



## Deep Learning Model for Prediction of Dementia Severity based on EEG Signals

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### Abstract

This study aimed to determine variations in the electroencephalograms (EEGs) of 15 individuals who were diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) following stroke, 5 individuals suffering from vascular dementia (VD) and 15 healthy normal control (NC) individuals who performed a working memory task. Conventional filters including notch and bandpass filters were utilised to remove noise from the EEG data. The proposed method comprises computing the estimates of the attention entropy (AttEn), bubble entropy (BubbEn) and symbolic dynamic entropy (SyDyEn) of univariate data sequence features. The long short-term memory (LSTM) deep learning neural network was used to automatically classify dementia severity through noninvasive EEG-based recordings. The LSTM classification result with AttEn exceeds an average of 88.9% than BubbEn and SyDyEn, with classification results of 69.2% and 77.7%, respectively. The analysis of the brain EEG-based dementia severity dataset suggests that AttEn could potentially serve as a biomarker for detecting dementia severity. AttEn can capture relevant patterns and features in the EEG data and may be indicative of the severity of dementia with LSTM RNN to differentiate patients with VD, patients with MCI and NC individuals.

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### 1. Introduction

Cognitive impairment occurs due to vascular lesions that arise from a diverse range of medical conditions, including ischemic heart disease and stroke [1]. About 1% to 4% of the elderly population over the age of 65 years suffers from vascular dementia (VD), and this number will double every 5 to 10 years [2]. VD is the second most common

form of dementia, after Alzheimer's disease (AD) [3]. Mild cognitive impairment (MCI) refers to a decrease in cognitive function that is more severe than one would expect given one's age and degree of education but does not significantly impact one's ability to carry out daily tasks [4, 5]. Patients diagnosed with MCI have a high risk of developing dementia within the third month of the onset of dementia symptoms [3, 6]. This clinical transitional stage occurs between early normal cognition and

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late severe dementia. Most people with MCI only experience memory loss, but their ability to do daily tasks is unaffected [7].

Electroencephalograms (EEGs) are used to detect dementia. Multiple studies have demonstrated the utility of EEGs to identify and assess the severity of dementia [3] as well as differentiate AD from VD and other types of dementia [8, 9,10].

Various machine learning classification algorithms have been used to classify EEGs of cognitively challenged participants [11]. Relative frequencies play a prominent role in each case [12, 13, 14]. However, traditional machine learning approaches are unsuitable for processing high-dimensional volumes of data because they are based on the explicit definition of features. Deep learning is a cutting-edge machine learning technology that can address those drawbacks and has an advantage over traditional machine learning techniques; deep neural networks (NNs) can process and learn latent discriminative features from raw data or end-to-end learning.

Deep learning-powered AD detection systems have emerged given that deep learning has been proven to have many real-world applications, such as in biomedicine [15, 16] and image detection [17, 18]. The majority of these systems rely on neuroimaging analysis (structural and functional magnetic resonance imaging or sMRI and fMRI, respectively), with data from the AD Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) database. Very few deep learning studies have focused on the differentiation of AD by using EEG recordings [19].

Given the nonlinearity and complexity of biological systems, scholars have suggested alternative entropy measures to characterise EEG signals [20, 21]. The approximate entropy (ApEn) algorithm derives a measure of entropy for noisy biomedical time series that is statistically valid. This measure represents the likelihood that time series patterns that are similar at first glance will retain their similarity even after the pattern lengths are increased. As such, this algorithm offers an inherent assessment of the regularity of time series [22]. Nevertheless, previous research demonstrated that ApEn is a highly sensitive estimator that is skewed by the number of data samples [23].

Sample entropy (SampEn), an adaptation of ApEn, excludes self-matches from the probability calculation [24]. A reduced value of SampEn signifies increased self-similarity within the time series. SampEn exhibits greater consistency in its behaviour and is more independent of data samples than ApEn [24]. However, SampEn possesses certain limitations, such as potential instability and

unreliable results when applied to brief time series [25].

