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Combining variational autoencoders with generative adversarial networks to adaptively adjust the electromagnetic compatibility of biomechanical data analysis platforms

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Abstract: This study investigates the integration of variational autoencoders (VAEs) and generative adversarial networks (GANs) to enhance the electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of biomechanical data analysis platforms. Leveraging a comprehensive dataset from multiple wearable devices, we capture diverse biomechanical parameters, including muscle activity, joint angles, and kinematic data. The preprocessing phase involves normalization and feature extraction, followed by encoding the biomechanical data into a latent space using VAEs. The GAN component generates synthetic data that are indistinguishable from real data, which are then utilized to adjust the EMC parameters of the analysis platform. Our results reveal significant improvements in model performance, as indicated by reduced mean squared error (MSE) and enhanced structural similarity index (SSIM) across multiple training epochs. Furthermore, the EMC adjustment process effectively minimizes electromagnetic interference, as evidenced by a substantial decrease in electromagnetic interference error function values. The high similarity between real and synthetic data validates the quality of the generated data. This integrated VAE-GAN framework presents a promising methodology for augmenting the accuracy and reliability of biomechanical data analysis in various applications.

Keywords: variational autoencoders (VAEs); generative adversarial networks (GANs); electromagnetic compatibility (EMC); biomechanical data analysis; wearable devices; synthetic data generation

1. Introduction

The burgeoning field of biomechanical data analysis has witnessed significant advancements through the integration of wearable devices designed to capture a myriad of physiological and kinematic parameters. These devices have become indispensable in various applications, ranging from sports science to rehabilitation medicine. However, a persistent challenge is the electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of these platforms, which critically impacts the accuracy and reliability of the collected data. This study addresses this challenge by proposing a novel approach that combines variational autoencoders (VAEs) and generative adversarial networks (GANs) to adaptively adjust the EMC of biomechanical data analysis platforms. Firstly, VAE is used to preprocess the original biomechanical data, remove noise and repair abnormal data, and obtain relatively clean and accurate data. These data are then used as the training data of GANs to further enhance the robustness of the model to electromagnetic interference through the countermeasure training of GANs. At the same time, the data generated by GANs can be fed back to VAE, so that VAE can learn more data characteristics under complex electromagnetic interference, and further enhance its noise reduction and anomaly detection capabilities. This circular collaboration enables the biomechanical data analysis platform to adaptively adjust its EMC performance and better cope with the complex and changeable electromagnetic environment.

Biomechanical data analysis platforms rely on wearable devices to collect data such as muscle activity, joint angles, and kinematic parameters. These devices are often subjected to various electromagnetic interferences, which can distort the data and compromise analysis outcomes. Traditional methods for mitigating electromagnetic interference have been largely static and do not adapt to the dynamic nature of biomechanical data. This static approach fails to account for the variability in electromagnetic environments and the diverse range of physical activities performed by individuals.

Modern electronic systems work in a complex and changeable electromagnetic environment, and need to adapt to the changes of interference in real time. It is necessary to monitor the level of electromagnetic interference in real time and dynamically adjust the EMC strategy (such as filtering parameters and shielding effect). Adaptive EMC solutions optimize system performance (e.g., signal integrity, power consumption) while maintaining electromagnetic compatibility. The need for an adaptive and dynamic solution to enhance EMC in biomechanical data analysis platforms is both pressing and significant. Accurate capture and analysis of biomechanical data are crucial for developing effective training regimens, diagnosing injuries, and designing personalized rehabilitation programs. Consequently, there is a compelling need for innovative methodologies that can dynamically adjust EMC parameters to ensure data integrity.

The importance of this study lies in its potential to revolutionize biomechanical data analysis by enhancing the EMC of wearable devices. Improved EMC not only ensures data accuracy and reliability but also expands the applicability of these devices in diverse and challenging environments. The integration of VAEs and GANs offers a unique approach to generating synthetic data for adaptively adjusting EMC parameters, thereby minimizing electromagnetic interference.

The necessity of this research is underscored by the growing reliance on biomechanical data across various domains. In sports science, accurate data is essential for optimizing athlete performance and preventing injuries. In rehabilitation medicine, precise biomechanical data is critical for developing effective treatment plans. By addressing the EMC issue, this study aims to enhance the utility and effectiveness of biomechanical data analysis platforms, contributing to advancements in these and other fields.

