Summary

During the past week I implemented the proposed method in [1] called MDNNMD. I prepared the experiments that I will compare later with my proposed method. I improved my previous work about these method using the reviews I got. For example one of the reviews made me realize that the oversampling task was not applied for all the methods except for mine. And in order to have consistency I added this for all methods. Morover, adding MDNNMD to my experiments gives a more valid comparison since I will be comparing 5 methods with different integration stages: (1) Early stage by concatenation and using LR, SVM, RF; (2) Late stage by using MDNNMD; (3) Middle stage by applying the proposed method. Then the necessity of middle stage integration can be demonstrated since it can lead to extracting between modalities relations. Table 1 indicates the research progress timeline that I plan to follow durin this semester. Of course there might be some tasks that are unknown at this time and I will update this table in future.

Classification Task						
Oct. 22	√	Implement other methods for comparison.				
Oct. 29	•	Implement proposed method and compare with other methods.				
Nov. 5	•	Evaluate previous work using a new dataset and write the first draft of paper.				
Biomarker Extraction Task						
Nov. 12	•	Implement weight extraction from a trained network and rank features (genes).				
Nov. 19	•	Evaluation of top features.				
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Dec. 31	•	Finish Paper				

Table 1: Research Progress Timeline

Data

Since I was implementing MDNNMD, I tried my best to do a similar job to theirs. Therefor for these experiments I used their exact preprocessed dataset which is a reduced version of METABRIC breast cancer categorized into short-term and long-term survival.

		Long term (0)	Short term (1)
	Whole	1489	491
	Train after oversampling	1072	1072
MDNNMD	Validation	268	89
	Test	149	49
SVM,LR,RF	Train after oversampling	1340	1340
	Test	149	49

Table 2: Dataset distribution in details

Results and Conclusions

After implementing all the methods, the results seem to be contradicting with what is achieved in [1]. Below I mention a list of differences between my implementation and what was mentioned in [1]:

- Oversampling on training set. (not mentioned)
- Concatenation of modalities for LR, SVM, RF. (not mentioned)
- No validation set for LR, SVM, RF. (not mentioned)
- Percentage of dropout layer (not mentioned, I used 0.8)
- Network optimizer (only mentioned the initial rate = 0.001, I used Adadelta which uses an adaptive learning rate initiazed by 0.001)
- For ROC curve I used long term patients as positive class. (not mentioned)
- They did not mention specifically how they integrate the final result among modalities. What I did was to sum the prediction probability of the three networks using the weights they mentioned and then set the max probability as the predicted class.
- I mostly used Keras built in libraries to apply regularizer, dropout, loss function, etc. while [1] mostly implemented these themselves.

Since MDNNMD is a pretty straight forward method and there is not much complexity that could cause to misleading results, specially while using built-in packages, I think we can count on these result and still use them for comparison.

Model	%Acc.	%Pre.	%Spe.	%F1-Score
RF	74.24	78.91	72.40	76.51
LR	80.56	81.61	72.16	81.08
SVM	75.15	56.54	24.78	64.53
MDNNMD	76.72	75.55	55.47	76.13

Table 3: Comparision of Accuracy, Precision, Specificity, and F1-score for different model.

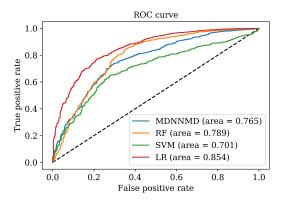


Figure 1: ROC curve of MDNNMD [1], LR, RF, SVM.

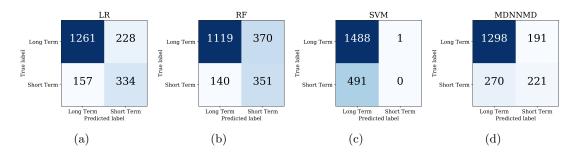


Figure 2: Confusion matrices for MDNNMD [1], LR, RF, SVM.

References

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