# DeepCare: A Deep Dynamic Memory Model for Predictive Medicine

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### Overview

A modified LSTM architecture is proposed that can analyze **Electronic Health Records** in order to predict **disease progression** and **unplanned readmissions** of patients.

**INPUT**: N = 12,000 Electronic Health Records from large hospital, 2002-13

**OUTPUT**: For post-discharge *diabetic* patients: Predicts (1) next stage of disease, (2) intervention recommendation (ARXIV version), and (3) readmission risk

**MODEL**: Modified LSTM

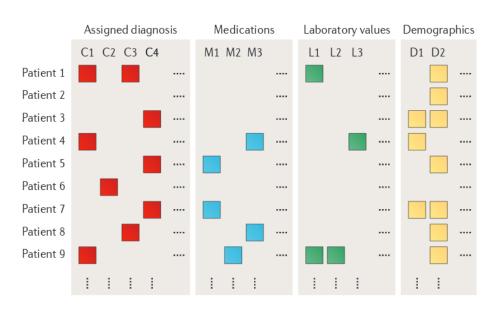
### Electronic Health Records (HR)

Data related to patient admissions, diagnoses, interventions, treatments

Disease codes: International Classification of diseases (ICD)

Created by and stored by institution (e.g. Hospital)

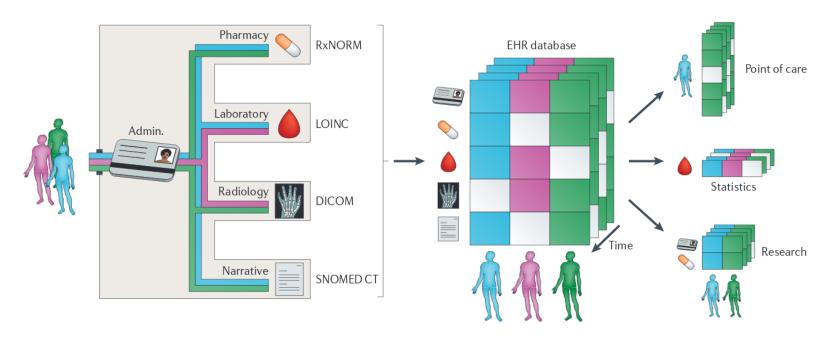
Contains both structured and unstructured data



Simplified representation of EHR P. Jensen, L. Jensen, S. Brunak - 2012

Structured: drug prescriptions and dosages

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EHR generation, storage and uses P. Jensen, L. Jensen, S. Brunak - 2012

## Electronic Health Records (EHR)

#### **Characteristics of EHR**

Variable length

Episodic at Irregular time intervals

Interactions between disease progression and intervention

Both structured and unstructured data

Structured: disease/procedure codes

Unstructured: Doctor's notes

Long term dependencies

### DeepCare Architecture

End-to-end dynamic memory network for modeling illness trajectories and predicting future outcomes

Extends the basic LSTM to deal with three issues:

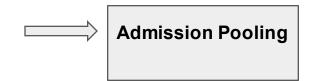
- 1. Variable-size discrete inputs
- 2. Confounding interactions between disease progression and intervention
- 3. Irregular timing

#### **Input Construction**

Input admission contains *diagnoses codes* (current condition) and *interventions* (procedures and medications)

Codes and interventions are each embedded into embedding matrices\*:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times |\mathcal{D}|}$   $B \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times |\mathcal{I}|}$ .

