

Identifiable Phenotyping using Constrained Non-Negative Matrix Factorization

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Abstract

This work proposes a new algorithm for automated and simultaneous phenotyping of multiple co-occurring medical conditions, also referred to as comorbidities, using clinical notes from electronic health records (EHRs). A latent factor estimation technique, non-negative matrix factorization (NMF), is augmented with domain constraints from weak supervision to obtain sparse latent factors that are *grounded* to a fixed set of chronic conditions. The proposed grounding mechanism ensures a one-to-one identifiable and interpretable mapping between the latent factors and the target comorbidities. Qualitative assessment of the empirical results by clinical experts show that the proposed model learns clinically interpretable phenotypes which are also shown to have competitive performance on 30 day mortality prediction task. The proposed method can be readily adapted to any non-negative EHR data across various healthcare institutions.

1. Introduction

Reliably querying for patients with specific medical conditions across multiple organizations facilitates many large scale healthcare applications such as cohort selection, multi-site clinical trials, epidemiology studies etc. (Richesson et al., 2013; Hripcsak and Albers, 2013; Pathak et al., 2013). However, raw EHR data collected across diverse populations and multiple care-givers can be extremely high dimensional, unstructured, heterogeneous, and noisy. Manually querying such data is a formidable challenge for healthcare professionals.

EHR driven phenotypes are concise representations of medical concepts composed of clinical features, conditions, and other observable traits facilitating accurate querying of individuals from EHRs (NIH Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory, 2014). Efforts like eMerge Network¹, PheKB² are well known examples of EHR driven phenotyping. Traditionally used rule-based composing methods for phenotyping require substantial time and expert knowledge and have little scope for exploratory analyses. This motivates automated EHR driven phenotyping using machine learning with limited expert intervention.

We propose a weakly supervised model for jointly phenotyping 30 co-occurring conditions (comorbidities) observed in intensive care unit (ICU) patients. *Comorbidities* are a set of co-occurring conditions in a patient at the time of admission that are not directly related to the primary diagnosis for hospitalization (Elixhauser et al., 1998). Phenotypes for the 30 comorbidities listed in Table 1 are derived using text-based features from clinical notes in a publicly accessible MIMIC-III EHR database (Saeed et al., 2011). We present a novel *constrained non-negative matrix factorization (CNMF)* for the EHR matrix that aligns the factors with target comorbidities yielding sparse, interpretable, and identifiable phenotypes.

The following aspects of our model distinguish our work from prior efforts:

1. **Identifiability:** A key shortcoming of standard unsupervised latent factor models such as NMF (Lee and Seung, 2001) and Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) (Blei et al., 2003) for phenotyping is that, the estimated latent factors learnt are interchangeable and *unidentifiable* as phenotypes for specific conditions of interest. We tackle identifiability by incorporating weak (noisy) but inexpensive supervision as constraints our framework. Specifically, we obtain weak supervision for the target conditions in Table 1 using the Elixhauser Comorbidity Index (ECI) (Elixhauser et al., 1998) computed solely from patient administrative data (without human intervention). We then ground the latent factors to have a one-to-one mapping with conditions of interest by incorporating the comorbidities predicted by ECI as *support constraints* on the patient loadings along the latent factors.

2. **Simultaneous modeling of comorbidities:** ICU patients studied in this paper are frequently afflicted with multiple co-occurring conditions besides the primary cause for admission. In the proposed NMF model, phenotypes for such co-occurring conditions jointly modeled to capture the resulting correlations.

3. **Interpretability:** For wider applicability of EHR driven phenotyping for advance clinical decision making, it is desirable that these phenotype definitions be clinically interpretable and represented as a concise set of rules. We consider the sparsity in the representations as a proxy for interpretability and explicitly encourage conciseness of phenotypes using tuneable sparsity-inducing soft constraints.

We evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed method towards interpretability, clinical relevance, and prediction performance on EHR data from MIMIC-III. Although we focus on ICU patients using clinical notes, the proposed model and algorithm are general and can be applied on any non-negative EHR data from any population group.

1. <http://emerge.mc.vanderbilt.edu/>

2. <http://phekb.org/>

Table 1: Target comorbidities

Congestive Heart Failure	Cardiac Arrhythmias	Valvular Disease	Pulmonary Circulation Disorder	Peripheral Vascular Disorder
Hypertension	Paralysis	Other Neurological Disorders	Chronic Pulmonary Diseases	Diabetes Uncomplicated
Diabetes Complicated	Hypothyroidism	Renal Failure	Liver Disease (excluding bleeding)	Peptic Ulcer
AIDS	Lymphoma	Metastatic Cancer	Solid Tumor (without metastasis)	Rheumatoid Arthritis
Coagulopathy	Obesity	Weight loss	Fluid Electrolyte Disorder	Blood Loss Anemia
Deficiency Anemia	Alcohol abuse	Drug abuse	Psychoses	Depression

2. Data Extraction

The MIMIC-III dataset consists of de-identified EHRs for $\sim 38,000$ adult ICU patients at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts from 2001–2012. For all ICU stays within each admission, clinical notes including nursing progress reports, physician notes, discharge summaries, ECG, etc. are available. We analyze patients who have stayed in the ICU for at least 48 hours (~ 17000 patients). We derive phenotypes using clinical notes collected within the first 48 hours of patients’ ICU stay to evaluate the quality of phenotypes when limited patient data is available. Further, we evaluate the phenotypes on a 30 day mortality prediction problem. To avoid obvious indicators of mortality and comorbidities, apart from restricting to 48 hour data, we exclude discharge summaries as they explicitly mention patient outcomes (including mortality).

1. **Clinically relevant bag-of-words features:** Aggregated clinical notes from all sources are represented as a single *bag-of-words* features. To enhance clinical relevance, we create a custom vocabulary containing clinical terms from two sources (a) the Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT), and (b) the level-0 terms provided by the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS), consolidated into a standard vocabulary format using Metamorphosis — an application provided by UMLS for custom vocabulary creation.³ To extract clinical terms from the raw text, the notes were tagged for chunking using a conditional random field tagger⁴. The tags are looked up against the custom vocabulary (generated from Metamorphosis) to obtain the *bag-of-words* representation. Our final vocabulary has ~ 3600 clinical terms.

2. **Computable weak diagnosis:** We incorporate domain constraints from weak supervision to ground the latent factors to have a one-to-one mapping with the conditions of interest. In the model described in Section 3, this is enforced by constraining the non-zero entries on patient loading along the latent factors using a weak diagnosis for comorbidities. The weak diagnoses of target comorbidities in Table 1 are obtained using ECI⁵, computed solely from patient administrative data without human annotation. We refer to this index as *weak diagnoses* as it is not a physician’s exact diagnosis and is subject to noise and misspecification. Note that ECI ignores diagnoses code related to the primary diagnoses of admission. Thus, ECI models presence and absence of conditions other than the primary reason for admission (comorbidities). The phenotype candidates from the proposed model can be considered as concise representations of such comorbidities.

3. See <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/healthit/snomedct/> and <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/>

4. <https://taku910.github.io/crfpp/>

5. <https://git.io/v6e7q>

Notation	Description
$[m]$ for integer m	Set of indices $[m] = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$.
Δ^{d-1}	Simplex in dimension d , $\Delta^{d-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_+^d : \sum x_i = 1\}$.
$x^{(j)}$	Column j of a matrix \mathbf{X} .
$\text{supp}(x)$	Support of a vector x , $\text{supp}(x) = \{i : x_i \neq 0\}$.
Observations	
N, d	Number of patients (~ 17000) and features (~ 3600), respectively.
$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{d \times N}$	EHR matrix from MIMIC III: Clinically relevant bag-of-words features from notes in first 48 hours of ICU stay for N patients.
$k = 1, 2, \dots, K$	Indices for $K = 30$ comorbidities in Table 1.
$C_j \subseteq [K]$ for $j \in [N]$	Set of comorbidities patient j is diagnosed with using ECI.
Factor matrices	
$\tilde{\mathbf{W}} \in [0, 1]^{K \times N}$	Estimate of <i>patients' risk</i> for the K conditions.
$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{d \times K}, \tilde{b} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d$	Estimate of <i>phenotype factor matrix</i> and <i>feature bias vector</i> .

