

Tracking The Pulmonary Function Distortion in Smokers and Covid 19 Post Infectious Patients using Deep Learning

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Abstract:- Technological evolution of the recent years has been growth rapidly to a greater extent by deep learning. Conventional classification systems rely on laborious feature engineering process which requires expertise in domain knowledge for data interpretation. On the contrary, deep learning without using a domain expert can extract distinct features from the data. In this study, conduct some preliminary experiments using the deep learning approach to classify Pulmonary Fibrosis based on human lung CT images, pulmonary fibrosis occurs when lung tissue becomes damaged and scarred. Stiff tissue makes it more difficult for the lungs to work properly. As it worsens, the breath becomes progressively more shortest. This study predicts the severity of the decline in lung function based on a CT scan of more than one patient. In other words, well predict the final three Forced vital capacity "FVC" measurements for each patient, as well as a confidence value.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence is a field that displays human intelligence in a machine, machine learning and deep learning are the domains that work under AI. Machine learning allows computers to learn without explicit programming, whereas deep learning a type of machine learning enables the system to read data and comprehend it. Machine learning categories include supervised, semi-supervised, unsupervised, active learning, and reinforcement algorithms. Deep learning methods are an advanced phase of these algorithms which using a neural network classifies data and allows automatic decision-making[1]. These methods enable computers to extract patterns corresponding to a specific data set and automatically reason them[2] to use for selection or in more action of prediction. Medical imaging owing to its impact in the early diagnosis and treatment of diseases is a rapidly growing research area. Image processing in medical imaging is relatively significant. Image processing concepts include image classification, object detection, pattern recognition, reasoning ..etc. These concepts allow the extraction of valuable patterns from specific data with increased accuracy. Machine and deep learning methods aid in classification and automatic decision-making for multi-dimensional medical data[3]. Diseases can be studied effectively in medical imaging using machine learning algorithms. A simple mathematical solution or model cannot accurately distinguish lesions and organs in medical image processing. Machine learning use pixel-based investigation of medical images[4]. ML models have been applied to a wide range of tasks. These tasks can be broadly divided into five main classes: Association, Classification, Regression, Clustering, and Optimization Predictions tasks [5]. Prediction means that the output of a computer base algorithm has been trained on a known dataset and applied to unknown data when forecasting the likelihood of a particular outcome, Machine learning model predictions allow making highly accurate guesses as to the likely outcomes of a question based on this historical data, which can be about all kinds of things and cases. CT scan imaging uses X-rays to obtain structural and functional information about various organs of the human body. Based on the fact that different tissues and matter absorbs X-rays differently, X-rays are used in diagnosis. Bones appear white, while soft tissues appear gray in a CT image. CT performs as a supplement to Magnetic resonance imaging and ultrasonography in diagnosis. They are particularly used in imaging and diagnosis of the brain, liver, chest, abdomen, pelvis, and spine [7]. Cavities of lungs filled with air appear black. Pulmonary fibrosis is a lung disease that occurs when lung tissue becomes damaged and scarred This thickened, stiff tissue makes it more difficult for lungs to work properly. As pulmonary fibrosis worsens, lungs become progressively more short of breath. The lung damage caused by pulmonary fibrosis can't be repaired, but medications and therapies can sometimes help ease symptoms and improve quality of life. For some people, a lung transplant might be appropriate.

In this paper needs to predict a patient's severity of the decline in lung function based on a CT scan of their lungs and some additional tabular data fields. Now the challenge is to use machine learning techniques for a prediction from some not sufficient images, metadata, and baseline FVC. In this paper will look for prediction of predict a patient's severity of decline in lung function based on a CT scan of their lungs. In other words, Will predict the final three FVC measurements for each patient, as well as a confidence value in prediction [8]. This is not simple. Due to insufficient data availability, hardest hit use traditional Computer Vision approaches to model the dependency between values of patient FVC and CT scans.

This paper organized in subsectors started by literature review, then one partition of proposed methods used with our model structure and dataset representations and relation with reflect to each other, third partition for Prediction methods as per two method used started by Linear Decay Predictions model and Multiple Quantile Regression Predictions model, and finally the Result discussions with ensembles of two methods.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Many research groups have reviewed and have reported the emerging trends of deep learning applications in medical image processing. [9] The computational implementation difficulty of convolutional neural networks owing to high memory bandwidth requirement and intensive computation resources has paved the way for the use of deep learning algorithms. [10] for image classification that enables a significant reduction in the networks' model size and improves the accuracy and performance. [11] use proposed weakly supervised learning, in which labeled training data is improvised with image annotations and scribbles. Semi-supervised learning method to train the network for cardiac MR image segmentation was reported in [12] They were able to effectively improve segmentation accuracy. In [13] review has elaborated on the general image data sets for supervised learning. And [14] in their article has proposed a supervised learning approach for the classification of lung cancer CT-scan images. They have combined classical feature-based SVM classifier and supervised learning algorithm for the accurate classification and detection of lung nodules for early and efficient diagnosis of lung cancer.

