Multimodal Fusion for Early Detection of Sleep Disorders and Depression: A Machine Learning Approach Using Facial, Vocal, and Textual Cues

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Abstract

Sleep disorders, particularly insomnia, are a significant concern in global mental health, often correlated with depression. The early detection of such disorders can play a crucial role in timely intervention and support. This project explores the feasibility of using multi-modal data—textual transcripts, speech features, and facial video data—to predict sleep disorders and their association with depressive tendencies. Using a subset of the EDAIC dataset, we designed binary and multi-class classification frameworks. For the binary setting, we defined the presence of a sleep disorder using responses from PHQ-8 and PCL-C sleep-related items. For multi-class classification, we leveraged the detailed scoring from each questionnaire. Our experiments reveal high coherence between sleep and depression scores and support the hypothesis that multi-modal approaches, particularly those that combine facial, audio, and textual signals, outperform unimodal baselines. The best-performing ensemble model achieved an accuracy of **79%** for sleep disorder detection and **85%** for depression classification, demonstrating the potential of such models for real-world diagnostic applications.

1 Problem Statement

The goal of this study is to develop machine learning models that can identify sleep disorders and related depressive symptoms based on multi-modal data. Given the complexity and variability of human behavior, especially in mental health contexts, our approach utilizes three key modalities:

- **Textual responses** collected during interviews.
- **Speech features** (MFCC, eGeMAPS).
- **Facial video features**.

Labels for classification were derived from two standardized clinical surveys:

- **PHQ-8:** Evaluates frequency of sleep disturbances over the past two weeks.
- **PCL-C:** Assesses severity of sleep-related symptoms.

We define two main classification tasks:

1. **Binary Classification:** Detect presence or absence of sleep disorder.
2. **Multi-Class Classification:** Predict severity level based on PHQ-8 and PCL-C scoring.

We further explore how the classification of depression correlates with these modalities and investigate multi-modal fusion strategies, including ensemble learning and uncertainty-based weighting, to improve prediction accuracy.

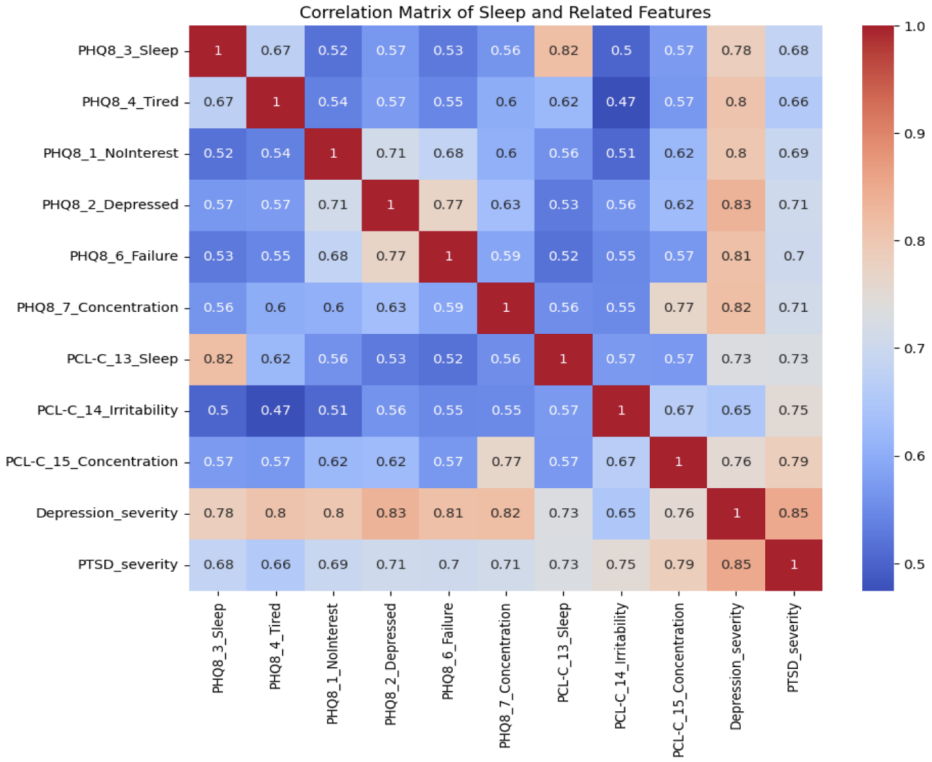
2 Introduction

Sleep disorders are increasingly recognized as both a symptom and a contributor to mental health conditions such as depression. The ability to identify these disorders early using non-invasive methods holds promise for scalable and accessible healthcare solutions. In this project, we investigate how multiple forms of participant data—text, speech, and facial expressions—can be utilized to predict the presence and severity of sleep-related issues and depressive tendencies.

We build upon a subset of the **EDAIC dataset**, which includes detailed annotations for sleep and depression assessments. Our preprocessing involved generating a **binary sleep disorder label** by jointly considering `PHQ_8Sleep` and `PCL_C_13_Sleep` scores. PHQ-8 offers a day-based frequency measure, while PCL-C provides a severity-based scale. These were also used in a multi-class classification setup to predict sleep severity levels.

```
train_df['Sleep_Disorder'] = np.where((train_df['PHQ8_3_Sleep'] >= 2) & (train_df['PCL-C_13_Sleep'] >= 3), 1, 0)
train_df.loc[(train_df['PHQ8_3_Sleep'] == 3) | (train_df['PCL-C_13_Sleep'] >= 4), 'Sleep_Disorder'] = 1
```

Exploratory data analysis revealed a **high correlation between sleep disturbance and depression scores**, supporting the hypothesis that one can be indicative of the other. Additional insights were observed in behavioral data: participants with severe sleep disturbances often demonstrated less speech activity and subdued facial expressions. Such patterns were captured during structured interviews conducted with a virtual AI agent.



All data preprocessing, training, and model evaluation (except for text-based analysis) were performed on the **CGS servers**, facilitated by Tutor Lazar Tony. The project codebase and video demonstration are available through the links below:

- **Code Repository:** Link To Google Drive
- **Presentation Videos:** Link To OneDrive

The rest of this report is organized by modality—beginning with **text-only analysis**, followed by **text+audio fusion**, then **facial video analysis**, and concluding with the **multi-modal ensemble fusion model**.

3 EDAIC Dataset Description & Data Handling

The **EDAIC dataset** (Emotionally Diverse Audio-Visual Interactions Corpus) is a large-scale multi-modal resource created for mental health assessment, focusing on tasks like *depression* and *sleep disorder* prediction. It contains recordings from **275 participants**, including modalities such as audio, video, facial landmarks, acoustic features, transcripts, and questionnaire scores (e.g., PHQ-8).

3.1 Challenges in Handling Large Dataset

Given that each participant's data is stored in compressed `.tar.gz` archives, extracting and organizing this large corpus was non-trivial. To streamline this, an automated shell script was written by us to extract transcripts efficiently from each archive.

3.2 Transcript Extraction via Shell Script

The following script, named `download_transcripts.sh`, automatically downloads and extracts all transcript files from the dataset archive:

Listing 1: `download_transcripts.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash

BASE_URL="https://dcapswoz.ict.usc.edu/wwwedaic/data"
TRANSCRIPT_DIR="Transcripts"
TEMP_DIR="temp_extract"

mkdir -p "$TRANSCRIPT_DIR"
mkdir -p "$TEMP_DIR"

echo "Fetching␣index..."
curl -s "$BASE_URL/" -o index.html

echo "Extracting␣links..."
grep -Eo '[0-9]+_P\.tar\.gz' index.html | sort -u > file_list.txt

while read -r filename; do
    echo "Processing␣$filename␣..."

    curl -sSL "${BASE_URL}/${filename}" -o "$filename"

    mkdir -p "$TEMP_DIR"
    tar -xf "$filename" -C "$TEMP_DIR"
```

```
    find "$TEMP_DIR" -type f -iname "*transcript*" -exec mv {} "
        $TRANSCRIPT_DIR/" \;

    rm -rf "$TEMP_DIR"
    rm -f "$filename"

    echo "Done with $filename"
done < file_list.txt

rm -f index.html file_list.txt

echo "All files processed. Transcripts saved to $TRANSCRIPT_DIR"
```

This script created a centralized folder for textual data, which streamlined downstream natural language processing tasks.

3.3 Modality-Specific Folder Organization

We followed a similar approach for other modalities (e.g., facial CSVs, acoustic features), organizing them into dedicated folders within a shared Google Drive. This enabled:

- Faster I/O and result saving on Google Colab.
- Seamless collaboration across team members.
- Modularity in processing different modalities independently.

3.4 Automated MLP Training Script for Facial Modality

Algorithm 1 Pseudo-code: Automated MLP Training for Facial Modality