Fuzzy entropy (FuzEn) employs the notion of fuzzy sets to address limitations associated with sample entropy. FuzEn exhibits a more robust relative consistency and reduced reliance on data length than SampEn [25]. Additionally, continuity is ensured by the continuous and flexible boundaries of fuzzy functions. However, the degree of freedom associated with selecting internal parameters is greater than that of sample entropy because of the introduction of fuzzy power and membership function to delineate the boundary [26].

Determining internal parameters is a crucial aspect of obtaining entropy metrics. Manis et al. proposed bubble entropy (BubbEn), a new definition of entropy derived from permutation entropy (PerEn) that ranks vectors in the embedding space of the time series [27]. The effort from the number of exchanges is quantified for permutation, which is executed via the 'bubble sort' algorithm. Bubble entropy is virtually devoid of internal parameters; its definition completely omits the scaling factor  $r$ , and the significance of embedding dimension  $m$  is drastically diminished [27].

In general, symbolism can increase performance in characterisation and quantification of time series [28]. Time series representation depends on the method of delay time on the scheme introduced by Tekens for phase space reconstruction.

Methods for state space reconstruction rely on the detection of lags of some degree of independence (linear or nonlinear); signal strength has been used as a statistical tool to determine the presence of dependence in time series [29]. Symbolic dynamics entropy (SyDyEn) is a convenient tool for selecting the optimal state space reconstruction parameters for chaotic time series. Thus, having defined the symbolic properties of the problem, we then used the entropy measure associated with the symbolic space (symbolic entropy) for parameter selection [29].

The attention entropy (AttEn) approach has been innovated to isolate the most critical observations and measure their frequency of prevalence within the time series. The model may cognize at the time steps that have maximum information but ignore those that are too noisy. This approach has improved typical performance and resistance to noisy inputs [30].

In the realm of deep learning, models such as 1D-convolutional neural networks (CNNs) [31] and CNNs [32, 33, 15] are common. CNNs provide many benefits, such as speed, accuracy and power when processing visual data, huge amounts of data, and complex pattern predictions. However, CNNs

need labelled data and have high computational cost of training, and their predictions are difficult to confirm. Different types of NNs have been employed for signal classification, including RNNs [34, 35] and LSTMs [36, 37, 38] for EEG and other critical signal processing. RNNs and LSTM can handle data of varying lengths, catch patterns across time and integrate complex NN designs. Regular Neural Networks (RNNs) have a lot of drawbacks, such as a high computing cost, lengthy training durations and problems with bigger datasets. Every approach has its advantages and disadvantages, so selecting a suitable method depends on the type of problem and the level of precision needed.

This study could provide insights into dementia. Patients with dementia frequently exhibit diminished nonlinear cell dynamics and/or nonlinear coupling within the brain cortex as well as linear couplings. These factors can result in a decline in complexity and functional connections. To comprehend this phenomenon, scholars should investigate the nonlinear EEG dynamics of patients with dementia. In the early stages of dementia, EEGs may appear normal and have the same rhythm as healthy individuals of the same age. EEG recordings obtained from individuals with dementia should be analysed and interpreted using signal

analysis techniques to assess the influence of dementia on the brain and understand the progression of the disease [5].

This study aimed to determine if individuals have VD, MCI, or normal control (NC) condition by using deep learning recurrent neural networks. The features of univariate EEG data sequences should be estimated using attention entropy (AttEn), bubble entropy (BubbEn) and symbolic dynamic entropy (SyDyEn). The long short-term memory (LSTM) deep learning neural network was used to discriminate dementia severity. This study aims to develop a paradigm that could be used in real-world clinical settings and classify patients as having VD, MCI, or NC based on noninvasive scalp EEG recordings.

## 2. Materials and Methods

The recorded EEGs would go through a series of signal processing stages designed to separate the symptoms of patients with dementia to diagnose post-stroke clinical manifestations. Fig. 1 shows the flowchart of the proposed method.