Table 2: Notation used in the paper

3. Identifiable High-Throughput Phenotyping

The notation used in the paper are enumerated in Table 2. In summary, for each patient $j \in [N]$, (a) the bag-of-words features from clinical notes is represented as column $x^{(j)}$ of EHR matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{d \times N}$, and (b) the list of comorbidities diagnosed using ECI is denoted as $C_j \subseteq [K]$. Let an unknown $\mathbf{W}^* \in [0, 1]^{K \times N}$ represent the risk of N patients for K comorbidities of interest; each entry w_{kj}^* lies in the interval $[0, 1]$, with 0 and 1 indicating no-risk and maximum-risk, respectively, of patient j being afflicted with condition k . If $C_j^* \subseteq [K]$ denotes an accurate diagnosis for patient j , then $w^{*(j)}$ satisfies $\text{supp}(w^{*(j)}) \subseteq C_j^*$.

Definition 1 (EHR driven phenotype) *EHR driven phenotypes* for K co-occurring conditions are a set of vectors $\{a^{*(k)} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d : k \in [K]\}$, such that for a patient j afflicted with conditions $C_j^* \subseteq [K]$,

$$\mathbb{E}[x^{(j)} | w^{*(j)}] = \sum_{k \in C_j^*} w_{kj}^* a^{*(k)} + b^*, \quad (1)$$

where b^* is a bias representing the feature component observed independent of the K target conditions. $\mathbf{A}^* \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times K}$ with $a^{*(k)}$ as columns is referred as the *phenotype factor matrix*.

Note that we explicitly model a feature bias b^* to capture frequently occurring terms that are not discriminative of the target conditions, e.g., temperature, pain, etc.

Cost Function The bag-of-words features are represented as counts in the EHR matrix \mathbf{X} . We consider a factorized approximation of \mathbf{X} parametrized by matrices $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{d \times K}$, $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{K \times N}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}_+^d$ as $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{AW} + b\mathbb{1}^\top$, where $\mathbb{1}$ denotes a vector of all ones of appropriate dimension. The approximation error of the estimate is measured using the I -divergence defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{ij} y_{ij} - x_{ij} - x_{ij} \log \frac{y_{ij}}{x_{ij}}. \quad (2)$$

Minimizing the I -divergence is equivalent to maximum likelihood estimation under a Poisson distributional assumption on individual entries of the EHR matrix parameterized by $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{AW} + b\mathbb{1}^\top$ (Banerjee et al., 2005).

Algorithm 1 Phenotyping using constrained NMF.

Input: \mathbf{X} , $\{C_j : j \in [N]\}$ and parameter λ . Initialization: $\mathbf{A}_{(0)}, b_{(0)}$.

while Not converged **do**

$\mathbf{W}_{(t)} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\mathbf{W}} \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}_{(t-1)} \mathbf{W} + b_{(t-1)} \mathbb{1}^\top)$ s.t. $\mathbf{W} \in [0, 1]^{K \times N}$, $\text{supp}(w^j) = C_j, \forall j$

$\mathbf{A}_{(t)}, b_{(t)} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\mathbf{A}, b \geq 0} \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A} \mathbf{W}_{(t)} + b \mathbb{1}^\top)$ s.t. $a_j^{(k)} \in \lambda \Delta^{d-1}, \forall k$

Phenotypes For the K comorbidities, columns of \mathbf{A} , $\{a^{(k)}\}_{k \in [K]}$ are proposed as candidate phenotypes derived from the EHR \mathbf{X} , i.e. approximations to $\{a^{*(k)}\}_{k \in [K]}$.

Constraints The following constraints are incorporated in learning \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{W} .

1. *Support Constraints*: The non-negative rank- K factorization of \mathbf{X} is ‘grounded’ to K target comorbidities by constraining the support of risk $w^{(j)}$ corresponding to patient j using weak diagnosis C_j from ECI as an approximation of the conditions in Definition 1.

2. *Sparsity Constraints*: Scaled simplex constraints are imposed on the columns of \mathbf{A} with a tuneable parameter $\lambda > 0$ to encourage sparsity of phenotypes. Restricting the patient loadings matrix as $\mathbf{W} \in [0, 1]^{K \times N}$ not only allows to interpret the loadings as the patients’ risk, but also makes simplex constraints effective in a bilinear optimization.

Simultaneous phenotyping of comorbidities using constrained NMF is posed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}, \tilde{\mathbf{W}}, \tilde{b} = & \arg \min_{\mathbf{A} \geq 0, \mathbf{W} \geq 0, b \geq 0} \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A} \mathbf{W} + b \mathbb{1}^\top) \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad \text{supp}(w^{(j)}) = C_j \quad \forall j \in [N], \quad \mathbf{W} \in [0, 1]^{K \times N}, \\ & \quad a^{(k)} \in \lambda \Delta^{d-1} \quad \forall j \in [K], \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The optimization in (3) is convex in either factor with the other factor fixed. It is solved using alternating minimization with projected gradient descent (Parikh and Boyd, 2014; Lin, 2007). See complete algorithm in Algorithm 1. The proposed model in general can incorporate any weak diagnosis of medical conditions. In this paper, we note that, since we use ECI, the results are not representative of the primary diagnoses at admission.

4. Empirical Evaluation

The estimated phenotypes are evaluated on various metrics. We denote the model learned using Algorithm 1 with a given parameter $\lambda > 0$ as λ -CNMF. The following baselines are used for comparison:

1. **Labeled LDA (LLDA)**: LLDA (Ramage et al., 2009) is the supervised counterpart of LDA, a probabilistic model to estimate topic distribution of a corpus. It assumes that word counts of documents arise from multinomial distributions. It incorporates supervision on topics contained in a document and can be naturally adapted for phenotyping from bag-of-words clinical features, where the topic-word distributions form candidate phenotypes. While LLDA assumes that the topic loadings of a document lie on the probability simplex Δ^{K-1} , λ -CNMF allows each patient-condition w_{kj} loading to lie in $[0, 1]$. In interpreting the patient loading as a disease risk, the latter allows patients to have varying levels of disease prevalence. Also, LLDA can induce sparsity only indirectly via a hyperparameter β of the informative prior on the topic-word distributions. While this does not guarantee

sparse estimates, we obtain reasonable sparsity on LLDA estimates. We use the Gibbs sampling code from MALLET (McCallum, 2002) for inference. For a fair comparison to CNMF which uses an extra bias factor, we allow LLDA to model an extra topic shared by all documents in the corpus.

2. NMF with support constraints (NMF+support): This NMF model incorporates non-negativity and support constraints from weak supervision but not the sparsity inducing constraints on the phenotype matrix. This allows to study the effect of sparsity inducing constraints for interpretability. On the other hand, imposing sparsity without our grounding technique does not yield identifiable topics and hence is not studied as a baseline.

3. Multi-label Classification (MLC): This baseline treats weak supervision (from ECI) as accurate labels in a fully supervised model. A sparsity inducing ℓ_1 regularized logistic regression classifier is learned for each condition independently. The learned weight vector for each condition k determines importance of clinical terms towards discriminating patients with condition k and are treated as candidate phenotypes for condition k .

