data visualization

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1 Introduction

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• Subjects: 30
  • Sensors: three-axis acceleration, three-axis gyroscope
  • Sampling: 50Hz, 2.56s window (128 time points)
  • Statistical features: 561 dimensions (such as mean, variance, FFT, etc.)
  • Original time series:
                               9 signal files (body_acc_x/y/z, body_gyro_x/y/z, to-
     tal\_acc\_x/y/z)
UCI_HAR_Dataset/
  README.txt
  activity_labels.txt
  features.txt
  features_info.txt
  test
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          body_acc_x_test.txt
          body_acc_y_test.txt
          body_acc_z_test.txt
          body_gyro_x_test.txt
          body_gyro_y_test.txt
          body_gyro_z_test.txt
          total_acc_x_test.txt
          total_acc_y_test.txt
          total_acc_z_test.txt
      X_{test.txt}
      subject_test.txt
      y_test.txt
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          body_acc_y_train.txt
          body_acc_z_train.txt
          body_gyro_x_train.txt
          body_gyro_y_train.txt
          body_gyro_z_train.txt
          total_acc_x_train.txt
          total_acc_y_train.txt
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total_acc_z_train.txt
X_train.txt
subject_train.txt
y_train.txt
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2 Data preprocessing

- 1. Load metadata from features.txt and activity labels.txt;
- 2. Read the feature matrix and labels of the training/test sets;
- 3. Map the label encoding to readable activity names;

```
[]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report,

→confusion_matrix
```

```
[]: # 2.1 Path configuration
     data path = '../data/UCI HAR Dataset/'
     # 2.2 Loading metadata
     features = pd.read_csv(data_path+'features.txt', header=None, sep='\s+',u

¬names=['idx','feature'])
     activity_labels = pd.read_csv(data_path+'activity_labels.txt', header=None,__
      ⇔sep='\s+', names=['id', 'activity'])
     # 2.3 Read training/test sets
     X_train = pd.read_csv(data_path+'train/X_train.txt', header=None, sep='\s+')
     y_train = pd.read_csv(data_path+'train/y_train.txt', header=None, sep='\s+',u
      ⇔names=['activity_id'])
     X_test = pd.read_csv(data_path+'test/X_test.txt', header=None, sep='\s+')
     y_test = pd.read_csv(data_path+'test/y_test.txt', header=None, sep='\s+',_
      ⇔names=['activity_id'])
     # 2.4 Apply feature names and clean up
     clean_feat = features['feature'].str.replace('[()]','',regex=True).str.
      →replace(',','_')
     X_train.columns = clean_feat
     X test.columns = clean feat
     # 2.5 Merge tags and names
     y train = y train.merge(activity labels, left on='activity id', right on='id')
     y_test = y_test.merge(activity_labels, left_on='activity_id', right_on='id')
     # 2.6 Display basic information
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print(f"X_train: {X_train.shape}, y_train: {y_train['activity'].value_counts().
      →to_dict()}")
    X_train: (7352, 561), y_train: {'LAYING': 1407, 'STANDING': 1374, 'SITTING':
    1286, 'WALKING': 1226, 'WALKING_UPSTAIRS': 1073, 'WALKING_DOWNSTAIRS': 986}
[]: # Display some column names
     X_train.columns[:10]
[]: Index(['tBodyAcc-mean-X', 'tBodyAcc-mean-Y', 'tBodyAcc-mean-Z',
            'tBodyAcc-std-X', 'tBodyAcc-std-Y', 'tBodyAcc-std-Z', 'tBodyAcc-mad-X',
            'tBodyAcc-mad-Y', 'tBodyAcc-mad-Z', 'tBodyAcc-max-X'],
           dtype='object', name='feature')
[]: # Display the first few lines of labels
     y_train.head(10)
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[8 rows x 561 columns]

[]: X_train.head()

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	2	-0.967187	-0.978944		-0.996520	-0.96366	8	
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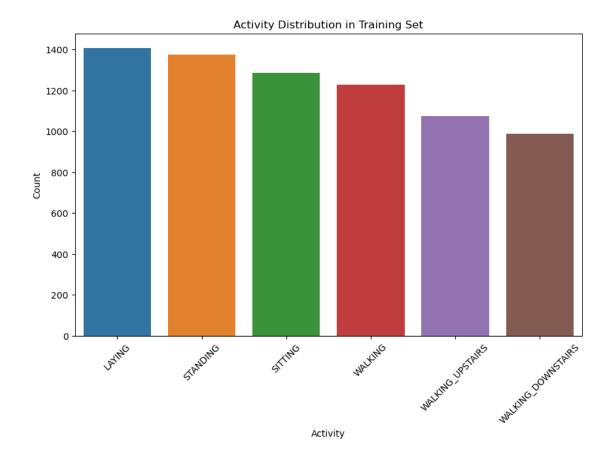
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[5 rows x 561 columns]

3 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

3.1 Activity Label Distribution

Count the number of samples of each activity in the training set to understand whether the data is balanced:



The results show that there are differences in the number of tags such as WALKING, SITTING, and LAYING, and the sampling strategy needs to be considered when modeling.

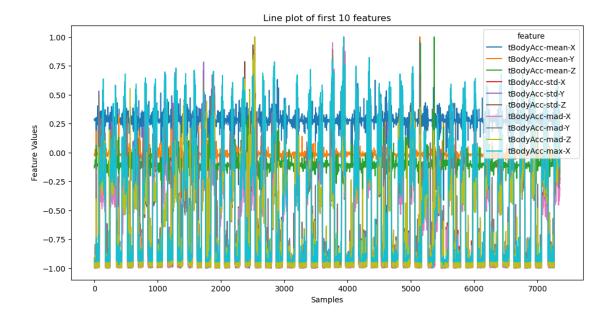
3.2 Feature statistics and distribution

3.2.1 Line plot of first 10 features

Count the number of samples of each activity in the training set to understand whether the data is balanced