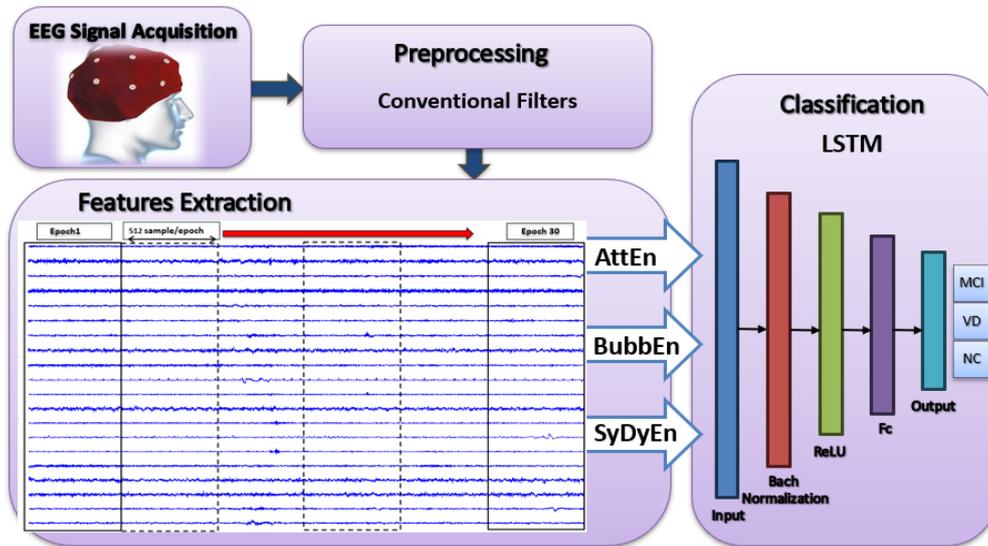


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### 2.1 Subjects and EEG recording procedure

The EEG datasets of 15 NC individuals (aged  $60.06 \pm 5.21$ ) years), 15 patients (aged  $60.26 \pm 7.77$  years) with MCI due to stroke and 5 people with VD (aged  $64.6 \pm 4.8$  years). Healthy volunteers had no known history of mental disorders. Patients

suffering from stroke were culled from the stroke ward at Pusat Perubatan Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Hospital. The groups were evaluated cognitively by using the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) [39] and Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) [40]. The Hospital Human Ethics Committee gave their approval to all of the

experiment protocols. All participants also signed an information consent (ICF) form.

NicoletOne (V32) systems were used to record EEG activities. In accordance with the 10-20 international system, 19 electrodes, including the ground and system reference electrodes, were placed (Fp1, Fp2, F7, F3, Fz, F4, F8, T3, T5, T4, T6, P3, Pz, P4, C3, Cz, C4, O1 and O2).

In this study, all participants engaged in an auditory working memory (WM) task session. As the subjects were instructed to relax completely, an auditory session began with a 0.5-second fixation cue. The participants were then given a brief WM test, during which they were asked to memorise five words for 10 seconds. The participants were then asked to try to recall the words while keeping their eyes closed, and EEG data were collected. They closed their eyes for 60 seconds, opened them and list as many words as they could remember [8].

## 2.2 Preprocessing Stage

In the first step of processing each channel of recorded EEG datasets, conventional filters were used; in particular, a notch filter at 50 Hz was used to remove interference noise, and a bandpass filter with a (0.5–64) Hz frequency range was used to limit the band of the recorded EEG signals [41, 42].

## 2.3 Feature Extraction Stage

The EEG signals for all channels were segmented into nonoverlapping windows of 2 s for feature extraction. Entropy features including attention entropy (AttEn) [38], bubble entropy (BubbEn) [43] and symbolic dynamic entropy (SyDyEn) [44, 45, 46] of univariate data sequence features were extracted. The dimension of each feature vector from each subject was equal to 30 windows  $\times$  19 EEG channels.