```
Define BASE_URL, MODEL_DIR, TEMP_DIR, and path to train.csv
Create MODEL_DIR and TEMP_DIR
Download index of available participant files from BASE_URL
Extract list of available .tar.gz files from index
Load list of training participant IDs from train.csv
for all filename in list of archive files do
    Extract PARTICIPANT_ID from filename
    if PARTICIPANT_ID is in training IDs then
        Download the corresponding archive file
        Extract its contents to TEMP_DIR
        Construct full path to the facial features CSV file
        Call mlp.py with arguments: CSV path, participant ID, and model directory
        Delete the archive and extracted files
    else
        Skip this participant
    end if
end for
Delete the index and temporary file list
```

For experiments on the facial modality using an MLP model, we wrote another shell script that:

1. Downloaded the participant data if present in the training set.
2. Extracted the required OpenFace CSV files.
3. Called the MLP training script for each participant.

This allowed us to scale facial feature training in a participant-specific manner while ensuring we only processed relevant training data.

3.5 Class Imbalance in Depression Labels

An important challenge we encountered during model training was the significant **class imbalance** in the depression labels. Specifically:

- Around **77%** of participants had a depression label of `0` (non-depressed).
- The remaining **23%** were labeled as `1` (depressed).

This imbalance adversely affected classifier performance. To mitigate this, we explored:

- Using **class weights** in loss functions.
- Considering alternative metrics such as **F1-score** and **precision-recall AUC** rather than relying solely on accuracy.

4 Text Modality Analysis

Dataset Size Used: All 275 Participants **Colab Link:** `Text_final_modify.py`

4.1 Objectives

The goals of the text-based analysis are as follows:

- Predict **Sleep Disorder (Binary)**
- Predict **Sleep Disorder (Multi-class)**
- Predict **Depression (Binary)**

4.2 Feature Extraction from Transcripts

Each participant's transcript was preprocessed, and the following linguistic and timing-related features were extracted:

Feature	Meaning
Total_Duration	Total speaking time
Total_Utterances	Number of utterances
Avg_Confidence	Average ASR confidence score
Total_Words	Total number of words spoken
Avg_Words_Per_Utterance	Average words per utterance
Avg_Pause_Duration	Mean pause duration between utterances
Max_Pause_Duration	Maximum pause duration
Lexical_Diversity	Ratio of unique words to total words
Avg_Word_Length	Mean word length in characters
Sleep_Word_Count	Count of sleep-related words
First_Person_Pronouns	Count of first-person pronouns ("I", "me", "my")
Negation_Count	Count of negations ("not", "can't", etc.)

Table 1: Transcript-based features extracted per participant

Additionally, transcripts were converted into a Bag-of-Words (BoW) representation using the top 1000 words across all participants. This was merged with the features above using `Participant_ID`.

Due to high dimensionality (275×1001), **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)** was applied to retain 95% variance while reducing feature space.

4.3 Sleep Disorder Prediction (Binary)

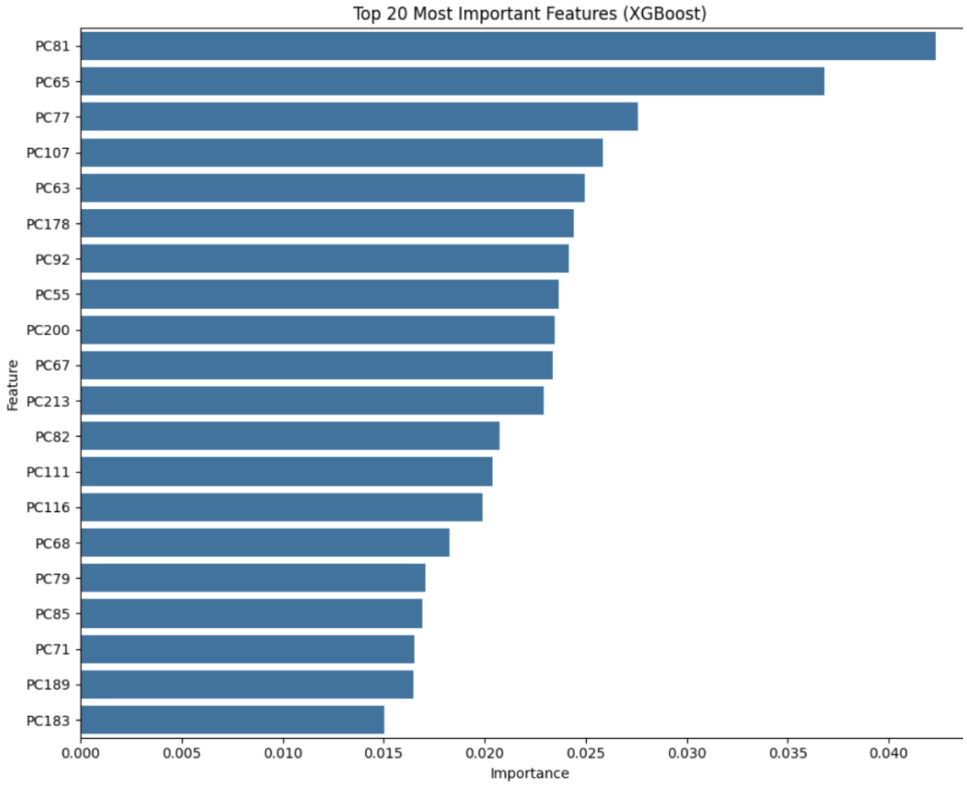
- Label used: `Sleep_Disorder`
- Data split: According to provided `split` column.
- Models tested: XGBoost, Random Forest, LightGBM

```
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.66      0.61      0.63        31
           1       0.56      0.60      0.58        25

    accuracy                           0.61        56
   macro avg       0.61      0.61      0.61        56
weighted avg       0.61      0.61      0.61        56

[[19 12]
 [10 15]]
```

Figure 1: Decision Tree Classifier accuracy:0.61

- Best Model: **Random Forest Classifier with Cross-Validation**
  - Accuracy: 0.6945 ± 0.0506
  - Accuracy without cross-validation: 0.56

- I plotted the top 20 important features which were important for sleep disorders:



Interpretation from PCA Components: Since I had applied for PCA, it is in the form of PC Components. We can see which of the words were important for detecting sleep issues from these PCA Components.

- **PC65:** Negative emotions and stress — e.g., `word_hurt, word_natural, word_late`
- **PC81:** Cognitive overload and agency — e.g., `word_think, word_put, word_members`

```
Top features for PC81:
          Feature   Loading
547  word_members  0.117236
680      word_put  0.113843
292     word_fall  0.103153
381     word_hand  0.098350
752      word_she  0.091451
672  word_process -0.088249
859    word_think -0.088183
468     word_kind -0.086964
738   word_seeing  0.080395
556     word_mine  0.078652

Top features for PC65:
          Feature   Loading
436     word_hurt  0.102006
902      word_two  0.101330
584  word_natural -0.096295
480     word_late -0.096284
159     word_cold -0.093279
100  word_between  0.089843
969    word_woman  0.087859
338     word_full -0.086391
842    word_terms  0.086034
818  word_studies  0.084521
```

```
Top features for PC77:
                  Feature   Loading
58             word_aren  0.111725
877            word_took -0.095515
793           word_space -0.086498
827            word_sure -0.084398
292            word_fall  0.081172
386          word_happen  0.079670
884  word_transportation  0.079564
934           word_watch -0.079520
197           word_death  0.079170
900              word_tv -0.079095

Top features for PC107:
                Feature   Loading
493         word_less  0.098746
276      word_exactly  0.094567
621  word_opportunity  0.092203
347          word_get -0.087470
823       word_summer  0.087009
781      word_someone  0.085634
964         word_will  0.085558
164  word_comfortable  0.085344
918        word_vegas -0.083053
657         word_pick -0.083035
```

- **PC77:** Existential concerns and disrupted routines — e.g., `word_death, word_tv, word_transportation`
- **PC107:** Aspiration, deprivation, and comfort — e.g., `word_opportunity, word_get, word_comfortable`

4.4 Sleep Disorder Prediction (Multi-class)

- Label used: `PHQ8_3_Sleep` with 4 classes
- Models:
  - **Voting Classifier (soft voting):**
    - Components: Decision Tree, XGBoost, Logistic Regression
    - Accuracy: 0.36

```
Accuracy: 0.35714285714285715

Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.39      0.72      0.51        18
           1       0.29      0.29      0.29        14
           2       0.33      0.09      0.14        11
           3       0.33      0.15      0.21        13

    accuracy                           0.36        56
   macro avg       0.34      0.31      0.29        56
weighted avg       0.34      0.36      0.31        56


Confusion Matrix:
 [[13  2  2  1]
 [ 7  4  0  3]
 [ 6  4  1  0]
 [ 7  4  0  2]]
```

Figure 2: XGB Classifier Performance: Accuracy: 0.36

  - **XGBoost (independent):**
    - With sample weights to handle class imbalance (class_weight='balanced')
    - For multiclass classification (objective='multi:softprob', num_class=4)
    - Accuracy: 0.39
- Best Accuracy: **0.39** (XGBoost)
- Challenges: Class imbalance and difficulty in multiclass classification

4.5 Depression Prediction (Binary)

- Label used: `Depression_label`
- Models:
  - Decision Tree (best performance)

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.71	0.82	0.76	39
1	0.36	0.24	0.29	17
accuracy			0.64	56
macro avg	0.54	0.53	0.52	56
weighted avg	0.61	0.64	0.62	56

```
[[32  7]
 [13  4]]
```

Figure 3: Decision TreeAccuracy:0.64

– XGBoost (ineffective at predicting `depressed=1`)

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.70	1.00	0.82	39
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	17
accuracy			0.70	56
macro avg	0.35	0.50	0.41	56
weighted avg	0.49	0.70	0.57	56

