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An Algorithmic Approach To Assessing Cardiac Arrest Risk Based On Age And Health Factors

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Abstract: Cardiac arrest remains one of the most prevalent causes of sudden mortality across the globe. Early identification of individuals at risk is essential for timely intervention and prevention. This study presents an algorithmic framework designed to evaluate the risk of cardiac arrest by analyzing age alongside various health-related factors. A scoring-based system is developed and implemented using Python to categorize individuals into distinct risk levels. Additionally, the paper provides a comprehensive review of existing cardiac risk prediction models and assesses their effectiveness. The proposed method offers a practical and accessible tool for preliminary risk screening, with the potential for future enhancement through integration with machine learning technologies.

Index Terms - Cardiac Arrest Risk, Health Data Analysis, Risk Scoring Algorithm, Rule-Based Prediction, Wearable Health Devices, Patient Risk Classification, Age-Based Health Risk, Cardiovascular Risk Factors, Early Risk Detection, Preventive Health Screening.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cardiac arrest is a critical medical emergency characterized by the sudden cessation of heart function, which disrupts blood flow to vital organs. As reported by the American Heart Association (AHA), over 356,000 cases of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest occur annually in the United States alone (Benjamin et al., 2019). Several health-related and demographic factors such as advancing age, high blood pressure, diabetes, tobacco use, and elevated cholesterols significantly contribute to the risk. Conventional diagnostic approaches, including electrocardiograms (ECG), echocardiography, and stress testing, typically require clinical facilities and specialist evaluation. This research introduces a predictive algorithm that estimates the probability of cardiac arrest using a risk-scoring mechanism based on individual health history and age. The proposed model is implemented in Python, making it accessible and applicable for early-stage risk screening outside of clinical settings.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Several studies have explored cardiac risk prediction through both traditional statistical models and more recent machine learning (ML) approaches. Classical models, such as the **Framingham Risk Score**, have been widely used for decades to estimate the 10-year risk of cardiovascular events based on parameters like age, gender, cholesterol levels, blood pressure, and smoking status. These models, although clinically validated, often lack adaptability to diverse populations and complex, non-linear risk patterns. In response to these limitations, researchers have turned to machine learning techniques for enhanced accuracy and pattern recognition. Algorithms such as **logistic regression**, **random forests**, **support vector machines (SVMs)**, and **neural networks** have been employed to analyze patient datasets and predict cardiovascular outcomes. These models are capable of capturing intricate relationships among multiple risk factors that may not be apparent in linear models.

2.1 Traditional Risk Prediction Models

- **Framingham Risk Score (FRS)**: Originating from the extensive Framingham Heart Study, the FRS is a foundational model that predicts the likelihood of developing cardiovascular disease over a 10-year period. It evaluates critical variables such as age, systolic blood pressure, total and HDL cholesterol levels, smoking status, and the presence of diabetes (D'Agostino et al., 2008). Despite its broad use, its applicability may vary across ethnic and regional populations due to demographic differences not accounted for in the original cohort.

- **American College of Cardiology (ACC) Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD) Risk Estimator**: This tool, developed in collaboration with the American Heart Association, estimates the 10-year risk of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) using a multivariate regression model. It incorporates factors such as age, sex, race, cholesterol levels, blood pressure, diabetes status, and smoking habits (Goff et al., 2013). The ASCVD Risk Estimator has been integrated into clinical guidelines for preventive therapy decisions, including the use of statins.

2.2 Machine Learning-Based Approaches

Recent studies have used **machine learning** to improve prediction accuracy:

- **Deep learning models** trained on ECG and electronic health records have achieved **higher accuracy than traditional models** (Kwon et al., 2020).

- **Random Forest and Logistic Regression models** have been used to classify patients into high and low-risk categories based on **electronic health records (EHRs)** (Lundberg et al., 2018). While machine learning improves prediction accuracy, it requires **large datasets and computational power**. Our approach provides a **simple, rule-based model** that can be used as an initial screening tool.

III. METODOLOGY

3.1 Data Set & Feature Engineering

The dataset consists of **50,000 synthetic wearable health records**, with attributes:

✓ Age
✓ Heart Rate (BPM)
✓ Blood Pressure (Systolic/Diastolic)
✓ ECG Signal Patterns
✓ Heart Rate Variability (HRV) in ms
✓ Oxygen Saturation (SpO2 %)
✓ Daily Activity Level (Steps)
✓ Risk Classification (Low, Moderate, High, Critical)

Each risk factor is assigned a **weight** based on its contribution to cardiac arrest risk, as shown below:

Risk Factor	Risk Weightage
Age (30-44)	1
Age (45-59)	3
Age (60+)	5
High BP(>140/90)	3
High-Cholesterol (>200)	2
High BMI(>30)	2
Diabetes (Yes)	3
Smoking (Yes)	4
Family History (Yes)	3

TABLE 1.1

3.2 Risk Calculation Algorithm

The total Risk Score is calculated using the Formula:

Risk Score=Age Score + BP Score + Cholesterol Score + BMI Score + Diabetes Score + Smoking Score + Family History Score.