The weak supervision does not account for the primary diagnosis for admission in the ICU population as the ECI ignores primary diagnoses at admission (Elixhauser et al., 1998). However, the learning algorithm can be easily modified to account for the primary diagnoses, if required by using a modified form of supervision or absorbing the effects in an additional additive term appended to the model. Nevertheless, the proposed model generates highly interpretable phenotypes for comorbidities. Finally, to mitigate the effect of local minima, whenever applicable, for each model, the corresponding algorithm was run with 5 random initializations and results providing the lowest divergence were chosen for comparison.

4.1 Interpretability–accuracy trade–off

Sparsity of the latent factors is used as a proxy for interpretability of phenotypes. Sparsity is measured as the median of the number of non-zero entries in columns of the phenotype matrix \mathbf{A} (lower is better). The λ parameter in λ -CNMF controls the sparsity by imposing scaled simplex constraints on \mathbf{A} . CNMF was trained on multiple λ in the range of 0.1 to 1. Stronger sparsity-inducing constraints results in worse fit to the cost function. This trade-off is indeed observed in all models (see A for details). For all models, we pick estimates with lowest median sparsity while ensuring that the phenotype candidate for every condition is represented by at least 5 non-zero clinical terms.

4.2 Clinical relevance of phenotypes

We requested two clinicians to evaluate the candidate phenotypes based on the top 15 terms learned by each model. The ratings were requested on a scale of 1 (poor) to 4 (excellent). The experts were asked to rate based on whether *the terms are relevant towards the corresponding condition and whether the terms are jointly discriminative of the condition*. Figure 1 shows the summary of qualitative ratings obtained for all models. For each model, we show two columns (corresponding to two experts). The stacked bars show the histogram of the ratings for the models. Nearly 50% of the phenotypes learned from our model were rated ‘good’ or better by both annotators. In contrast, NMF with support constraints but *without* sparsity inducing constraints hardly learns clinically relevant phenotypes. The proposed model 0.4-CNMF also received significantly higher number of ‘excellent’ and ‘good’

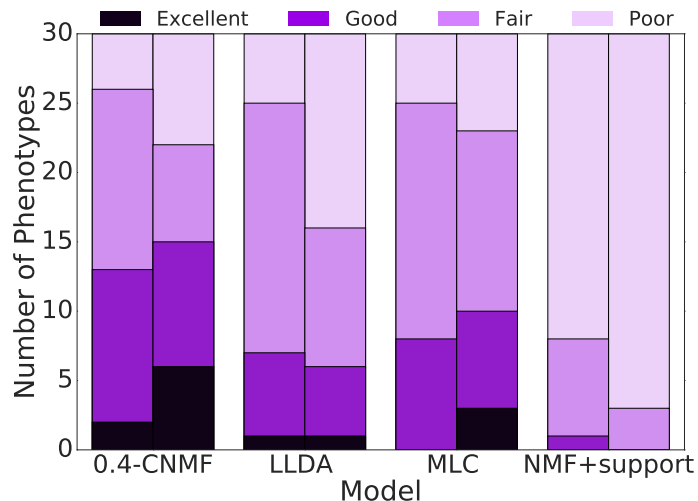


Figure 1: Qualitative Ratings from Annotation: The two bars represent the ratings provided by the two annotators. Each bar is a histogram of the scores for the 30 comorbidities sorted by scores.

	0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF
0.4-CNMF	0	28	20	44
LLDA	7	0	12	35
MLC	6	21	0	42
NMF+support	1	0	1	0

Table 3: Relative Rankings Matrix: Each row of the table is the number of times the model along the row was rated *strictly* better than the model along the column by clinical experts, e.g., column 3 in row 2 implies that LLDA was rated better than MLC 12 times over all conditions by all experts.

ratings from both experts. Although LLDA and MLC estimate sparse phenotypes, they are not at par with λ -CNMF. Table 3 shows a summary of relative rankings for all models. Each cell entry shows the number of times the model along the corresponding row was rated *strictly better* than that along the column. 0.4-CNMF is better than all three baselines. The supervised baseline MLC outperforms LLDA even though LLDA learns comorbidities jointly suggesting that the simplex constraint imposed by LLDA may be restrictive.

Figure 2 is an example of a phenotype (top 15 terms) learned by all models for psychoses. For this condition, the proposed model was rated “excellent” and strictly better than both LLDA and MLC by both annotators while LLDA and MLC ratings were tied. However, the phenotype for Hypertension (in Figure 3) learned by 0.4-CNMF has more terms related to ‘Renal Failure’ or ‘End Stage Renal Disease’ rather than hypertension. One of our annotators pointed out that “Candidate 1 is a fairly good description of renal disease, which is an end organ complication of hypertension”, where the anonymized Candidate 1 refers to 0.4-CNMF. Exploratory analysis suggests that hypertension and renal failure are the most commonly co-occurring set of conditions. Over 93% of patients that have hypertension (according to ECI) also suffer from Renal Failure. Thus, our model is unable to distinguish between highly co-occurring conditions. Other baselines were also rated poorly for hypertension, while LLDA was rated only slightly better. More examples of phenotypes are provided in B.

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
schizophrenia	altered_mental_status	bipolar_disorder	pain
bipolar_disorder	fever	schizophrenia	pneumothorax
overdose	agitated	flat_affect	agitated
schizoaffective_disorder	schizophrenia	overdose	edema
paranoia	agitation	schizoaffective_disorder	atelectasis
psychosis	stress_ulcer	hematomas	anxiety
lithium_toxicity	overdose	psychosis	confused
poisoning	bipolar_disorder	lvh	aspiration
personality	delirium	metastatic_prostate_cancer	opacity
serotonin_syndrome	mental_status	diastolic_dysfunction	pleural_effusion
paranoid_schizophrenia	aspiration	agitated	agitation
mental_retardation	depression	lethargy	trauma
suicide	hyponatremia	suicidal_ideation	schizophrenia
psychiatric_disease	unresponsive	ileus	stress_ulcer
suicide_attempt	leukocytosis	acquired_immunodeficiency_syndrome	bipolar_disorder

Figure 2: Phenotypes learned for ‘Psychoses’ (words are listed in order of importance)

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
esrd	chf	cri	htn
cri	htn	av_fistula	pain
ckd	hypertension	chronic_renal_insufficiency	intraventricular_hemorrhage
chronic_renal_insufficiency	chest_pain	ckd	pulmonary_edema
chronic_renal_failure	cad	left_ventricular_hypertrophy	hypoxia
end_stage_renal_disease	crackles	renal_insufficiency	hydrocephalus
acute_on_chronic_renal_failure	sob	esrd	hypotension
chronic_kidney_disease	cp	chronic_renal_failure	cough
cns_lymphoma	pulmonary_edema	acute_on_chronic_renal_failure	acute_renal_failure
jaw_pain	ischemia	sinus_rhythm	sob
amyloidosis	stress_ulcer	cardiomegaly	confused
skin_impairment	heart_failure	left_atrial_abnormality	stenosis
glomerulonephritis	gib	jaw_pain	herniation
hyperparathyroidism	dyspnea	htn	bleed
holosystolic_murmur	nausea	renal_failure	hemorrhage

Figure 3: Phenotypes learned for ‘Hypertension’

4.3 Mortality prediction

To quantitatively evaluate the utility of the learned phenotypes, we consider the 30 day mortality prediction task. We divide the EHR into 5 cross-validation folds of 80% training and 20% test patients. As this is an imbalanced class problem, the training–test splits are stratified by mortality labels. For each split, all models were applied on the training data to obtain phenotype candidates $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ and feature biases $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$. For each model, the patient loadings $\tilde{\mathbf{W}}$ along the respective phenotype space $(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}, \tilde{\mathbf{b}})$ are used as features to train a logistic regression classifier for mortality prediction. For CNMF and NMF+support, these are obtained as $\mathbf{W}_{\text{train/test}} = \text{argmin}_{\mathbf{W} \in [0,1]^{K \times N}} \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{W} + \tilde{\mathbf{b}}\mathbf{1}^\top, \mathbf{X}_{\text{train/test}})$ for fixed $(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}, \tilde{\mathbf{b}})$. For LLDA, these are obtained using Gibbs sampling with fixed topic–word distributions. For MLC, the predicted class probabilities of the comorbidities are used as features. Additionally, we train a logistic regression classifier using the full EHR matrix as features.

