostic ECG Database which is available on the PhysioNet website [24]. The labelling of each record will be automatically executed by reading the header file which Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours) Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (Kampar Campus), UTAR

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contains a section indicating the diagnosis of the record. Besides, the header file also included age, gender, data on medical history, etc. The dataset consists of 148 MI patients and 52 normal subjects and one subject might contribute more than one record to form a total number of 448 ECG records. The sampling rate of all the records of this dataset was 1000 Hz frequency which means there would be 1000 data points recorded at 1-second intervals. A higher sampling rate represents more information about the heart's activities that can be described and recorded, thus more information is available for models to learn a complex decision function.

After that, to ensure the inter-patient splitting, the splitting operation to produce the 10-fold cross-validation of training set, validation set and testing set must be performed at the patient level instead of at the heartbeat level. Instead, the intra-patient splitting can be done if the operation is performed at the heartbeat level. To simulate the real-world settings and according to the documentation of the PhysioNet website [24], it was assumed that most of the ECGs suffered from noises and baseline wandering in this project possibly due to the movement of the patient during the skin resistance, measurement, patient respiration or poor electrode (lead) contact [24, 32]. Thus, some crucial pre-processing steps were necessary. Then, two Savitzky-Golay (SG) filters [36] were applied to raw signals in each fold to perform denoise and baseline wandering removal operations. Next, the Pan-Tompkins algorithm [37] was utilized to locate the QRS region in the filtered ECG signal in an effort to eventually find the exact R-peak location for the segmentation purpose. Due to the difference in length of the signal in each record, segmentation is a necessary action as the model cannot be trained using signals with inconsistent lengths. Therefore, an accurate R-peak location can be used as a standard to segment the continuous signal into heartbeats with a consistent sequence length of 800 data points. From the R-peak, 300 data points before and 500 data points after would compose a heartbeat containing a PQRST complex and its visualization would be presented in Chapter 4. The 800 points of a signal The SG filter and Pan-Tompkins algorithm were chosen to perform the respective pre-processing tasks because of their popularity in other studies [22, 28, 29, 32] and it works well in this research (Figure 4.7 & Figure 4.8). During the implementation, it was expected to take a long time to perform all actions mentioned above to become a proper training set, validation set and testing set, thus it was necessary to save the processed heartbeats somewhere such as Google Drive.

Every time the project starts, the processed heartbeats of each fold can be loaded without undergoing any pre-processing steps. A simple transformation was required to encapsulate the processed heartbeats into batches. The heartbeats will then be fed into the LSTM, GRU, 1D-CNN and Transformer batches by batches for training, validation and testing to observe the performance. After this, a random search method was used in the fine-tuning process to search for the best hyperparameters of each model that helped solve the underfitting and overfitting problem with the final goal of getting the best performance in the testing phase. The hyperparameters list included learning rate, weight decay (regularization), dropout rate, number of neural units in fully connected layers, etc.

#### **3.2** System Architecture Diagram

The following diagrams solely show the architecture and parameters of each model/classifier. An FC network consisting of three FC layers was included in each type of model. The default activation function for the Fully Connected (FC) network in this project was set to ReLU. A sigmoid function was applied in the output layer to produce a binary classification result, 0 or 1. The number of units of the first FC layer was set to 512 and became half for each following layer, 256 and 128.

#### 3.2.1 LSTM classifier

The input of the first LSTM [39] layer should be in the shape of a 3D tensor (Batch Size, Sequence Length, Dimensionality) so it would be for example, (128, 800, 1) where the dimensionality depends on how many leads were used in the research. The LSTM block contains 256 units (hidden\_size = 256) and 2 layers. There were two LSTM networks built by enabling the bi-direction option. **Figure 3.2**, **Figure 3.3 and Figure 3.4** show the architecture of the LSTM classifier, together with the number of parameters within each layer.



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| Layer (type:depth-idx)               | Param # |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| <br>LSTM                             |         |
| ⊢LSTM: 1-1                           | 791,552 |
| -Dropout: 1-2                        |         |
| -Linear: 1-3                         | 131,584 |
| Linear: 1-4                          | 131,328 |
| —Linear: 1-5                         | 32,896  |
| —Linear: 1-6                         | 129     |
| -ReLU: 1-7                           |         |
| —Sigmoid: 1-8                        |         |
| ==================================== |         |
| Total params: 1,087,489              |         |
| Trainable params: 1,087,489          |         |
| Non-trainable params: 0              |         |
|                                      |         |

Figure 3.2 Network architecture of LSTM classifier



| Layer (type:depth-idx)      | Param #   |       |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| <br>LSTM                    |           |       |
| ⊢LSTM: 1-1                  | 2,107,392 |       |
| -Dropout: 1-2               |           |       |
| Linear: 1-3                 | 525,312   |       |
| ├─Linear: 1-4               | 524,800   |       |
| ├─Linear: 1-5               | 131,328   |       |
| -Linear: 1-6                | 257       |       |
| ReLU: 1-7                   |           |       |
| ⊣Sigmoid: 1-8               |           |       |
| <br>Total params: 3,289,089 |           | ===== |
| Trainable params: 3,289,089 |           |       |
| Non-trainable params: 0     |           |       |

Figure 3.4 Parameters of bi-directional LSTM classifier

#### 3.2.2 GRU Classifier

The input of the GRU [40] classifer should have the same shape as the LSTM's input. The network architecture is similar to the LSTM, which has 2 layers and 256 units in the GRU block and then the output is passed to four FC layers as shown in **Figure 3.5**. Identically, the bi-direction option is also available for GRU, so in total, two GRU models were trained for both data-split methods. **Figure 3.6** and **Figure 3.7** indicate the respective number of parameters for uni-directional and bi-directional GRU classifiers.

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Figure 3.5 Network architecture of GRU classifier

| Layer (type:depth-idx)  | Param # |  |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
|                         |         |  |
| GRU                     |         |  |
| -GRU: 1-1               | 593,664 |  |
| -Dropout: 1-2           |         |  |
| Linear: 1-3             | 131,584 |  |
| Linear: 1-4             | 131,328 |  |
| -Linear: 1-5            | 32,896  |  |
| Linear: 1-6             | 129     |  |
| -ReLU: 1-7              |         |  |
| -Sigmoid: 1-8           |         |  |
|                         |         |  |
| Total params, 809,001   |         |  |
|                         |         |  |
| Non-trainable params: 0 |         |  |

Figure 3.6 Parameters of uni-directional GRU classifier

| Layer (type:depth-idx) | Param #   |
|------------------------|-----------|
| <br>GRU                |           |
| ⊣GRU: 1-1              | 1,580,544 |
| -Dropout: 1-2          |           |
| Linear: 1-3            | 525,312   |
| —Linear: 1-4           | 524,800   |
| -Linear: 1-5           | 131,328   |
| -Linear: 1-6           | 257       |
| -ReLU: 1-7             |           |
| —Sigmoid: 1-8          |           |

Figure 3.7 Parameters of bi-directional GRU classifier

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#### 3.2.3 1D-CNN Classifier

The input of the 1D-CNN [41] classifier was different from GRU and LSTM classifiers, it had a shape of (Batch Size, Dimensionality, Sequence Length). From **Figure 3.8**, it was easy to notice that the convolutional block consisting of 4 convolutional layers was built with a max pooling layer after each convolutional layer. Relatively, the number of parameters of 1D-CNN was significantly lower than LSTM and GRU as shown in **Figure 3.9**.



