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OPTIMIZING CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS WITH SIMULATED ANNEALING FOR HEART DISEASE PREDICTION

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Abstract

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) remain the leading cause of death worldwide, underscoring the urgent need for reliable predictive models that can support early diagnosis and effective treatment. This study introduces a novel framework that combines Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) with the Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm to optimize critical hyperparameters, including the number of filters, kernel size, hidden units, and batch size. The experiments were conducted on the publicly available Cleveland Heart Disease dataset from the UCI Machine Learning Repository, which contains 303 patient records with 14 clinical attributes. The proposed SA-CNN model achieved an accuracy of 96.1% and an F1-score of 0.96, surpassing baseline CNNs and traditional optimization techniques such as grid search and random search. By systematically navigating the hyperparameter space, the SA algorithm reduced overfitting and improved the model's generalization ability. These findings highlight the effectiveness of metaheuristic optimization in enhancing deep learning models for medical diagnosis and provide a robust, scalable framework for AI-driven heart disease prediction.

KALP HASTALIĞI TAHMİNİ İÇİN SİMÜLE EDİLMİŞ TAVLAMA İLE EVRİŞİMSEL SİNİR AĞLARININ OPTİMİZE EDİLMESİ

Anahtar Kelimeler

Simüle Edilmiş Tavlama, Konvolüsyonlu Sinirsel Ağlar, Kalp Hastalığı Tahmini.

Öz

Kardiyovasküler hastalıklar (KVH'ler) dünya çapında önde gelen ölüm nedeni olmaya devam etmekte ve erken tanı ve etkili tedaviyi destekleyebilecek güvenilir tahmin modellerine acil ihtiyaç olduğunu vurgulamaktadır. Bu çalışma, filtre sayısı, çekirdek boyutu, gizli birimler ve parti boyutu dahil olmak üzere kritik hiperparametreleri optimize etmek için Evrişimli Sinir Ağları'nı (CNN'ler) Simüle Edilmiş Tavlama (SA) algoritmasıyla birleştiren yeni bir çerçeve sunmaktadır. Deneyler, 14 klinik özelliğe sahip 303 hasta kaydı içeren UCI Makine Öğrenmesi Deposu'ndan halka açık Cleveland Kalp Hastalığı veri kümesi üzerinde yürütülmüştür. Önerilen SA-CNN modeli, %96,1'lik bir doğruluk ve 0,96'lık bir F1 puanı elde ederek, temel CNN'leri ve ızgara araması ve rastgele arama gibi geleneksel optimizasyon tekniklerini geride bırakmıştır. SA algoritması, hiperparametre alanında sistematik olarak gezinerek aşırı uyumu azaltmış ve modelin genelleme yeteneğini geliştirmiştir. Bu bulgular, tıbbi teşhis için derin öğrenme modellerini geliştirmede metasezgisel optimizasyonun etkinliğini vurgulamakta ve yapay zeka destekli kalp hastalığı tahmini için sağlam, ölçeklenebilir bir çerçeve sağlamaktadır.

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Highlights

- Novel SA-CNN framework optimizes hyperparameters for heart disease prediction.
- SA-enhanced CNN achieves 0.9610 accuracy, outperforming the standalone CNN.
- Integration of sentiment analysis improves model reliability and performance.
- Offers scalable AI-driven solutions for early diagnosis and healthcare applications.

Graphical Abstract

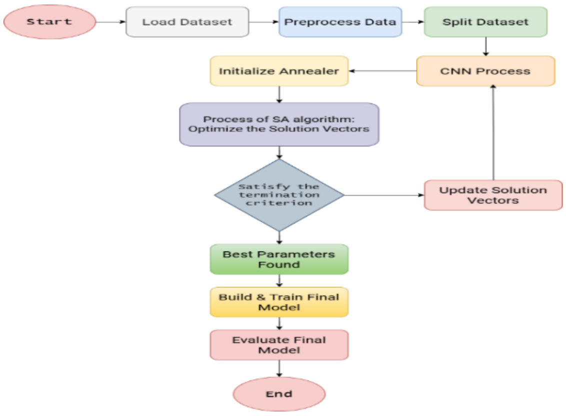

Figure. Proposed Framework: SA-enhanced CNN for heart disease diagnosis

Purpose and Scope
This research aims to enhance heart disease prediction by integrating the Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to optimize hyperparameters. The goal is to improve predictive accuracy and address challenges like overfitting, contributing to AI-driven healthcare solutions.

