



Study and Review of Arrhythmia Detection and Classification Using Machine Learning

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Abstract— Due to its simplicity and low cost, analyzing an electrocardiogram (ECG) is the most common technique for detecting cardiac arrhythmia. The massive amount of ECG data collected every day, in home and hospital, may preclude data review by human operators/technicians. Therefore, several methods are proposed for either fully automatic arrhythmia detection or event selection for further verification by human experts. In the last decades, several works were developed to produce automatic ECG-based heartbeat classification methods. In this work, we survey the current state-of-the-art methods of ECG-based automated abnormalities heartbeat classification. There are number of challenges in detection of arrhythmias in heart beat dataset. Although many researchers have suggested various approaches to resolve them, still there are requirements for invention and improvements.

Keywords—data mining, arrhythmia, ECG

I. INTRODUCTION

At the top of the right chamber of the human heart, an electrical signal is generated from the Sino Atrial node which stimulates the heartbeat [1]. The heart may experience abnormal increase or decrease in its beat rate which is known as arrhythmia [2]. In order to detect this type of abnormality, an electrocardiogram (ECG) device that measures the variations in the electrical signals of heart is used. As reported by the American Heart Association (AHA)“Each year about 295,000 emergency medical services-treated outof-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States” [2]. Thus, having an automated system that is able to diagnose heart beats and offer an early detection of arrhythmia would greatly help in preventing cardiac arrests, thus saving people who might face such abnormalities. Also, it can help cardiologists in monitoring the heart beat rates and deciding on the specific types of arrhythmia.

An arrhythmia is abnormal heart beat, the primary and basic classification is two type bradycardia and tachycardia, when heart rate is less than 60 BPM its bradycardia and if heart rate is more than 100 BPM it is tachycardia. And both have different effect on the human being like bradycardia causes a drowsiness, fainting, sleepiness and rare chances of cardiac arrest, but Tachycardic affect the pumping capability of the heart and generate the symptoms chest pain, Problem in breathing and cause of heart attack. A heart beat can be represented in terms of QRS, T and P wave as shown in figure

1.For the arrhythmia detection beat morphology (Normal and abnormal pattern) of different waves of ECG signals will be considered. So perform wavelet decomposition operation, in this process down sampled the signal for reduction in detailed feature of ECG signals, fourth level decomposition is used and choose a pattern similar to the original pattern. Locate value of ECG signal from second order decomposition and get the R peaks and some more feature can be extracted based on location of R, T, S waves and their respective amplitude.

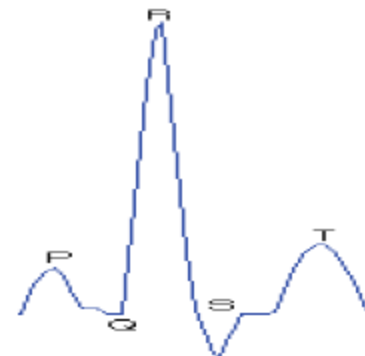


Figure 1: ECG Signal

The advancement of bio-signal analysis become an important investigative field for solutions to a specific problem. Since several decades, the study of ECG is amongst the most research interest in bio-signals. The ECG analysis became a common tool for the diagnosis of cardiac disorders of low-cost and a non-invasive in nature. The condition of heart can be reflected in the shape of ECG waveform and variability in heart rate. The proper analysis of ECG can provide the useful information regarding various cardiac diseases. Clinical observation of ECG signal is a time taking and very tedious process. The manual analysis may miss some vital information, hence computer-aided diagnosis is very helpful in classifying cardiac diseases. Various techniques have been reported in literature regarding heartbeat detection and classification of ECG signals. The time or frequency domain features from ECG waveforms are useful in beats detection of different classes. Due to large variation in

morphology information of ECG waveforms, the automatic ECG analysis system is a challenging task.

