

# Analyzing the Mental Fatigue Findings via Physiological Signals

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**Abstract**—Mental fatigue is one of the primary causes of diminished cognitive capacity, situational awareness, and decision-making ability and is one of the leading causes of accidents in daily life. Physiological and, in most cases, temporary mental or cognitive fatigue is perceived as insignificant but fatal in work areas such as aviation, automobiles, and shipyards, especially in vehicle use may lead to severe accidents. Due to this reason, it is crucial to analyze the mental capacity of working individuals in an age where today's technology increasingly requires cognitive awareness. The most accurate way to gauge mental weariness is via physiological sensors. However, it is a sophisticated task because mental fatigue manifests itself in different ways in different people. As a case study, this article presents the usage of various deep-structured learning algorithms and physiological sensors to identify mental fatigue at work. The results substantiate that deep learning algorithms like CNN and LSTM may reach high classification accuracy levels for mental fatigue because they can extract difficult-to-read and unmeaningful raw data. The findings express that rather than traditional neural networks (NNs), more complex NNs and further deep-structured learning algorithms containing LSTM or CNN algorithms are more precise with mental fatigue classification.

**Index Terms**—Electroencephalograph (EEG), Signal processing, Deep learning, Mental fatigue

## I. INTRODUCTION

Mental fatigue often manifested as cognitive impairment, is one of the main grounds of accidents occurring in everyday life. However, it is known that mental fatigue associated with the performance of cognitive tasks is not caused by perturbation of neural mechanisms [16].

Physiological and, in most cases, temporary mental or cognitive fatigue is perceived as insignificant but fatal in work areas such as aviation, automobiles, and shipyards, especially in vehicle driving. In addition, it may lead to serious accidents. For this reason alone, it is essential to analyze the mental capacity of working individuals in an age where today's technology increasingly requires cognitive awareness. The most crucial factor is to create a realistic experimental environment, which allows the research that is or will be conducted to contribute in this direction. A key factor for this is the ability to analyze real-time the data used to detect cognitive fatigue from physiological signals.

The main goal of this project is to analyze the data gathered from different subjects to determine how a human is affected by working for many hours a day in various fields of profi-

ciency, which physiological signals are significant evidence of fatigue, and how these factors are related to mental fatigue.

The Fatigue Assessment Scale that we will use in our project will be used to determine whether the subjects are fatigued or not [1]. People will measure whether they are fatigued with this method. This article will explain the deep learning methods on the subject's physiological signals such as an electroencephalogram, accelerometer, blood volume pulse, electrodermal activity, and temperature. And these signals are proven to be effective in real life, also these effects and definitions of signals have been explained in Section II-B.

We have encountered some problems when physiological sensors detect mental fatigue. The data obtained from these sensors are often complex, and they do not agree with each other because they are measured based on frequency [2]. Some deep learning methods can provide high accuracy and efficiency and reduce the requirement for more data.

In this research, we search for the best deep learning method that fits the mental fatigue data. The rest of the research is as follows: Section II describes the data collected from the subjects and how this data will be processed. Then, in section III, The results are determined and explained. Finally, section IV evaluates the results and advises on future work.

## II. METHODOLOGY

To assess the effectiveness of several deep-learning techniques for classifying mental weariness, the experiment was conducted while the subjects were exhausting themselves both physically and mentally. This section describes our experimental work, the sensors that we used, and an overview of the Data set. Figure 1 describes the main steps of the entire process briefly.

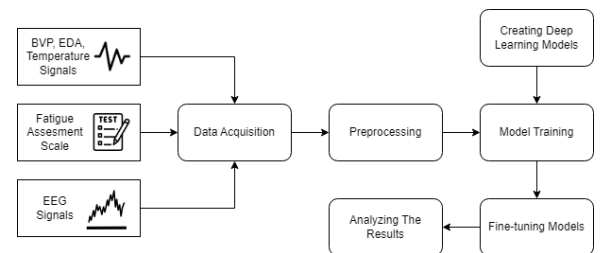


Fig. 1. Main steps of the entire process

### A. Experimental Work

The data collection was performed with two wearable devices (identified in Section II-B) provided by Istanbul Kultur University. These devices were used to monitor and collect raw physiological signal data from 30 different subjects. As depicted in Figure 2, of the 30 subjects, 18 are women, and 12 are men. Subjects are working in 4 different fields of proficiency. These fields are banking, healthcare, education, and the fuel industry. Subjects have a similar number of working hours, which is around 8-9 hours. A survey was filled out by each subject. This survey includes information on each subject, such as their gender and age. As shown in Figure 3, 42% of male subjects and 61% of female subjects are in the age range of 25-34.