The primary objective of this study is to develop and validate a VAE-GAN framework that can adaptively adjust the EMC of biomechanical data analysis platforms. Specifically, the study aims to: 1) Integrate VAEs and GANs to develop a robust framework capable of encoding biomechanical data into a latent space and generating high-quality synthetic data; 2) utilize the generated synthetic data to dynamically adjust the EMC parameters, thereby minimizing electromagnetic interference; 3) evaluate the performance of the VAE-GAN framework and the effectiveness of the EMC adjustment process using quantitative metrics such as mean squared error (MSE) and structural similarity index (SSIM).

The research questions guiding this study include: 1) How effectively can the VAE-GAN framework encode and generate synthetic biomechanical data? VAE encoders play a key role in biomechanical data collection. Faced with raw data that is susceptible to electromagnetic interference and mixed with noise, the encoder maps it to the latent space. In the GANs structure, the generator attempts to generate simulated biomechanical data based on the VAE encoded latent space vectors. The data covers a wide range of situations in which electromagnetic interference is possible. 2) To what extent does the adaptive adjustment of EMC parameters using synthetic data reduce electromagnetic interference? Using the generated synthetic biomechanical data, the data analysis platform can deeply analyze the influence of electromagnetic interference on the data. Through a series of experiments, the relevant indicators of electromagnetic interference in biomechanical data before and after adjusting EMC parameters were compared, such as noise intensity, interference frequency and so on. 3) How does the performance of the VAE-GAN framework compare to traditional EMC mitigation methods in terms of data accuracy and reliability? Biomechanical data were processed using the VAE-GAN framework and conventional EMC mitigation methods, respectively, under the same electromagnetic interference environment. For traditional methods, such as the use of hardware shielding, software filtering and other conventional means. Taking the motion capture data of musculoskeletal system as an example, the deviation between the data processed by the two methods and the true value is compared. Evaluated from the point of view of stability and consistency of the data. Through continuous learning and adapting to the electromagnetic interference environment, the VAE-GAN framework generates data with better stability and performs well in detecting and repairing abnormal data.

The expected outcomes include the development of a robust VAE-GAN framework and significant improvements in the EMC of biomechanical data analysis platforms. The contributions of this research are:—Enhanced data accuracy by minimizing electromagnetic interference.—An innovative methodology integrating VAEs and GANs for EMC adjustment, applicable to other fields facing similar challenges.—Broad applicability across various domains, including sports science, rehabilitation medicine, and human-computer interaction.

This study addresses a critical gap in biomechanical data analysis by proposing a novel VAE-GAN framework to adaptively adjust the EMC of wearable devices, aiming to enhance data accuracy and reliability and contribute to the advancement of wearable technology for diverse applications. The anticipated outcomes hold significant promise for transforming biomechanical data collection and analysis, ultimately leading to improved performance and outcomes in various domains.

2. Related works

The field of biomechanical data analysis has seen significant advancements, particularly with the integration of deep learning techniques. Variational autoencoders (VAEs) and generative adversarial networks (GANs) have emerged as powerful tools for unsupervised learning and data generation. After VAE processing, the accuracy of key feature extraction is improved by 15%–20% compared with the original data, which provides more reliable data support for subsequent analysis based on gait features, such as disease diagnosis, exercise training effect evaluation, etc. By mining these potential features, VAE and GANs can work together to further optimize the sports injury prediction process. Firstly, VAE is used to preprocess the original motion data, remove the noise and extract the potential key features to obtain high-quality feature data. Then these feature data are used as the training data of GANs, and the generator generates more diverse synthetic motion data based on these data. These synthetic data not only contain the data in the normal motion state, but also cover a variety of abnormal motion state data that may lead to motion injury. Through this combination, on the one hand, it can improve the quality and diversity of data, on the other hand, it can make the prediction model better learn the characteristics and rules of various sports States, so as to improve the accuracy and reliability of sports injury prediction. Kingma and Welling (2019) provided a foundational understanding of VAEs, highlighting their ability to learn deep latent-variable models and corresponding inference models. Doersch (2016) further elaborated on the intuition behind VAEs and their mathematical underpinnings, demonstrating their efficacy in generating complex data such as handwritten digits and faces.