```
[]: # Select the first 10 features for visualization
selected_columns = X_train.columns[:10]

# Visualize the distribution of these features
X_train[selected_columns].plot(kind='line', figsize=(12, 6))
plt.title('Line plot of first 10 features')
plt.xlabel('Samples')
plt.ylabel('Feature Values')
plt.show()
```



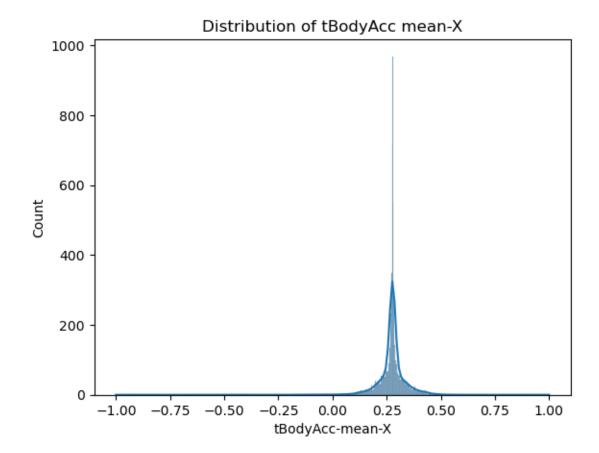
The sharp fluctuations in the curves of certain features may mean that these features contain large noise or correspond to certain specific dynamic changes.

3.2.2 Distribution of tBodyAcc mean-X