Patients with VD were a minority in this research. Synthetic oversampling technique (SMOTE) was utilised to rectify the data imbalance [47]. Empirical evidence is lacking to support the efficacy of BubbEn or DispEn in the characterisation of EEG signals. The present work aimed to assess the discriminatory capability of AttEn, BubbEn and SyDyEn in discerning the severity of dementia based on EEG signals

### A. Symbolic Dynamic entropy (SyDyEn)

Symbolic dynamics evaluates dynamical systems based on the proper partitioning of the symbol sequences obtained for the state space. Symbolic dynamic entropy (SyDyEn) is based on an entropy

unit. Simple methods can preserve some important properties of the dynamics, such as periodicity and dependence, despite the loss of a certain amount of detail. Symbolic dynamics (SDE) has been used to locate dynamics in nonlinear systems [48, 49, 50, 51].

To apply the SyDyEn approach, the time series must first be transformed into a symbolic series,  $X = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ , which represents a time series of length  $N$ . One way to transform time series into symbolic time series is by using maximum entropy partitioning, which offers adaptive segmentation [45]. In the equation,  $\lambda$  stands for the time delay and  $m$  for the embedding dimension in the symbolic time series. The next step is to determine the probability of state transitions [52]. Equation 1 defines the SDE in accordance with the theorem of Shannon entropy.

$$\begin{aligned} SDE(X, \mu, m, \lambda) &= - \sum_{a=1}^{\mu^m} P(q_a^{\mu, m, \lambda}) \ln P(q_a^{\mu, m, \lambda}) \quad \dots(1) \\ &- \sum_{a=1}^{\mu} \sum_{a=1}^{\mu^m} P(q_a^{\mu, m, \lambda}) \ln P(q_a^{\mu, m, \lambda}) P(\sigma_b | q_a^{\mu, m, \lambda}) \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, the SDE is adjusted to ensure that it follows the normal distribution with  $0 < \text{SyDy} < 1$ , as shown in Equation 2.

$$\text{SyDyE}(\bar{X}, \mu, m, \lambda) = SDE(\bar{X}, \mu, m, \lambda) / \ln(\mu^{m+1}) \quad \dots(2)$$

### B. Bubble entropy (BubbEn)

Manis et al. [43] suggested the use of BubbEn to differentiate congestive heart failure from a healthy control group. The BubbEn formula is an adaptation of the permutation entropy that incorporates elements from the permutation entropy and the Renyi entropy as well as some additional terms from the ApEn [53]. The number of swaps needed to sort a vector  $x^{1/2i}$  is counted in BubbEn, which uses the bubble sort algorithm. Its discriminatory power is independent of input parameters, thus it is almost a parameter-free entropy [43]. These are the steps involved in the calculation: first, for a certain system  $X$ , the entropy may be determined by Equations 3 and 4.

$$H_a^m(X) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^\alpha \right) \quad \dots(3)$$

$$H_2^m(X) = - \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^2 \right) \quad \dots(4)$$

The Renyi entropy, also known as the generalised entropy, is obtained as Shannon entropy when  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ . In this paper, we take  $\alpha = 2$  to obtain Equation 4, so that the peaks and mutation points in the

sequence can be well described and the effect of chance is not overly weakened. The following step makes  $m$  increases 1 and calculation like Equation 4 and gain  $H_2^{m+1}$ . BubbEn can be obtained from Equation 5.

$$BubbEn(X, m) = \frac{H_2^{m+1} - H_2^m}{\log \frac{m+1}{m-1}} \quad ..(5)$$

Sequence rearrangement using the traditional sorting method solely takes the original sequence's size order into account and ignores the effect of amplitude differences. Symbolisation cannot assign unique alignment to subsequences containing components of the same size; for instance, the sequence (2,1,2) can be assigned to both (1,0,2) and (1,2,0). This assignment method will, to some extent, cause the important information to be ignored. When it comes to parameter selection, bubble entropy is optimised for reducing the model's dependence on input parameters (such as data length or embedding size) by calculating the number of sample exchanges needed to generate an ordered subsequence instead of counting the ordered pattern [43].

