

## Prediction and Classification of Cardiac Arrhythmia

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**Abstract-** Rapid advancements in technology have facilitated early diagnosis of diseases in the medical sector. One of the most prevalent medical conditions that demands early diagnosis is cardiac arrhythmia. ECG signals can be used to classify and detect the type of cardiac arrhythmia. This paper uses a novel approach to classify the ECG data into one of the sixteen types of arrhythmia using Machine Learning. The proposed method uses the UCI Machine Learning Repository dataset of cardiac arrhythmia to train the system on 279 different attributes. In order to increase the accuracy, the method uses Principal Component Analysis for dimensionality reduction, Bag of Visual Words approach for clustering and compares different classification algorithms like Support Vector Machine, Random Forest, Logistic Regression and K-Nearest Neighbor algorithms, thus choosing the most accurate algorithm, Support Vector Machine.

**Key Words :** Arrhythmia, ,Principal Component analysis, Support vector machine, K-NN, ,logistic regression.

### 1.INTRODUCTION

In India, a death is recorded every 33 seconds due to heart attack. In the past few decades, coronary heart disease, hypertension and other cardiovascular disease have become a global threat

to human life. In our country, this phenomenon is getting increasingly severe due to the aging of population, living environment and unhealthy food consumption.

ECG provides the information which is needed to identify the problems and hence it becomes important when developing an advanced diagnostic system.

#### 1.1Objective:

Our motive is to classify a patient into one of the Arrhythmia classes like Tachycardia and Bradycardia based on his ECG measurements and help us in understanding the application of machine learning in medical domain. After appropriate feature selection we plan to solve this problem by using Machine Learning Algorithms namely K Nearest Neighbour, Logistic Regression, Naïve Bayes and SVM and compared the results in order to get the suitable algorithm for correctly predicting the class cardiac arrhythmia.

#### 1.2 About Model:

In this paper, the aim is to develop a hybrid model which uses various machine learning techniques like principal component analysis, Bag of Words model and various classification algorithms. Using this model, it is possible to classify an ECG signal

to one of the 16 classes of arrhythmia, where class 1 means normal ECG signal, classes 2 to 15 are different types of arrhythmia and class 16 refers to the rest of unclassified ones. The use of machine learning will help in greater accuracy and high potential to detect severe cardiac arrhythmia possibilities.

## 2. RELATED WORK

Our proposed model makes use of this

concept in cardiology—

### 2.1 A Performance Analysis of Artificial Neural Networks for :

#### *Cardiac Arrhythmia Detection*

The paper takes in an ECG signal and converts the analog signal to a digital signal. The system has extracted 8 beats from each ECG signal sampled at 2223 samples per second and classified these beats. The next step was signal pre-processing which was denoising of loaded raw ECG signal. The system then extracts just three features from the signal; QRS complex duration, RR interval both normal and the one averaged over 8 beats. These features were further used by ANN classifiers such as Naive Bayes and Multi-class SVM to predict the class of the arrhythmia. The results were compared and the accuracy of each of the algorithms is calculated.

### 2.2 Identifying Best Feature Subset For Cardiac Arrhythmia Classification:

This paper presents a model which is divided into two parts - filter part and wrapper part. The filter part deals with feature selection from the cardiac arrhythmia dataset of the UCI machine learning repository. These help in identifying the best features without taking any assistance of a classification algorithm, but rather, just using a set of presumed criteria.

The feature election model presented makes use of both filter and wrapper techniques of feature selection. For judging the relative importance of each feature, an improved F-score is calculated for each and every feature, which produces a superset of features that can be used. Sequential Forward Search is then used for finding the final subset of most important features. Following this, SVM and KNN are used for classification of cardiac arrhythmia using the new list of features

#### *Data set*

The dataset for the project is taken from UCI Repository <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Arrhythmia>. There are (452) rows, each representing medical record of a different patient. 279 attributes like age, weight and patient's ECG related data are there. General attributes like age and weight have discrete integral values while other ECG features like QRS duration have real values. The variable Class is our target variable. There are in total 13 classes.

TABLE 1: CLASSES OF CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA

NO	CLASS	INSTANCES
1	Normal	245
2	Ischemic changes(Coronary Artery)	44
3	Old Anterior Myocardial Infarction	15
4	Old Inferior Myocardial Infarction	15
5	Sinus tachycardia	13
6	Sinus bradycardia	25
7	Ventricular Premature Contraction	3
8	Supraventricular Premature Contraction	2
9	Left bundle branch block	9
10	Right bundle branch block	50
11	Left ventricle hypertrophy	4
12	Atrial Fibrillation or Flutter	5
13	Others	22

### 3. OUR APPROACH

#### 3.1 Feature Selection:

From the dataset, out of the 279 features present, it was infeasible to extract all the features. This is because many features used some information that is not accessible to the doctors while analysing ECG reports

of patient. Hence, the dataset was narrowed with the help of Principal Component Analysis (PCA).

