

Case Study: Admission Prediction with Multilayer Perceptrons

AI in Medicine

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INTRODUCTION

Hospital admission

- 35,000,000 admissions every year in the U.S.
- Hospital admissions are risky and expensive:
 - 700,000 hospital-acquired infections per year
 - \$18,000 per stay
- Preventing hospital admission can save lives & lower healthcare costs



Where does health data come from?

- Electronic health records
- Insurance claims
- Clinical trials
- Patient and disease registries
- Health surveys
- Phone apps
- Wearable electronics



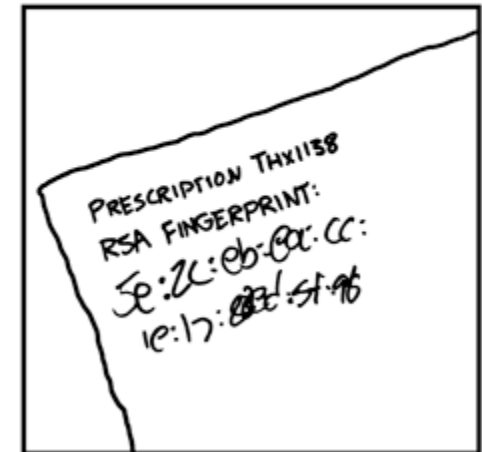
Electronic health records (EHR)

- 99% of large hospitals use EHRs
- What does an EHR store?
 - Values
 - Diagnosis codes
 - Procedure codes
 - Medication lists
 - Lab results
 - Vital signs
 - Text (medical notes)
 - Images

GOOD NEWS: DOCTORS ARE FINALLY LEARNING TO USE MODERN SECURITY TOOLS.



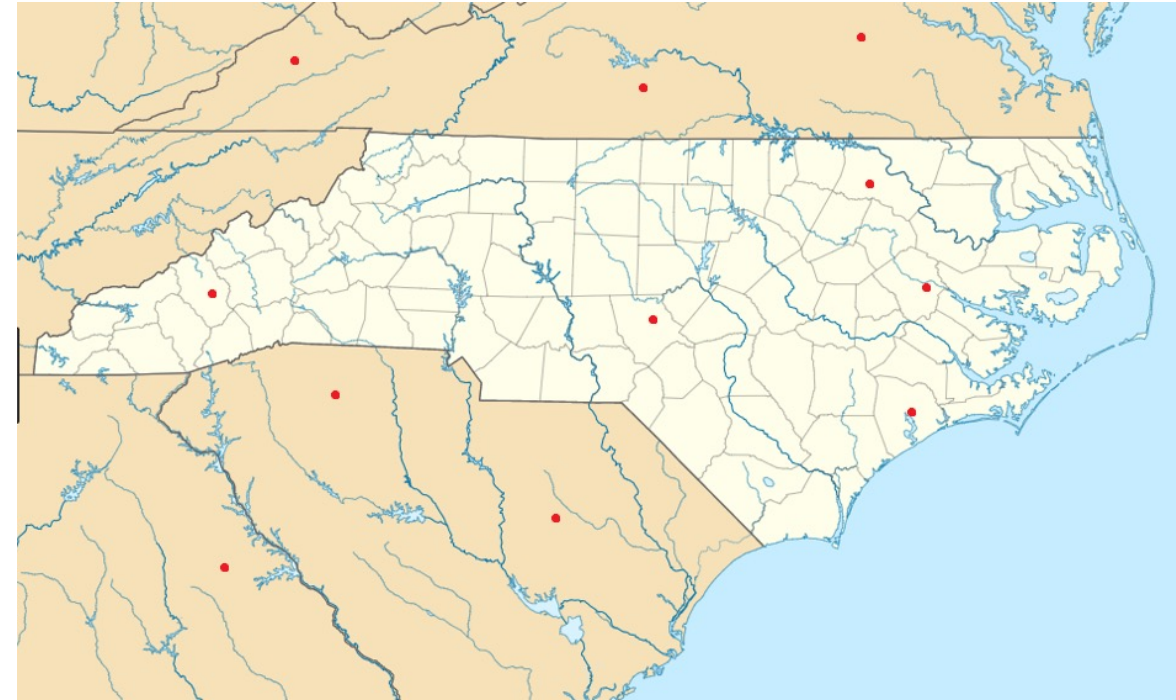
BAD NEWS: THEY'VE SOMEHOW LEARNED TO TYPE WITH TERRIBLE HANDWRITING.



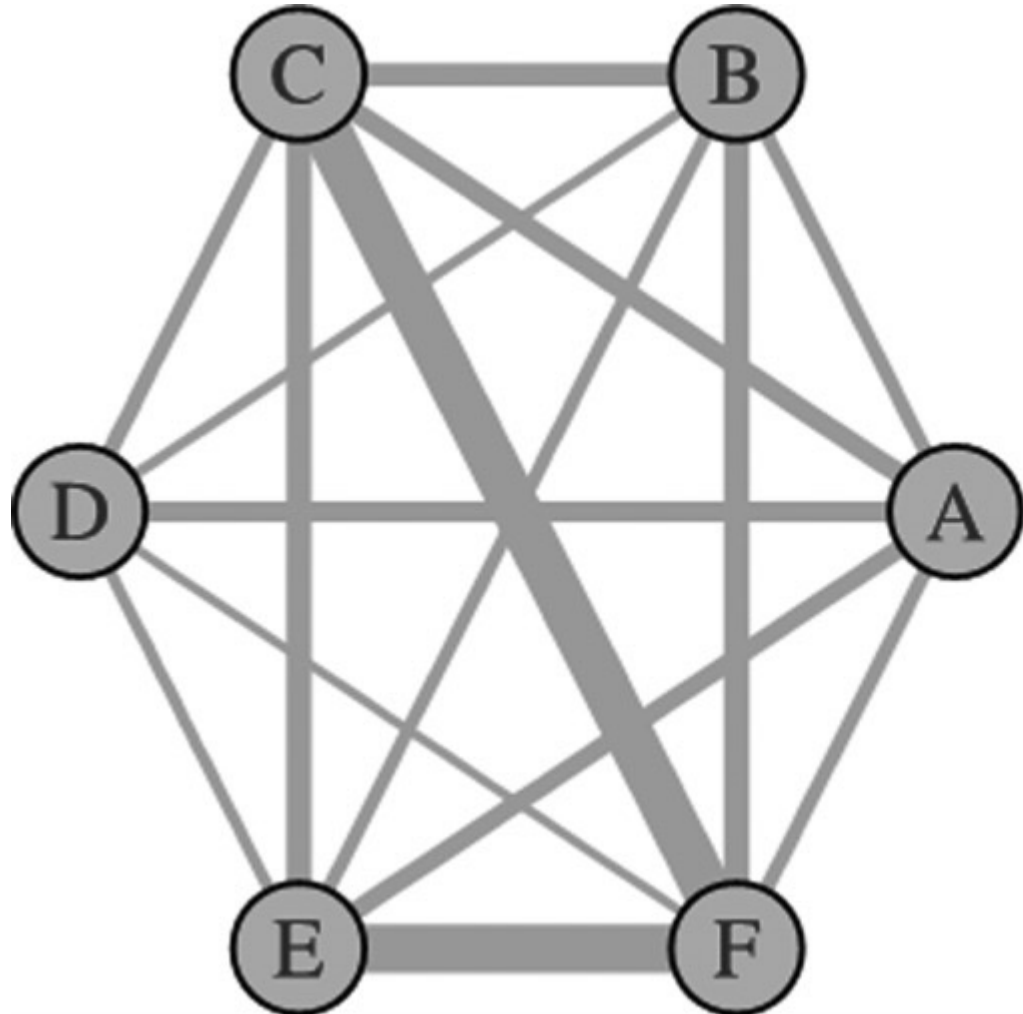
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Insurance claims