3. MATERIAL AND METHODS:

3.1. Data source

Data downloaded as dataset from Kaggle google, its world's largest data science community .dataset contains a baseline chest CT scan and associated clinical information for a set of patients. The data contains 176 patients for each have CT scan image. Most patients have FVC measurements at nine different timesteps, but this number can vary between 6 and 10. Thus, the number of FVC measurements is not consistent for different patients. A patient has an image acquired at time Week = 0 and has numerous follow-up visits over approximately 1-2 years, at which time their FVC is measured.

3.2. Method:

Various steps are performed on the Data of medical images before the detection of output as elaborated in figure 1. Initially, the medical images are given as input to the machine and deep learning algorithms and pre-processed for the removal of distortion and noise. After that, the images are divided into different segments to zoom the interested area (ROI). Then, the features are extracted from these segments through information retrieval techniques. The desired features are selected and the noise is removed. After the process of feature extraction, a database is created based on the feature parameters. And then the created dataset is ready to use. In current research data started by reference data a baseline chest CT scan and associated clinical information for a set of patients. A patient has an image acquired at time Week = 0 and has numerous follow-up visits over approximately 1-2 years, at which time their FVC is measured. As this data distributed to the training set and test set

- In the training set, are provided with anonymized, baseline CT scan, and the entire history of FVC measurements.
 - In the test set, are provided with a baseline CT scan and only the initial FVC measurement. Now are asked to predict the final three FVC measurements for each patient, as well as a confidence value in prediction.
 - There are no null values train and test sets.
- The timing of the initial measurement relative to the CT scan and the duration to the forecasted time points may be different for each patient. To avoid potential leakage in the timing of follow-up visits, one must predict every patient's FVC measurement for every possible week. This data is distributed on more than one files:
- train.csv - the training set, contains the full history of clinical information
 - test.csv - the test set, contains only the baseline measurement
 - train/ - contains the training patients' baseline CT scan in DICOM format
 - test/ - contains the test patients' baseline CT scan in DICOM format

The train.csv file contains a unique id for each patient, And in Columns formats as Patient- a unique Id for each patient (also the name of the patient's DICOM folder), Weeks- the relative number of weeks pre/post the baseline CT (may be negative), FVC - the recorded lung capacity in ml, Percent- a computed field which approximates the patient's FVC as a percent of the typical FVC for a person of similar characteristics, Age, Sex, Smoking Status. Figure-1 show block diagrams of all steps to run this prediction method by Python was chosen as the development platform due to its vast set of APIs and modules. The syntax was very easy to code and implement hence coding these algorithms using python helped to create logic. Human Lung CT scan images were given as inputs to the deep learning algorithm, which has been developed in python language. Figure 1 shows steps from reading data folders and python library running. Table 1 show data records which contain parameters and features that are used to run Machine learning and Deep learning algorithms named in the block diagram in step two as the Data Exploration step. In seven columns with a total number of records 1549, if start with classify Patient duplicate data rows in the train where the Patient and Weeks elements match, Well find that there are 14 duplicate rows table 2 show these duplications. So first step to drop this duplication and remove it from Patient data.

Using python's library to present data relations, starts by unique patients data distributions over Age, Sex, and SmokingStatus grouped by Patient table

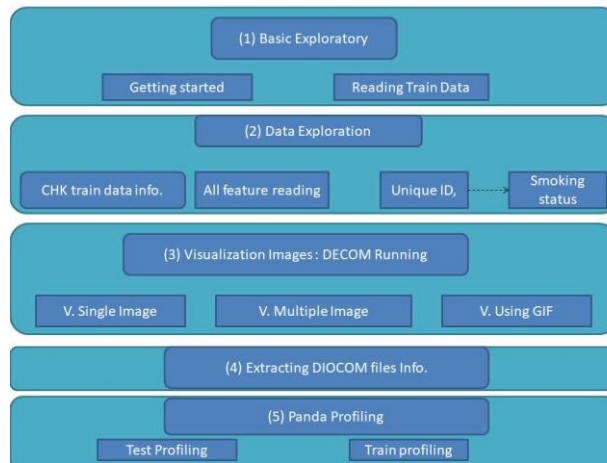


Figure-1 Block diagram of the proposed system

Table1: Training data shape

	Patient	Weeks	FVC	Percent	Age	Sex	SmokingStatus
0	ID00007637202177411956430	-4	2315	58.253649	79	Male	Ex-smoker
1	ID00007637202177411956430	5	2214	55.712129	79	Male	Ex-smoker
2	ID00007637202177411956430	7	2061	51.862104	79	Male	Ex-smoker
3	ID00007637202177411956430	9	2144	53.950679	79	Male	Ex-smoker
4	ID00007637202177411956430	11	2069	52.063412	79	Male	Ex-smoker