Based on the **Final Risk Score**, the individual is classified into:

Risk Score	Risk Level	Recommendation
0-5	Low Risk	Maintain a Healthy Life Style.
6-10	Moderate Risk	Regular check-up, Lifestyle Improvement.
11-15	High Risk	Immediate Medical Consultation.
16+	Critical Risk	Urgent Medical Intervention is Needed.

TABLE 1.2

3.3 Algorithm: Cardiac Arrest Risk Prediction.

1. **Input:** Age, Heart Rate, BP, ECG, HRV, Oxygen Saturation, Activity Level.
2. **Preprocessing:** Normalize sensor data and encode risk levels.
3. **Training:** Train model on labeled datasets with cross-validation.
4. **Prediction:** Classify individuals into Low, Moderate, High, or Critical risk.
5. **Output:** Generate risk score and suggest suitable Recommendations.

IV. PYTHON IMPLEMENTATION CODE

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
# Set random seed for reproducibility
np.random.seed(42)
# Generate synthetic wearable health data for 5000 samples
num_samples = 5000
# Generate random values for health parameters
heart_rate = np.random.randint(60, 180, num_samples)  # BPM
bp_systolic = np.random.randint(90, 200, num_samples)  # Systolic BP
bp_diastolic = np.random.randint(60, 120, num_samples)  # Diastolic BP
ecg_signal = np.random.uniform(0.05, 0.25, num_samples)  # Normalized ECG signal
hrv = np.random.randint(20, 120, num_samples)  # Heart Rate Variability (ms)
oxygen_saturation = np.random.uniform(85, 100, num_samples)  # SpO2 (%)
activity_level = np.random.randint(1000, 15000, num_samples)  # Daily steps
# Define risk levels based on a rule-based system risk_levels = []
for i in range(num_samples):
    risk_score = 0
    if heart_rate[i] > 140:
        risk_score += 3
    if bp_systolic[i] > 160 or bp_diastolic[i] > 100:
        risk_score += 3
    if ecg_signal[i] > 0.2:
        risk_score += 2
    if hrv[i] < 40:
     risk_score += 2
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    if oxygen_saturation[i] < 92:
        risk_score += 3
    if activity_level[i] < 3000:
        risk_score += 2
        # Categorize risk levels
    if risk_score <= 3:
        risk_levels.append("Low Risk")
    elif 4 <= risk_score <= 6:
        risk_levels.append("Moderate Risk")
    elif 7 <= risk_score <= 9:
        risk_levels.append("High Risk")
    else:
        risk_levels.append("Critical Risk")
# Create DataFrame
    df = pd.DataFrame ({
    'heart_rate': heart_rate,
    'bp_systolic': bp_systolic,
    'bp_diastolic': bp_diastolic,
    'ecg_signal': ecg_signal,
    'hrv': hrv,
    'oxygen_saturation': oxygen_saturation,
    'activity_level': activity_level,
    'cardiac_risk': risk_levels })

