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A Review on UPI Fraud Detection using Machine Learning

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ABSTARCT: In response to the increasing problem of online banking fraud, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, this study offers a novel approach that use Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for fraud detection. The effort focuses on developing machine learning models especially intended to detect fraudulent transactions while addressing problems such as imbalanced datasets, feature transformation, and engineering. The proposed CNN-based model outperforms traditional algorithms in terms of accuracy, particularly when dealing with imbalanced datasets. The study shows CNNs' ability to detect intricate fraud patterns and emphasizes their adaptability to non-traditional data types, such banking transactions.

KEYWORDS: deep learning, fraud defense, detection, optimization methods, classification, fraud detection.

I. INTRODUCTION

This research shares a way to catch fraud in online banking using Convolutional Neural Networks or CNNs. The problem of banking fraud has gotten worse since the COVID-19 pandemic. The study focuses on building machine learning models that are made for spotting fake transactions. It also deals with issues like unbalanced data, feature engineering and transforming data into useful formats. When compared to methods the CNN model works better. Especially when the data has very few fraud cases. The study shows that CNNs can handle -traditional data like bank transactions and are good at spotting tricky fraud patterns.

Digital payments have grown a lot because of:

More people using smartphones

- Government plans to move toward a cashless economy
- Safe and easy payment systems
- More online shopping websites.

But with more digital transactions there are also more chances for fraud.

Fraud Problems, in Online PaymentsOnline payment systems have to deal with fraud issues:

- People breaking into accounts without permission
- Scams like phishing and tricking users into giving up info
- Changing or falsifying transactions
- Stealing someone's identity

Older detection methods don't work as well because fraudsters keep changing how they do it. Also fraud cases are rare. They make up a tiny part of all transactions. This makes it hard for systems to find them.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Y. Lucas et al. [1], The proposed work focuses on automated feature engineering techniques for credit card fraud detection using multi-perspective Hidden Markov Models (HMMs). The study highlights how sequence-based modeling can improve fraud detection accuracy by capturing transaction patterns over time.

P. R. Vlachas et al. [2], This research explores backpropagation and reservoir computing in recurrent neural networks for handling complex spatiotemporal data. The study demonstrates that RNN-based models are effective in identifying patterns in time-series data, which is useful for fraud detection.

Yang Bao et al. [3], This paper provides a comprehensive overview of artificial intelligence techniques in fraud detection. It discusses the advantages of machine learning models and highlights challenges such as data imbalance, feature selection, and evolving fraud patterns.

M. H. U. Sharif et al. [4], The study presents a detailed analysis of cybercrime trends and financial losses. It emphasizes the increasing risk of fraud in digital systems and the need for advanced detection techniques to reduce economic impact.

S. Thudumu et al. [5], This research reviews various anomaly detection techniques for high-dimensional data. It explains how anomaly detection plays a crucial role in identifying fraudulent transactions in large-scale financial datasets.

Abdulwahab Ali Almazroi et al. [6], The proposed model introduces a hybrid deep learning approach combining Autoencoders, ResNet, and GRU for fraud detection. The study also applies SMOTE for handling imbalanced datasets and shows improved performance compared to traditional models.

Nutan and Suman [7], This paper provides a review of credit card fraud detection techniques, including Bayesian networks, decision trees, and Hidden Markov Models. It also compares the advantages and limitations of each method.

SrikanthThudumu et al. [8], The study highlights challenges in anomaly detection such as scalability, data imbalance, and high-dimensional feature spaces. It emphasizes the need for efficient algorithms for fraud detection.

Various Researchers [9], The research compares machine learning models such as Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, and Random Forest for fraud detection. Results show that ensemble models perform better than individual classifiers.

Recent Studies [10], Recent advancements focus on deep learning models such as LSTM and GRU, which are capable of capturing sequential transaction behavior. These models significantly improve fraud detection accuracy and adaptability.

Sr No	Name	Author	Date	Description
1	Automated Feature Engineering for Fraud Detection	Y. Lucas et al.	2020	Uses HMM-based sequence modeling to improve fraud detection accuracy.
2	RNN for Spatiotemporal Prediction	P. R. Vlachas et al.	2020	Applies RNN for detecting patterns in time-series data.
3	AI in Fraud Detection	Yang Bao et al.	2022	Reviews AI techniques and challenges in fraud detection.
4	Cybersecurity Financial Loss Study	M. H. U. Sharif et al.	202	Highlights increasing fraud risks and financial losses.
5	Anomaly Detection in Big Data	S. Thudumu et al.	2020	Discusses anomaly detection techniques for high-dimensional data.
6	Deep Learning Fraud Detection Model	A. A. Almazroi et al.	2023	Proposes hybrid DL model with SMOTE and feature engineering.
7	Credit Card Fraud Review	Nutan and Suman	2021	Reviews multiple ML algorithms for fraud detection.
8	Big Data Fraud Challenges	SrikanthThudumu et al.	2020	Explains challenges like scalability and imbalance.
9	ML Model Comparison	Various Authors	2021	Compares ML models like SVM, RF, Logistic Regression.
10	Deep Learning Trends	Recent Studies	2023	Focuses on LSTM/GRU for improved fraud detection.

III. GAP ANALYSIS

- **Cost Efficiency:** Finding transactions early helps banks and financial companies save money on costs related to handling and looking into possible fraud. Stopping fraud before it happens is much cheaper than dealing with the money that is lost after fraud has happened.
- **Revenue Protection:** Fraudulent actions hurt the money that companies make. Good fraud prediction allows people to act quickly stopping money from being lost and keeping people trusting payment systems.
- **Data Imbalance:** Fraudulent transactions are very rare compared to all the ones. This makes it hard for computers to find the patterns. Dealing with data that is not balanced is still a problem in fraud detection.
- **Real-Time Detection:** Money moves fast. Systems need to catch fraud as it happens. Making models that can give fast and correct answers is a challenge.
- **Evolving Fraud Patterns:** People who do fraud keep changing how they do it. Models need to be able to change and learn ways of spotting fraud to keep working.
- **False Positives:** When a system says a normal transaction is fraud it causes problems, for users. Makes the system less trusted. It is hard to stop these mistakes while still catching fraud.

IV. CONCLUSION

Deep learning has shown to be an effective way to find fraud in online payments. Using structures like CNNs, RNNs, GRUs and mixed models these systems can learn patterns in transactions and change as fraud methods change. Methods like SMOTE to make data balanced autoencoders to get features and groups of deep learning models help make things more accurate and cut down on wrong alerts. Compared to machine learning ways deep learning gives better results can handle more data and works quickly which makes it a good choice, for keeping digital payments safe. More work could look into adding AI that explains its choices learning across places without sharing data and using bigger real banking data to make even better fraud detection systems.

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