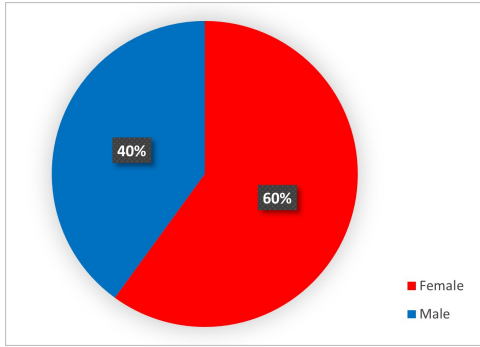


Fig. 2. Gender Distribution of Subjects

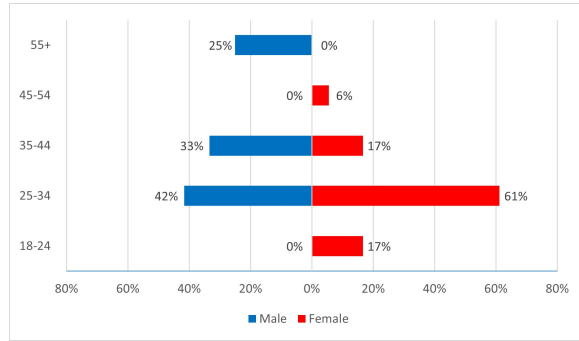


Fig. 3. Age and Gender Chart

Wearable devices were used to gather data from subjects for 30 minutes, both before the start of their shift and after their shift. Both devices collected data simultaneously since the software applications are timed to start collecting data at the same time.

Fatigue Assessment Scale (FAS) is used to determine if the subject is suffering from physical and/or mental fatigue or not. As depicted in Table I answering 10 questions with answers ranging from 1(never) to 5(always) which are; 1(never), 2(sometimes), 3(regularly), 4(often), and 5(always) when the scores are summed up subjects will learn their fatigue scale [17].

TABLE I  
FATIGUE ASSESSMENT SCALE

Questions	Answers
I am bothered by fatigue (WHOQOL)	1-Never 2-Sometimes 3-Regularly 4-Often 5-Always
I get tired very quickly (CIS)	
I don't do much during the day (CIS)	
I have enough energy for everyday life (WHOQOL)	
Physically, I feel exhausted (CIS)	
I have problems starting things (FS)	
I have problems thinking clearly (FS)	
I feel no desire to do anything (CIS)	
Mentally, I feel exhausted	
When I am doing something, I can concentrate quite well (CIS)	

(WHOQOL = World Health Organization Quality of Life, CIS = Check-list Individual Strength, FS = Fatigue Scale)

TABLE II  
FATIGUE ASSESSMENT SCORE INTERPRETATION

Total Score	Levels of Fatigue
Less than 22	Normal
Between 22 and 34	Mild to moderate
35 or more	Severe

At the end of each 30 minutes, as depicted in Table II, FAS was used to determine if the subject was fatigued or not [1]. A description of the fatigue experienced is represented in Table II.

### B. Wearable Sensor Description

One of the devices we use in our project is the Empatica E4 [3]. All subjects wore the wristband on their left hand. The Empatica E4 wristband contains four sensors. Electrode for Electrodermal activity (EDA), a 3-axis accelerometer (ACC), a temperature (TEMP), and a photoplethysmography for blood volume pulse (BVP) are specified in Table III [3].

TABLE III  
DATA SAMPLING OF EMPATICA E4

Data	Sampling Frequency
ACC	32Hz
BVP	64Hz
EDA	4Hz
TEMP	4Hz

The other device is Neurosky Mindwave Mobile 2. Electroencephalography EEG is a powerful device for recording the brain's electrical activity [4]. Electroencephalography is non-invasive because the brain's electrical activity is recorded from the scalp surface after being picked up by electrodes. It can be used repeatedly without limits. The brainwaves pattern captured by EEG has been categorized into four groups, as shown in Table IV [4]:

We had to find an application to download the device's data because the kit that measures brain signals does not record the data. So we used the application called NeuroExperimenter, where we can save the EEG data in output files [5].

TABLE IV  
EEG BRAINWAVE SIGNALS

Signals	Frequency
Alpha	8-13 Hz
Beta	Above 13 Hz
Theta	4-8 Hz
Delta	0.5-4 Hz

### C. Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

As described in section II-B, an Empatica E4 wristband and MindWave Mobile headset were used to collect data from subjects. Both devices have several sensors, and these sensors monitor and collect different kinds of signals. The wristband collects raw data and exports each biosignal into different output files because every sensor in the wristband has a different sampling rate. Because these sensors have different sampling rates, every sensor output has a distinct amount of data at the end of the collection of the data.

Some data preprocessing operations were necessary to have a meaningful data set to train different kinds of deep structured learning algorithms and models. As the first part of the preprocessing, raw data files were analyzed, and the sampling rates were examined.