```
[]: sns.histplot(X_train['tBodyAcc-mean-X'], kde=True)
plt.title('Distribution of tBodyAcc mean-X')
```

/opt/homebrew/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/seaborn/_oldcore.py:1119: FutureWarning: use_inf_as_na option is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Convert inf values to NaN before operating instead. with pd.option_context('mode.use_inf_as_na', True):

[]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Distribution of tBodyAcc mean-X')



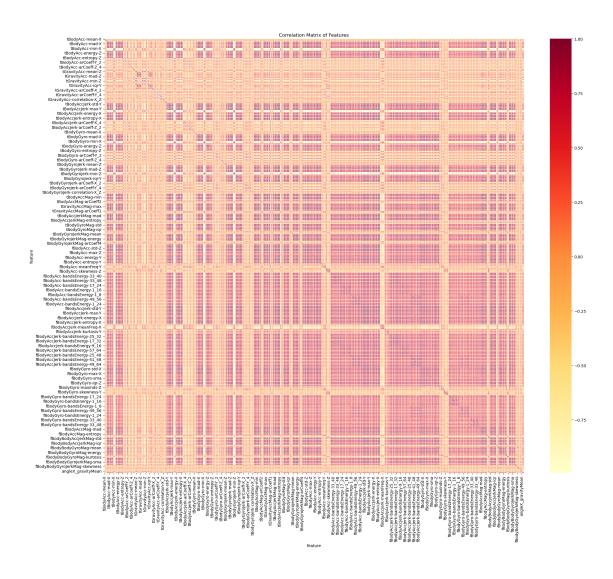
This figure shows the distribution of the tBodyAcc-mean-X feature in the training set, and further smoothes the probability density function of the feature through the kernel density estimation (KDE) curve. As can be seen from the figure, the data distribution is symmetrical and bell-shaped, which conforms to the typical form of normal distribution.

3.2.3 Correlation Matrix of Features

Compute the correlations between all features in the training set and visualize these correlation matrices via heatmaps.

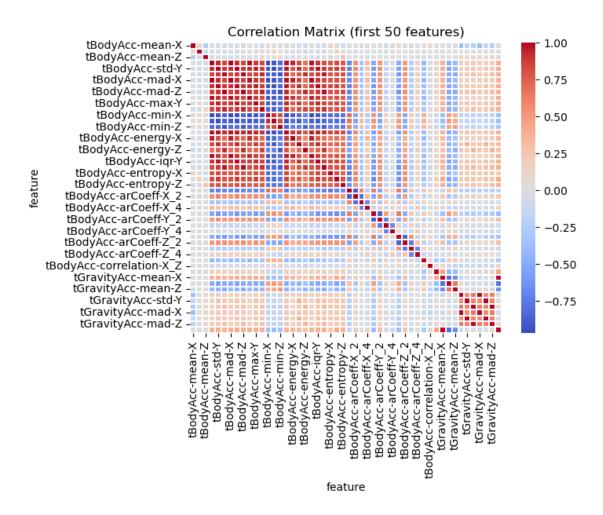
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# Calculate the correlation between features
correlation_matrix = X_train.corr()

# Draw a heat map
plt.figure(figsize=(24, 20))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=False, cmap='YlOrRd', fmt='.2f', usinewidths=0.5)
plt.title('Correlation Matrix of Features')
plt.show()
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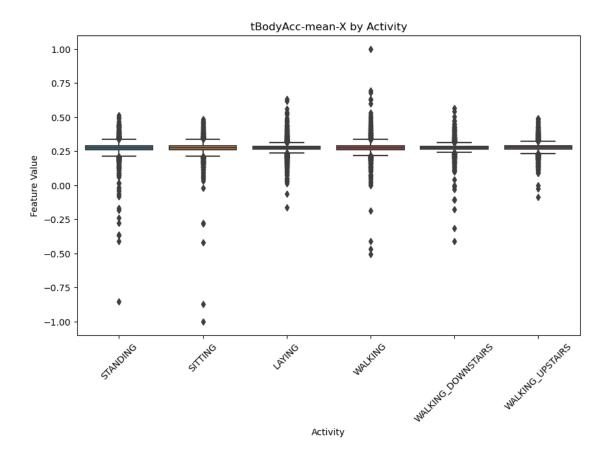
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[]: # Draw a heat map for the first 50 features
corr = X_train.iloc[: , :50].corr()
sns.heatmap(corr, cmap='coolwarm', linewidths=0.3)
plt.title('Correlation Matrix (first 50 features)')
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[]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Correlation Matrix (first 50 features)')



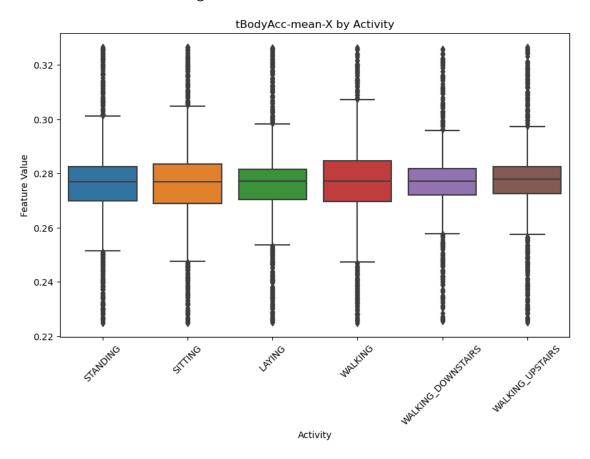
3.3 Feature by Activity