The main objective of arrhythmia detection system is to design a simple method having less computational time and high efficiency in classifying the heartbeats. These objectives have motivated me to search various techniques that focused on the development of the cardiac arrhythmia analysis system to detect the events that are potentially harmful to the patients. This will support the diagnosis of cardiac disease to improve the mortality rates due to heart problems in real-time analysis.

II. ECG SIGNAL ANALYSIS

Over the last four decades, the analysis of electrocardiogram (ECG) signal is one of the key research interest in biomedical signal processing. The rapid advancement of computer technology has made the topic of interest of ECG analysis in cardiac care activities all over the world. The computer-aided diagnosis system is a mimic to clinician and a reliable tool in application of detecting cardiac diseases in routine and long term monitoring of ECG signals in intensive coronary care unit (ICCU) or processing large amount of data as in Holter records [Holter, 1961] [21]. A tape to store large files of signals was used in Holter-recorder, which is replaced by flash-type semiconductor memories to transfer to a workstation for post-recording analysis.

Computer technology has played important role in the development of high performance and accurate analysis of ECG signal in recent years. The biological exhibits complex dynamics and non-linear analysis, which is an important task in time-series analysis. The major steps of ECG signal analysis are given in Fig.1.7.

- Noise elimination from ECG signal using filters in pre-processing
- Detection of QRS complex and characteristic points from ECG signal
- Extraction and formulation of important feature sets
- Training the classifier
- Classification of cardiac arrhythmias.

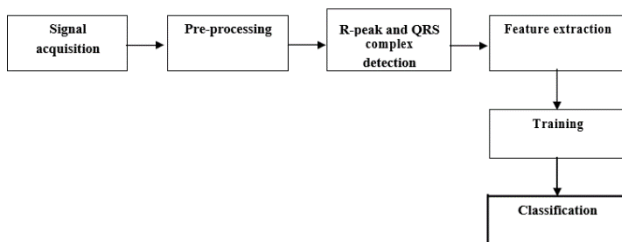


Fig. 1.7. Block diagram of the Arrhythmia Detection and Classification system.

The pre-processing stage is used to enhance the ECG signal for further analysis like QRS detection and classification. The different interferences like the baseline wanders, power line interference and physiological artifacts corrupt the ECG signal. A number of research work have reported the process of removal of these noise from the ECG signals. The power-line interference from the ECG signals is eliminated successfully with a non-linear adaptive filter [22] The power line interference was removed effectively by the use of simplified lattice based adaptive IIR Notch filter [23]. A rectangular window based digital FIR filters also has been used for reduction of power line interference [24]. The

bandpass filtering was used in noise reduction in ECG signal [25].

Two different approaches based on supervised and unsupervised learning are used in system design in extracting representative beats from the total ECG record that results an automatic diagnosis process. In supervised case, the beats are manually labeled from total signals and classified every new heartbeat from a known class while unsupervised techniques are more flexible and do not require the label of heartbeats. Therefore the unsupervised classification methods are used most frequently to examine all beats. It is possible to identify and classify the various types of arrhythmias using signal processing techniques from the sequences of heartbeats or morphology in the recorded signal. The process of identifying and classifying arrhythmias is very time consuming and troublesome for a human being as long time monitor of ECG records acquired by a Holter machine. Human error may also occur during the ECG records analysis due to fatigue, hence automatic classification of arrhythmia is used extensively [26]. Computer-aided diagnosis of ECG signal could be used for interpreting the cardiac disease more accurately. In an automatic system, the ECG signals are processed in the following steps: pre-processing; segmentation of heartbeat; feature extraction; and classification to discrimination of the type of heartbeat [27].

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

Numerous researchers have presented approaches for ECG signal analysis. With abundance of ECGs recorded daily, developing heart beat classification system and characterization of ECG signal is an active and eminent research area in biomedical engineering community. A brief review of some recent and significant researches is presented here.

