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# Abstract

Human physical activity monitoring has received an increasing interest by elders' caregivers, athletes, physicians, nutritionists, physiotherapists and even people who want to check the daily activity level.

Concerning applications for elderly, and taking into account the actual increasing of aging population and decreasing social and economic conditions for elderly daily care, telecare systems have emerging and have been considered as a solution for some of these problems.

In this project it will be described how to extract human postures, postural transitions and walking patterns from motion data recording with Smartphone built-in accelerometer, particularly a tri-axial sensor. The application of this system is to supervisor elderly or physical active people who are interesting in checking or improve their physical level. Methods to monitor activities of daily living, as standing, sitting, lying, walking and climbing stairs, were proposed based on a dataset composed of ten 60-70 years subjects, five male and five female, who carried a Smartphone placed longitudinally on their waist. The threshold-based approach implemented was capable of discriminating between static and dynamic activities. Static activities refer to situations when the user is static in a posture, as standing, sitting or lying; dynamic activities refer to activities that involve movement of the user, as walking, climbing stairs and transitions between postures (sit-to-stand movements). Within static activities, the angle between the user initial position and the orientation during each movement was used to differentiate the user postural orientation. The analysis of walking patterns were conducted in the frequency domain using Fast Fourier Transform and analysing the peak in the correspondent spectrum with higher amplitude, which corresponds to the step rate.

The problem of discriminating activities can be treated as a classification problem using techniques of machine learning. Using a public dataset provided by *SmartLab* during the ESANN competition, it was possible to study the more suitable metrics to extract from acceleration signals in order to train and test a classifier. Using a decision tree classifier, which was implemented with J48 algorithm from Weka, it was possible to achieve 86% accuracy and a 14% classifier error for the train and test datasets provided in the competition.

The results obtained suggest that accelerometer sensors could be used for accurate physical activity detection and strategies to implement the classification algorithms in Android environment should be implemented.



# Resumo

Monitorizar a atividade física humana tem recebido um crescente interesse por parte de cuidadores de idosos, atletas, médicos, nutricionistas, fisioterapeutas e até por parte de pessoas interessadas em conhecer o seu nível de atividade diário.

No que diz respeito a aplicações para idosos, e tendo em conta o envelhecimento da população e a diminuição das condições sociais e económicas para cuidar dos idosos, os serviços de apoio à distância têm sido considerados como uma solução para estes problemas.

Neste projeto, vai ser descrito como extrair posturas humanas, transições entre posturas e padrões ao andar a partir de informação motora recolhida com o acelerómetro incorporado num *Smartphone*, particularmente um acelerómetro triaxial. A aplicação deste sistema baseia-se em supervisionar os idosos e pessoas ativas que pretendem controlar e melhorar a sua condição física. Os métodos para monitorizar atividades do dia-a-dia, como estar de pé, sentar, deitar, andar e subir escadas, foram propostos baseados num *dataset* recolhido com idosos entre os 60 e os 70 anos, cinco homens e cinco mulheres, que usaram o *Smartphone* colocado longitudinalmente na cinta. A abordagem baseada em limiares implementada foi capaz de diferenciar atividades estáticas e atividades dinâmicas. As atividades estáticas referem-se a situações em que o utilizador está estático em determinadas posturas, como estar de pé, sentado ou deitado; atividades dinâmicas referem-se a atividades que implicam o movimento do utilizador, como andar, subir e descer escadas e transições de pé-sentado-de pé. Para diferenciar posturas foi usado o ângulo entre a posição inicial do *Smartphone* e a orientação em cada movimento. A análise dos padrões de andar foi feita no domínio das frequências usando a Transformada de *Fourier* e analisando o pico no espectro da transformada com maior amplitude, que corresponde à cadência do andar.

O problema de diferenciar atividades pode ser tratado com um problema de classificação usando técnicas de *machine learning*. Usando um *dataset* público fornecido pelo *SmarLab* durante a competição *ESANN*, foi possível estudar as métricas mais adequadas a extrair dos sinais do acelerómetro, de modo a treinar e testar um classificador. Usando uma árvore de decisão, que foi implementada com o algoritmo J48 do *Weka*, foi possível obter uma precisão na classificação de 84% e um erro de 16% para os *datasets* de treino e de teste da competição.

Os resultados obtidos sugerem que os sensores do acelerómetro podem ser usados para determinar corretamente atividades humanas e estratégias para a implementação de algoritmos de classificação devem ser implementados em ambiente *Android*.





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# Abbreviations

|      |   |
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| ADL  | Activities of daily living                              |
| AR   | Activity recognition                                    |
| ARFF | Attribute-Relation File Format                          |
| DT   | Dataset   |
| FFT  | Fast Fourier Transform                                  |
| FEUP | <i>Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto</i> |
| HAR  | Human Activity Recognition                              |
| HMM  | Hidden Markov Models                                    |
| k-NN | k-Nearest Neighbours                                    |
| SVM  | Support Vector Machines                                 |
| Weka | Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis.             |



# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Recognizing human activities with sensors next to the body has become an important research area, aiming to create or improve innovative applications providing activity monitoring. The ability to record and recognize individual daily activities is essential to determine the degree of functional performance and general level of activity of a person (Karantonis, Narayanan, Mathie, Lovell, & Celler, 2006).

These systems have real world applications in health care and fitness monitoring. Physical activity has positive effects on all body functions and studies proved that the risk of cardiovascular diseases is up to 50% lower on physical active people (Czabke, Marsch, & Lueth, 2011). With the progressive aging of population and the limited funding for public health care, more attention is paid to daily activity monitoring, improving the ability to assist the patients and help them care for themselves, reducing the conventional health care and moving towards the home telecare (Karantonis et al., 2006).

In health care field, long term analysis of human activity could be helpful in early detection of diseases (Czabke et al., 2011) or even to encourage people to improve their activity level. It could also be useful for physiotherapy, helping to understand if the recommended exercises are been correctly performed or even to assist those with cognitive disorders (Lopes, Mendes-Moreira, & Gama, 2012).

One of the most used approaches to monitor human activity is based on motion capture video systems that could also be associated with pressure plates in the ground. These methods are obtrusive, require massive devices and could only be used inside a laboratory environment, requiring a high set-up and processing time as well as memory space to record it (Czabke et al., 2011).

Motion sensors have become an interesting alternative to video systems, because of their miniaturization, low cost and capability to record motion signals within unobtrusive and wearable systems. Accelerometers and gyroscopes were also used in previously studies for daily activity monitoring (Czabke et al., 2011; Karantonis et al., 2006; Maurer, Smailagic, Siewiorek, &

Deisher, 2006), exercise information, such as energy expenditure (Lee, Khan, & Kim, 2011), and fall detection (Qiang et al., 2009).

Classifying motion information, collected with the sensors present in Smartphones, in activities labels is normally made with Machine Learning techniques that require the extraction of metric parameters of the motion data in order to train a classifier to predict for new data the activity it is associated with. The variability of people has reflexions in their mode to perform activities as simple as sitting or walking, and classifiers should also be general enough to deal with different users.

## **1.1 Background and Context**

This dissertation is inserted in the data mining field, concerning human physical activity recording and classification, using motion sensors embedded in Smartphones. The project was developed in Fraunhofer AICOS Portugal. This research center focuses its activity in the area of assistive information and communication solutions to improve end-user experience and usability of applications (Fraunhofer, 2013b).

With the increasing aging of population and the decreasing of financial and social means to support and take care of elderly, people are more concerning with tele services, which are designed to help and improve the life of elders or even of people with some disabilities.

