

Background

- Risk prediction for individual patient has been one of the most important themes in clinical research and patient care.
- Traditional approaches usually have used regression-based models, such as the logistic model and the Cox model. These models have been clinically useful and widely accepted because they use a small number of variables which can be easily obtained in clinical practice. However, these models cannot represent more complex relationship among individual predictors and do not model their temporal relationship.
- The Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) model can represent temporal and non-linear relationship among high-dimensional features.

Purpose

- The objective is to build a predictive model based on a recurrent neural network by using temporal features extracted from OMOP-CDM database: CIReNN (Clinically Informing application based on Recurrent Neural Network).
- CIReNN is expected to facilitate prediction of important clinical events by analyzing flexible and temporal relationships in health care data.

Model

The whole process of model has 5 steps:

1. Create the risk and outcome cohort by using ATLAS
2. Extract temporal features from the cohort by using temporal_features branch of the feature extraction package
 - The following information is extracted from OMOP-CDM: age, sex, observation, diagnosis history and drug history. For each patient, multi-hot label vectors are generated for representing the patient's medical history as shown in Fig 1.
3. Create model settings
 - The model basically use gated recurrent units (GRU), because GRU usually requires less amount of data compared with LSTM.
 - Greedy search algorithm was applied to recommend the best hyper-parameter options by using validation data set.
4. Fitting the model
 - By using Keras with tensorflow backend in R, an RNN model is trained to predict the binary outcome.
5. Evaluate the model

Fig 1. The structure of data containing temporal features, which fed to RNN model

<i>N</i> -dimensional vectors (sparse array)	}	Time span 1 (-1800~1770 day): Fever, Cough[condition], Tylenol[drug]	[1,1,0,0,0,...0,0,1,0]
		Time span 2 (-1770~1740 day): Pneumonia [condition], Tylenol, Amoxicillin[drug]	[0,0,1,0,0,...0,0,1,1]
	
		Time span 50 (-30~ index day): Diabetes mellitus [condition], Insulin[drug]	[0,0,0,1,0,...0,0,1,1]

Experiment

- Objective of experiment is to predict 5 year mortality in Korean general elderlies.
- Database
 - National health insurance service (NHIS) sample cohort was converted into OMOP-CDM version 5
 - This database contains consecutive observation for randomly sampled one million general Korean population from 2002 to 2013
- Cohort
 - Target cohort at risk: Subjects who were 65 year or older at index date (2009-01-01)
 - Outcome cohort: Subjects who died between 2009 and 2013 by any cause
 - Among 89,391 target subjects at risk, total of 15,754 (17.6%) developed outcome from 2009 to 2013.
- Train, validation and test set were divided by 0.7, 0.1 and 0.2 ratio, respectively.
- Hyper-parameters of RNN model in the experiment
 - RNN model: single-layer GRU
 - drop-out rate: 0.2
 - activation function: sigmoid
 - optimizer: RMSProp