```
[[39  0]
 [17  0]]
```

Figure 4: XGBoost Accuracy:0.70

- Best Accuracy: **0.64** (Decision Tree)
- **Correlated with sleep features, indicating influence of sleep on depression.**

Interpretation from PCA Components:

- **PC163:** Reflective and emotional processing — e.g., `word_supposed, word_was`
- **PC199:** Anxiety and future concerns — e.g., `word_anxious, word_later`
- **PC55:** Motivational and group identity — e.g., `word_motivated, word_age`
- **PC73:** Emotional and social experiences — e.g., `word_party, word_very`

4.6 Transcript Generation from Audio

Colab Link: `Audio_to_transcript.ipynb`

- **Steps: Load Whisper Model:** The code loads the Whisper model (base version) to transcribe audio to text.

Transcribe Audio: The `.wav` audio file is transcribed into text, and segments of speech are identified with their start and end times.

Process Transcription Data:

- For each transcription segment, the start and end times are rounded.
- The text content of each segment is extracted.
- The confidence level (indicating how certain the model is about the transcription) is retrieved and normalized to a 0-1 scale.

Store Results: The transcription data (start time, end time, text, and confidence) is stored in a structured table (Pandas DataFrame).

Start_Time	End_Time	Text	Confidence
0.0	5.1	Alright, looks good. So let's move around just a little bit because we have an Xbox	0.874728
5.1	8.3	Connect that's not moving the motion. There we go.	0.874728
8.3	16.3	Taking you up to the spine. Now we're going to do something that things are quick minutes.	0.874728
16.3	17.3	Oh.	0.874728
17.3	20.3	Think you're equipped with that.	0.874728
20.3	21.3	Yeah.	0.874728
21.3	22.3	Which is how many?	0.874728
22.3	25.3	These are the audio and the video can get together.	0.874728
25.3	26.3	Oh, so they'll be in harmony.	0.874728
26.3	27.3	In harmony.	0.874728
27.3	29.7	Okay. All right. It sounds good.	0.874728
30.5	34.3	So I'm going to pull up the virtual human. She's going to chat with you and then when she is done,	0.868804
34.3	37.1	she'll let you know and you can go and ring that doorbell.	0.868804
37.1	38.1	Oh, okay.	0.868804
40.1	41.1	I agree.	0.868804
48.6	49.6	Hi.	0.868804
49.6	51.6	I'm out of the room.	0.868804
51.6	53.6	Thanks for being with us.	0.868804
53.6	55.6	I'm going to go in the room.	0.868804
55.6	57.6	I'm not here.	0.868804
57.6	59.6	I'm going to go in the room.	0.891977
59.6	61.6	I'm going to go in the room.	0.891977
61.6	63.6	I'm going to go in the room.	0.891977
63.6	65.6	I'm going to go in the room.	0.891977
69.6	71.6	Sure.	0.891977
75.6	77.6	Okay.	0.891977
81.6	85.6	Now I'll turn it into this.	0.891977
87.6	95.6	Well, that's a good question.	0.959801
95.6	98.6	I like to familiarity with everything.	0.959801
98.6	101.6	I know where everything is in the city.	0.959801

Figure 5: This is an example of Transcript produced by using example Audio as input using Whisper model.

- **Testing Pipeline:**
  - Audio was transcribed using Whisper.
  - Resulting transcript passed into trained classifiers.
  - Prediction accuracy assessed using the same features.
  - Colab for Final Prediction which takes as input the pretrained model and transcript of the person whom you want to predict sleep related issues:`Prediction.ipynb`

4.7 Real-World Applications

- **Clinical Screening Tools:**
  - Record patient speech.
  - Audio is recorded and transcribed automatically using the Whisper model. The transcript is passed through the best-performing model (e.g., Decision Tree, HistGradientBoosting).
  - Predict sleep disorder or depression severity in real-time.
  - Help clinicians prioritize cases and initiate early intervention.

- **Self-Screening through Chatbots:**
  - Participants engage with a chatbot.
  - Transcripts analyzed to detect depression or sleep issues.

4.8 Summary of Results

Task	Best Accuracy
Sleep Disorder (Binary)	0.6945
Sleep Disorder (Multi-class)	0.39
Depression (Binary)	0.64

Table 2: Performance summary for text-based models

- Sometimes individuals themselves don't know they are depressed. So for that they could be made to talk with such chatbot applications which can use the text to find the extent of depression, sleep related issues, etc.
- Text modality has the lowest accuracy in depression prediction because language is often subtle and ambiguous, making it difficult to detect depression through words alone. The lack of direct emotional or physiological cues, combined with challenges in feature extraction and context understanding, makes text-based models less effective compared to other modalities like speech.
- *Note:* Text modality performs relatively lower for depression prediction due to the ambiguity of language, lack of emotional tone, and context-dependent nature of expressions.

5 Speech-Based DL Model: Sleep Disorder Classification

5.1 Introduction

The objective of this study is to develop an effective deep learning model to classify sleep disorders based solely on audio-derived sequential features. The data comprises high-dimensional temporal features extracted from each participant using the openSMILE toolkit.

5.2 Dataset Details

- **Participants:** 275
- **Features per timestep:** 201
- **Timesteps per participant:** Up to approximately 8000
- **Labels:** Sleep disorder categories (binary or multi-class)
- **File format:** Each participant has a corresponding .csv file with sequential audio features

5.3 Problem Understanding

This is a sequential modeling problem where temporal relationships between frames are crucial. Traditional machine learning algorithms such as SVMs or XGBoost are not well-suited due to their lack of temporal modeling capabilities. Models such as RNNs, LSTMs, CNNs, and TCNs are more appropriate for this task.

5.4 Approach Overview

Step	Description
Data Preprocessing	Standardized features per participant and padded sequences to a fixed length
Model Choices	Focused on sequence models such as BiLSTM and CNN-BiLSTM
Regularization	Included Dropout and Layer Normalization
Training Tricks	Applied early stopping and gradient clipping
Handling Imbalance	Utilized weighted CrossEntropy loss
Evaluation	Assessed using confusion matrix, classification report, and training/validation curves

5.5 Model Evolution Journey

5.5.1 Basic BiLSTM

Initially implemented a 2-layer BiLSTM with 128 and 64 hidden units. Overfitting was observed, indicated by high training accuracy but low test accuracy. This led to simplifying the architecture to a single-layer BiLSTM with 128 bidirectional hidden units. Dropout and Layer Normalization were added for regularization. This significantly improved generalization.

5.5.2 CNN + BiLSTM

Introduced a 1D CNN layer before the BiLSTM. The CNN captures local short-term patterns, while the BiLSTM captures long-term dependencies. This resulted in a modest performance improvement.

5.5.3 Weighted CNN + BiLSTM

Employed Weighted CrossEntropyLoss based on class imbalance and utilized a WeightedRandomSampler to ensure balanced batch sampling. This slightly improved minority class performance.

5.5.4 CNN + BiLSTM + Attention

Added a self-attention layer post-BiLSTM, allowing the model to focus on important temporal frames. However, performance improvement was not significant. This may be due to the overhead of attention on a relatively small dataset or sufficient modeling by the BiLSTM alone.

5.5.5 Temporal Convolutional Network (TCN)

Implemented a standalone TCN model using dilated convolutions. Training was fast and stable, but test accuracy was slightly lower than the weighted BiLSTM model.

5.6 Final Model Selection

Rank	Model	Comments
1	Single-layer Weighted BiLSTM	Achieved the best performance across all metrics
2	CNN + BiLSTM	Significant improvement over the base BiLSTM
3	Weighted CNN + BiLSTM	Slightly improved minority class handling
4	CNN + BiLSTM + Attention	Did not yield expected gains despite added complexity
5	TCN	Efficient and stable but with slightly reduced accuracy

5.7 Training Techniques Used

- Applied StandardScaler to normalize features per participant
- Fixed sequence length to 8000 timesteps
- Batch size: 16
- Learning rate: 0.0001
- Early stopping based on validation accuracy
- Gradient clipping with max_norm = 1.0
- Loss function: Weighted CrossEntropyLoss
- Optimizer: Adam

5.8 Evaluation Metrics

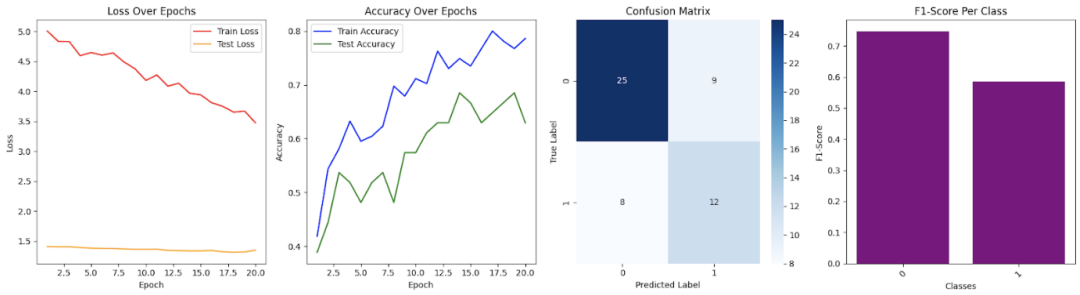
Metric	Description
Final Test Accuracy	Measured on the best performing saved model
Confusion Matrix	Visualizes correct and incorrect classifications
Classification Report	Includes precision, recall, and F1-score
Train/Test Loss Curves	Monitors potential overfitting
Train/Test Accuracy Curves	Assesses model generalization

5.9 Results and Visualization

5.9.1 Single-layer Weighted BiLSTM Sleep Prediction

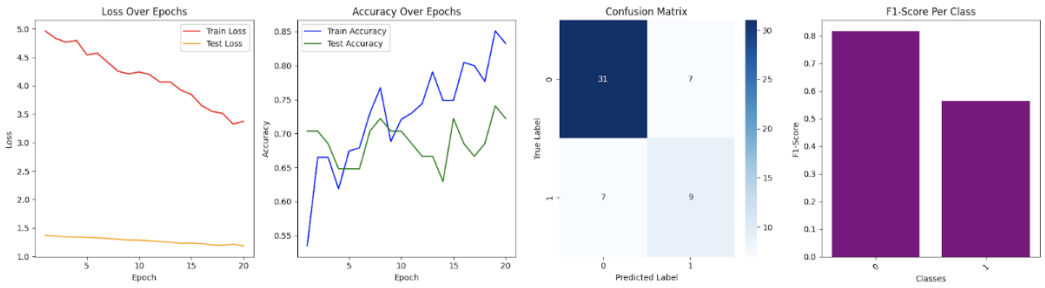
```
FEATURE_DIM = 200  # 100 MFCC + 100 eGeMAPS
BATCH_SIZE = 32
NUM_EPOCHS = 20
```

- Maximum sequence length = 8000
- Learning rate = 1e-4, weight decay = 1e-5
- Training accuracy = 78.60%
- Test accuracy = 68.52%



5.9.2 Depression Prediction

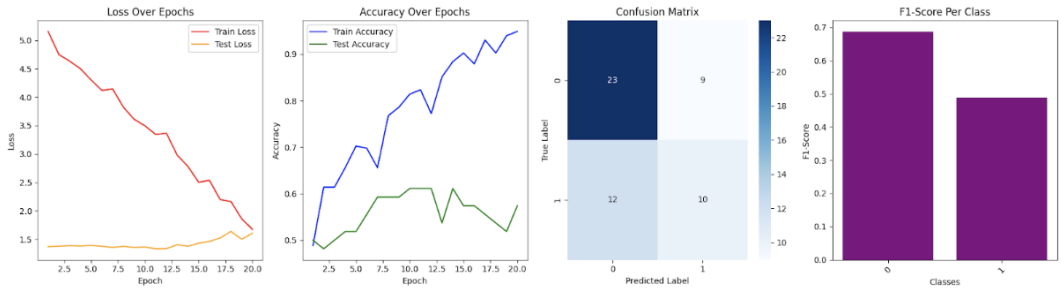
- Training accuracy = 83.26%
- Test accuracy = 74.07%



5.9.3 CNN-BiLSTM with Attention for Sleep Prediction

- Maximum sequence length = 8000
- Learning rate = 1e-4, weight decay = 1e-5
- Training accuracy = 94.88%
- Test accuracy = 61.11%

