## An Extensive Data Processing Pipeline for MIMIC-IV Paper Reproduction Project Report

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Code link: https://github.com/NitaAgarwal2022/DLH\_project

#### 1 Introduction

In this project I aim to replicate the main experiment of the paper "An Extensive Data Processing Pipeline for MIMIC-IV" by Mehak Gupta, Brennan Gallamoza, Nicolas Cutrona, Pranjal Dhakal, Raphael Poulain, Rahmatollah Beheshti (Gupta et al., 2022).

The general problem the original paper aims to solves is to fill the gap of a standardized, flexible, customizable data pipeline to extract and preprocess the data available in MIMIC-IV dataset.

The number of clinical research to apply machine learning models/methods to EHR (electronic health record) data has increased in last few years.MIMIC-IV (Johnson et al., 2021; Goldberger et al., 2000 (June 13) is a public, free and widely used EHR dataset. However, the researchers have to extract and pre-process this dataset on their own before starting to utilize it in the machine learning programs. The existing cohort extraction and preprocessing pipelines are missing the flexibility of letting the user interact and decide as per their need of the type of cohort required or are processing only ICU data( and not the non-ICU data). The approach taken by the original paper to address this problem is by providing a configurable framework for data extraction, cleaning and pre-processing pipleine which is extendible, flexible, processes both ICU and non-ICU data.

I find this approach taken by the authors as new, interesting and challenging at the same time. Providing flexibility to the user to define their own cohort is challenging and also most rewarding as it will reduce the time needed to clean preprocess the dataset. It will thereby increase the usability of MIMIC-IV bymaking it more accessible to researchers. I am excited to be working on this project.

### 2 Scope of reproducibility

Data extraction and data pre-processing are the central contribution of the paper. The claims from the paper that I plan for the reproduction study are as below

- Pipleline can extract cohort features from MIMIC-IV based on user input of feature and on specific condition of the disease chosen by the user.
- Pipleline can extract cohort for prediction task of mortality in ICU patients.
- Pipleline can pre-process cohort from MIMIC-IV dataset for clinical grouping and conversion based on user input along with providing summary of the resultant cohort.
- Pipleline can pre-process cohort for outlier imputation and selection of feature based on user inputs.
- Pipleline can pre-process cohort by binning the sequential data into time intervals based on the timeseries length according to user inputs.

#### 3 Methodology

#### 3.1 Model descriptions

The original data processing pipeline consists of the Data Extraction unit and Data Preprocessing unit as shown in Figure 1. Data Extraction unit takes user input for version,type of data(ICU/non-ICU), specific cohort condition (ex. disease) and feature extraction. It then extracts and stores the generated cohort in form of csv files. Data Preprocessing unit clinically groups the data, selects the features, cleans the raw data by removing outliers, impute missing entries and also generate timeseries dataset by binning the sequential data into

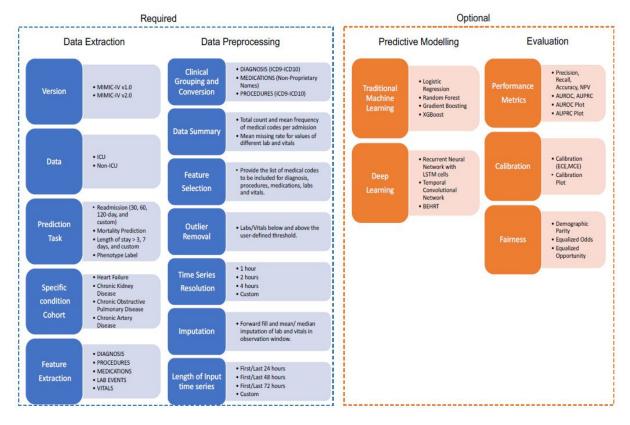


Figure 1: Pipeline overview. The left two parts(in blue) are required to produce the processed data

time intervals as per user's preference. The pipeline also includes two optional parts for modeling and evaluation. Users can construct a model to train for a prediction task and use performance metrics for study comparisons.