Every physiological signal sensor has a different sampling rate (Hz), so each sensor represents data in a different time interval. A Python script has been created to express all the sensor data appropriately to fix this problem and have a meaningful data set.

The first step of the script was to cut out the first and last 5 minutes of the raw data since there might have been some connection issues or noise in the data. Starting from the 300th second to the last 5 minutes, the data have been cropped out once for every 15 seconds. This procedure has been done for every raw sensor data for each subject and saved into new data frames. Finally, these new data frames were exported to output files, titled with their sensor names, respectively.

After the first script, meaningful data for every sensor was generated, but the data was still not a whole; instead, they were separated by each subject number.

A secondary script was created in Python to combine every subject's file that contained their signals, categorized by sensor type. For example, the entire BVP signals for each subject have been gathered into a single file. The same procedure has been done for each sensor type, such as EDA, ACC, and EEG signals generated by the headset's software kit.

After combining every single sensor data in different files, the data at hand were analyzed to gather the entire data in a single data file so that different kinds of deep learning algorithms could be trained with a single data frame. After the analysis, it was discovered that even though all the sensors operated for the same amount of time (30 minutes each), they generated different amounts of data. To overcome this problem and have a data set that represents the entirety of the data appropriately, all the data except the BVP data has been oversampled by their sampling rate (Hz) with the help of the

libraries in Python so that the final data frame would be a meaningful and appropriate data set.

Another crucial step of data preprocessing is standardization. Standardization is a widely used scaling technique that makes data scale-free by transforming the statistical distribution of the data into the following form:

$$z = \frac{(x - \mu)}{\sigma}$$

- $\mu$  = mean (the average value of the entire data set) to 0 (zero)
- $\sigma$  = standard deviation (the measure of how dispersed the data is in relation to the mean) to 1

This globally scales the entire dataset with zero mean and unit variance. As the sample size approaches infinity, the standard deviation and variance of the sample will both move toward 1. This is referred to as unit variance.

With the help of the StandardScaler function from the sklearn preprocessing library, this process can easily be done.

### D. Deep Learning Models

Deep learning (also called deep structured learning) is a branch of the larger ML technique tree derived from ANNs through representation learning. Deep learning models represent a new learning paradigm in various fields, such as machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI). On the downside, the mathematical and computational methodologies that form the basis of deep learning models can be complicated and confusing, especially for scientific researchers working with big data. To solve this problem, this section provides detailed information about various deep learning models.

1) *Deep Neural Network (DNN)* : In the simplest case, a NN that contains some complexity, most of the time containing at least two layers, can be called as DNN, also known as the deep net. Deep nets deal with data in complex ways by deploying complicated mathematical modeling.

First of all, machine learning techniques got developed so that deep learning techniques would evolve by them. Machine learning (ML) is a structure to automate statistical models with the help of different algorithms. An ML model is a specific model that predicts some data variable. Then, those predictions are made, and a result is generated as accuracy.

The training part of generating deep learning algorithms and models initiated the development phase of ANNs. The hidden layer is used by ANNs as a location to reserve and assess the importance of some of the inputs to the output. The hidden layer also establishes correlations between the value of groupings of inputs and holds information about the significance of each input. The main architecture of a Deep Neural Network can be seen in figure 4.

The fact that this works well for model correction means that every element in one of the hidden layers brings up a relationship and evaluates the importance of the entry data in creating the output data. So who says we can't just heap

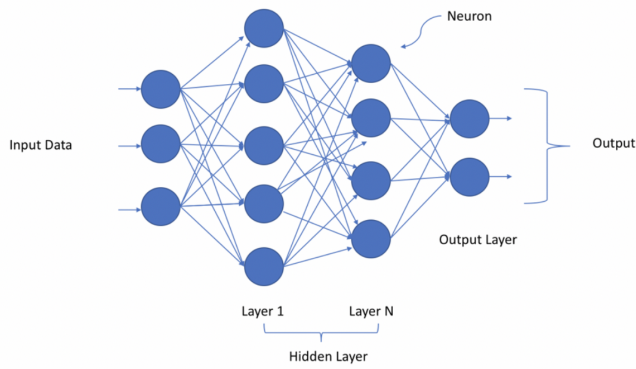


Fig. 4. Deep Neural Network Architecture

these and make them more useful? The Deep Neural Network, therefore, contains several hidden layers. The word "deep" actually refers to multiple model layers.

2) *Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)* : An RNN is an NN that includes loops that allow data to be cycled within the network, as shown in figure 5. In other words, recurrent neural networks use assumptions from past experiences to signal upcoming events. Repetitive models are more capable of sequencing vectors and opening APIs to perform more complex tasks [6].