Figure 3.8 Network architecture of 1D-CNN classifier

| Layer (type:depth-idx)  | Param # |  |
|---|---------|--|
| CNN1D   |         |  |
| -Conv1d: 1-1  | 240     |  |
| -Conv1d: 1-2  | 7,240   |  |
| -Conv1d: 1-3  | 2,420   |  |
| -Conv1d: 1-4  | 610     |  |
| -MaxPool1d: 1-5   |         |  |
| ReLU: 1-6   |         |  |
| Dropout: 1-7  |         |  |
| Linear: 1-8   | 246,272 |  |
| Linear: 1-9   | 131,328 |  |
| Linear: 1-10  | 32,896  |  |
| Linear: 1-11  | 129     |  |
| ⊢Sigmoid: 1-12  |         |  |
| Total params: 421,135<br>Trainable params: 421,135<br>Non-trainable params: 0 |         |  |

Figure 3.9 Parameters of 1D-CNN classifier

#### 3.2.4 Transformer Classifier

Due to the nature of transformer architecture, the transformer is able to carry the multi-head attention [42] without considering the ordering of the data points. Ordering of data points is important to the ECG signal, therefore the input heartbeat sequence had to undergo a positional embedding to maintain its ordering. Next, the heartbeats with positions entered an encoder network comprising 6 encoder layers and for each of the layers, multi-head attention, batch normalization and feedforward network will produce learned information from the entire sequence. After that, the output of the encoder block would fit into the FC network.



Figure 3.10 Network architecture of Transformer classifier

| Layer (type:depth-idx)             | Param # |
|------------------------------------|---------|
|                                    |         |
| Transformer                        |         |
| -Linear: 1-1                       | 128     |
| -PositionalEncoding: 1-2           |         |
| -TransformerEncoder: 1-3           |         |
| └─ModuleList: 2-1                  |         |
| │ │ └─TransformerEncoderLayer: 3-1 | 49,984  |
| └─TransformerEncoderLayer: 3-2     | 49,984  |
| └─TransformerEncoderLayer: 3-3     | 49,984  |
| │ │ └─TransformerEncoderLayer: 3-4 | 49,984  |
| └─TransformerEncoderLayer: 3-5     | 49,984  |
| │ │ └─TransformerEncoderLayer: 3-6 | 49,984  |
| -Linear: 1-4                       | 16,640  |
| -Linear: 1-5                       | 32,896  |
| Linear: 1-6                        | 8,256   |
| Linear: 1-7                        | 65      |
|                                    |         |
| ⊢Sigmoid: 1-9                      |         |
| -Dropout: 1-10                     |         |
|                                    |         |
| Total params: 357,889              |         |
| Trainable params: 357,889          |         |
| Non-trainable params: 0            |         |
|                                    |         |
|                                    |         |

Figure 3.11 Parameters of Transformer classifier

#### **3.3 Performance Metrics**

Performance metrics or standards must be set up to quantify the performance of the model/classifier. Four metrics were chosen for this research as they are commonly used in other studies [22] therefore the comparison could be made in a more intuitive way. A confusion matrix is a good way to measure the performance of the classifier as shown in **Figure 3.12**. In this research, the performance metrics included 4 types of measurements: accuracy [20], sensitivity [20], precision [20] and F1 score [20].



Figure 3.12 Example of confusion matrix where TP is a true positive, TN is a true negative, FP is a false positive, and FN is a false negative

#### 3.3.1 Accuracy

The equation of accuracy is as shown in equation 1.

(ACC) = (TP+TN) / (TP+TN+FP+FN)

(1)

Undoubtedly, a good model/classifier should achieve high accuracy as this is the most general measurement and the easiest concept for people to be confident in its performance and definitely reliability. Nonetheless, solely depending on accuracy might end up in some misleading conclusions when the dataset is imbalanced [20], especially in a binary classification task. If one of the categories (For example, too many MI patients) got too high a ratio to the other, it is still easy to produce a good accuracy result even though the classifier classifies all the ECGs to be MI.

#### 3.3.2 Sensitivity

The equation of sensitivity is shown in Equation 2.

$$(SEN) = (TP) / (TP+FN)$$

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Where Sensitivity (SEN) = true positive rate (TPR) = recall (RC)

On top of accuracy, sensitivity is also an important tool especially the application in the medical field. This is, according to the formula, a low sensitivity means that the model will easily classify an MI ECG as a normal ECG, therefore it is dangerous to delay the presentation time of the patients.

#### 3.3.3 Precision

The equation of precision is shown in Equation 3.

$$(PRE) = (TP) / (TP+FP)$$
(3)

Where Formula of Precision (PRE) = positive predictive value (PPV)

It is also a waste of medical attention and resources if the model always classifies a normal ECG as an MI ECG. Hence, a good model should also achieve high precision to avoid this error in real-world applications.

#### 3.3.4 F1 score

The equation of accuracy is shown in Equation 4.

$$(ACC) = (2TP) / (2TP+FP+FN)$$

(4)

F1 score is a good way to eliminate the bad effect caused by accuracy in an imbalanced dataset [22]. It takes sensitivity and precision into consideration at the same time.

## Chapter 4 Implementation & Experimental Results

## 4.1 Hardware & Software Setup

### 4.1.1 Hardware

The hardware involved in this project is only a laptop. A computer was issued to carry out implementation/coding for data collection, data cleaning, and data transformation as well as designing network architecture and helper functions. Specification of the laptop is shown in **Table 4.1**, it was more than enough to complete all tasks mentioned above.

| Description      | Specifications             |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Model            | Asus TUF Gaming A15        |
| Processor        | AMD Ryzen 5 4600H          |
| Operating System | Windows 11                 |
| Graphic          | NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1650 Ti |
| Memory           | 16GB DDR4 RAM              |
| Storage          | 512GB SATA HDD             |

 Table 4.1
 Specifications of laptop

### 4.1.2 Software

Due to the limitation of the hardware's computing power, the training, validation and testing processes were completed on online software.

- 1. Deep Learning Framework: Pytorch
- 2. IDE: Google Colab Pro
- 3. Available CPU: Unspecified model with 51.0 GB RAM
- Available TPU/GPUs: TPUv2, A100, T4, L4 with GPU RAM from 15.0 GB to above 50.0 GB
- 5. Python waveform-database (WFDB) package

### 4.2 Data Collection

The data source of this project is the PTB Diagnostic ECG Database [24]. It is an opensource database published in 2004 to obtain free ECG signals and at the same time, it makes the signal anonymous in order to protect the privacy of patients. A collection of 549 highquality ECG signals, most of them are encapsulated with their respective clinical summary together in the organized form. There are ECGs from 268 subjects available for the research and this project would only need the ECGs collected from MI patients and also the normal subjects. **Figure 4.1** indicates that there are a total of 148 MI patients and 52 normal subjects for this project to utilize their signals. **Figure 4.2** shows all the technical descriptions of the recorder used to obtain the signals. The sampling rate was 1000Hz frequency and the noise was included during the recording.