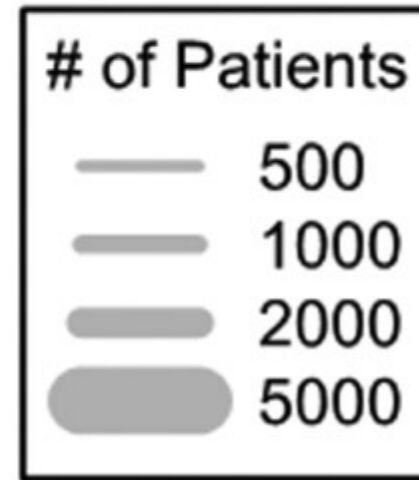
- Bill for health services that the hospital sends to the insurance company for payment
- Duke receives insurance claims records for all patients in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP)
- Includes diagnoses, procedures, and medications from all medical facilities where the patient received care



Patients go to multiple hospitals



Frequency of patients receiving care from multiple emergency departments in Manhattan in 2011.



Kern et al. "Patients' Use of Multiple Hospitals in a Major U.S. City: Implications for Population Management." *Popul Health Manag.* 2017 Apr 1; 20(2): 99–102.

Duke admission prediction project

- Goal: use 12 months of patient data to predict risk of hospital admission in the next 6 months
- Data Preparation
 - Input: EHR data + insurance claims
 - Output: risk probability
- Model: multilayer perceptron
- Action: Duke Care Managers implement interventions to improve health of high-risk patients

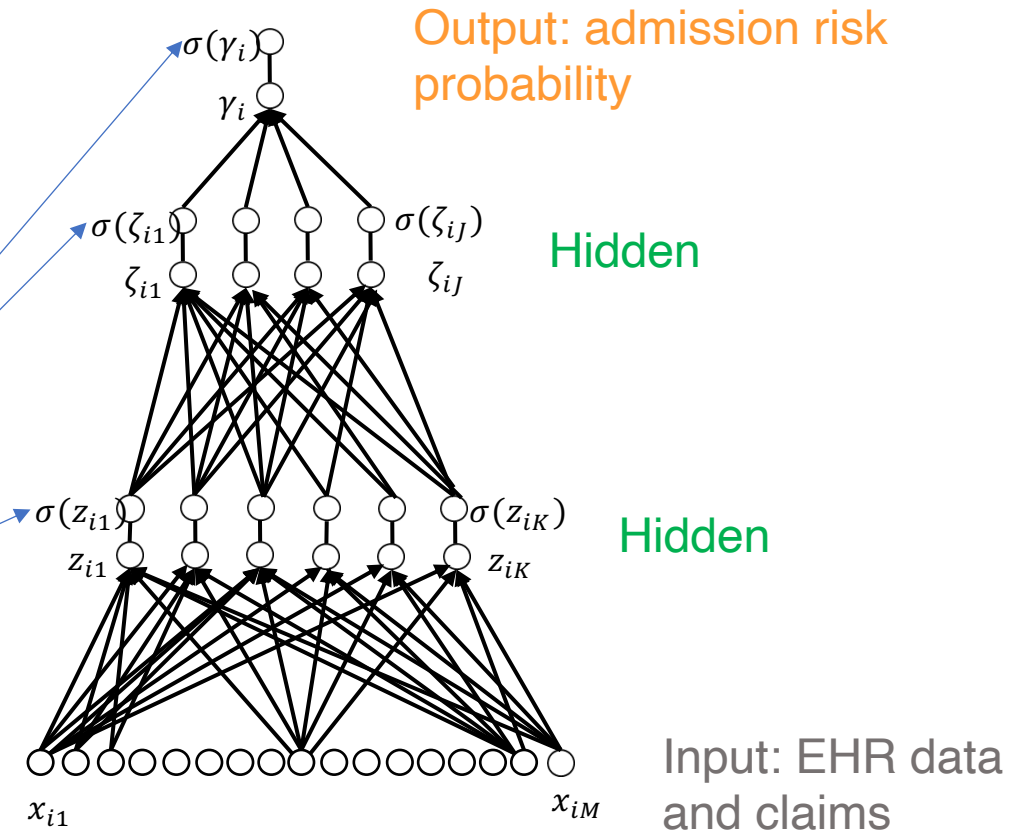


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Multilayer perceptron

- A class of feedforward neural network that has at least three layers: input, **hidden**, **output**
- Uses non-linear activations, e.g. the sigmoid function:

$$\sigma(z_j) = \frac{e^{z_j}}{1 + e^{z_j}}$$



HEALTH DATA PREPARATION

Challenges with EHR data

(1) High dimensional

Thousands of medical features

(2) Incomplete

e.g., patient sees a doctor in a different hospital system

e.g., patient dies at home

(3) Multiple irregular time scales

Seconds: vital signs

Days: hospital stay

Years: family doctor visits

(4) Noisy

e.g., coding inaccuracies



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Challenges with EHR data

(1) High dimensional

Use knowledge bases for efficient data representation

(2) Incomplete

Combine EHR data with insurance claims data

(3) Multiple irregular time scales

Discretize time: use all data from 12 months to predict admission risk in the next 6 months