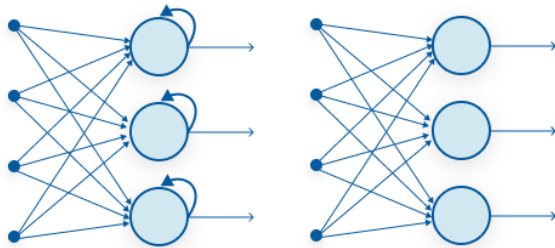


Fig. 5. Difference Between RNN and a Feed-Forward Neural Network

One way to conceptualize an RNN is as a series of interconnected networks. They often have a chain-like architecture, making them suitable for tasks such as language translation, and speech recognition. RNNs can be designed to process sequences of vectors at their inputs, outputs, or both [6].

3) *Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)* : LSTM is an enhanced version of RNNs that can learn long-term dependencies. It was first presented by Hochreiter Schmidhuber (Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997 [7]), and has been improved and generalized by many people in later research.

A series of repeatedly connected subnets referred to as memory blocks make up an LSTM algorithm, and also known as an upgraded version of RNNs [8]. The LSTM's design objective is to address this intrinsic problem of vanishing gradients. These blocks are recognizable versions of the memory chip on a computer (Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997

[7]). The difference between an RNN and an LSTM model architecture is depicted in figure 6.

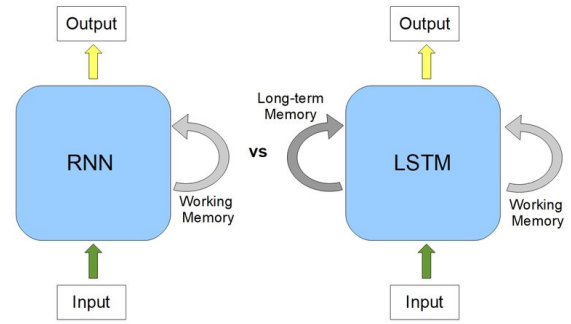


Fig. 6. Difference Between RNN and LSTM

4) *Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)* : Traditional ANNs and CNNs share some important similarities. They consist of neurons that can refine themselves through experience [9].

From the raw input data to the last class score output, The entirety of the network represents a single perceptual score function (weight). The last layer contains the classes and all the associated loss functions. The usual handy parts mainly generated to help ANNs also valid for CNNs.

Just one notable distinction between this model technique and conventional ANNs can be expressed as that CNNs are mainly employed in the field of classifying pictures or images. By doing so, it will be easier to incorporate image-specific elements into the network's design, which will improve the network's suitability for tasks that are mainly focused on pictures and lower the number of parameters needed to set up a model.

As mentioned earlier, CNNs are primarily focused on the input consisting of images. But this does not conclude that it can only be used on image classification. The emphasis is on configuring the architecture to best match the needs for managing particular sorts of data. One of the primary distinctions is that a CNN's layer of neurons is made up of neurons arranged in three dimensions [9].

#### E. Model Implementation

If we look at deep learning methods in physiological signal data research, they concluded that although there are various deep learning models, only the CNN, RNN/LSTM, and CNN+RNN/LSTM models are the most commonly used. As theorized in the literature, RNN/LSTM models consistently predict sequential data well. However, many contributions convert physiological signals to 2D data and feed this 2D data to a well-performing CNN network [15]. After some brief research, we have decided that a vanilla DNN, a 1-D CNN, and a hybrid LSTM model would be the best options for training our data set.

The next step was to analyze and determine which feature combinations would be more helpful in classifying mental fatigue. According to that work, three combinations were designed so that different deep learning algorithms would give us a proper outcome about the different physiological signals' effects on mental fatigue and cognition.

The first and probably the most important combination was to evaluate EEG signals separately from other signals such as BVP, EDA, etc. One of the earlier studies on the effects of mental weariness on brain efficiency shows that these states have impeccable distinctions between rested and fatigued states and can be useful for anticipating and detecting accidents in a variety of domains [10]. Also, as shown in Figure 7 and 8, fatigue has a significant impact on EEG signals such as Delta, Beta, and Alpha.