The ECGs are well-organized in the database as shown in **Figure 4.3** and **Figure 4.4** by using a patient-split. There are 3 types of files inside each patient folder: header, data, and xyz. To extract the raw signal data, the header and data files play an important role in acting as the parameters in WFDB's 'rdrecord' function.

| Diagnostic class             | Number of subjects |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Myocardial infarction        | 148                |
| Cardiomyopathy/Heart failure | 18                 |
| Bundle branch block          | 15                 |
| Dysrhythmia                  | 14                 |
| Myocardial hypertrophy       | 7                  |
| Valvular heart disease       | 6                  |
| Myocarditis                  | 4                  |
| Miscellaneous                | 4                  |
| Healthy controls             | 52                 |

#### URL: https://physionet.org/content/ptbdb/1.0.0/

#### Figure 4.1 Number of subjects in each diagnostic class

## **Data Description**

The ECGs in this collection were obtained using a non-commercial, PTB prototype recorder with the following specifications:

- 16 input channels, (14 for ECGs, 1 for respiration, 1 for line voltage)
- Input voltage: ±16 mV, compensated offset voltage up to ± 300 mV
- Input resistance: 100 Ω (DC)
- Resolution: 16 bit with 0.5  $\mu\text{V/LSB}$  (2000 A/D units per mV)
- Bandwidth: 0 1 kHz (synchronous sampling of all channels)
- Noise voltage: max. 10  $\mu V$  (pp), respectively 3  $\mu V$  (RMS) with input short circuit
- Online recording of skin resistance
- Noise level recording during signal collection

#### Figure 4.2 Technical description of the signal recorder

| patient001 |
|------------|
| patient002 |
| patient003 |
| patient004 |
| patient005 |
| patient006 |
| patient007 |
| patient008 |
| patient009 |
| patient010 |
| patient011 |
| patient012 |
| patient013 |
| patient014 |

#### Figure 4.3 Organization of patient data in the PTB database

|   | s0010_re.dat |
|---|--------------|
| Ľ | s0010_re.hea |
|   | s0010_re.xyz |
|   | s0014lre.dat |
| D | s0014lre.hea |
| Ľ | s0014lre.xyz |
| D | s0016lre.dat |
| Ľ | s0016lre.hea |
|   | s0016lre.xyz |

Figure 4.4 Contents of patient folder

#### 4.3 Data Pre-Processing

After we extracted the raw ECG signals from the data file by using the WFDB function, we had to perform pre-processing on the signals as they were inconsistent in sequence length and unavoidably suffered from noise and baseline wandering. A common solution [20] was performing a filtering to smoothen the signal and a segmentation to ensure a consistent length of signals. Moreover, to train the models, we split the original signal collection into the training, validation, and testing sets. To ensure that our testing result is not naïve and not a coincidence, stratified 10-fold cross-validation [43] such as **Figure 4.5** was applied to produce 10 training sets and 10 validation sets, but only one testing set to monitor the validation results. From **Figure 4.1**, it is obvious that the number of healthy subjects is almost three times less than the number of MI patients, thus we also performed data augmentation in a conservative way which is time-shifting [26] as shown in **Figure 4.6** to reduce the data imbalance.



Figure 4.5 Example of 10-fold cross-validation [44]



Figure 4.6 Time-shift Data Augmentation

#### 4.3.1 Intra-Patient Splitting

Intra-patient splitting is the so-called beat-split, the splitting operation would not be executed on the patient level but only on the heartbeat level. In **Figure 4.7**, the WFDB function was executed first to extract the signals from the data file in each patient folder. Then the Scikitlearn's function, train\_test\_split was performed to randomly assign the signals either to the training set or the testing set. All the signals in both sets would undergo the following preprocessing steps before they are arranged into 10 folds.



Figure 4.7 Intra-Patient Splitting

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### 4.3.2 Inter-Patient Splitting

Instead, to ensure inter-patient splitting or patient split, the patient folders must be split into the training and testing set first. Then the folders in the training set must be split again into a new training set and validation set in each loop of a 10-fold cross-validation. This was because it can ensure that the heartbeats from patients produced from later pre-processing steps would only present in either the training set, validation set or testing set.

| X_train_patient, X_test_patient, y_train_patient, y_test_patient = train_test_ | <pre>split(patients, labels, test_size=0.2, stratify=labels, random_state=42)</pre> |
|--|---|
| # Extract signal from testset file first since we won't perform any further a  |   |
| X_test_record = []   |   |
| y_test_record = []   |   |
| <pre>for i in range(len(X_test_patient)):</pre>                                |   |
| <pre>item = os.listdir(X_test_patient[i])</pre>                                |   |
| item.sort()  |   |
| for j in item:   |   |
| if ".hea" in j:  |   |
| <pre>file = X test patient[i] + "/" + j</pre>                                  |   |
| if 'Myocardial infarction' in open(file).read():                               |   |
| <pre>y_test_record.append(1)</pre>   |   |
| if 'Healthy control' in open(file), read():                                    |   |
| v test record.append(0)  |   |
|  |   |
|  |   |
| <pre>file = X_test_patient[i] + "/" + j[:-4]</pre>                             |   |
| <pre>record = wfdb.rdrecord(file) # If want to use lead II data only can</pre> |   |
| <pre>X_test_record.append(record.adc()[:,1])</pre>                             |   |
| # Perform k-fold cross validation  |   |
| # List to store the extracted signal in different fold                         |   |
| fold_data = []   |   |
| for fold (train idy validy) in enumerate(skf colit/Y train nationt v train     | natient)).  |
| <pre>print(f"Fold {fold+1}/{skf.n splits}")</pre>                              |   |
|  |   |
|  |   |
| X_train_fold = [X_train_patient[i] for i in train_idx]                         |   |
| X_val_fold = [X_train_patient[i] for i in val_idx]                             |   |
|  |   |
| X_train_record = []  |   |
| X_val_record = []  |   |
| v train record = []  |   |

Figure 4.8 Inter-Patient Splitting Part 1



Figure 4.9 Inter-Patient Splitting Part 2



Figure 4.10 Inter-Patient Splitting Part 3

# 4.3.3 Denoise & Baseline Wandering Removal

There were in total of two Savitzky-Golay filters [36] applied in this project for the purpose of denoise and baseline wandering removal operations. Through a series of manual experiments, a good enough parameter setting was captured for both filters. The implementation of the filtering is shown in Figure 4.11 and an example of a successful filtering is shown in Figure 4.12.



