Exploring the Dynamics of Depression with Actigraphy-Based Time Series Data and Demographic Factors

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***Abstract*– Depression is a widespread mental illness that has a significant effect on people's lives. With actigraph data, MADRS scores, and patient details included, this dataset provides a groundbreaking chance to study depression. It makes a variety of applications possible, such as the prediction of MADRS scores and the classification of depressive states driven by machine learning. It also makes it easier to analyze sleep patterns in both depressed and non-depressed people in detail. The dataset is methodologically flexible enough to support a wide range of methodologies, including deep learning and supervised machine learning as well as regression modeling. Additionally, it facilitates the management of class imbalance by utilizing oversampling and cost-sensitive classification. This dataset facilitates comparative analyses, which in turn promote a greater comprehension of successful approaches. Essentially, it has the potential to automate the diagnosis of depression, which could lead to better treatment and a deeper understanding of this complex mental health issue.**

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Introduction -

A severe and widespread mental illness, depression has a substantial negative impact on people's lives all over the world. Numerous symptoms, such as ongoing melancholy, a feeling of emptiness, worry, sleep difficulties, and a deep loss of interest in once-pleasurable activities, are indicative of this illness. Other signs of depressive episodes include low energy, thoughts of suicide, feelings of guilt or worthlessness, and even psychotic symptoms. The number, intensity, and duration of these symptoms, as well as how they affect social and professional functioning, are used to determine the severity of depression.

Bipolar disorder, another serious mental illness, commonly co-occurs with depression, proving that depression is not an isolated ailment. The primary difference is in the cyclical nature of bipolar disorder, which is typified by manic episodes that are characterized by elevated activity levels, impulsivity, decreased sleep needs, and goal-directed behaviors. It is known that there is a hereditary component to both diseases, indicating that mood episodes are caused by a genetic predisposition that combines with environmental circumstances.

The start of depressive symptoms can be attributed to a variety of environmental variables, including lifestyles that are out of sync with natural daylight cycles, alterations in social patterns (such as traveling across time zones or working shifts), and biological rhythms that are upset by seasonal variations in daylight. Furthermore, a person's depressive symptoms may be triggered by physical health conditions, drug side effects, life events, social factors, alcohol and substance addiction, and other reasons.

With an estimated 15% lifetime prevalence worldwide, depression is a startling statistic. Notably, a large number of people have depressive episodes that don't quite fit the diagnostic parameters but yet have a substantial negative impact on their well-being.

Presented by Enrique Garcia-Ceja et al., this dataset offers a multitude of actigraph data monitoring motor activity together with demographics, patient characteristics, and MADRS ratings. This dataset offers a foundational resource for a variety of applications, such as machine learning-based depression state classification, MADRS score prediction based on motor activity data, and the examination of sleep patterns in depressed versus non-depressed individuals. It has the potential to revolutionize the field of depression research. Additionally, it makes it easier to assess a variety of machine learning strategies, including cost-sensitive classification, methods for oversampling classes that are imbalanced, and feature-based and deep learning approaches like recurrent neural networks and convolutional neural networks for time series data. The creation of automated depression detection systems is made possible by this extensive dataset, which could further our knowledge of this complicated illness and lead to better diagnostic and therapeutic approaches.

Literature Review-

[1] The authors of this work tackle the important problem of utilizing machine learning algorithms based on actigraphy data from wearable devices to classify depression levels. A common mental health problem is depression, for which early diagnosis is essential to successful treatment. The study offers a framework for classifying depression levels by utilizing actigraphy data, which offers continuous monitoring of physical activity. Survey factors are coupled with 14 circadian rhythm traits that were taken from actigraphy data to model depressive status. After evaluating a number of machine learning methods, the study concludes that the XGBoost classifier is the best at identifying depression levels. This study offers a viable method for the identification and categorization of depression and offers insightful information on the connection between depression and physical activity.