#### 3.2 Principal component analysis:

Principal component analysis is a method of extracting variables that influence the final decision the most and provide as much as information as possible. The aim of PCA in this paper is to reduce the dataset containing large amount of dimensions and find out features with low dimensions. A principal component is a combination of the normalized linear original predictors in a dataset. Let us assume a

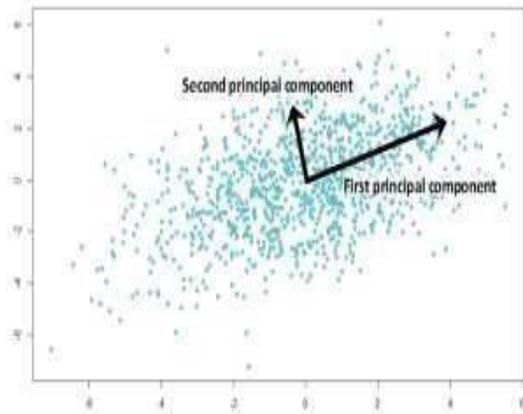
Predictor set as:  $Y^1, Y^2, \dots, Y^n$

The principal component can be written

$$Z^1 = \Phi^1 Y^1 + \Phi^2 Y^2 + \Phi^3 Y^3 + \dots + \Phi^n Y^n$$

$Z^1$  is first principal component  $\Phi^n$  is the loading vector that comprises of loadings ( $\Phi^1, \Phi^2, \dots$ ) of first principal component. The loadings are restricted to a unit sum of square. There as on being  $t$  has large variance as because due to high magnitude of the loadings.  $\Phi^n$  defines the direction of the principal component ( $Z^1$ ) along which maximum variance of the data is observed. It gives rise to a line in  $n$ -dimensional space which is in close proximity to the  $m$  observations. Average squared Euclidean distance is used to measure the closeness.

$X^1 \dots X_n$  are normalized predictors; that have zero mean and unit standard deviation.



The variability captured by the first component is directly proportional to the information captured by that component.

The first principal component results in a line which is nearest to the data i.e. the minimum sum of squared distance between a

data point and the line. The first principal component outputs a line which is nearest to the data i.e. the minimum value obtained by summing the squared distance between a data point and the line.

As a scree plot is developed to find factors which capture most of the data variability. The values are represented in decreasing order. By plotting a cumulative variance plot, we get a further clearer picture of the number of components required.

The plot in Fig. shows 150 components depicting around 99% variance in the dataset. Therefore, using PCA the 279 predictors were reduced to 150 with the same explained variance.

### 3.2.1 KNN (K-Nearest Neighbours):

$$d(a, b) = \sqrt{\sum_i (a_i - b_i)^2}$$

Here we used KNN because it is simple to implement & very straight forward. Here, an object is classified by a majority vote of its neighbours, with the object being assigned to the class most common among its k nearest neighbours. This is done by measuring distances between the object and its neighbours. The following formula shows a representation of simple Euclidian distance, where 'a' and 'b' are the respective positions of the object and one of its neighbours. KNN is very sensitive to irrelevant or redundant features as all features contribute to the

similarity and thus to the classification. This was improved by careful feature selection described previously. The results are summarized below.

TABLE 2: KNN CLASSIFICATION WITH PCA

Training-Testing Size	K Neighbours	Training Accuracy	Test Accuracy
70%-30%	6	100 %	55.14

### 3.2.2 Logistic Regression:

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) + y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=0}^1 1 \{y^{(i)} = j\} \log p(y^{(i)} = j | x^{(i)}; \theta) \right]$$

Logistic regression hypothesis gives the output as a estimated probability .A threshold value is set to and based upon a this threshold a estimated probability can be classified into class. Forex. let us threshold value is 0.5 then a 0.6 es timated probability then input is considered as in class 1 whereas a input with estimated probability 0.3 is considered as in class 0.

Logistic regression hypothesis uses a sigmoid function. We need to maximize the probability by minimizing the loss function .Decreasing the cost will increase the maximum likelihood. Values of Coefficients (beta) that minimize the error in the probabilities predicted by the model to those in data.

