

Literature Review for the Weighted Clustering and Deep Learning Methods for Diagnosing Heart Disease by 3D Imaging and Sophisticated Algorithms

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Type: Article Received: 02 April 2026 Revised: 28 April 2026 Accepted: 05 June 2026 Published: 23 June 2026	Cardiovascular disorders remain a major global health challenge, and rapid, accurate diagnosis is essential for improving therapeutic outcomes. The escalating volume and intricacy of clinical data demand advanced computational strategies. In particular, clustering methods that incorporate weighting schemes have shown great promise for handling large, imbalanced datasets, making them valuable tools for cardiac disease detection. Moreover, three-dimensional imaging modalities such as computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) deliver high resolution, volumetric views of the heart, facilitating the identification of subtle pathological changes. This article concentrates on the analysis of 3 D cardiac images and delivers an exhaustive review of the literature on weighted clustering and deep learning approaches applied to heart disease diagnosis. It also surveys emerging algorithms and hybrid frameworks that fuse clustering with deep learning to boost diagnostic precision and to discriminate among various cardiac conditions.
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Introduction

Coronary artery disease is a type of heart disease. It includes arrhythmias, heart attacks and heart failure. Early detection is crucial for treatment. Traditional diagnostic tools like ECG and echocardiography are useful but not precise. 3D imaging techniques like MRI and CT scans provide heart images.

Medical datasets are complex and uneven. Machine learning and deep learning solutions are used to analyze them. Clustering algorithms help find patterns in large datasets. Weighted clustering algorithms are even better at distinguishing subpopulations. Deep learning models like neural networks process volumetric medical images.

This review explores the synergistic use of weighted clustering and deep learning techniques for cardiac disease diagnosis, with a particular focus on 3 D imaging data. It delves into the mathematical foundations of these models, highlights state of the art algorithms, and presents hybrid strategies that integrate clustering with deep learning to raise diagnostic confidence.

Summary of literature survey

Study	Main Contribution	Key Findings
Szczykutowicz et al., 2022	Investigated DL-based CT image reconstruction.	Demonstrated image-quality enhancement while reducing radiation dose; identified data-quality and computational-cost challenges.
Rajeswari & Shinde, 2018	Developed intelligent health-risk prediction using ML.	Compared several algorithms, confirming that ML integration improves clinical decision-making.
Rohe et al., 2017	Proposed SVF-Net for deformable image registration via shape-matching.	Showed superior registration accuracy across diverse clinical scenarios.
Gao et al., 2017	Presented a robust method for intima-media boundary segmentation.	Achieved reliable segmentation across varying morphologies and cardiac phases.
Ali et al., 2020	Designed a cardiac-disease forecasting system based on feature-fusion and DL.	Combined multiple DL models to attain high prediction accuracy in personalized monitoring.
Park et al., 2022	Analyzed 12-lead ECG data for rhythm classification.	Provided an automated framework yielding precise rhythm detection for disease diagnosis.
Sampalli & Zhao, 2020	Reviewed sensing and signal-processing techniques in smart health care.	Emphasized real-time data acquisition and remote monitoring capabilities.
Hossain et al., 2021	Applied ML classifiers to ECG datasets for disease prediction.	Demonstrated that automated classification can enhance early detection of cardiac conditions.
Sujith et al., 2022	Surveyed AI-driven intelligent health-monitoring systems.	Highlighted the broad applicability of DL across continuous patient supervision.

Methodology

Clustering serves as a cornerstone of unsupervised learning, grouping observations that share similar attributes. In cardiac diagnostics, clustering helps to locate cohorts of patients with comparable risk profiles or disease manifestations, paving the way for tailored therapeutic strategies. Numerous clustering algorithms have been explored, each offering distinct advantages.

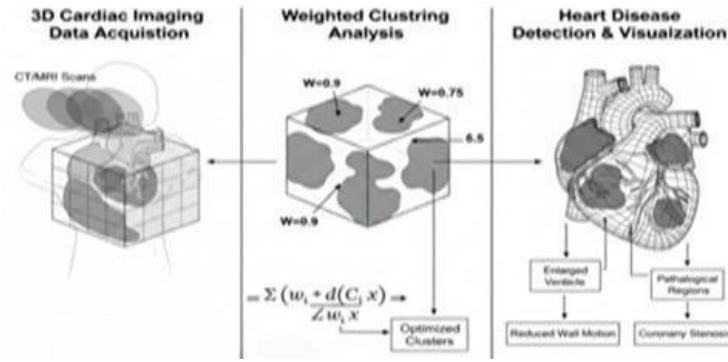


Fig. 1. Heart disease diagnosis

Figure 1 illustrates a typical workflow for heart disease diagnosis employing these clustering strategies