W.T.Lawson et al recommended that clinical and research purposes to perform automated waveform analysis and archiving of paper recordings of trendy 12 lead ECGs. Many commercial techniques were developed for waveform evaluation as digital ECGs are acquired. The present method changed into developed to 1) digitize scanned paper ECC recordings for evaluation by using the Hewlett-Packard (HP) program, and a pair of) to archive those statistics into clinical trial databases. The system is evaluated by comparing electrocardiograph generated measurement from scanned versus original ECG against manual reading. Result indicates that the system accurately preserves the essential features of the waveform and there is no significant difference between automated measurement of scanned ECG and manual reading.[1].

Jalel Chebil et al Suggest Conversion of ECG papers into digital form is very essential for both clinical and research purposes. This paper proposes some upgrades to the existing digitization method by way of choosing appropriate image resolution during scanning and the usage of community and median method at some stage in the extraction and digitization of the ECG waveform. Results indicate that the advanced software program preserves the vital capabilities of the ECG waveform. [2]

Though modern ECG system with digital-out has been implemented for years, paper recordings are still selected by way of medical corporations mainly in China. But the recording paper is effortlessly damaged. This ECG information are necessary to be extracted and preserve the valuable ECG data as a digital type for clinical information

sharing, online diagnosing and ECG database establishing. Guojie Shi et al proposed a method based totally on K-means changed into proposed to extract ECG statistics from paper recordings. The ECG waveform and the background grid are separated nicely hundred and five patients. The ECG paper recordings perform on different damage level, paper in different background colors and made by different manufactures. The end result shows that the ECG waveform may be extracted exactly and smoothly. The precision rates of RR interval, QRS interval, QT interval, ST slope, and R amplitude from ECG statistics which can be digitalized by using the technique in the paper should reach ninety nine%.[3].

Fabio Badilini et al assesses a measurement of parameters from ECG paper facts. Now need for tools to transform existing paper ECG information into digital layout. The writer executed a computer application developed for the conversion of paper. ECG information's to digital ECG documents. An image processing engine is used to first discover the underlying grid and in the end to extrapolate the ECG waveforms using a way based totally on active counter modeling and result obtain on 60 ECG scan with QT measurement. They derived ΔQT of 0.577 milliseconds between digital waveform and paper printout.[4].

The most commercial equipments already presents ECG signal in a digital form and allows their registration in local archive. However, the restoration of past ECGs from graph paper is still wished due to the fact that ECGs are a precious supply of information concerning the clinical history of an affected person and consequently it is very useful to have all the ECG recordings of the same patient inside the identical digital archive for subsequent analyses and comparisons. A Paterni et. al. advise a brand new approach to transform ECGs from graph paper to digital signals. First, a digital image of the ECG on graph paper is received with a flatbed scanner (600 dpi) and then a line detection technique is used to come across and locate the ECG trace. The first order absolute moment (FOAM) is used as a mathematical operator to highlight the ECG trace with a ridge and the ECG signal is subsequently located at the top of the ridge with a multi-decision approach.[5].

Vikash Kumar et al. affords a work of conversion of ECG signal from ECG papers to samples as textual content which is similar to the standard MIT-BIH Normal Sinus Rhythm/Arrhythmia database. ECG strips are scanned after which the use of MATLAB, the information is received for the ECG taken from Indian sufferers. The parameters like Heart rate, PR interval, QRS duration, QT interval, and RR interval are as compared. The result shows 99% accuracy within the facts received with the aid of this approach. The manner of extraction of ECG information is likewise demonstrated for Normal Sinus Rhythm/Arrhythmia from the MIT-BIH database. The correlation acquired is almost ninety eight%. Thus the approach is useful for automated evaluation of ECGs from ECG strips in rural areas also.[6]

Srinivasan Jayaraman et.al advocate Electrocardiogram (ECG) has been the preliminary diagnostic tool to stumble on cardiovascular diseases. ECG is generally recorded on a thermal paper which cannot be stored for a long term for analysis, as the thermal trace receives erased gradually. To store the trace, the records are scanned and saved as image to maintain medical facts. The memory occupied by way of this technique is excessive and the regeneration of signal accuracy is much less. This paper targets to extract the ECG morphological characteristic extraction, similarly to the extraction of ECG trace from the paper and changing it to a digital time series signal. Thus an improved approach of morphological functions extraction

approach has been adopted in this paper. Digital time-series signal and morphological functions extraction had been tested on a database of 25 paper information and the accuracy is ninety five% and ninety seven. five% respectively. Further work is extended to perform an automatic arrhythmias type using DTW from the acquired morphological parameters.[7].