Table 2: train data Duplications

	Patient	Weeks	FVC	Percent	Age	Sex	SmokingStatus
166	ID00048637202185016727717	9	1375	60.059404	70	Female	Never smoked
167	ID00048637202185016727717	9	1477	64.514720	70	Female	Never smoked
226	ID00068637202190879923934	11	2794	82.633385	73	Male	Ex-smoker
227	ID00068637202190879923934	11	2827	83.609369	73	Male	Ex-smoker
306	ID00089637202204675567570	7	2478	57.967624	63	Male	Never smoked
307	ID00089637202204675567570	7	2539	59.394592	63	Male	Never smoked
465	ID00125637202218590429387	8	2349	53.757781	65	Male	Never smoked
466	ID00125637202218590429387	8	2584	59.135848	65	Male	Never smoked
750	ID00199637202248141386743	5	2672	64.728682	62	Male	Ex-smoker
751	ID00199637202248141386743	5	2683	64.995155	62	Male	Ex-smoker
920	ID00240637202264138860065	5	2991	78.421605	63	Male	Ex-smoker
921	ID00240637202264138860065	5	3132	82.118511	63	Male	Ex-smoker
1521	ID00421637202311550012437	70	2628	78.720345	68	Male	Ex-smoker
1522	ID00421637202311550012437	70	2719	81.446202	68	Male	Ex-smoker

Table 3: smoker status as per contend

	Weeks	FVC	Percent	Age	Sex	SmokingStatus
0	-4	2315	58.253649	79	Male	Ex-smoker
1	8	3660	85.282878	69	Male	Ex-smoker
2	0	3523	94.724672	60	Male	Ex-smoker
3	6	3326	85.987590	72	Male	Ex-smoker
4	33	3418	93.726006	65	Male	Never smoked

And figure 2 show the Distribution of unique patients data based on (sex, age, and somking_status)

