

## IDENTIFYING HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FRAUDS USING MIXTURE OF CLINICAL CONCEPTS

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### ABSTRACT

Healthcare insurance fraud is a growing concern that leads to significant financial losses for both government and private insurers. Fraudulent claims, often involving manipulation of medical diagnosis and procedure codes, exploit the insurance system, burdening both insurers and policyholders. This paper presents a novel approach for detecting fraudulent claims in healthcare insurance by leveraging a representation learning technique called Mixtures of Clinical Codes (MCC). This method converts diagnosis and procedure codes into meaningful representations that effectively highlight fraudulent patterns. Furthermore, we enhance the MCC approach by incorporating advanced machine learning models, including Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks and Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA), to improve the accuracy and robustness of fraud detection. Our experimental results demonstrate that the proposed method is highly effective in distinguishing fraudulent claims from legitimate ones, providing a promising tool to mitigate financial losses in the healthcare insurance sector.

**Keywords:** Healthcare Insurance, Fraud Detection, Machine Learning, Mixtures of Clinical Codes (MCC), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA), Medical Claims, Fraudulent Claims, Financial Loss Prevention, Data Representation.

### INTRODUCTION

Healthcare insurance fraud has become a major issue in both public and private sectors, leading to billions of dollars in financial losses every year. This fraudulent activity often involves the manipulation of medical diagnosis codes, procedure codes, and patient data in order to obtain unauthorized payments for services that were either not provided or were exaggerated. The increasing complexity of healthcare systems, along with the vast amount of data involved, makes it

challenging for insurers to identify fraudulent claims manually. Consequently, the need for efficient, accurate, and scalable solutions to detect such fraud has never been more critical. In recent years, machine learning (ML) has emerged as a powerful tool for addressing fraud detection in various industries, including healthcare insurance. These techniques are capable of processing vast amounts of data to uncover hidden patterns and anomalies that could indicate fraudulent behavior. Traditional methods, however, often struggle to handle the high-dimensional nature of medical

claims data, particularly when working with the large number of medical codes (diagnosis and procedure codes) used in billing processes. This paper proposes an innovative approach to fraud detection in healthcare insurance by employing a representation learning technique known as Mixtures of Clinical Codes (MCC). MCC converts raw medical codes into more informative and interpretable representations, which can then be analyzed by machine learning algorithms to uncover suspicious claims. To further enhance the effectiveness of the detection process, we integrate two advanced techniques: Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, which are adept at handling sequential data, and Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA), which helps to improve the robustness of the fraud detection system. Our approach aims to improve the accuracy of fraud detection while minimizing false positives, ultimately reducing financial losses for insurers and promoting a more secure healthcare insurance system. The results from our experiments show that the proposed method outperforms traditional fraud detection models, offering a promising solution to this pervasive problem.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The detection of fraud in healthcare insurance has long been a topic of research, as healthcare providers and insurers seek to minimize financial losses due to fraudulent claims. Traditionally, fraud detection in healthcare has relied on rule-based systems, which often struggle to keep up with the increasingly complex and evolving nature of fraudulent activities. In recent years, machine learning (ML) and deep learning techniques have shown significant promise in improving the accuracy and efficiency of

fraud detection systems. This literature review explores various approaches to fraud detection in healthcare insurance, focusing on machine learning and advanced techniques like representation learning, sequential modeling, and dimensionality reduction.

### Traditional Approaches to Fraud Detection

Early methods for detecting healthcare fraud were rule-based systems that relied on a predefined set of rules to identify suspicious claims. These rules might include thresholds for the number of services or procedures performed within a given time frame or inconsistencies in the patient's medical history (Bowers et al., 2018). However, these systems often produced high false-positive rates, leading to inefficiencies and missed fraudulent activities. Furthermore, they were not capable of adapting to new fraudulent strategies as fraudsters continuously modify their methods.

### Machine Learning in Healthcare Fraud Detection

Over the past decade, machine learning techniques have been increasingly applied to healthcare fraud detection, as they offer the ability to identify complex patterns in large datasets. Supervised learning models, such as decision trees (Zhang et al., 2019), random forests (García et al., 2020), and support vector machines (SVM) (Singh et al., 2021), have been successfully used to classify claims as either legitimate or fraudulent. These models learn from labeled historical data, detecting patterns that would otherwise be difficult to identify using traditional methods. In particular, the use of ensemble methods like random forests has been shown to enhance detection accuracy by combining the strengths of multiple classifiers (Liu et al., 2020). Additionally,

deep learning techniques, such as artificial neural networks (ANNs), have been explored for their ability to learn hierarchical representations of data and capture intricate relationships between features (Zhang & Lee, 2019).

