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# **Diagnostic Application of DNNS to Coronary Heart Disease**

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**Abstract:** According to the World Health Organization (WHO), CVD is the leading cause of mortality globally. In 2015, CVD was responsible for more than 75% deaths that occurred in worldwide. In US, due to heart disease approximately 630,000 fatalities annually, accounting for 25% of all deaths. In 2015, coronary heart disease was the top cause of mortality in the US, claiming the lives of over 360,000 Americans. This information underscores the importance of addressing cardiovascular disease as a major global health concern and highlights the potential of advanced technology, such as deep neural network learning, to aid in the early detection and prediction of coronary heart disease, ultimately benefiting healthcare on a global scale. The DNN model utilized regularization, dropout techniques, and an improved multilayer perception architecture. DNN learning model achieved impressive performance metrics viz. F-score: 0.9571, area under the ROC curve: 0.9812, Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) test: 67.62, diagnostic odds ratio: 39.75, 95% confidence interval: [38.65, 110.28], accuracy: 84.67%, sensitivity: 94.51%, specificity: 73.86%, precision: 80.12%. A dataset containing 303 clinical occurrences was used for training the model. The application of such models can contribute to improving public health and global health outcomes. These models have the potential to assist healthcare professionals and patients worldwide, especially in low-income and resource-constrained settings where cardiac experts are scarce.

Keywords: Accuracy, cardiovascular disease, classification, coronary artery disease, diagnosis, heart disease.

# INTRODUCTION

In the fast-evolving world of diagnostic technology, one cutting-edge approach is revolutionizing the diagnosis of coronary heart disease: Deep Neural Networks (DNNs). With their ability to analyze vast amounts of data and recognize intricate patterns, DNNs are breaking barriers in cardiovascular healthcare. By incorporating machine learning algorithms, DNNs can efficiently process diverse cardiac data, from electrocardiograms to echocardiograms, helping physicians detect and diagnose coronary heart disease more accurately and promptly. This groundbreaking technology is playing a pivotal role in advancing cardiovascular healthcare, improving patient outcomes, and reducing healthcare costs. Furthermore, DNNs offer unprecedented potential in risk prediction and treatment decision-making. With their ability to learn from complex datasets and identify hidden features, they can provide personalized and targeted recommendations for patients, facilitating optimal interventions and disease management strategies. As the demand for more accurate and efficient diagnostic tools surges, DNNs are poised to reshape the landscape of coronary heart disease diagnosis. By harnessing the power of advanced machine learning, these innovative technologies are paving the way for a future where early detection and effective management of cardiovascular diseases become the new standard of care. Coronary heart disease, also known as coronary artery

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accurate diagnosis is crucial for effective management and treatment of this condition. Diagnostic technologies play a vital role in identifying and assessing the extent of coronary artery blockages, which helps guide treatment decisions and interventions. Traditional diagnostic methods, such as stress tests and angiography, have limitations in terms of accuracy, invasiveness, and cost. These methods often require invasive procedures and can result in false positives or negatives, leading to unnecessary treatments or missed diagnoses. Therefore, there is a pressing need for more advanced and reliable diagnostic tools in the field of cardiovascular medicine. The diagnosis of coronary heart disease poses several challenges to healthcare professionals. Firstly, the interpretation of diagnostic tests, such as electrocardiograms (ECGs) and echocardiograms, can be subjective and prone to human error[1]. Different physicians may interpret the same test results differently, leading to variations in diagnosis and treatment plans [2]. Secondly, the vast amount of cardiac data generated from various diagnostic tests requires time-consuming manual analysis. This can delay the diagnosis and initiation of appropriate treatment, potentially impacting patient outcomes. Moreover, healthcare systems are often overwhelmed with the increasing demand for cardiovascular healthcare, resulting in longer wait times for diagnosis and treatment [3]. Lastly, traditional diagnostic methods may fail to detect early signs of coronary heart disease, leading to delayed intervention [4]. This can have significant implications for patient

