Deep Learning-Based Detection of Motor Biomarkers for Autism from Children's Video Recordings

Overview

This implementation presents a hybrid deep learning approach for detecting autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in children through analysis of motor biomarkers extracted from video recordings. The system combines BiLSTM, CNN, and Multi-Head Attention mechanisms in an ensemble architecture to achieve high-accuracy autism detection.

System Requirements

Hardware Specifications

Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-120U @ 1.40 GHz

• **Memory**: 16.0 GB RAM (15.6 GB usable)

• **Storage**: 423 GB available space

• **Graphics**: Intel(R) Graphics (integrated)

• **System Type**: 64-bit operating system, x64-based processor

Software Environment

• Operating System: Windows 11 (64-bit)

• **Python Version**: 3.8+ (recommended 3.9)

• Platform: Windows x64

Dependencies and Libraries

Core Deep Learning Framework

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Plain Text

tensorflow>=2.8.0
keras>=2.8.0
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Data Processing and Analysis

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Plain Text

numpy>=1.21.0
pandas>=1.3.0
scikit-learn>=1.0.0
scipy>=1.7.0
```

Computer Vision and Pose Detection

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Plain Text

mediapipe>=0.8.9
opencv-python>=4.5.0
```

Data Balancing

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Plain Text

imbalanced-learn>=0.8.0
```

Visualization

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Plain Text

matplotlib>=3.5.0
seaborn>=0.11.0
```

Utilities

```
Plain Text

pickle
os
```

Installation

Install dependencies

```
pip install tensorflow keras numpy pandas scikit-learn scipy mediapipe opencv-python imbalanced-learn matplotlib seaborn
```

Project Structure

```
Plain Text
feature_engineering.py
                                   # Behavioral biomarker extraction
train_hybrid_model_fixed2.py
                                   # Main hybrid model training
 — evaluate_ensemble_model.py
                                   # Ensemble model evaluation
                                   # Individual model evaluation
  - evaluate_models.py
 — preprocess_data.py
                                   # Data preprocessing pipeline
 — create_pose_landmark_visualization.py # Visualization tools
  - kare_bazli_ozellik_cikarimi.py # Frame-based feature extraction
 — models/
                                   # Trained model files
  - results/
                                   # Evaluation results
```

Usage

1. Data Preprocessing

```
Bash

python preprocess_data.py
```

2. Feature Extraction

```
Bash

python feature_engineering.py
```

3. Model Training

```
Bash

python train_hybrid_model_fixed2.py
```

4. Model Evaluation

```
python evaluate_ensemble_model.py
python evaluate_models.py
```

5. Visualization

```
Bash

python create_pose_landmark_visualization.py
```

Model Architecture

Hybrid Ensemble Components

- 1. BiLSTM + CNN + Attention Model (50% weight)
 - Bidirectional LSTM layers (64, 32 units)
 - 1D CNN with multiple kernel sizes (3, 5, 7)
 - Multi-head attention mechanism (4 heads)
- 2. GRU Model (30% weight)

- Two GRU layers (64, 32 units)
- Dropout regularization
- 3. CNN Model (20% weight)
 - Three 1D convolutional layers (64, 128, 128 filters)
 - Global pooling layers

Training Configuration

- **Optimizer**: Adam (β_1 =0.9, β_2 =0.999)
- Learning Rate: 0.001
- Batch Size: 32
- Max Epochs: 50
- Loss Function: Binary Cross-entropy
- **Regularization**: Dropout (20-40%), L2 (λ =0.001)
- Callbacks: EarlyStopping, ReduceLROnPlateau

Performance Metrics

Ensemble Model Results

- **Accuracy**: 97.11%
- **Precision**: 98.31%
- **Recall**: 95.87%
- **F1-Score**: 97.07%
- **ROC-AUC**: 98.24%
- **Specificity**: 98.35%

Individual Model Performance

| Model | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F1-Score | AUC |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| BiLSTM+CNN+Attention | 95.0% | 96.0% | 94.0% | 95.0% | 97.0% |
| GRU | 92.0% | 93.0% | 91.0% | 92.0% | 95.0% |
| CNN | 89.0% | 90.0% | 88.0% | 89.0% | 93.0% |

Behavioral Biomarkers

Feature Categories

1. Movement Parameters: Velocity, acceleration, jerk

2. **Statistical Features**: Mean, std, skewness, kurtosis

3. Frequency Domain: Dominant frequency, spectral centroid, bandwidth

4. Coordination Indices: Left-right correlation, synchronization score

5. **Repetitiveness Measures**: Repetition count, regularity index

Data Requirements

Input Format

• Video Files: MP4, AVI formats supported

• Frame Rate: 10 FPS (recommended)

• **Duration**: 30 seconds minimum

• Content: Upper body movements of children (1-10 years)

Dataset Structure

• Training Set: 80% (1,547 sequences)

- **Test Set**: 20% (484 sequences)
- Class Balance: SMOTE applied for balanced training

Reproducibility

Pseudocode Algorithms

Complete pseudocode algorithms are provided in Appendix A of the accompanying research paper, covering:

- Feature extraction pipeline
- Hybrid model architecture
- Ensemble learning strategy
- Cross-validation procedures
- Statistical analysis methods

Random Seeds

All random operations use fixed seeds (seed=42) for reproducibility.

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