Rupali Patil et.al Proposed that Electrocardiogram (ECG) paper records are used commonly diagnosing heart abnormalities. The stored ECG paper records are recorded on thermal paper and might face ink evaporation hassle over the time. Generally, to conquer this problem ECG paper record is scanned and stored as an image. However, the addition of noise all through scanning consisting of low resolution, blurring, folding of paper, non-uniform lighting, orientation and so forth. Can create issue in data retrieval. Current work robustly handles numerous degradation issues encountered in ECG paper scanning using modified k-fill set of rules. The proposed algorithm is tested with 836 ECG paper recordings with extraordinary styles of degradations like aging effect, folding effects, ink evaporation effect, blurring effect and low resolution effect. An author extracted clinically essential parameters consisting of heart rate etc. With accuracy of 97.33% and abnormalities which includes bradycardia, tachycardia, and Atrial flutter from the ECG paper facts the use of perceptual spectral centroid approach. Overall accuracy of our prediction algorithm is found out to be 98.6%. And there work would be low cost, preliminary professional mechanism at rural places within the absence of professional heart specialist.[8].

T. W. Shen et.al advocated one dimensional signal recuperation or reconstruction of electronic signals with the aid of imposing spatial and frequency method has been furnished to procedure on colour or gray level electrocardiogram chart which includes threshold segmentation and 2D Fourier transform method. By using this linear interpolation technique an author can calculate root mean square (PRD) values. The spatial and frequent methods provided best result on 45.46% and 54.33% PRD.[9].

Fei Wang et.al has proved that image from ECG is actually a better medium to detect periodicity in ECG. When the ECG trace is scanned or rendered in videos, the peaks of the waveform (R-wave) is often traced thicker due to pixel dithering. They exploit the pixel thickness information, for the first time, as a reliable feature for determining periodicity. They demonstrate robustness and accuracy of image-based period detection method on ECGs of various cardiovascular diseases. In this study 94.5% of bradycardia and tachycardia patient records are correctly identified.[10].

H.K.Bhullar et.al has suggested that the various techniques for storing important waveform data. Many paper records exist in hospital archives and are very useful for retrospective studies of patients where the eventual outcomes are known. In order to enable computer-based processing of such data, it is necessary to extract the waveform data automatically in such a way that problems such as random noise and thick line widths are overcome. A system is described which uses a new technique for the conversion of two dimensional waveforms conventionally stored on paper to a one dimensional array of data values. Paper records containing the waveform data are first scanned using a high resolution, flatbed, black and white scanner. The two dimensional pixel based images that are captured are stored as image files in the computer. Three digital image processing techniques are applied to these stored images. The first is a heuristic method for the automatic removal of random noise and the filling in of gaps in the captured image which are errors introduced during the scanning process. The second technique involves thinning each pixel based waveform to derive its skeleton. This is an important and necessary stage as

it attempts to overcome the effects associated with the thickness of the pen recorder lines, on the original image. In the final part of the processing, data values are extracted from the thinned waveforms. These values are then filtered to eliminate quantization errors introduced in the scanning process.[11].

M. Sanroman Junquera et.al have presented an integral automatic approach based on digital image processing principle and implementing in four stages. 1. Orientation correction of the scanned image using eign vector decomposition of the four ground pixel co-ordinates, hence reducing the computational cost of subsequent HOUGH transform. 2. The grid detection using the discrete cosine transforms on horizontal and vertical histogram projections.3. Signal waveform identification using morphological operators.4. Conversion from the waveform in the image plane to the one dimensional biomedical signal.[12].