In this context, applications for human activity monitoring are emerging, not only for ones who want to attend their relatives and could not be present, but also for people who want to check the physical activity and improve it if necessary. Sports are also an important segment for physical monitoring applications, to follow the training profiles and change it according to their demands, or even to perform a gait analysis of their own and adapt rehabilitation exercises. For elite players this is an important issue, because the recovery should be as quick and accurate as possible. To monitor physical activity is important, not only for people with some disease, but also for healthy ones, who nowadays are, in general, more interested in maintaining an active life. In nutritional counselling, an exercise plan is sometimes defined with a set of activities to perform in a time period in order to lose weight. For each activity an average of the energy expenditure is calculated and the user is recommended to execute the activities necessary to achieve the defined plan<sup>1</sup>.

## **1.2 Motivation and Objectives**

The motivation behind this project is the implementation of a monitoring system that could help people tracking their physical activity and to help caregivers to assist the elders. The main objectives of this dissertation are to study the methods for activity monitoring capable of being implemented in a Smartphone, using a public dataset of activities of daily living (ADL) and a

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<sup>1</sup> Consult Annex A for a more detailed explanation about activity monitoring and nutritional counselling.

Workbench of Machine Learning Technologies (Weka). In order to test those methods, it is necessary to collect a motion dataset, focus in ADLs performed by elders.

### 1.3 Project

This project aim to study the methods for monitoring human daily activities, using the motion sensors incorporated in a Smartphone. Focus was made in ADL as: standing, staying, lying, walking, walking up and walking down stairs. The movement of the user is captured by the accelerometers of the Smartphone placed in the user waist while he/she is performing the activities.

The project is also divided in two main areas of research: first it was studied the pre-processing and classifying techniques using a public dataset with the same activities of interest (standing, staying, lying, walking, walking up and walking down stairs), but with the advantage of having a large number of instances for each activity, providing better results for classifiers performance. This public dataset also had a predefined group of features that was treated as a basis of study for common features extracted for these types of activities. This study was made using Weka software.

Posteriorly, a dataset was collected at Fraunhofer, with older participants within an age range of 61-70 years. The referred activities were recorded with a Smartphone placed in the user waist in a supervised laboratory environment. Processing and evaluation of the data was done with MatLab® R2013a and Weka 3.6.9 software.

### 1.4 Overview of Dissertation

Apart from this Introduction (Chapter 1), this dissertation consists of four chapters. Chapter 2 is a review of the state of the art and explains some concepts related with activity monitoring and Machine Learning Technology. Some related previous studies are also presented. In Chapter 3, the activity recognition approach is described in detail. The results (Chapter 4) obtained with the proposed methodology are presented and discussed. In Chapter 5, the major achievements related with this dissertation are summarized and some improvements of the method are also pointed.



## Chapter 2

# Literature Review

This Chapter describes the state of the art related with the activity monitoring. Some previously studies in the area are also presented. The main technology concepts and resources used in the project are explained.

### 2.1 Activity Monitoring

The accurate monitoring of human activities has the potential to improve systems for health care, near-emergency early warning, fitness monitoring and assisted living (Lopes et al., 2012). These “motion-aware” systems can provide users with a wide range of add-value services: for example, by analysing the activities the user is performing during a period of time, it could be possible to determine trends of daily habits (Figo, Diniz, Ferreira, & Cardoso, 2010); recognition that an elderly person fell is important to trigger an emergency alert (Figure 1); it could also be useful for physiotherapy, helping to understand if the recommended exercises are been correctly performed or even to assist those with cognitive disorders (Lopes et al., 2012).



**Figure 1:** “The multifactorial and interacting etiologies of falls” (Rubenstein & Josephson, 2006), focus the context of this project related to the fall detection (dashed circle pointed with an arrow).

Activity concepts have been considered within Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) research in order to design better activity-based pervasive systems (Bao & Intille, 2004). The main goals of pervasive computing is ubiquity and unobtrusiveness, or to “fade into the background” supporting users while they perform daily activities (Wilde, 2011). Predicting activities is the objective of these pervasive systems, however the use of isolated actions for analysing real-life situations outside a laboratory is not successful, because actions are always situated into a context, and they are impossible to understand without that context (Kuuti, 1995). In the development of context-aware systems is important to recognize that an activity is the minimal meaningful context for understanding individual actions (Kuuti, 1995). Detecting the posture is not sufficient to differentiate between some activities; only if the context is captured, the activities could be accurately differentiated (Wilde, 2010).

The whole process for activity monitoring begins with gathering the raw data, in particular, motion data. Inertial sensors are an adequate solution to detect motion. These sensors respond to stimuli by generating signals that can be analysed and interpreted (Wilde, 2010). Usually, sensors are placed next to the body and should be comfortable for the user (Lopes et al., 2012). In section 2.2 some key aspects concerning sensors, as the type, number and their location, will be addressed in detail.

The new generation of Smartphones are equipped with a wide range of internal sensors, including accelerometers and gyroscopes, which can be used to monitor human daily activities. These devices are practical, small and unobtrusive, becoming an ideal platform for an activity recognition system. Other desirable features are the possibility to be wearable, work in real-time and be used for long-term monitoring (Lopes et al., 2012). These devices can acquire, process and obtain useful information from raw sensor data (Figo et al., 2010), but the key difficult of creating useful context-aware applications is to develop algorithms that can detect context from noisy and ambiguous sensor data (Bao & Intille, 2004).

Developing a Smartphone application has to take into account the limited resources of Smartphone as processing time, limited memory and sample rate and accelerometers are an ideal sensor because they require low processing power and energy consumption. In section 2.3, problems like the impact of the application on the phone’s battery lifetime, the correct acquisition sampling rate in order to guarantee accurate classifications and the limited memory space needed will be explored.

Some setup protocols for human activity data acquisition have been reported in the literature (Figo et al., 2010; Lopes et al., 2012), but other authors (Riboni & Bettini, 2010) also used a public dataset, like the COSAR dataset (from EveryWare Lab of the University of Milan) with annotated accelerometer data. A correctly annotated dataset is important for posterior system evaluation. Other studies (Bao & Intille, 2004) reported guidelines for the dataset recording, using different subjects, preferentially non-researchers or with no researcher supervision in order to not bias the data. Subjects were asked to perform a series of activities and to annotate the activities in



the end (semi-naturalistic data collection) or to perform random sequences of pre-defined activities (specific activity data collection).

The activity prediction is normally treated as a classification problem, using techniques of machine learning based on probabilistic and statistical reasoning. Semi-supervised learning techniques require less human effort; give higher accuracy and enables the adaptation of the algorithm to each new user along the time (Lopes et al., 2012). “A supervised learning uses labelled data to train an algorithm, which then becomes able to classify unlabelled data” (Wilde, 2011). This technique has the following steps (Wilde, 2011): acquire sensor data, including labelled annotations; ascertain data features and its representation; aggregate data from multiple sources; divide data into training set and test set; train the algorithm on the train set; test the trained algorithm on the test set; apply the algorithm to new users. Section 2.4 will present the techniques normally used in each one of the steps for the classification algorithm implementation. Focus will be made to the classification features that could be used for Smartphone applications.

## 2.2 Sensors

Sensors can gather data that could be used for the detection of human activity. There are three main concerns regarding sensors: type, location and number. The majority of motion-aware systems have used inertial sensors, particularly accelerometers, to estimate the inclination of the body from the vertical and to determine the orientation and movement of the user (Wilde, 2010). Accelerometers use transducers for measuring linear acceleration (Figure 2). “Conceptually, an accelerometer behaves as a damped mass on a spring. When the accelerometer experiences acceleration, the mass is displaced to the point that the spring is able to accelerate the mass at the same rate as the casing. The displacement is then measured to give the acceleration” (Bird, Klein, & Loper, 2009).

