

# CREDIT CARD FRAUD DETECTION USING DEEP LEARNING TECHNIQUES

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**Abstract** -In order to effectively detect credit card fraud, new methods must be developed given its rising prevalence in today's digital environment. We provide a novel deep learning approach application in this work to deal with this urgent problem. Our suggested approach aims to achieve greater accuracy in recognising fraudulent transactions while minimising false positives by leveraging the capability of convolutional neural networks (CNNs). To overcome the challenge of imbalanced data, we carefully preprocess and balance the dataset. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy precision, recall, and F1 score have been employed to assess the model efficiency incorporating convolutional neural network layers, our model surpasses traditional methods by capturing complex dependencies and uncovering subtle patterns within the data. This advanced level of analysis enables more precise and reliable identification of fraudulent transactions.

**Key Words:** Convolutional Neural Network, Accuracy Precision, Recall, F1 Score

## INTRODUCTION:

Credit card fraud has become a widespread and expensive issue in today's connected society, hurting both customers and financial institutions. Because fraudsters are persistent in their efforts to exploit flaws in transactional systems, cutting-edge and innovative techniques are required to combat this ever-evolving danger. Particularly deep learning methods based on convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have recently attracted interest as a potentially successful method to improve the efficacy and accuracy of credit card fraud detection.

These approaches often fail to capture the intricate patterns and dependencies that underlie fraudulent activities, leading to increased false positives or missed detections. Contrarily, deep learning offers a paradigm change by utilising neural networks to automatically learn and extract pertinent elements from large amounts of complicated data, enabling systems to more accurately identify fraudulent transactions.

The goal of this project is to investigate how deep learning methods, particularly CNNs, can be used to detect credit card fraud. We seek to develop a model that can successfully distinguish between fraudulent and genuine transactions by utilising CNNs, thus boosting the security and dependability of financial institutions.

We'll use a carefully selected dataset from a well-known machine learning kaggle dataset to accomplish this purpose. This dataset consists of a thorough compilation of transactional

data that includes both fraudulent and legitimate transactions.. By incorporating this diverse and highly skewed dataset, we aim to provide our model with the necessary information to learn and identify patterns indicative of fraudulent activities.

The methodology employed in this research involves preprocessing and balancing the dataset to address the inherent challenge of imbalanced data. Subsequently, we will train and fine-tune the CNN model using state-of-the-art techniques, optimizing its performance in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score.

This study aims to contribute to the field of credit card fraud detection by showcasing the unique capabilities of deep learning approaches. By unveiling the potential of CNNs in capturing complex relationships and patterns within transactional data, we strive to provide financial institutions with a more robust and reliable tool for identifying fraudulent activities.

The subsequent sections of this research will delve into the detailed methodology, experimental setup, and evaluation of our proposed deep learning-based approach. Additionally, we will contrast our findings with those of other approaches, emphasising the benefits and efficiency of our original strategy.

In the end, we want to enhance the field of credit card fraud detection by using the power of deep learning and give financial institutions a proactive and precise way to protect their systems, reduce financial losses, and keep their customers' trust.. Hand sign recognition has emerged as a promising field within computer vision, enabling innovative applications across various domains. In particular, recognizing hand gestures that represent numerical digits holds significant potential for enhancing human-computer interaction and accessibility. This research paper presents a comprehensive study on hand sign recognition exclusively for numbers, aiming to develop accurate and efficient algorithms for real-time recognition.

## LITERATURE SURVEY:

Wang et al. (2016) proposed a deep learning-based model for credit card fraud detection using a stacked autoencoder. Their model achieved superior performance by learning high-level representations of transactional data, capturing both global and local features that are indicative of fraudulent behavior. The results demonstrated improved accuracy and reduced false positives compared to traditional methods.

Liang et al. (2018) utilized a deep belief network (DBN) to detect credit card fraud. The DBN model effectively learned the hierarchical structure of the data, enabling it to extract intricate patterns and dependencies. By exploiting the spatial structure

of the input data, the CNN model was able to identify local patterns that are characteristic of fraudulent transactions. The authors reported significant improvements in accuracy and fraud detection rates compared to traditional machine learning algorithms.

Gao et al. (2020) proposed a novel deep learning framework for credit card fraud detection. Their model combined an attention-based long short-term memory (LSTM) network with a generative adversarial network (GAN) to balance the dataset and enhance the discriminative power of the model. The results demonstrated improved fraud detection rates and reduced false positives.

Chen et al. (2021) introduced a hybrid model for credit card fraud detection, combining CNN and recurrent neural network (RNN) architectures. By fusing the strengths of both models, their hybrid approach captured both spatial and temporal dependencies in the transactional data, leading to enhanced fraud detection performance. The literature on credit card fraud detection using deep learning techniques showcases the significant potential of these approaches in improving fraud detection rates and reducing false positives. Models based on autoencoders, deep belief networks, CNNs, LSTM networks, and hybrid architectures have shown promising results in capturing complex patterns and dependencies within transactional data. These approaches have the potential to revolutionize credit card fraud detection systems, providing financial institutions with more robust and reliable tools to combat fraudulent activities and safeguard their customers' assets.

## 2.2 METHODOLOGY:

To achieve effective credit card fraud detection using deep learning techniques, the following unique methodology is proposed. The methodology encompasses data preprocessing, model architecture, training process, and evaluation.

### Data Preprocessing:

Obtain a comprehensive dataset containing a mixture of fraudulent and non-fraudulent credit card transactions. Perform data cleaning, including handling missing values, outliers, and duplicates. Analyze the class distribution to address the challenge of imbalanced data, employing techniques such as oversampling, undersampling, or synthetic data generation.

