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Robust Identification Model Using Single-Channel ECG Data

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1. Executive Summary:

This project aims to develop a robust identification model using single-channel ECG (Electrocardiogram) data. The problem addressed is the need for a reliable biometric identification system that remains accurate despite distortions in ECG signals and should also protect the user's privacy. We are planning to apply deep learning techniques along with representation learning. The expected outcome is a high-accuracy identification model that can be integrated into security systems, wearable devices, and other applications requiring robust biometric identification.

2. Problem Statement:

The project addresses the challenge of developing an ECG biometric identification model resilient to ECG signal distortions. Traditional ECG biometric models often suffer from reduced accuracy due to noise and other distortions in the data. This problem is significant as it affects the reliability of security systems, healthcare applications, and other areas where accurate personal identification is crucial. Mostly these distortions arise in wearable devices that measure ECG signals. The goal is to create a model that maintains high identification accuracy despite these challenges.

The project also addresses the issue of patient privacy by implementing a methodology to secure the patient's ECG signals.

3. Data Description:

The data used in this project will be single-channel ECG recordings. The source of the data will be publicly available ECG databases such as PhysioNet. This data is structured and includes key features such as heart rate variability, QRS complex, P waves, and T waves. Data collection will involve extracting relevant features from the raw ECG signals and preprocessing them to remove noise and artifacts.

4. Methods:

We will employ various data science and machine learning techniques to develop our identification model. The approach includes:

- Data Cleaning: Removing noise and artifacts from the raw ECG data.
- **Feature Extraction:** Extracting relevant features such as QRS complex, P waves, T waves, and heart rate variability.

- **Data Exploration:** Analyzing the features to understand their distributions and relationships.
- **Machine Learning:** Training models using algorithms such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs).
- Model Architecture: Consists of an Embedding model that generates embeddings for each ECG signal in a separate vector and a Discriminator head Which identifies the embeddings of each person.
- **Evaluation:** Assessing the model's performance using accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score metrics.

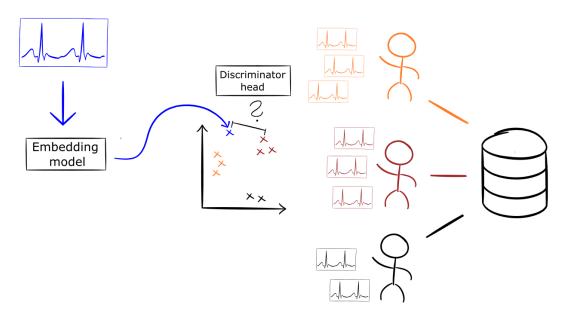


Fig. 1. The overview of our ECG-based patient identification method.

5. Expected Outcomes and Success Criteria:

Expected Outcomes

1. High-Accuracy Identification model

The primary outcome is to develop a robust identification model that accurately identifies individuals based on their ECG data. We aim for the model to achieve a high accuracy rate despite common ECG signal distortions.

2. Distortion Resilience

The model will be evaluated for its resilience against various types of noises and distortions. This ensures our model's performance under different levels and types of noise to ensure reliability in real-world scenarios.

3. Privacy protection

Implementation of privacy-preserving techniques to secure patient ECG data. This will involve using methods that anonymize the ECG data, ensuring that personal health information is protected throughout the identification process.

Success Criteria

1. Accuracy metrics

The model should achieve an identification accuracy of at least 95% on the test dataset. Additionally, metrics such as precision, recall and F1-score should reflect high performance, particularly in scenarios involving noisy and distorted ECG data.

2. Noise Robustness

The model's performance should not be deducted from the different kind of noise levels. This includes maintaining at least 90% of its accuracy under controlled noise conditions.

3. Privacy Measures

The implementation of privacy measures will be considered successful if the model can effectively anonymize or encrypt ECG data without compromising identification accuracy.

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