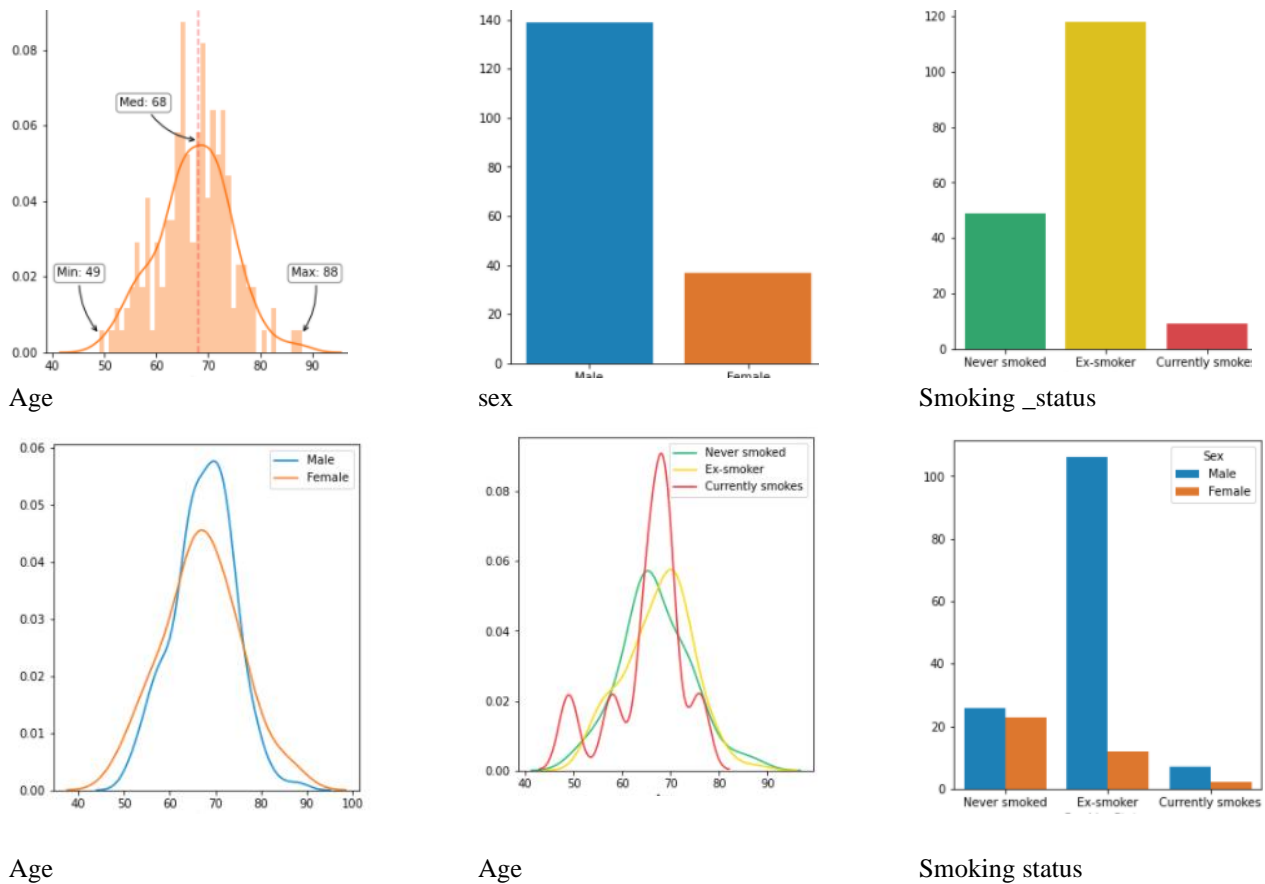


Figure 2: Distribution of unique patients data

As per weeks distributions figure 3 show data distributions

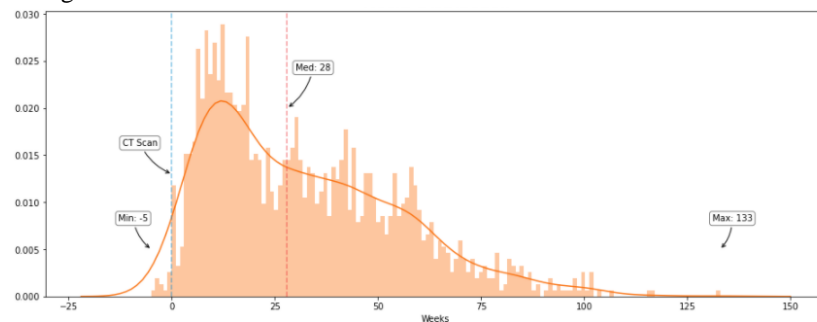


Figure: 3 weeks of data distributions

Same for FVC distributions figure 4 represents the training data set

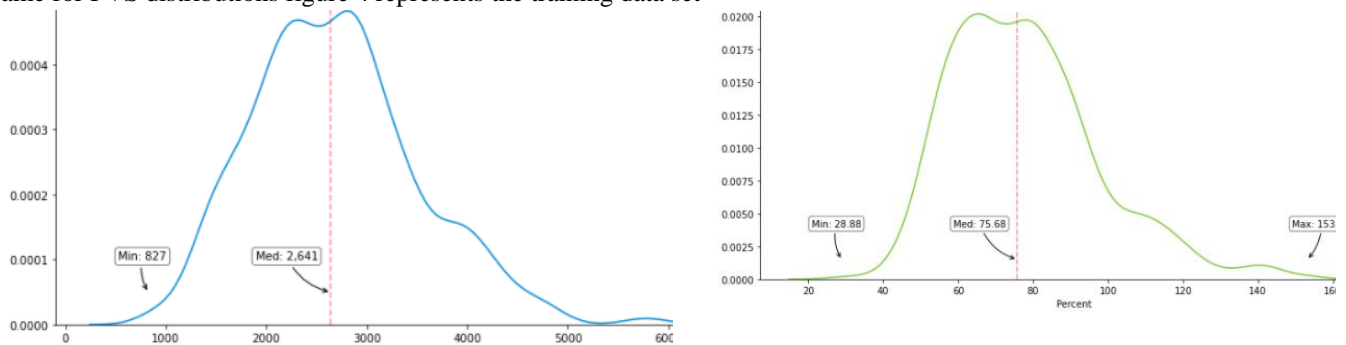


Figure:4 FVC and Percent Distributions

Now and from last representations building data relations between all values in training data sets, find the relation between main variable FVC and all other variables age, weeks,...ets from data set. Frist between FVC and sex find that as in figure 5.a and figure 5.b show the same between FVC and Smoking_status.

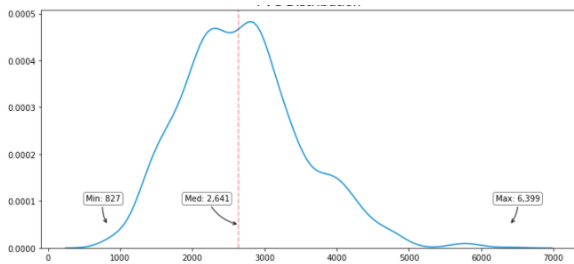


Figure 5.a: FVC per sex

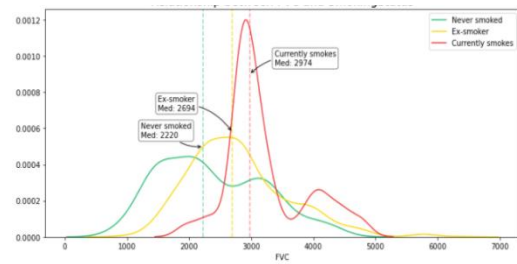


Figure 5.b: FVC per Smoking

From that, all FVC of the Female gender appears to be less than of Male, and there is also a difference in FVC by SmokingStatus, this could be based on there are more Females who Never smoked. Let check it by looking deeply into data as shown in figure 6.a and 6.b