(4) Noisy

Use large data



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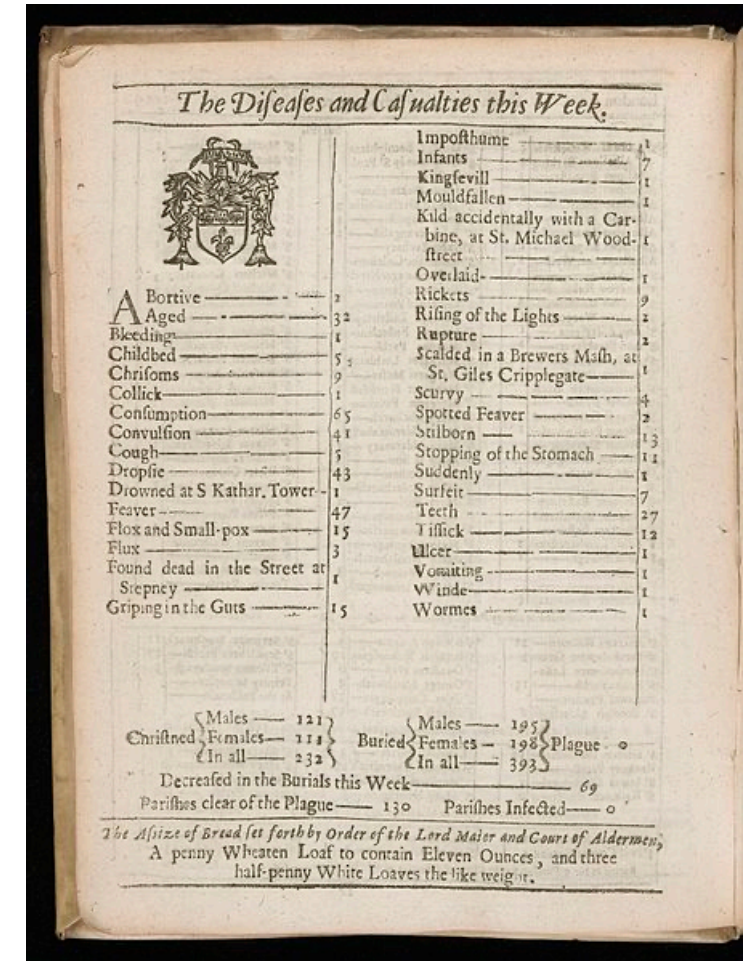
(1) Reducing the dimensionality

Too many ICD diagnosis codes → use CCS codes (knowledge base) to represent as medically meaningful categories

Too many medication names → use medication knowledge base to represent as active ingredients

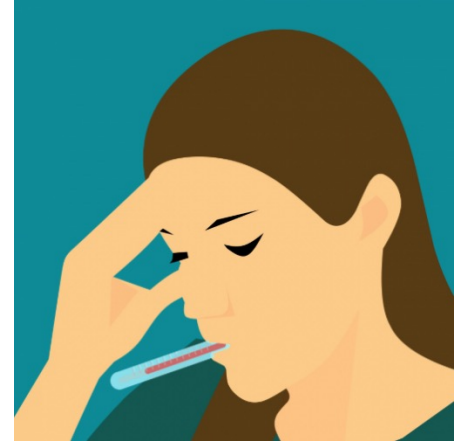
A history of medical billing & coding

- 1592: London Bills of Mortality
 - Data gathered weekly
 - Arranged into numerical codes and used to measure most frequent causes of death
- 1937: International List of Causes of Death
- 1977: International Classification of Diseases (ICD) expanded beyond causes of death, to include illnesses and injuries
- Current system: ICD-10



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Bills_of_Mortality_Feb_21_-_28_1664_Wellcome_L0043358.jpg

ICD-10 examples



- Diagnoses

- Cold → J06.9 Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified.
- Flu → J11.1 Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations
- Broken arm → S52.92XA Unspecified fracture of left forearm, initial encounter for closed fracture

- Procedures

- Appendix removed → 0DBJ4ZZ Excision of appendix, percutaneous endoscopic approach
- Gallbladder removed → 0FB44ZZ Excision of gallbladder, percutaneous endoscopic approach

What's the catch?

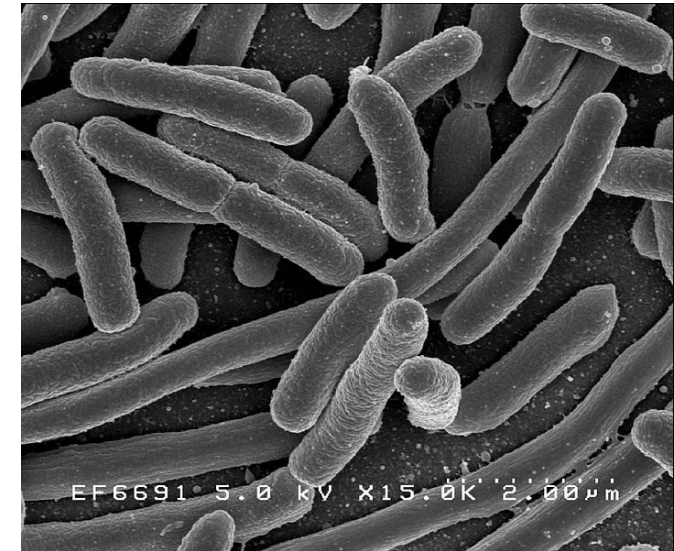
- There are over 14,400 different codes in the ICD-10 base classification
- Some expanded ICD editions include over 70,000 codes
- ICD codes are too granular!



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Food poisoning

0050	Staphylococcal food poisoning
0051	Botulism food poisoning
0052	Food poisoning due to <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> (C. welchii)
0053	Food poisoning due to other Clostridia
0054	Food poisoning due to <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>
00581	Food poisoning due to <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i>
00589	Other bacterial food poisoning
0059	Food poisoning, unspecified



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E08.00	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperosmolality without nonketotic hyperglycemic-hyperosmolar coma (NKHHC)
E08.01	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperosmolality with coma
E08.10	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with ketoacidosis without coma
E08.11	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with ketoacidosis with coma
E08.21	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic nephropathy
E08.22	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic chronic kidney disease
E08.29	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other diabetic kidney complication
E08.311	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with unspecified diabetic retinopathy with macular edema
E08.319	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with unspecified diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
E08.321	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema
E08.329	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
E08.331	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema
E08.339	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
E08.341	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema
E08.349	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
E08.351	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema
E08.352	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula
E08.353	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula
E08.354	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment
E08.355	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy
E08.359	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
E08.36	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic cataract
E08.37	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment
E08.39	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other diabetic ophthalmic complication
E08.40	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified
E08.41	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic mononeuropathy
E08.42	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic polyneuropathy
E08.43	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic autonomic (poly)neuropathy
E08.44	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic amyotrophy
E08.49	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other diabetic neurological complication
E08.51	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic peripheral angiopathy without gangrene
E08.52	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic peripheral angiopathy with gangrene
E08.59	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other circulatory complications
E08.610	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic arthropathy
E08.618	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other diabetic arthropathy
E08.620	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic dermatitis
E08.621	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with foot ulcer
E08.622	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other skin ulcer
E08.628	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other skin complications
E08.630	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with periodontal disease
E08.638	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other oral complications
E08.641	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hypoglycemia with coma
E08.649	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hypoglycemia without coma
E08.65	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperglycemia
E08.69	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other specified complication
E08.8	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with unspecified complication
E08.9	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition without complications
E09.00	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolality without nonketotic hyperglycemic-hyperosmolar coma (NKHHC)
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E09.341	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema
E09.349	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
E09.351	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema

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Weird codes...