We clarify the following points on the methodology: (1) $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ is learned on the patients in the training dataset only, hence there is no information leak from test patients into training. (2) Test patients’ comorbidities from ECI are *not* used as support constraints on their loadings. (3) Regularized logistic regression classifiers are used to learn models for mortality prediction. The regularization parameters are chosen via grid-search.

The performance of the above baselines trained on ℓ_2 regularized logistic regression over a 5-fold cross-validation is reported in Table 4: rows 1–5. The classifier trained on the full EHR unsurprisingly outperforms all baselines as it uses richer high dimensional information. All phenotyping baselines, except NMF+support, show comparable performance on mortality prediction which in spite of learning on a small number of 30 features, is only slightly worse than predictive performance of full EHR with ~ 3500 features.

	Model	AUROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
1.	0.4-CNMF	0.63(0.02)	0.59(0.04)	0.62(0.03)
2.	NMF+support	0.52(0.02)	0.56(0.13)	0.51(0.14)
3.	LLDA	0.64(0.02)	0.62(0.03)	0.61(0.05)
4.	MLC	0.66(0.01)	0.62(0.06)	0.62(0.05)
5.	Full EHR	0.72(0.02)	0.69(0.02)	0.63(0.04)
6.	CNMF+Full EHR ($\ell_1, C = 0.1$)	0.72(0.02)	0.61(0.09)	0.71(0.07)

Table 4: 30 day mortality prediction: 5-fold cross-validation performance of logistic regression classifiers. Classifiers for 0.4-CNMF and competing baselines (NMF+support, LLDA, MLC) were trained on the 30 dimensional phenotype loadings as features. Full EHR denotes the baseline classifier (ℓ_1 -regularized logistic regression) using full ~ 3500 dimensional EHR as features. CNMF+Full EHR denotes the performance of the ℓ_1 -regularized classifier learned on Full EHR augmented with CNMF features (hyperparameter was manually tuned to match performance of the Full EHR model).

Augmented features for mortality prediction (CNMF+Full EHR) Unsurprisingly, Table 4 suggests that the high dimensional EHR data has additional information towards mortality prediction which are lacking in the 30 dimensional features generated via phenotyping. To evaluate whether this additional information can be captured by CNMF if augmented with a small number of raw EHR features, we train a mortality prediction classifier using ℓ_1 regularized logistic regression on CNMF features/loadings combined with raw bag-of-words features, with parameters tuned to match the performance of the full EHR model. The results are reported in the final row of Table 4.

In exploring the weights learned by the classifier for all features, we observe that only 8.3% of the features corresponding to raw EHR based *bag-of-words* features have non-zero weights. This suggests that comorbidities capture significant amount of predictive information on mortality and achieve comparable performance to full EHR model with a small number of additional terms. See Figure 35 in Appendix showing the weights learned by the classifier for all features. Figure 4 shows comorbidities and EHR terms with top magnitude weights learned by the CNMF+full EHR classifier. For example, it is interesting to note that the top weighted EHR term – *dnr* or ‘Do Not Resuscitate’ is not indicative of any comorbidity but is predictive of patient mortality.

5. Discussion and Related Work

Supervised learning methods like Carroll et al. (2011); Kawaler et al. (2012); Chen et al. (2013) or deep learning methods (Lipton et al., 2015; Kale et al., 2015; Henao et al., 2015) for EHR driven phenotyping require expert supervision. Although unsupervised methods like NMF (Anderson et al., 2014) and non-negative tensor factorization (Kolda and Bader, 2009; Harshman, 1970) are inexpensive alternatives (Ho et al., 2014a,b,c; Luo et al., 2015), they pose challenges with respect to identifiability, interpretability and computation, limiting their scalability.

Most closely related to our paper is work by Halpern et al. (2016b) which is a semi-supervised algorithm for learning the joint distribution on conditions, requiring only that a domain expert specify one or more ‘anchor’ features for each condition (no other labeled data). An ‘anchor’ for a condition is a set of clinical features that when present are highly indicative of the target condition, but whose absence is not a strong label for absence of

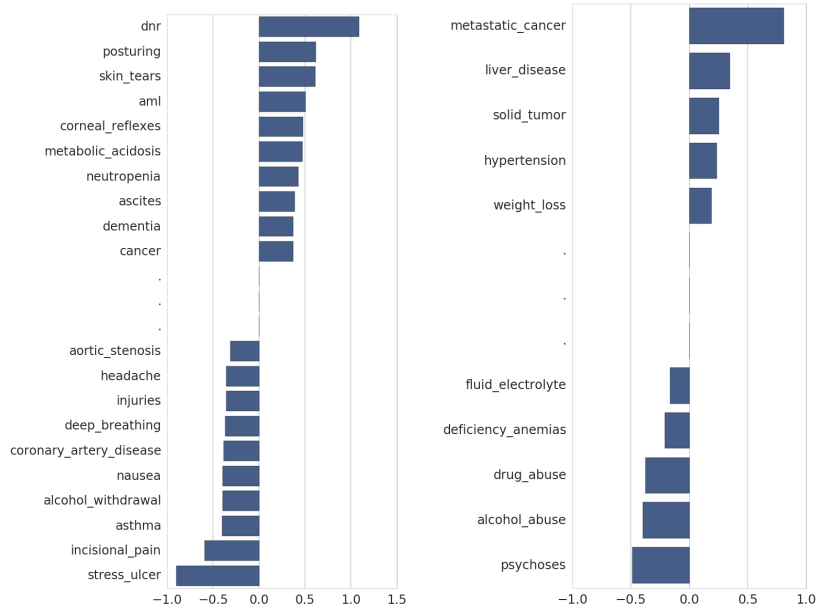


Figure 4: Top magnitude weights on (a) EHR and (b) CNMF features in CNMF+Full EHR classifier

the target condition (Halpern et al., 2014, 2016a). For example, the presence of insulin medication is highly indicative of diabetes, but the converse is not true. Joshi et al. (2015) use a similar supervision approach for comorbidities prediction. Whereas the conditions in Halpern et al. (2016b) are binary valued, in our work they are real-valued between 0 and 1. Furthermore, we assume that the *support* of the conditions is known in the training data.

Our approach achieves identifiability using support constraints to ground the latent factors and interpretability using sparsity constraints. The phenotypes learned are clinically interpretable and predictive of mortality when augmented with a sparse set of raw *bag-of-words* features on unseen patient population. The model outperforms baselines in terms of clinical relevance according to experts and significantly better than the model which includes supervision but no sparsity constraints. The proposed method can be easily extended to other non-negative data to obtain more comprehensive phenotypes. However, it was observed that the algorithm does not discriminate between frequently co-occurring conditions, e.g. renal failure and hypertension. Further, the weak supervision (using ECI) does not account for the primary diagnoses of admission. Additional model flexibility to account for a primary condition in explaining the observations could potentially improve performance. Addressing the above limitations along with quantitative evaluation of risk for disease prediction, and understanding conditions for uniqueness of phenotyping solutions are interesting areas of follow-up work.