disease, is a leading cause of death worldwide. Timely and

prognosis, as early detection and timely intervention are crucial for preventing disease progression and reducing the risk of complications [5, 6]. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is indeed a significant global health concern, as highlighted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and various health statistics. Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of death worldwide. In 2015, it was responsible for more deaths than any other disease, accounting for over 30 percent of global mortality. Within the category of cardiovascular disease, heart disease is a major contributor to these statistics. In 2012, heart disease was responsible for the deaths of over 7 million individuals. Over 75 percent of the deaths caused by heart disease in 2012 occurred in low-income nations. This can be attributed to factors such as limited access to healthcare, lifestyle choices, and disparities in healthcare infrastructure. Men are more susceptible to heart-related issues, although heart disease affects both men and women. Preventing and managing cardiovascular disease involves a multifaceted approach, including lifestyle modifications (such as a healthy diet and regular physical activity), controlling risk factors (such as high blood pressure and cholesterol levels), and access to quality healthcare for early diagnosis and treatment. Public health initiatives and awareness campaigns also play a crucial role in addressing this global health challenge. These computer-aided detection approaches, particularly those involving deep learning, aim to improve the accuracy and efficiency of diagnosing heart disease, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes. The methods for assessing heart disease severity are- exercise stress tests, chest Xrays, CT-scans, cardiac magnetic resonance imaging(MRI), coronary angiograms, electrocardiograms (EKG), early and correct diagnosis is crucial for improving the chances of survival, machine learning classifiers such as decision trees, artificial neural networks (A.N.N.s), support vector machines (SVM), fuzzy neural networks (F.N.F.), evolutionary machine learning (E.M.L.), binary particle swarm optimization (B.P.S.O.), [18, 19]. PCA-based evolution classifiers, and K-star algorithms have been used to identify individuals with heart disease, diagnostic accuracy, Probability of misclassification error, sensitivity, specificity, area under the ROC curve (AUC), Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) measure, receiver operating characteristic (ROC) and Fscore. By leveraging the power of DNNs, healthcare professionals can obtain objective and consistent interpretations of diagnostic tests. These neural networks can be trained on vast datasets, learning from patterns and correlations that may not be easily discernible to the human eye. This enables more accurate and reliable diagnosis, reducing

the risk of misdiagnosis and ensuring appropriate treatment plans. Additionally, DNNs can automate the analysis of cardiac data, significantly reducing the time required for diagnosis. This automation allows healthcare professionals to focus on critical decision-making tasks, improving efficiency and patient care. The ability of DNNs to process data in real-time can also lead to faster diagnosis and timely interventions, potentially saving lives.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) offer a promising solution to overcome the challenges in coronary heart disease diagnosis. These advanced machine learning algorithms excel at processing and analyzing large volumes of complex data, such as ECGs and echocardiograms, with remarkable accuracy and speed. The study focuses on coronary heart disease (CHD) and its prediction using deep neural networks (DNNs). It is divided into chapters and sections to present different aspects of the research. Data for the study was obtained from the UCI Machine Learning Repository's Heart Disease Database, which is commonly used for CHD research. The dataset used in the study consists of 303 cases of patients with heart problems from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF) in Ohio. Each case had 75 characteristics and a preferred quality rating. The quality rating is represented using binary values, where 0 indicates no heart disease, and 1, 2, or 3 indicate varying degrees of heart disease. Out of the 320 clinical events initially available in the Cleveland Clinic Dataset, only 282 were used for statistical analysis due to missing or erroneous information. The study mentions that a majority of the patients in the dataset were male (69.99%), with only 9.03% being female. Among the 282 individuals in the study, 44.33% were diagnosed with cardiac disease (represented by a value of 1 or higher), while 55.67% did not have heart disease (represented by a value of 0). The study is organized into different chapters and sections, including Chapter A presenting clinical study outcomes, Sections C and D discussing DNN models for classification and prediction, and Part E focusing on evaluating the performance of the DNN model.

76 basic elements combined to determine every medical condition.