The box plot shows the distribution of tBodyAcc-mean-X features in the training set under different activities.



From the box plot, we can see that among all the activities, there are some significant outliers (points outside the whiskers) in the STANDING, SITTING, WALKING, and WALKING_DOWNSTAIRS activities. These outliers may represent some extreme samples, such as sensor noise, motion anomalies, or human error in labeling. We removed these outliers from the dataset.

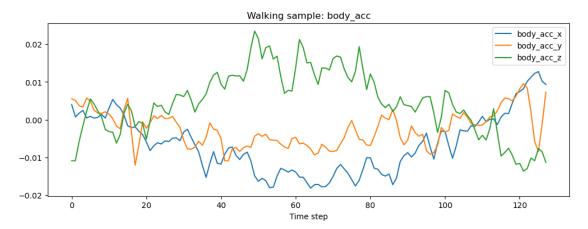
The number of rows in the original dataset 7352 Number of rows after removing outliers 5557

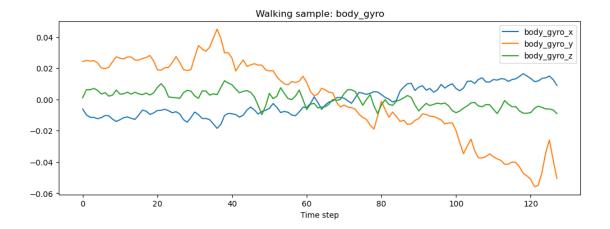


4 Time Series Visualization

4.1 Single Activity Window

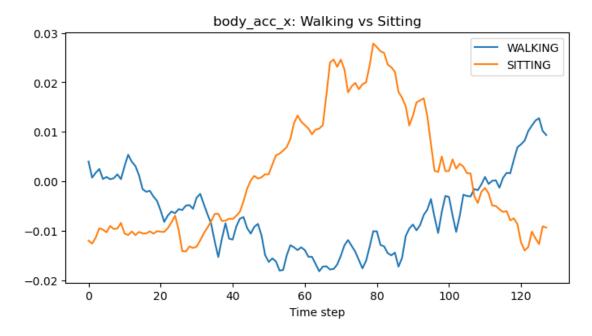
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[]: # 3.1.1 Loading original timing signal
               signal_types =
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               signals = {sig: pd.read_csv(f"{data_path}train/Inertial Signals/{sig}_train.
                   ⇔txt", header=None, sep='\s+')
                                                   for sig in signal_types}
               # 3.1.2 Select the first WALKING sample
               idx = y_train[y_train['activity'] == 'WALKING'].index[0]
               t = np.arange(signals['body_acc_x'].shape[1]) # 0-127
               # 3.1.3 Drawing acceleration and gyroscope
               plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
               for ax in ['body_acc_x','body_acc_y','body_acc_z']:
                            plt.plot(t, signals[ax].iloc[idx], label=ax)
               plt.legend(); plt.title('Walking sample: body_acc'); plt.xlabel('Time step');
                    →plt.show()
               plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
               for ax in ['body_gyro_x','body_gyro_y','body_gyro_z']:
                            plt.plot(t, signals[ax].iloc[idx], label=ax)
               plt.legend(); plt.title('Walking sample: body_gyro'); plt.xlabel('Time step'); u
                     →plt.show()
```