Figure 4.11 Implementation of SG filter



Figure 4.12 Result of successful filtering, the red line represents the filtered signal, while the green line represents the baseline

### 4.3.4 R-Peak Detection & Segmentation

Pan-Tompkins algorithm [37] is able to locate the R peak as illustrated in Figure 4.14 accurately by searching for the QRS region for each heartbeat cycle. After R peak locations are captured, then index slicing (segmentation) of the NumPy array is performed to get separate distinct heartbeats with a consistent length of the sequence of 800 as shown in Figure 4.15. In FYP1, the total number of heartbeats is 52096 (8953 normal and 42,867 MI) in the training set as well as 13251 (1910 normal and 11341 MI) in the testing set. Through the deployment of a data augmentation technique, the data imbalance issue was resolved as

shown in **Figure 4.16**. Nevertheless, noted that in **Figure 4.17**, clearly shows that each set has a different number of MI ECGs and normal ECGs from fold to fold due to the earlier train\_test\_split operation and the data augmentation only acted on the signals in the training set.



Figure 4.13 Implementation of R-peak detection and segmentation



Figure 4.15 Segmentation from 300 points before R-peak and 500 points after R-peak

Total number of MI ECGs in trainset: 39071 Total number of normal ECGs in trainset: 39082 Total number of MI ECGs in valset: 4341 Total number of normal ECGs in valset: 4343 Total number of MI ECGs in testset: 11072 Total number of normal ECGs in testset: 10884

Figure 4.16 Number of MI ECGs and normal ECGs in each set of each fold (Intra-Patient)

Total number of MI ECGs in trainset: 39459 Total number of normal ECGs in trainset: 41208 Total number of MI ECGs in valset: 3684 Total number of normal ECGs in valset: 710 Total number of MI ECGs in testset: 11341 Total number of normal ECGs in testset: 1910



## 4.3.5 Transformation

The final step of the pre-processing stage was to transform the processed heartbeats in each set of each fold into data loader format for the ease of training, validation and testing. The 'batchfirst' parameter was prepared for the 1D-CNN model to change the heartbeats into a desirable format. As PyTorch was the deep learning framework deployed in the project, the heartbeats that were initially in NumPy type must be transformed to PyTorch's tensor type. Then stack operation was executed to transform the 2D tensors into 3D tensors. The DataLoader function is capable of creating mini-batches of heartbeat data to allow faster training and frequent updates on the parameters as well as more efficient memory management compared to training the model using the whole dataset at once. The implementation is shown in **Figure 4.18** and **Figure 4.19** shows the example of a batch of heartbeats in the dataloader.



Figure 4.18 Implementation of transformation

(Trainset) Data shape: torch.Size([64, 800, 1]), targets shape: torch.Size([64]) (Testset) Data shape: torch.Size([64, 800, 1]), targets shape: torch.Size([64])

Figure 4.19 The training and testing set is encapsulated in the data loader

### 4.4 Network Architecture

The implementation of each network architecture is shown from **Figure 4.20** until **Figure 4.23**. According to the designs as shown in Chapter 3, the class of each type of classifier was built.

| class LSTM(nn.Module):   |
|--|
| <br><pre>definit(self, input_size, hidden_size, num_layers,bidirectional=False,dropout_rate=0.5,fc_units = 512):</pre>   |
| <pre>super()init()</pre>   |
| self.bidirectional = bidirectional   |
| self.hidden_size = hidden_size   |
| self.num_layers = num_layers   |
| self.lstm = nn.LSTM(input_size = input_size, hidden_size = hidden_size, num_layers = num_layers,dropout = dropout_rate,batch_first=True,bidirectional=bidirectional)   |
| self.dropout = nn.Dropout(dropout_rate)  |
| self.fc1 = nn.Linear(hidden size, fc_units)  |
| self.fc2 = nn.Linear(fc_units, fc_units//2)  |
| self.fc3 = nn.Linear(fc_units//2, fc_units//4)   |
| <pre>self.fc4 = nn.Linear(fc_units//4, 1)</pre>  |
| if(self.bidirectional == True):  |
| <pre>self.fc1 = nn.Linear(hidden_size*2, fc_units*2)</pre>   |
| <pre>self.fc2 = nn.Linear(fc_units*2, fc_units)</pre>  |
| self.fc3 = nn.Linear(fc_units, fc_units//2)  |
| <pre>self.fc4 = nn.Linear(fc_units//2, 1)</pre>  |
| self.relu = nn.ReLU()  |
| self.sigmoid = nn.Sigmoid()  |
| def forward(self, x):  |
| if(self.bidirectional == True):  |
| direction = 2  |
|  |
| direction = 1  |
| h0 = torch.zeros(direction*self.num_layers, x.size(0), self.hidden_size).to(x.device)  |
| <pre>c0 = torch.zeros(direction*self.num_layers, x.size(0), self.hidden_size).to(x.device)</pre>   |
| out, _ = self.lstm(x, (h0, c0))  |
| <pre>out_fc1 = self.fc1(out[:, -1, :]) # Use only the last output</pre>  |
| out_fc1 = self.relu(out_fc1)   |
| out_fc2 = self.fc2(self.dropout(out_fc1))  |
| out_tc2 = self.relu(out_tc2)   |
| out_tc3 = self.tc3(self.dropout(out_tc2))  |
| out_rcs = self.retu(out_rcs)   |
| $out_{t} = set f_{t} = set f_$ |
| output = sett stigmoto(out_tca)  |
| output = output.view((ten(x)))   |
|  |

Figure 4.20 Implementation of LSTM networks



Figure 4.21 Implementation of GRU networks

```
import torch.nn as nn
lass CNN1D(nn.Module):
   def __init__(self, input_size, sequence_length, fc_hidden_size, dropout_rate= 0.4):
       super(CNN1D, self).__init__()
       self.conv1 = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=inpu (parameter) out_channels: int size=3)
       self.conv2 = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=60, out_channels=40, kernel_size=3)
self.conv3 = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=40, out_channels=20, kernel_size=3)
       self.conv4 = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=20, out_channels=10, kernel_size=3)
       self.pool = nn.MaxPool1d(kernel_size=2)
       self.relu = nn.ReLU()
       self.dropout = nn.Dropout(dropout_rate)
       conv_output_size = self._get_conv_output_size(input_size, sequence_length)
       self.fc1 = nn.Linear(conv_output_size, fc_hidden_size)
       self.fc2 = nn.Linear(fc_hidden_size, fc_hidden_size//2)
       self.fc3 = nn.Linear(fc_hidden_size//2, fc_hidden_size//4)
       self.fc4 = nn.Linear(fc_hidden_size//4, 1)
       self.sigmoid = nn.Sigmoid()
   def _get_conv_output_size(self, input_size, sequence_length):
       # Calculate the output size after passing through the convolutional layers and pooling layer
       x = torch.randn(256, input_size, sequence_length)
       x = self.pool(self.relu(self.conv1(x)))
       x = self.pool(self.relu(self.conv2(x)))
       x = self.pool(self.relu(self.conv3(x)))
       x = self.pool(self.relu(self.conv4(x)))
       return x.size(1) * x.size(2)
   def forward(self, x):
       x = self.pool(self.relu(self.convl(x)))
       x = self.pool(self.relu(self.conv2(x)))
       x = self.pool(self.relu(self.conv3(x)))
       x = self.pool(self.relu(self.conv4(x)))
       x = x.view(x.size(0), -1)
       x = self.relu(self.fc1(x))
       x = self.fc2(self.dropout(x))
       x = self.relu(x)
       x = self.fc3(self.dropout(x))
       x = self.relu(x)
       x = self.fc4(self.dropout(x))
       x = self.sigmoid(x)
       return x
```

Figure 4.22 Implementation of 1D-CNN network



Figure 4.23 Implementation of Transformer classifier

## 4.5 Helpers

Multiple helper functions were built into this project to assist in the training, validation and testing of the classifiers. Besides, visualizations such as graph plotting and confusion matrix were also established to present the performance metrics in a user-friendly way to increase readability.