TABLE 3: LOGISTIC REGRESSION CLASSIFICATION WITH PCA

Training-Testing Size	Training Accuracy	Test Accuracy
70%-30%	88.92 %	72

### 3.2.3 Naïve – Bayes Classifier

$$P(x, y) = \prod_{i=1}^m \left( \prod_{j=1}^n \phi_{j,x_j^{(i)} | y=y^{(i)}} \right) \phi_{y^{(i)}} \quad (5)$$

In Naive Bayes algorithm we assume that predictors are independent and use the Bayes theorem for classification purpose. We calculate posterior probability and a class with highest posterior probability is outcome.

Here

$$P(c|x) = (P(x|c)P(c))/P(x)$$

Where

P(c|x) is the posterior probability of class x

P(x) is the prior probability of predictors

P(c) is the prior probability of class.

P(x|c) is likelihood which is the probability of predictor given class.

this algorithms convert input into frequency tables and then with the help of calculated prior probabilities , we calculate posterior probabilities and consider a highest among them as outcome. The results are summarised below –

TABLE 4: NAÏVE BAYE CLASSIFICATION

Training-Testing Size	Training Accuracy	Test Accuracy
70%-30%	70.56 %	55.88

### 3.2.4 SVM (Support VectorMachines)

In SVM we find a Hyperplane for N dimensional space where N is the number of features, this hyper plane is a line for 2 dimensional and a plane is considered as a hyperplane for 3 Dimension. Points falling in same side of a hyperplane is

With PCA

Training-Testing Size	Training Accuracy	Test Accuracy
70%-30%	95.88 %	<b>72.05 %</b>

dimensional space where N is the number of features, this hyper plane is a line for 2 dimensional and a plane is considered as a hyperplane for 3 Dimension. Points falling in same side of a hyperplane is considered as in a same class.by plugging input values into the equation of hyperplane, we can predict the class of a input

### 3.3 .Results:

FIG 1: COMPARISON GRAPH BETWEEN DIFFERENT ALGORITHM

The main objective of this project was to develop a system that could robustly detectan arrhythmia. The second objective of this project was to

considered as in a same classes.

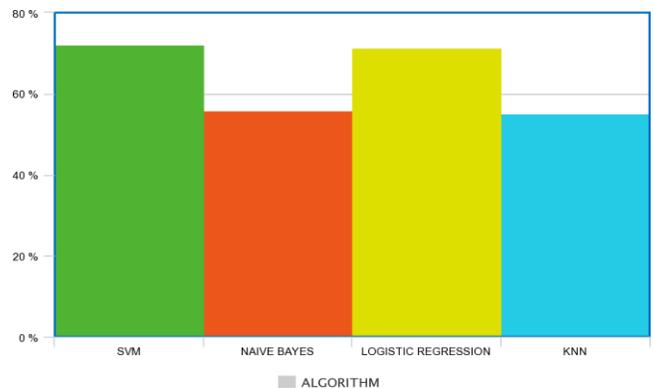
In SVM our aim is to maximize the margin of hyperplane from the points. For this purpose we have Support vectors, this are the points closer to hyperplane and influence its position.

develop a method to robustly classify an ECG trace into one of 13 broad arrhythmia classes. We report our performance for each of the five methods using two different methodologies. Weshow results for each algorithm, as well as vary other parameters for betterresults.

We obtained best result in SVM with 72.05 accuracy, other algorithms Logistic regression gives accuracy 71.42, KNN gives accuracy 55.14 and naïve Bayes gives accuracy 55.88.

### 4.CONCLUSION

It is clear from the above data that the SVM and Logistic Regression algorithms are capable of automatically detecting arrhythmias with reliable accuracy(Training Data = 88.9% and Testing Data=72%). Our general approach in this project was as follows. We started with KNN and we tried to obtain maximum accuracy for different valuesofK ranging from 3 to 13. Then we used Logistic Regression which uses the sigmoid



function and we ran it using Gradient descent and Newton's method. Logistic regression gave comparatively better results with average accuracy around 73%. Naïve-Bayes classifier gave poor results due to problem of lack of enough training examples (452) and excessive number of features. SVM using linear kernels gave the best results with average accuracy of classification around 96% for training set and 73% for testing set.

We used 4 classifiers for the classification of cardiac arrhythmia. These were Naive Bayes Algorithms, Support Vector Machine, Logistic Regression and KNN classifier.

When the dataset was cross-validated and tested, the maximum accuracy was found to be obtained by Support Vector Machine Classifier. The accuracy obtained was 72.05%.

Thus in our approach, we have used the Support Vector Machine Classifier to obtain the best possible results for classifying arrhythmia.

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