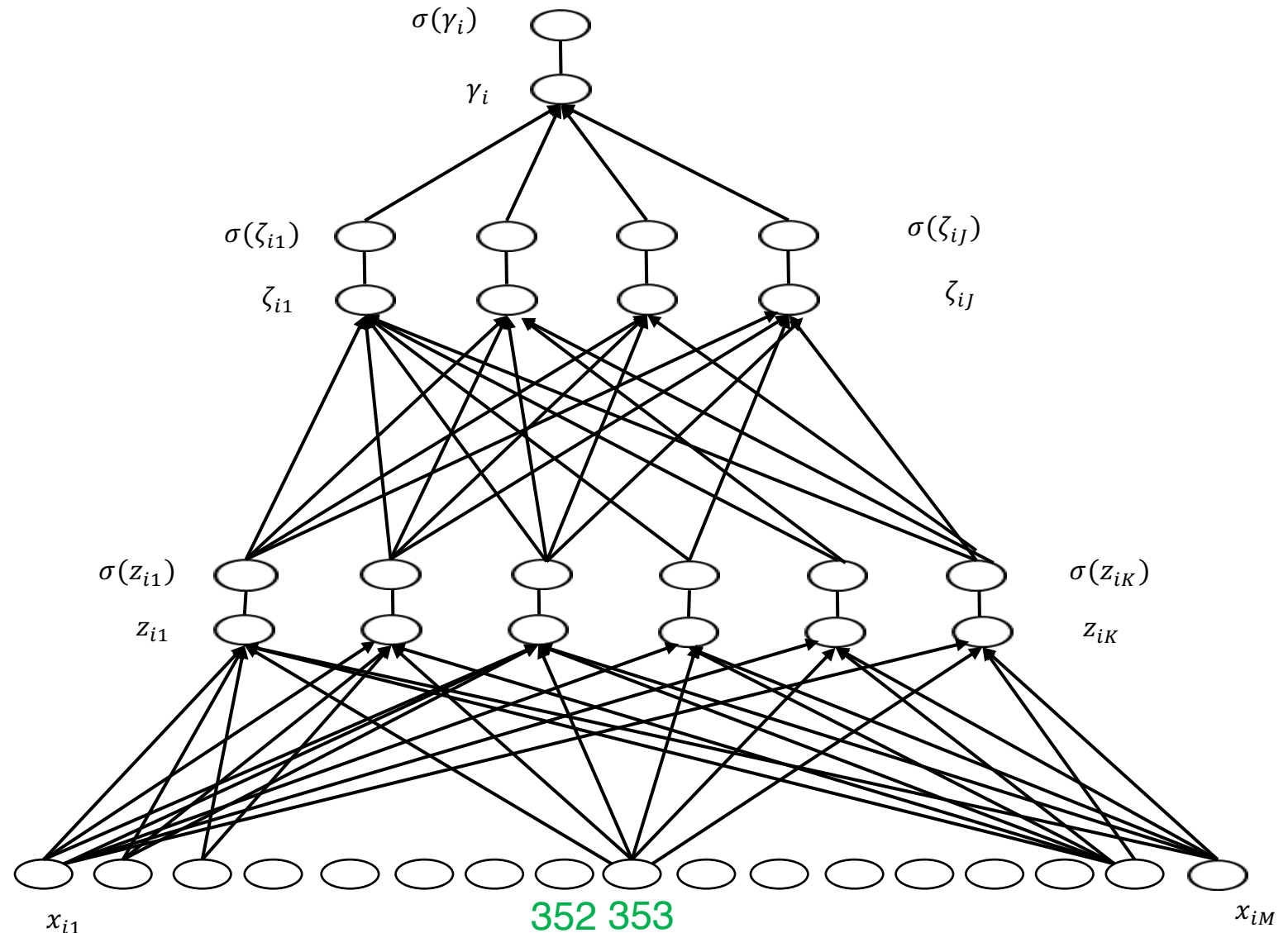
V97.33XD	Sucked into jet engine, subsequent encounter
W55.41XA	Bitten by pig, initial encounter.
W61.62XD	Struck by duck, subsequent encounter
W220.2XD	Walked into lamppost, subsequent encounter
V91.07XD	Burn due to water-skis on fire, subsequent encounter
V95.43XS	Spacecraft collision injuring occupant, sequela
V00.01XD	Pedestrian on foot injured in collision with roller-skater, subsequent encounter



Example

Anne: E08.352 Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment *involving the macula*

Bob: E08.353 Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment *not involving the macula*



Anne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The solution

- Clinical Classification Software (CCS)
- A mapping from “detailed ICD code” to “medical concept”
- Free to download
- 14,400 ICD diagnosis codes → 270 CCS codes

Single-level CCS codes

ICD prefixes

24900 25000 25001 7902 79021 79022 79029
7915 7916 V4585 V5391 V6546

CCS Code

49 Diabetes mellitus without
complication

24901 24910 24911 24920 24921 24930 24931
24940 24941 24950 24951 24960 24961 24970
24971 24980 24981 24990 24991 25002 25003
25010 25011 25012 25013 25020 25021 25022
25023 25030 25031 25032 25033 25040 25041
25042 25043 25050 25051 25052 25053 25060
25061 25062 25063 25070 25071 25072 25073
25080 25081 25082 25083 25090 25091 25092
25093

50 Diabetes mellitus with
complications

Multi-Level CCS codes

ICD prefixes

24900 25000 25001 7902 79021 79022 79029 7915 7916
V4585 V5391 V6546

CCS Code

3.2 Diabetes mellitus without complication

ICD prefixes

24901 24910 24911 25002 25003 25010 25011 25012
25013

CCS Code

3.3.1 Diabetes with ketoacidosis or uncontrolled diabetes

24940 24941 25040 25041 25042 25043

3.3.2 Diabetes with renal manifestations

24950 24951 25050 25051 25052 25053

3.3.3 Diabetes with ophthalmic manifestations

24960 24961 25060 25061 25062 25063

3.3.4 Diabetes with neurological manifestations

24970 24971 25070 25071 25072 25073

3.3.5 Diabetes with circulatory manifestations

24990 24991 25090 25091

3.3.6 Diabetes with unspecified complications

24920 24921 24930 24931 24980 24981 25020 25021
25022 25023 25030 25031 25032 25033 25080 25081
25082 25083 25092 25093