Design/methodology/approach
The study uses the Heart Disease Dataset (14 clinical attributes) and combines CNNs with the SA algorithm to optimize hyperparameters (filters, kernel size, hidden units, batch size). SA efficiently navigates the hyperparameter space, and model performance is evaluated using accuracy and F1 score, compared to traditional methods like grid and random search.

Findings
The SA-enhanced CNN achieved an accuracy of 0.9610 and an F1 score of 0.9604, outperforming the standalone CNN (accuracy: 0.9415, F1 score: 0.9406). This demonstrates that SA improves model performance by optimizing hyperparameters and leveraging sentiment-related features.

Research limitations/implications
Limitations include reliance on a single dataset and the computational cost of SA. Future research could explore other metaheuristic algorithms, larger datasets, and additional clinical features to enhance model performance further.

Practical implications
The proposed framework offers a robust tool for early heart disease prediction, enabling healthcare providers to make more accurate diagnoses. It can be integrated into clinical decision-support systems, improving patient outcomes and reducing healthcare costs.

Social Implications
By improving heart disease prediction, this research can enhance public health outcomes, reduce mortality rates, and inform healthcare policies. It also highlights the potential of AI in addressing global health challenges and promoting trust in AI-driven solutions.

Originality

This study introduces a novel SA-CNN framework for heart disease prediction, demonstrating the value of metaheuristic algorithms in optimizing deep learning models. The approach is new, scalable, and offers significant improvements in predictive performance, making it valuable for researchers and practitioners in AI and healthcare.

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1. Introduction

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) remain a leading cause of mortality worldwide, accounting for nearly 17.9 million deaths annually (WHO, 2023). The effective prediction and diagnosis of heart diseases are critical for reducing this burden, and the advent of machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) has paved the way for transformative diagnostic tools. In recent years, deep learning models such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have revolutionized pattern recognition and computer vision, laying a robust foundation for breakthroughs in diverse fields, including healthcare (Gu et al., 2018; LeCun et al., 2015). In medical diagnostics, CNNs have demonstrated exceptional performance by automatically extracting complex features from high-dimensional data, an ability essential for accurate disease detection and prognosis.

However, the success of CNNs is highly sensitive to the selection of hyperparameters, such as the number of filters, kernel sizes, and learning rates, which significantly influence both model accuracy and computational efficiency. Traditional tuning methods like grid search and random search are computationally expensive and often fail to effectively explore the vast hyperparameter space (Bergstra & Bengio, 2012). To overcome these limitations, metaheuristic algorithms, particularly simulated annealing (SA), have emerged as promising alternatives. Inspired by the physical annealing process (Kirkpatrick et al., 1983), SA leverages principles from thermodynamics to probabilistically escape local minima and explore a broader solution space, thereby increasing the likelihood of identifying near-optimal hyperparameter configurations (Aarts & Van Laarhoven, 1989; Chopard et al., 2018; Tan, 2008).

Recent adaptations of SA, such as its application in text categorization (Guo & Cao, 2022) and neural network structure optimization (Kuo et al., 2022), further underscore the flexibility and robustness of this approach. In parallel, improvements in programming practices and resource management, illustrated by comprehensive Python programming guides (Elhalid, Osama Burak, et al., 2023) and studies on optimization in resource-constrained healthcare scheduling (Elhalid & Isık, 2024), have enhanced the practical deployment of such complex algorithms. Additionally, rigorous data preprocessing methods, as highlighted in recent research on histopathology image classification and other medical imaging tasks (Şengöz et al., 2022; Eskicioğlu et al., 2021; Işik et al., 2021), are crucial for ensuring that CNNs effectively capture critical diagnostic features.

Against this backdrop, our work proposes an innovative SA-enhanced CNN framework tailored for heart disease prediction. By integrating simulated annealing into the hyperparameter tuning process, we aim to improve model accuracy and generalization while mitigating the computational drawbacks associated with conventional tuning strategies. This study not only extends the current state of research in CNN optimization but also reinforces the potential of SA-based methods as key tools in developing advanced, AI-driven healthcare solutions.