### C. Attention entropy (AttEn)

Entropy methods are sensitive to parameter settings, but AttEn focuses only on observations of key features. Instead of counting all observation frequencies, it finds the frequency distribution interval between key observations in a time series.

The advantage of AttEn is that it does not need any parameters to tune, it is robust to long time series and requires only linear data when calculating AttEn. The calculation can be done in three basic steps [30]: to define the basic model, to calculate the distance between two adjacent principal patterns and to compute the Shannon entropy of the intervals. The difference between classical entropy methods and attention entropy methods involves classical frequency-based entropy methods, which cannot separate two chains because both models have the same frequency distribution. In AttEn, the distribution of distances between key patterns in the chain is different [30, 55].

Three primary procedures are used to determine attention entropy (AttEn). Key patterns are defined, intervals between adjacent key patterns are calculated and the Shannon entropy of intervals is computed. Classical frequency-based entropy algorithms are unable to distinguish between the Series 1 and 2 because of the identical pattern distribution. The interval distributions of the series' key patterns are different. AttEn can accomplish this. Primarily, we establish the key pattern  $\Omega$  when we are given a finite series  $X$ . Secondly, for every

sub-series  $u_i$ ,  $u_k$  and  $u_j$  of  $X$  that do not match in for any  $i_j$ ,  $k_j$  we determine the intervals  $I^\Omega - v|v - j - i$  by comparing  $u_i$  and  $u_j$  to the pattern  $\Omega$ . Attention entropy, or Shannon entropy over IV, is computed [30].

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After implementing the LSTM model and validating it using selected EEG features, the model design adopted for this study consisted of a layer of 200 hidden in the layered architecture of the implemented LSTM model batch normalisation, improved linear unit (ReLU) layer, ending with a fully connected level (the number of nodes is equal to the number of severe dementia groups) and a SoftMax activation level for segmentation. Optimal moment calculation for training "adam" solver, gradient threshold 1, maximum number of 64 epochs and 8 small batch size.

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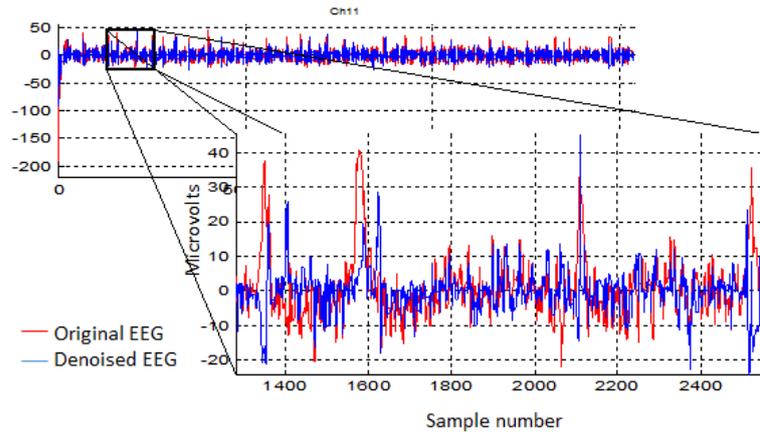


Fig. 2. Preprocessing results of EEG Ch1, which represents Fp1, following the application of conventional filters.

As demonstrated in Figs. 3, 4 and 5, a confusion matrix was used to assess the classifier’s effectiveness in categorising VD (class1), MCI (class 2) and NC (class3) occurrences. The projected classes are shown in the rows of the matrix, and the actual classes are shown in the columns. The number of examples that were successfully identified is represented by the diagonal elements, which show the classifier’s accuracy for each class.