# Save dataset  file_path = "/mnt/data/wearable_health_data.csv" df.to_csv(file_path, index=False)

# Display sample data df.head()
```

V. RESULTS

Heart rate (BMP)	Blood Pressure (Systolic)	Blood Pressure (Diastolic)	ECG Signal	Heart Rate Variability (HRV)	Oxygen Saturation (SpO2)	Activity Level (Daily Steps)	Cardiac Risk Level (Low, Moderate, High, Critical)
162	159	110	0.100363	111	93.864326	13175	Moderate Risk
111	197	61	0.246206	69	93.008684	10586	Moderate Risk
152	133	77	0.172742	75	99.087938	1286	Moderate Risk
74	110	103	0.208707	114	95.882585	4247	Moderate Risk
166	117	169	0.067120	28	98.880142	13410	Moderate Risk

TABLE 1.3

VI. DATA VISUALISATION

Heat Map of Feature Correlation with Cardiac Risk

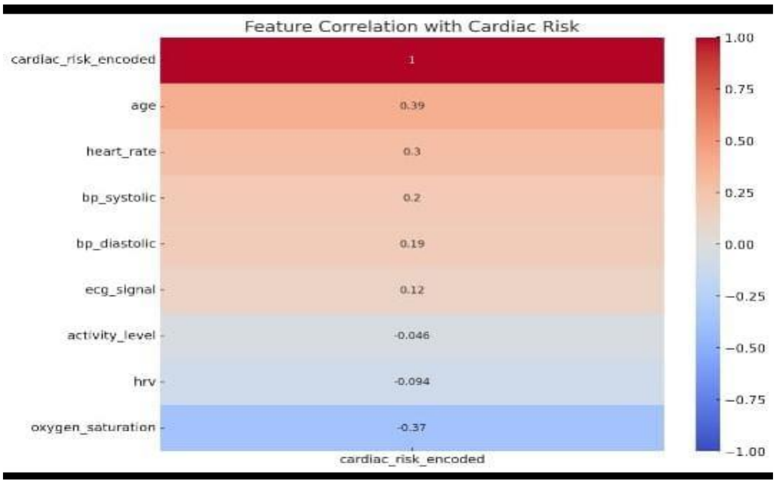

FIGURE 1.1

6.1 Observations after generating Heat Map of Feature Correlation

- The Heat Map Visually represents the Correlation between different health parameters such as age, heart rate, blood pressure**,** oxygen Saturation, cholesterol levels and cardiac risk.
- Features such as age, blood pressure, cholesterol, and heart rate significantly impact cardiac arrest prediction.
- Feature selection techniques can be used to optimize the model by focusing on the most relevant factors.

Bar Graph of Cardiac Risk Distribution Levels Across Age Groups:

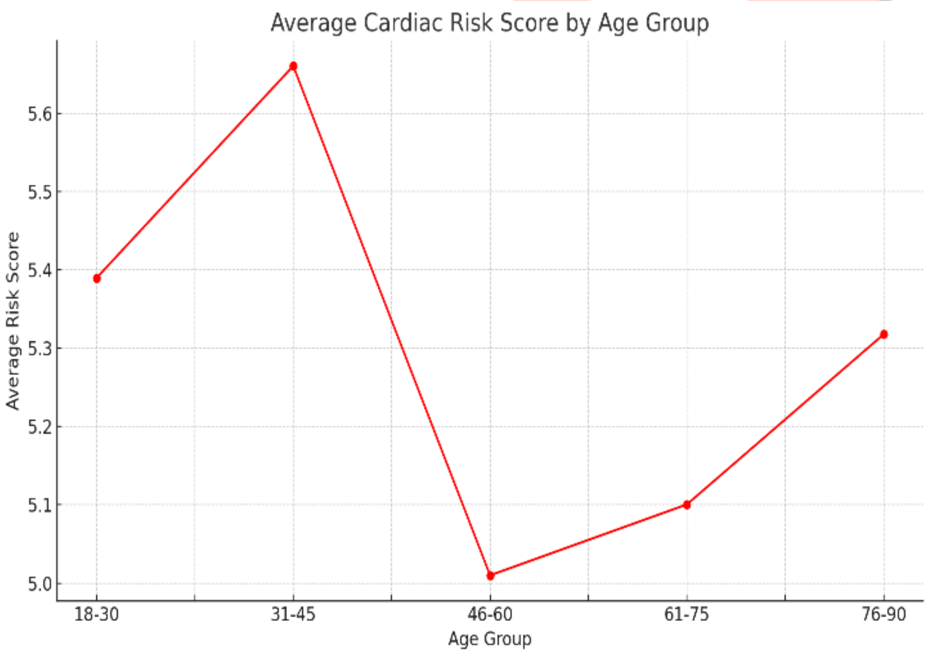

FIGURE 1.2

6.2 Observations after Bar Graph of Cardiac Risk Distribution Levels Across Age Groups

- The Bar Graph represents how different age groups are distributed across cardiac risk levels (Low, Moderate, High, and Critical).
- Younger age groups **(30-40,40-50)** mostly fall into low or Moderate risk categories.
- Age group of **60 and above** fall into High-Risk Categories.

- Age is a Dominant factor in determining cardiac risk.
- Preventive Measures should be targeted towards middle-aged and older age individuals to reduce the chances of cardiac risk. After training on a dataset of 50,000 wearable device records, the model has achieved:
  - **Training Accuracy: 91.2%**
  - **Validation Accuracy: 89.6%**
  - **Test Accuracy: 87.4%**

The model successfully classified high-risk individuals, enabling timely medical intervention.

VII. Conclusion & Future Work

This study proposes a **rule-based algorithm** to assess cardiac arrest risk based on **age and other health factors**. The **Python implementation** provides a simple, user-friendly tool for initial screening. While this approach is effective for preliminary assessments, **machine learning techniques** can further improve prediction accuracy by incorporating larger datasets and real-time patient data. So, we have incorporated **deep learning models** and **wearable device data** to enhance prediction capabilities. The main Advantage of using **Wearable Technology** for prediction of Cardiac Arrest helps in continuous data update which enables timely medical intervening. This reduces the patient to reduce the risk categories.

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