#### 3.2 Data descriptions

The original paper uses MIMIC-IV dataset present at <a href="https://physionet.org/content/mimiciv/1.0/">https://physionet.org/content/mimiciv/1.0/</a>. This is a restricted-access resource. To access the files, I completed the below requirements:

- Became a credentialed user by filling up the application for Credentiated Access using illinois email id and getting the request approved
- Completed required training:CITI Data or Specimens Only Research and submitting the result at https://physionet.org/ settings/training
- Signed the data use agreement for the project

After receiving the access to data, the files can be downloaded from the terminal using below cmd: wget -r -N -c -np -user nitaa2 -ask-password https://physionet.org/files/mimiciv/1.0/

Distinct patients: 257,000 Admission records: 524,000

Data collection timeline: 2008 to 2019 Overall size: 6.9 GB of compressed files

Hosp(data derived from the hospital wide EHR):

4.4 GB (approx) compressed files

Core(patient tracking information necessary for any data analysis using MIMIC-IV data): 70 MB compressed files

ICU(data sourced from the clinical information system at the BIDMC): 2.5 GB (approx) compressed files

#### 3.3 Hyperparameters

As data extraction and data pre-processing are the central contribution of the paper, I did not use any hyperparameter in the data processing pipeline.

#### 3.4 Implementation

For this paper reproduction, I am re-using most of the author's code (https://github.com/healthylaife/MIMIC-IV-Data-Pipeline). I have added the code which enabled me to run the data pipleline in my environment, such as mounting the code and the MIMIC-IV data on google drive, installing the python libraries required for

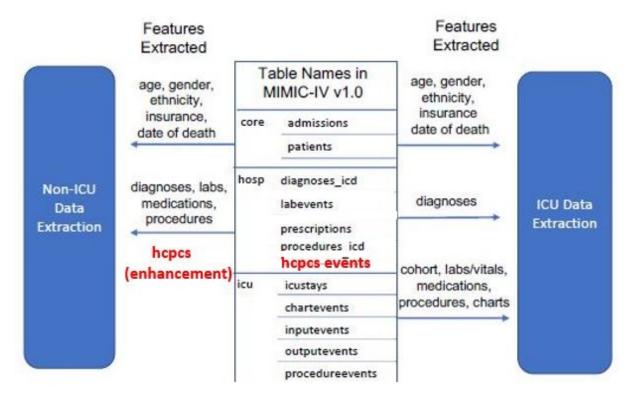


Figure 2: Extracted features

executing the code.

I have implemented the code to enhance the original data processing pipeline (https://github.com/NitaAgarwal2022/DLH\_project).

- I have added feature extraction logic for hcpcs events (https://physionet.org/content/mimiciv/1.0/hosp/hcpcsevents.csv.gz). The code works for both 1.0 and 2.0 version of MIMIC-IV data. Feature extraction enhancement is shown in Figure 2
- I have added code for extracting data for additional disease such as Cancer.
- I have added the code to provide user with a flexibility to choose to start the processing from the already extracted intermediate cohort. This will skip few of the steps in the processing pipeline thereby taking less processing time to reach to later steps.

#### 3.5 Computational requirements

The volume of the data is very high as it is processing the complete dataset of MIMIC IV based on the cohort selection. Replicating the work in the paper is computationally feasible. I have taken the paid version Google Colab pro+ as it gives 500 compute

units with faster GPUs, enabled background processing and more memory is helpful.

#### Hardware:

Operating system: Windows 10, RAM: 12 GB, Disk space: 225 GB, Faster GPUs, 500 compute units **Software:** Pyhton: 3.7 import\_ipynb:0.1.3 ipywidgets:7.5.1 numpy:1.18.5 pandas:1.0.5 tqdm:4.47.0

#### 4 Results

I am able to successfully run the original data processing pipeline and reproduce all the claims in section 2. Please find the details of the results below

#### **4.1** Result 1

I am able to successfully extract cohort features from MIMIC-IV based on user input of feature(nonicu, readmission of 30 days) and on specific condition of the disease(Heart Failure) chosen by the user. The records are stored in compressed format csv file as shown in Figure 3 and **analysis** is in Figure 4