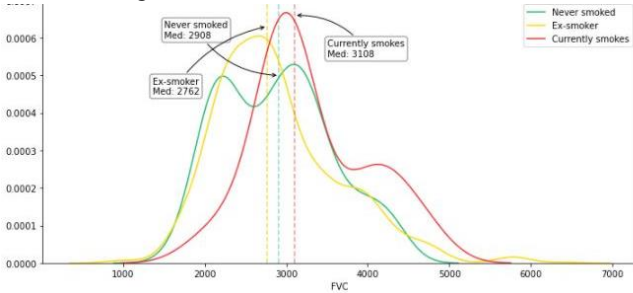


Figure 6.a: FVC and SmokingStatus in Male

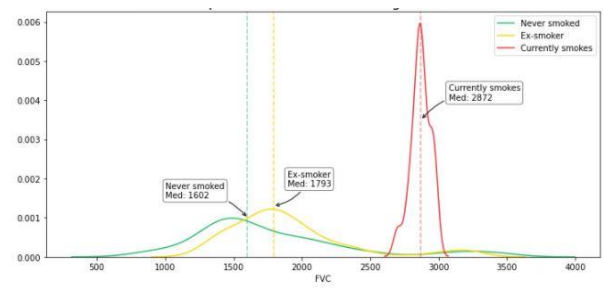
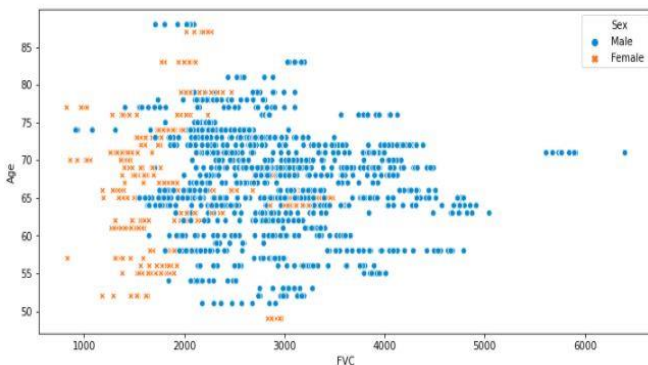
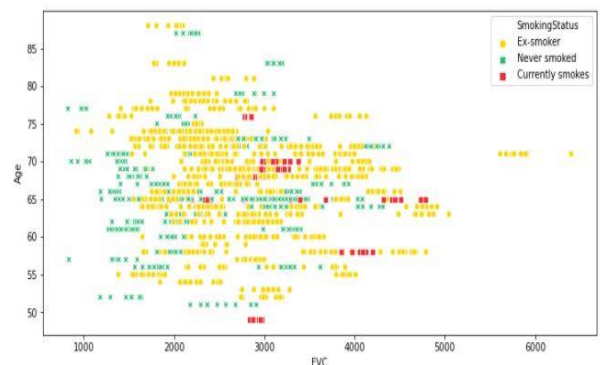


Figure 6.b: FVC and SmokingStatus in Female

Whereas shown in figure 6.a changes are so limited FVC seem to no changes much with smoking status. But there is a difference with female status; this is probably due to the small sample size sets (Currently smokes). It may also be important to consider that patients who are Currently smokes are likely to be less severely affected. From this data looking for a relation between FVC and patient age by show its distribution from the data set as shown in figure 7, a and b.



