



ElderNet : Automated Electroencephalography Sleep Stage Scoring for Elderly Patient Populations

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Introduction (Problem statement)

Importance of sleep monitoring

- Poor sleep quality associated with obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, and cardiovascular disease [1]
- Under-recognized health issue: affects ~50 to 70 million Americans [2]
- Over age 60: disturbed sleep, 40-50%; chronic insomnia, 28%

Polysomnography (PSG)

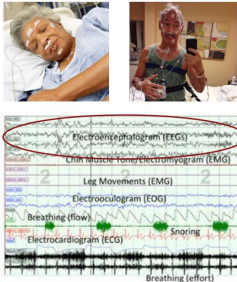
- Gold standard for sleep monitoring

Issues:

- Requires 11 different sensors
- Complicated setup
- Scored by human technician

Automated scoring on EEG

- Subset of data - improves comfort, reduces complexity, removes need for human scoring
- Deep learning shows promise [3,4]
- Efficacy on older populations?
 - Reduction in deep sleep → greater class imbalance [5]
 - Worse signal-to-noise

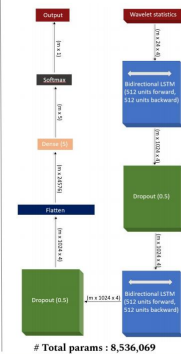


Methods (Models / Data Analysis)

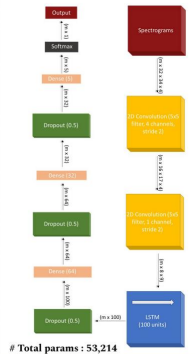
Baseline FC model



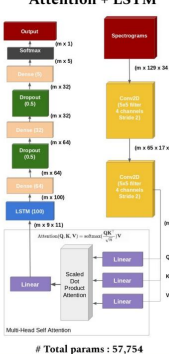
Wavelet coef. + BiLSTM



Spectrogram+CNN+LSTM



Spectrogram + CNN + Attention + LSTM



Future Work

- Compare performance with different/larger elderly patient datasets
- Continue architecture search to close the gap between model and human error
- Try to make the models more interpretable
- Use knowledge distillation for compact deployable models in wearables

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Approach (Data + Preprocessing)

EEG Dataset

- 85 patients (67.2±5.7 years)
- 8 hours scored on 30 second intervals → 83,193 valid examples of labeled data
- 4 EEG ch.: C3-A2; C4-A1; O1-A2; O2-A1
- Train-dev- test split: 80%-10%-10%

Challenges

- #1: Class imbalance: Need for weighted loss function

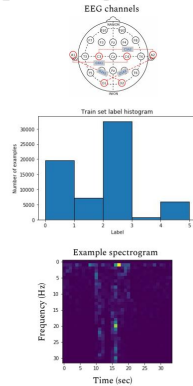
- #2: Complex time-freq. relationships: Preprocess to reduce model complexity

Wavelet coefficient statistics

- Capture time-frequency features on frequency bands of interest
- Calculate RMS, variance, skew kurtosis level 3 - 8 detail coefficients

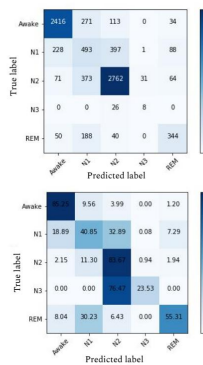
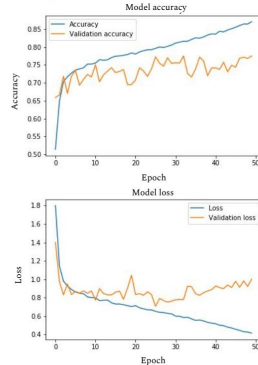
Spectrograms

- Produce image representing signal frequencies and their amplitude over time
- Limit frequency span to 0-32 Hz



Results and Discussion

Best performance: Wavelet coef. + BiLSTM



Comparison Table

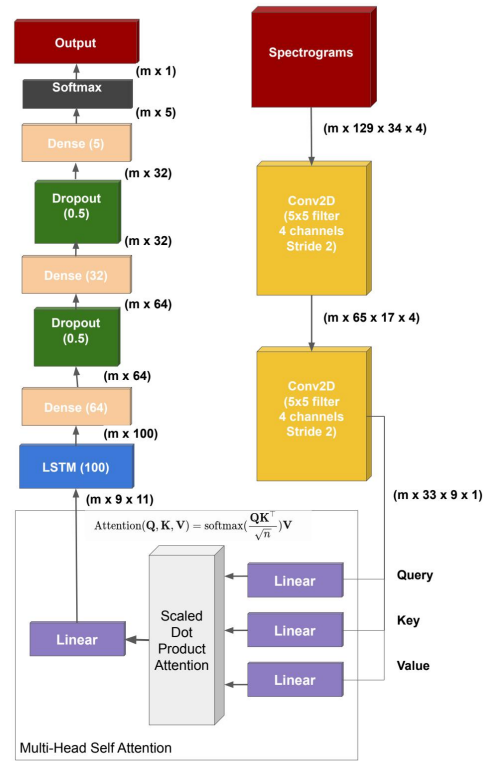
	M1	M2	M3	M4
Train acc	0.51	0.86	0.81	0.78
Val acc	0.51	0.75	0.70	0.70
Test acc	0.41	0.75	0.72	0.72
# params	65.8 M	8.5 M	53.2 k	57.8 k
epochs	100	50	100	100

Observations

- Test accuracy: 75%
- Approaching human error: ~80%
- Model overfits at ~25 epochs
- High accuracy for majority classes (Awake, N2)
- Weighted loss function helps with class imbalance, but classification on minority classes (N1, N3, REM) can be improved
- Wavelet compression allows for training of bigger models

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