## 4.5.1 Training Loop

The training loop helper function in **Figure 4.24** will first create multiple new variables for each epoch to record and track the performance metrics as well as the true label and the predictions made. The true label and predictions will be utilized in creating a confusion matrix in the visualization part. Performance metrics of the trained models of each fold must be tracked in order to record the related performance metrics of the best-performing model.



4.24 Training function

## 4.5.2 Early Stop Mechanism

In this project, in order to reduce the waste of computational resources and time, two early stopping mechanisms as shown in **Figure 4.25** and **Figure 4.26** were introduced into the training process. A suitable parameter setting including patience (how many epochs to wait after the last improvement of validation loss/accuracy) and min\_delta (minimum changes of figures of validation loss/accuracy can be considered improvement) can help track back to the best-performing model's parameters and its performance metrics. An example of how early stopping works is shown in **Figure 4.27**. In the inter-patient training and validation process, the early stopping used validation accuracy as the standard to decide whether to perform early stopping while validation loss was used in the intra-patient process.







Figure 4.26 Early Stop Mechanism (Validation Accuracy)



4.27 An example of early stopping

## 4.5.3 Testing

The testing helper function in **Figure 4.28** was doing the same job as the training helper function but without the backpropagation process. Identically, the performance metrics will be recorded for visualization through a graph and a confusion matrix.



4.28 Testing function

## 4.6 Main function

Multiple variables were created to track the best-performing classifier, the number of epochs to get the greatest performance and the pair of labels and predictions made. In every fold, the classifier, early stopping and performance metrics will be reinitialized to re-train a new classifier to compare with the performance metrics of the current best-performing classifier. All the implementations are shown in **Figure 4.29** until **Figure 4.32**.

```
n=1
best_model_metrics = collections.defaultdict(list) # Create dict for performance metrics
best_val_loss = float('inf') # Initialize best validation loss
best_model = None
best_epochs = None
testset record = None
testset labels = None
stopepoch = None
train_prediction = []
train_labels = []
val_prediction = []
val_labels = []
for fold in fold_data:
  metrics model = collections.defaultdict(list)
  early_stopping = EarlyStopping(patience=5, min_delta=0.001)
  if modeltype == 'CNN':
    input_size = 1 # Single lead
    learning_rate = 0.001
    sequence_length = 800
    fc_hidden_size = 512
    CNN = CNN1D(input_size, sequence_length, fc_hidden_size)
    optimizerCNN = optim.Adam(CNN.parameters(), lr=learning_rate,weight_decay=0.0001)
    model = CNN
    model.to(device)
    optimizer = optimizerCNN
  elif modeltype == 'LSTM':
    input size = 1 # Single lead
   hidden size = 256
    num layers = 2
    learning rate =0.001
    if direction == 'Uni':
      LSTM_uni = LSTM(input_size, hidden_size, num_layers)
      optimizer_LSTMuni = optim.Adam(LSTM_uni.parameters(), lr=learning_rate,weight_decay=0.0001)
      model = LSTM_uni
      model.to(device)
      optimizer = optimizer_LSTMuni
      LSTM_bi = LSTM(input_size, hidden_size, num_layers, True)
      optimizer LSTMbi = optim.Adam(LSTM bi.parameters(), lr=learning rate.weight decav=0.0001)
```

Figure 4.29 Main code part 1

```
optimizer_LSTMbi = optim.Adam(LSTM_bi.parameters(), lr=learning_rate,weight_decay=0.0001)
    model = LSTM_bi
   model.to(device)
    optimizer = optimizer LSTMbi
elif modeltype == 'GRU':
  input size = 1 # Single lead
 hidden_size = 256 # 256
 num_layers = 2
  learning_rate = 0.001
   GRU_uni = GRU(input_size, hidden_size, num_layers)
   optimizer_GRUuni = optim.Adam(GRU_uni.parameters(), lr=learning_rate,weight_decay=0.0001)
   model = GRU uni
   model.to(device)
   optimizer = optimizer_GRUuni
   GRU_bi = GRU(input_size, hidden_size, num_layers, True)
   optimizer_GRUbi = optim.Adam(GRU_bi.parameters(), lr=learning_rate,weight_decay=0.0001)
   model = GRU bi
   model.to(device)
   optimizer = optimizer GRUbi
elif modeltype == 'Transformer':
  input_size = 1 # Single lead
 d model = 64
 nhead = 8
 num_encoder_layers = 6
 dim feedforward = 256
 learning rate = 0.0001
 transformer = Transformer(input_size, d_model, nhead, num_encoder_layers, dim_feedforward)
 optimizer_transformer = optim.Adam(transformer.parameters(), lr=learning_rate, weight_decay=0.000001)
 model = transformer
 model.to(device)
 optimizer = optimizer_transformer
X_train_record = fold['train']['X']
X_val_record = fold['val']['X']
y_train_record = fold['train']['y']
y_val_record = fold['val']['y']
if modeltype == 'CNN':
```

Figure 4.30 Main code part 2



Figure 4.31 Main code part 3



Figure 4.32 Main code part 4

### 4.7 Visualization

Two methods were available in this project to visualize the performance metrics. Plotting a graph could show the changes in the performance metrics throughout the epochs while the confusion matrix could give an intuitive observation of the correct and wrong decisions made by the classifier. The implementation of graph plotting is available in **Figure 4.33** while **Figure 4.34** and **Figure 4.35** are responsible for the implementation of a confusion matrix.



Figure 4.33 Graph plot for loss, accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score of best-performing

model



Figure 4.34 Confusion matrix of best-performing model's training and validation

performance metrics

```
test label = np.concatenate(test label)
test_pred = np.concatenate(test_pred)
cm = confusion matrix(test label, test pred)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, cmap='Blues', fmt='g', cbar=False)
plt.title('Confusion Matrix - Testing Set')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('True')
plt.show()
accuracy = accuracy_score(test_label, test_pred )
precision = precision score(test label, test pred )
recall = recall_score(test_label, test_pred )
f1 = f1_score(test_label, test_pred )
print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
print("Precision:", precision)
print("Recall:", recall)
print("F1 Score:", f1)
```

Figure 4.35 Confusion matrix of best-performing model's testing performance metrics

### 4.8 Training & Validation Performance Metrics

**Table 4.2** is a summary recording all the performance metrics of the best-performing model in their 10-fold cross-validation. Alternatively, the visualization of the performance metrics of each classifier will be shown in the following sections. Overall, the 1D-CNN classifier had the best performance in both the intra-/inter-patient training and validation process. Other than that, GRU also had good and stable results in both types of analysis, followed by LSTM and Transformer. Throughout the training and validation process, there were no large differences were observed between the intra-patient classifier and the inter-patient classifier. Noticeably, the bi-directional version of LSTM and GRU does help the performance matrix in the intra-patient analysis but not the inter-patient analysis.