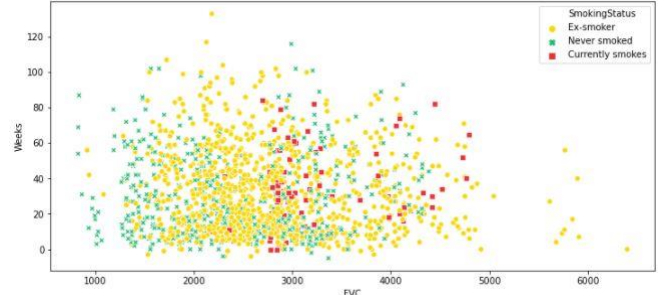
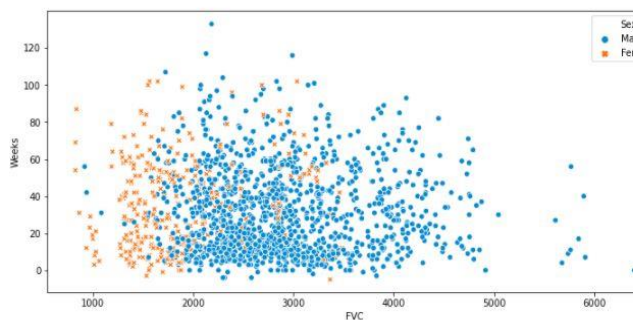
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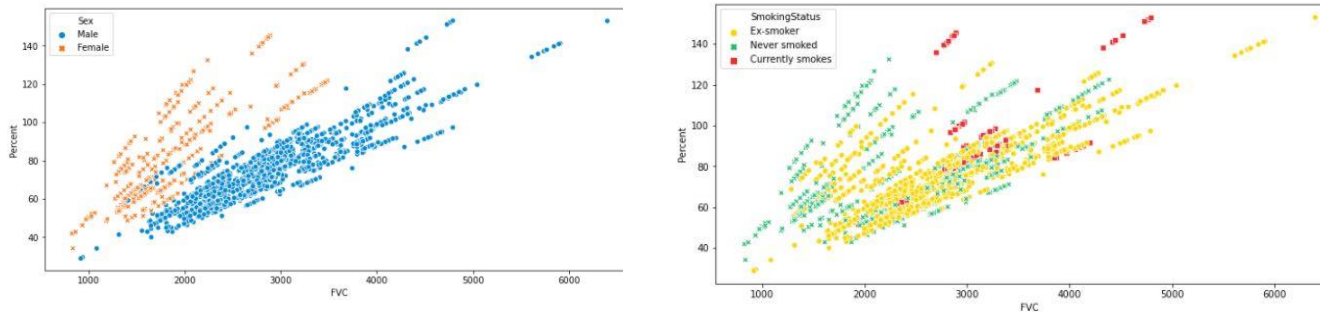
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Figure7: Correlation Between Fvc And Age.

As same as for FVC and weeks it will show from data as in next figure 8 a,b,c, and d, and other feature from data set like percent's and weeks it will show more details about the relations



Correlation between FVC and Weeks



Correlation between FVC and Percent

Figure 8: FVC with other values

As shown in figures related to percent's There is a positive correlation between FVC and Percent, which is not surprising Since Percent is a value calculated from FVC and other data.

4. PREDICTIONS MODELS:

4.1. Linear Decay Predictions model:

Now start using DICOM [15] and other data by Create a function based on putting `Age`, `Sex`, and `Smoking_Status` into array_1, and then reorganize the data by the unique ID of Patients. And extract all of the Weeks from weeks and FVC from fvc in array_2 formats Respectively, join weeks and the array with all 1's in the vertical direction, then transpose them, and assign to c. Then find the least-squares of fvc and c, and add the slope to A. then add the value obtained from the last function that represents array_1 for example notate it as function_1tab to TAB and the unique ID of Patient to p. by creating a new function for reading from a library of DICOM and to optimize ranges it could be divided by the value of 2048 and resize the image to 512*512 then crop it, using tensor through EfficientNetB6[16] and GlobalAveragePooling2D [17], and start pre-processed CSV data and adding Gaussian noise to the tensor and concatenate all of them together to the model output. And train The model weights. By run this modification over the model, And by creating a modified version of the Laplace Log-Likelihood function [18]. And then using a new model shon in figure 9 for predictions.

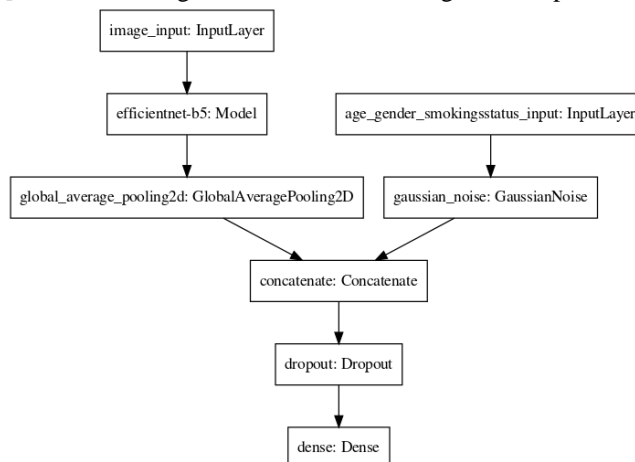


Figure 9: new model modified of EfficientNetB6

The score function[19] takes the true and predicted values of the target variable and returns a score based on the modified Laplace Log Likelihood.