Fig. 3 shows the confusion matrix of the classification results of the LSTM model obtained using SyDyEn, which successfully distinguished between VD and NC cases, as shown by the zero false positive and negative numbers for MCI, indicating a high accuracy of 100%. However, the classifier cannot correctly categorise NC (accuracy of 66.7%) and VD (accuracy of 75%). The confusion matrix shows that the LSTM model with SyDyEn achieves a total classification accuracy of 77.8%. The SyDyEn’s inability to close this performance difference raises concerns about its ability to distinguish between VD, MCI and NC classes, either because its features are too complicated or too comparable. Investigating the BubbEn feature might be essential to improve the

### 3. Results and Discussion

The results of the conventional filters on channel ‘Fp1’ are illustrated in Fig. 2. Compared with the original recorded EEG (dashed black colour), the artifactual components were effectively and sufficiently suppressed (blue colour).

classifier’s capacity to correctly categorise VD, MCI and NC groups.

		Target Class				
		1	2	3		
Output Class	1	3 33.3%	0 0.0%	1 11.1%	75.0%	25.0%
	2	0 0.0%	2 22.2%	0 0.0%	100%	0.0%
	3	0 0.0%	1 11.1%	2 22.2%	66.7%	33.3%
		100%	66.7%	66.7%	77.8%	22.2%

Fig. 3. Confusion matrix of the classification results for the LSTM model using SyDyEn.

The classification results for the LSTM model with BubbEn are shown in Fig. 4. We obtained 69.2% rate of correct classifications. Although 80% of VD cases are accurately identified as VD, 7.7%

are mistakenly labelled as NC. Meanwhile, 50% of NC cases were wrongly forecasted as MCI, and 100% of MCI cases were accurately categorised.

**Confusion Matrix**

Output Class	1	4 30.8%	0 0.0%	1 7.7%	80.0% 20.0%
	2	0 0.0%	2 15.4%	0 0.0%	100% 0.0%
	3	0 0.0%	3 23.1%	3 23.1%	50.0% 50.0%
		100% 0.0%	40.0% 60.0%	75.0% 25.0%	69.2% 30.8%
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		<b>Target Class</b>			

**Fig. 4. Confusion matrix of the classification results for the LSTM model using BubbEn.**

To address the discrimination based on dementia severity, further research was conducted using the AttEn feature in conjunction with LSTM. The results of using AttEn improved the classification accuracy to 88.9% (Fig. 5). After applying the AttEn feature, the three diagonal cells display the proportion of correct LSTM classification. For VD, the correct classification was 100%. All individuals with MCI due to stroke were appropriately categorised as such, 75% as non-concussional (NC) subjects and 25% as misclassified patients with MCI.

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Output Class	1	3 33.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	100% 0.0%
	2	0 0.0%	2 22.2%	0 0.0%	100% 0.0%
	3	0 0.0%	1 11.1%	3 33.3%	75.0% 25.0%
		100% 0.0%	66.7% 33.3%	100% 0.0%	88.9% 11.1%
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		<b>Target Class</b>			

**Fig. 5. Confusion matrix of the classification results for the LSTM model using AttEn.**

In this study, new methods have been proposed to diagnose people with VD, MCI as a result of a stroke or NC by using EEG data and LSTM deep learning. The findings of this research can be summarised as follows. The LSTM deep learning model using the AttEn feature obtained the highest average classification accuracy of 88.9% and thus presented better results than SyDyEn and BubbEn. Table 1 shows that the results are consistent with other benchmark studies [31, 32, 33, 15, 34, 35] and that the LSTM feature that made use of the AttEn yielded good classification rates. To the best of our knowledge, our work is the first to propose a set of novel features based on entropy to differentiate between MCI, VD and NC based on EEG data. The superior performance in the AttEn feature can be attributed to the desirable characteristics of the temporal analysis of the EEG signals and the presence of attention-related features that are affected in conditions such as AD and dementia. The LSTM model's utilisation of such hinges on its overall performance in learning and modelling complex temporal patterns, contributing to high levels of classification.

