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Question 1:

You are designing an IoT-based patient health assessment product utilizing Temperature, Blood pressure, and Oximeter sensors. In light of Guest lecture 04, what challenges will typically arise when handling these sensors' data for patient health prediction? How is it handled? (20 Marks)

Answer:

Designing an IoT-based patient health assessment product using temperature, blood pressure, and oximeter sensors involves several challenges related to data collection, processing, analysis, and ensuring accurate health predictions. Here are some typical challenges and how they can be addressed:

Data Quality and Accuracy

- **Challenge:** Sensor data can be noisy and may contain errors or artifacts, affecting the accuracy of health predictions.
- **Handling:** We can implement data filtering and smoothing techniques to reduce noise. Calibration and regular sensor maintenance can help improve data accuracy.

Data Volume and Scalability

- **Challenge:** Collecting and managing a large volume of sensor data from numerous IoT devices can strain network and storage resources.
- **Handling:** We can employ edge computing to preprocess data at the device level, reducing the volume of data transmitted. At the same time, we can use cloud-based solutions for scalable data storage and processing.

Data Security and Privacy

- **Challenge:** Health data is sensitive and requires strict security measures to protect patient privacy.
- **Handling:** We can implement encryption, access controls, and secure communication protocols and comply with data protection regulations.

Machine Learning Model Development

- **Challenge:** Developing accurate predictive models for patient health using sensor data can be complex and resource-intensive.
- **Handling:** We can train machine learning models on labeled data to predict health outcomes and continuously update and fine-tune models to improve accuracy.

Data Visualization and User Interface

- **Challenge:** Presenting complex health data in a user-friendly manner for healthcare professionals and patients.
- **Handling:** We can develop intuitive user interfaces and dashboards that provide meaningful insights and actionable information.

Regulatory Compliance

- **Challenge:** Meeting regulatory requirements for medical devices and health data management.
- **Handling:** We can collaborate with regulatory experts to ensure compliance with standards while documenting and tracking compliance throughout the product lifecycle.