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Appendix A. Phenotype Sparsity

As suggested in Section 4.1, there is an inherent tradeoff between fit to the cost function and desired sparsity. The trade-off is made explicit for λ -CNMF in Figure 5. The sparsity of LLDA is controlled by tuning the hyperparameter (β) of the word-topic multinomial parameters (Blei et al., 2003) and for MLC via the ℓ_1 regularization parameter η . A smaller value of β ensures that the word-topic probabilities are sparse. As the value of β is increased, sparsity decreases (i.e. number of non-zero elements increases). For logistic regression (used by MLC), as the ℓ_1 regularization parameter increases, sparsity increases. Figure 6a demonstrates the sparsity of the estimated phenotypes for LLDA and Figure 6b shows that of logistic regression. We choose phenotypes obtained at $\beta = 1 \times 10^{-8}$ and $\eta = 100$ for qualitative annotation. The parameters were chosen to achieve the lowest median sparsity while ensuring that for each chronic condition, the corresponding phenotype candidate is represented by at least 5 non-zero clinical terms. Our fourth baseline (NMF + support) did not estimate sparse phenotypes and does not have a tuneable sparsity parameter (but were nevertheless annotated for qualitative evaluation). The proposed model provides the best sparsity among all baselines.

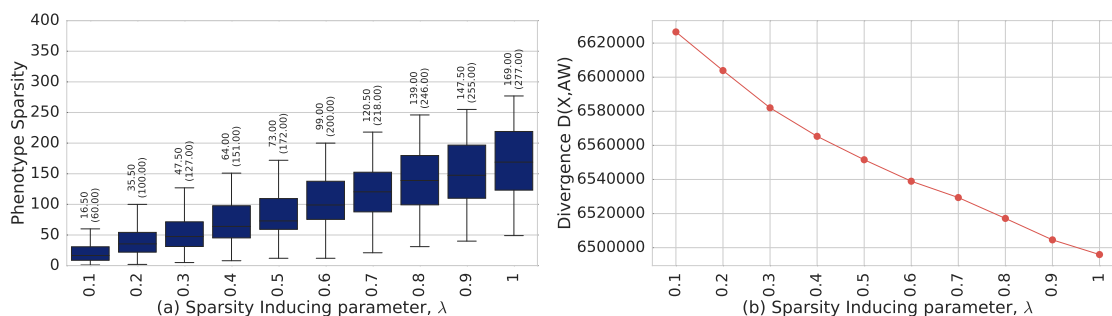
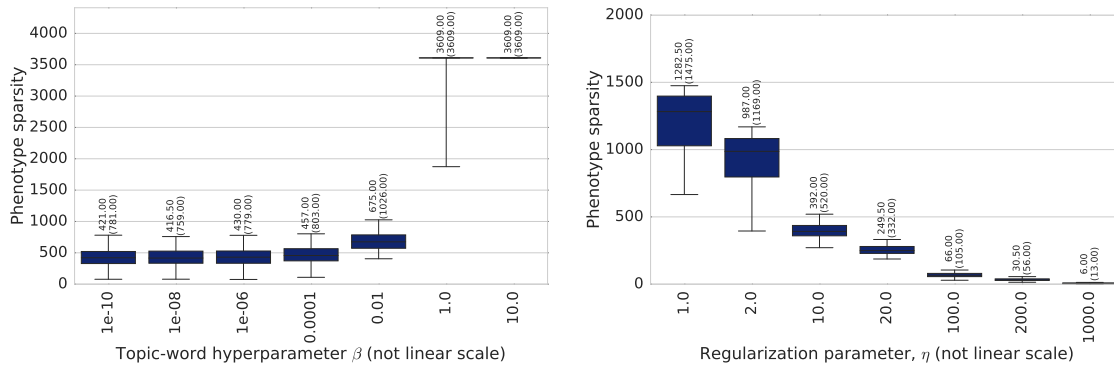


Figure 5: Sparsity–Accuracy Trade–off. Sparsity of the model is measured as the median of the number of non-zero entries in columns of the phenotype matrix \mathbf{A} . (a) shows a box plots of the median sparsity across the 30 chronic conditions for varying λ values. The median and third–quartile values are explicitly noted on the plots. (b) divergence function value of the estimate from Algorithm 1 plotted against λ parameter.

Appendix B. Sample Phenotypes for Baseline Models

Figures 7–33 show the top 15 terms learned for all target chronic conditions for the proposed model and baselines. The sparsity level chosen is based on the criterion described in Section 4.1. For all conditions, the terms are ordered in decreasing order of importance as learned by the models.



(a) LLDA (b) MLC

Figure 6: Phenotype sparsity for baseline models

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
cirrhosis	cirrhosis	cirrhosis	pain
varices	ascites	hepatitis_c	pneumothorax
portal_hypertension	bleeding	ascites	atelectasis
hepatitis_c	gi_bleed	liver_failure	pleural_effusion
esophageal_varices	gib	hep_c	ascites
cirrhosis_of_liver	hepatic_encephalopathy	cryptogenic_cirrhosis	bleeding
gastric_varices	varices	fatty_liver	edema
alcoholic_cirrhosis	encephalopathy	etoh_abuse	pneumonia
hep_c	gastrointestinal_bleed	autoimmune_hepatitis	liver_failure
hepatocellular_carcinoma	altered_mental_status	colitis	cough
spontaneous_bacterial_peritonit	abdominal_pain	dyspnea	afebrile
portal_hypertensive_gastropath	liver_failure	withdrawal	hypotension
ascites	hypotension	volume_overload	chf
end_stage_liver_disease	renal_failure	endocarditis	bm
primary_biliary_cirrhosis	esophageal_varices	end_stage_liver_disease	free_fluid

Figure 7: Learned Phenotypes for Liver Disease

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
pancreatic_cancer	bleeding	hepatocellular_carcinoma	bleeding
ovarian_cancer	pain	thyroid_ca	pain
metastatic_ovarian_cancer	pericardial_effusion	brain_tumor	nausea
pelvic_mass	mass	glioblastoma	dvt
glioblastoma	hypotension	end_stage_liver_disease	chest_pain
brain_tumor	stress_ulcer	calcifications	edema
nscl	dvt	prostate_cancer	gi_bleed
neoplasm	abdominal_pain	cancer	cad
abdominal_mass	edema	bladder_ca	gib
hepatocellular_carcinoma	hemoptysis	ovarian_cancer	vomiting
bladder_ca	malignant_neoplasm	pancreatic_cancer	diverticulosis
chemoradiation	cancer	incisional_pain	hypotension
mets	sob	colon_cancer	stress_ulcer
bronchopleural_fistula	chest_pain	lung_cancer	abdominal_pain
partial_obstruction	pe	tumor	bleed

Figure 8: Learned Phenotypes for Solid Tumor

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
metastatic metastatic_melanoma metastatic_disease metastatic_prostate_cancer metastatic_renal_cell_carcinoma melanoma metastases metastasis mets pancreatic_cancer lung_mass metastatic_colon_cancer metastatic_cancer metastatic_renal_cell_cancer ovarian_ca	pain mass hypotension malignant_neoplasm metastatic stress_ulcer tumor sob cancer metastatic_disease nausea dyspnea pe pleural_effusion respiratory_failure	metastatic metastatic_disease lung_cancer metastatic_melanoma tumor metastasis metastatic_renal_cell_carcinoma metastases mets metastatic_prostate_cancer ovarian_ca lung_mass pancreatic_cancer lung_nodules hypovolemia	pain edema mass fever pneumothorax respiratory_failure dvt atelectasis pleural_effusion hypoxia stress_ulcer sob cough pneumonia crackles