Deepak Kumar Garg et.al have discussed a method that involves processing of ECG paper records by an efficient and iterative sets of digital image processing techniques for the conversion of ECG paper image data to time series digitized signal form, resulting in convenient storage and retrieval of ECG information.[13].

Widman et.al showed a novel approach to maintaining signal fidelity in the error High frequency region of the ECG signal QRS complex by developing a triangle approximation method which showed some success but was not entire automated.[14].

Ravichandran et.al implements MATLAB based approach he began with scanning, scaling and skew correcting using and line contours to generate an extracted ECG signal Next, a binary image of the signal was generated using a Thresholding technique followed by median filtering and interpolation to eliminate the salt and pepper noise generated by Thresholding. An optimal smoothing step was also employed to reduce high frequency noise. Validation is argued by direct comparison of PR, QRS, RR, QT and QTC, intervals by kappa statistic is found greater agreement greater than 85%.[15].

Karsikas et.al employed a highly quantitative approach whereby he compared parameter involving T-wave and QRS areas morphologies to assess the fidelity of the digitized paper ECG as compared with a directly digital gold standard. Karsikas concluded digitized T-wave parameters maintained robustness and ability to discriminate between healthy and diseased subjects while QRS parameters were found as compared with directly to digital gold standard, perhaps owing to the relative increased signal to noise ratio of the T-waves.[16].

Tanveer Syeda Mahmood et.al has presented an importance of ECG commonly used diagnostic aids in cardiovascular disease diagnosis. Physicians routinely perform diagnosis by a simple visual examination of ECG waveform shapes. Here, the problem of shape based retrieval of ECG recordings both digital and scanned from paper to infer similarity in diagnosed diseases. Author use the knowledge of ECG recording structure to segment and extract curves representing various recording channels from ECG images. It includes shape matching and measures there similarity between ECG recordings.[17].

Generally the ECG is recorded on a thermal paper that cannot be stored for a long time due to the fact thermal trace over time becomes erased step by step. However a few hospitals are saving the ECG thermal papers as scanning images in the digital system (like computer systems) to preserve medical statistics, but this approach needs high memory capacity and use-less scanning resolution that offers signal accuracy is less at preview. H.K Khleaf et.al have developed image processing strategies for an

electrocardiogram (ECG) feature extraction and signal regeneration as a digital time-series signal. The 12-lead ECG signals extracted from the recording paper and converting it to digital time-series signal. Feature extraction and the digital time-series signal are tested on 30 of 12-lead ECG paper statistics from the MIT-BIH arrhythmia database, and the accuracy turned into between 96.31% and 98.25%. In addition, those strategies also may be used for feature extraction to perform an automated heart disease classification the usage of one of the artificial intelligence method.[18].

V.S.Chouhan et.al It implements morphological information about the heart by identifying QRS complex. They automated ECG analysis algorithm develop based on a slope features of ECG signal. Multiple quantized amplitude thresholds are employed for separating QRS-complex from non-QRS region of the ECG waveform. A QRS detection rate of 98.56% with false positive and false negative percentage of 52% and 1.44% has been reported.[19].

Bert Ume Kohler et.al have presented development of powerful microcomputers promoted the wide spread application of software QRS-detection algorithms in cardio logical devices. It is divided into a preprocessing or feature extraction stage including linear and non-linear filtering and a decision stage including peak detection and decision logic.[20].

Indu Saini et. al. advocates the performance of computer aided ECG analysis depends on the precise and accurate delineation of QRS complex. The author presents a KNN algorithm as a classifier for detection of QRS complex in ECG. The proposed algorithm is evaluated on MIH- BIH and CSE Arrhythmia database. The KNN classifier gives better detection rate 99.89% and 99.81% for CSE and MIH – BIH database respectively.[21].