[2] This work offers a novel method for utilizing actigraphy data from non-invasive sensing devices to monitor and categorize illness states. The study focuses on ongoing patient monitoring for a range of chronic illnesses, offering insightful information for management and treatment. The authors extract structural information from actigraphy data using mathematical time-series modeling, namely Autoregressive (AR)–Generalized Conditional Heteroskedasticity (GARCH) models. They suggest a three-step process that entails locating structural fractures, creating time-series models for every segment, and using feature analysis to categorize the severity of the condition. The experimental results show that variables collected using this modeling approach are useful in differentiating between disease severities in patients with depressive disorder. This strategy presents a viable way for ongoing observation and early illness state identification in a home-based environment.

[3] In the literature related to bipolar disorder and circadian rhythm disruptions, research has shown that early identification of prodromal symptoms and the stabilization of patients are crucial goals in managing the condition. Actigraphy, a technology capable of continuously monitoring movement activity and sleep patterns, presents an advantage over traditional methods like polysomnography. This paper explores a feasibility study that combines long-term actigraphy monitoring with a self-assessment of the patient's mood. By analyzing data from Actiwatch devices and patient questionnaires, the study aims to identify relapse events related to bipolar disorder, particularly mania or depression. The research indicates that the most promising parameter for detection is Interdaily Stability, and future studies plan to incorporate real-time actigraphy monitoring for improved performance.

[4] This research examines the important problem of depression and the possibility of early identification utilizing motor activity sensor data along with demographic data. The severe repercussions of depression, such as mental disease and suicide, highlight how vital it is to have efficient detection systems. Based on motor sensor readings and demographic information, the study uses machine learning methods, namely Random Forest, AdaBoost, and Artificial Neural Networks, to categorize sadness. The results are remarkable since they exhibit strong agreement and an astounding accuracy of 98%, as seen by the correlation coefficients of Matthew and Cohen. This study demonstrates how machine learning may be used to improve early detection techniques and provides insightful information about the use of sensor data for mental health analysis.

[5] This research addresses privacy concerns and presents a unique method for predicting depression using motor activity data from ActiGraph wearable wristbands. Depression is a common health problem worldwide, and early identification is crucial. In order to diagnose mental health issues, wearable technology provides a platform for ongoing health monitoring. However, issues with privacy prevent data exchange. In this study, a data augmentation strategy that greatly enhances depression detection performance is proposed. In addition, it investigates the use of privacy-preserving data analysis to guarantee the protection of patient data when it comes to mental health issues. This work offers a viable path for improving the diagnosis of depression and promoting privacy in the analysis of health data.

[6] This paper presents a real-time activity classification system using inertial sensors that is based on a semi-supervised Hidden Markov Model (HMM). Many applications find traditional approaches to activity classification impractical due to their large training dataset requirements. The suggested system makes it possible to recognize both long-term complex activities and short-term events. In order to reduce the amount of training data required, a general model is customized to each subject using Bayesian adaptation techniques. The framework exhibits efficient activity classification even with limited training data, and offers insightful information about the health and behavioral patterns of the subjects.

Methods-

1. Depression State Classification using Machine Learning:
   - Based on attributes from the dataset, classify patients into depression states (e.g., unipolar depressed, bipolar I or II) using supervised machine learning techniques like Support Vector Machines, Random Forest, or Neural Networks.
   - To choose and extract pertinent features from actigraph data, demographic data, and MADRS scores, use feature engineering.
2. Using Machine Learning to Predict MADRS Scores:
   - Create regression models based on patient characteristics and motor activity data to predict MADRS scores at the beginning and conclusion of the measurement.
   - Investigate regression approaches such as ensemble methods, decision tree regression, and linear regression.
3. Comparative Analysis:
   - To ascertain which machine learning classification technique performs best for depressive state categorization, compare several methodologies.
   - Compare and contrast deep learning approaches with feature-based approaches for time series data.
4. Feature-Based Classification:
   - Use pertinent demographic and actigraph data features to implement feature-based classification in accordance with classic machine learning techniques.
   - To enhance model performance, dimensionality reduction and feature selection methods like Principal Component Analysis (PCA) can be used.
5. In-Depth Approaches:
   - Investigate deep learning techniques for actigraph data time series analysis, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs).
   - Sequential dependencies in the data can be captured by RNNs, while CNNs can be used to extract features from time series data.
6. Metrics for Evaluation:
   - To evaluate the effectiveness of classification and regression models, use suitable assessment metrics such as area under the ROC curve (AUC), accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

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