>>> Privacy-preserving Data Generation:

>>> Towards generating privacy-preserving, synthetic and useful time series ECG data for anomaly detection

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>>> Machine Learning Pipeline



Figure: High-level machine learning pipeline

>>> Anomaly detection using privacy-preserving, synthetic time series data

\$ Problem

- ML models are very data hungry.
- In many cases sharing data comes with privacy risks.

\$ Solution:

- Promising solution: synthetic data with privacy guarantees!
- Synthetic data with differential private (DP) guarantees is a promising solution to ensure privacy independent of downstream task.

\$ BUT:

- Privacy-Utility-Tradeoff: Commonly, a gain in privacy results in a loss of utility.
- For anomaly detection this might not be the case (?).

Goal: generate useful and privacy-preserving ECG data for anomaly detection (heartbeat arrhythmia).

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>>> Structure

- 1. Train baseline model for anomaly detection only on regular heartbeat data using an LSTM-AE.
- 2. Generate heartbeat data (without DP) using two approaches:
 - AE-MERF
 - RTSGAN
- 3. Train LSTM-AE for anomaly detection on synthetic data and test on real (TSTR).
- 4. Add DP noise and repeat:
 - AE-DPMERF
 - DP-RTSGAN
- 5. Contaminate training data with anomalous heartbeats and repeat

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>>> Heartbeat Arrhythmia

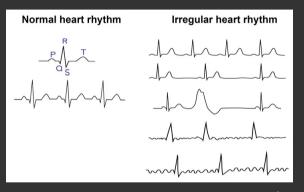


Figure: Different heartbeat arrhythmias ¹

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¹source: https://www.parkwayshenton.com.sg/health-plus/article/arrhythmia-guide

>>> Arrhythmia Detection as an Anomaly Detection Problem

We treat the problem of detecting irregular heartbeats as an anomaly detection problem from machine learning based on the reconstruction error:

- \$ We train a model on regular heartbeats that is able to reconstruct that regular heartbeat.
- \$ Given an irregular heartbeat the model should give higher reconstruction error.
- \$ Based on an optimal threshold for that error we classify this heartbeat as either regular or irregular.

Two reasons for this semi-supervised approach: high class imbalancy and no need for labelling.

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>>> Baseline Model

Model is a LSTM-AE that is trained only on normal samples with the goal to reconstruct normal samples. The classification is made based on the reconstruction error.

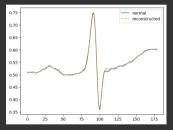


Figure: reconstruction on normal sample

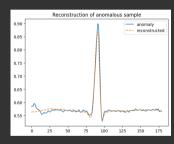


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>>> Classification based on Reconstruction Error

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Informally. Replacing one record in the data will not change the outcome of algorithm \mathcal{M} too much (specified via privacy budget ϵ). The lower ϵ the stricter the privacy guarantees.

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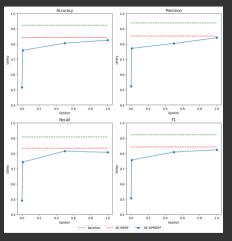


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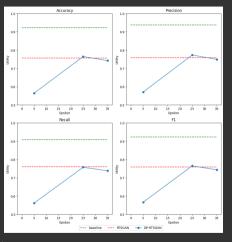


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>>> Conclusion

- \$ DPMERF performs best and is very efficient computationally.
- \$ DPMERF can work in lower epsilon ranges, which translates to higher privacy guarantees.
- DP-RTSGAN gives worse generative performance and can only work with meaningless privacy budgets epsilon.
- \$ Adding privacy does not impact the utility for anomaly detection too much until too much noise is added.

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>>> Contamination

We contaminate the train set that only consists of normal samples with 1%, 2%, 5% anomalous samples (the percentage of heartbeat arrhythmias is estimated to be around max. 5%).

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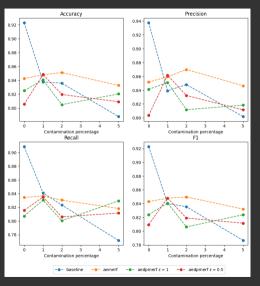


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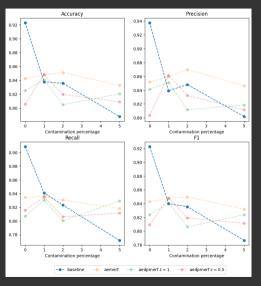


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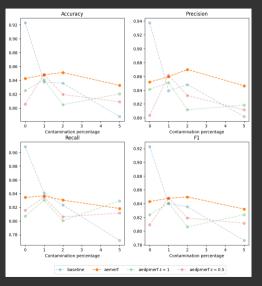


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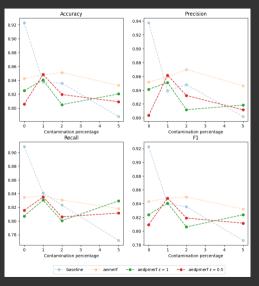


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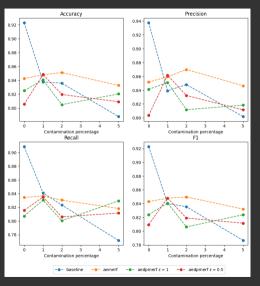


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>>> Model Architecture

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