L. Gueguen et.al introduces a unique approach for multi-scale corner evaluation and detection is presented. First, state-of-the-art Harris–Laplace corner detector is reminded, which benefits from the linear scale-space evaluation. Secondly, a non-linear scale-spaces transform, specifically Differential Morphological Decomposition, is described. This multi-scale transform is used jointly with the Harris corner indicator to construct a brand new multi-scale corner detector. Both corner detectors are visually assessed on synthetic and satellite images, highlighting the advantages of such a technique.[22].

Chris Harris et.al implements consistency of image edge filtering is of high significance for the 3-D interpretation of image sequences using feature tracking algorithms. To cater for image regions containing texture and isolated features, a mixed corner and edge detector based at the local auto-correlation function is utilized, and it is proven to carry out with suitable consistency on natural imagery.[23].

Javier Sánchez et.al suggested an implementation and thorough study of the Harris corner detector. This characteristic detector is based on the analysis of the Eigen values of the autocorrelation matrix. The algorithm accommodates seven steps, inclusive of several measures for the classification of corners, a regularly non maximum suppression technique for choosing interest points, and the possibility to obtain the placement of the corner with sub pixel accuracy. The experiments analyze the repeatability rate of the detector using specific kinds transformations.[24].

Nilanjan Dey et.al recommended a comparative study between Moravec and Harris Corner Detection has been completed for acquiring functions required to track and recognize objects within a noisy image. Corner detection of noisy images is a hard challenging in image processing. Natural image frequently get corrupted by means of noise throughout acquisition and transmission. As Corner detection of those noisy images does now not provide preferred

outcomes, as a result de-noising is required. Adaptive wavelet Thresholding approach is carried out for the same.[25].

J.B.Ryu et.al suggests a new corner less formula for the well-known Harris corner detector is proposed. The new method is used to analyze the corner angle variety detectable by means of the Harris detector for some applications and discover the actual corner angle which is depending on the K value in corner less formula.[26].

Mr.Chintan Shah et.al clarifies dialog of various type algorithms in view of precise parameters like time taken to build the model, accurately and inaccurately classified times and so on. [27].

Theresa Princy. R. et.al proposed a framework to exactly foresee heart disorder utilizing ID3 and KNN classifiers and accuracy stage additionally provided for one of a kind numbers of attributes. [28].

Xue et.al implements new data mining algorithm based on Bayesian Network. The experiment shows Bayesian algorithm has good classification capability. [29].

Abraham et.al proposed a methodology if you want to growth the classification accuracy of clinical facts primarily based at the Naive Bayes classifier algorithms.[30]

Palaniappan et.al encouraged a model of IHDPS (Intelligent Heart Disease Prediction System) actualizing facts mining calculations, like Naïve Bayes Decision Trees and Neural Network. The last yield of that algorithm depicts that each method has its extraordinary capacities within the motive for the portrayed mining objectives.[31].

Jagdeep Singh et.al carried out different association and classification techniques at the coronary heart datasets to foresee the coronary heart illness. The association rules like Apriori and FP Growth are used to find out association guidelines of coronary heart dataset attributes.[32].

IV. CONCLUSION

There are various types of arrhythmias and each type is associated with a pattern, and as such, it is possible to identify and classify its type. The arrhythmias can be classified into two major categories. The first category consists of arrhythmias formed by a single irregular heartbeat, herein called morphological arrhythmia. The other category consists of arrhythmias formed by a set of irregular heartbeats, herein called rhythmic arrhythmias. The classification of normal heartbeats and the ones composing the former group are on the focus of this survey. These heartbeats produce alterations in the morphology or wave frequency, and all of these alterations can be identified by the ECG exam.

This paper presents a survey of existing studies found in literature regarding the ECG-based arrhythmia classification methods. Data mining is a powerful new technology for the extraction of hidden predictive and actionable information from large databases that can be used to gain deep and novel insights. Using advanced data mining techniques to excavate valuable information, has been considered as an activist approach to improve the quality and accuracy of healthcare service while lowering the healthcare cost and diagnosis time. Using this technique presence of heart disease can be predicted accurately. Using more input attributes such as QRST wave detection, statistical features, more accurate results could be achieved.

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