Admission t has h diagnoses and k interventions:  $d_1, d_2, ..., d_h \in \{1, 2, ..., |\mathcal{D}|\}$   $s_1, s_2, ..., s_k \in \{1, 2, ..., |\mathcal{I}|\}$ 



<sup>\*</sup>unclear what method is actually implemented for learning the embedding. It could be Continuous BoW or RNN based

#### **Input Construction**

Max Pooling Admission **Pooling** 

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{t}^{i} = \max\left(A_{i}^{d_{1}}, A_{i}^{d_{2}}, ..., A_{i}^{d_{h}}\right)$$

$$p_t^i = \max(B_i^{s_1}, B_i^{s_2}, ..., B_i^{s_k})$$

Normalized Sum Pooling

$$x_t^i = \frac{A_i^{d_1} + A_i^{d_2} + \dots + A_i^{d_h}}{\sqrt{|A_i^{d_1} + A_i^{d_2} + \dots + A_i^{d_h}|}} \qquad x_t = \frac{A^{d_1} + A^{d_2} + \dots + A^{d_h}}{h}$$

$$\boldsymbol{p}_{t}^{i} = \frac{B_{i}^{s_{1}} + B_{i}^{s_{2}} + \ldots + B_{i}^{s_{k}}}{\sqrt{\mid B_{i}^{s_{1}} + B_{i}^{s_{2}} + \ldots + B_{i}^{s_{k}} \mid}} \qquad \boldsymbol{p}_{t} = \frac{B^{s_{1}} + B^{s_{2}} + \ldots + B^{s_{k}}}{k}$$

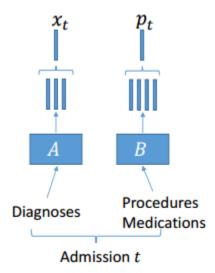
Mean

$$x_t = \frac{A^{d_1} + A^{d_2} + \dots + A^{d_h}}{h}$$

$$p_t = \frac{B^{s_1} + B^{s_2} + \dots + B^{s_k}}{b}$$

#### **Input Construction**

Final admission embedding is a 2M dimension vector  $[x_t, p_t]$ 



#### **High Level Architecture**

Given input admission embedding ( $[x_t, p_t]$ ), admission type ( $m_t$ ), and elapsed time between current admission and previous one ( $\Delta t$ ).

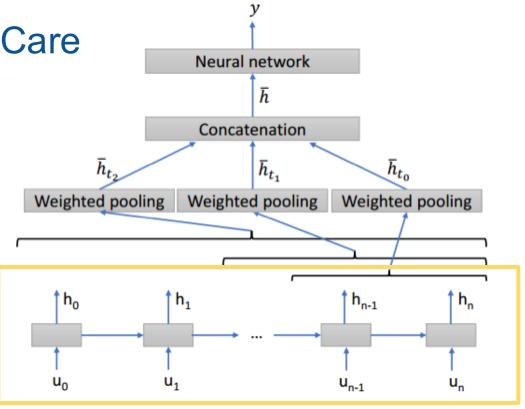
Input sequence:  $\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_1, ..., \mathbf{u}_n$   $\mathbf{u}_t = [\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{p}_t, m_t, \Delta t]$ 

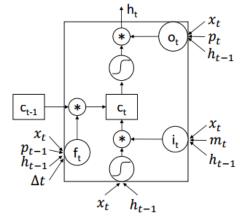
LSTM output sequence: distributed illness states  $h_0, h_1, ..., h_n$ , where  $h_t \in \mathbb{R}^K$ 

Aggregate illness states:  $\bar{h} = \{h_0, h_1, ..., h_n\}$ , where  $\bar{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{sK}$  for s scales.

Outcome estimate:  $P(y \mid \mathbf{u}_{0:n}) = P(\text{nnet}_y(\text{pool}\{\text{LSTM}(\mathbf{u}_{0:n})\}))$ 

# DeepCare





$$q_{\Delta_{t-1:t}} = \left(\frac{\Delta_{t-1:t}}{60}, \left(\frac{\Delta_{t-1:t}}{180}\right)^2, \left(\frac{\Delta_{t-1:t}}{365}\right)^3\right)$$

#### **Modified LSTM Structure**

Incorporating admission type

$$i_t = \frac{1}{m_t} \sigma \left( W_i x_t + U_i h_{t-1} + b_i \right)$$
  $m_t = 1$  if the admission method is unplanned,  $m_t = 2$  otherwise.