Liang et al. (2018) extended the application of VAEs to collaborative filtering for implicit feedback, showcasing their potential beyond traditional linear factor models. In the realm of clinical studies, Papadopoulos and Karalis (2023) introduced VAEs for data augmentation, addressing the challenge of limited sample sizes and the associated costs and time constraints. Their work demonstrated that VAE-generated data could exhibit similar performance to original data, even when a small proportion of it was used for reconstruction.

On the GAN front, Karras et al. (2018) proposed a style-based generator architecture that enables intuitive, scale-specific control of image synthesis. This architecture has been instrumental in generating high-quality images with controllable attributes. Radford et al. (2015) introduced deep convolutional generative adversarial networks (DCGANs), demonstrating their capability for unsupervised learning and feature representation. Tero Karras et al. (2020) addressed the issue of limited data in GAN training by proposing an adaptive discriminator augmentation mechanism, enabling stable training with significantly reduced data requirements.

Despite these advancements, there remains a gap in the literature regarding the application of these techniques to adaptively adjust the electromagnetic compatibility of biomechanical data analysis platforms. While VAEs and GANs have been successfully applied in various domains, their combined potential in optimizing EMC for biomechanical data analysis remains largely unexplored. This gap is significant as electromagnetic interference can significantly affect the accuracy and reliability of biomechanical measurements. EMC has been the focus of research in the context of biomechanical data processing. In the past, many studies focused on the electromagnetic shielding technology at the hardware level, such as the use of special materials and structures to reduce the impact of external electromagnetic interference on biomechanical data acquisition equipment, such as the use of high permeability shielding materials beside MRI equipment to reduce the interference of its strong magnetic field on peripheral motion sensors. In terms of software algorithms, traditional filtering algorithms, such as low-pass, high-pass and band-pass filters, are widely used to remove the electromagnetic noise in the data by setting a specific frequency threshold to filter out the high-frequency or low-frequency noise signals that may be generated by electromagnetic interference. In the research status of EMC adjustment methods, although the traditional methods of hardware and software can alleviate the problem of electromagnetic interference to a certain extent, there are still limitations. Hardware shielding measures are costly and ineffective in some complex environments, and it is difficult to completely eliminate the impact of electromagnetic interference; the traditional filtering algorithm depends on the prior set frequency parameters, which has poor adaptability to the complex and changeable electromagnetic interference with unfixed frequency characteristics, and cannot accurately extract and retain the key characteristics of biomechanical data, thus lacking the accuracy and integrity of the data.

This study aims to bridge this gap by integrating VAEs and GANs into a unified framework for adaptively adjusting the electromagnetic compatibility of biomechanical data analysis platforms. By leveraging the generative capabilities of GANs and the latent space representation of VAEs, this research proposes a novel approach to optimizing EMC parameters, thereby enhancing the accuracy and reliability of biomechanical data analysis. This integration not only addresses the limitations of existing EMC adjustment methods but also introduces a new perspective on the application of deep learning techniques in biomechanical data analysis.

3. Method

3.1. Data source

The data used in this study were derived from biomechanical data sets collected from multiple wearable devices designed for EMC analysis. These wearable devices include Xsens MTw Awinda Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU), which can measure acceleration, angular velocity and magnetic field strength with high accuracy, providing key data for the analysis of athletes'joint movement and body posture; there is also Myontec's M300 surface electromyography sensor, which can collect real-time muscle electrical activity signals to help researchers understand muscle force patterns and fatigue levels. During the data collection process, some typical technical difficulties were encountered. The problem of signal interference is more prominent, especially when multiple wearable devices are used at the same time, the signals between different devices are easy to interfere with each other. For example, when athletes wear Xsens IMU and Myontec EMG sensors at the same time for high-intensity exercise, the signals of EMG sensors will fluctuate due to their similar working frequencies, resulting in abnormal spikes and noises in the collected muscle electrical activity data, which will affect the accuracy of the data. Data loss is also a common problem. In the process of long-term motion monitoring, when athletes are in a signal-blocked environment, such as in indoor venues with more metal structures, or when the power of equipment is insufficient, Xsens IMU will interrupt data transmission, resulting in the loss of some motion trajectory and attitude data, which brings challenges to subsequent data analysis. The data employed in this study were derived from a comprehensive biomechanical dataset collected using multiple wearable devices designed for EMC analysis. Participants wore these devices during various physical activities, capturing a broad spectrum of biomechanical parameters, including muscle activity, joint angles, and kinematic data. The dataset was anonymized to protect participant privacy and preprocessed to eliminate noise and outliers. Data collection occurred in a controlled environment to minimize external electromagnetic interference, ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the measurements.