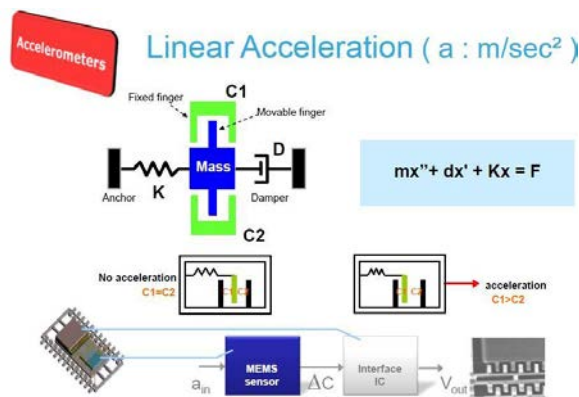
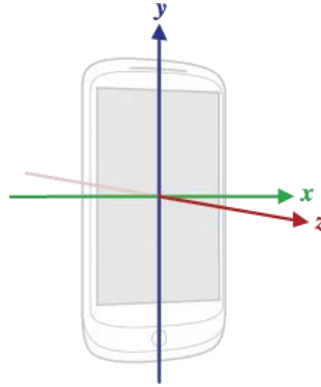


Figure 2: Linear acceleration sensors (Yu, 2013)

The signal obtained with accelerometers has two components, “a gravitational acceleration component (static) that provides information on the postural orientation of the subject, and a body acceleration component (dynamic) that provides information on the movement of the subject” (Mathie, 2003). A 3D accelerometer measures the acceleration along x (lateral), y (vertical) and z (longitudinal) axes relative to the screen of the phone as described in Figure 3. The acceleration is measured in SI (International System) units,  $m/s^2$ .



**Figure 3:** Smartphone axis orientation (CreatioSoft, 2012-2013).

In the literature, some investigations using activity counts and computer vision that support the potential for activity recognition using acceleration are also described (Bao & Intille, 2004). Many past works have demonstrated 85% to 95% recognition rates for ambulation, posture, and other activities using acceleration data (Bao, 2003). Some works<sup>2</sup> are summarized in Figure 4.

| Activities                    | Sensors  | Sensor Placement   | Data set      | Recognition Accuracy |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---------------|----------------------|
| Human motion                  | Accelerometer X-Y, GPS                                 | Pocket   | 10 people (L) | 85% - 90%            |
| Human motion                  | Accelerometer 3D                                       | Chest & thigh  | 5 people (S)  | 89.3%                |
| Human motion, ADL             | Accelerometer 3D, compass, ambient light, force sensor | Right thigh, neck-lace, right & left wrist                     | 13 people (S) | 90.61%               |
| 10 ADL                        | Video  | -  | 1 person (S)  | 95%                  |
| 20 ADL                        | Accelerometer X-Y                                      | Left thigh, right ankle,                                       | 20 people (S) | 84.26%               |
| Human motion, ADL             | Accelerometer  | Dominant wrist   | 7 people (L)  | 92.86% +/- 5.91%     |
| ADL                           | Accelerometer, light sensor, microphone                | Chest, wrist & shoes   | 7 people (L)  | $\geq 90\%$          |
| 5 activities to repair a bike | Accelerometer  | Torso, left & right sleeve, left upper & lower arm & left hand | 3 people (L)  | 82.7%                |
| Human motion                  | Accelerometer  | Wrist & thigh  | 1 person (N)  | 86% - 93%            |
| 3 Kung Fu movements           | Accelerometer  | 2 at wrist   | 1 person (L)  | 96.67%               |
| Human motion                  | Accelerometer 2D                                       | Left upper leg   | 6 people (L)  | 42% - 96%            |
| Human motion                  | Accelerometer  | 2 at hip   | 1 person (L)  | 83% - 90%            |
| Human motion                  | Accelerometer  | 2 at thigh   | 8 people (L)  | 92.85% - 95.91%      |

**Figure 4:** Summary of past work on activity recognition using acceleration. “Data Set” column specifies whether data was collected under laboratory (L), naturalistic (N) or semi-naturalistic settings (Nadales, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> Consult Annex B for more detailed information about HAR based on accelerometers’ data.

According to Huynh (Huynh, 2008), researchers are more interested in using accelerometers because users consider accelerometers less intrusive than other sensors such as microphones or cameras. There are also many advantages that make this type of sensor useful for human activity recognition, as for example, their low cost and small size (make them adequate to embed in Smartphones) (Wilde, 2011).

Prior literature demonstrates that forms of locomotion such as walking, running, and climbing stairs and postures such as sitting, standing, and lying down can be recognized at 83% to 95% accuracy rates using hip, thigh, and ankle acceleration (Bao, 2003). However, the work of (Bao & Intille, 2004) suggests that thigh and dominant wrist are the better locations for accelerometer placement to detect ADL in naturalistic settings. Accelerometer data collected from dominant wrist is better for discriminating activities involving upper body movements and data from thigh accelerometer is useful for discriminate movements made with the lower limbs. Activity recognition systems should work with data from different placements, allowing the user to carry the device in the most convenient location for a given context (Wilde, 2011). When the sensors are in a single placement, it is useful to apply a multimodal information system to record the contextual cues of the environment (Wilde, 2010).

Concerning the number of sensors needed for an accurate recognition, (Bao & Intille, 2004) showed that using two sensors only affected 5% of the accuracy compared with a five-sensor system. Comparing bi-axial and tri-axial accelerometers, the extra cost does not enrich the data significantly (Bao & Intille, 2004). The maximum number of sensors reported in the literature was six uniaxial accelerometers (Bao, 2003).

Another important issue about sensors is that some activities as climbing stairs are usually indistinguishable using only accelerometer information, requiring complementary sensors (e.g. microphone and barometer) (Wilde, 2010).

The most common human activities addressed in the past works are walking, running, sitting, standing, going up and downstairs (Lopes et al., 2012). However, (Bao & Intille, 2004) reported a system capable of discriminate twenty activities, which lies outside the scope of this dissertation.

## 2.3 Smartphones

The new generation of Smartphones is being considered by users as an important personal device, together with an exponential availability. These devices have an increased potential for an adequate mean of gathering motion data, to use for building human activity prediction systems. The perception of their benefits are becoming commonplace, as users have become accustomed to their ubiquity (Wilde, 2011).

One of the most important applications of human activity prediction system is health care, particularly elderly health care. However, elderly people do not have the same skill in operating

Smartphones as young ones, and moreover do not carry these type of devices in daily living, becoming essential an adaptation phase prior to use of these systems, for elderly people to learn how to interact with the technology itself. Despite the fact that nowadays elderly are not used to interact with Smartphones, the future older users who have grown up with the technology will probably become an important market segment (Wilde, 2011).

Fraunhofer AICOS have already developed an application for Android Smartphones. The Smart Companion consists of a set of applications for the Android Smartphone that “were specially designed to meet older adults' needs. At the moment Smart Companion includes seven applications, namely: Home Smart Companion, Emergency, Calls, My Data, Music, Messages, Contacts” (Fraunhofer, 2013a).

Smartphones are equipped with a wide range of internal sensors (Table 1), including accelerometers and gyroscopes, which can be used to monitor human daily activities. These devices are practical, small and unobtrusive, becoming an ideal platform for a pervasive activity recognition system. Other desirable features are the possibility to be wearable, always next to the user, work in real-time and be used for long-term monitoring.

**Table 1:** Number of sensors in some recently launched Smartphones (Ristic, 2012).

| Sensor Type          | iPhone 4s | Galaxy S3 | HTC One X | Droid 4 | Lava Xolo 900 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| Accelerometer        | •         | •         | •         | •       | •             |
| Gyro                 | •         | •         | •         | •       | •             |
| Dig. Compass         | •         | •         | •         | •       | •             |
| Proximity Sensor     | •         | •         | •         | •       | •             |
| Ambient Light Sensor | •         | •         |           | •       | •             |
| Barometer            |           | •         |           |         |               |

Android-based Smartphones have been chosen as the platform for this dissertation because the Android operating system is free, open-source, easy to program, and expected to become ordinary in people daily living. The low cost of the Smartphones that have accelerometers incorporated are also part of people nowadays routine.