Modeling Effect of Interventions

$$o_t = \sigma \left( W_o x_t + U_o h_{t-1} + P_o p_t + b_o \right)$$

 $P_o$  is the intervention weight matrix for the output gate and  $p_t$  is intervention at time step t.

$$\boldsymbol{f}_t = \sigma \left( W_f \boldsymbol{x}_t + U_f \boldsymbol{h}_{t-1} + P_f \boldsymbol{p}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{b}_f \right)$$

 $p_{t-1}$  is intervention embedded vector at time step t-1 and  $P_f$  is the intervention weight matrix

#### **Modified LSTM Structure**

Dealing with Time Irregularity

1. Natural Time Decay

$$f_t \leftarrow d(\Delta_{t-1:t}) f_t$$
  $\Delta_{t-1:t}$  is the time passed between step  $t-1$  and step  $t$   $d(\Delta_{t-1:t}) = [\log(e + \Delta_{t-1:t})]^{-1}$ , where  $\Delta_{t-1:t}$  is measured in days

1. Parametric Time

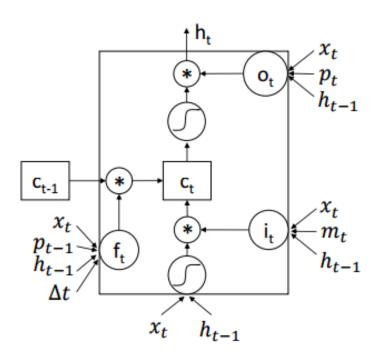
$$\boldsymbol{f}_{t} = \sigma \left( W_{f} \boldsymbol{x}_{t} + U_{f} \boldsymbol{h}_{t-1} + Q_{f} \boldsymbol{q}_{\Delta_{t-1:t}} + P_{f} \boldsymbol{p}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{b}_{f} \right)$$

 $q_{\Delta_{t-1:t}}$  is a vector derived from the time difference  $\Delta_{t-1:t}$ 

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Ex Third-order effects:

#### **Modified LSTM Structure**



#### **Multiscale Pooling**

**Problem**: max-pooling only reflects a single illness state in patient's history

**Solution**: DeepCare uses a simple attention mechanism for pooling

Weighted sum over all historical states

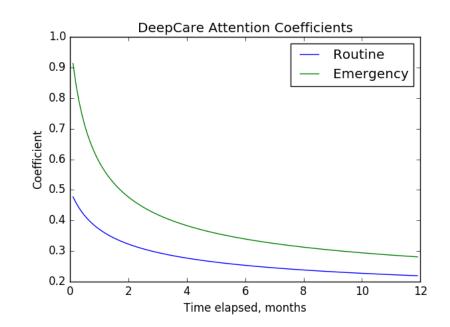
Recent events more heavy

Emergency admissions more heavy

Illness states pooled over multiple

$$ar{m{h}} = \left(\sum_{t=t_0}^n r_t m{h}_t\right) / \sum_{t=t_0}^n r_t$$

$$r_t = [m_t + \log(1 + \Delta_{t:n})]^{-1}$$



#### Model FC/Readout layers

Fully-connected hidden laver

$$\boldsymbol{a}_h = \sigma \left( U_h \bar{\boldsymbol{h}} + \boldsymbol{b}_h \right)$$

Softmax readout layer

$$egin{array}{lcl} oldsymbol{z}_y &=& U_y oldsymbol{a}_h + oldsymbol{b}_y \ P\left(y \mid oldsymbol{u}_{1:n}
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#### **Training**

Cross-entropy loss via SGD with minibatch size 16

Learning rate adjusts to loss decreases

After 5 iterations of no change, cut LR in half

Regularization

L2-regularization on LSTM outputs

Dropout on initial embedding layer and hidden FC layer

Pretraining

### Results

Performance of DeepCare assessed on two fronts:

- 1. Prediction of future disease diagnosis
- 1. Prediction of readmission within 12 months after discharge

### Predicting future disease diagnoses

- Predict the next  $n_{pred}$  diagnoses after each discharge
- 243 possible disease diagnoses