Almost all the classifiers are able to learn a good decision function from the training set to detect the presence of MI. Nevertheless, the transformer model was observed to suffer from underfitting which is an incapability to capture and learn features from the signals. This might be because of the reason of lack of complexity (the model is too simple) due to the application of a typical hyperparameter setting while other classifiers with designed architecture are able to converge to 90% above.

| Table 4.2 Training and Validation performance metrics of trained classifier in both types of |
|--|
| analysis   |

| Performance      | Accuracy      | Precision     | Sensitivity / | F1 Score      |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| metrics          |               |               | Recall        |               |
| Models           |               |               |               |               |
| Intra Uni - LSTM | Train: 96.87% | Train: 96.86% | Train: 96.89% | Train: 0.9687 |
|                  | Val: 96.74%   | Val: 98.17%   | Val: 95.25%   | Val: 0.9669   |
|                  |               |               |               |               |
| Inter Uni - LSTM | Train: 96.02% | Train: 96.27% | Train: 95.51% | Train: 0.9589 |
|                  | Val: 96.06%   | Val: 96.68%   | Val: 98.77%   | Val: 0.9771   |
|                  |               |               |               |               |
| Intra Bi - LSTM  | Train: 97.21% | Train: 97.23% | Train: 97.20% | Train: 0.9721 |
|                  | Val: 97.43%   | Val: 96.63%   | Val: 98.30%   | Val: 0.9745   |
|                  |               |               |               |               |

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| Inter Bi - LSTM   | Train: 95.21% | Train: 96.14% | Train: 93.94% | Train: 0.9502 |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   | Val: 90.36%   | Val: 99.80 %  | Val: 88.86%   | Val: 0.9401   |
|                   |               |               |               |               |
| Intra Uni – GRU   | Train: 98.11% | Train: 98.21% | Train: 98.00% | Train: 0.9811 |
|                   | Val: 98.70%   | Val: 99.21%   | Val: 98.18%   | Val: 0.9869   |
|                   |               |               |               |               |
| Inter Uni – GRU   | Train: 97.74% | Train: 97.68% | Train: 97.66% | Train: 0.9767 |
|                   | Val: 96.22 %  | Val: 98.23%   | Val: 97.31%   | Val: 0.9777   |
|                   |               |               |               |               |
| Intra Bi – GRU    | Train: 97.64% | Train: 97.64% | Train: 97.65% | Train: 0.9764 |
|                   | Val: 98.23%   | Val: 97.40%   | Val: 99.10%   | Val: 0.9824   |
|                   |               |               |               |               |
| Inter Bi – GRU    | Train: 97.32% | Train: 97.42% | Train: 97.07% | Train: 0.9724 |
|                   | Val: 95.37%   | Val: 94.99%   | Val: 99.82%   | Val: 0.9734   |
| Intra 1D – CNN    | Train: 99 66% | Train: 99 64% | Train: 99 68% | Train: 0 9966 |
|                   | Val: 00.070/  | Val: 00 089/  | Val: 00.05%   | Val: 0.0007   |
|                   | val. 99.9770  | val. 99.9870  | val. 99.93%   | val. 0.9997   |
|                   |               |               |               |               |
| Inter 1D - CNN    | Train: 99.76% | Train: 99.76% | Train: 99.75% | Train: 0.9975 |
|                   | Val: 96.82%   | Val: 97.02%   | Val: 99.32%   | Val: 0.9815   |
|                   |               |               |               |               |
| Intra Transformer | Train: 86.79% | Train: 89.29% | Train: 83.61% | Train: 0.8636 |
|                   | Val: 82.01%   | Val: 78.92%   | Val: 87.36%   | Val: 0.8293   |
|                   |               |               |               |               |
| Inter Transformer | Train: 87.80% | Train: 88.72% | Train: 86.48% | Train: 0.8759 |
|                   | Val: 86.50%   | Val: 85.83%   | Val: 99.14%   | Val: 0.9200   |
|                   |               |               |               |               |
|                   |               | 1             |               |               |

# 4.8.1 Visualization

The performance metrics of each classifier were visualized through the graphs and confusion matrix produced after the completion of the training and validation process as shown in **Figure 4.36** to **Figure 4.67** type by type.



## 4.8.1.1 Intra-Patient Uni-Directional LSTM

Figure 4.36 Graphs of performance metrics of intra-patient uni-directional LSTM classifier



Figure 4.37 Training confusion matrix of intra-patient uni-directional LSTM classifier



Figure 4.38 Validation confusion matrix of intra-patient uni-directional LSTM classifier



4.8.1.2 Inter-Patient Uni-Directional LSTM

Figure 4.39 Graphs of performance metrics of inter-patient uni-directional LSTM classifier



Figure 4.40 Training confusion matrix of inter-patient uni-directional LSTM classifier



Figure 4.41 Validation confusion matrix of inter-patient uni-directional LSTM classifier



4.8.1.3 Intra-Patient Bi-Directional LSTM

Figure 4.42 Graphs of performance metrics of intra-patient bi-directional LSTM classifier



Figure 4.43 Training confusion matrix of intra-patient bi-directional LSTM classifier



Figure 4.44 Validation confusion matrix of intra-patient bi-directional LSTM classifier



# 4.8.1.4 Inter-Patient Bi-Directional LSTM

Figure 4.45 Graphs of performance metrics of inter-patient bi-directional LSTM classifier



Figure 4.46 Training confusion matrix of inter-patient bi-directional LSTM classifier



Figure 4.47 Validation confusion matrix of inter-patient bi-directional LSTM classifier



4.8.1.5 Intra-Patient Uni-Directional GRU

Figure 4.48 Graphs of performance metrics of intra-patient uni-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.49 Training confusion matrix of intra-patient uni-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.50 Validation confusion matrix of intra-patient uni-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.51 Graphs of performance metrics of inter-patient uni-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.52 Training confusion matrix of inter-patient uni-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.53 Validation confusion matrix of inter-patient uni-directional GRU classifier



4.8.1.7 Intra-Patient Bi-Directional GRU

Figure 4.54 Graphs of performance metrics of intra-patient bi-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.55 Validation confusion matrix of intra-patient bi-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.56 Validation confusion matrix of intra-patient bi-directional GRU classifier



## 4.8.1.8 Inter-Patient Bi-Directional GRU

Figure 4.57 Graphs of performance metrics of inter-patient bi-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.58 Validation confusion matrix of inter-patient bi-directional GRU classifier



Figure 4.59 Validation confusion matrix of inter-patient bi-directional GRU classifier