### Model Architecture:

Utilize a convolutional neural network (CNN) as the primary architecture for capturing spatial patterns and dependencies in the transactional data. Design the CNN model with multiple convolutional layers, each followed by pooling layers to extract relevant features and downsample the data. Incorporate activation functions, such as ReLU, to introduce non-linearity and enhance the model's ability to learn complex representations. Include dropout layers to prevent overfitting by randomly disabling a fraction of neurons during training.

Add fully connected layers to connect the extracted features and enable classification.

### Training Process:

Split the preprocessed dataset into training, validation, and testing sets. Initialize the CNN model's weights and biases using appropriate initialization techniques. Define the loss function, such as binary cross-entropy, to measure the discrepancy between predicted and actual class labels. Employ an optimizer, such as Adam or RMSprop, to iteratively update the model's parameters and minimize the loss. Train the model on the training set, feeding batches of data to the network and updating the weights using backpropagation. Regularly monitor the performance on the validation set to prevent overfitting and determine the optimal number of training epochs.

### Evaluation:

Use several metrics, like as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score, to assess the trained model's performance on the testing set. To evaluate the model's capacity to distinguish between fraudulent and non-fraudulent transactions, compute the confusion matrix. To evaluate the overall effectiveness of the model, analyse the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve and compute the area under the curve (AUC).

To show the success of the suggested deep learning solution, compare the findings with baseline methods or other fraud detection strategies.

## 3. DATASET AND PREPROCESSING:

To train a deep learning model for credit card fraud detection, a carefully curated dataset is required. The dataset should consist of a diverse collection of credit card transactions, encompassing both fraudulent and non-fraudulent instances. The uniqueness of the dataset and appropriate preprocessing techniques are crucial to ensure the effectiveness and reliability of the deep learning model.

### 3.1 Dataset

Obtain a comprehensive dataset from reliable sources, such as credit card companies, financial institutions, or publicly available datasets like Kaggle. The dataset should include a sufficient number of fraudulent transactions to adequately represent the nature and complexity of fraudulent activities. Ensure the dataset contains a balanced representation of both fraudulent and non-fraudulent transactions, or implement techniques to address the challenge of imbalanced data.

### 3.2 Preprocessing:

Perform data cleaning to handle missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies in the dataset. Normalize the numerical features, such as transaction amounts, by scaling them to a common range (e.g., between 0 and 1) to avoid bias in the model's learning process.

### 3.3 Addressing Imbalance Data:

Imbalanced data is a common challenge in credit card fraud detection, where the number of non-fraudulent transactions outweighs the fraudulent ones. Apply techniques to address the class imbalance, such as oversampling the minority class (fraudulent transactions) using methods like SMOTE or undersampling the majority class (non-fraudulent transactions). Alternatively, utilize algorithms specifically designed for imbalanced data, such as cost-sensitive learning or ensemble methods, to mitigate the impact of imbalanced classes.

## 4. IMPLEMENTATION AND ALGORITHM:

### 4.1 CNN Architecture:

Due to Convolutional Neural Networks' (CNNs') capacity to accurately identify spatial patterns and correlations within transactional data, their use in the detection of credit card fraud has produced encouraging results. Here, we offer a special CNN algorithm created just for detecting credit card fraud, ensuring the security and dependability of financial transactions.

### 4.2 Training and Implementation:

The input layer, hidden layers, and output layer make up the deep learning model architecture. To capture pertinent patterns and dependencies in the data, a combination of convolutional layers, recurrent layers (such as LSTM or GRU), and fully connected layers is taken into consideration. To enhance model performance, several layer arrangements, activation mechanisms, and regularisation strategies are tested. The proper weights and biases are initialised in the deep learning model. The difference between expected and actual class labels is measured using a suitable loss function, such as binary cross-entropy. The model's parameters are updated in order to reduce the loss during training by using an optimizer, such as Adam or RMSprop. The training set is used to train the model, which is then fed batches of preprocessed data and updated. The deep learning model architecture is designed, consisting of an input layer, hidden layers, and an output layer. A combination of convolutional layers, recurrent layers (e.g., LSTM or GRU), and fully connected layers is considered to capture relevant patterns and dependencies in the data. Different layer configurations, activation functions, and regularization techniques are experimented with to optimize model performance.

## 5. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY:

### 5.1 Performance Metrics:

To assess the performance of the hand sign recognition system, various evaluation metrics are utilized. These metrics provide quantitative measures of the system's accuracy, efficiency, and robustness. The following metrics are commonly employed:

### 5.2 Accuracy:

Accuracy measures the percentage of correctly classified hand sign images. It is computed by dividing the number of correctly

predicted digits by the total number of test samples. Accuracy is a fundamental metric for evaluating the recognition system's overall performance.

### 5.3 Precision, Recall, and F1 Score:

Precision represents the proportion of true positive predictions out of all positive predictions. It measures the system's ability to correctly identify the true positive hand signs. Recall, also known as sensitivity or true positive rate, represents the proportion of true positive predictions out of all actual positive samples. F1 score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balanced measure of the system's performance.

## 6. RESULTS:

TABLE I Accuracy of Model

Model	Training Accuracy	Validation Accuracy
Without Max pooling layer	99.62%	90.36%
With Max Pooling	95.93%	88.32%

## 7. CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, Deep Learning-based credit card fraud detection offers a novel and efficient method for boosting the security and dependability of financial transactions. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), a powerful tool for deep learning, allow us to extract and understand complex connections from credit card transaction data. Input layers, feature extraction layers (such as convolutional layers), pooling layers for downsampling, and fully linked layers for global representations are all included in the architecture created for this use. To reduce the gap between predicted and actual class labels, the model is trained using the proper loss functions, optimizers, and regularizers. The model successfully separates fraudulent and non-fraudulent transactions by rigorous preprocessing, dataset balancing, and hyperparameter tuning.

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