Figure 9: Learned Phenotypes for Metastatic Cancer

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
copd asthma chronic_obstructive_pulmonary emphysema bronchitis asbestosis copd_exacerbation obstructive_lung_disease personality_disorders pulmonary_infarct	copd respiratory_failure asthma pneumonia sob emphysema pna dyspnea stress_ulcer chf htn hypotension respiratory_distress cad cough	copd asthma emphysema wheezes bronchiectasis asbestosis aaa wheezing lung_cancer respiratory_failure resp_status colon_ca hives lesion pneumothorax	pain edema copd chest_pain pneumothorax sob stress_ulcer cad chf nausea cough hypotension pneumonia asthma atelectasis

Figure 10: Learned Phenotypes for Chronic Pulmonary Disorder

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
etoh_abuse alcohol_abuse alcohol_withdrawal alcoholic_cirrhosis alcoholism delirium_tremens alcoholic_hepatitis withdrawal_symptoms neuroleptic_malignant_syndrome pancreatic_necrosis dts hepatorenal_failure thiamine_deficiency dt alcoholic_cardiomyopathy	pancreatitis etoh_abuse agitation agitated seizures seizure alcohol_withdrawal pain alcohol_abuse stress_ulcer edema withdrawal fall altered_mental_status htn	etoh_abuse alcoholic_cirrhosis tremors alcohol_abuse alcoholism withdrawal cirrhosis alcoholic_hepatitis fracture malaise upper_gi_bleed obstructive_sleep_apnea agitated liver_failure pancreatitis	pain edema pneumothorax hemorrhage agitation stress_ulcer agitated cough fall fever stroke seizure subarachnoid_hemorrhage hematoma fracture

Figure 11: Learned Phenotypes for Alcohol Abuse

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
dm dm2 diabetes_mellitus niddm type_2_diabetes type_ii_diabetes diabetes diabetes_type_ii type_2_diabetes_mellitus convulsive_status_epilepticus diabetes_type_2 diabetes_mellitus_type_2 skin_ulcers hypercoagulable chest_pains	pain dm htn edema cad stress_ulcer diabetes_mellitus chest_pain hypertension dm2 chf diabetes hypotension sob bleeding	niddm dm2 diabetes obese sinus_rhythm coronary_artery_disease facial_droop cardiomegaly pseudocyst pulm_edema tachypnea hyperglycemia delirium necrotizing_pancreatitis	pain pneumothorax edema atelectasis pleural_effusion dm stroke cough htn stress_ulcer nausea bleeding chest_pain sob hematoma

Figure 12: Learned Phenotypes for Diabetes Uncomplicated

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
dm hypoglycemia retinopathy gastroparesis neuropathy diabetes_mellitus esrd foot_infection end_stage_renal_disease hypoglycemic cerebritis diabetic_neuropathy foot_ulcer nephropathy mastoiditis	dm htn hypoglycemia diabetes_mellitus diabetes pain hyperkalemia diabetes dm2 hypertension stress_ulcer hyperglycemia chest_pain wound anemia	neuropathy retinopathy peripheral_neuropathy av_fistula cad hypoglycemia osteomyelitis gastroparesis cardiomegaly diabetes cri congestive_heart_failure sinus_rhythm esrd dm2	pain dm chest_pain edema cerebritis pneumothorax htn atelectasis mastoiditis hypertension stress_ulcer pleural_effusion hematoma cad seizure

Figure 13: Learned Phenotypes for Diabetes Complicated

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
pvd peripheral_vascular_disease aaa aortic_aneurysm rupture claudication induration heel_ulcer type_a_aortic_dissection leg_ulcer carotid_artery_stenosis dural_tear endoleak vascular_disease eschar	pain pvd edema cad aaa htn hematoma nausea peripheral_vascular_disease ischemia atelectasis coronary_artery_disease stress_ulcer afib hypotension	pvd peripheral_vascular_disease pseudoaneurysm aaa coronary_artery_disease carotid_stenosis aortic_dissection ptx cardiomegaly aortic_aneurysm renal_artery_stenosis mesenteric_ischemia complaints vegetation calcifications	pain pneumothorax atelectasis edema nausea pleural_effusion hematoma bleeding afib htn sob cough acute_pain cad chronic_pain

Figure 14: Learned Phenotypes for Peripheral Vascular Disorder

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
esrd chronic_kidney_disease chronic_renal_failure ckd end_stage_renal_disease acute_on_chronic_renal_failure thrill cri atrophic_kidneys crf pulmonary_artery_hypertension diverticular_disease non_reactive	hypotension esrd renal_failure sepsis chronic_renal_failure cad chronic_kidney_disease hypotensive acute_renal_failure afib arf infection end_stage_renal_disease chf atrial_fibrillation	cri av_fistula esrd ckd chronic_renal_insufficiency acute_on_chronic_renal_failure chronic_renal_failure renal_insufficiency left_ventricular_hypertrophy gout cardiomegaly sinus_rhythm jaw_pain hydronephrosis renal_failure	pain cp nausea esrd chest_pain cad chronic_pain hypertension emesis gib sob acute_pain bleeding obese stress_ulcer

Figure 15: Learned Phenotypes for Renal Failure

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
seizure seizure_disorder status_epilepticus mental_retardation seizures restless_leg_syndrome epilepsy multiple_sclerosis tonic_clonic_seizure cns_infection trigeminal_neuralgia parkinsons_disease grand_mal_seizure generalized_seizure facial_twitching	seizure seizures aspiration altered_mental_status fever unresponsive stress_ulcer infection pneumonia hypotension agitated status_epilepticus seizure_disorder mental_status dementia	seizure_disorder restless_leg_syndrome ms seizure dementia hemothorax retropulsion multiple_sclerosis epilepsy hydrocephalus lethargic hypoxemia overdose shortness_of_breath infarction	pain seizure edema atelectasis fever pneumothorax cough seizures htn pneumonia stress_ulcer hypotension confused agitated hemorrhage

Figure 16: Learned Phenotypes for Other Neurological Disorders

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
afib atrial_fibrillation rvr af chronic_atrial_fibrillation crush_injury babesiosis non_reactive	afib atrial_fibrillation af pain stress_ulcer htn stroke edema bleeding hypotension cva gi_bleed altered_mental_status aspiration bleed	rapid_ventricular_response afib cardiomegaly atrial_fibrillation acute_cholecystitis calcifications acute_coronary_syndrome subdural_hematoma acute_on_chronic_renal_failure ischemic_heart_disease stroke atrial_flutter tachycardia hip_fracture narrowing	pain afib edema hemorrhage atelectasis atrial_fibrillation stroke pneumothorax htn cough stress_ulcer pleural_effusion intracranial_hemorrhage sob nausea

Figure 17: Learned Phenotypes for Cardiac Arrhythmias

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
polysubstance_abuse substance_abuse cocaine_abuse overdose addiction poisoning rhabdomyolysis assault heroin_abuse hep_c multiple_stab_wounds bile_leak bipolar_disorder esophageal_injury hep	pain stress_ulcer polysubstance_abuse agitated asthma chronic_pain pneumonia anxiety fever agitation substance_abuse respiratory_distress aspiration overdose infection	substance_abuse polysubstance_abuse overdose chest_pressure cocaine_abuse withdrawal skin_warm fracture epidural_abscess tamponade hep_c chronic_renal_failure hepatitis_c hiv trauma	pain edema pneumothorax headache aneurysm cough subarachnoid_hemorrhage hemorrhage dyspnea sob hiv fracture afebrile atelectasis stress_ulcer