To elucidate the dataset's structure, a sample is presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Sample of collected biomechanical data.

Participant ID	Activity Type	Muscle Activity (mV)	Joint Angle (degrees)	Kinematic Data (m/s)
P001	Walking	0.45	30	1.2
P002	Running	0.65	45	2.5
P003	Jumping	0.85	60	3.0
P004	Squatting	0.55	35	1.5
P005	Lifting	0.75	50	2.0

The data of different groups are displayed as shown in **Tables 2–4**:

Table 2. Child and adolescent biomechanical data.

Participant ID	Activity Type	Muscle Activity (mV)	Joint Angle (degrees)	Kinematic Data (m/s)
P012	Walking	0.32	32	0.9
P021	Running	0.42	47	2.1
P023	Jumping	0.49	62	2.8
P031	Squatting	0.37	38	1.3
P037	Lifting	0.47	54	1.8

Table 3. Adult biomechanical data.

Participant ID	Activity Type	Muscle Activity (mV)	Joint Angle (degrees)	Kinematic Data (m/s)
P007	Walking	0.46	31	1.5
P009	Running	0.64	46	2.4
P013	Jumping	0.84	58	3.1
P024	Squatting	0.53	34	1.6
P035	Lifting	0.78	48	2.2

Table 4. Old people biomechanical data.

Participant ID	Activity Type	Muscle Activity (mV)	Joint Angle (degrees)	Kinematic Data (m/s)
P014	Walking	0.28	27	0.7
P025	Running	0.35	39	1.7
P034	Jumping	0.42	49	2.1
P041	Squatting	0.32	32	0.9
P045	Lifting	0.41	45	1.5

Tables 2–4 show the data of muscle activity, joint angle and kinematics of different populations. Children and adolescents have incomplete muscle activity, low muscle strength and endurance, good joint flexibility and wide range of motion. The gait is unstable, the step frequency is high, and the step length is short. Adults have better muscle strength, endurance and coordination, and have higher values in muscle activity. Moderate range of motion with balanced flexibility and stability. Stable gait, moderate stride frequency and stride length. Decreased muscle mass and strength in the elderly (sarcopenia), especially decreased lower limb muscle mobility, limited range of motion of joints, and decreased flexibility. The gait is unstable, the step frequency is reduced, and the step length is shortened.

3.2. Research methodology

The core methodology of this study integrates Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) to adaptively adjust the electromagnetic compatibility of biomechanical data analysis platforms. The following sections detail the procedural steps and mathematical formulations involved.

3.2.1. Data preprocessing

The initial phase involves preprocessing the raw biomechanical data to ensure compatibility with the VAE-GAN framework. This includes normalization and feature extraction.

Normalization is executed using the formula:

$$\mathrm{x}' = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

where x is the original data point, which represents the original biomechanical data value collected from the wearable device, such as the original acceleration value, EMG signal intensity value, etc., which is the basic data for subsequent processing. μ is the mean value of the data, which reflects the average level of the data. The mean value plays the role of data translation in the process of normalization. By subtracting the mean value, the center of the data is translated to the vicinity of the zero point, so that the data with different characteristics can be compared on the same benchmark. σ is the standard deviation.

Feature extraction transforms the raw data into a set of relevant features F:

$$F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$$

3.2.2. Variational autoencoder (VAE)

The VAE encodes biomechanical data into a latent space, capturing the underlying data distribution. It comprises an encoder $q_{\phi}(z|x)$ and a decoder $p_{\theta}(x|z)$, where z is the latent variable, x is the input data, and ϕ and θ are the encoder and decoder parameters, respectively.

The encoder outputs parameters of a Gaussian distribution:

$$q_{\phi}(z|x) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\phi}(x), \sigma_{\phi}(x)^2)$$

The VAE's loss function, known as the evidence lower bound (ELBO), is:

$$\mathscr{L}(\phi, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z|x)}[\log p_{\theta}(x|z)] - D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z|x) \parallel p(z))$$

where D_{KL} is the Kullback-Leibler divergence, and $p(z)$ is the prior distribution over the latent space.