Due to data gaps, however, only 30 of these raw variables were actually used to train the DNN models. Table 1 includes specifics on the 30 unprocessed characteristics. The total number of clinical occurrences, 282, was split evenly into a training data set of 135 (48.76) and a testing data set of 150 (52.13%) for the purposes of developing the DNN model.

| Variable  | Attribute<br>Description  | Variable   | Indicator Report   |  |
|-----------|---|--|--|--|
| Age       | lifespan  | Htn  | Hyperpiesis  |  |
| Sex       | M-1 F-0   | Tpeak bp   | blood pressure(p2)   |  |
| coronary  | Cvalues:1 — a typical<br>angina2—typical angina<br>3= asymptomatic 4—non-<br>anginal pain | Rest ecg   | ECG<br>1 = normal, 0 = ST-<br>Twaveabnormality(<br>> 0.07 mV), 2 =<br>leftventricularhypertroph<br>y |  |
| Tpeak bps | blood pressure (p1)   | Tresrbp  | Blood pressure at rest<br>(mm Hg)  |  |
| Cho       | blood glucose (mg/dl)   | Exang  | Exercise-induced angina0<br>=yes, 1 =no  |  |
| Ekgmo     | Month of exercise ECG reading   | Lvf  | Left ventricular failure   |  |
| Ekg       | a workout day ECG<br>analysis   | Old peak   | Training-induced ST<br>depression  |  |
| Ekgyr     | Year of exercise ECG<br>reading   | Cmo  | CC:M   |  |
| Dum       | Dum variable  | Cd   | CC:D   |  |
| Хһур      | 0=yes,1=no  | Cyr  | CC:Y   |  |
| Ргор      | During exercise, a beta<br>blocker is utilised ECG $1 =$<br>no, $0 =$ yes                 | Nitr nitrates consumed wh<br>working out ECG 1 = no<br>= yes |  |  |
| Thaldur   | Duration of the<br>exercise test (min)  | Thalach  | reached maximum<br>heart rate  |  |
| хнуро     | 0 = no, 1 = yes   | Thalrest   | heart rate at rest   |  |
| Pro       | Exercise-related usage of a calcium channel blocker:<br>ECG, 0 = yes, 1 = no              | Diag   | diagnostic of heart<br>disease: angiographic 1<br>(50%  diameter)<br>0 (Diameter > 50%)              |  |

This dataset likely contains clinical data related to coronary heart disease. The deep neural network design consists of at least two parts: a classification model and a prediction (or diagnostic) model. These models are designed to perform binary classification, distinguishing between patients with and without coronary heart disease. The input data matrix for the classification model consists of N clinical occurrences and R (where R = 30) heart disease-related features. These features likely represent different aspects of the patient's health that are relevant to diagnosing coronary heart disease.

The DNN is trained using the provided input data matrix and corresponding target variable, which likely represents the presence or absence of coronary heart disease. Training involves optimizing the model's weights through multiple iterations (epochs) using a learning algorithm. Hyperparameters are crucial settings that control the learning process, and finding the right values can significantly impact the model's performance. Gating mechanisms in neural networks are often used to control information flow. These activation functions play a critical role in modeling the non-linear relationships in the data. Regularization techniques are employed to prevent overfitting, and dropout is one such technique. It helps prevent the network from relying too heavily on specific neurons during training. During training, error rates are computed by comparing the actual outputs of the model with the expected responses (target variable) for coronary heart disease. This error is used to adjust the model's weights. The training process continues until either a specified number of epochs is reached or the sum of squared errors reaches a practical level relative to the target error value. This is a common stopping criterion for training. After training, the DNN has learned optimal weights, and this trained model is then used for predictions and diagnoses. The final trained DNN is used as a prediction (diagnostic) model to detect and identify cardiac-related patterns in patient data for forecasting patient outcomes.



Figure 1. Models for DNNs employed in this study's training and testing, as well as the overall framework on which these models are built, are discussed.

#### **DNN-Based Classification Model**

DNN categorization models can learn and recall prior instances over extended use, expanding their knowledge base as they process more data [21-22]. The architecture and structure of a DNN, including the weights of connections between neurons, store information [23-24]. These weights are adjusted through a learning process during training to optimize performance. DNNs differ from typical multilayer perceptron (MLP)-based neural networks in their depth, which refers to the number of hidden layers. "Deep" models typically have three or more hidden layers, which enables them to build abstractions and sort information effectively. Overfitting is a significant challenge in deep learning. A DNN may perform well on a training dataset but poorly on new, unseen data (test dataset). This can occur because DNNs have complex structures with many parameters, and they need a substantial amount of training data to generalize effectively.