Figure 18: Learned Phenotypes for Drug Abuse

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
hemiparesis stroke paraplegia cerebral_palsy decubitus_ulcers ischemic_attack lower_extremity_weakness quadriplegia expressive_aphasia right_hemiplegia cerebral_infarction quadraplegia contractures thalamic_hemorrhage mca_infarct	stroke edema cva hemorrhage seizure weakness intracranial_hemorrhage infarct movement aspiration stress_ulcer cerebral_infarction infarction htn mass	movement hemiparesis paraplegia cerebral_palsy cva infarction quadriplegia brain expressive_aphasia pneumocephalus lower_extremity_weakness intracranial_hemorrhage constipation ischemic_attack lung_collapse	pain hemorrhage edema seizure seizures mass stroke subarachnoid_hemorrhage aneurysm aspiration stress_ulcer atelectasis nausea subdural_hematoma headache

Figure 19: Learned Phenotypes for Paralysis

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
hiv bacterial_meningitis epidural_hematoma cryptogenic_cirrhosis occipital_fracture orthostasis human_immunodeficiency_virus aids acquired_immunodeficiency_syndrome temporal_bone_fracture syncope hiv_positive memory_loss acute_liver_failure conjunctiva	hiv aids pneumonia hypotension fever syncope fall edema respiratory_distress bleeding epidural_hematoma bradycardia aspiration cough human_immunodeficiency_virus	hiv scalp_laceration nsr posturing varix sinus_tachycardia necrosis loose_stool subcutaneous_air afebrile lower_gi_bleed abd ascites lung_cancer aneurysm	pain pneumothorax subarachnoid_hemorrhage ascites hiv appendicitis afebrile chf nausea bm aneurysm opacities sepsis abdominal_distention abdominal_distention

Figure 20: Learned Phenotypes for AIDS

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
hypotension lactic_acidosis hyperkalemia hyponatremia respiratory_failure renal_failure hyponatremia hyperpotassemia acute_renal_failure hyposmolality leukopenia arf rhabdomyolysis chronic_low_back_pain viral_gastroenteritis	hypotension respiratory_failure sepsis acute_renal_failure stress_ulcer altered_mental_status arf renal_failure infection ards pneumonia fever aspiration hypotensive nausea	metabolic_acidosis hydronephrosis hypernatremia hyperkalemia hyponatremia opacities acidosis respiratory_acidosis opacification complications obstruction lactic_acidosis dehydration chronic_pain hypovolemia	pain edema pneumothorax hypotension stress_ulcer nausea aspiration atelectasis cough pleural_effusion hematoma bleeding pneumonia htn subarachnoid_hemorrhage

Figure 21: Learned Phenotypes for Fluid Electrolyte Disorders

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
rheumatoid_arthritis lupus scleroderma polymyalgia_rheumatica hip_fracture absent_bowel_sounds ankylosing_spondylitis imi myelodysplastic_syndrome exertional_dyspnea eye_pain interstitial_lung_disease amyloid_angiopathy femoral_neck_fracture liver_hematoma	pain fever hypotension infection sepsis chronic_pain rheumatoid_arthritis cad chf afebrile pna hip_fracture stress_ulcer hypotensive crackles	rheumatoid_arthritis lupus polymyalgia_rheumatica ankylosing_spondylitis interstitial_lung_disease svt chronic_renal_insufficiency scleroderma diverticulitis reflux feeling_weak primary_biliary_cirrhosis occlusion exertional_dyspnea tamponade	fever cad pain pna chf sob coronary_artery_disease bleeding mi cp crackles pulmonary_edema edema dementia ischemic_heart_disease

Figure 22: Learned Phenotypes for Rheumatoid Arthritis

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
multiple_myeloma myeloma lymphoma hodgkins_lymphoma achalasia amyloidosis remission hemochromatosis foot_pain barotrauma neutropenic_fever mm shingles fungemia hypoxic_brain_injury	lymphoma multiple_myeloma fever hypotension fevers pneumonia sob myeloma hypercalcemia hypoxia chest_pain anemia pna renal_failure stress_ulcer	lymphoma hodgkins_lymphoma multiple_myeloma myeloma esophagitis opacities edematous remission sah orthopnea discomfort hypercalcemia febrile_neutropenia subcutaneous_emphysema infection	lesion pain afib dementia edema atrial_fibrillation proptosis periorbital_swelling infection htn seizure pneumothorax abscess laceration subdural_hematoma

Figure 23: Learned Phenotypes for Lymphoma

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
thrombocytopenia hit coagulopathy hepatic_encephalopathy hepatorenal_syndrome cirrhosis_of_liver schistocytes low_fibrinogen splenic_sequestration fulminant_hepatic_failure hepatic_dysfunction polysubstance_abuse liver_cirrhosis dic kidney_failure	sepsis thrombocytopenia hypotension bleeding fever acute_renal_failure ascites renal_failure arf infection stress_ulcer coagulopathy fevers ards cirrhosis	thrombocytopenia hit coagulopathy liver_failure ascites edematous generalized_edema fatigue cirrhosis splenomegaly transaminitis pulmonary_edema pulmonary_hypertension hepatitis_c sinus_tachycardia	pain pneumothorax hypotension edema pleural_effusion bleeding atelectasis fever hypotensive stress_ulcer fevers cough sepsis hemorrhage hematoma

Figure 24: Learned Phenotypes for Coagulopathy

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
morbid_obesity obesity osa tracheobronchomalacia obesity_hypoventilation_syndrome obstructive_sleep_apnea bronchomalacia tracheomalacia pannus obese pancreatic_pseudocyst venous_stasis_ulcers eeg daytime_somnolence group_a_strep	obese pain obesity respiratory_failure edema morbid_obesity wound htn stress_ulcer hypotension osa fever sob anxiety dyspnea	obesity pain morbid_obesity cardiomegaly hypoxemia myalgias respiratory_arrest respiratory_status pulmonary_embolism tamponade hypoxic osa pulmonary_edema sleep_apnea diaphoresis	pain edema cad htn stress_ulcer fever pericardial_effusion hypotension bleeding pleural_effusion hyperlipidemia pneumothorax afib obese morbid_obesity

Figure 25: Learned Phenotypes for Obesity

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
hip_fracture pulmonary_hypertension polycythemia femoral_neck_fracture pulmonary_infarct mediastinal_mass pseudocyst mucositis stasis pulmonary_embolism chest_tightness pe pca_infarct acute_pulmonary_embolism myeloma	pe dyspnea pain hypoxia pneumonia dvt pulmonary_embolism pulmonary_hypertension shortness_of_breath fever stress_ulcer sob cough respiratory_failure sinus_tachycardia	ischemic_heart_disease pulmonary_hypertension cardiomegaly chest_tightness pulmonary_embolism pe hip_fracture osa dvt substance_abuse diaphoresis peripheral_neuropathy systolic_hypertension infectious_process hypovolemia	pain hemoptysis pneumothorax mass seizure atelectasis pe pleural_effusion bleeding edema pulmonary_embolus pulmonary_embolism dvt seizures stress_ulcer

Figure 26: Learned Phenotypes for Pulmonary Circulation Disorder

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
aortic_stenosis gout_flare acute_on_chronic_renal_failure diverticulum valvular_heart_disease alcoholic_hepatitis thoracic_aortic_aneurysm vegetation leg_ulcers septic_arthritis guaiac_positive_stools systolic_ejection_murmur hearing_loss gurgling benign_prostatic_hypertrophy	pain bleeding hypotension aortic_stenosis gi_bleed htn gib hematoma cad anemia bleed ischemia stress_ulcer hypotensive melena	cardiomegaly aortic_stenosis tr diverticulitis wound_infection subdural_hematoma mitral_regurgitation aortic_dissection bm afebrile systolic_murmur sleep_apnea atrial_fibrillation left_ventricular_hypertrophy pna	pain hemorrhage pneumothorax htn atelectasis edema cough stroke subarachnoid_hemorrhage bleed hematoma nausea afebrile bm subdural_hematoma