3.3.7 Diabetes with other manifestations

Medications → active ingredients

Brand Names	Ingredients
Advil, Motrin, Proprinal	Ibuprofen
Tylenol	Acetaminophen
Percocet	Acetaminophen, Oxycodone
Excedrin PM Headache	Acetaminophen, Aspirin, Diphenhydramine
Benadryl, Banophen, ZzzQuil	Diphenhydramine
Ascriptin, Aspergum, Aspirin, Bayer, Easprin, Ecotrin, Ecpirin, Enterocote, Genacote, Halfprin, Ninoprin, Norwich Aspirin	Aspirin
Bupap, Tencon, Phrenilin, Allzital	Acetaminophen, Butalbital

Medications → active ingredients

Brand Names	Ingredients
Aldocumar, Anasmol, Anticoag, Befarin, Cavamed, Cicoxil, Circuvit, Cofarin, Coumadin, Coumadine, Cumar, Farin, Foley, Haemofarin, Jantoven, Kovar, Lawarin, Maforan, Marevan, Marfarin, Marivanil, Martefarin, Morfarin, Orfarin, Panwarfin, Scheme, Simarc, Varfarin, Varfarins, Varfine, Waran, Warcok, Warf, Warfareks, Warfarin, Warfarina, Warfarine, Warfarinum, Warfen, Warfin, Warik, Warin, Warlin, and Zyfarin	Warfarin

(2) Addressing incompleteness: combine EHR with insurance claims

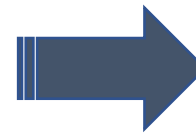
Using EHR data in combination with insurance claims provides a more complete picture of a patient's medical history

This is especially useful for **ensuring correct admission labels**: we want to label patients admitted to an outside hospital as “admitted”

(3) Addressing irregular timing: discretize time & use counts

- Use all data from the past 12 months to predict future 6-month risk of admission
- Collapse the year of irregular encounters into a single count vector summarizing the year

Patient 123ABZ	Jan-1-18	Mar-5-18	Nov-10-18
Metformin	1	1	1
Insulin	0	1	1
Diabetes	1	1	1
Appendectomy	0	0	1
Lung cancer	0	0	0



Patient 123ABZ	Count
Metformin	3
Insulin	2
Diabetes	3
Appendectomy	1
Lung cancer	0

(4) Addressing noise: use many patients

	Number of patients	Percent of total
Training set	60,016	70
Validation set	12,861	15
Test set	12,860	15
TOTAL	85,737	100



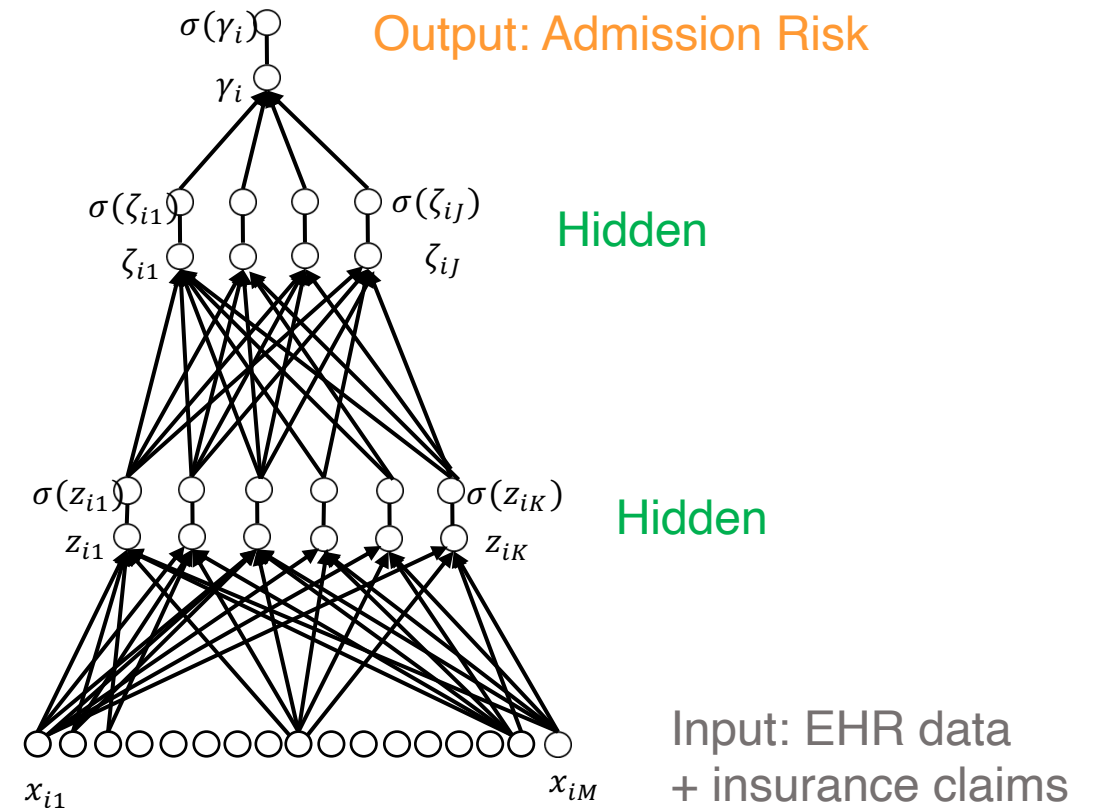
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Percent admitted: 11.5%