Experimental result

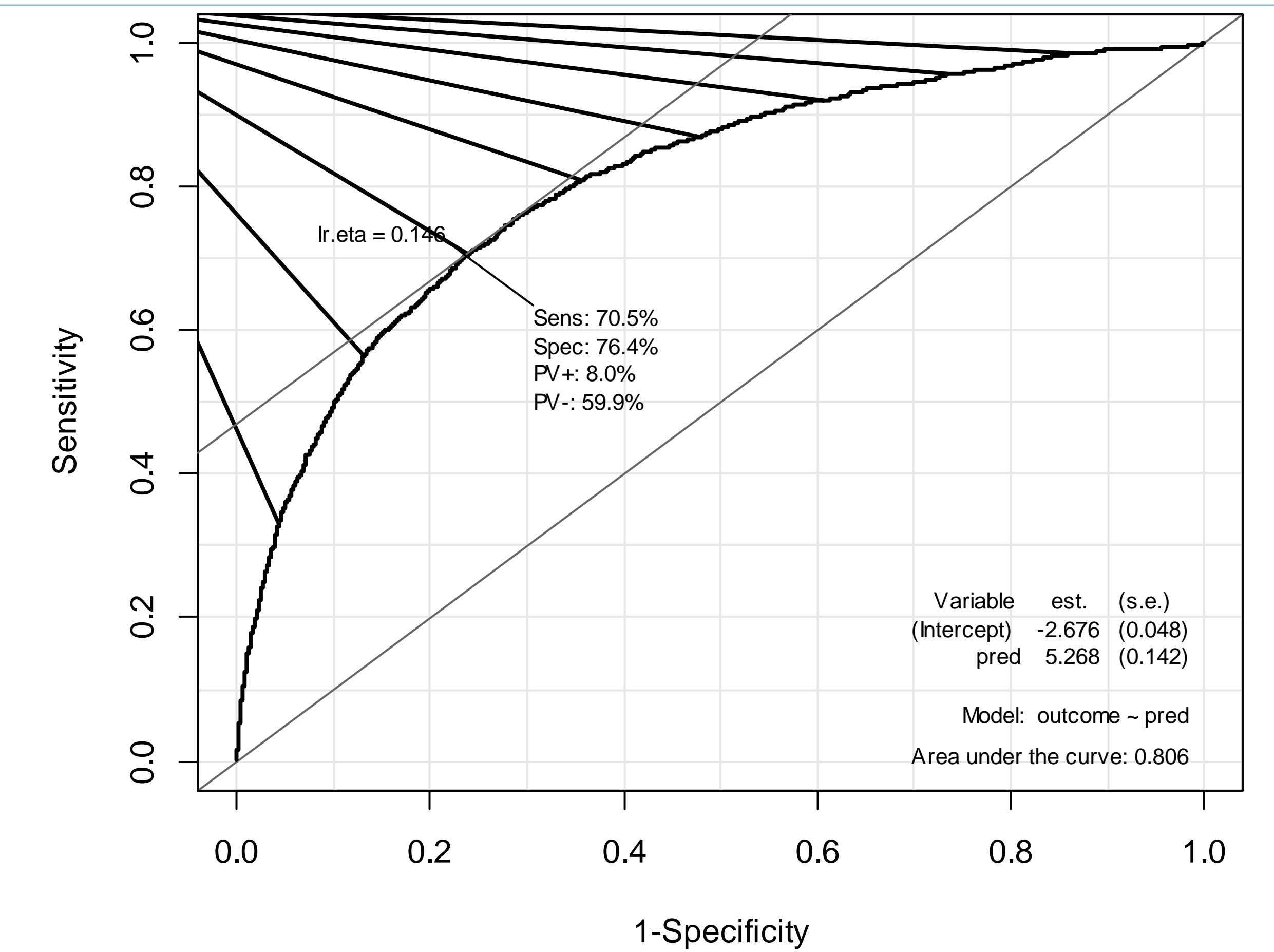


Fig 2. ROC curve for predicting 5-year mortality in elderlies (AUROC = 0.806)

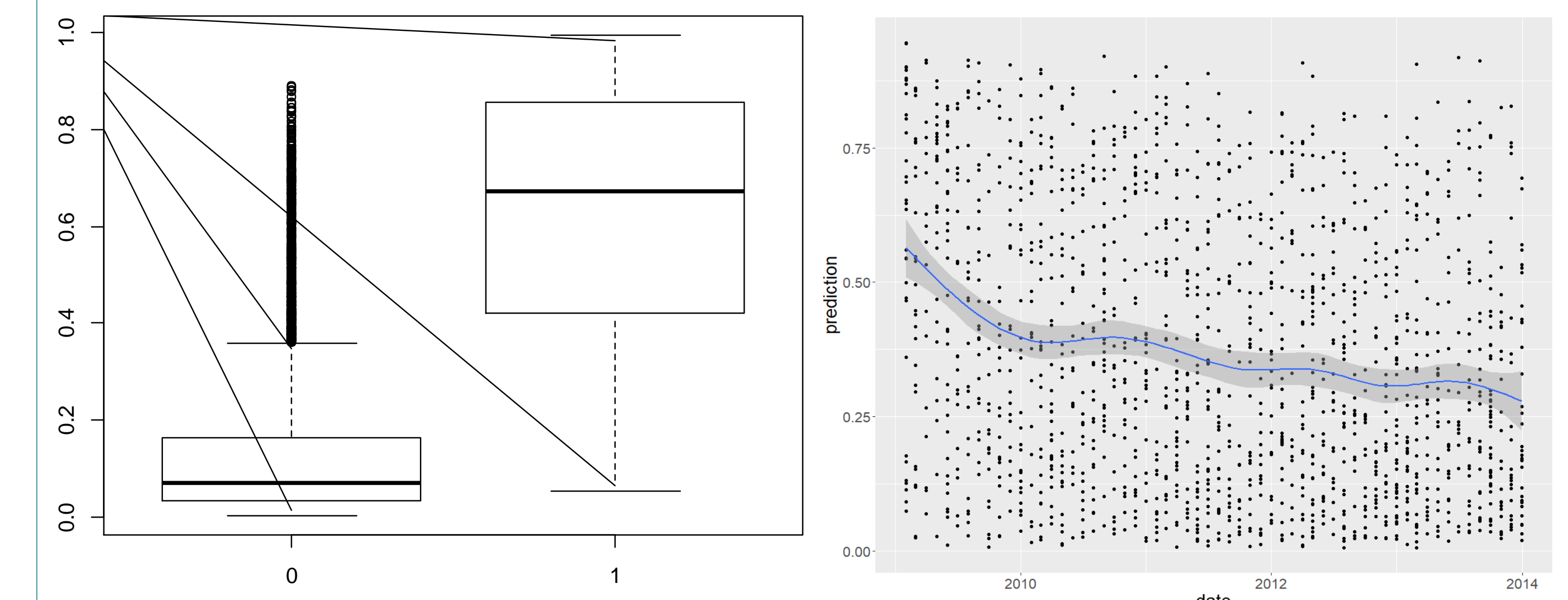


Fig 3. Box plot for prediction value from the model between cohort with and without outcome

Fig 4. Prediction value for only subjects who died according the death year

- The Area under the ROC curve (AUROC) was 0.8. By taking the optimal cut-off value, positive predictive value and negative predictive value are 0.37 and 0.93, respectively (Fig 2).
- The box plot demonstrates that the prediction value from the model has discriminative power to predict 5-year mortality in elderlies (Fig 3).
- The predicting power of model decreases as outcome develops later in the target cohort at risk as shown in Fig 4.

Conclusion

- We developed a recurrent neural network model, called CIReNN for the prediction of future events based on OHDSI platform.
- The feasibility of CIReNN was demonstrated in the experiment, which predicted 5-year mortality in elderlies.
- CIReNN will be integrated into PatientLevelPrediction package in the future