```
FEATURE_DIM = 200  # 100 MFCC + 100 eGeMAPS
BATCH_SIZE = 32
NUM_EPOCHS = 20
LEARNING_RATE = 0.001
NUM_CLASSES = 2   # or 2 if binary classification
```



5.10 Conclusion

A systematic progression through model architectures, supported by rigorous regularization and class imbalance strategies, led to the development of an effective deep learning model for sleep disorder classification using audio-based features. The final model, a single-layer BiLSTM with weighted loss, achieved strong generalization and reliable performance across both majority and minority classes, as evidenced by evaluation metrics and visualizations.

6 Text + Audio: Multimodal DL Model

ALL MODELLING CODES WERE RUN ON CGS SERVERS UNDER:

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We employ an ensemble-based deep learning approach by combining two distinct yet complementary neural network architectures: an MLP for processing high-dimensional audio features and a BiLSTM for modeling sequential text data. These two modalities are fused at a common layer to enable the model to learn from both acoustic and linguistic signals simultaneously. This multimodal fusion significantly improves predictive accuracy for sleep disorders and depression compared to using text or audio alone.

6.1 Converting Transcripts and then Combining

For Text: Transcripts from each participant were used. These transcripts were expanded by converting the (endtime − starttime) into time intervals of 0.1s, and the same text was copied across the duration.

Start_Time	End_Time	Text	Confidence
14.3	15.1	so I'm going to	0.93421
20.3	21.1	interview in Spanish	0.60847
23.9	24.3	okay	0.690606
62.1	62.7	good	0.951897
68.8	69.8	Atlanta Georgia	0.987629
74.8	77.1	my parents are from here	0.983949
83.4	84.3	I love it	0.969752
88.1	92.9	I like the weather I like the opportunities	0.974442
104.2	105.3	at the minute	0.718575
107.5	108.4	someone easy	0.722719
113.8	115.1	congestion	0.919954
120.2	120.9	that's it	0.944893
128.2	131.8	I took up business and administration	0.773867
136.6	143.8	yeah I am here and there I'm on a break right	0.864736
149	151.1	probably to open up my own business	0.957128
159.3	161.4	no	0.906577
165.5	168.5	no specific reason I just	0.689686
178.3	179	once a year	0.95869
189.1	190.3	email a bit more specific	0.867856

Figure 6: Transcript for Participant 300

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Timestamp	Text	Confidence				
2	14.3	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
3	14.4	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
4	14.5	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
5	14.6	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
6	14.7	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
7	14.8	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
8	14.9	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
9	15	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
10	15.1	so I'm going to	0.934209526				
11	20.3	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
12	20.4	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
13	20.5	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
14	20.6	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
15	20.7	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
16	20.8	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
17	20.9	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
18	21	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
19	21.1	interview in Spanish	0.6084705				
20	23.9	okay	0.690606117				
21	24	okay	0.690606117				
22	24.1	okay	0.690606117				
23	24.2	okay	0.690606117				
24	24.3	okay	0.690606117				
25	62.1	good	0.951897025				
26	62.2	good	0.951897025				
27	62.3	good	0.951897025				

Figure 7: Expanded Transcript for Participant 300

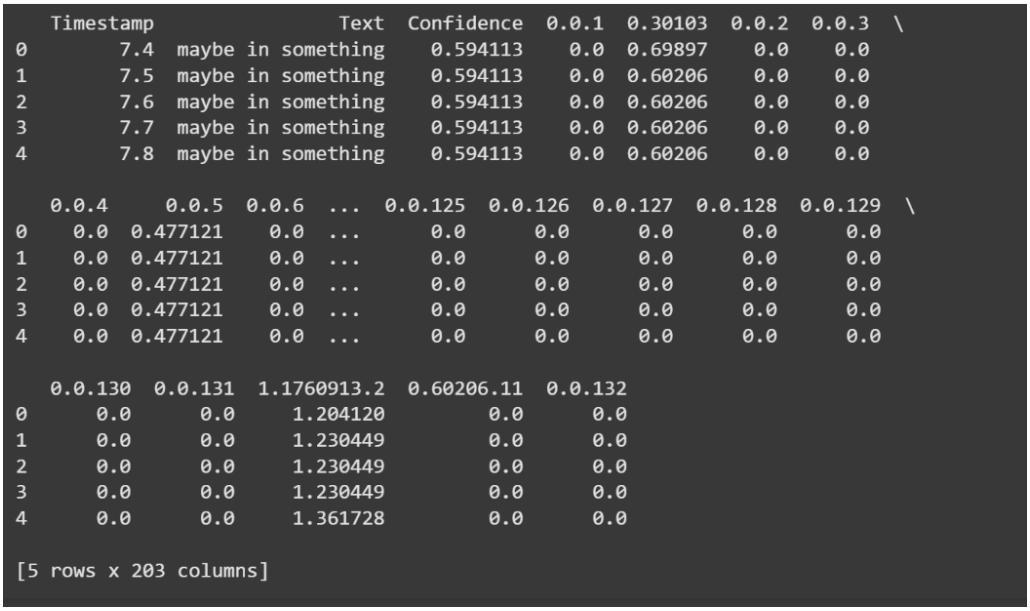
Code: Transcript_Expansion.ipynb

For Audio: Audio features were extracted using the openSMILE toolkit. Each participant's data included:

- BoAW eGeMAPS (100 features)
- BoAW MFCCs (101 features)

These were combined to produce `BoAW_combined` with 201 features.

Fusion: Both audio and text features were aligned based on timestamp (interval = 0.1s). This allowed concatenation of synchronized features.



	Timestamp	Text	Confidence	0.0.1	0.30103	0.0.2	0.0.3	\
0	7.4	maybe in something	0.594113	0.0	0.69897	0.0	0.0	
1	7.5	maybe in something	0.594113	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	
2	7.6	maybe in something	0.594113	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	
3	7.7	maybe in something	0.594113	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	
4	7.8	maybe in something	0.594113	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	

	0.0.4	0.0.5	0.0.6	...	0.0.125	0.0.126	0.0.127	0.0.128	0.0.129	\
0	0.0	0.477121	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1	0.0	0.477121	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2	0.0	0.477121	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
3	0.0	0.477121	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
4	0.0	0.477121	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

	0.0.130	0.0.131	1.1760913.2	0.60206.11	0.0.132
0	0.0	0.0	1.204120	0.0	0.0
1	0.0	0.0	1.230449	0.0	0.0
2	0.0	0.0	1.230449	0.0	0.0
3	0.0	0.0	1.230449	0.0	0.0
4	0.0	0.0	1.361728	0.0	0.0

[5 rows x 203 columns]

Figure 8: Concatenated Audio + Text Feature Set

Code: Audio+Text_Concatenation.ipynb
Dataset Used: 269 participants (6 dropped due to alignment issues), 203 columns per CSV.
Drive Link: audio_text_merged (2)

6.2 Modelling: MLP + Bi-LSTM

Code: Audio_Textual.ipynb

This model performs binary classification to predict sleep disorder.

```
train_df['Sleep_Disorder'] = np.where((train_df['PHQ8_3_Sleep'] >= 2) & (train_df['PCL-C_13_Sleep'] >= 3), 1, 0)
train_df.loc[(train_df['PHQ8_3_Sleep'] == 3) | (train_df['PCL-C_13_Sleep'] >= 4), 'Sleep_Disorder'] = 1
```

Figure 9: Rule Used to Derive Sleep Label

The model uses an ensemble approach:

Parameter	Value	Description
`StandardScaler()`	used	Standardizes to zero mean and unit variance
`max_len`	5000	Time-series truncated or padded to 5000 timesteps
`text_seq_len` `ord(c)`	20 used	Maximum characters per sample Converts characters to ASCII for tokenization

Table 3: Training Parameters