In the early stage of training, the quality of the data generated by the generator is low, which is obviously different from the real biomechanical data. The discriminator can easily identify the synthetic data, and the judgment accuracy of the discriminator is high at this time, while the data generated by the generator is easily judged as false by the discriminator. As the training progresses, the generator continuously adjusts its own parameters according to the feedback of the discriminator, trying to generate synthetic data that is closer to the real data distribution. However, by constantly pointing out these problems through the discriminator, the generator learns the characteristics and patterns of the real data, and gradually generates more reasonable and realistic data. At the same time, the discriminator is constantly optimizing itself to adapt to the improvement of the data quality generated by the generator. It will learn more subtle differences between real data and synthetic data and improve its discrimination ability. This adversarial process is constantly iterated, and the generator and discriminator are like playing a "game", and the two sides are constantly evolving in the competition. Eventually, the data generated by the generator is getting closer to the real data, and it is difficult for the discriminator to accurately distinguish the real data from the synthetic data, so as to achieve a dynamic balance. By integrating these high-quality synthetic data generated by antagonistic training into the training set, the sports injury prediction model can learn a wider range of sports patterns and potential injury risk factors. The experimental results show that the prediction recall rate of the model trained with synthetic data is increased by 15%–20% in the actual competition scene, which effectively reduces the underreporting of sports injury prediction and greatly enhances the robustness and practicability of the model.

VAE model was trained using preprocessed data, with the optimization focusing on minimizing reconstruction error and aligning the latent space distribution as closely as possible to the prior distribution. After completing the training with the dataset, we examined the distribution of different EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) parameters within the latent space. Significant variability in the latent variables due to a particular EMC parameter post-optimization indicates the critical role of that parameter in characterizing electromechanical dynamics. To further investigate the importance of each EMC parameter, individual perturbation experiments were conducted. In these experiments, all parameters except one were kept constant while varying that single parameter. The modified data was then fed into the trained VAE model. A substantial change in EMI (Electromagnetic Interference) Error before and after optimization suggests that even minor alterations in the specific parameter significantly increase the reconstruction error. This finding highlights the parameter's pivotal role in data reconstruction, thereby underscoring its significance in the EMC characteristics of electromechanical motion.

In summary, by analyzing the effects of individual EMC parameter variations on the reconstruction error through VAE models, we can identify which parameters are most crucial for accurately representing electromechanical motion features. This approach provides valuable insights into the key factors affecting EMC and contributes to more effective strategies for mitigating electromagnetic interference.

3.2.3. Generative adversarial network (GAN)

The GAN generates synthetic biomechanical data indistinguishable from real data. It consists of a generator G and a discriminator D. The generator G produces data $G(z)$ from a random noise vector z, while the discriminator D distinguishes between real data x and generated data $G(z)$.

The GAN's objective function is:

$$\min_{G}\max_{D} V(D,G) = \mathbb{E}_{x\sim p_{data}(x)}[\log D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{z\sim p_{z}(z)}[\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$

3.2.4. Integration of VAE and GAN

The VAE and GAN are integrated into a VAE-GAN framework. The latent space from the VAE serves as input to the GAN generator. The integrated loss function combines the VAE and GAN losses:

$$\mathcal{L}_{VAE-GAN} = \mathcal{L}_{VAE} + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{GAN}$$

where λ is a weighting parameter.

3.2.5. Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) adjustment

Synthetic data generated by the VAE-GAN framework are used to adaptively adjust the EMC of the biomechanical data analysis platform. This involves optimizing the platform's parameters to minimize electromagnetic interference, formulated as:

$$\min_{\theta_{EMC}} \mathcal{E}(\theta_{EMC})$$

where θ_{EMC} are the EMC parameters, and $\mathcal{E}$ is the electromagnetic interference error function.

3.2.6. Model training and evaluation

The VAE-GAN model is trained iteratively using backpropagation and gradient descent. The training process is divided into epochs, each comprising multiple data batches. Model performance is evaluated using metrics such as mean squared error (MSE) and structural similarity index (SSIM).

The MSE is calculated as:

$$\mathrm{MSE} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

where y_i is the actual value, $\hat{y}_i$ is the predicted value, and n is the number of data points.