## 4.7.9 Intra-Patient 1D-CNN



Figure 4.60 Graphs of performance metrics of intra-patient 1D-CNN classifier



Figure 4.61 Training confusion matrix of intra-patient 1D-CNN classifier



Figure 4.62 Validation confusion matrix of intra-patient 1D-CNN classifier





Figure 4.63 Graphs of performance metrics of inter-patient 1D-CNN classifier



Figure 4.64 Training confusion matrix of inter-patient 1D-CNN classifier



Figure 4.65 Validation confusion matrix of inter-patient 1D-CNN classifier
#### 4.7.11 Intra-Patient Transformer Classifier



Figure 4.66 Graphs of performance metrics of intra-patient Transformer classifier



Figure 4.67 Training confusion matrix of intra-patient Transformer classifier



Figure 4.68 Validation confusion matrix of intra-patient Transformer classifier



#### 4.7.12 Inter-Patient Transformer Classifier

Figure 4.69 Graphs of performance metrics of inter-patient Transformer classifier



Figure 4.70 Training confusion matrix of inter-patient Transformer classifier



Figure 4.71 Validation confusion matrix of inter-patient Transformer classifier

# Chapter 5 SYSTEM EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION

#### 5.1 Overview

Although all the classifiers trained by different data-split methods were able to obtain high performance in the training and validation phase, **Table 5.1**, the significant difference between the performance metrics of each pair of intra-patient classifier and inter-patient classifiers was observed. This is because of the data imbalance issue that exists in the dataset caused by the inter-patient splitting method. In inter-patient analysis, the patient folders were randomly assigned to only either the training set, validation set or testing set. The overfitting problem might appear if the data in the training set lack diversity or variability, therefore the classifier could not learn a more complex decision function to detect the presence of MI from an unusual or poor-quality MI ECG.

| Performance      | Accuracy      | Precision    | Sensitivity / | F1 Score     |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| metrics          |               |              | Recall        |              |
| Models           |               |              |               |              |
| Intra Uni - LSTM | Test: 92.90%  | Test: 97.81% | Test: 87.26%  | Test: 0.9213 |
|                  |               |              |               |              |
| Inter Uni - LSTM | Test: 90.53%  | Test: 94.11% | Test: 94.88%  | Test: 0.9449 |
|                  |               |              |               |              |
|                  |               |              |               |              |
| Intra Bi - LSTM  | Test: 95.46%  | Test: 96.48% | Test: 94.44%  | Test: 0.9545 |
|                  |               |              |               |              |
|                  |               |              |               |              |
| Inter Bi - LSTM  | Test: 73. 40% | Test: 93.59% | Test: 73.99%  | Test: 0.8264 |
|                  |               |              |               |              |
|                  |               |              |               |              |
| Intra Uni – GRU  | Test: 94.60%  | Test: 98.71% | Test: 90.48%  | Test: 0.9442 |
|                  |               |              |               |              |
|                  |               |              |               |              |

Table 5.1 Testing performance metrics of trained classifier in both types of analysis

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| Inter Uni – GRU   | Test: 86.65 % | Test: 94.88% | Test: 89.21%  | Test: 0.9196 |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                   |               |              |               |              |
| Intra Bi – GRU    | Test: 95.43%  | Test: 98.15% | Test: 92.68 % | Test: 0.9534 |
| Inter Bi – GRU    | Test: 85.85%  | Test: 92.33% | Test: 91.02%  | Test: 0.9167 |
| Intra 1D – CNN    | Test: 97.68%  | Test: 99.92% | Test: 95.47%  | Test: 0.9764 |
| Inter 1D - CNN    | Test: 85.82%  | Test: 90.46% | Test: 93.27%  | Test: 0.9184 |
| Intra Transformer | Test: 82.28%  | Test: 77.63% | Test: 91.12%  | Test: 0.8384 |
| Inter Transformer | Test: 91.15%  | Test: 91.75% | Test: 98.52%  | Test: 0.9501 |

#### 5.2 LSTM



#### 5.2.1 Intra-Patient Uni-Directional LSTM

Figure 5.1 Testing confusion matrix of intra-patient uni-directional LSTM classifier

#### 5.2.2 Inter-Patient Uni-Directional LSTM



Figure 5.2 Testing confusion matrix of inter-patient uni-directional LSTM classifier

#### 5.2.3 Intra-Patient Bi-Directional LSTM



Figure 5.3 Testing confusion matrix of intra-patient bi-directional LSTM classifier

#### 5.2.4 Inter-Patient Bi-Directional LSTM



Figure 5.4 Testing confusion matrix of inter-patient bi-directional LSTM classifier

#### 5.3 GRU



#### 5.3.1 Intra-Patient Uni-Directional GRU

Figure 5.5 Testing confusion matrix of intra-patient uni-directional GRU classifier

#### 5.3.2 Inter-Patient Uni-Directional GRU



Figure 5.6 Testing confusion matrix of inter-patient uni-directional GRU classifier

#### 5.3.3 Intra-Patient Bi-Directional GRU



Figure 5.7 Testing confusion matrix of intra-patient bi-directional GRU classifier

#### 5.3.4 Inter-Patient Bi-Directional GRU



Figure 5.8 Testing confusion matrix of inter-patient bi-directional GRU classifier

#### 5.4 1D-CNN

#### 5.4.1 Intra-Patient 1D-CNN



Figure 5.9 Testing confusion matrix of intra-patient 1D-CNN classifier

#### 5.4.2 Inter-Patient 1D-CNN



Figure 5.10 Testing confusion matrix of inter-patient 1D-CNN classifier

#### 5.5 Transformer



#### 5.5.1 Intra-Patient Transformer Classifier

5.5.2 Inter-Patient Transformer Classifier



Figure 5.12 Testing confusion matrix of inter-patient Transformer classifier

#### 5.3 Challenges

Although all the classifiers trained by different data-split methods were able to obtain high performance in the training and validation phase, **Table 5.1**, the significant difference between the performance metrics of each pair of intra-patient classifier and inter-patient Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)

classifiers was observed. This is because of the data imbalance issue that exists in the dataset caused by the inter-patient splitting method. In inter-patient analysis, the patient folders were randomly assigned to only either the training set, validation set or testing set. The overfitting problem might appear if the data in the training set lack diversity or variability, therefore the classifier could not learn a more complex decision function to detect the presence of MI from an unseen, unusual or poor-quality MI ECG. Plus, the number of patients in the dataset was only 200 and only 48 of them are healthy subjects. Therefore, one of the challenges in this project is to get a balanced and large dataset with high signal quality.

Secondly, the options for data augmentation that can be applied to the signal are limited as the voltage value on each time step carries information.

Thirdly, to prove the complexity of the classifier network is enough to capture necessary features from the ECGs, a lot of fine-tuning/experiments are required to observe the performance metrics.