Table:4 Prediction results based on Linear Decay Model

	Patient_Week	FVC	Confidence
0	ID00419837202311204720264_-12	3086.790210	136.977065
1	ID00421637202311550012437_-12	2839.031197	182.076488
2	ID00422637202311677017371_-12	1996.793283	143.465776
3	ID00423837202312137826377_-12	3401.559275	186.818177
4	ID00428637202313170790466_-12	2968.062681	114.887629

Where for data representation for one Patient number 4 intable 4 befor and after running linear decay shown in figure 10

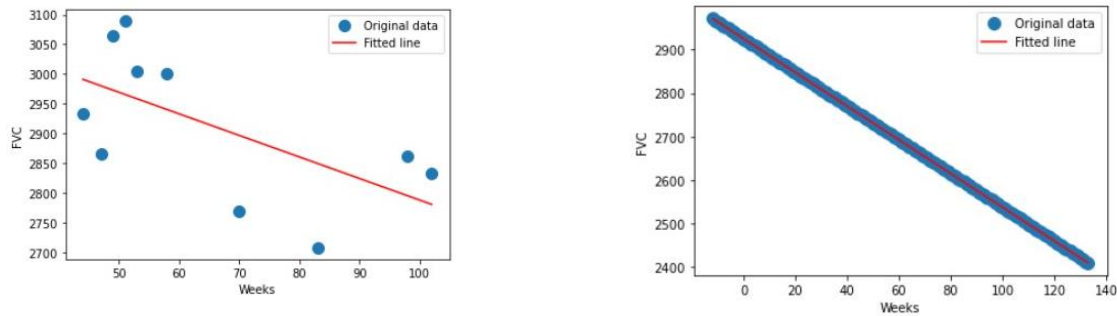


Figure 10: Patient 4 in table 4 before and after running linear decay FVC per weeks

4.2. Multiple Quantile Regression Predictions model:

And when data prepared to use multiple quantile regression with Splitting Patient_Week in sub into Patient and Weeks, according to the train and test formats. Then, attach the Patient to the Patient in a sub and merge it with the Patient. This makes it easier to handle the prediction as shown in table 5.

Table 5: change data attachments

	Patient	Weeks	Confidence	Patient_Week	FVC	Percent	Age	Sex	SmokingStatus
0	ID00419637202311204720264	-12	100	ID00419637202311204720264_-12	3020	70.186855	73	Male	Ex-smoker
1	ID00419637202311204720264	-11	100	ID00419637202311204720264_-11	3020	70.186855	73	Male	Ex-smoker
2	ID00419637202311204720264	-10	100	ID00419637202311204720264_-10	3020	70.186855	73	Male	Ex-smoker
3	ID00419637202311204720264	-9	100	ID00419637202311204720264_-9	3020	70.186855	73	Male	Ex-smoker
4	ID00419637202311204720264	-8	100	ID00419637202311204720264_-8	3020	70.186855	73	Male	Ex-smoker

And when selecting minimum weeks for each patient from the column for the minimum number of weeks per Patient. and calculate base_FVC (= the FVC of Patient at min_week) and the base_week (= how many weeks have passed since min_week). That by extract the rows in the data where Weeks is min_week and set them to base. Extract only the Patient and FVC columns from the base, and change the column name from FVC to base_FVC. Then create a new nb column and set all the values to 1. Group the base with the Patient and compute the cumulative sum with the nb column. Extract only the rows from the base that have nb columns of 1, and replace the base. This allows us to eliminate duplicate Patient rows from the base data frame with base_FVC in it. Let's remove the nb column. As shown in table 7:

Table 6: Min_weeks for each Patient

	Patient	Weeks	FVC	Percent	Age	Sex	SmokingStatus	WHERE	Confidence	Patient_Week	min_week
0	ID00007637202177411956430	-4	2315	58.253649	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
1	ID00007637202177411956430	5	2214	55.712129	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
2	ID00007637202177411956430	7	2061	51.862104	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
3	ID00007637202177411956430	9	2144	53.950679	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
4	ID00007637202177411956430	11	2069	52.063412	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
5	ID00007637202177411956430	17	2101	52.868646	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
6	ID00007637202177411956430	29	2000	50.327126	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
7	ID00007637202177411956430	41	2064	51.937594	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
8	ID00007637202177411956430	57	2057	51.761449	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0
9	ID00009637202177434476278	8	3660	85.282878	69	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	8.0

Table 7: Patient per Base FVC

	Patient	base_FVC
0	ID00007637202177411956430	2315
9	ID00009637202177434476278	3660
18	ID00010637202177584971671	3523
27	ID00011637202177653955184	3326
36	ID00012637202177665765362	3418

With some data preparation for the current model by concatenating some data fields and renew some as basic for use table 8 show these values