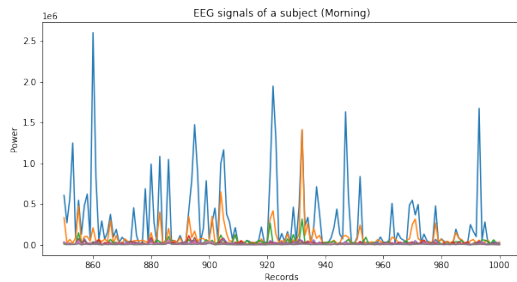


Fig. 7. A Sample of EEG Signals of a Subject in Rested State

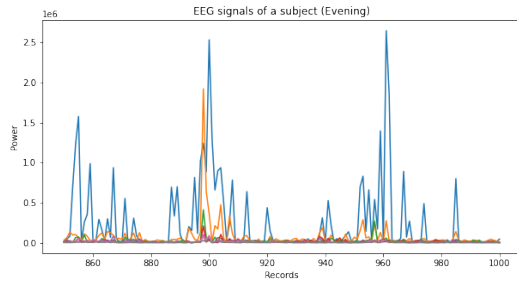


Fig. 8. A Sample of EEG Signals of a Subject in Fatigued State

Our second feature combination was to train physiological signal data such as BVP, EDA, and Temperature. This combination mainly focuses on physical signals that affect fatigue, such as stress. As depicted in Figure 9 and Figure 10, high BVP is an outcome of mental fatigue. And this mental fatigue can also cause critical accidents in different fields of proficiency [11]. Being stressed out is a part of our daily life, and may get even higher after a long and exhausting day at work. We created a secondary combination to train our models to analyze this, specifically focusing on more physical effects.

The third combination was to try out a data set that contained both EEG signals and biosignals such as BVP, EDA, and Temperature, but there were some problems. None of the models we tried produced good results because both

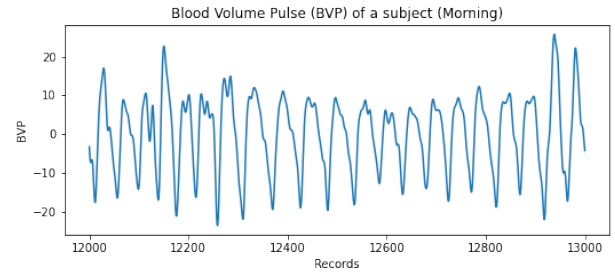


Fig. 9. Blood Volume Pulse in Rested State

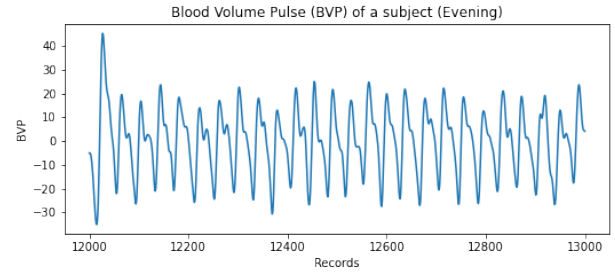


Fig. 10. Blood Volume Pulse in Fatigued State

feature sides (EEG and other Biosignals) are irrelevant to each other.

The first step before initiating the models was to convert our categorical data "status", which represents the fatigue state of subjects, into dummy variables, also known as indicator variables.

After this process, data was split into testing and training sets for further classification. The size ratio for the test said is determined as either 15% or 20% (based on which model it may vary).

Until this step, the majority of the operations that we have done are similar for all of our deep-learning models. However, every different model type requires different steps, such as defining the input layer, and the usage of different activation methods. ReLU is a componential linear function that transforms an input strictly to the upcoming output, with the condition of input being positive. Models that use it are easy to train and often perform better, making it the most common activation function used on many types of neural networks [14]. Some models also require additional layers such as Dropout to help us prevent overfitting.

To begin with DNN, after the standard processes, an input layer with an input shape (for EEG models it's 9) was first created. The second layer is a dense layer. A dense layer is strongly linked to its previous layer and serves to change the dimension of the output by performing matrix-vector multiplication. And most of the time, it's also used as an output layer with desired output shape. As the third layer, a Batch Normalization layer was used.

The next step was to add a dropout layer. A Dropout layer implements dropout to the input. In the dropout stage, input units are randomized from 0 to 0 for every step. This will be a little bit helpful in preventing overfitting [12]. Inputs that are not 0 have been increased by  $1/(1 - Rate)$ , so the addition of all inputs will still be intact. As the layer of output, another dense layer is used. The unit numbers of dense layers are either 64 or 128 depending on the position of it. The architecture of our DNN model is depicted in Figure 11.

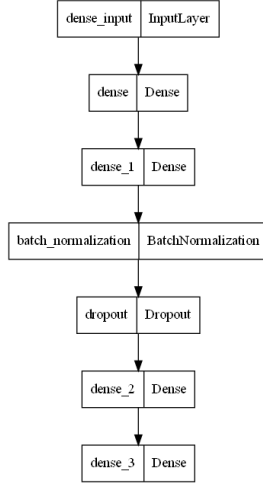


Fig. 11. DNN Model Architecture

At this point, the vanilla DNN model was almost ready to be trained with our data. The last step was to determine the best epoch size and batch size.

The batch number is a parameter that we can imagine as a cycle that repeats more than one time and generates predictions.

A hyperparameter that controls how frequently the learning algorithm iterates over the training data set is the number of epochs [13].