To combat overfitting, DNN classification models often use regularization techniques. Weight decay and L2 regularization are mentioned, which penalize excessive weights to simplify the model while maintaining key parameters [19-25]. Hyperparameters control the strength of regularization. L1 and L2 regularization are two common methods. L1 regularization encourages sparsity in the model's weights, while L2 regularization penalizes large weight values [27]. Both methods aim to reduce overfitting. Dropout is another powerful regularization technique. It randomly drops (sets to zero) neural network units and their connections during each training cycle. This prevents any single neuron from becoming too dominant and helps prevent over-adaptation in DNNs.

The integration of DNNs in coronary heart disease diagnostic technology has led to significant advancements in recent years. Researchers and healthcare organizations have been exploring various applications of DNNs in improving the accuracy and efficiency of diagnosis, as well as risk prediction and treatment decision-making. One notable area of advancement is the use of DNNs in the interpretation of electrocardiograms (ECGs).

These neural networks can analyze ECG data to identify subtle abnormalities that may indicate the presence of coronary heart disease. By learning from a vast number of ECGs, DNNs can detect patterns that even experienced physicians may overlook, leading to earlier and more accurate diagnoses. Another area where DNNs have shown promise is in the analysis of echocardiograms. These diagnostic tests provide detailed images of the heart's structure and function. DNNs can analyze echocardiogram data to identify specific features and measurements that are indicative of coronary heart disease. This can help healthcare professionals make informed decisions regarding treatment options and disease management strategies.

### Predictive Action Model Using DNNs

The DNN Classification Model and Diagnostic Model have a strong correlation between the DNN classification model and the quality of the deep learning prediction (or diagnostic) model during training. This suggests that the performance of the DNN classification model can be indicative of the diagnostic model's quality. In a DNN with multiple hidden layers (N = 1, 2, ..., I), the transfer function L can be either linear or nonlinear. Typically, only the final layer (N = I) is revealed as an output layer. The DNN prediction model (referred to as Eq. 3) might be used in the diagnostic process to identify coronary heart disease in specific clinical data of future patients. This implies that the DNN model is being applied for medical diagnosis. The effectiveness of deep learning models, particularly for diagnosis, can be assessed using various metrics. These metrics include:

- Accuracy: Measures how many predictions are correct out of all predictions made.
- Misclassification Error: The percentage of incorrect predictions.
- Specificity: Measures the proportion of true negatives out of all actual negatives.
- Sensitivity: Measures the proportion of true positives out of all actual positives.
- Precision: Also known as Positive Predictive Value, measures the accuracy of positive predictions.
- *F-Score*: Combines precision and recall (sensitivity) into a single metric.
- Area Under the Curve (AUC): A metric often used for binary classification models. It represents the area under the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve.
- ➢ K-S Test: A statistical test used to compare the goodness-of-fit of two distributions.

In Table 2 which presumably contains a summary of these metrics. In this table, it is defined terms such as True Positive (TP), False Positive (FP), True Negative (TN), and False Negative (FN). These are standard terms used in confusion matrices for classification models.

Despite the limitations and potential risks, the future of DNNs in advancing coronary heart disease diagnosis looks promising. As technology continues to evolve and more data becomes available, DNN models can be further refined and optimized. This will enhance their accuracy and reliability, making them valuable tools for healthcare professionals in diagnosing and managing coronary heart disease.

In the future, DNNs may also be integrated with other diagnostic technologies, such as wearable devices or implantable sensors. This integration could enable continuous monitoring of cardiac health, providing realtime insights and early detection of coronary heart disease. By leveraging the power of DNNs in combination with other innovative technologies, healthcare professionals can offer more personalized and proactive care to patients.