#### 5.4 **Objectives Evaluation**

The first objective was achieved by training the proposed designed networks, LSTM, GRU, 1D-CNN and transformer with single-lead ECG data through an inter-patient analysis. The second objective was achieved by visualizing the performance metrics including accuracy, precision, sensitivity and F1-score of each type of classifier through the graphs and the confusion matrix. The difference in performance metrics was also explored by developing an intra-patient classifier for each type of classifier with the same hyperparameter setting to make a comparison. The effect of different data-split methods is serious, especially in the dataset used in this project. Without learning leaked heartbeats from the same patients, the classifier should not have such high performance.

# Chapter 6 CONCLUSION AND LIMITATIONS

#### 6.1 Conclusion

By implementing the patient-split technique, the decrement in performance metrics obtained by the models could be expected when compared to the previous studies that implemented intra-patient analysis or did not mention how they split the data. To increase the reliability of the performance shown by the models, it must be trained in a way that can represent or simulate the real-world environment otherwise its performance can be questioned. On top of this, it is dangerous to society when a classifier with misleadingly high testing performance especially in terms of sensitivity is applied by the public as misclassification can happen. In conclusion, four types of classifiers are proposed in this project to observe their ability to detect the presence of MI in an inter-patient analysis, by taking the ECGs as the input. Unidirectional LSTM and Transformer classifiers are able to get an accuracy above 90% and yet also keep other performance metrics above 90%. GRU classifiers were the weakest classifiers explored throughout this project. While in both intra-patient and inter-patient analysis, 1D-CNN has the highest performance metrics in training and validation phases and it can converge in through a small number of epochs. Thus, it has the highest potential to be developed as the most robust and accurate classifier to detect MI.

To counter the growing population size and unhealthy diet habits spread across the global society, the growing demand for manual human interpretation of ECG caused too much workload to the medical field, especially the cardiologists, therefore a deep-learning-based classifier takes place to monitor the occurrence of MI among the public simultaneously.

#### 6.2 Future Works

A few future works can be expected to explore the potential of each classifier, which are more fine-tuning and re-train the networks using a large balanced dataset to allow them to learn more features from both MI patients and normal subjects.

Secondly, another dataset with the same sampling rate is required to test the ability of generalization of the classifier to increase its reliability. Unfortunately, another open-source database, PTB-XL [45] is applying a different sampling rate (500Hz frequency) while the

trained classifiers in this project were trained by ECGs with a 1000Hz sampling rate. That means half of the information the classifier requires to make the decision is lost.

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## **APPENDIX**

## FINAL YEAR PROJECT WEEKLY REPORT

(Project II)

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Project Title: Automatic Detection of Myocardial Infarction (MI) using ECG

**Signals with Artificial Intelligence** 

#### **1. WORK DONE**

- 1. Realized the intra-patient splitting
- 2. Trained intra-patient LSTM and GRU classifier

#### 2. WORK TO BE DONE

- 1. Design architecture of 1D-CNN
- 2. Train intra-patient and inter-patient1D-CNN classifier

#### **3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

1. Architecture design is a subjective

#### 4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS

1. I should review and take reference from other research paper to look for an appropriate network design.

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#### **Signals with Artificial Intelligence**

#### **1. WORK DONE**

- 1. Designed an architecture for 1D-CNN classifier
- 2. Successfully upload the dataset to Google Drive
- 3. Utilize the function from the wfdb library to read the data file to obtain the reading.
- 4. Assign the label (0/1) to each subject to differentiate them
- 5. Continued the literature review

#### 2. WORK TO BE DONE

- 1. Split the data into a training set and a testing set at the patient level to ensure inter-patient analysis
- 2. Check the type, data type and shape of data
- 3. Calculate the number of MI patients and normal subjects
- 4. Visualize the ECGs

#### **3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

1. 1D-CNN requires a input with different shape

#### 4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS

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#### **1. WORK DONE**

- 1. Used train\_test\_split function from Sklearn to do the inter-patient data splitting.
- 2. The types, data types and shape of data were revealed through Numpy and Python built-in function
- 3. The total number of MI patients and normal subjects were revealed: 148 MI patients and 52 normal subjects
- 4. The ECGs were visualized using matplotlib

#### 2. WORK TO BE DONE

- 1. Preprocessing steps such as denoise and baseline wandering
- 2. Search for implementation of Pan Tompkins algorithm to carry out the QRS and R peak detection
- 3. Segmentation of ECGs to produce distinct heartbeats

#### **3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

1. It is memory-consuming to visualize all the ECGs

#### 4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS

1. I should be more careful in memory management or subscribe to Google Colab Pro to have more memory

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#### **1. WORK DONE**

- 1. A Savitzky-Golay Filter was used to denoise the ECGs and remove their baseline wandering
- 2. The Pan-Tompkins algorithm was found on GitHub
- 3. Segmentation was carried out using the R-peak for each heartbeat cycle

#### 2. WORK TO BE DONE

- 1. Build LSTM network architecture
- 2. Build GRU network architecture
- 3. Build 1D-CNN network architecture
- 4. Training and evaluation of different network
- 5. Make the data into batches using the data loader function

#### **3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

1. None

#### 4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS

1. The progress is good

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#### **1. WORK DONE**

- 1. Network architecture is built for LSTM, GRU and 1D-CNN
- 2. Each model is trained using batches of training data
- 3. Each model is evaluated using batches of testing data
- 4. Visualization of the performance of each network

#### 2. WORK TO BE DONE

- 1. The fine-tuning to search for better parameters for each network
- 2. Produce the FYP1 report
- 3. Poster design

#### **3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

1. Time-consuming to train the network if the epoch number is too large.

#### **4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS**

1. I should properly manage my time

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#### **1. WORK DONE**

[Please write the details of the work done in the last fortnight.]

- 1. The fine-tuning process for each network
- 2. Poster was designed

#### 2. WORK TO BE DONE

- 1. FYP 1 report
- 2. Presentation slide for moderation

#### **3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

1. None

#### **4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS**

1. The progress is lagging behind

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## AUTOMATIC DETECTION OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION USING ECG SIGNALS WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

#### INTRODUCTION

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- Myocardial Infarction = Heart Attack = Heart Muscle fail to pump blood
- ECG : Capture electrical activities of human heart
- Heart Attack induces changes in ECG signals.

### OBJECTIVE



- To propose an automatic detection of myocardial infarction (MI) from ECG signals for inter-patient analysis, utilizing data from a single ECG lead, deploying Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM), Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU), 1-dimensional Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Transformer.
- (CNN) and Transformer.
  To evaluate the result of MI detection within LSTM, GRU, 1D-CNN and Transformer networks for inter-patient analysis.
- To investigate the effect of deploying different data-split methods on the performance of the models for inter-patient and intra-patient analysis.

#### PROPOSED METHOD



- Develop models : LSTM, GRU, 1D-CNN and Transformer
- Data splitting : Inter-patient and Intra-patient
- Reduce complexity : Use only single-lead data (lead II)

#### RESULTS

- Overall, the intra-patient classsifers perform better than inter-patient classifiers in training, validating and testing.
- 1D-CNN is the best-performing model in both intra-/inter-patient analysis
- Data Imbalance issue is the main problem of lower performance of inter-patient classifier

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