MODEL: MULTILAYER PERCEPTRON

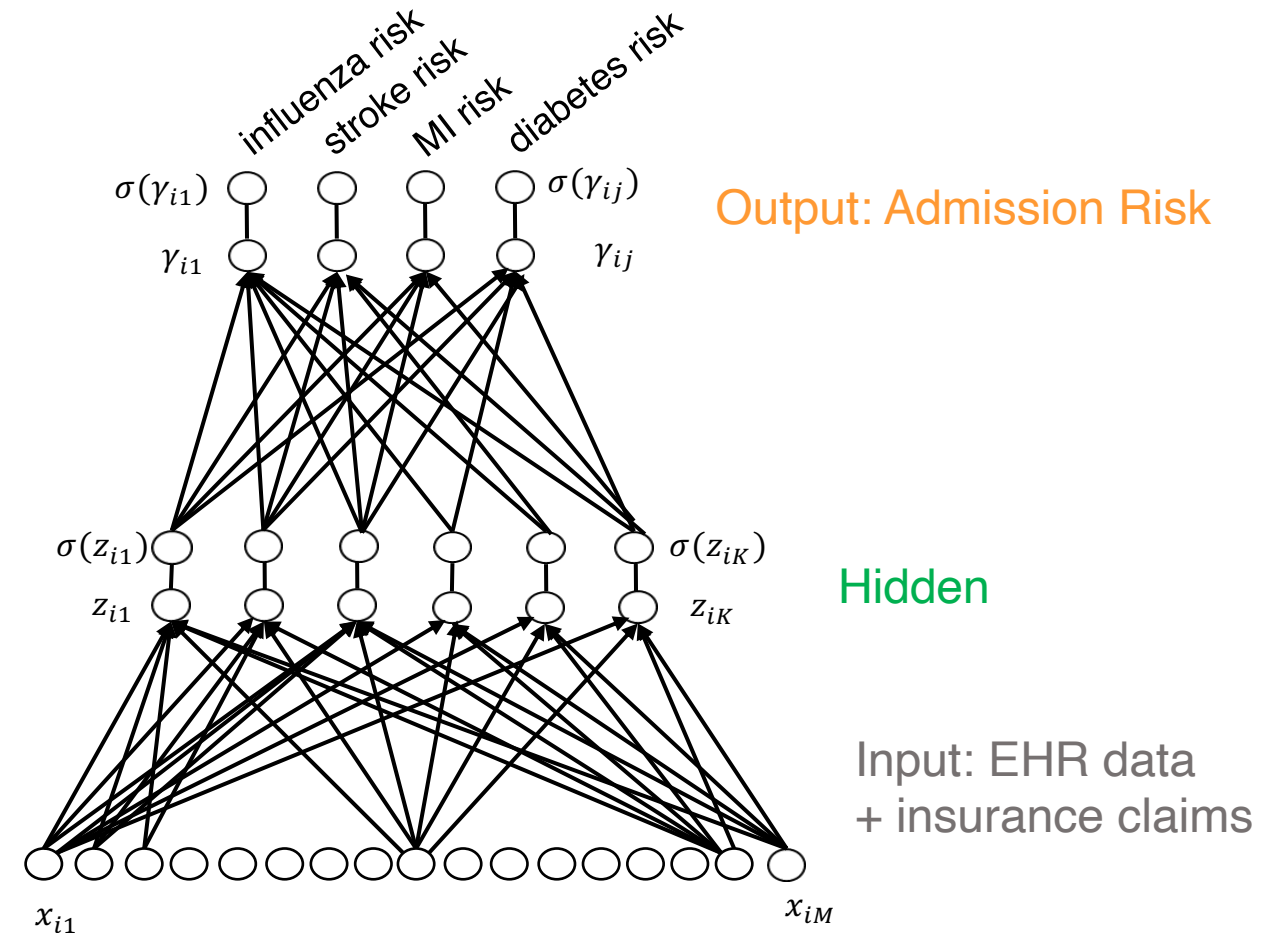
Multilayer perceptron for admission prediction

- The model in this diagram only outputs a single value
 - *e.g.*, risk of any admission
- What if we want to predict the risk of admission for specific conditions?



Predicting more than one output

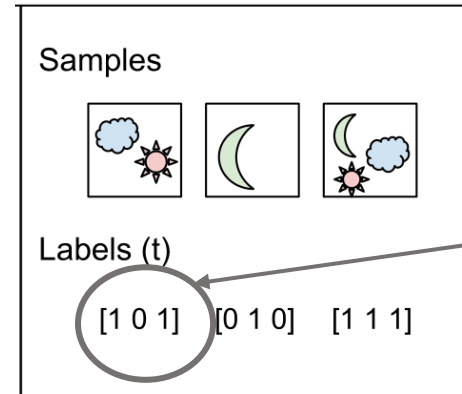
- When building a neural network, you can specify the size of each layer – including the size of the output layer
- We design the model to output **30 risk probabilities**, corresponding to the top 30 most common admission reasons



Multi-label vs. multi-class

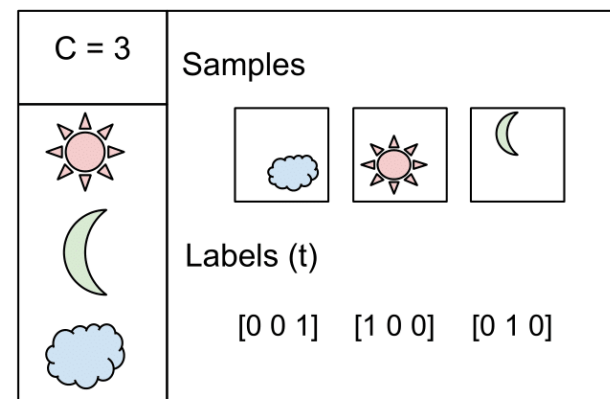
- Admission prediction is a **multi-label** problem:
 - More than one right answer
 - *i.e.*, a patient can be admitted for more than one disease in the next six months
- Other machine learning problems are **multi-class**:
 - Only one right answer
 - *e.g.*, MNIST digit classification

Multi-Label



e.g., in the 6-month window the patient was admitted for stroke and MI but not influenza

Multi-Class



https://gombru.github.io/2018/05/23/cross_entropy_loss/

Multi-label vs. multi-class

- **Multi-label** (admission prediction): apply **sigmoid** function $\sigma(z_j)$ to each element of the output independently
 - Classes are **NOT mutually exclusive**: each example can belong to more than one class
 - Each element of the output vector is between 0 and 1
 - Entire output vector does NOT have to sum to 1
- **Multi-class** (digit classification): apply **softmax** to the whole output
 - Classes **ARE mutually exclusive**: each example can belong to exactly one class
 - Each element of the output vector is between 0 and 1
 - Increasing the output value of one class requires the output values for the other classes to decrease
 - Entire output vector sums to 1

$$\sigma(z_j) = \frac{e^{z_j}}{1 + e^{z_j}}$$

Softmax function $\sigma(z)_j$

$$\sigma(z)_j = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_{k=1}^K e^{z_k}} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, K.$$

Multi-label vs. multi-class

Example raw output values	[3.2, -5.7, 0.6]
Result of applying sigmoid (multi-label, admission prediction) to raw outputs	<p>[0.96, 0.003, 0.65]</p> <p>↑</p> $\sigma(3.2) = \frac{e^{3.2}}{1 + e^{3.2}} = 0.96$ <p>Sum: $0.96 + 0.0033 + 0.65 = 1.61 \neq 1$</p>
Result of applying softmax (multi-class, digit classification) to raw outputs	<p>[0.93, 0.0001, 0.07]</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Softmax function $\sigma(\mathbf{z})_j$</p> $\sigma(\mathbf{z})_j = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_{k=1}^K e^{z_k}} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, K. = \frac{e^{3.2}}{e^{3.2} + e^{-5.7} + e^{0.6}} = 0.93$ <p>Sum: $0.93 + 0.069 + 0.00013 = 1$</p>

Input for one patient

- Counts over the past year for 1,395 clinical variables
 - Diagnoses (as CCS codes)
 - Procedures (as CCS codes)
 - Medications (as active ingredients)
- The EHR data and the insurance claims data both contribute to the total counts
- Sparse

Patient 123ABZ

Metformin	Insulin	Diabetes	Appendectomy	Lung cancer	...	Influenza
3	2	3	1	0		1



3	2	3	1	0	...	1
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Output for one patient