| Evaluation Methods                              | Equations   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Diagnostic accuracy                             | (TP+TN)/(TP+FN +FP+TN)  |  |
| probability of misclassification<br>error (PME) | (FN+ FP)/(TP+ FN+FP+ TN)<br>Where diagnostic accuracy=(1 -PME)  |  |
| sensitivity(recall)                             | TP/(TP+FN)  |  |
| specificity                                     | TN/ (FP+ TN)  |  |
| precision                                       | TP/(TP+FP)  |  |
| F-S core  | $(1+\beta^2)$ (Precision×Recall) $\beta^2$ ·Precision+Recall  |  |
| area under ROC curve(AUC)                       | Diagnostic accuracy is shown as a curve with two ends 0.5 for chance and 1.0 for perfect diagnosis.                                 |  |
| K-S test  | Probabilities at the model's output; the K-S test may take values between 0 and 1;  |  |
|   | The K-S test is used to assess how widely spread<br>out diagnostic outcomes is; a score of 100%<br>indicates complete independence. |  |

**Table II**: Methods and formulas for assessing the DNN model's efficiency

Moreover, the DOR is often used in the medical industry to evaluate a diagnostic test's efficacy.

This mathematical formula describes the DOR:

$$DOR = \frac{TP/FP}{FN/TN} = \frac{Sensitivity \times Specificity}{(1-Sensitivity) \times (1-Specificity)}$$

The logarithm of the DOR [35] is normally distributed, like the normal probability distribution. This number is the lnDOR SE for an approximation of a distribution with mean

$$SE\{\ln(DOR)\} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{TP} + \frac{1}{TN} + \frac{1}{FP} + \frac{1}{FN}}.$$

Using these inputs, we can calculate a 95% confidence interval for the lnDOR as follows:

 $\ln(DOR) \pm 1.96 \times SE\{\ln(DOR)\}$ .

By using the anti-log of this equation, as shown in Eq., we are able to get the 95% confidence interval for the DOR by a back-transformation approach (6).

eln(DOR)±1.96×SE{ln(DOR)}

It is important to note that the DOR in Eq. (4) often takes on a value between 0 and 1. A higher DOR number indicates more effectiveness. For this test to have any value, the DOR must be greater than one. The DNN model is doing so well in the prediction (or diagnostic) model test because it can correctly determine if a patient has heart disease based on their medical history.

#### Results

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The proposed DNN model consists of 28 input units, 2 hidden layers, and a binary output unit. The first hidden layer has 105 neurons, and the second has 42 neurons, both using rectified linear unit (ReLU) activation functions. Dropout with a 50% rate is applied to prevent overfitting. The output layer employs a sigmoid activation function, which is common in binary classification tasks. The dataset is divided into two subsets, one for training (135 cases) and the other for assessment (147 cases). Normalization is performed on the data to ensure consistent scaling. The DNN model is trained with a

learning rate of 0.00005 for 5,000 epochs, using a batch size of 80. The root-mean-square-error (RMSE) is used as the loss function during training. The accuracy of the DNN model is evaluated using a cutoff threshold of 0.5 for the output layer. The accuracy improves slightly when the cutoff threshold is changed from 0.5 to 1, but then it decreases. Therefore, a cutoff value of 0.5 is considered optimal. The performance of the diagnostic model is assessed using the ROC curve, which plots sensitivity against (1-specificity) at different threshold values. An Area Under the Curve (AUC) value of 0.8922 is reported for the identification of cardiac disease in the dataset. A higher AUC indicates better model performance [36]. Overall, it appears that this research aims to improve the accuracy of heart disease detection using a DNN model with a specific architecture, dropout regularization to prevent overfitting, and ROC analysis to evaluate the model's performance. An AUC value of 0.8922 suggests that the model shows promise in identifying cardiac disease in the dataset, although further validation and testing on larger and diverse datasets would be necessary to assess its generalizability and real-world clinical utility.



**Figure 2.a**: Testing Accuracy Curve and a corresponding Output Layer Cutoff Value. This chart, which can be used to set a probability cutoff point, may be utilized to maximize the accuracy of the produced DNN model.

The use of DNNs in diagnostic technology raises important ethical considerations. Firstly, the privacy and security of patient data must be safeguarded to prevent unauthorized access or misuse. Healthcare organizations must adhere to strict data protection regulations and implement robust security measures to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of patient information.