Three fundamental layers are commonly present in our second model, CNN: convolutional, pooling, and finally a fully connected layer.

A pooling layer modifies output at a particular location by reproducing outline statistics for nearby outputs. This reduces the representation's spatial size and the required computation and weights. Pooling operations are processed separately for each slice of the representation.

After all the similar steps in all kinds of deep learning models, instead of a 2-D or 3-D layer like image classification models require, A 1-D convolutional layer was set as the input layer because we have numerical data. Our parameters for this layer were filter size determined at 32 and kernel size 2. Filter size is an integer that denotes the output space's dimensionality, such as the quantity of output filters used in the convolution. Conv1D window is represented by the integer or variety of single integers known as the kernel size [9].

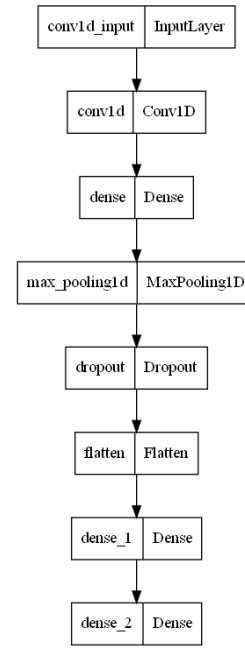


Fig. 12. CNN Model Architecture

The second step was to generate a dense layer with size 64, followed by a 1-D pooling layer. Since CNNs are mostly used in image classification, our model needed extra layers like dropout and flattening layers. Before our output layer, another dense layer was generated. At our output layer, an activation function called sigmoid was used to have better accuracy and loss values at the end. Figure 12 shows the architecture of our CNN model. At this point, the best possible batch and epoch size were determined to fit the model.

The first step of creating the LSTM model was to initiate it with an input layer according to the size of our data. The second step is to create a dense layer with size 64 with the activation function called ReLU.

The next layer includes a bidirectional LSTM layer. This layer brings up extra interactions with the input, during training it might enhance gradient flow over lengthy periods. This layer was used two times to have better results at the end. A dropout layer was added between two LSTM layers, and also after the second LSTM layer. As the output layer, a dense layer was created with the sigmoid function. Figure 13 briefly describes the layers of our LSTM model. As we did in the previous models, the best possible batch and epoch size were determined to fit the model.

The next step was to create deep-learning models for the data set that contained biosignals such as BVP, EDA, and Temperature. We removed out some features like Heart Rate, and IBI because they are not actual biosignals, instead, they are derived BVP signals. At the same time, we analyzed that Accelerator(ACC) was not necessary and helpful for our models. So, we only used BVP, EDA, and Temperature signals.

We used the same approach to our models as we did with



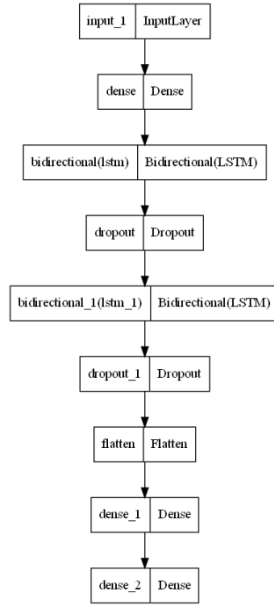


Fig. 13. LSTM Model Architecture

EEG data. The same 3 model architectures were used. A vanilla DNN, a 1-D CNN and a hybrid LSTM model was used with the same parameters. Some slight differences have been applied to the parameters like batch size and epoch number. Since we had a bigger data set for our biosignals (BVP, EDA, and TEMP), we did not need so many layers and a bigger train test split ratio.

For our CNN model that would train with the data set that contained biosignals such as BVP, EDA, and Temperature, the same process was followed as we did with EEG data. Since our data is bigger now, we dropped the secondary max pooling and dropout layers to have a more accurate model. Sigmoid was selected as the activation parameter. And obviously, the input shape was changed. The batch size was increased to 128, and the epoch number was decreased to 20. And for the last part of our modifications, the filter size in the 1-D input layer has been decreased to 16.

When it comes to testing out the LSTM model, we found out that LSTM was not useful for our Biosignals (BVP, EDA, and TEMP). We have applied several improvements to the model to prevent and overcome overfitting. But we analyzed that the model kept overfitting at the early epochs, which was unavoidable. Test accuracy was mostly higher than training accuracy, and it was the same deal for loss value. This was probably caused by a lack of features in our data set that contained biosignals such as BVP, EDA, and Temperature.

### III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

We created three deep-learning model architectures, a vanilla DNN, a 1-D CNN, and an LSTM in Python to analyze and train our data. The last thing that should be done before training the models is to determine the most appropriate batch and epoch sizes. There is not a pre-determined excellent value for batch and epoch size. Different values have to be

tested out to figure out a fit value for the data at hand.