The development of Smartphone applications for human activity prediction has some drawbacks as limited battery and memory and any new development on this area should address questions as: the impact of the application on phone's battery, sample rate in order to achieve an accurate classification, the time to create a model and its needed memory space.

Regarding the process of data collection, one could choose to collect the data with a Smartphone placed in predefined parts or just one part of the body (Section 2.2) and create an appropriate dataset, or to use public datasets, with annotated data. The former option is sometimes preferred because a well sized and annotated dataset is essential for evaluation of the classification algorithm, since an annotated dataset will be the ground truth wherewith it will be possible to check the results. To gather a sufficient complete dataset could not be feasible, because it is necessary to collect a great amount of data from several users doing diverse activities for a long

period of time in order to create a robust and accurate classification algorithm that ideally could ultimately be adaptable to each new user. Even if one decides to create a dataset, volunteers should be found to participate in the data collection, which is one of the biggest restraints of this process. (Bao, 2003) once said that “if individual variations in activity are significant, an activity recognition algorithm must be tested on data from many subjects to ensure it performs well for a range of individual patterns. Beyond the size of the data set, the quality of the data is also critical”.

Some previous studies (Bao & Intille, 2004) reported guidelines for the dataset recording, using different subjects, preferentially non-researchers or with no researcher supervision in order to not bias the data. Subjects were asked to perform a series of activities and to annotate the activities in the end (semi-naturalistic data collection) or to perform random sequences of pre-defined activities (specific activity data collection).

Other studies (Riboni & Bettini, 2010; Wilde, 2011) used a public dataset COSAR dataset (from EveryWare Lab of the University of Milan) with annotated accelerometer data. This dataset have five hours of data collection from four participants that have performed ten physical activities<sup>3</sup>. The dataset also comprises data collected from two triaxial accelerometers (one on the hip and the other on the right wrist).

Another public dataset has been created as part of the ESANN 2012 Special Session in Human Activity and Motion Disorder Recognition (Anguita, Ghio, Oneto, Parra, & Reyes-Ortiz, 2012, 2013). The experiments have been carried out with a group of 30 volunteers within an age range of 19-48 years. Each person performed six activities<sup>4</sup> wearing a Smartphone (Samsung Galaxy S2) on the waist, placed longitudinally. Using its embedded accelerometer and gyroscope, they captured 3-axial linear acceleration and 3-axial angular velocity at a constant rate of 50Hz. The experiments have been video-recorded to label the data manually (Anguita et al., 2012, 2013).

## 2.4 Technology

Once the dataset is ready, a classification algorithm needs to be implemented. As previously mentioned, human activity prediction is normally treated as a classification problem, using techniques of machine learning based on probabilistic and statistical reasoning. In 1959, Arthur Samuel defined machine learning as a "field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed". The basis of machine learning is exactly as Samuel has described, it builds a model and a classifier, capable of learning from unseen data. The model represents the data instances (normally each instance represents a data window with fixed size) and functions of these instances in the training step and ultimately the classifier could generalize

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<sup>3</sup> The activities were: standing still, writing on a blackboard, brushing teeth, walking, walking downstairs, walking upstairs, climbing up, climbing down, running and riding a bicycle (Wilde, 2011).

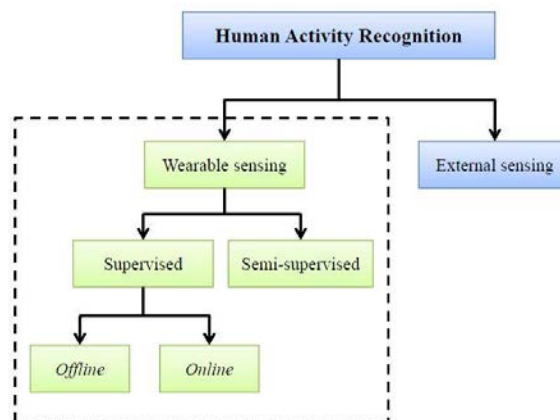
<sup>4</sup> The activities were: walking, walking upstairs, walking downstairs, sitting, standing and lying (Anguita, Ghio et al. 2012).

for unseen data. Machine learning is a branch of computer science concerned with induction problems for which an underlying model for predictive or descriptive purposes has to be discovered, based on known properties learned from the training data<sup>5</sup>.

Machine learning algorithms can be divided in several categories:

- **Semi-supervised learning** techniques enable the adaptation of the algorithm to each new user along the time (Lopes et al., 2012). Some example algorithms are Hidden Markov Models, naive Bayes networks, decision trees, K-Nearest Neighbours and Support Vector Machines (SVM).
- **Supervised learning** uses labelled data to train an algorithm, which then becomes able to classify unlabelled data (Wilde, 2011). The classification process could be implemented offline or online (Figure 5), according to the purpose. Offline is normally used for physical activity history recording, and online process is useful for inform the user or a caregiver in real time the current activity that is been performed.
- **Unsupervised learning** method tries to directly build recognition models from unlabelled data. Such an approach uses density estimation methods to discover groups of similar examples in order to create learning models (Wilde, 2010).
- **Ensemble learning** trains multiple learners to solve the same problem. Their generalization ability can be much better than that of a single learner (Zhou).

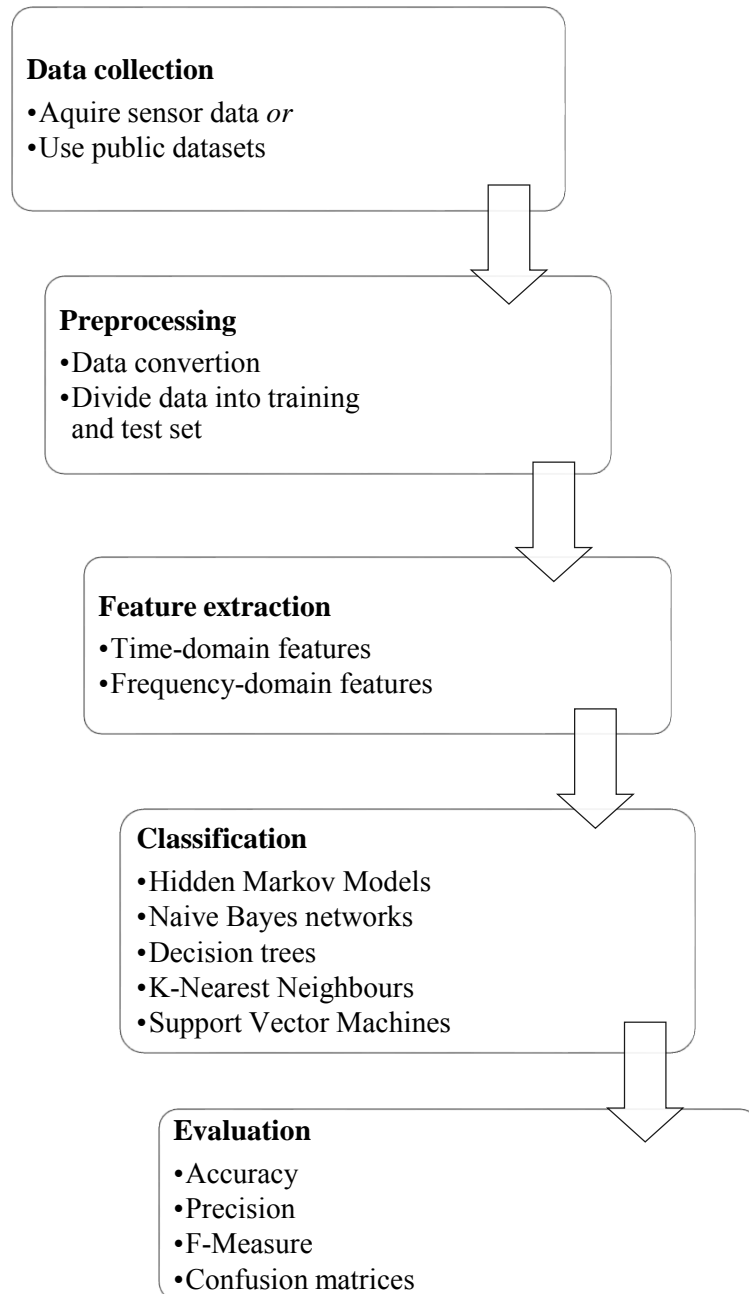
According to (Bao, 2003), “researchers must explore activity recognition systems using unsupervised data collection and training techniques for individual customization”.