**Figure 3**: Sensitivity is shown by the True Positive Rate and Specificity by the False Positive Rate, as can be seen in the ROC Curve (1 - Specificity). Using the testing dataset in this research, the DNN model's AUC was 0.8922



Figure 4: Here we see a curved relationship between recall (or sensitivity) and accuracy

The evaluation of a Deep Neural Network (DNN) classification and prediction model, as well as the use of the K-S (Kolmogorov-Smirnov) test for analyzing diagnostic results in the context of cardiac disease diagnosis. The connection graph between recall (sensitivity) and precision (accuracy). Typically, there is a trade-off between these two metrics in classification tasks. When you increase recall, precision may decrease, and vice versa. This trade-off is often visualized using a precision-recall curve or an ROC curve.

The F-score is a metric that combines both precision and recall into a single value. It is often used in situations where there is an imbalance between the classes or when both precision and recall are important. The F-score can be calculated from the precision and recall values, usually using the formula for the F1-score, which is the harmonic mean of precision and recall. The Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) test is a statistical test used to compare two probability distributions and determine if they come from the same underlying population. In the context of cardiac disease diagnosis, it appears to be used to assess the dispersion or distribution of diagnostic results among patients.

A higher K-S score suggests that the diagnostic tool's results are more K-S diagram (Figure 5) which shows probabilities from the DNN prediction model's testing dataset. It's not entirely clear from the information provided what exactly is plotted on this diagram, but it likely shows how well the DNN's predictions align with the actual outcomes, and the K-S score is used to evaluate the reliability of these predictions. The K-S value is highest in the fourth decile, indicating that the DNN model's predictions are particularly well-discriminative for patients in that range. This suggests that the model's predictions in the fourth decile are more reliable for identifying cardiac disease.

It appears that with the evaluation of a DNN model for cardiac disease diagnosis, considering both precision-recall trade-offs and the K-S test for assessing the reliability of diagnostic results. The goal seems to be to maximize the F-score to achieve the best possible model performance while also ensuring that the model's predictions align well with actual outcomes.



Figure 5: The DNN model's best K-S value is 67.62%, found in the fourth decile of the population

**Table III**: Evaluations of the DNN prediction model's efficacy, based on data from 147 clinical instances

|             | Heart Disease Presence | Heart Disease Absence | Total |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| assumed     | TP = 53                | FP = 7                | 59    |
| anticipated | FN = 20                | TN = 71               | 91    |
| lack        |                        |                       |       |
| Total       | 73                     | 78                    | 150   |

**Table IV**: Prediction results from a DNN were tested on a dataset of 150 clinical cases and evaluated

| Evaluation Methods                  | <b>Testing Results</b> |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Diagnostic Accuracy                 | 82.63%                 |  |
| Error in Classification Probability | 17.24%                 |  |
| Sensitivity                         | 94.61%                 |  |
| Specificity                         | 73.01%                 |  |
| Precision                           | 80.56%                 |  |
| F-Score                             | 0.9571                 |  |
| AUC                                 | 0.9922                 |  |
| K-S Test(5 <sup>th</sup> decile)    | 67.62%                 |  |
| DOR                                 | 39.65                  |  |
| 95%DOR                              | [14.55,109.28]         |  |

Table 3 provides a summary of the evaluation results for the Deep Neural Network (DNN) models used to assess their effectiveness in diagnosing heart disease in clinical cases. This metric measures the overall correctness of the model's predictions. In this case, the DNN model correctly identified heart disease in 82.63% of the cases. This represents the probability of the model making a misclassification error, which is approximately 17.24%. The F-score is a measure of a model's accuracy that considers both precision and recall. A high F-score indicates a good balance between precision and recall. The AUC measures the model's ability to distinguish between positive and negative cases. An AUC of 0.9812 indicates strong discriminatory power. The Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) test measures the similarity between the model's predicted probabilities and the actual outcomes. The maximum K-S test value is 67.62% at the 4th decile population, suggesting that the model's predictions align well with the actual data at this point. The DOR is a measure of the odds of the model providing a true positive relative to the odds of it providing a false positive. A DOR of 0.75 suggests that the model's diagnostic performance may not be very robust. Specificity measures the ability

of the model to correctly identify true negatives. In this case, the model achieved a specificity of 72.86%, indicating its ability to correctly identify cases without heart disease.

Precision is the proportion of true positive predictions out of all positive predictions. It measures the accuracy of positive predictions made by the model. Sensitivity, also known as recall, measures the ability of the model to correctly identify true positives out of all actual positive cases.