4.2 Comparison of different activities

```
[]: plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
for act in ['WALKING','SITTING']:
    i = y_train[y_train['activity']==act].index[0]
    plt.plot(t, signals['body_acc_x'].iloc[i], label=act)
plt.legend(); plt.title('body_acc_x: Walking vs Sitting'); plt.xlabel('Time_outledge); plt.show()
```



5 Feature Engineering

5.1 Standardization

5.2 PCA Dimensionality Reduction

```
[]: pca = PCA(n_components=20)
X_pca = pca.fit_transform(X_scaled)
print('Explained variance ratio:', pca.explained_variance_ratio_.sum())
```

Explained variance ratio: 0.773708780746934

5.3 Discrete Wavelet Transform

5.3.1 Define DWT feature extraction function

Perform a layer of DWT on the signal sequence of each 128-step window (for example, using Daubechies 4 wavelet), and then calculate statistics (such as mean, standard deviation, energy, etc.) for each layer of coefficients.

```
features = {}
# cA is the approximation coefficient, cD is the detail coefficient
labels = ['A', 'D']
for i, c in enumerate(coeffs):
    label = labels[i] if i < 2 else f"D{i}"
    features[f'c{label}_mean'] = np.mean(c)
    features[f'c{label}_std'] = np.std(c)
    features[f'c{label}_energy'] = np.sum(c**2)
return features</pre>
```

5.3.2 Extract DWT features from selected feature columns in batches

Take tBodyAcc-mean()-X as an example to extract DWT features from all windows in the training set. You can also extend it to multiple axes or multiple raw signals.

```
[]: # New DWT feature extraction loop:
    dwt_features_list = []
    for idx in range(len(signals['body_acc_x'])):
        # Select the idxth window of body_acc_x
        sig = signals['body_acc_x'].iloc[idx].values
        feats = extract_dwt_features(sig, wavelet='db4', level=1)
        feats['activity'] = y_train.loc[idx, 'activity']
        feats['window_idx'] = idx
        dwt_features_list.append(feats)

# Convert to DataFrame

df_dwt = pd.DataFrame(dwt_features_list)
    print("DWT feature table shape:", df_dwt.shape)
    df_dwt.head()
```

DWT feature table shape: (7352, 8)

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    1 0.000392 0.002685 0.000493 -0.000006 0.000942
                                                       0.000059 STANDING
    2 0.000517 0.004014 0.001097 -0.000011 0.001186
                                                       0.000094 STANDING
    3 0.000422 0.003577 0.000869 0.000003 0.001004
                                                       0.000068 STANDING
    4 -0.000207 0.002745 0.000508 0.000016 0.000801
                                                       0.000043 STANDING
```

5.3.3 Merge DWT features into the original feature table

You can merge the above df_dwt with X_train (or the feature set for subsequent modeling) horizontally to construct a final training set containing time domain + frequency domain features.

```
[]: energy_cols = [c for c in df_dwt.columns if 'energy' in c]

X_train_enhanced = pd.concat([
    X_train.reset_index(drop=True),
    df_dwt[energy_cols].reset_index(drop=True)
], axis=1)

print("Shape of training set after enhancement:", X_train_enhanced.shape)
```

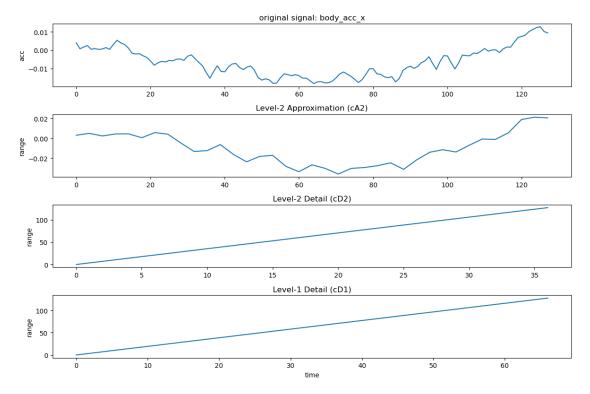
Shape of training set after enhancement: (7352, 563)

5.3.4 DWT result analysis and visualization

Discrete wavelet transform (DWT) decomposes a time domain signal of length 128 into a set of "approximation" coefficients (Approximation) and "detail" coefficients (Detail). - **Approximation** coefficient (cA): retains the low-frequency part of the signal and reflects the overall trend; - **Detail coefficient** (cD): retains the high-frequency component and reflects the instantaneous changes (noise, mutation, detail characteristics).