```
DATA_DIR = "/data3/cgs616/ahmad/audio_text_merged (2)"
LABEL_FILE = "/data3/cgs616/ahmad/Audio_zip/Audio_model/B_classified_labels.csv"
BATCH_SIZE = 32
NUM_EPOCHS = 30
LEARNING_RATE = 0.001
NUM_CLASSES = 2
TEXT_SEQ_LEN = 20
TEXT_VOCAB_SIZE = 128  # ASCII size for ord() tokenizer
TEXT_EMBED_DIM = 50
```

Figure 10: Training Parameters Set

- **Audio Branch (MLP):**
  - Linear Layer: `input_dim` $\rightarrow$ 128
  - Dropout: $p = 0.4$
  - Linear Layer: 128 $\rightarrow$ 64
- **Text Branch (Embedding + BiLSTM):**
  - Embedding Layer: vocab size 128 $\rightarrow$ 50
  - BiLSTM: 50 $\rightarrow$ 64 (each direction), resulting in 128
  - Final Linear Layer: 128 $\rightarrow$ 64
- **Fusion Layer:**
  - Concatenation: 64 (audio) + 64 (text) = 128
  - Final Output Layer: 128 $\rightarrow$ `NUM_CLASSES` (2 for binary)

Training Details:

- Optimizer: Adam
- Loss Function: CrossEntropyLoss
- Evaluation: Accuracy
- Device: GPU if available

Sleep Disorder Prediction: This is when the model is trained to predict Sleep Disorder by keeping numclasses=2 and label as sleep_Disorder

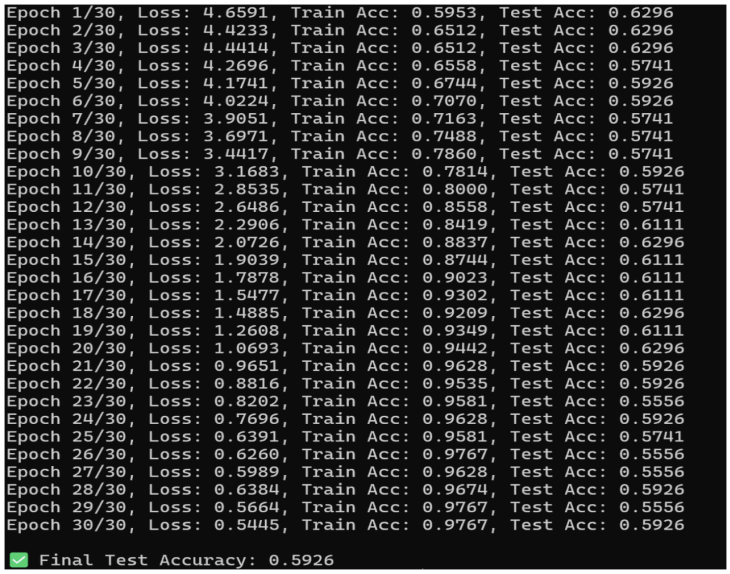


Figure 11: Accuracy on Binary Sleep Disorder Classification: 0.59

For multiclass sleep prediction, the label `PHQ8_3_Sleep` is used with 4 classes. Model remains unchanged except `NUM_CLASSES=4`.

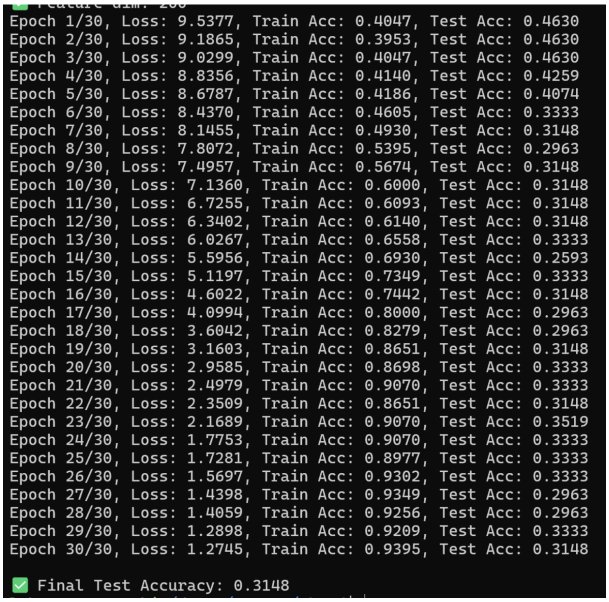


Figure 12: Sleep MultiClass Classification Accuracy: 0.31

Depression Prediction: Same model, label changed to `depression_label`.

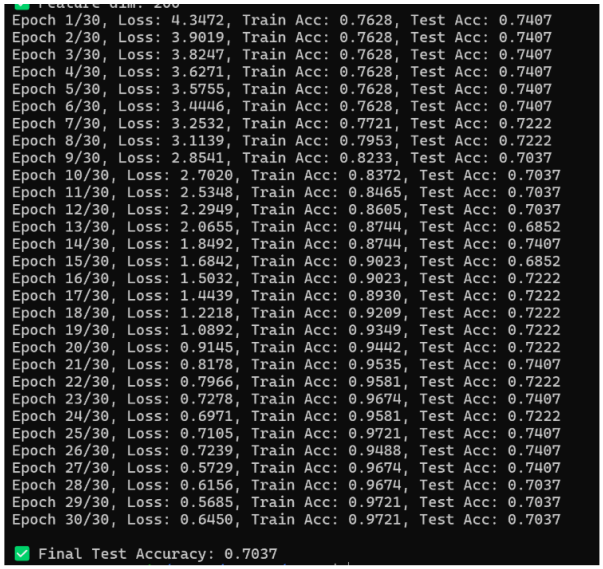


Figure 13: Depression Binary Classification Accuracy: 0.70

6.3 Improved Model: Multimodal Model

Code: Audio_Text_modified.ipynb
Same architecture, but enhanced training techniques.

- **Learning Rate Scheduler:** `StepLR(optimizer, step_size=5, gamma=0.1)`
- **TensorBoard Logging:** Logs training stats using `SummaryWriter()`
- **Early Stopping:** Patience = 5. Best model saved using: `torch.save(model.state_dict(), 'best_model.pth')`

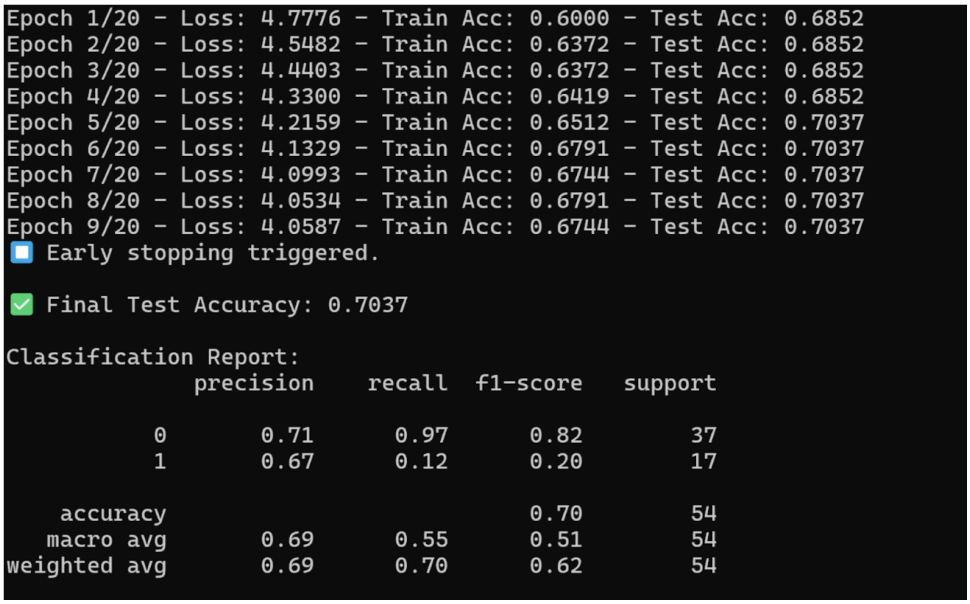


Figure 14: Binary Sleep Accuracy Improved to 0.70

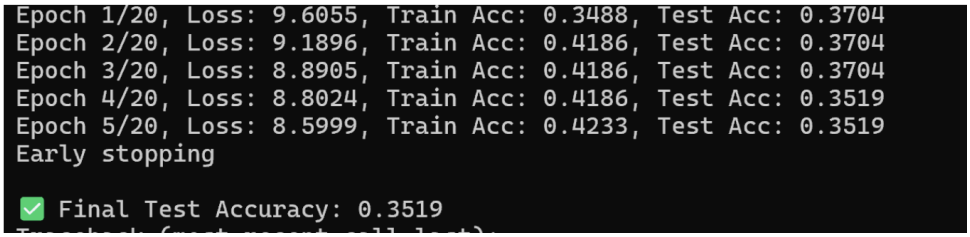


Figure 15: Multiclass Sleep Accuracy Improved to 0.35

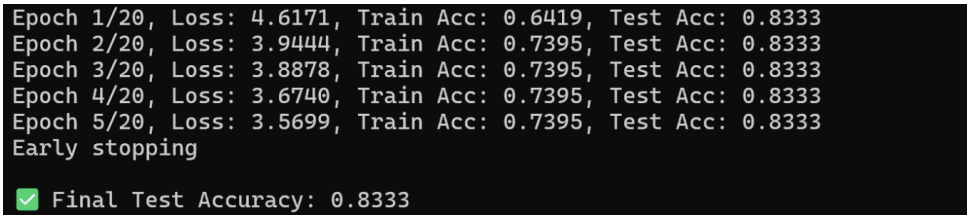


Figure 16: Depression Binary Accuracy: 0.833

6.4 Summary of Best Model Results

- Sleep (Binary): 0.70
- Sleep (Multiclass): 0.35
- Depression (Binary): 0.833

6.5 Use Cases and Deployment Pipeline

Step	Component	Description
1	Input Collection	Accept .wav audio and optional text from user
2	Audio Transcription	Convert audio to text using STT (e.g., Whisper API)
3	Audio Preprocessing	Segment audio, extract eGeMAPS + MFCC features
4	Text Expansion	Expand transcript over (endtime - starttime) in 0.1s
5	Feature Alignment	Align audio and text features on 0.1s timestamps
6	Feature Fusion	Concatenate 201D audio + text embeddings
7	Model Prediction	Use MultimodalModel (MLP + BiLSTM + Fusion)
8	Output Generation	Predict binary/multiclass sleep or depression
9	Result Presentation	Display messages like “Likely insomnia”

Table 4: Application Pipeline

6.6 Real-Life Applications

- **Mental Health Monitoring App:** Users log daily audio/text; app monitors depression/sleep quality.

- **Clinical Screening Tool:** Hospitals or telehealth use it for early detection.

7 Comparative Analysis of Facial Data Classification Approaches for Depression Detection

Introduction

This report summarizes the various deep learning models developed and tested for binary classification of **depression** using **facial expression data**. The data came from participant-level sequences processed using *OpenFace*, and due to a class imbalance of approximately 77% non-depressed vs. 23% depressed, model training posed several challenges.

We explored a range of architectures — from simple **MLPs** to complex **hybrid CNN-RNN-Transformer** models — and evaluated their effectiveness in terms of classification accuracy, robustness to imbalance, and their ability to model temporal dynamics of facial expressions.

7.1 Dataset Details

- Facial data was derived from the `BOVW_output/` folder.
- Each file followed the format: `<ID>_BoVW_openFace_2.1.0_Pose_Gaze_AUs.csv`.
- The first column (timestamp/metadata) was dropped.
- Each row had **100 features**, which could be reshaped to a 10×10 grid for use with CNNs.
- This removed the need for manual feature selection.

7.2 Model Comparisons and Evolution

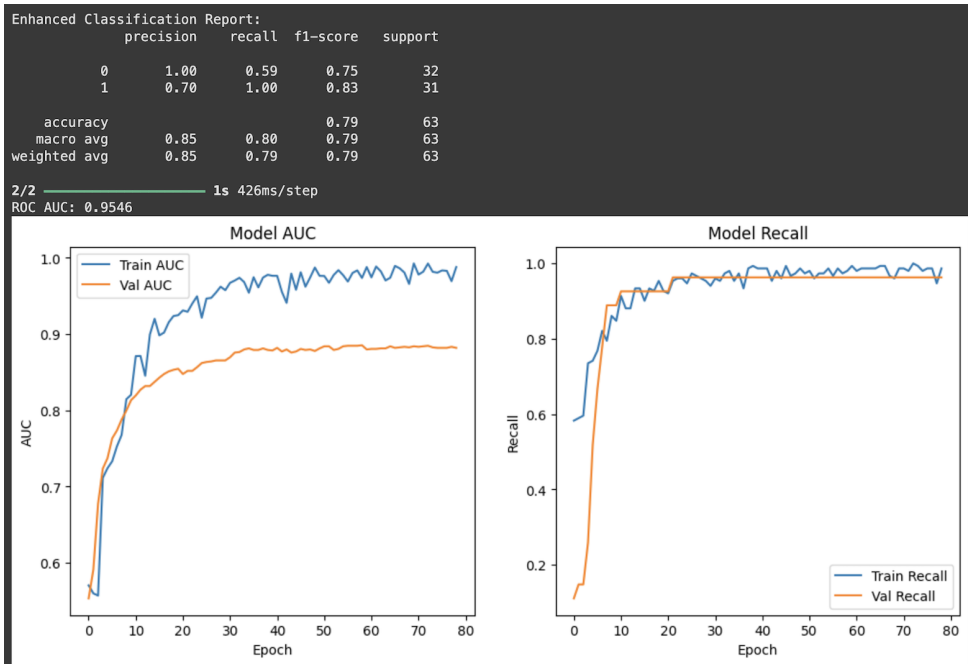
1. Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

- **Accuracy:** 69.38%
- **Approach:** Simple dense layers, no temporal modeling.
- **Observation:** Lacked temporal context. Model overfit to the majority class and gave random predictions.

Conclusion: Ineffective for time-series facial data.

2. CNN-Based Model

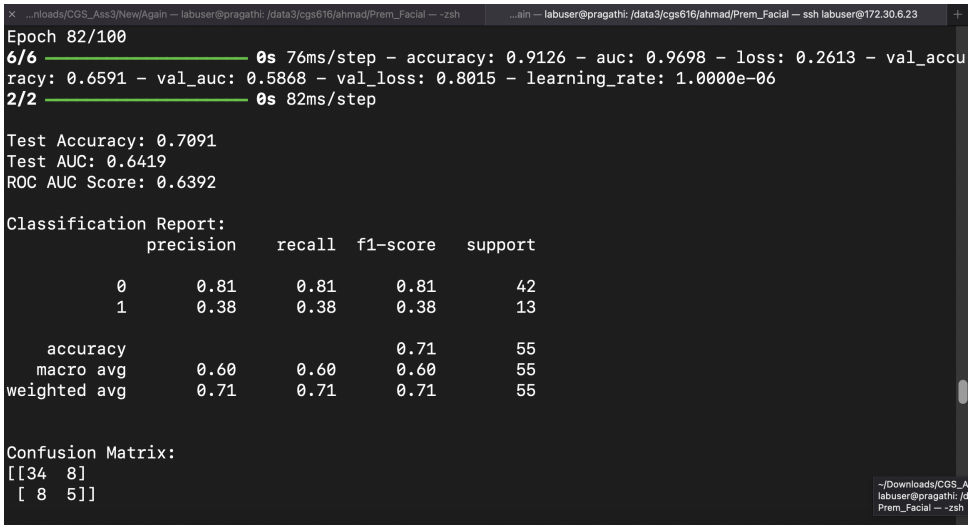
Accuracy: 79%



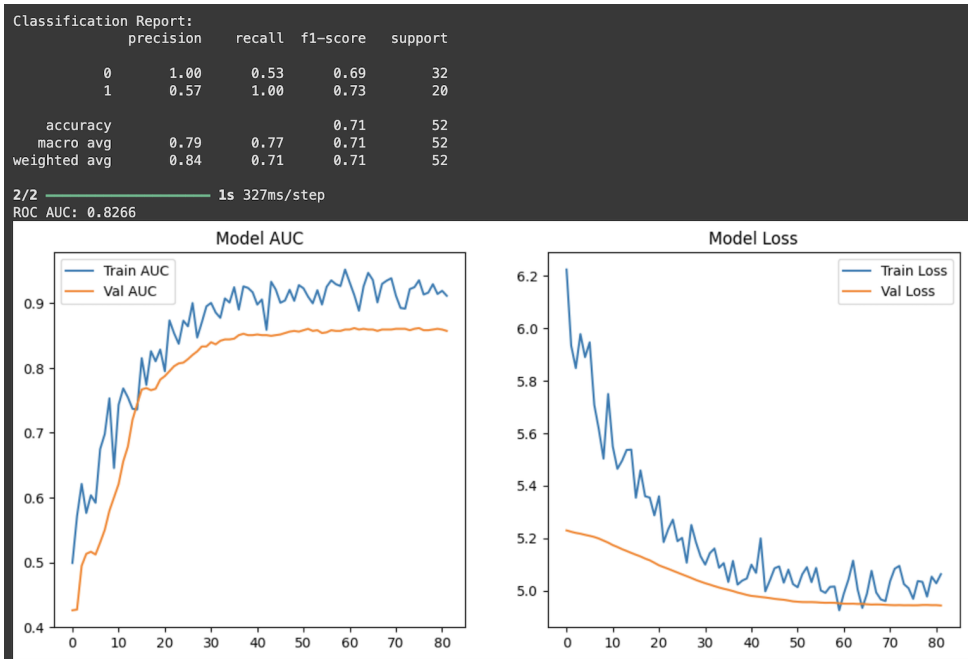
- **Approach:** 1D-CNN layers, max pooling, dense classifier.
- **Observation:** Captured local patterns, improved over MLP, but struggled with long-range temporal relationships.
- **Conclusion:** A good baseline; still limited in capturing sequence-level features.

3. CNN + Temporal SMOTE

Accuracy: 71%



- **Approach:** Applied SMOTE per timestep.
- **Observation:** Introduced noise and broke temporal coherence.
- **Conclusion:** Imbalance improved, but sequence realism hurt performance.



4. CNN + Windowed SMOTE

- **Approach:** SMOTE applied over sliding windows.
- **Observation:** Preserved better sequence structure, but training was computationally infeasible.
- **Conclusion:** Promising in theory, but impractical.

5. GANs (TimeGAN) + CNN

- **Approach:** Used TimeGAN to generate depressed sequences.
- **Observation:** Better realism than SMOTE; but extremely slow training and quality control issues.
- **Conclusion:** Better augmentation than SMOTE, but too slow for iterative use.

6. RNN-Based Models (LSTM/GRU)

Accuracy: 72%

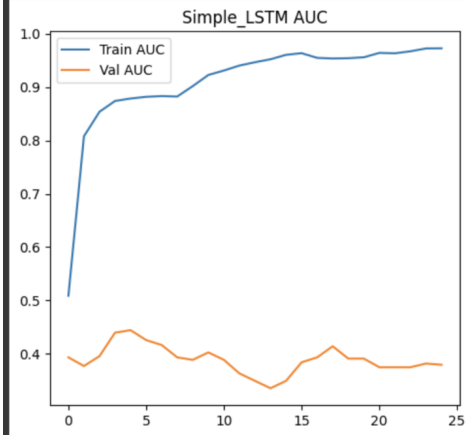
- **Approach:** Bi-LSTM and GRU for temporal learning.
- **Observation:** Captured sequence structure, but missed local spatial dynamics.
- **Conclusion:** Good for temporal modeling but incomplete.

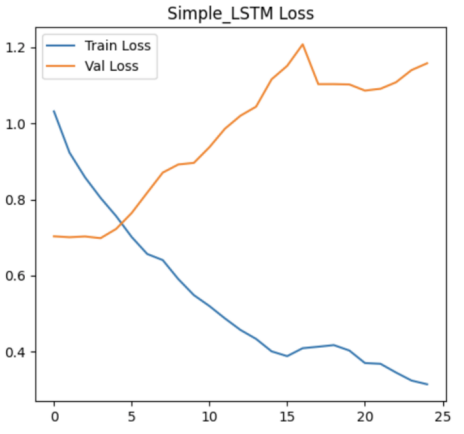
```
Simple_LSTM Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.77      0.75      0.76        32
           1       0.27      0.30      0.29        10