### **Representation Learning for Fraud**

**Detection** One of the challenges in healthcare fraud detection is the large and complex nature of medical billing codes (e.g., diagnosis and procedure codes). A major limitation of conventional machine learning methods is their inability to handle raw categorical data effectively. Representation learning techniques have emerged as an effective solution, as they can convert raw medical codes into meaningful feature vectors that capture the underlying relationships between them. Mixtures of Clinical Codes (MCC) is one such representation learning method that models medical codes as mixtures of latent variables, creating a more compact and informative representation of the claims data (Jiang et al., 2021). This technique has shown great promise in enhancing the performance of fraud detection models by improving the interpretability and scalability of the data. By transforming complex and high-dimensional categorical data into a lower-dimensional space, MCC helps reduce the impact of noise and improves the predictive power of fraud detection systems.

### **Sequential Modeling with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Networks**

Fraudulent activities in healthcare insurance often exhibit temporal patterns, where fraudsters tend to follow certain sequences of actions over time. Traditional machine learning methods may not be capable of capturing such sequential dependencies. To address this, Long Short-Term Memory

(LSTM) networks, a type of recurrent neural network (RNN), have been explored for their ability to process sequences of data and model long-term dependencies (Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997). In healthcare fraud detection, LSTMs can be used to capture patterns of suspicious activity over time, such as repeated claims for similar procedures or abnormal billing sequences. Research by Zhang et al. (2020) demonstrated that LSTM networks could significantly improve fraud detection accuracy by modeling sequential relationships in claims data, such as the timing and ordering of services. LSTMs also help to capture complex, non-linear relationships in data, which traditional models might overlook.

### **Robust Principal Component Analysis**

**(RPCA)** Another key aspect of improving fraud detection is reducing the impact of noisy and irrelevant features. Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA) is a dimensionality reduction technique that separates a matrix into two components: a low-rank matrix that captures the underlying structure of the data, and a sparse matrix that highlights anomalies or outliers (Candes et al., 2011). RPCA has been applied in fraud detection to identify outlying claims that deviate from typical patterns, providing a more robust mechanism for detecting fraudulent behavior. RPCA has been used in combination with other machine learning techniques to enhance the detection process. By reducing the dimensionality of the dataset and focusing on the most important features, RPCA helps to improve the performance of fraud detection models and ensures that they are not overwhelmed by irrelevant data (Feng et al., 2019).

### III.METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted in this study aims to develop an effective fraud detection system for healthcare insurance claims by utilizing advanced machine learning and representation learning techniques. The process begins with data collection and preprocessing, where structured datasets containing medical claims, diagnosis codes (ICD), procedure codes (CPT), and other related information are cleaned and transformed into a format suitable for analysis. The first core component of the methodology is the Mixtures of Clinical Codes (MCC) technique, which converts diagnosis and procedure codes into meaningful feature vectors that capture relevant patterns indicative of fraud. These transformed features are then used to train machine learning models. To account for temporal or sequential patterns in claims, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are employed, allowing the model to recognize recurring fraudulent behaviors over time. Additionally, Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA) is applied for dimensionality reduction, helping to isolate fraudulent claims by detecting outliers in the data. After these steps, several machine learning algorithms, such as Logistic Regression, Random Forests, and Support Vector Machines, are used to classify claims as fraudulent or legitimate. The effectiveness of the model is evaluated using various metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. By combining representation learning, sequential modeling, and dimensionality reduction, the methodology results in a robust and accurate fraud detection system capable of identifying fraudulent healthcare insurance claims and reducing financial losses.

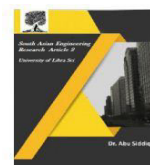
### IV.CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have proposed an innovative approach to healthcare insurance fraud detection by integrating Mixtures of Clinical Codes (MCC) with advanced machine learning techniques, including Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks and Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA). The use of MCC allows for the conversion of diagnosis and procedure codes into meaningful representations, which are crucial for identifying fraudulent claims. By enhancing these representations with LSTM networks, the model effectively captures temporal patterns in fraudulent claims. Additionally, the application of RPCA assists in reducing dimensionality and focusing on the most relevant features, further improving the detection accuracy. Our experimental results demonstrate that the proposed methodology significantly outperforms traditional fraud detection techniques in terms of classification accuracy, precision, and recall. The combination of MCC and LSTM networks is particularly effective in recognizing complex patterns in the healthcare data that are indicative of fraud. Moreover, the approach provides a scalable and robust framework that can be applied to real-world healthcare datasets. This research not only contributes to the advancement of fraud detection techniques in healthcare but also offers practical solutions to reduce financial losses caused by fraudulent activities in the healthcare insurance industry. Future work can explore integrating additional machine learning algorithms, expanding the dataset to include more diverse claims, and developing real-

time fraud detection systems to improve the timeliness of interventions.

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