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Data Collection

The experiments have been carried out with a group of 30 volunteers within an age bracket of 19-48 years. Each person performed six activities (WALKING, WALKING_UPSTAIRS, WALKING_DOWNSTAIRS, SITTING, STANDING, LAYING) wearing a smartphone (Samsung Galaxy S II) on the waist.

Feature Selection

The features selected for this database come from the accelerometer and gyroscope 3-axial raw signals tAcc-XYZ and tGyro-XYZ. These time domain signals (prefix 't' to denote time) were captured at a constant rate of 50 Hz. The sensor signals (accelerometer and gyroscope) were pre-processed by applying noise filters (median & Butterworth) and then sampled in fixed-width sliding windows of 2.56 sec and 50% overlap (128 readings/window). Here 3rd order low pass Butterworth filter with a corner frequency of 20 Hz to remove noise. Similarly, the acceleration signal was then separated into body and gravity acceleration signals (tBodyAcc-XYZ and tGravityAcc-XYZ) using another low pass Butterworth filter with a corner frequency of 0.3 Hz.

Subsequently, the body linear acceleration and angular velocity were derived in time to obtain Jerk signals (tBodyAccJerk-XYZ and tBodyGyroJerk-XYZ). Also the magnitude of these three-dimensional signals were calculated using the Euclidean norm (tBodyAccMag, tGravityAccMag, tBodyAccJerkMag, tBodyGyroMag, tBodyGyroJerkMag).

Finally a Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) was applied to some of these signals producing fBodyAcc-XYZ, fBodyAccJerk-XYZ, fBodyGyro-XYZ, fBodyAccJerkMag, fBodyGyroMag, fBodyGyroJerkMag. (Note the 'f' to indicate frequency domain signals).

These signals were used to estimate variables of the feature vector for each pattern: '-XYZ' is used to denote 3-axial signals in the X, Y and Z directions.

tBodyAcc-XYZ tGravityAcc-XYZ tBodyAccJerk-XYZ tBodyGyro-XYZ tBodyGyroJerk-XYZ tBodyAccMag tGravityAccMag tBodyAccJerkMag tBodyGyroMag tBodyGyroJerkMag fBodyAcc-XYZ fBodyAccJerk-XYZ fBodyGyro-XYZ fBodyAccMag fBodyAccJerkMag fBodyGyroMag fBodyGyroJerkMag

The set of variables that were estimated from these signals are:

mean(): Mean value std(): Standard deviation

Now, for each subject and each activity; average of these measurements are obtained. So final variables in the tidy data set are:

- A) subject: Id of each subject
- B) activity: Activity label i.e. one of WALKING, WALKING_UPSTAIRS, WALKING DOWNSTAIRS, SITTING, STANDING, LAYING
- C) avg-tBodyAcc-mean()-X
- D) avg-tBodyAcc-mean()-Y
- E) avg-tBodyAcc-mean()-Z
- F) avg-tBodyAcc-std()-X
- G) avg-tBodyAcc-std()-Y
- H) avg-tBodyAcc-std()-Z
- I) avg-tGravityAcc-mean()-X
- J) avg-tGravityAcc-mean()-Y
- K) avg-tGravityAcc-mean()-Z
- L) avg-tGravityAcc-std()-X
- M) avg-tGravityAcc-std()-Y
- N) avg-tGravityAcc-std()-Z
- O) avg-tBodyAccJerk-mean()-X
- P) avg-tBodyAccJerk-mean()-Y
- Q) avg-tBodyAccJerk-mean()-Z
- R) avg-tBodyAccJerk-std()-X
- S) avg-tBodyAccJerk-std()-Y
- T) avg-tBodyAccJerk-std()-Z
- U) avg-tBodyGyro-mean()-X
- V) avg-tBodyGyro-mean()-Y
- W) avg-tBodyGyro-mean()-Z
- X) avg-tBodyGyro-std()-X
- Y) avg-tBodyGyro-std()-Y
- Z) avg-tBodyGyro-std()-Z
- AA) avg-tBodyGyroJerk-mean()-X
- BB) avg-tBodyGyroJerk-mean()-Y
- CC) avg-tBodyGyroJerk-mean()-Z
- DD) avg-tBodyGyroJerk-std()-X
- EE) avg-tBodyGyroJerk-std()-Y
- FF) avg-tBodyGyroJerk-std()-Z
- GG) avg-tBodyAccMag-mean()
- HH) avg-tBodyAccMag-std()
- II) avg-tGravityAccMag-mean()
- JJ) avg-tGravityAccMag-std()
- KK) avg-tBodyAccJerkMag-mean()
- LL) avg-tBodyAccJerkMag-std()
- MM) avg-tBodyGyroMag-mean()

- NN) avg-tBodyGyroMag-std()
- OO) avg-tBodyGyroJerkMag-mean()
- PP) avg-tBodyGyroJerkMag-std()
- QQ) avg-fBodyAcc-mean()-X
- RR) avg-fBodyAcc-mean()-Y
- SS) avg-fBodyAcc-mean()-Z
- TT) avg-fBodyAcc-std()-X
- UU) avg-fBodyAcc-std()-Y
- VV) avg-fBodyAcc-std()-Z
- WW) avg-fBodyAccJerk-mean()-X
- XX) avg-fBodyAccJerk-mean()-Y
- YY) avg-fBodyAccJerk-mean()-Z
- ZZ) avg-fBodyAccJerk-std()-X
- AAA) avg-fBodyAccJerk-std()-Y
- BBB) avg-fBodyAccJerk-std()-Z
- CCC) avg-fBodyGyro-mean()-X
- DDD) avg-fBodyGyro-mean()-Y
- EEE) avg-fBodyGyro-mean()-Z
- FFF) avg-fBodyGyro-std()-X
- GGG) avg-fBodyGyro-std()-Y
- HHH) avg-fBodyGyro-std()-Z
- III) avg-fBodyAccMag-mean()
- JJJ) avg-fBodyAccMag-std()
- KKK) avg-fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-mean()
- LLL) avg-fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-std()
- MMM) avg-fBodyBodyGyroMag-mean()
- NNN) avg-fBodyBodyGyroMag-std()
- OOO) avg-fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-mean()
- PPP) avg-fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-std()