- Binary vector of length 30, corresponding to the top 30 most common admission diagnoses
 - 1 if patient was admitted for that diagnosis in the 6-month window
 - 0 otherwise
- Sparse

Patient 123ABZ

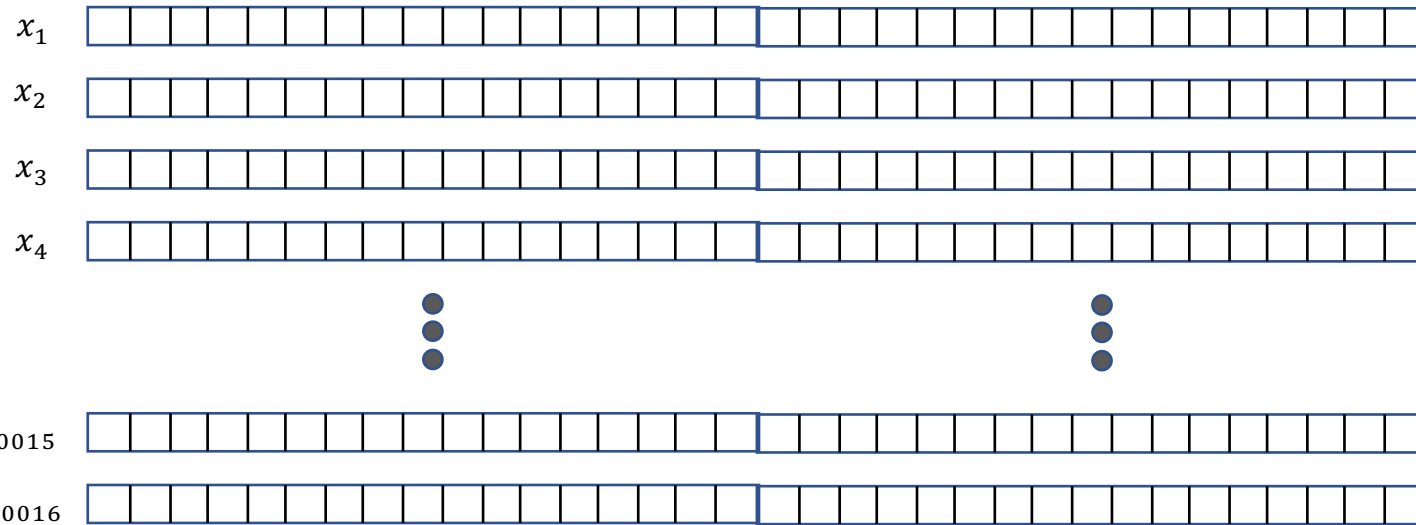
Myocardial inf.	Stroke	COPD	Pneumonia	Fracture						Infection
0	0	0	1	0	● ● ●					1



0	0	0	1	0	● ● ●					1
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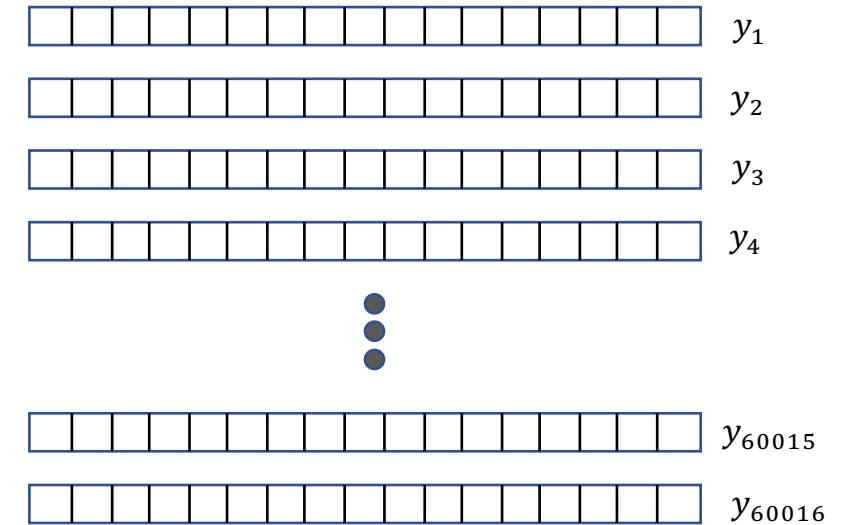
Training data: 60,016 patients

Input x



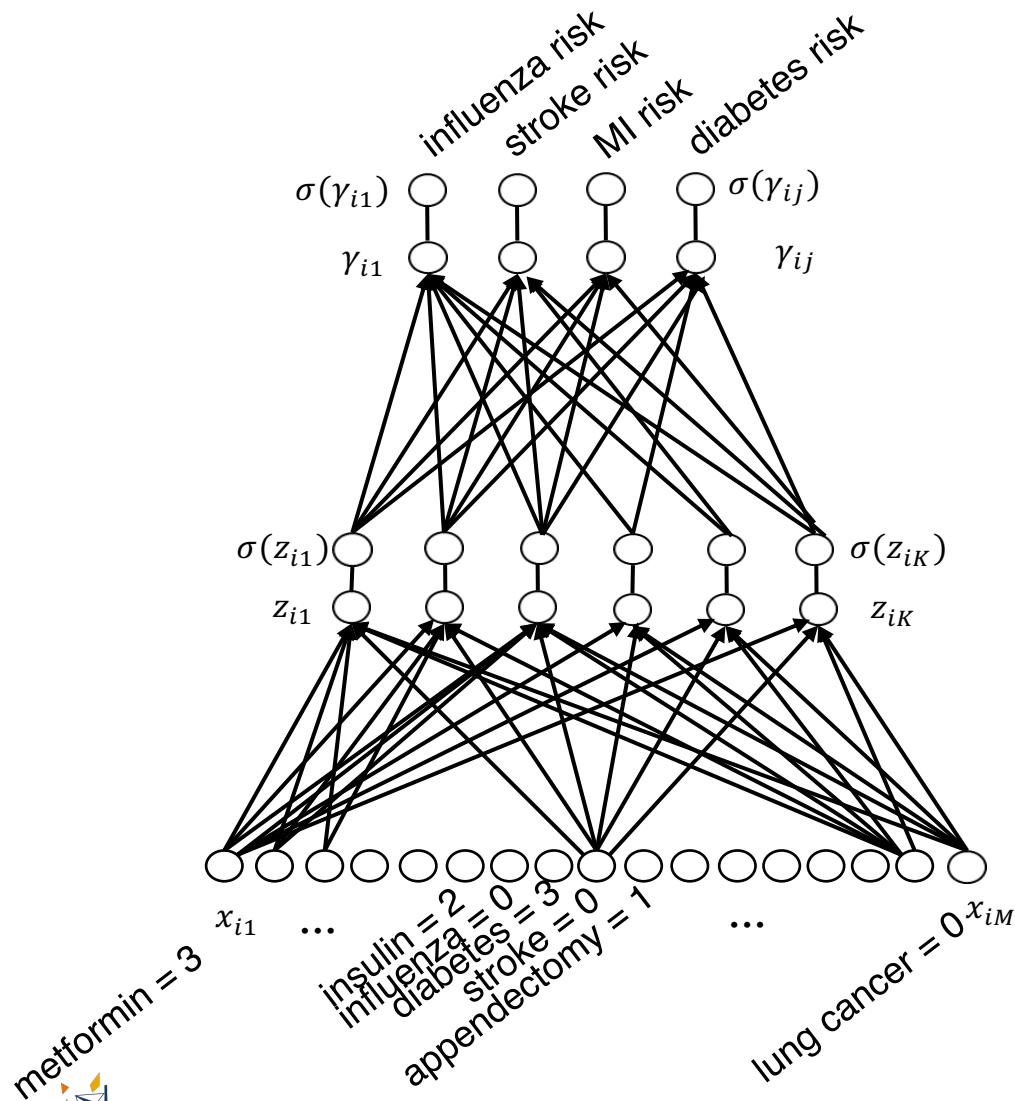
60,016 positive integer vectors (each of length 1,395): counts for each diagnosis, procedure, and medication Over the past year