**Figure 5:** Taxonomy of HAR systems (Lara & Labrador, 2012).

<sup>5</sup> Sometimes data mining is confused with machine learning. Data mining is the extraction of patterns from data through statistics and artificial intelligence methods (Wilde, 2011).

Figure 6 summarizes the machine learning process that will also be implemented in this project.



**Figure 6:** Schematic representation of a machine learning process. After data acquisition and preprocessing, the features need to be extracted in order to train the classification algorithm (the algorithms presented are some of many), that finally is evaluated, using confusion matrices.

Data collection has been covered over Section 2.2 and 2.3. The next four steps will be detailed in the following sub-sections. To implement these four steps, it was chosen to use the Weka workbench that contains more than 100 classification methods. Weka is a collection of state of the art machine learning algorithms for data mining (Wilde, 2010), developed in the University

of Waikato, in New Zealand. This open-source collection includes tools for data pre-processing, classification, regression, clustering, association rules, and visualization, as well as utilities for algorithm evaluation (Wilde, 2010).

### 2.4.1 Pre-processing

The raw data usually needs to be pre-processed in order to be supplied to the Weka toolkit. Weka operates in ARFF format files, so every data file has to be converted into ARFF.

Accelerometer raw data needs to be divided in windows, sequentially, to be pre-processed. One should choose the window approach based on whether the recognition is intended to be done in real time (or “online”) or not (Wilde, 2011). For online applications the window has to be defined in parallel with data collection, and for offline applications the window is defined prior to data collection (Wilde, 2010). The most common used approach is the sliding windows technique, where the signal is divided in equal windows with no gaps. However, this scheme suffers from the drawback that, as the window size is set arbitrarily, it might result in splitting the data in an inconvenient place, not capturing a “whole cycle” of the activity to be recognized (Wilde, 2011). This technique can be used with overlapping, normally 50% overlapping. (Bao & Intille, 2004) used a window size of 256 samples (corresponding to 5.12 seconds of data) and an overlap of 50%.

Raw data needs to be split into training and test set. The training set will be used to train the recognition algorithm and the test set will then be used to evaluate the algorithm after training. It is very important to not use test samples to train the classifier in order to not bias the result and ensure the classifier is evaluated in unseen data. Weka toolkit has some split data strategies, such as cross-validation, where a portion of the dataset is used for training and the rest for testing (avoiding a partitioning with classes overrepresented in the training set) (Wilde, 2011) and percentage split, where usually a third of the data is held out for testing, so the “train/test percentage split” is 66%.

### 2.4.2 Feature extraction

For each window, some features are extracted to characterize the signal. These features are then used as input for the recognition algorithms, to associate each window with an activity (Wilde, 2011). Time-domain, frequency-domain and symbolic strings domain features can be extracted from motion data. However, a combination of them is desirable.

**Time-domain features** are simple mathematical and statistical metrics used to extract basic signal information from raw data. It could also be calculated as data is being read. Usually, these features are simple to compute. Table 2 summarizes some of the time-domain features.



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Table 2: Time-domain features. Respective formulas and applications (Figo et al., 2010).

| Feature                 | Formula  | Application  |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Mean                    | Separates the data into two halves   | Data smoothing, axial calibration  |
| Median                  |  | Discriminate different postures  |
| Variance                | Average of the squared differences from the mean   | Signal stability   |
| Std Deviation           | Square root of the variance  |  |
| Min, Max, Range         | Range is the difference between min and max values   | Discriminate run and walk  |
| Root mean square        | $x_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}{n}} \quad (1)$   | Distinguish walking patterns   |
| Correlation,            | $\rho_{x,y} = \frac{cov(x,y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \quad (2)$  | Measure strength and direction of a linear relationship between two signals.<br>Search for known pattern in a signal |
| Cross-Correlation       | $CrossCorr_{(x,y)} = \max_{d=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot y_{i-d} \right) \quad (3)$ |  |
| Integration             | Signal area under the data curve   | Estimate speed and distance  |
| Differences             | Between signals in a pairwise arrangement  | Compare signal strength in the 3 axis  |
| Angular Velocity        | Angle between acc-axis and gravity for the 3 axis  | Determinate orientation, detect falls  |
| Zero-Crossings          | Points where signal passes half of signal range  | Recognize step movements   |
| Signal magnitude area   | Sum of the area under the magnitude of each of the 3 axis acc-signal                                       | Compute the energy expenditure in ADL  |
| Signal vector magnitude | $SVM = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2} \quad (4)$                                    | Identify falls, monitor behaviour patterns   |
| Differential SVM        | $DSVM = \frac{1}{t} \left( \int_0^t (\sum  SVM' ) dt \right) \quad (5)$                                    | Facilitate dynamic ADL classification  |

**Frequency-domain techniques** capture the respective nature of a sensor signal (Figo et al., 2010). In order to compute frequency-domain features, the sensor data window has to be transformed into frequency domain, using fast Fourier transform (FFT) (Wilde, 2011), which is a spectral representation of the signal. Another frequency-based representation, based on the decomposition of a set of orthonormal vectors, is the Wavelet Haar Transforms (Figo et al., 2010). In Table 3, some frequency-domain features are explained.

Table 3: Frequency-domain features. Their formula and applications (Figo et al., 2010).

| Feature                  | Formula   | Application                                    |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| DC Component             | First coefficient in spectral representation. Signal average                                    | Identify the way of transport                  |
| Spectral Energy          | Squared sum of its spectral coefficients normalized by the length of the sample window          |  |
| Information Entropy      | Normalized information entropy of the discrete FFT coefficient magnitude excluding DC component | Differentiate between signals with same energy |
| Dominant frequency       | Frequency value corresponding to the maximal spectral coefficient                               | Determine if a user is walking or running      |
| Coefficients sum         | Summation of a set of spectral coefficients   | Recognition of some activities                 |
| Wavelet coefficients sum | Summation of all the coefficients of the Wavelet transform                                      | Capture sudden signal changes. Detect falls    |

Another type of features are derived from **symbolic string-domain**, where accelerometer data is transformed into strings of discrete symbols (Figo et al., 2010), using a limited symbol alphabet to represent the signal. Symbolic aggregate approximation (SAX) uses piecewise aggregate approximation (PAA), which is a Gaussian equiprobable distribution function to map range values into string symbols (Figo et al., 2010). Table 4 summarize some of these features.

**Table 4:** Symbolic string-domain features. Their formula and applications (Figo et al., 2010).

| Feature                     | Formula   | Application   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Euclidean-related distances | $ED(S, T) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n ( s_i - t_i )^2}$ (6)<br>(strings S and T)   | Numeric distance between signal values that correspond to each string |
| Minimum distance            | $MinDist = \sqrt{\frac{n}{w}} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n dist(s_i - t_i)^2}$ (7)    | Quick discrimination of signals                                       |
| Dynamic time warping        | $DTW(S, T) = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{K} \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^K w_k} \right\}$ (8) | Measure similarity between two sequences                              |

When applying these features computation on a Smartphone, one should be careful with their computational complexity, because of the Smartphones limited memory, processing capacity and battery lifetime. According to (Figo et al., 2010), almost all time-domain features are suitable for mobile devices, taken into account that correlation operations have a higher computational cost. With the exception of metrics based on Wavelet transforms, all others frequency-domain features are expensive in terms of computational cost. Symbolic string-domain metrics are very suitable for direct implementation on mobile devices because they require only integer arithmetic.