- Clustering with K-Means: A classic unsupervised technique, K means partitions a dataset into K clusters by minimizing the sum of squared Euclidean distances between points and their respective cluster centroids.
- Weighted K-Mean: This variant augments the standard K means by assigning a weight to each feature, reflecting its relative importance. For instance, age, cholesterol level, and familial cardiac history may receive higher weights than lifestyle variables when estimating heart disease risk.
- DBSCAN (Density Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise): DBSCAN groups points based on local density, automatically labeling low density points as noise. It requires no prior specification of the number of clusters and can detect arbitrarily shaped clusters—attributes especially useful for heterogeneous medical datasets. Its performance hinges on two parameters: ϵ (the neighborhood radius) and MinPts (the minimum points to form a dense region).

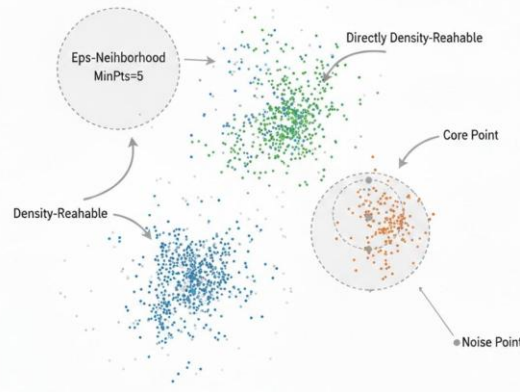


Fig 2. DBSCAN

Deep Learning Methods Using 3D Images for Heart Disease Diagnosis

One kind of deep learning model that does well with 3D medical images is Convolutional Neural Networks or CNNs. They are great for tasks like diagnosing and classifying heart disease using 3D images because they can learn features from the images all by themselves. There are also 3D Convolutional Neural Networks or 3D CNNs, which are an improvement over the 2D CNNs. They work by applying convolutions to 3D data. This makes 3D CNNs useful, for looking at heart MRI and CT scans because they can see how different parts of the 3D image are connected.

A 3D CNN has layers, including convolutional layers pooling layers and fully connected layers and it ends with a classification layer. Here is one way to describe the model:

$$y = \text{softmax}(W3\text{ReLU}(W2\text{ReLU}(W1X)))$$

U Net for Volumetric Segmentation

The U Net was made for looking at 2D pictures of the body. Now it is used for pictures too. The U Net has a way of looking at pictures. It has a pathway that's like a mirror with links that help it see the heart and its parts very clearly. These parts include the arteries and the

myocardial tissue and the ventricular chambers. The U Net is very good at finding the shape of these heart parts. This is important because the U Net needs to find these parts precisely so that it can help with tasks. These tasks include looking at lesions and seeing how well the heart is working. The U Net is very helpful, for these tasks because it can segment the heart and its parts accurately.

Hybrid Clustering–Deep Learning Pipelines

Recent studies say that it is an idea to combine weighted clustering with deep learning feature extraction. So in this process a CNN is used to find features, from the 3D images. These features are then used by a weighted clustering algorithm to find sub groups of patients or types of diseases. This combination of learning and clustering is useful because it uses the strength of deep networks to tell things apart and the clarity of clustering which often results in more accurate diagnoses of diseases. The combination of weighted clustering and deep learning feature extraction is really helpful. Weighted. Deep learning feature extraction work well together.

$$L = L_{deep} + (1)L_{clust}$$

Challenges And Future Directions

The following difficulties exist despite the encouraging outcomes of combining deep learning and weighted clustering for the detection of heart disease:

- Access to high-quality annotated datasets is necessary for deep learning model training. The performance of these models is limited by the dearth of large-scale, well-labeled datasets in the medical.
- Widespread clinical adoption of 3D CNNs may be hampered by their resource-intensive and computationally demanding nature.
- Medical professionals find it challenging to comprehend how judgments are made since deep learning models, especially complex architectures like 3D CNNs, are sometimes perceived as "black boxes." For clinical adoption, increasing model openness is crucial.

Future studies should concentrate on addressing computational issues and increasing data accessibility.

Conclusion

The convergence of weighted clustering techniques and deep learning models—particularly when applied to high resolution 3 D cardiac imaging—offers a potent avenue for improving the early detection and classification of heart diseases. By integrating the strengths of both paradigms, clinicians can achieve more nuanced risk stratification, personalized treatment planning, and ultimately better patient outcomes

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