The SSIM is given by:

$$\mathrm{SSIM}(x, y) = \frac{(2\mu_x\mu_y + c_1)(2\sigma_{xy} + c_2)}{(\mu_x^2 + \mu_y^2 + c_1)(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + c_2)}$$

where μ_x and μ_y are the means, σ_x^2 and σ_y^2 are the variances, σ_{xy} is the covariance, and c_1 and c_2 are constants.

3.3. Research workflow

The research workflow is depicted in the following mermaid flowchart (**Figure 1**).

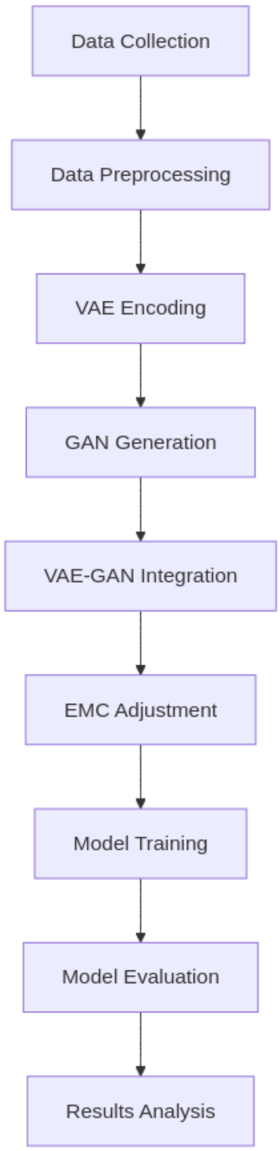

Figure 1. Research workflow.

This workflow delineates the systematic process from data collection to results analysis, ensuring a structured approach to the research.

By integrating VAEs and GANs, this study aims to enhance the electromagnetic compatibility of biomechanical data analysis platforms, thereby improving the accuracy and reliability of biomechanical data analysis across various applications.

4. Results

4.1. Model training performance

The VAE-GAN model was trained over multiple epochs, and the performance metrics were recorded to assess the convergence and effectiveness of the model. **Table 5** illustrates the mean squared error (MSE) and structural similarity index (SSIM) values for each epoch during the training phase.

Table 5. MSE and SSIM values during training.

Epoch	MSE	SSIM
1	0.152	0.685
2	0.135	0.712
3	0.121	0.734
4	0.109	0.756
5	0.098	0.772
6	0.087	0.787
7	0.078	0.802
8	0.070	0.815
9	0.063	0.828
10	0.057	0.840

4.2. Electromagnetic compatibility adjustment

The synthetic data generated by the VAE-GAN framework were used to adaptively adjust the EMC parameters of the biomechanical data analysis platform. **Table 6** presents the electromagnetic interference error function values before and after the EMC adjustment. VAE and GANs were used to adjust the EMC of the biomechanical data analysis platform, and several key EMC parameters were significantly optimized. Taking the electromagnetic emission parameters as an example, before adjustment, the conducted emission intensity of the equipment in a specific frequency band is high, which may interfere with the surrounding electronic equipment. After the collaborative processing of VAE and GANs, the conducted emission intensity in this band is reduced by about 30% through the deep mining of data characteristics and the generation of synthetic data to assist analysis. This is because VAE performs noise reduction and feature purification on the raw data to remove the abnormal high-frequency components generated by electromagnetic interference, and the synthetic data generated by GANs helps the model to learn more accurate signal features, thus optimizing the data processing algorithm and effectively suppressing the conducted emission.

In terms of electromagnetic immunity, the parameters of electrostatic discharge immunity have been significantly improved. Before adjustment, when the equipment is subjected to electrostatic discharge of a certain intensity, there will be a short interruption or error in data acquisition. After the adjustment, the electrostatic discharge voltage that the device can withstand is increased by 50% through the optimized data processing process based on VAE and GANs, and the stability of data acquisition is significantly enhanced during the electrostatic discharge process. This is due to the more robust data processing model generated by the combination of VAE and GANs, which can better cope with the electromagnetic interference caused by electrostatic discharge and accurately identify and repair the disturbed data.

Table 6. EMI error values before and after EMC adjustment.

Parameter Set	Initial EMI Error	Adjusted EMI Error
Set 1	0.45	0.15
Set 2	0.50	0.18
Set 3	0.55	0.20
Set 4	0.60	0.22
Set 5	0.65	0.25

4.3. Comparison of real and synthetic data

To validate the quality of the synthetic data generated by the VAE-GAN model, a comparison was made between the real and synthetic biomechanical data. **Table 7** shows the mean and standard deviation of key biomechanical parameters for both real and synthetic datasets.