### 2.4.3 Classification

After extracting signal features, one should apply machine learning techniques in order to construct a classifier. It is possible to use Weka workbench to implement these recognition algorithms. Weka divides classifiers into lazy methods (k-NN), decision tree learners (C4.5), “Bayesian” methods (Naïve Bayes, Bayesian nets), function-based learners (SVM) and miscellaneous methods (meta-classifiers).

In the **k-NN** algorithm, the class assigned to a vector  $x$  is the class with the maximum number of votes coming from the  $k$  samples nearest to  $x$ . These classifiers are memory-based and do not require a model to fit (Campilho, 2009b). To find the closest samples the algorithm can use the Euclidean distance. The majority class of the  $k$  closest neighbours found is assigned to the test instance. It is a fast algorithm and the complexity is independent of the number of classes. In Weka, k-NN is implemented using IBk.

**Decision trees** use a tree in which for each attribute, one branch per each possible result of a test is generated. The algorithm stops when it finds a leaf, that represent a class (Wilde, 2011), and uses a divide-and-conquer approach. The Weka implementation of such an algorithm, such as C4.5, is J48. Some previously studies reported higher accuracy using these algorithms under user-specific training (Bao & Intille, 2004).

For **Bayesian classifiers**, when an object is erroneously classified can be quantified as a cost or a loss. And the expectation of the cost can be used as an optimization classifier (Campilho, 2009a). This algorithm represents the probability distributions of the training data.

**SVM** are linear classifiers that locate a separating hyperplane in the class space and classify points in that space. The objective is to find the maximum margin hyperplane separating two classes. The instances with minimum distance to the hyperplane are defined as support vectors. The computational cost increases as one wants to separate more classes. It defines the kernel function, which plays the role of the dot product in the class space. Weka offers several SVM algorithms, as a multilayer perceptron and SMO (implementation of a Supported Vector Machine with Sequential Minimal Optimization Algorithm).

(Wilde, 2010) reported that in spite of being the most accurate classifier, multilayer perceptron has high computational cost and longer training times, and k-nearest neighbours are more suitable for Smartphone applications. Decision trees are also suitable for Smartphone application given the simplicity and also their interpretable characteristic.

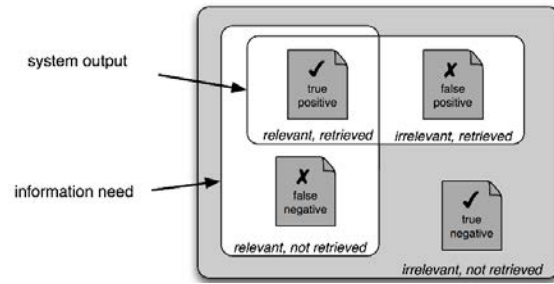
#### 2.4.4 Evaluation

There are different ways to evaluate the performance of a recognition algorithm and most reported in the literature use confusion matrices (that is possible to determine with Weka toolkit), accuracy and precision.

**Accuracy** is the overall success rate, it is a measure of the global performance of the algorithm in what concerns correct decisions (Mendonça, 2009). **Precision** (IR precision in Weka workbench) is the fraction of detections that are relevant (Mendonça, 2009). **Recall** “refers how often the algorithm reports that an abnormality exists in the instances where it actually exists” (Mendonça, 2009). **F-measure** combines precision and recall by their harmonic mean (Mendonça, 2009) (Table 5).

**Table 5:** Performance metrics for classifications.

| Metric        | Formula                              |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Accuracy      | $(TP + TN)/(TP + TN + FP + FN)$ (9)  |
| Precision (P) | $TP/(TP + FP)$ (10)                  |
| Recall (R)    | $TP/(TP + FN)$ (11)                  |
| F-Measure     | $2 \times (P \times R)/(P + R)$ (12) |



**Figure 7:** Confusion matrix, in a general view (Bird et al., 2009).

When dealing with a multi-class problem (each activity represents one class) the classification results can be represented in an  $n \times n$  matrix of  $n$  classes, **confusion matrix** (Figure 7 and Figure 8). As seen in Figure 8, each number represents the number of instances belonging to class  $i$  classified as class  $j$  (Wilde, 2011). An ideal result is a diagonal matrix where  $i=j$  for each of the  $n$  classes.

| Classified as =           | a   | b  | c   | d   | e   | f   | g  | h  | i   | j   |
|---------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| standing still (a)        | 110 |    |     |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |
| writing on blackboard (b) | 1   | 94 | 9   |     |     |     |    | 1  | 5   |     |
| brushing teeth (c)        |     | 1  | 106 | 1   |     |     |    |    | 3   |     |
| walking (d)               |     |    |     | 108 | 1   |     |    |    |     | 1   |
| walking downstairs (e)    |     |    |     |     | 108 |     | 1  | 1  |     |     |
| walking upstairs (f)      |     |    |     |     |     | 101 | 9  |    |     |     |
| hiking uphill (g)         |     |    |     |     | 2   | 7   | 94 | 4  | 2   | 1   |
| hiking downhill (h)       |     |    |     | 2   | 8   | 2   | 10 | 88 |     |     |
| running (i)               |     |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 110 |     |
| riding bicycle (j)        |     |    |     |     |     |     |    |    |     | 110 |

**Figure 8:** Confusion matrix from a previous study (Wilde, 2011).

## 2.5 Related Work

Current applications of HAR are explained in Table 6. Moves application for iPhone is an application that gives information about the kilometres and calories dispended during dynamic activities. eWatch is an activity recognition system implemented using the accelerometer and light sensor incorporated in a watch, applied for dynamic activities and also for sit and stand recognition, achieving an accuracy of 80%. MARS system was capable of real time physical activity recognition with activity confidence achieved in 30 seconds and display in pie charts. iLearn system, that uses iPhone's accelerometer and Nike+iPod sensors and recognition process has 97% accuracy. PAMSys motion sensor for Android is capable of distinguish posture orientations, postural transitions, detect falls and determinate gait parameters as step counter, using accelerometer sensors placed in a necklace.

**Table 6:** Current applications of HAR systems.

| Application                   | Sensors          | Activities                     | Solution | Accuracy |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Moves for iPhone <sup>6</sup> | iPhone's sensors | Walk, run, cycling, step count | Unknown  | Unknown  |

<sup>6</sup> (Karjalainen, 2013)

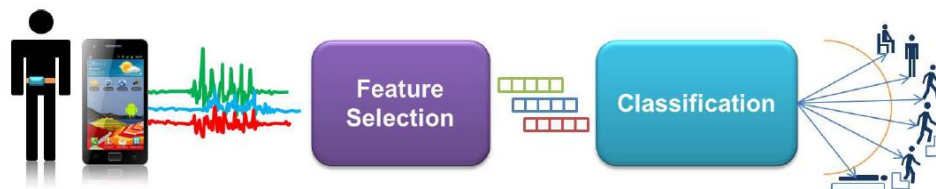
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|---|---|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Context Awareness Activity Recognition (Intel) <sup>7</sup> | eWatch: accelerometer and light sensor.                       | Run, walk, up and down stairs, stand, sit                | Decision tree             | ~80%                          |
| Mobile Activity Recognition System (MARS) <sup>8</sup>      | Accelerometers  | Run, walk, up and down stairs, still                     | Naïve Bayesian Classifier | Activity real time confidence |
| iLearn <sup>9</sup>   | iPhone's accelerometer and Nike+iPod sensors                  | Running, walking, bicycling, sitting                     | Naïve Bayesian Network    | 97%                           |
| Physical Activity Monitoring (PAMSys) <sup>10</sup>         | PAMSys motion sensor <sup>11</sup> (from BioSensics), Android | Posture, gait parameters, postural transition parameters | Unknown                   | Unknown                       |

## 2.6 Summary and Conclusions

Concerning the purpose for which HAR system is designed, it is important to collect as much data of each activity as possible, but not only the quantity is important, the accuracy of the recording processing is also essential. Yang & Lianwen once said that “the recognition algorithms rely heavily on the dataset” (Ugulino, Velloso, Milidiú, & Fuks, 2012). The type, position and number of sensors used to collect data are also important and comparison of results between studies is only possible if the conditions are the same, which is not always possible to replicate.