#### **4.2** Result 2

I am able to successfully extract cohort for prediction task of mortality in ICU patients. The records

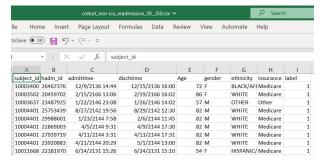


Figure 3: Extracted Cohort: Readmission Non-ICU
Heart Failure patients

=======MIMIC-IV v1.0=======
EXTRACTING FOR:   NON-ICU   READMISSION   ADMITTED DUE TO 150   30
100%  191974/191974 [1:29:01<00:00, 35.94it/s]
[ READMISSION LABELS FINISHED ]
[ COHORT SUCCESSFULLY SAVED ]
[ SUMMARY SUCCESSFULLY SAVED ]
Readmission FOR Non-ICU DATA
# Admission Records: 61453
# Patients: 23866
# Positive cases: 14744
# Negative cases: 46709

Figure 4: Extracted Cohort Analysis Summary: Readmission Non-ICU Heart Failure patients

are stored in compressed format csv file as shown in Figure 5. The **analysis** summary of the extracted cohort is as shown in Figure 6

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Figure 5: Extracted Cohort: Mortality ICU patients

Mortality FOR ICU DATA

# Admission Records: 76540

# Patients: 53150

# Positive cases: 5107

# Negative cases: 71433

Figure 6: Extracted Cohort Analysis Summary:
Mortality ICU patients

#### **4.3** Result 3

I am able to successfully pre-process cohort from MIMIC-IV dataset for clinical grouping and con-

version based on user input along with providing summary of the resultant cohort as shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8

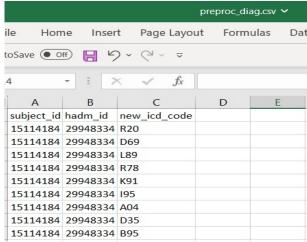


Figure 7: Pre-process Cohort for clinical grouping: Convert ICD-9 to ICD-10 and group ICD-10 codes

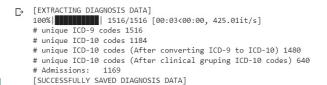


Figure 8: Pre-process Cohort Summary for clinical grouping

#### **4.4** Result 4

I am able to successfully pre-process cohort for outlier imputation, and selection of feature based on user inputs as shown in Figure 9

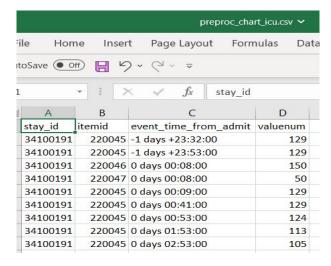


Figure 9: Pre-process Cohort: Outlier imputation

#### **4.5** Result 5

I am able to successfully pre-process cohort by binning the sequential data into time intervals based on the timeseries length according to user inputs as shown in Figure 10 and 11

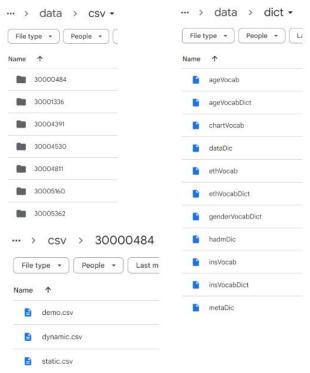


Figure 10: Pre-process Cohort: Timeseries and dictionary folder structure

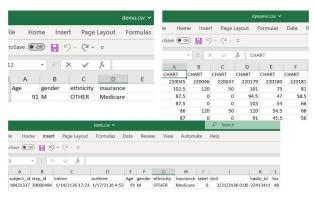


Figure 11: Pre-process Cohort: Timeseries binning files

# 4.6 Additional results not present in the original paper

 I have successfully added feature extraction logic for hcpcs events.
 The data records from MIMIC-IV (https://physionet.org/content/ mimiciv/1.0/hosp/hcpcsevents.csv.gz)

are extracted and merged with the cohort based on user selection inputs. The final records are stored in compressed format csv file as shown in Figure 12 and **analysis** summary in Figure 13