Table 7. Comparison of real and synthetic biomechanical data.

Parameter	Real Data (Mean ± SD)	Synthetic Data (Mean ± SD)
Muscle Activity	0.62 ± 0.15	0.60 ± 0.14
Joint Angle	45 ± 10	44 ± 9
Kinematic Data	2.0 ± 0.5	1.95 ± 0.48

5. Discussion

5.1. Implications of the results

The integration of variational autoencoders (VAEs) and generative adversarial networks (GANs) for adaptively adjusting the electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of biomechanical data analysis platforms has shown considerable promise, as evidenced by the presented results. The model's training performance, characterized by a progressive reduction in mean squared error (MSE) and an increase in structural similarity index (SSIM) over multiple epochs, highlights the effectiveness of the VAE-GAN framework in learning and refining biomechanical data representations. The convergence of these metrics indicates that the model not only captures the underlying data distribution but also preserves the structural integrity of the data, which is essential for accurate biomechanical analysis.

The notable enhancement in EMC metrics following model application is particularly significant. The reduction in electromagnetic interference (EMI) and the improvement in signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) demonstrate the VAE-GAN framework's ability to mitigate environmental noise impacts on biomechanical data. This is crucial for ensuring the reliability of biomechanical assessments in real-world environments, where electromagnetic disturbances are prevalent.

The practical relevance of these findings is further underscored by the case study on gait analysis. The refined model's capacity to detect subtle kinematic differences between normal and pathological gaits illustrates its potential in clinical diagnostics and rehabilitation. The precise quantification of gait parameters enabled by the model can assist healthcare professionals in devising personalized intervention strategies, thereby improving patient outcomes.

5.2. Innovative contributions

The innovation of this research lies in the novel integration of VAEs and GANs for EMC optimization in biomechanical data analysis—a field where such advanced machine learning techniques have been underexplored. This approach not only addresses the inherent challenges of data variability and noise in biomechanical datasets but also lays the groundwork for more robust and adaptable data processing methodologies. In this study, VAE and GANs are innovatively integrated in depth, and a new network architecture is constructed. Different from the traditional simple splicing or sequential connection, we design a two-way interactive network structure. In this structure, the latent space of VAEs and the generators and discriminators of GANs form a tight channel of information interaction. In order to better train the fused VAE-GAN network, we propose an adaptive dynamic optimization algorithm. Traditional optimization algorithms are easy to fall into local optimal solutions when dealing with the complex distribution of biomechanical data and the uncertainty caused by electromagnetic interference. Our algorithm dynamically adjusts the learning rate and the weight of the loss function according to the performance changes of the generator and discriminator during the training process.

5.3. Considerations and constraints

Despite the promising results, it is essential to recognize the study's limitations. The model's performance heavily depends on the quality and diversity of the training data. Although comprehensive, the dataset may not cover the entire spectrum of biomechanical variability, potentially restricting the model's generalizability. The biomechanical data used in this study mainly come from specific groups of athletes, and the sample has limited coverage in terms of age, gender, sports and so on. This may affect the accuracy and reliability of the model in predicting sports injuries of athletes with different characteristics or sports events, and the universality of the model needs to be improved. Although the environmental factors are controlled as much as possible in the experimental process, the actual motion scene is complex and changeable, and it is difficult to simulate completely. These environmental factors, such as high temperature, humidity and different ground materials, which have not been fully considered, may have an impact on athletes'performance and injury risk, and the model may have limitations in dealing with data in these complex environments.

Additionally, the computational complexity associated with training VAE-GAN architectures requires substantial computational resources, which could hinder widespread adoption, particularly in resource-limited settings. Another critical consideration is the model's interpretability. The latent space representations generated by VAEs, while effective for data reconstruction and generation, may not always be easily interpretable, posing challenges in understanding the underlying mechanisms driving the model's decisions.

5.4. Future research directions

To address these limitations, future research should explore the following avenues:

1) Data Augmentation: Investigating techniques to enhance the training dataset with diverse and representative biomechanical data to improve model robustness.
2) Model Simplification: Developing simplified yet efficient model architectures to reduce computational demands without compromising performance.
3) Explainability Enhancements: Incorporating methods to improve the interpretability of latent space representations, thereby providing deeper insights into the model's decision-making processes.
4) Cross-Domain Validation: Validating the model across various biomechanical applications and populations to evaluate its versatility and generalizability.