    accuracy                           0.64        42
   macro avg       0.52      0.53      0.52        42
weighted avg       0.65      0.64      0.65        42

2/2 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 1s 331ms/step
ROC AUC: 0.5109
```





7. The Best Model: CNN + BiLSTM + Transformer + Attention

Accuracy: 85%

```
Epoch 27/100
19/19 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 59s 3s/step - accuracy: 1.0000 - auc: 1.0000 - loss: 3.4273 - val_accuracy: 0.8519 - val_auc: 0
```

```
Enhanced Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.92      0.75      0.83        32
           1       0.78      0.94      0.85        31

    accuracy                           0.84        63
   macro avg       0.85      0.84      0.84        63
weighted avg       0.85      0.84      0.84        63

2/2 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 1s/step
ROC AUC: 0.9526
```

Architecture:

- CNN layers: Local spatial feature extraction.
- BiLSTM: Captured short-term temporal dependencies.
- Transformer + Attention: Captured long-range dependencies.
- Residual connections: Stabilized training.

Additional Features:

- Class weights used to handle imbalance.
- Optional SMOTE used where necessary.

Conclusion: Most robust and accurate model.

```python
# --- Ultra-Hybrid Model Architecture ---
def create_ultra_hybrid_model(input_shape):
    """Enhanced CNN-LSTM-Transformer with residual connections"""
    inputs = tf.keras.Input(shape=input_shape)

    # ===== 1. Enhanced CNN Feature Extraction =====
    x = Conv1D(256, 7, padding='same', activation='relu')(inputs)
    x = MaxPooling1D(2)(x)
    x = BatchNormalization()(x)

    # Residual Block 1
    shortcut = x
    x = Conv1D(256, 5, padding='same', activation='relu')(x)
    x = Dropout(0.3)(x)
    x = Conv1D(256, 5, padding='same')(x)
    x = tf.keras.layers.add([x, shortcut])
    x = LeakyReLU()(x)
    x = MaxPooling1D(2)(x)

    # ===== 2. Hierarchical Temporal Processing =====
    # BiLSTM Layer 1
    x = Bidirectional(LSTM(256, return_sequences=True))(x)
    x = LayerNormalization()(x)

    # Transformer Block
    query = Dense(256)(x)
    key = Dense(256)(x)
    value = Dense(256)(x)
    attn_output = MultiHeadAttention(num_heads=8, key_dim=64)(query, key, value)
```

```python
    attn_output = MultiHeadAttention(num_heads=8, key_dim=64)(query, key, value)
    attn_output = Dense(x.shape[-1])(attn_output)  # Project to match x's last dim (512)
    x = tf.keras.layers.add([x, attn_output])  # Residual connection
    x = LayerNormalization()(x)

    # BiLSTM Layer 2
    x = Bidirectional(LSTM(128, return_sequences=True))(x)

    # ===== 3. Advanced Attention Mechanism =====
    # Multi-level Attention
    query = Dense(128)(x)
    value = Dense(128)(x)
    attention_output = Attention(use_scale=True)([query, value])

    # ===== 4. Deep Classifier Head =====
    x = Bidirectional(LSTM(128))(attention_output)
    x = Dense(512, activation='relu', kernel_regularizer=l2(0.01))(x)
    x = Dropout(0.6)(x)
    x = BatchNormalization()(x)

    x = Dense(256, activation='relu', kernel_regularizer=l2(0.005))(x)
    x = Dropout(0.5)(x)

    outputs = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')(x)

    model = tf.keras.Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=outputs)

    # Custom optimizer configuration
    optimizer = Adam(
```

```python
    # Custom optimizer configuration
    optimizer = Adam(
        learning_rate=0.0001,
        beta_1=0.9,
        beta_2=0.999,
        epsilon=1e-07,
        amsgrad=True
    )

    model.compile(
        optimizer=optimizer,
        loss='binary_crossentropy',
        metrics=['accuracy',
                 tf.keras.metrics.AUC(name='auc'),
                 tf.keras.metrics.Precision(name='precision'),
                 tf.keras.metrics.Recall(name='recall')]
    )
    return model
```

7.3 Additional Contributions

7.3.1 Audio Feature Integration

- `extract_audio_features.py`: Extracts MFCC and EGMAPS features.
- `transcribe_audio.py`: Converts audio to transcripts for language-based analysis.

7.3.2 Folder Structure