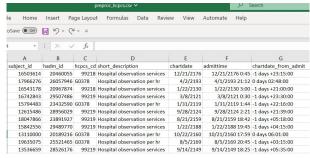


Figure 12: Extracted Feature: hcpcs

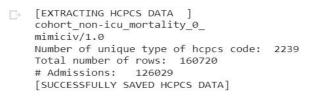


Figure 13: Feature Analysis Summary: hcpcs

• I have successfully extracted data for additional disease such as Cancer. The ICD-10 Diagnosis code for Cancer is C80. The final records are stored in compressed format csv file as shown in Figure 14 and **analysis** in Figure 15

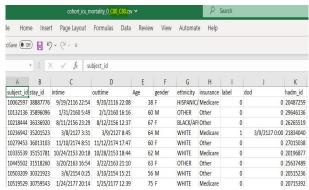


Figure 14: Extracted Cancer Cohort: Mortality ICU patients

 Ablation: I have successfully added the code to provide user with a flexibility to choose to start the processing from the already extracted intermediate cohort. This will skip few of the

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Mortality FOR ICU DATA

# Admission Records: 241

# Patients: 215

# Positive cases: 37

# Negative cases: 204
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Figure 15: Extracted Cancer Cohort Analysis Summary: Mortality ICU patients

steps in the extraction pipeline thereby taking less processing time to reach to later steps as shown in Figure 16,17 and 18

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Figure 16: Original Data Extraction Pipeline



Figure 17: Enhanced Data Extraction Pipeline

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Please select the metadata for the existing cohort
Cohort path
cohort_non-icu_mortality_0_
Version Path
mimiciv/1.0
ICU Flag
False
Mortality Flag
True
Length of Stay Flag
False
Readmission Flag
Using existing cohort for feature selection: cohort non-icu mortality 0
[EXTRACTING HCPCS DATA ]
 cohort_non-icu_mortality_0_
mimiciv/1.0
Number of unique type of hcpcs code: 2239
Total number of rows: 160720
# Admissions: 126029
[SUCCESSFULLY SAVED HCPCS DATA]
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Figure 18: Using existing cohort for feature selection

#### Bonus initiatives

1. Notebook: I have added Jupiter
 notebook https://github.com/
 NitaAgarwal2022/DLH\_project/
 blob/main/projectPipeline.ipynb

2. **PyHealth**: (Yang et al., 2022) I was able to successfully contribute by adding hcpcsevents table in MIMIC4 dataset. **Approved PR** link https://github.com/sunlabuiuc/PyHealth/pull/134

#### 5 Discussion

The data extraction and pre-processing pipeline of the original paper was reproducible. I was able to reproduce all the claims mentioned in section 2

#### 5.1 What was easy

The original data pipeline code is documented well. With few changes to the original code I was able to run it on my local setup. Also, the authors were prompt in their response to my query so that helped.

#### 5.2 What was difficult

The difficulty I faced was during the environment restart. The original data pipeline seems to be executed in steps one after the other. If the environment is restarted, the data extracted by the pipeline in last cycle cannot be used this time for further processing. In this case the pipeline has to be again started from step 1 and extract the already extracted files again instead of reusing them.

This challenge in the existing pipeline inspired me for my ablation topic and I am able to successfully add the code to provide user with a flexibility to choose to start the processing from the already extracted intermediate cohort.

#### 5.3 Recommendations for reproducibility

- I have added the preliminary steps cell in my Jupiter notebook(https://github.com/NitaAgarwal2022/DLH\_project/blob/main/projectPipeline.ipynb) as well as readme for the local setup to work successfully.
- As the volume of MIMIC-IV dataset is high, using paid version of Google Colab pro+ will provide helpful hardware support for extracting and pre-processing the data

#### 6 Communication with original authors

I communicated with the original authors regarding the system hardware configuration to run the data pipeline <a href="https://github.com/healthylaife/MIMIC-IV-Data-Pipeline/issues/34">https://github.com/healthylaife/MIMIC-IV-Data-Pipeline/issues/34</a> and their response was helpful.

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