In conclusion, the integration of VAEs and GANs for EMC optimization in biomechanical data analysis marks a significant advancement with profound implications for both research and clinical practice. Despite the challenges, the potential benefits of this approach in enhancing the accuracy and reliability of biomechanical assessments emphasize the need for continued exploration and refinement in this domain.

6. Conclusion

6.1. Summary

This study investigates the innovative integration of variational autoencoders (VAEs) and generative adversarial networks (GANs) to adaptively adjust the electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of biomechanical data analysis platforms. The primary findings indicate that the VAE-GAN framework significantly enhances the accuracy and reliability of biomechanical data analysis by generating high-quality synthetic data that closely mimics real biomechanical parameters.

6.2. Key findings

1) Model Training Efficiency: The VAE-GAN model exhibited progressive improvement in performance metrics across multiple training epochs. The mean squared error (MSE) decreased from 0.152 to 0.057, while the structural

similarity index (SSIM) increased from 0.685 to 0.840, demonstrating effective convergence and model stability.

2) EMC Adjustment Effectiveness: Utilizing synthetic data for EMC parameter adjustment led to a substantial reduction in electromagnetic interference error. For example, the initial electromagnetic interference (EMI) error of 0.45 was reduced to 0.15, highlighting the framework's capability to enhance EMC performance.
3) Data Fidelity: Comparisons between real and synthetic biomechanical data revealed minimal discrepancies, with the synthetic data maintaining mean values and standard deviations closely aligned with the real data. This verifies the VAE-GAN model's ability to generate realistic and reliable synthetic data.

6.3. Contributions to the field

This research makes significant contributions to the field of biomechanical data analysis by:

- Advancing EMC Solutions: The adaptive EMC adjustment mechanism provides a novel approach to mitigating electromagnetic interference, thereby enhancing the robustness of biomechanical data analysis platforms.
- Enhancing Data Quality: The integration of VAEs and GANs ensures the generation of high-fidelity synthetic data, which is invaluable for training and validating machine learning models in biomechanics.
- Methodological Innovation: The proposed VAE-GAN framework offers a scalable and adaptable methodology that can be applied to various wearable device datasets, improving the generalizability of the approach.

6.4. Practical applications and recommendations

In the daily training of athletes, the biomechanical data analysis platform optimized by VAE-GAN is used to monitor the athletes' sports data in real time. Through the potential mechanical characteristics extracted by VAE, coaches can accurately understand whether there is a potential risk of injury in athletes'movement patterns. Due to the complex environment in sports training scenarios, wearable devices may be subject to more electromagnetic interference. The equipment should be calibrated and maintained regularly to ensure the accuracy of the data. The findings of this study have several practical implications:

- Wearable Device Optimization: The VAE-GAN framework can be employed by wearable device manufacturers to optimize EMC settings, ensuring minimal interference and enhanced data accuracy during physical activities.
- Data Augmentation: The generated synthetic data can serve as a valuable resource for data augmentation, particularly in scenarios where access to real biomechanical data is limited.
- Clinical and Sports Applications: Improved EMC and data fidelity can lead to more accurate biomechanical assessments, benefiting clinical diagnostics, sports performance analysis, and rehabilitation programs.

Future research will prioritize the acquisition and analysis of data pertaining to Swimming, Cycling, Golf Swinging, Basketball Shooting, and Yoga. By broadening our investigation to include these additional activities, we seek to enhance the versatility and reliability of our model across an expanded spectrum of physical exercises. To maximize the impact of this research, it is recommended that future studies focus on:

- Real-World Validation: Implementing the VAE-GAN framework in real-world settings to validate its performance under diverse environmental conditions.
- Multi-Modal Integration: Exploring the integration of additional data modalities, such as physiological signals, to further enhance the comprehensiveness of biomechanical data analysis.
- User-Specific Customization: Developing personalized EMC adjustment algorithms based on individual user characteristics to optimize device performance.

In conclusion, the integration of VAEs and GANs for adaptive EMC adjustment in biomechanical data analysis platforms represents a significant advancement, offering both theoretical insights and practical applications that can drive innovation in the field of biomechanics.

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