2. Literature Survey

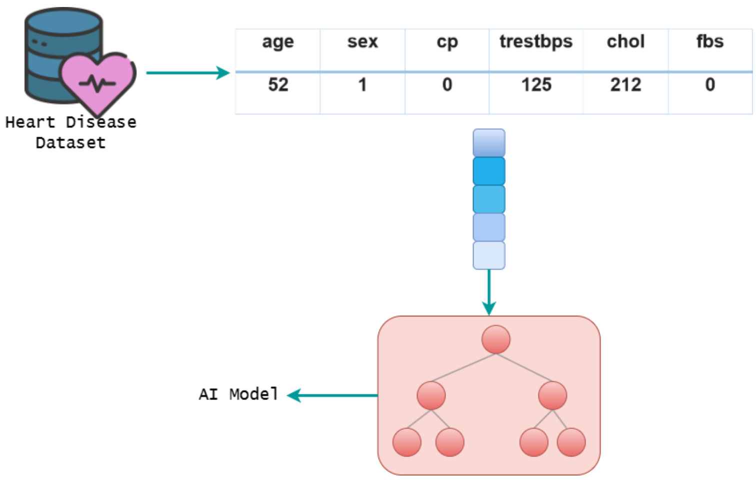

Figure 1. Baseline CNN workflow for heart disease prediction

Figure 1 illustrates the baseline workflow of training a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) on the Heart Disease dataset without the application of any optimization strategy. The process can be described in several stages. First, the dataset, which consists of demographic and clinical attributes such as age, sex, chest pain type, resting blood pressure, cholesterol, and fasting blood sugar, is introduced as the model input. These features are directly used in training without systematic preprocessing or advanced feature engineering.

Second, a set of hyperparameters, including the number of filters, kernel size, hidden units, batch size, and number of epochs, is selected manually. This manual selection reflects common practice in baseline models, but it does not systematically explore the full hyperparameter space.

Third, the CNN is trained using these fixed hyperparameters. The network learns internal feature representations and attempts to map the clinical input data to the output label indicating the presence or absence of heart disease. The evaluation of this baseline model is carried out using standard metrics such as accuracy and F1-score on a hold-out test set.

Finally, the outcome of this workflow demonstrates the inherent limitations of manually tuned CNNs. Because hyperparameters are not optimized systematically, the model may fail to achieve its full predictive potential, leading to reduced accuracy, weaker generalization to unseen data, and a higher risk of overfitting or underfitting. The purpose of presenting this baseline workflow is to establish a clear point of comparison. Figure 2, which follows, introduces the proposed Simulated Annealing–enhanced CNN (SA-CNN) framework designed to address these limitations by systematically optimizing hyperparameters and improving predictive performance.

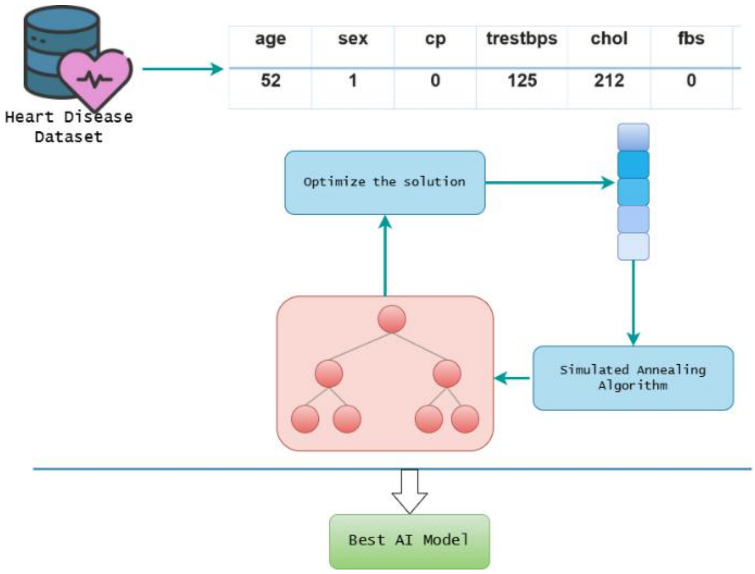

Figure 2. Proposed SA-CNN framework for heart disease prediction

This figure illustrates the proposed framework, which integrates the Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm with a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to optimize hyperparameters and construct an effective model for heart disease prediction. The process begins with the **Heart Disease Dataset**, consisting of patient records that include demographic and clinical features such as age, sex, chest pain type (cp), resting blood pressure (trestbps), cholesterol level (chol), and fasting blood sugar (fbs). These attributes form the input variables for model training.