The process required for human activity recognition is summarized in Figure 9 and basically it consists of five steps: collecting motion data for the activities of interest; pre-processing these data with filters, resampling in pre-defined windows for analysis and, in the case of using Weka for classification analysis, an additional step is needed to transform data into ARFF files; once data are upload to Weka workbench, it is necessary to select the more important features to input into the classifiers; after deciding which classifier is the more suitable for the purpose, evaluation metrics should to be computed, and the output of the classifier will give us for each instance of the data what is the correspondent activity.



**Figure 9:** “Activity recognition process pipeline” (Anguita et al., 2012)

<sup>7</sup> (Maurer et al., 2006)

<sup>8</sup> (Gomes, Krishnaswamy, Gaber, Sousa, & Menasalvas, 2012)

<sup>9</sup> (Saponas, Lester, Froehlich, Fogarty, & Landay, 2008)

<sup>10</sup> (Research)

<sup>11</sup> tri-axial accelerometer, tri-axial gyroscope, tri-axial magnetometer



## Chapter 3

# Implementation

This chapter describes the methods used to evaluate accelerometer data, find patterns of activities and train the classifiers to predict for new data the correspondent activity.

Two approaches were employed: initially a public dataset, with enough instances both for training and test the classifier, was studied in to find suitable features for activity recognition and classifiers with the highest performance. In the scope of this chapter only the results of the reduced dataset, with the more important features, were presented, which is the basis for an activity recognition process using machine learning technology.

The second approach was based on a dataset collected at Fraunhofer AICOS, with elderly voluntaries. The process used to record the dataset is explained in detail. With these data, a threshold-based approach (classification tree) was proposed to discriminate the ADLs.

### 3.1 Machine Learning Technology

In the context of the present project, the activity recognition was performed by machine learning techniques. The purpose is to infer the activity of a person from sensor data streams. The input of the system is the data collected from a user performing the activities of interest, the methods used are the training of a classifier using extracted metrics from the input data and the output of the system is the prediction of the current activity for new unseen data.

#### 3.1.1 Public Dataset

##### Context

The hypothesis of this dissertation is to test the possibility to implement a classification algorithm into a Smartphone for human activity prediction, taking into account battery and

memory limitations. For this purpose, it was initially studied the techniques necessary for pre-processing and classifying accelerometer data into activities, using a competition dataset.

As initial stage of this project, it was studied the more suitable pre-processing and classification techniques using a public domain dataset for Human Activity Recognition, from the 21th European Symposium on Artificial Neural Networks, 2013, hereinafter designated competition dataset.

### Characterization of the competition dataset

According to the authors of the competition dataset:

“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, lying) wearing a Smartphone (Samsung Galaxy S2) on the waist (Figure 10). Using its embedded accelerometer and gyroscope, we captured 3-axial linear acceleration and 3-axial angular velocity at a constant rate of 50Hz. The experiments have been video-recorded to label the data manually. The obtained dataset has been randomly partitioned into two sets, where 70% of the volunteers was selected for generating the training data and 30% the test data.” (Anguita et al., 2013)



**Figure 10:** Set up for collecting data and Smartphone axis orientation (Anguita et al., 2013).

The authors provided the accelerometer and gyroscope signals for each dataset (train and test) as well as the correspondent activity label for each instance.

“The sensor signals (accelerometer and gyroscope) were pre-processed by applying noise filters and then sampled in fixed-width sliding windows of 2.56 sec and 50% overlap (128 readings/window). The sensor acceleration signal, which has gravitational and body motion components, was separated using a Butterworth low-pass filter into body acceleration and gravity. The gravitational force is assumed to have only low frequency components; therefore a filter with 0.3 Hz cut-off frequency was used. From each window, a vector of features was obtained by calculating variables from the time and frequency domain.” (Anguita et al., 2013)



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The features were normalized and bounded within  $[-1, 1]$ . The normalization performed was according to equation 13:

$$xNorm = \frac{x - Min}{Max - Min} \times 2 - 1 \quad (13)$$

Where  $xNorm$  is the feature normalized,  $x$  is the feature and  $Min$  and  $Max$  are the minimum and maximum values, respectively, of feature  $x$ .

For a more accurate classification, the datasets should be balanced and all the six classes should have the same number of instances. The class distribution from the competition dataset is represented in Table 7.

**Table 7:** Number of instances for each class, for training and test sets.

| Class                  | Training set | Test set |
|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1- Walking             | 1226         | 496      |
| 2- Walking down stairs | 1073         | 471      |
| 3- Walking up stairs   | 986          | 420      |
| 4- Sitting             | 1286         | 491      |
| 5- Standing            | 1374         | 532      |
| 6- Lying               | 1407         | 537      |
| (Total)                | 7352         | 2947     |

The authors extracted 561 features<sup>12</sup> that correspond to the 17 features of Table 8, extracted over the signals of Table 9:

**Table 8:** Extracted features and their description (Anguita et al., 2013).

| Feature              | Description  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>mean()</b>        | Mean value   |
| <b>std()</b>         | Standard deviation   |
| <b>mad()</b>         | Median absolute deviation  |
| <b>max()</b>         | Largest value in array   |
| <b>min()</b>         | Smallest value in array  |
| <b>sma()</b>         | Signal magnitude area  |
| <b>energy()</b>      | Energy measure. Sum of the squares divided by the number of values.          |
| <b>iqr()</b>         | Interquartile range  |
| <b>entropy()</b>     | Signal entropy   |
| <b>arCoeff()</b>     | Autoregression coefficients with Burg order equal to 4                       |
| <b>correlation()</b> | Correlation coefficient between two signals                                  |
| <b>maxInds()</b>     | Index of the frequency component with largest magnitude                      |
| <b>meanFreq()</b>    | Weighted average of the frequency components to obtain a mean frequency      |
| <b>skewness()</b>    | Skewness of the frequency domain signal                                      |
| <b>kurtosis()</b>    | Kurtosis of the frequency domain signal                                      |
| <b>bandsEnergy()</b> | Energy of a frequency interval within the 64 bins of the FFT of each window. |
| <b>angle()</b>       | Angle between two vectors.   |

<sup>12</sup> Consult Annex C for a more detailed explanation about the 561 features extracted from this dataset.

**Table 9:** Signals derived from the accelerometer data, used in time and in frequency domain (Anguita et al., 2013).

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

### 3.1.2 Weka Workbench

Concerning pre-processing techniques, there are two methods for *feature*<sup>13</sup> *selection*: filters and wrapper. The later creates all possible subsets from the feature vector and use classifiers on each subset, the objective is to select the subset with which the classifier performs best. To find the subset, the evaluator will use a *search method*, as a linear forward selection method or a best first. The filters use an *attribute evaluator* and a ranker to rank all the features. With this method, each feature, which has lower ranks, is omitted one at a time, to see the accuracy of the classifier. In Weka, one could use *CfsSubSetEval* as an evaluator and *Best First* as a search method. Initially, Weka *Select Attributes* tab was used to evaluate which were the more adequate attribute evaluator and the best search method. For the *attribute selection mode*, there are two possibilities, use full training (FT) set or perform cross-validation (CV).

