Predictive Analytics on Healthcare: A Survey

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Abstract: Healthcare is indeed a considerable pointer for the development of society. Health does not only mean as dearth of disease but also capability to apprehend one’s potential. In reality, there is a big gap between the rural and urban health service facility and accessibility. This paper identifies some of the problems in Indian healthcare and attempts to provide a solution by exploring the capabilities of healthcare. So, the services rendered by healthcare are not a mere responsibility of medical field but also of information technology. In fact, data mining plays an active role in providing a consistent accuracy in predicting the diseases and its risk factors. Some of the data mining applications and techniques used in real world are discussed.

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1. Introduction

Hospitalization is the most prevalent component of health expenses. Healthcare administrators on their part are striving to lower the cost of care at the same time, improving the quality of care given. The rising cost of health care is one of the world’s most important problems. Accordingly, predicting such costs with accuracy is a significant first step in addressing this problem. In addition, identifying and managing patients with high risk of survival is important not only for the individual but also for the government, hospital and health insurers.

The value of health insurance claims data in medical research has often been questioned because these databases are designed for financial reasons and not for clinical purposes. Nevertheless, claims data has been shown to be useful in many settings and is increasingly used for medical research. The use of health risk assessment methods based on medical diagnosis codes from administrative claim data continues to grow.

2. Data Mining

Data mining is defined as the analysis of often large observational data sets to find unsuspected relationships and to summarize the data in novel ways that are both understandable and useful to the data owner. Data mining in the field of Healthcare is a gradually developing methodology that is used to identify a legitimate, useful relationships and patterns in the data that are too complex and subtle for human to make out. The previously unknown patterns and relationships in a database can be easily identified with a Data mining algorithms like classification, association, clustering, etc and with this we can build a Predictive Model. To identify the unknown patterns, we use the life cycle model of data mining. It includes all the process from data selection to data exploitation.

2.1 Applications of Data mining in the field of Healthcare:

Data mining is beneficial for all those who are involved in the healthcare including Healthcare Insurers, Healthcare organizations, Doctors and patients. For healthcare insurers, data mining can help identify Fraud and Abuse in the insurance. For Healthcare organizations, it supports Hospital Management system, Patient Tracking system and thereby forming a strong Customer relationship management. For doctors and physicians, it can help predict the LOS, mortality rate, risk factors, and re-admission rate. With all the aforesaid, a doctor can choose upon the effective treatment available for the patient. And finally, a patient can get a quality treatment at affordable cost. According to a survey, 87% of the deaths in the US hospital have been prevented with the Predictive tool.

2.2 Advantages of Data Mining in Healthcare:

With the advent of Information Technology in the field of healthcare, the paper based prescription has turned to Electronic records, which is highly reliable. The electronic record is capable of storing voluminous data and this includes patient demographic, socio-economic data, previous medical data, laboratory values and much more. These data though private are essential for providing an effective treatment to a patient. Data mining helps in providing a clear policy for privacy and security.

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3. Predictive Analytics

One of the major challenges in the field of healthcare is the quality of service and affordable cost for the service rendered. Quality treatment should not backfire on the cost of the treatment. Predictive Analytics is actually a big Data Initiative in USA. With a predictive Analytics tool, Doctors will just be a consultant and Readmission of patients will be a problem for the hospital. So, the US health organizations are striving hard as not to get a patient re-admitted. The treatment turns from Pay-per-service system to Outcome – driven payment System. Proper diagnosis should be done and an appropriate treatment should be carried out. At the end, every single detail has to be recorded for further analysis. Computer-based information can server this purpose. HPN, Heritage Prize Network was conducted by US as a competition to improve healthcare by early prediction and a prize amount of $3,000,000 was awarded for the best algorithm. Predictive analytics enables more effective monitoring and greater cost-efficiency for a healthier world.

4. Charlson Co Morbidity Index

Charlson Co morbidity Index is a health based tool that is used to appraise the co morbidity risk of a patient, so that a medical specialist can make informed decision about the medical procedure to be carried out on the patient. The Charlson index takes into account of several health conditions along with the age factor. The health conditions are based on the ICD, International Classification of Disease diagnosis codes. The term Co morbidity refers to the effects or existence of one or more additional conditions that exist independently or dependent on the primary conditions. CCI, Charlson Co morbidity Index includes several categories of the co morbid conditions for predicting the mortality rate and risk factor. With this index, we can predict both short term and long term benefits of a treatment. For instance, if a patient is diagnosed with cancer as a primary disease but also has chronic heart failure and renal disease as co morbid conditions, then the short term benefit is no more important than the cost and risk of the treatment.

4.1 CCI construal

The Charlson Co morbidity Index is constructed with several diseases and a score is allotted for each disease based on it severity and mortality risk. The score is basically 1, 2, 3 or 6. More the points, more the adverse outcome is. The following table displays the Charlson Co morbidity Index.

4.2 Interpretation of Charlson Co morbidity Index:

1. Calculate the Charlson Co morbidity Index value “i”, by awarding the appropriate points to each of the condition you are diagnosed with.
2. Add the Age score to the value of “i”
   a. Age <50 years : 0 points
   b. Age 50-59 years : 1 points
   c. Age 60-69 years : 2 points
   d. Age 70-79 years : 3 points
3. The sum of value “i” and age score gives the value of “C” ie., C=Age score + i
4. Calculate the Charlson probability with Z=0.983^ (e ^((-C*0.9))), where Z is the 10 year probability of survival.

5. Survey of Literature

Healthcare Management System is achieved with the advent of Predictive Analytics. While the baseline of a Predictive Analytic Tool is the same, the tool comes in various versions. Several developers aim at developing a tool that is efficient than all other tools developed so far. The following papers have implemented some of the most prevalent tools.
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6. Conclusion and Scope for Further Research

The paper has dealt with the background of a Predictive Analytics Tool, its domain and the methodology to calculate the number of days a patient is expected to be admitted to hospital using Charlson Co morbidity Index. With these basics, we will be focusing on the pre-implementation of the predictive analytic tool in our next paper. Future work includes an optimistic model that aims at employing the insurance data to predict the LOS of a patient.

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