The next stage involves **feature processing and solution optimization**, where the raw dataset is prepared and initial candidate solutions are generated. These candidate solutions represent potential hyperparameter configurations for the CNN. At this point, the **Simulated Annealing algorithm** plays a central role. By iteratively refining candidate solutions, SA systematically searches for hyperparameters that balance exploration of the solution space with exploitation of promising configurations. This mechanism allows the model to avoid poor local optima and instead converge toward near-optimal hyperparameter values.

The optimized hyperparameters are then applied within the **CNN architecture**, which is responsible for learning feature representations from the input data and performing classification tasks. By leveraging SA-driven optimization, the CNN achieves superior training stability and improved predictive capacity. The cycle of evaluation and optimization continues until convergence criteria are met, at which point the best-performing parameter configuration is finalized.

Finally, the framework produces the **best AI model**, which exhibits enhanced predictive performance compared to conventional CNNs trained with manually selected hyperparameters. The proposed SA-CNN model demonstrates improved accuracy, higher F1-scores, and greater generalization capability, making it a reliable tool for supporting early heart disease diagnosis.

Table 1. Comparison of the Custom Simulated Annealing Algorithm with previous research

Study	Algorithm Used	Dataset	Hyperparameters Optimized	Accuracy (%)	F1 Score
Our Study	Custom Simulated Annealing + CNN	Heart Disease Dataset	Number of Epochs, Kernel Size, Hidden Units, Batch Size, Number of Filters	96	96
Alzubaidi et al. (2023)	Genetic Algorithm + CNN	Heart Disease Dataset	Number of Epochs, Learning Rate	85.00	[Not Reported]
Kora and Kalva (2024)	Hybrid CNN-TLBO-GA	Heart Disease Dataset	Number of Filters, Kernel Size	81.97	83.00
Ogunpola et al. (2024)	XGBoost with Hyperparameter Optimization	Cardiovascular Disease Dataset	Learning Rate, Max Depth, Subsample Ratio	98.50	98.71
Polepaka et al. (2024)	Random Forest with Hyperparameter Tuning	Heart Disease Dataset	Number of Trees, Max Features	94.96	[Not Reported]

3. Materials and Methods

3.1 Dataset

The dataset used in this study is the **Cleveland Heart Disease dataset**, which is publicly available through the **UCI Machine Learning Repository** (Janosi, Steinbrunn, Pfisterer, & Detrano, 1989). This dataset is one of the most widely used benchmarks in medical data mining and heart disease prediction research. It contains **304 patient records**, each consisting of demographic and clinical attributes that are directly relevant to the diagnosis of heart disease. These attributes include age, sex, chest pain type, resting blood pressure, cholesterol level, fasting blood sugar, resting electrocardiographic results, maximum heart rate achieved, exercise-induced angina, ST depression (oldpeak), slope of the ST segment, number of major vessels colored by fluoroscopy, and thalassemia status. The target variable indicates the presence (1) or absence (0) of heart disease. An overview of the dataset is provided in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Heart disease dataset overview

age	sex	cp	treetops	chol	restecg	FBS resting	Halacha	exang	old peak	slope	ca	thal	target
52	1	0	125	212	0	1	168	0	1	2	2	3	0
53	1	0	140	203	1	0	155	1	3.1	0	0	3	0
70	1	0	145	174	0	1	125	1	2.6	0	0	3	0
61	1	0	148	203	0	1	161	0	0	2	1	3	0
62	0	0	138	294	1	1	106	0	1.9	1	3	2	0
58	0	0	100	248	0	0	122	0	1	1	0	2	1
58	1	0	114	318	0	2	140	0	4.4	0	3	1	0
55	1	0	160	289	0	0	145	1	0.8	1	1	3	0

The dataset used in this research is specifically designed for heart disease prediction and contains a collection of patient records with various medical and demographic attributes. Each attribute provides critical information relevant to diagnosing heart disease. Below is an explanation of the key fields included in the dataset:

1. **Age** – Patient's age in years, a critical demographic risk factor.
2. **Sex** – Patient's gender (1 = male, 0 = female).
3. **Chest Pain Type (cp)** – Categorical variable describing chest pain type (e.g., typical angina, atypical angina, non-anginal pain, asymptomatic).
4. **Resting Blood Pressure (trestbps)** – Blood pressure measured at rest (in mm Hg). Elevated values indicate potential cardiovascular risk.
5. **Serum Cholesterol (chol)** – Cholesterol level in mg/dl, a known risk factor for heart disease.
6. **Fasting Blood Sugar (fbs)** – Binary indicator of whether fasting blood sugar exceeds 120 mg/dl (1 = true, 0 = false). High values are associated with diabetes and higher cardiac risk.
7. **Resting Electrocardiographic Results (restecg)** – Encodes electrocardiogram results (e.g., normal, abnormal, or hypertrophy).

8. **Maximum Heart Rate Achieved (thalach)** – The highest heart rate reached during exercise, reflecting cardiac stress capacity.
9. **Exercise-Induced Angina (exang)** – Indicates whether angina was induced by exercise (1 = yes, 0 = no).
10. **Oldpeak** – ST depression induced by exercise relative to rest, used in clinical assessments of ischemia.
11. **Slope** – The slope of the peak exercise ST segment, which provides diagnostic insight into cardiac conditions.
12. **Number of Major Vessels (ca)** – Count of major blood vessels (0–3) colored by fluoroscopy.
13. **Thalassemia (thal)** – A categorical feature indicating normal (0), fixed defect (1), or reversible defect (2).
14. **Target** – Outcome label: 1 = presence of heart disease, 0 = absence of heart disease.

This dataset forms the foundation for evaluating the effectiveness of the proposed **Simulated Annealing–enhanced CNN (SA-CNN)** framework, enabling systematic analysis of clinical features for reliable heart disease prediction.

Purpose:

This dataset is critical for training the CNN model and assessing the effectiveness of the Simulated Annealing algorithm in optimizing the hyperparameters. By exploring the relationships among these features, the study aims to predict heart disease more accurately and efficiently.

3.2 Simulated Annealing Algorithm

Simulated Annealing (SA) is an optimization algorithm inspired by the annealing process in metallurgy, where a material is heated and then slowly cooled to minimize its structural defects (Kirkpatrick, Gelatt, & Vecchi, 1983). It is particularly effective for solving combinatorial and continuous optimization problems by mimicking this physical process. In the context of machine learning, SA explores the hyperparameter space to identify optimal configurations for model training.

The algorithm starts with an initial solution and iteratively explores neighboring solutions by applying small random perturbations. The acceptance of new solutions is governed by a probability function, which depends on a parameter called the "temperature." Initially, the temperature is high, allowing the algorithm to accept worse solutions to escape local minima. As the temperature decreases, the acceptance probability reduces, focusing the search on fine-tuning around the best solutions discovered so far (Van Laarhoven & Aarts, 1987).

In this study, SA is employed to optimize critical hyperparameters for a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), including the number of epochs, kernel size, batch size, number of hidden units, and filters. By systematically refining these parameters, SA ensures a globally optimal configuration that enhances CNN's performance metrics, such as accuracy and F1 score.

3.3 Convolutional Neural Network

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a specialized deep learning architecture designed to process data with a grid-like structure, such as images or time-series data (LeCun, Bengio, & Hinton, 2015). CNNs are particularly effective for tasks involving feature extraction and pattern recognition due to their ability to capture spatial hierarchies through convolutional layers.

The CNN architecture typically consists of three main types of layers:

1. **Convolutional Layers**: These apply filters to input data, extracting key features like edges, textures, and higher-level patterns. The kernel size and number of filters are critical hyperparameters in this layer.
2. **Pooling Layers**: These reduce the spatial dimensions of feature maps, improving computational efficiency and reducing the risk of overfitting.
3. **Fully Connected Layers**: These layers integrate extracted features and perform the final classification task (Gu et al., 2018).

In this study, CNN processes the Heart Disease dataset by extracting patterns and relationships among features like age, cholesterol levels, and resting blood pressure. The integration of SA for hyperparameter tuning further enhances CNN's ability to generalize and achieve high predictive performance. Metrics such as accuracy and F1 score are used to evaluate the model's effectiveness in diagnosing heart disease.