**Table 1.** Precision@ $n_{pred}$  diagnoses prediction.

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Markov model: memoryless disease transition probabilities:

$$P\left(d_t^i \mid d_{t+1}^j\right)$$
 from disease  $d^j$  to  $d^i$  at time  $t$ 

Probability of  $d_t^i$  as next disease :

$$\frac{1}{|D_t|} \sum_{j \in D_t} P\left(d_t^i \mid d_{t+1}^j\right)$$

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Predicting disease diagnoses using LSTM output:

output states  $h_t$ 

$$P(y_t = l \mid \boldsymbol{x}_{1:t}) = \operatorname{softmax}(\boldsymbol{v}_l^{\top} \boldsymbol{h}_t)$$
  
label specific parameters  $\boldsymbol{v}_l$ 

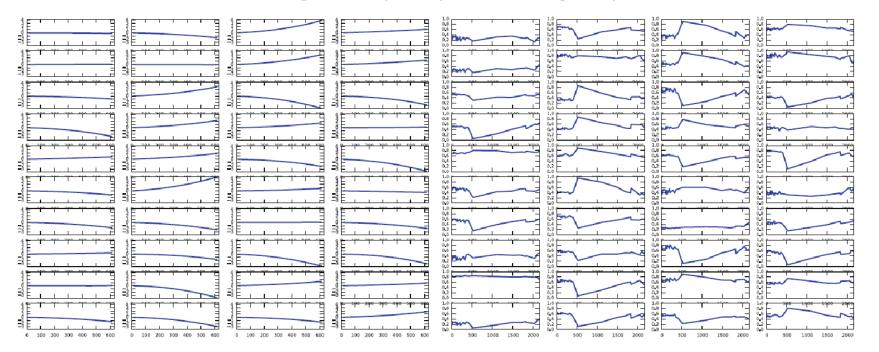
### Predicting unplanned readmission

- a discharge is randomly chosen as prediction point
- unplanned readmission after 12 months is predicted

	Model	F-score (%)
1	SVM $(max\text{-}pooling)$	64.0
2	SVM (sum-pooling)	66.7
3	Random Forests (max-pooling)	68.3
4	Random Forests $(sum\text{-}pooling)$	71.4
5	LSTM (mean-pooling + logit. regress.)	75.9
6	DeepCare $(mean-pooling + nnets)$	76.5
7	Deep Care ([interven. + time decay] + recent.multi.pool. + nnets)	77.1
8	$\mathbf{DeepCare}\ ([interven.\ +\ param.\ time] +\ recent.multi.pool.\ +\ nnets)$	79.1

F-score is harmonic mean of the precision and recall:  $F_1 = 2\frac{1}{\frac{1}{recall} + \frac{1}{precisio}}$ 

### Contribution of time irregularity to predicting unplanned readmission

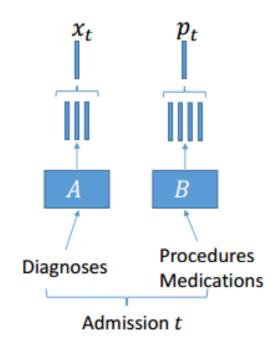


**Fig. 4.** (Left) 40 channels of forgetting due to time elapsed. (Right) The forget gates of a patient in the course of their illness.

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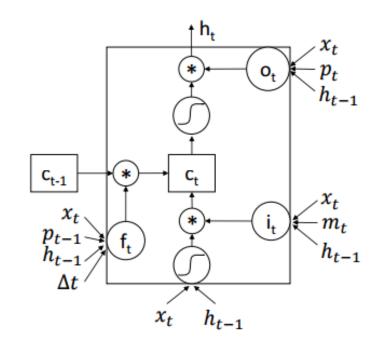
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### Conclusions

- DeepCare's primary value is that it frees model designers from manually designing features from EMRs.
- It uses modified LSTM and pooling units to handle timing irregularities with which existing techniques struggle.
- The full progression of a disease is embedded into a vector which is then used to make risk and readmission predictions.
- Results are competitive against current state-of-the-arts.