For our DNN model that contains EEG signals, the best value we could come up with was 32 for batch size, and 110 for epoch size. After this, we compiled our model.

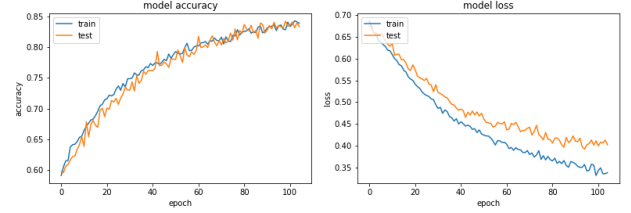


Fig. 14. DNN Model Results for EEG Data

As shown in Figure 14, our model achieved 84% accuracy on the training set. On the other hand, test set accuracy was 80%. The training and test set's loss values were around 0.33 and 0.40, respectively. So this sort of expresses that the test train split percentage was not enough for the test set, but at the same time, increasing the size of the test set would result in overfitting.

For our second model, which is a CNN model that contains EEG signals, the best value we could come up with was 64 for batch size, and 65 for epoch size. After this, the model was ready to be compiled.

As the results are depicted in Figure 15, our CNN model achieved 80% accuracy on the training set. However, test set accuracy was 78%. The training and test set's loss values were around 0.42 and 0.45, respectively. The performance is closer to our vanilla DNN model, but DNN performed a little bit better in classifying our data.

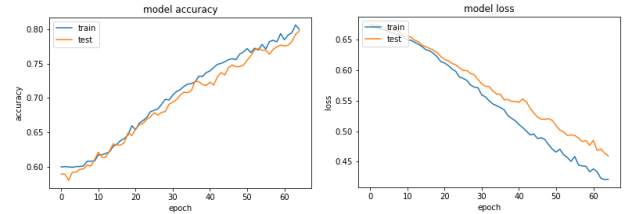


Fig. 15. CNN Model Results for EEG Data

For EEG signals, our third and last model was a hybrid LSTM model. The model was created as we described in the Model Implementation section. Also, the most appropriate batch size was 128, and the best value for the epoch was 25.

As results are shown in Figure 16, our model achieved 96% training accuracy and testing accuracy was 93%. The training and test set's loss values were around 0.10 and 0.23, respectively. So this sort of expresses that with our data, the best choice was a bidirectional hybrid LSTM model. This is expectable since our data is numerical, the LSTM architecture has a loop of subnet blocks working on the input data continuously until the circle size defined by the user is

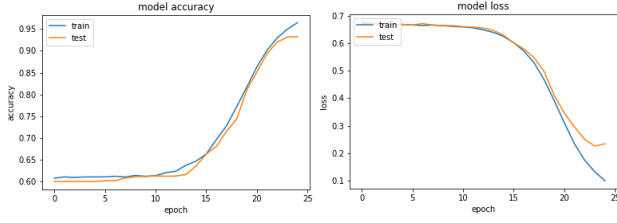


Fig. 16. LSTM Model Results for EEG Data

ended. So in a way, it's easier for LSTM to learn numerical data better.

The next step was to evaluate the models for biosignals that we used like BVP, EDA, and Temperature signals. As seen in figure 17, our DNN model achieved 89% training accuracy and test accuracy was 87%. Training loss is 0.24 and validation loss is 0.27. Until now, we can say that this model has worked out well.

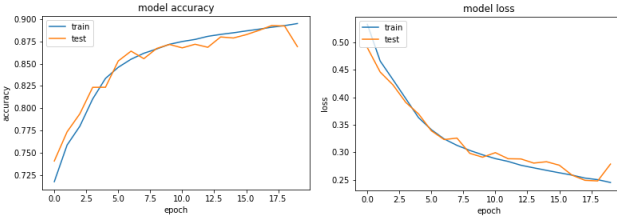


Fig. 17. DNN Model Results for Biosignals (BVP, EDA, and TEMP)

With our biosignals (BVP, EDA, and TEMP) acquired by the Empatica E4 wristband, we trained our CNN model. For this model, the most appropriate batch size was 120, and the epoch number was 20.

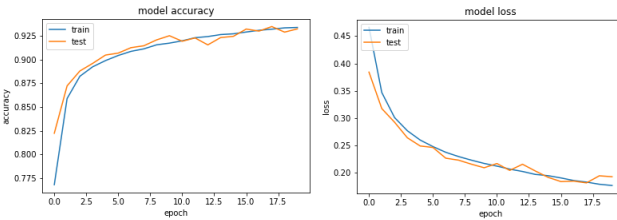


Fig. 18. CNN Model Results for Biosignals (BVP, EDA, and TEMP)

As depicted in figure 18, our CNN model achieved 93% training accuracy and test accuracy was 92%. The training and test set loss values were calculated as 17% and 19%, respectively. Compared, it performed better than our vanilla DNN model in classifying fatigue.