Figure 27: Learned Phenotypes for Valvular Disease

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
celiac_disease mrsa_bacteremia kyphosis cyst ulcerations convulsive_status_epilepticus cmv intussusception hemosiderinosis gastric_ulcer colitis rigid intestinal_obstruction kidney_stones vegetations	pain colitis gi_bleed kyphosis bleeding fever chronic_pain endocarditis gastrointestinal_bleed cyst falls mrsa_bacteremia htn osteoporosis diarrhea	engorgement cough_nonproductive hemorrhagic_stroke metastatic_renal_cell_carcinoma pancreatic_necrosis discomfort ischemic_bowel infiltrate foot_pain effusion hypoglycemia breakdown dilatation calcification tremors	pain discomfort afib tremors anxious bm afebrile productive_cough cough_nonproductive incision incisional_pain complaints ls sr mrsa_bacteremia

Figure 28: Learned Phenotypes for Peptic Ulcer

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
chf diastolic_heart_failure hypotension pancolitis mrsa_pneumonia cad jaw_pain black_tarry_stools chronic_respiratory_failure facial_flushing femoral_fracture subglottic_stenosis gout_flare chronic_inflammation tumor_lysis_syndrome	chf pneumonia pulmonary_edema pleural_effusion sepsis pna hypoxia sob crackles respiratory_failure atelectasis cad aspiration congestive_heart_failure fever	cardiomegaly congestive_heart_failure chf pulmonary_edema calcifications hip_fracture obstruction dnr rheumatoid_arthritis cad bm crackles afebrile pleural_effusion obese	pain pneumothorax edema atelectasis pleural_effusion sepsis cough pneumonia chf pulmonary_edema sob crackles afebrile bleeding subarachnoid_hemorrhage

Figure 29: Learned Phenotypes for Congestive Heart Failure

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
hypothyroidism hypothyroid sick_sinus_syndrome thyroid_ca respiratory_infection essential_tremor pancreatic_duct first_degree_heart_block straining insulin_dependent_diabetes aplastic_anemia acute_delirium pulm_hypertension stimulus block	pain hypothyroidism hypotension stress_ulcer edema pneumonia hypothyroid bleeding nausea htn sob chronic_pain anemia acute_pain pericardial_effusion	hypothyroidism hypothyroid endometrial_ca infection hypoglycemia hypoxia hip_fracture cardiomegaly aortic_stenosis encephalopathy atelectasis hypovolemic meningioma pleural_effusions respiratory_distress	pain pneumothorax edema atelectasis hypothyroidism stress_ulcer nausea hypotension htn sob pleural_effusion bleeding afebrile cough hypertension

Figure 30: Learned Phenotypes for Hypothyroidism

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
malnutrition ulcerative_colitis failure_to_thrive hepatic_cirrhosis hydrothorax pancreatic_pseudocyst volvulus esophageal_varices gastroparesis bloody_diarrhea hemochromatosis necrotizing_fascitis malnourished diverticulum gastric_cancer	respiratory_failure pneumonia wound ascites aspiration bleeding pleural_effusion fever stress_ulcer hypoxia sepsis pna dvt atelectasis malnutrition	malnutrition weight_loss poor_dentition failure_to_thrive calcifications anasarca ulcerative_colitis pneumocephalus volvulus neutropenic_fever upper_gastrointestinal_bleed glaucoma subdural_hematoma lesion epidural_abscess	pain edema hemorrhage stroke fever pneumothorax subdural_hemorrhage stress_ulcer facial_fractures cough atelectasis pneumonia fracture intracranial_hemorrhage necrotizing_fascitis

Figure 31: Learned Phenotypes for Weight loss

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
hypotension pain anemia_of_chronic_disease pyelonephritis end_stage_renal_disease iron_deficiency_anemia hypercalcemia anemia chronic_anemia esrd pancolitis babesiosis microcytic_anemia guaiac_stools dry_gangrene	pain fever hypotension pneumonia anemia sepsis sob stress_ulcer nausea cough infection edema fevers chest_pain pna	anemia iron_deficiency_anemia sinus_rhythm esrd chronic_renal_failure hydronephrosis mitral_regurgitation endocarditis hip_fracture vomiting pulmonary_edema shortness_of_breath pyelonephritis gerd uti	pain pneumothorax edema nausea sob fever pleural_effusion stress_ulcer atelectasis hypotension cough pneumonia afebrile chest_pain anemia

Figure 32: Learned Phenotypes for Deficiency Anemias

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
cryptogenic_cirrhosis squamous_cell_carcinoma heel_ulcer diverticular_disease lactate_levels anastomotic_leak dark_stools gangrenous_cholecystitis gastropathy bowel_perforation portal_hypertensive_gastropathy syncopal_episodes angioedema neutropenic_fever irritable_bowel_syndrome	pain bleeding gi_bleed gib anemia stress_ulcer hives hypotension gastrointestinal_bleed abdominal_pain chest_pain melena wound chf diarrhea	fulminant_hepatic_failure tired hocm hit restless lower_gi_bleed effusions calcifications peripheral_neuropathy blood_loss unresponsiveness sinus_tachycardia bacteremia upper_gi_bleed duodenal_perforation	pain bleeding chf pneumothorax atelectasis pleural_effusion edema hematoma pna afebrile sob pulmonary_edema pneumonia cough confused

Figure 33: Learned Phenotypes for Blood Loss Anemia

0.4-CNMF	LLDA	MLC	NMF+support
depression overdose serotonin_syndrome od fibromyalgia clonus blurred_vision elevated_ammonia type_1_diabetes crohns_disease fulminant_hepatic_failure liver_injury toxic_ingestion vp_shunt bronchopleural_fistula	pain depression stress_ulcer anxiety nausea chest_pain hypotension aspiration fever sob chronic_pain bleeding abdominal_pain vomiting htn	depression systolic_dysfunction overdose chronic_pain osteoarthritis ha blurred_vision chest_pressure cerebral_edema back_pain lightheaded pulmonary_edema obesity osa hypothyroidism	pain hypotension bleeding sob edema depression stress_ulcer nausea bleed pneumothorax atelectasis aspiration hematoma pleural_effusion anxiety

Figure 34: Learned Phenotypes for Depression

Appendix C. Augmented Mortality Prediction

Figure 35 shows weights learned by the classifier for all features. The weights shaded red correspond to phenotypes and are relatively high compared to raw notes based features (shaded blue), indicating that comorbidities capture significant amount of predictive information on mortality and achieve comparable performance to full EHR model when augmented with additional raw clinical terms.

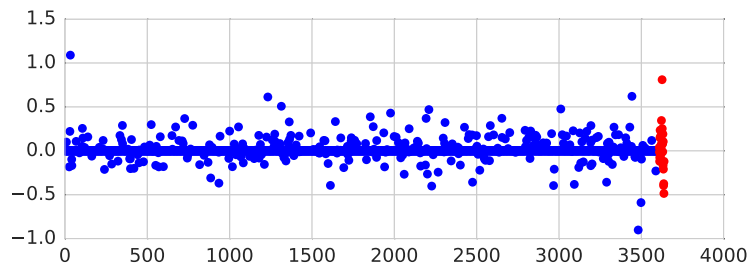


Figure 35: Weights learned by the CNMF+Full EHR classifier for all features. The weights shaded red correspond to phenotypes.