Output y



60,016 binary vectors (each of length 30): admitted or not for the top 30 most common admission reasons Over the next 6 months

Multilayer perceptron model



Output: 30 nodes (risk for top 30 admission reasons)

Hidden layer: 600 nodes

Input: 1,395 nodes (diagnoses, procedures, and medications)

RESULTS

Evaluating performance

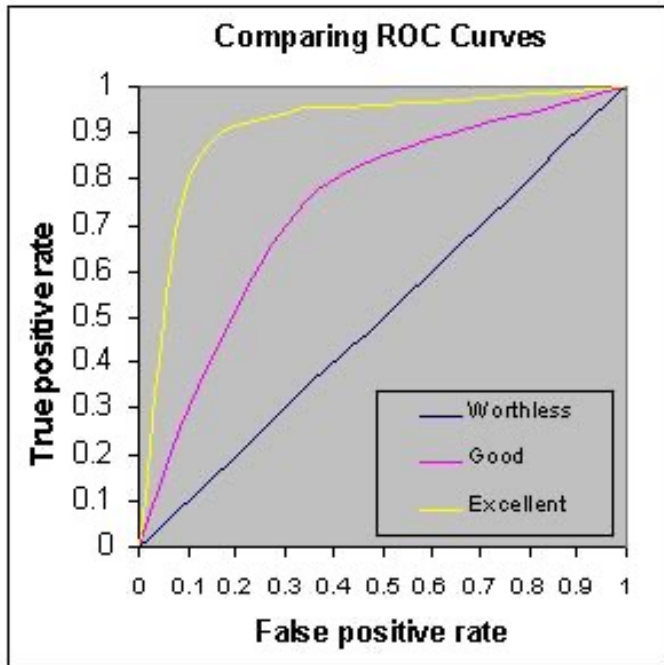
- Evaluate on held-out, unseen test set
- Imbalanced data: only 11.5% of patients were admitted
- That means a naïve model that always guesses “no” will get 88.5% accuracy
- What performance metric can we use instead of accuracy?



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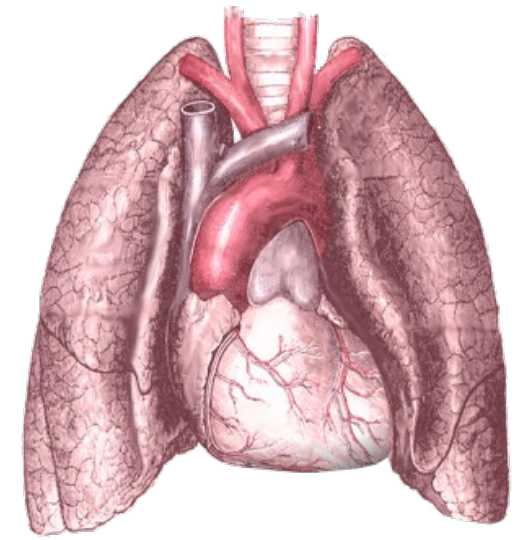
Area under the receiver operating characteristic (AUROC)

- AUROC is also known as the “c-statistic”
 - Sometimes “AUC” (vague; area under what curve?)



- Random guessing: AUROC = 0.5
- Perfect model: AUROC = 1
- The AUROC is the probability that a randomly chosen positive example will have a higher score than a randomly chosen negative example

AUROC: blood, lungs, heart



Blood

Sickle cell anemia	1.00
Deficiency and other anemia	0.70

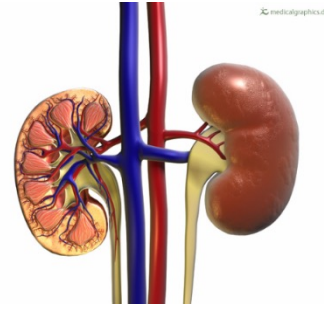
Lungs

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bronchiectasis	0.92
Respiratory failure; insufficiency; arrest (adult)	0.83
Pneumonia (except that caused by tuberculosis or sexually transmitted disease)	0.77
Aspiration pneumonitis; food/vomitus	0.67

Heart

Hypertension with complications and secondary hypertension	0.93
Congestive heart failure; nonhypertensive	0.88
Coronary atherosclerosis and other heart disease	0.80
Cardiac dysrhythmias	0.77
Acute myocardial infarction	0.71
Pulmonary heart disease	0.68

AUROC: GI/GU, ID, & Complications |



Gastrointestinal & Genitourinary

Acute and unspecified renal failure	0.81
Gastrointestinal hemorrhage	0.80
Intestinal obstruction without hernia	0.70
Biliary tract disease	0.64
Diverticulosis and diverticulitis	0.60

Infectious Disease & Complications

Complication of device; implant or graft	0.81
Skin and subcutaneous tissue infections	0.81
Urinary tract infections	0.80
Complications of surgical procedures or medical care	0.78
Septicemia (except in labor)	0.72

AUROC: miscellaneous

Diabetes mellitus with complications	0.91
Mood disorders	0.89
Fluid and electrolyte disorders	0.81
Secondary malignancies	0.76
Other nervous system disorders	0.73
Acute cerebrovascular disease	0.67
Fracture of neck of femur (hip)	0.65
Other fractures	0.59



<https://pixnio.com/science/medical-science/blood-sugar-meter-device-technology-digital-insulin-syringe-needle>



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hip_fracture

CONCLUSION

Summary

- Careful preparation of health data is critical
- A multilayer perceptron model achieves high performance for predicting admission risk of numerous medical conditions
- Highly predictable: diabetes, mood disorders, COPD, hypertension
- Harder to predict: hip fractures, other fractures, diverticulosis/itis