Table8: new data formats using concatenation and selection from data set

	Patient	Weeks	FVC	Percent	Age	Sex	SmokingStatus	WHERE	Confidence	Patient_Week	min_week	base_FVC	base_week
0	ID00007637202177411956430	-4	2315	58.253649	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	0.0
1	ID00007637202177411956430	5	2214	55.712129	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	9.0
2	ID00007637202177411956430	7	2061	51.862104	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	11.0
3	ID00007637202177411956430	9	2144	53.950679	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	13.0
4	ID00007637202177411956430	11	2089	52.063412	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	15.0
5	ID00007637202177411956430	17	2101	52.868646	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	21.0
6	ID00007637202177411956430	29	2000	50.327126	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	33.0
7	ID00007637202177411956430	41	2084	51.937594	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	45.0
8	ID00007637202177411956430	57	2057	51.761449	79	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	-4.0	2315	61.0
9	ID00009637202177434476278	8	3680	85.282878	69	Male	Ex-smoker	train	NaN	NaN	8.0	3680	0.0

For this model need it important to Normalize Percent, Age, base_FVC, and base_week. And let's split data into train, test, and sub using the WHERE column, and remove data. Now to run this model based on a modified version of the Laplace Log Likelihood. For each true FVC measurement, it will predict both an FVC and a confidence measure (standard deviation σ). The error is a threshold at 1000 ml to avoid significant errors adversely penalizing results, while the confidence values are clipped at 70 ml to reflect the approximate measurement uncertainty in FVC. The metrics are computed as follows:

$$\sigma_{clipped} = \max(\sigma, 70)$$

$$\nabla = \min(|FVC_{true} - FVC_{predicted}|, 1000)$$

$$metrics = \frac{\sqrt{2\nabla}}{\sigma_{clipped}} - \ln(2 \sigma_{clipped})$$

And using this model to cross-validate of (BATCH_SIZE = 128, EPOCHS = 804, and NFOLD = 5) and after run for each folds found that figure 11 :

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FOLD 1
train [33.37018585205078, 6.500749111175537]
val [40.6624641418457, 6.9998555183410645]
FOLD 2
train [33.08328628540039, 6.500251770019531]
val [44.767337799072266, 6.851904392242432]
FOLD 3
train [31.155855178833008, 6.423372745513916]
val [46.81915283203125, 6.771785736083984]
FOLD 4
train [34.13739776611328, 6.529685974121094]
val [35.11758041381836, 6.559061527252197]
FOLD 5
train [31.01003646850586, 6.415341377258301]
val [40.26162338256836, 6.74094820022583]
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Figure 11: Folds results of Model

Then by Read the original test.csv and overwrite the FVC and Confidence in the predicted data, it will give next table 9 show the modified outputs

Table 9: modified output as per model 2 runs

	Patient_Week	FVC	Confidence
1540	ID00419637202311204720264_-12	2878.200500	228.700500
1541	ID00419637202311204720264_-11	2875.794861	230.106323
1542	ID00419637202311204720264_-10	2873.389343	231.511780
1543	ID00419637202311204720264_-9	2870.983826	232.917480
1544	ID00419637202311204720264_-8	2868.578247	234.322937

And by ensemble two models will find that results are shown in Table 10.

Table 10: concatenated results from two models

	Patient_Week	FVC	Confidence
0	ID00419637202311204720264_-1	2890.586347	244.162292
1	ID00419637202311204720264_-10	2914.585290	231.511780
2	ID00419637202311204720264_-11	2917.251817	230.106323
3	ID00419637202311204720264_-12	2919.918442	228.700500
4	ID00419637202311204720264_-2	2893.252826	242.756836

RESULTS DISCUSSIONS:

There are around 200 cases in the public & private test sets, combined. Since this is real medical data, used and it will notice the relative timing of FVC measurements varies widely. The timing of the initial measurement relative to the CT scan and the duration to the forecasted time points may be different for each patient. This is considered part of the challenge of the paper. To avoid potential leakage in the timing of follow up visits, prediction for every patient's FVC measurements for every possible week. Those weeks which are not in the final three visits are ignored in scoring. Now from the Data represented in the last sections, the first point of view data correlations tables and figures represent that correlation between FVC and other features of data could be arranged as, There was no correlation between FVC and Age, no correlation between FVC and Weeks either, but There was a positive correlation between FVC and Percent, which is not surprising since Percent is a value calculated from FVC it self and other patient data parameters. Form this corelations for each patient, there was given an initial CT scan that corresponded to the first week in the patients' metadata and additional weeks, which described how patients FVC changed during time. For the test set for each patient, only the first-week data was given, along with the initial CT scan. So the task was not only to predict the "FVC" values for the following weeks but also to display the "Confidence" score for each prediction. And comparing the results given and show the prediction modifications and its confidences. By ensembling two models outputs in one table it give optimum prediction representation values for each patient in form of FVC and its confidence.

CONCLUTIONS:

Evidence suggests lungs as the organ most affected by smoking and in same time it is most in case of coronavirus infections. As world wide suffer from Covied_19 infections and its effects on human health and lungs characterstics espically FVC, this rearsrh could be appled for measuring FVC value and predect paients lose of lung volume and its distortion effects in weeks post of patient invectiions.

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