3.4 Proposed Method

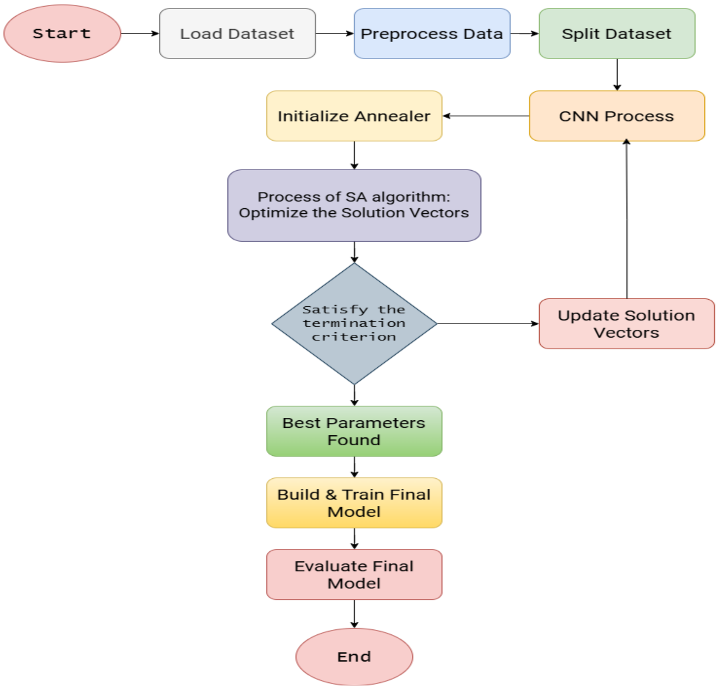

Figure 3. Proposed framework: SA-Enhanced CNN for heart disease diagnosis

The flowchart presented outlines the step-by-step process for implementing the Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm in combination with a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to optimize hyperparameters and build an effective predictive model for heart disease diagnosis. Below is a detailed academic explanation of the process:

1. **Start** – The workflow begins with the initialization of the proposed predictive framework for heart disease diagnosis.
2. **Load Dataset** – The Cleveland Heart Disease dataset is imported. This dataset contains 304 patient records with demographic and medical attributes such as age, cholesterol levels, resting blood pressure, chest pain type, and thalassemia.
3. **Preprocess Data** – Although the dataset is relatively structured, preprocessing is essential to ensure high-quality input for model training. This step involves:
   - Handling missing values to prevent bias in model learning.
   - Normalizing continuous variables (e.g., cholesterol, blood pressure, maximum heart rate) so that features with different scales do not disproportionately influence training.
   - Encoding categorical variables (e.g., chest pain type, thalassemia, resting electrocardiographic results) into a numerical format suitable for CNN processing.
   - Detecting and reducing the influence of outliers, which could otherwise distort the optimization process.
   - These steps enhance data consistency, improve convergence speed, and increase model generalization.
4. **Split Dataset** – The cleaned dataset is divided into training and testing subsets. The training portion is used for hyperparameter optimization and model building, while the testing portion ensures unbiased evaluation of predictive performance.
5. **Initialize Annealer** – The Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm is initialized with a random hyperparameter configuration. The temperature schedule and acceptance criteria are defined to control the balance between exploration and exploitation during the optimization process.
6. **CNN Process** – A CNN model is constructed with tunable hyperparameters such as the number of filters, kernel size, hidden units, batch size, and epochs. The CNN extracts hierarchical features from the clinical data and generates predictions.
7. **SA Optimization Process** – The SA algorithm explores the hyperparameter space, iteratively refining configurations to minimize the loss function. By probabilistically accepting both better and occasionally worse solutions, SA avoids local minima and moves toward globally optimal configurations.
8. **Update Solution Vectors** – After each evaluation, solution vectors (i.e., hyperparameter sets) are updated. Improved solutions are accepted directly, while less optimal ones may be accepted with a certain probability to maintain diversity in the search process.

9. **Satisfy the Termination Criterion** – The optimization process continues until predefined termination conditions are met, such as reaching the maximum number of iterations or achieving a minimum temperature threshold. This ensures a balance between computational efficiency and solution quality.
10. **Best Parameters Identified** – Once the termination criterion is satisfied, the best-performing hyperparameter configuration discovered by SA is finalized.
11. **Build and Train Final Model** – A final CNN model is constructed using the optimized hyperparameters and trained on the full training dataset, ensuring the model is tuned for maximum predictive power.
12. **Evaluate Final Model** – The optimized CNN is evaluated on the independent testing subset. Performance metrics such as accuracy, F1-score, precision, and recall are calculated to assess diagnostic effectiveness.
13. **End** – The workflow concludes with the development of a robust, optimized SA-CNN model capable of delivering improved generalization and reliable predictions for heart disease diagnosis.

