

9.4. Obtain the activities of daily life dataset from the UC Irvine machine learning website

(<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Dataset+for+ADL+Recognition+with+Wrist-worn+Accelerometer> data provided by Barbara Bruno, Fulvio Mastrogiovanni and Antonio Sgorbissa).

(a) Build a **classifier** that classifies sequences into one of the 14 activities provided. To make features, you should **vector quantize**, then use a **histogram of cluster centers** (as described in the subsection; this gives a pretty explicit set of steps to follow). You will find it helpful to use **hierarchical k-means** to vector quantize. You may use whatever multi-class classifier you wish, though I'd start with R's decision forest, because it's easy to use and effective. You should report (a) the **total error rate** and (b) the **class confusion matrix** of your classifier.

(b) Now see if you can improve your classifier by (a) **modifying the number of cluster centers** in your hierarchical k-means and (b) **modifying the size of the fixed length samples that you use**.