```
[]: import pywt
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     idx = y_train[y_train['activity'] == 'WALKING'].index[0]
     sig = signals['body acc x'].iloc[idx].values
     wavelet = 'db4'
     level = 2
     coeffs = pywt.wavedec(sig, wavelet=wavelet, level=level)
     cA2, cD2, cD1 = coeffs
     t = np.arange(len(sig))
     tA2 = np.linspace(0, 127, len(cA2))
     tD2 = np.linspace(0, 127, len(cD2))
     tD1 = np.linspace(0, 127, len(cD1))
     plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
     plt.subplot(4,1,1)
     plt.plot(t, sig); plt.title('original signal: body_acc_x'); plt.ylabel('acc')
     plt.subplot(4,1,2)
     plt.plot(tA2, cA2); plt.title('Level-2 Approximation (cA2)'); plt.

ylabel('range')
```



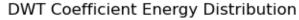
- The first image shows 128 time points of the original acceleration signal.
- The second image cA2 is shorter and only retains the low-frequency trend;
- The third and fourth images cD2 and cD1 show details at different scales, and the high-frequency oscillation is more obvious.

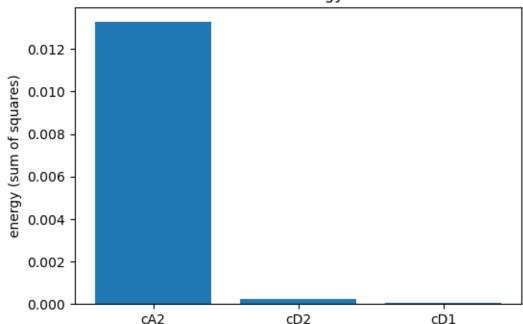
5.3.5 Energy distribution bar graph

You can also calculate the energy (sum of squares) of each level of coefficients and draw a bar graph to intuitively show the proportion of low frequency vs. high frequency in the signal:

```
[]: energies = {
    'cA2': np.sum(cA2**2),
    'cD2': np.sum(cD2**2),
    'cD1': np.sum(cD1**2),
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
plt.bar(energies.keys(), energies.values())
plt.title('DWT Coefficient Energy Distribution')
plt.ylabel('energy (sum of squares)')
plt.show()
```

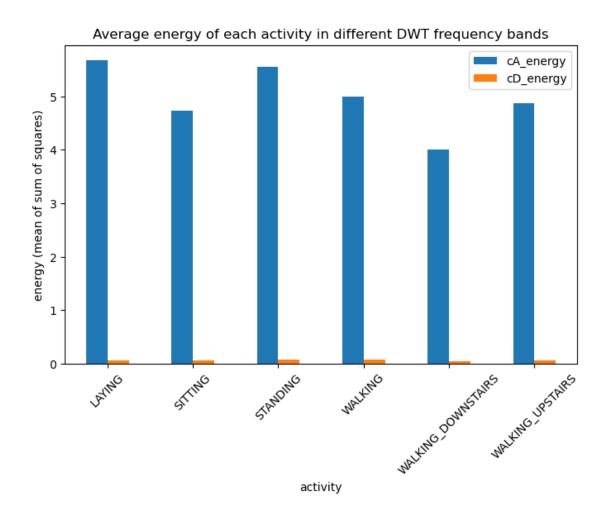




Using DWT energy features to distinguish "WALKING" vs "SITTING"

```
[]: # Count the distribution of each activity in cA2, cD2, cD1 energy
energy_cols = ['cA_energy','cD_energy']
df_plot = df_dwt.groupby('activity')[energy_cols].mean().reset_index()

df_plot.set_index('activity').plot(kind='bar', figsize=(8,5))
plt.title('Average energy of each activity in different DWT frequency bands')
plt.ylabel('energy (mean of sum of squares)')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
```



From the figure, we can see that the energy of WALKING in a certain frequency band (such as cD1) is much higher than that of SITTING, which means that the frequency band feature is particularly effective in distinguishing these two types of actions and can be specially retained in subsequent modeling.

6 Baseline Classification Model

6.1 Random Forest Model

Accuracy: 0.6172671651937458

•	precision	recall	f1-score	support
LAYING	0.54	0.74	0.62	276
SITTING	0.65	0.53	0.58	274
STANDING	0.67	0.72	0.69	285
WALKING	0.64	0.59	0.62	237
WALKING_DOWNSTAIRS	0.59	0.46	0.52	190
WALKING_UPSTAIRS	0.65	0.59	0.62	209
accuracy			0.62	1471
macro avg	0.62	0.61	0.61	1471
weighted avg	0.62	0.62	0.61	1471