When it comes to our third data combination, which contained both EEG signals and biosignals acquired by the E4 wristband, the results were not satisfying.

For our DNN model, the most appropriate batch size was 64, and the epoch number was 15. The model achieved 84%

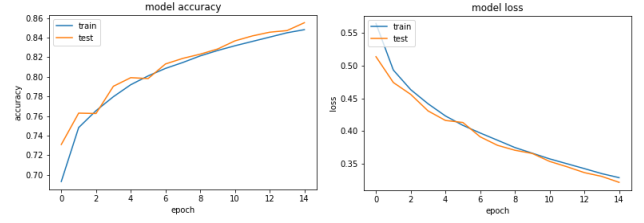


Fig. 19. DNN Model Results for EEG & Biosignals (BVP, EDA, and TEMP)

training accuracy and 85% test accuracy. The training and test set loss values were calculated at 33% and 32%, as shown in Figure 19. We performed various optimizations to the model, but the results were always as we described. Test results were always better than training results.

The CNN model was a little bit better compared to DNN. The results are as shown in Figure 20, training accuracy was 86%, and test accuracy was 85%. Loss values were calculated as 30% and 31%, respectively. The epoch size was determined as 15 and the batch size was 64. Although, they were not changing any results.

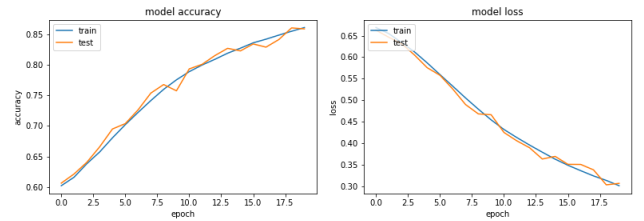


Fig. 20. CNN Model Results for EEG & Biosignals (BVP, EDA, and TEMP)

The results were way worse compared to the other two models when it came to LSTM. Whatever the size of the test set or whatever optimizations were done, the results were always better on the test set. This was probably caused by a data set that contained irrelevant features. The numbers were not realistic, so they are not demonstrated in this work.

In Table V, the accuracy and loss results for all feature combinations based on all models are demonstrated.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

This research determined working people's mental fatigue using three basic deep learning methods. We observed that we need to make some improvements so that the devices from which we receive the data match each other in Hz. Using all of the data from the Empatica device turned out badly, so we focused only on the EDA, TEMP, and BVP data. We also removed some features from the EEG data that did not affect learning, so our results were better.

First, LSTM yielded the best classification accuracy on EEG data. DNN performed better than CNN. We realized that CNN is not a good algorithm for EEG data. Second, CNN yielded the best training accuracy and loss in the data set that contained



TABLE V  
RESULTS OF VARIOUS DEEP LEARNING MODELS

	Input	Train	Test
<b>DNN</b>	EEG	0.84 ± 0.33	0.80 ± 0.40
	BVP, EDA, TEMP	0.89 ± 0.24	0.87 ± 0.27
	EEG+BVP, EDA, TEMP	0.84 ± 0.33	0.85 ± 0.32
<b>CNN</b>	EEG	0.80 ± 0.42	0.78 ± 0.45
	BVP, EDA, TEMP	0.93 ± 0.17	0.91 ± 0.19
	EEG+BVP, EDA, TEMP	0.86 ± 0.30	0.85 ± 0.31
<b>LSTM</b>	EEG	0.96 ± 0.10	0.93 ± 0.23
	BVP, EDA, TEMP	0.88 ± 0.20	0.92 ± 0.19
	EEG+BVP, EDA, TEMP	-	-

biosignals such as BVP, EDA, and Temperature. Also, test accuracy and loss are good as well. DNN yielded much better accuracy compared to LSTM. We observed that LSTM provides high test accuracy over training accuracy on a low-specification dataset, so it is unsuitable for low-specification datasets.

When both EEG signals and the data set that contained biosignals such as BVP, EDA, and Temperature data were combined, the results were not satisfying. This was most probably caused by the irrelevance of features on both sides. We found out that LSTM did not perform properly on the combined data. CNN was a good choice, but it also had problems. The reasonable choice was to train EEG and other biosignals separately, not as a whole.

In future works, improvements in the performance of classification algorithms can be made by optimizing the hyperparameters in more complicated ways. Another upgrade that can be done is creating hybrid model architectures such as CNN-RF or other combinations of different deep learning algorithms. Subjects can be classified by their gender or age in future work so that the classification of mental fatigue based on a person's information can be done in a more accurate way.

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