```
FACE ONLY/
 CNN Based (Best)/
    CNN + BiLSTM + Transformer + Attention [Best].ipynb
    CGS CNN.ipynb
    CGS CNN + Temporal SMOTE.ipynb
 RNN Based + Others/
    CGS RNN.ipynb
    CNN + GAN Based.py
 MLP Based Attempt/
    training.py
    predicting.py
    sleep_disorder_model.pth
    output.log
    run.sh
 extract_audio_features.py
 transcribe_audio.py
```

7.4 Towards Real-World Application

7.4.1 Backend Pipeline

1. Train models on facial/audio/text features.
2. Save models as `.pth` or `.onnx`.
3. Use `predicting.py` to run inference on new data.

7.4.2 Frontend Integration

- UI for uploading video/audio.
- Real-time inference using saved models.
- Visualization of outputs, attention maps, etc.

7.5 Conclusion

This project demonstrated that:

- Classifying depression from facial expressions is feasible, but challenging due to class imbalance.
- Temporal and spatial features must both be captured for high accuracy.
- Hybrid models (CNN + BiLSTM + Attention) significantly outperform simpler architectures such as MLPs and standalone CNNs or RNNs.
- Preprocessing pipelines and class balancing strategies (like weighted loss or selective augmentation) significantly influence outcomes.
- Multimodal integration (Text + Audio + Video) further enhances predictive performance when models are fused intelligently.

In our approach, we merged modalities by creating an ensemble of three independent models — each trained on a separate modality. The final prediction was not a simple average but a weighted combination based on the confidence of each model. Specifically, the weights assigned to each model's output were determined by the inverse of their uncertainty scores:

$$w_i \propto \frac{1}{U_i} \quad \text{where } U_i \text{ is the predictive uncertainty of model } i$$

This approach ensured that more confident models contributed more to the final decision. Confidence was derived from each model's softmax output probabilities or explicitly computed using uncertainty estimation techniques like Monte Carlo Dropout or Laplace Approximation.

Alternative Fusion Strategies Considered:

- **Late Fusion with Learnable Weights:** Train a meta-learner (e.g., logistic regression or shallow MLP) on top of the individual model outputs to learn optimal weights during validation.
- **Feature-Level Fusion:** Concatenate intermediate embeddings from each modality (e.g., penultimate layer outputs) and feed them into a final joint classifier.
- **Bayesian Fusion:** Combine posterior probabilities using Bayesian model averaging, assuming conditional independence between modalities.

These strategies offer potential directions for further enhancement, particularly in real-world settings where different modalities may be noisy or missing. Our uncertainty-based ensemble, however, provided a principled and interpretable way to weight model predictions by their reliability, making it especially suitable for sensitive applications like mental health assessment.

8 Multimodal Learning: Text + Audio + Face(Early Fusion)

The goal of this part is to predict the presence of a sleep disorder in participants based on multimodal data using early fusion. The dataset includes both numerical features (audio + face) and textual features (e.g., written responses or transcripts). By combining these features using a deep learning model, we aim to achieve accurate classification of participants as either having a sleep disorder or not.

Transcript Expansion and Feature Fusion

Text: Transcripts from each participant were used. These transcripts were first converted into an *expanded transcript* by segmenting the time duration (endtime - starttime) into intervals of 0.1s, and the same text was duplicated across each interval.

Example transcript for Participant 300:

Start_Time	End_Time	Text	Confidence
14.3	15.1	so I'm going to	0.93421
20.3	21.1	interview in Spanish	0.60847
23.9	24.3	okay	0.690606
62.1	62.7	good	0.951897
68.8	69.8	Atlanta Georgia	0.987629
74.8	77.1	my parents are from here	0.983949
83.4	84.3	I love it	0.969752
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104.2	105.3	at the minute	0.718575
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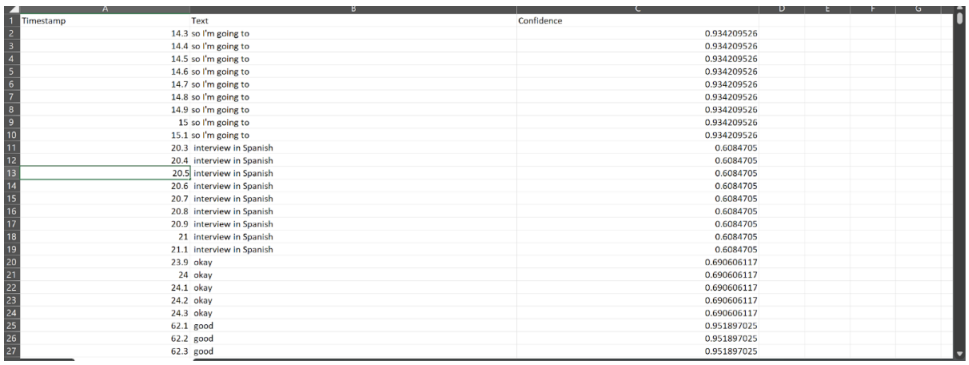
113.8	115.1	congestion	0.919954
120.2	120.9	that's it	0.944893
128.2	131.8	I took up business and administration	0.773867
136.6	143.8	yeah I am here and there I'm on a break right	0.864736
149	151.1	probably to open up my own business	0.957128
159.3	161.4	no	0.906577
165.5	168.5	no specific reason I just	0.689686
178.3	179	once a year	0.95869
189.1	190.3	email a bit more specific	0.867856

Expanded transcript for Participant 300:



	A	B	C
1	Timestamp	Text	Confidence
2	14.3	so I'm going to	0.934209526
3	14.4	so I'm going to	0.934209526
4	14.5	so I'm going to	0.934209526
5	14.6	so I'm going to	0.934209526
6	14.7	so I'm going to	0.934209526
7	14.8	so I'm going to	0.934209526
8	14.9	so I'm going to	0.934209526
9	15	so I'm going to	0.934209526
10	15.1	so I'm going to	0.934209526
11	20.3	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
12	20.4	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
13	20.5	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
14	20.6	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
15	20.7	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
16	20.8	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
17	20.9	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
18	21	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
19	21.1	interview in Spanish	0.6084705
20	23.9	okay	0.690606117
21	24	okay	0.690606117
22	24.1	okay	0.690606117
23	24.2	okay	0.690606117
24	24.3	okay	0.690606117
25	62.1	good	0.951897025
26	62.2	good	0.951897025
27	62.3	good	0.951897025

- **Code:** Transcript_Expansion.ipynb

  Audio: Preprocessed audio features provided in the dataset were used. Each participant's data consists of high-dimensional sequences extracted using the openSMILE toolkit. Two types of features — `BoAw_eGeMAPS` and `BoAw_MFCCs` — were combined to form `BoAw_combined`, resulting in 201 features (100 eGeMAPS + 101 MFCC).

  Face: Visual features from `BoVW_openFace_2.1.0_Pose_Gaze_AUs` were used, consisting of 100 columns.

  Early Fusion: The audio and text features, both timestamped at 0.1s intervals, were concatenated based on time alignment. Then, visual features were joined using the same timestamp-based alignment.

- **Code:** Audio+Text+Visual.ipynb

  Final Dataset:
  `269` participants (6 removed due to sync issues)
  `303` columns (combined audio + face + text features)
  Drive link for combined dataset

	Timestamp	Text	Confidence	0.30103	0.47712126	0.0.1	\
0	14.3	so I'm going to	0.93421	0.0	0.30103	0.477121	
1	14.4	so I'm going to	0.93421	0.0	0.30103	0.477121	
2	14.5	so I'm going to	0.93421	0.0	0.30103	0.477121	
3	14.6	so I'm going to	0.93421	0.0	0.30103	0.477121	
4	14.7	so I'm going to	0.93421	0.0	0.30103	0.477121	

	0.0.2	0.0.3	0.30103.1	0.0.4	...	0.0.85.1	0.0.86.1	0.0.87.1	\
0	0.0	0.0	0.477121	0.00000	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1	0.0	0.0	0.477121	0.00000	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2	0.0	0.0	0.477121	0.30103	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	
3	0.0	0.0	0.477121	0.30103	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	
4	0.0	0.0	0.477121	0.30103	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	

	0.0.88.1	0.0.89.1	0.0.90.1	0.0.91.1	0.0.92.1	0.0.93.1	0.0.94.1
0	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.60206	0.0	0.0	0.0

[5 rows x 303 columns]

Preprocessing and Train-Test Split

The dataset was split into training and testing sets using an 80/20 ratio. Numerical features were standardized using `StandardScaler` to ensure zero mean and unit variance.

Model Architecture

- **Numerical Features (Audio + Face) Branch:** A Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) processes the 303-dimensional input through fully connected layers with ReLU and dropout. This helps in learning patterns in acoustic and facial data.
- **Text Branch:** Text tokens (converted from characters to ASCII) are passed through an `Embedding` layer and then a `BiLSTM` which captures both past and

future context. A fully connected layer (`text_fc`) then transforms this output for fusion.

- **Fusion Layer:** Features from the MLP (audio + face) and BiLSTM (text) are concatenated and passed through a final layer (`fc_final`) to predict the binary sleep disorder label.

Code: Audio_Text_Visual_Code.ipynb