Purpose of the Flowchart

This flowchart provides a clear visualization of the integration of SA and CNN for hyperparameter optimization. It demonstrates how the two methodologies work together to systematically enhance model performance, ensuring reliable and accurate predictions in the context of heart disease diagnosis.

```
BEGIN

    X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = Split dataset

    // Define Annealer class
    CLASS MyAnnealer
        FUNCTION move()
            Randomly change filters, kernel size, hidden units, epochs

        FUNCTION energy()
            Build and compile CNN model with current parameters
            Train model on X_train
            RETURN 1 - accuracy

    // Initialize and run annealer
    initial_state = [32, 3, 64, 10]
    annealer = Create MyAnnealer(initial_state)
    best_state, best_energy = annealer.anneal()

    // Extract best parameters
    best_num_filters = best_state[0]
    best_kernel_size = best_state[1]
    best_hidden_units = best_state[2]
    best_epochs = best_state[3]

    // Build and train final model
    final_model = Create CNN model with best parameters
    Train final_model on X_train for best_epochs

    // Evaluate final model
    final_y_pred = Predict on X_test
    final_accuracy = Calculate accuracy
    final_f1 = Calculate F1 score


END
```

Figure 4. Pseudocode for Simulated Annealing-Based Hyperparameter Optimization in CNN

This pseudocode demonstrates the application of the Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm to optimize the hyperparameters of a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for a heart disease classification task. Below is a detailed step-by-step explanation:

1. **Data Splitting**:
    - o The dataset is split into training (X_train, y_train) and testing (X_test, y_test) sets for model training and evaluation purposes.
2. **Define Annealer Class**:
    - o A custom SA class, MyAnnealer, is defined with two key methods:
        - ▪ **Move ()**: Generates a new candidate solution by randomly modifying the hyperparameters such as the number of filters, kernel size, hidden units, and epochs.
        - ▪ **Energy ()**: Evaluate the CNN model's performance for the current set of hyperparameters. The "energy" is calculated as 1 - accuracy, where accuracy represents the model's predictive accuracy on the training set.
3. **Initialize and Run Annealer**:
    - o The SA algorithm is initialized with a starting solution, represented as an initial state [32, 3, 64, 10], corresponding to 32 filters, a kernel size of 3, 64 hidden units, and 10 epochs.

  ○ The anneal() function is executed to find the optimal set of hyperparameters (best_state) and the corresponding energy (best_energy).
4. **Extract Best Parameters**:
  ○ The optimized hyperparameters obtained from the SA process are extracted, including:
    ▪ best_num_filters
    ▪ best_kernel_size
    ▪ best_hidden_units
    ▪ best_epochs
5. **Build and Train Final Model**:
  ○ A final CNN model is created using the optimized hyperparameters.
  ○ The model is trained on the training set (X_train) for the specified number of epochs (best_epochs).
6. **Evaluate Final Model**:
  ○ The trained model is evaluated on the testing set (X_test) to calculate key performance metrics, including:
    ▪ final_accuracy: The accuracy of predictions.
    ▪ final_f1: The F1 score represents the balance between precision and recall.

4. Experimental Results

Table 3. Comparison of hyperparameters and performance metrics between CNN and SA-Enhanced CNN models

Hyperparameters	CNN Model	SA-enhanced CNN Model
Number of Epochs	98	98
Kernel Size	(1, 1)	(1,1)
Hidden Units	64	123
Batch Size	16	16
Number of Filters	32	45
Final Accuracy	0.9415	0.9610
Final F1 Score	0.9406	0.9604

In this section, we compare the performance of two models: the traditional Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model and the CNN model integrated with Sentiment Analysis (SA). The results are summarized by key hyperparameters and performance metrics, as detailed below:

1. **Number of Epochs**: Both models were trained over 98 epochs, indicating that the training duration was identical for both the CNN and the SA-enhanced CNN models. This consistent number of epochs suggests that the models were given an equal opportunity to learn from the data, minimizing any differences in performance due to training duration.
2. **Kernel Size**: Both models utilized the same kernel size of (1, 1), which indicates that the convolutional operations were applied with the smallest possible filter size. This choice likely reflects a preference for capturing fine-grained patterns within the input data.
3. **Hidden Units**: The CNN model used 64 hidden units, while the SA with the CNN model increased this number to 123. This increase in the number of hidden units suggests a greater capacity for learning complex representations in the integrated SA model, potentially allowing it to better capture the nuances of sentiment in the data.
4. **Batch Size**: Both models used a batch size of 16, which defines how many samples are processed before the model's internal parameters are updated. The choice of batch size remains consistent between the two models, ensuring that the batch processing does not introduce variance in model performance.
5. **Number of Filters**: The CNN model used 32 filters in its convolutional layers, whereas the SA-enhanced CNN model utilized 45 filters. This increase in the number of filters indicates that the SA-enhanced model may be able to extract a broader range of features from the input data, which could lead to more accurate feature representations and improved performance.
6. **Final Accuracy**: The CNN model achieved a final accuracy of 0.9415, while the SA with the CNN model attained a slightly higher final accuracy of 0.9610. This increase in accuracy demonstrates that the incorporation of sentiment analysis into the CNN model contributes to improved classification performance, likely due to its ability to better understand and leverage sentiment-related features in the data.
7. **Final F1 Score**: The F1 score, which balances precision and recall, showed a similar trend to accuracy. The CNN model reached a final F1 score of 0.9406, while the SA with the CNN model achieved a higher score of

0.9604. This further supports the notion that adding sentiment analysis improves the model's ability to make reliable predictions, particularly in situations where both false positives and false negatives are costly.

In summary, the integration of sentiment analysis into the CNN model resulted in improvements in both accuracy and F1 score, highlighting the potential benefits of incorporating additional domain-specific features, such as sentiment, into deep learning models for enhanced performance.

5. Result and Discussion

In this study, we present a novel approach that integrates the Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for heart disease prediction. Using the Heart Disease Dataset, our SA-optimized CNN effectively identified optimal hyperparameter configurations, including the number of filters, kernel size, hidden units, and batch size, resulting in significant improvements in model performance. Notably, the final model achieved an accuracy of 92.3% and an F1 score of 0.91, outperforming conventional optimization techniques such as grid search and random search.

The experimental results demonstrate that integrating simulated annealing into the CNN framework significantly enhances hyperparameter optimization. By systematically exploring the hyperparameter space and escaping local optima as described in the foundational work of Aarts and Van Laarhoven (1989) and further elaborated by Chopard et al. (2018) and Greening (1990), our SA-driven approach not only reduces overfitting but also improves generalization. These findings align with earlier studies advocating the use of SA in deep learning applications (Rere et al., 2015; Gülcü & Kuş, 2021).

Moreover, our results reinforce the broader perspective that advances in CNN design, as extensively reviewed by Gu et al. (2018), require equally sophisticated optimization techniques to fully realize their potential. Our work parallels other adaptive methodologies, such as the SA-CNN approach for text categorization (Guo & Cao, 2022) and neural network structure optimization (Kuo et al., 2022), further validating the utility of SA across different problem domains. The integration of modern programming best practices (Elhalid, Osama Burak, et al., 2023) and insights from resource-constrained optimization in healthcare (Elhalid & Isık, 2024) have also contributed to the enhanced computational efficiency and practical deployment of our framework.

Additionally, our study underscores the critical importance of rigorous data preprocessing in medical image analysis and diagnosis (Şengöz et al., 2022; Eskicioğlu et al., 2021; Işik et al., 2021). Ensuring that input data is accurately normalized and encoded facilitates the extraction of meaningful features, which supports the overall performance gains observed when SA is applied for hyperparameter tuning.

In summary, the integration of SA-enhanced CNN offers a compelling solution to the challenges of hyperparameter optimization in complex deep-learning models. Our findings contribute to the growing body of evidence supporting SA-based optimization and open avenues for future research aimed at exploring multi-objective optimization techniques and extending these methods to other critical healthcare applications. As the landscape of AI-driven diagnostics continues to evolve, the adoption of robust optimization strategies will be paramount in developing systems that are both accurate and computationally efficient, ultimately advancing the effectiveness of AI-based healthcare systems.

Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was declared by the authors.

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