This investigation has several limitations; for example, the study has a limited number of participants, especially in the VD category. For future work, researchers should replicate the findings with larger and more varied data to ensure the robustness of the method. Moreover, they should implement the proposed approach in clinical practice scenarios. The findings revealed in our study provide evidence that deep learning-based methods integrated with newly proposed EEG features can be effectively used to distinguish between MCI, VD and NC groups. The presented study adds to the current knowledge about identifying cognitive decline in memory and dementia by employing neurophysiological markers.

**Table 1,**  
**Comparison of our findings to relevant studies in the literature.**

Study	Algorithm	Accuracy (%)
Klepl et al. [31]	Adaptive Gated Graph CNN	90.2
Shikalgar et al. [32]	Hybrid Deep Learning	93.3
Fouladi et al. [33]	Efficient Deep Neural Networks	92.5
Huggins et al. [15]	Deep Learning	84.2
Alessandrini et al. [34]	LSTM	91.2
Amini et al. [35]	CNN	94.1
<b>Our study</b>	AttEn with LSTM	88.9

#### 4. Conclusion

Dementia stands out among many diseases that affect the lives of the elderly. Therefore, fighting dementia requires a precise assessment of its severity. EEG-based dementia data are filtered using notch and bandpass filters. To automatically categorise the severity of the multi-classification tasks of patients with dementia by using noninvasive EEG-based recordings, this study suggests using the LSTM deep learning neural network. This approach includes finding the AttEn, BubbEn and SyDyEn of features in a univariate data sequence. The LSTM classification results using AttEn entropy are 88.9% more accurate than those using BubbEn and SyDyEn (77.2% and 69% accuracy, respectively). These results point to the potential utility of AttEn as a biomarker extracted from the EEG data to assess the severity of dementia. Moreover, the proposed LSTM could be a potential RNN model that can identify key EEG patterns and characteristics and distinguish patients suffering from VD and MCI.

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## نموذج التعلم العميق للتنبؤ بشدة الخرف من إشارات تخطيط الدماغ

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### الخلاصة

تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى تحديد الاختلافات في مخطط كهربية الدماغ (EEGs) لـ 15 فرداً تم تشخيص ضعفهم الإدراكي الخفيف (MCI) بعد السكتة الدماغية، و 5 أفراد كانوا يعانون من الخرف الوعائي (VD)، و 15 شخصاً يتمتعون بصحة جيدة. التحكم الطبيعي (NC) الذين كانوا يؤدون مهمة الذاكرة العاملة (WM). تم استخدام المرشحات التقليدية بما في ذلك مرشحات الشق والعصابة لإزالة الضوضاء من بيانات EEG. تشمل الطريقة المقترحة حساب تقديرات إنتروبيا الانتباه (AttEn)، وإنتروبيا الفقاعة (BubbEn) والإنتروبيا الديناميكية الرمزية (SyDyEn) لميزات تسلسل البيانات الأحادية. تستخدم هذه الدراسة الشبكة العصبية للتعلم العميق للذاكرة طويلة المدى (LSTM) لتصنيف شدة مرضى الخرف تلقائياً من خلال التسجيلات غير الغازية القائمة على تخطيط كهربية الدماغ. من حيث دقة التصنيف، تتجاوز نتائج تصنيف LSTM مع AttEn متوسط 88.9% من منتجات BubbEn و SyDyEn المستخدمة الأخرى بنتائج تصنيف 69.2% و 77.7% على التوالي. بناءً على تحليل مجموعة بيانات شدة الخرف القائمة على تخطيط دماغ الدماغ، تشير النتائج إلى أن AttEn يمكن أن يكون بمثابة علامة حيوية لاكتشاف شدة الخرف. لدى AttEn القدرة على التقاط الأنماط والميزات ذات الصلة في EEG وقد يكون مؤشراً على شدة الخرف مع LSTM RNN للتمييز بشكل أفضل بين مرضى VD و MCI والمشاركين في CN، وقد يكون فعالاً في تحديد المرضى الذين يعانون من VD و MCI.