```
Epoch 1/30, Loss: 4.7833, Train Acc: 0.5907, Test Acc: 0.7222
Epoch 2/30, Loss: 4.5884, Train Acc: 0.6279, Test Acc: 0.7222
Epoch 3/30, Loss: 4.4821, Train Acc: 0.6279, Test Acc: 0.7222
Epoch 4/30, Loss: 4.4057, Train Acc: 0.6279, Test Acc: 0.7222
Epoch 5/30, Loss: 4.3253, Train Acc: 0.6326, Test Acc: 0.6852
Epoch 6/30, Loss: 4.1266, Train Acc: 0.6698, Test Acc: 0.7037
Epoch 7/30, Loss: 3.9458, Train Acc: 0.7302, Test Acc: 0.6667
Epoch 8/30, Loss: 3.7225, Train Acc: 0.7535, Test Acc: 0.6296
Epoch 9/30, Loss: 3.4328, Train Acc: 0.7767, Test Acc: 0.6852
Epoch 10/30, Loss: 3.2220, Train Acc: 0.7860, Test Acc: 0.6667
Epoch 11/30, Loss: 2.9328, Train Acc: 0.8047, Test Acc: 0.5741
Epoch 12/30, Loss: 2.6032, Train Acc: 0.8279, Test Acc: 0.6667
Epoch 13/30, Loss: 2.4161, Train Acc: 0.8512, Test Acc: 0.6111
Epoch 14/30, Loss: 1.9866, Train Acc: 0.9023, Test Acc: 0.6667
Epoch 15/30, Loss: 1.7610, Train Acc: 0.9163, Test Acc: 0.6667
Epoch 16/30, Loss: 1.4949, Train Acc: 0.9488, Test Acc: 0.6296
Epoch 17/30, Loss: 1.2279, Train Acc: 0.9488, Test Acc: 0.6296
Epoch 18/30, Loss: 1.0451, Train Acc: 0.9674, Test Acc: 0.6296
Epoch 19/30, Loss: 0.8370, Train Acc: 0.9721, Test Acc: 0.6296
Epoch 20/30, Loss: 0.7599, Train Acc: 0.9721, Test Acc: 0.6296
Epoch 21/30, Loss: 0.6392, Train Acc: 0.9814, Test Acc: 0.6111
Epoch 22/30, Loss: 0.7556, Train Acc: 0.9674, Test Acc: 0.5370
Epoch 23/30, Loss: 0.7340, Train Acc: 0.9628, Test Acc: 0.6296
Epoch 24/30, Loss: 0.6031, Train Acc: 0.9628, Test Acc: 0.5556
Epoch 25/30, Loss: 0.4819, Train Acc: 0.9767, Test Acc: 0.6296
Epoch 26/30, Loss: 0.5182, Train Acc: 0.9814, Test Acc: 0.6111
Epoch 27/30, Loss: 0.4987, Train Acc: 0.9814, Test Acc: 0.6111
Epoch 28/30, Loss: 0.5596, Train Acc: 0.9767, Test Acc: 0.6111
Epoch 29/30, Loss: 0.4641, Train Acc: 0.9674, Test Acc: 0.5926
Epoch 30/30, Loss: 0.4392, Train Acc: 0.9767, Test Acc: 0.6852

✅ Final Test Accuracy: 0.6852
```

Experimentation with BERT for Text

We also experimented with using `BERT` (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) for textual modeling. While BERT is known for its contextual accuracy in NLP tasks, the model was too computationally expensive and slowed down training/inference substantially — even on CGS servers. Hence, it was not used in the final deployment.

9 Multimodal Learning: Text + Audio + Face -Late Fusion

In this study, we primarily focused on late fusion for insomnia detection, where data from each modality (text, audio, facial expressions) is processed separately before combining their predictions to make a final decision. Below is a detailed description of our implementation:

9.1 Textual Modality

For the textual modality, we used a Decision Tree Classifier, as it provided the best accuracy of 70%. We trained the model on the training set and predicted probabilities for the test set. For each test sample, we predicted the probabilities for both classes (0: No Sleep Disorder, 1: Sleep Disorder). These probabilities were essential because, later, we used them for the final prediction in the late fusion approach.

The predicted probabilities for text were saved into an Excel file, ensuring that the `Participant_ID` aligns with the predictions.

9.2 Audio Modality

For audio features, we employed a Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM) model. After training the audio model, we similarly predicted probabilities for the test set and saved them. Note that the same test dataset was used across all modalities to facilitate easy merging of predictions.

9.3 Facial Modality

Similarly, for facial features, we used a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to predict probabilities for each class.

9.4 Combining the Predictions

After obtaining the predicted probabilities from the text, audio, and facial models, we merged them into a single DataFrame using `Participant_ID` as the key. The predicted probabilities for each class (e.g., `Text_Prob_0`, `Text_Prob_1`, `Audio_Prob_0`, `Audio_Prob_1`, ...) from the three models were merged along with the actual sleep disorder label.

We then calculated the average of the predicted probabilities across all models for each participant:

- The average probability for class 0 (e.g., `text_prob_0`, `audio_prob_0`, `facial_prob_0`).
- The average probability for class 1 (e.g., `text_prob_1`, `audio_prob_1`, `facial_prob_1`).

9.5 Final Prediction

The final predicted label for each participant is determined by comparing these averaged probabilities:

- If the average probability for class 1 is higher than that for class 0, the predicted class is 1 (Sleep Disorder).
- Otherwise, the predicted class is 0 (No Sleep Disorder).

9.6 Accuracy Calculation

After obtaining the final predicted label for each participant based on the averaged probabilities, we compared it with the actual label (the Sleep Disorder label) in the dataset. The accuracy was calculated by counting how many of the predicted labels matched the actual labels and dividing by the total number of participants.

Final accuracy = 68%

After comparing with the overall depression label, we achieved an accuracy of 70%.

9.7 Conclusion

By averaging the probabilities across all models, late fusion minimizes the risk of making incorrect predictions based on any one model. This complementary nature ensures that the final decision is more reliable and reflects a holistic view of the data. The final decision—whether the participant suffers from a sleep disorder—rests not on a single model's output, but on a balanced combination of multiple sources of information.
Code: Drive link Late Fusion

10 Final Interpretations from training different Modalities:

The various model used and their accuracy:

Model	Modality	Label	Accuracy
Random Forest (without CV)	Text	Sleep Disorder	0.56
XGBClassifier	Text	Sleep Disorder	0.61
Random Forest (with CV)	Text	Sleep Disorder	0.69
Voting Classifier (XGB + DecisionTree + Logistic)	Text	PHQ-8 Sleep	0.36
XGBClassifier	Text	PHQ-8 Sleep	0.39
XGBClassifier	Text	Depression Label	0.64
HistGradientBoostingClassifier	Text	Depression Label	0.70
Single-layer Weighted BiLSTM	Speech	Sleep Disorder	0.68
Single-layer Weighted BiLSTM	Speech	Depression Label	0.74
CNN-BiLSTM with Attention	Speech	Sleep Disorder	0.61
CNN-BiLSTM with Attention (weighted)	Speech	Depression Label	0.72
CNN-Based Model	Face	Sleep Disorder	0.69
Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)	**Face**	**Sleep Disorder**	**0.79**
CNN + Temporal SMOTE	Face	Sleep Disorder	0.71
RNN-Based Model	Face	Sleep Disorder	0.72
CNN + BiLSTM + Transformer + Attention	**Face**	**Sleep Disorder**	**0.85**
Ensemble (MLP + BiLSTM) - Early Fusion	Text + Audio + Face	Sleep Disorder	0.68
Late Fusion (using weighted probabilities)	Text + Audio + Face	Sleep Disorder	0.68
Late Fusion (using weighted probabilities)	Text + Audio + Face	Depression Label	0.70
Ensemble (MLP + BiLSTM) - Early Fusion	Text + Audio	Sleep Disorder	0.59
Ensemble (MLP + BiLSTM) - Early Fusion with LR Scheduler	Text + Audio	Sleep Disorder	0.70
Ensemble (MLP + BiLSTM) - Early Fusion	Text + Audio	Depression Label	0.70
Ensemble (MLP + BiLSTM) - Early Fusion with LR Scheduler	**Text + Audio**	**Depression Label**	**0.83**
Ensemble (MLP + BiLSTM) - Early Fusion	Text + Audio	PHQ-8 Sleep	0.31
Ensemble (MLP + BiLSTM) - Early Fusion with LR Scheduler	Text + Audio	PHQ-8 Sleep	0.35

Table 5: Model performance on various modalities and labels

Face Modality is Most Informative: The Face model achieves the highest accuracy (0.85), indicating that facial expressions are the strongest indicator of sleep disorder among the three modalities. This could be due to observable cues like fatigue, lack of alertness, or affective flattening.

Text-Only Model Achieves 69% Accuracy: Even without audio or visual data, text-based analysis reaches 0.69 accuracy using just transcripts.

Combining Modalities Did Not Lead to High Accuracy: Some participants may use negative language (e.g., talking about stress or sleep problems) but show neutral expressions or stable vocal tone. This leads to conflicting signals across modalities. The presence of background noise, low volume, or poor mic capture reduced the effectiveness of acoustic features.

11 Contributions

`Mostly Equal Contributions From Everyone`

- `Prem`
  - The part of the Assignment I contributed to was **Facial** and the **Audio** parts.
  - Designed and evaluated multiple deep learning architectures (**MLP, CNN, RNN, GAN, Hybrid**) for depression detection
  - Developed preprocessing pipelines for facial, vocal, and textual features
  - Implemented class imbalance solutions including **SMOTE** and **TimeGAN**
  - Built the **best-performing hybrid CNN-BiLSTM-Transformer** model with **85**% accuracy
  - Created deployment-ready **inference scripts** for real-time analysis
  - Authored this technical **report** with experimental results
- `Poojal Katiyar`
  - Combined datasets for **Audio + Text** and **Audio + Text + Face** for sleep and depression prediction.
  - Conducted real-world testing by converting audio to transcripts and applying the best model (**Random Forest**) to predict sleep and depression.
  - Applied ensemble learning (**MLP + BiLSTM**) on **Audio + Text**, using LR Scheduler to improve accuracy.
  - Developed an early-fusion ensemble (**MLP + BiLSTM**) for **Audio + Text + Face**.
  - Performed model testing on **CGS servers** for sleep and depression prediction with **Audio + Text** and **Audio + Text + Face**.
  - Focused on predicting behaviors using **text** with models for binary and multiclass sleep and depression prediction.
  - Analyzed and compared model performance (Random Forest, XGBoost, BiLSTM, MLP) and evaluated results.
- `Ahmad Raza`
  - Extracted complete feature sets for speech and facial modalities from the website by automating them to directly download on google drive.
  - Utilized two types of BoAW features with 285 dimensions each. Applied a single-type BoVW feature with 285 dimensions.
  - Performed feature pruning by removing irrelevant audio feature columns.
  - Suggested and implemented uniform temporal expansion of text dataset timestamps with 1-second intervals which ensured temporal alignment across modalities by standardizing feature time gaps
  - Trained and evaluated multiple deep learning architectures including BiLSTM, CNN+BiLSTM, Weighted CNN+BiLSTM, CNN+Attention+BiLSTM, and TCN to assess performance across feature representations. – some of them were ran on CGS server
- `Nishita Gupta`

  - Developed a late fusion pipeline combining textual, audio, and facial modalities using prediction probability averaging and weighted fusion strategies
  - Performed data concatenation across different modalities for model training
  - Initiated LSTM-based temporal modeling on facial features, could not be completed due to computational limitations

- `Diwakar Prajapati`
  - Concatenation of visual modality files into a unified facial dataset per individual and merging the visual data with corresponding audio and text modalities.

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It also gave us the opportunity to work with multimodal data (facial and audio features), simulate a real-world ML pipeline, and understand the challenges of sequence-level prediction. This experience has significantly enhanced our technical skills and appreciation for end-to-end machine learning system development.