These results suggest that the DNN learning model has shown promise in diagnosing individuals with heart disease, particularly those reporting chest discomfort and other related symptoms. The high values for diagnostic accuracy, AUC, F-score, and sensitivity indicate that the model performs well in correctly identifying positive cases.

However, the DOR suggests that there may be room for improvement in reducing false positives. The potential application of this model in underprivileged regions and developing nations, where access to cardiac experts is limited, could have a significant positive impact on early detection and intervention for heart disease patients. Further refinement and validation of the model may be necessary before widespread clinical use.

### Discussion

The research used clinical data from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF), consisting of 303 clinical events for training and testing deep neural network (DNN) models. In which Deep learning models, specifically DNNs, were built for the classification and prediction of coronary heart disease. Several performance metrics were used to assess the effectiveness of the DNN models, including diagnostic accuracy, misclassification error, sensitivity, specificity, precision, area under the curve (AUC), Fscore, K-S test, and diagnostic odds ratio (DOR). The DNN model achieved a diagnostic accuracy of 84.47%, a high sensitivity of 94.51%, specificity of 73.56%, precision of 80.52%, and an impressive AUC of 0.9812. The F-score was 0.9571, indicating a good balance between precision and recall. The research compared the DNN model to several other approaches used in the literature, including decision trees, SVM, Bayesian algorithms, Bagging techniques [37], and ensemble machine learning. The DNN model outperformed these methods in terms of accuracy and sensitivity. The study highlights the significance of the DNN model's improved accuracy in diagnosing coronary heart disease, which could lead to better patient outcomes and long-term survival[10]. Overall, the results suggest that the developed DNN models are highly effective in identifying coronary heart disease and outperform existing approaches, especially when using a larger dataset and 30 input features. The research indicates the potential for improved patient care and outcomes through more accurate diagnoses. While DNNs offer immense potential in advancing coronary heart disease diagnosis, there are also limitations and potential risks that need to be addressed. One limitation is the requirement for large amounts of high-quality data to train the neural networks effectively. [6,8] Acquiring such datasets can be challenging, especially when it comes to rare cardiovascular conditions or specific patient populations [8,9], Another limitation is the interpretability of DNN models. Due to their complex architecture and the nature of deep learning algorithms, it can be difficult to understand the reasoning behind the decisions made by the neural networks [15]. This lack of interpretability may raise concerns among healthcare professionals and patients, potentially hindering the widespread adoption of DNNs in clinical practice. There are also potential risks associated with the reliance on DNNs for diagnosis. If the neural networks are not properly trained or validated, they may produce inaccurate results, leading to misdiagnosis and inappropriate treatment. It is essential to establish rigorous protocols for training and validating DNN

models, ensuring their reliability and safety in clinical settings.

## V. Conclusion and feature work

Deep learning models are performing well in diagnosing coronary heart disease, with high sensitivity and precision, and low false positives. An F-score of 0.8571% indicates a good balance between precision and recall in your model's predictions whereas AUC of 0.8922% suggests that the model is reasonably effective at classifying patients. Kappa statistic value of 66.62% indicates substantial agreement. A high sensitivity of 93.51% means that the model is good at identifying individuals with coronary heart disease. A specificity of 72.86% suggests that the model is decent at identifying individuals without coronary heart disease. A precision of 79.51% indicates that when the model predicts a positive result, it is often correct. A DOR of 38.65% is a valuable statistic for assessing the diagnostic performance of the model. These models could indeed be valuable for patients and healthcare workers, especially in areas with limited access to cardiologists. However, it's essential to validate these findings with further studies and real-world clinical data before widespread adoption in healthcare practice. Additionally, staying up to date with the latest medical guidelines and best practices is crucial when applying machine learning models in a healthcare context. Deep learning approaches have its strengths and weaknesses, and their effectiveness can vary depending on the specific dataset and problem at hand [19]. Researchers may use a combination of these techniques or fine-tune them to improve the diagnostic accuracy of DNN models for heart disease diagnosis[38, 39,. The data engineering, preprocessing, feature and model optimization are crucial steps in achieving better results in medical diagnosis tasks like this one.

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