Step Tracking System: Data Processing, Model Development & Deployment

# 1. Data Collection & Preprocessing

#### **Data Source**

We have used a Kaggle dataset containing step tracking data, including features such as total steps, active minutes, distance covered, and calorie burn. The dataset was preprocessed to remove noise and ensure quality.

### **Data Cleaning**

- Handled missing values using interpolation and mean imputation.
- Removed outliers using Z-score analysis.
- Normalized step count and distance values using Min-Max scaling.

#### **Feature Engineering**

- Extracted step frequency and rest periods to enhance model performance.
- Created activity duration metrics to better classify activity patterns.

#### 2. Model Development

#### **Model Selection**

We experimented with multiple models, including Decision Tree, Random Forest, XGBoost, LSTM, and CNN. Ultimately, LSTM was chosen for its ability to capture temporal dependencies in step data.

# **Hyperparameter Tuning**

- Used GridSearchCV for hyperparameter tuning in traditional models.
- For LSTM, optimized batch size, number of layers, and dropout rates to prevent overfitting.

# **Performance Metrics**

- Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Mean Squared Error (MSE) were used to evaluate regression accuracy.
- Compared models based on performance, and LSTM showed the best results for step prediction.

### 3. Integration with Firmware & App

## **Deployment on Marshee Smart Tracker**

- The trained LSTM model is deployed using TensorFlow Lite for efficient inference on embedded devices.
- Real-time inference is processed either on-device or via a cloud-based API when higher accuracy is needed.

### **Streamlit UI Development**

We developed a Streamlit-based UI to visualize real-time step data, allowing users to:

- Upload step tracking data.
- View insights like daily step trends and activity levels.
- Get predictions and fitness recommendations.
- Monitor progress with an interactive dashboard.

# **Embedded System Optimization**

- Quantized the model to reduce memory usage.
- Used edge computing to reduce cloud dependency.

# 4. Deployment Strategy

## **OTA Updates**

- The model is updated over-the-air (OTA) to ensure real-time improvements.
- A CI/CD pipeline is established for seamless firmware upgrades.

#### **Cloud-Based Architecture**

- A Flask API serves real-time predictions for the mobile app.
- Firebase is used for storing step data logs and analytics.

## **Periodic Retraining**

- The model retrains using new data every month.
- User feedback helps improve predictions over time.

## 5. Additional Considerations

## **Challenges & Solutions**

- Real-time Processing: Optimized inference using TFLite.
- Limited Compute Power: Used pruning & quantization to reduce model size.

# **Security & Privacy**

- Implemented AES encryption for sensitive step data.
- Adhered to GDPR-compliant data handling policies.

## **AI-Driven Features**

- Step anomaly detection to identify irregular activity.
- Personalized fitness recommendations based on trends.

#### Streamlit UI & Demo