From the competition dataset with all the 562 (561features + class) features, the steps that were made in order to obtain a 37-feature vector are explained in Table 10 and Table 11:

**Table 10:** Feature selection from the initial feature vector of the competition dataset (DT0).

| Attribute <sup>14</sup> | Attribute Evaluator | Search Method    | AttSel Mode | Select Att |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| 561 (DT0)               | CfsSubSetEval       | BestFirst        | FT          | 49 (DT1)   |
| 561 (DT0)               | CfsSubSetEval       | LinearForwardSel | FT          | 37 (DT2)   |
| 37 (DT2)                | CfsSubSetEval       | LinearForwardSel | FT          | 32 (DT3)   |

<sup>13</sup> In Weka toolkit, features are named as attributes.

<sup>14</sup> Excluding the class feature, as it is the nominal class and is used as the feature for classify.

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**Table 11:** Description of features from the DT 1 and DT 2. Features highlighted in grey were removed in DT 3.

| Dataset 1                   |                                   | Dataset 2                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Time domain features</i> | <i>Frequency domain features</i>  | <i>Time domain features</i> | <i>Frequency domain features</i>  |
| tBodyAccmaxX                | fBodyAccstdX                      | tBodyAccstdX                | fBodyAccstdX                      |
| tBodyAcccorrelationXY       | fBodyAccskewnessX                 | tBodyAccmaxX                | fBodyAccJerkmaxIndsX              |
| tGravityAccmeanX            | fBodyAccJerkmaxIndsX              | tBodyAccarCoeffZ4           | fBodyAccJerkbandsEnergyX18        |
| tGravityAccmeanY            | fBodyAccJerkmaxIndsY              | tBodyAcccorrelationXY       | fBodyAccJerkbandsEnergyZ1724      |
| tGravityAccstdX             | fBodyAccJerkmaxIndsZ              | tBodyAcccorrelationYZ       | fBodyGyromaxIndsX                 |
| tGravityAccmaxX             | fBodyAccJerkbandsEnergyX18        | tGravityAccminX             | fBodyGyromaxIndsZ                 |
| tGravityAccmaxY             | fBodyGyromaxIndsX                 | tGravityAccminY             | fBodyGyromeanFreqX                |
| tGravityAccmaxZ             | fBodyGyromaxIndsY                 | tGravityAccarCoeffX4        | fBodyAccMagmean                   |
| tGravityAccminX             | fBodyGyromaxIndsZ                 | tGravityAccarCoeffY1        | fBodyAccMagmad                    |
| tGravityAccminY             | fBodyAccMagmean                   | tGravityAcccorrelationXY    | fBodyAccMagiqr                    |
| tGravityAccenergyX          | fBodyAccMagstd                    | tGravityAcccorrelationXZ    | fBodyBodyAccJerkMagmax            |
| tGravityAccarCoeffX3        | fBodyAccMagmad                    | tBodyAccJerkmadY            | fBodyBodyAccJerkMagenergy         |
| tGravityAccarCoeffY1        | fBodyAccMagiqr                    | tBodyAccJerkmaxZ            | fBodyBodyGyroMagiqr               |
| tGravityAccarCoeffZ2        | fBodyBodyAccJerkMagmax            | tBodyAccJerkentropyZ        | fBodyBodyGyroMagmaxInds           |
| tGravityAcccorrelationXY    | fBodyBodyAccJerkMagenergy         | tBodyAccJerkarCoeffX3       | angletBodyGyroJerkMeangravityMean |
| tGravityAcccorrelationYZ    | fBodyBodyAccJerkMagiqr            | tBodyGyromeanX              |                                   |
| tBodyAccJerkmaxX            | fBodyBodyGyroMagmaxInds           | tBodyGyroarCoeffY4          |                                   |
| tBodyAccJerkmaxZ            | angletBodyGyroMeangravityMean     | tBodyGyrocorrelationXY      |                                   |
| tBodyAccJerkmaxY            | angletBodyGyroJerkMeangravityMean | tBodyGyrocorrelationXZ      |                                   |
| tBodyAccJerkentropyZ        | angleXgravityMean                 | tBodyGyrocorrelationYZ      |                                   |
| tBodyAccJerkarCoeffX3       | angleYgravityMean                 | tBodyAccJerkMagmin          |                                   |
| tBodyGyromeanX              |                                   | tBodyAccJerkMagiqr          |                                   |
| tBodyGyrocorrelationXY      |                                   |                             |                                   |
| tBodyGyrocorrelationXZ      |                                   |                             |                                   |
| tBodyGyrocorrelationYZ      |                                   |                             |                                   |
| tBodyGyroJerkmaxX           |                                   |                             |                                   |
| tBodyAccJerkMagmin          |                                   |                             |                                   |
| tBodyAccJerkMagiqr          |                                   |                             |                                   |

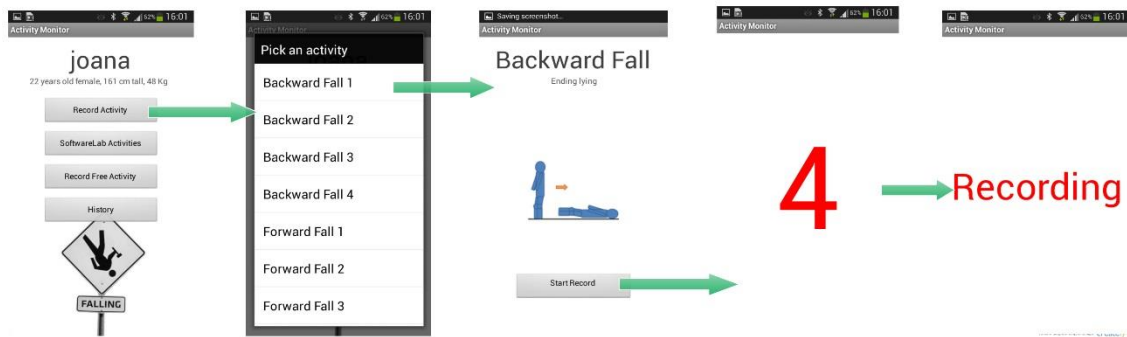
## 3.2 Dataset collection

In order to validate the processing developed with the competition dataset, an elderly dataset was collected at Fraunhofer AICOS installations.

The Samsung Galaxy S3 uses a 6-axis IMUs (3D digital accelerometer and 3D digital gyroscope) in iNEMO inertial module (LSM330DLC) with  $\pm 2g$  /  $\pm 4g$  /  $\pm 8g$  /  $\pm 16g$  dynamically selectable full scale (STMicroelectronics, 2012). In the Samsung S3 the maximum range used was  $\pm 2g$  with a resolution of 0.009576807 and power consumption of 0.23mA. In the Samsung

Galaxy S3 mini the inertial module is a MPU-6050ACC with maximum range of  $\pm 4g$ , resolution of 0.15328126 and power consumption of 0.2mA. The sampling rate was not fixed because the phone accelerometer only registers a value when it changes. However it was noticed that Samsung S3 collect more samples per second than the Samsung S3 mini. Pre-processing techniques, as down sampling, were employed to the raw signals acquired with the Smartphones to obtain a 50Hz sampling rate.

The application that records accelerometer data from the Smartphone was already developed in Fraunhofer and it was used in these tests. The objective of this application is to create an annotated dataset. A menu was designed particularly for this tests that includes the four transitions, the four dynamic activities and the circuit explained in Table 13. The supervisors who help elderly performing the tests, needed to select the activity to perform from the menu before its execution and a delay of 5 seconds is provided before starting to record, which enables supervisors to place the phone in the pocket and stabilize it, the recording process is outlined in Figure 11. The Smartphone was always positioned with the screen oriented to the front and its top pointed to the center of the body as represented in Figure 12.



**Figure 11:** Data recording application already developed from Fraunhofer AICOS.

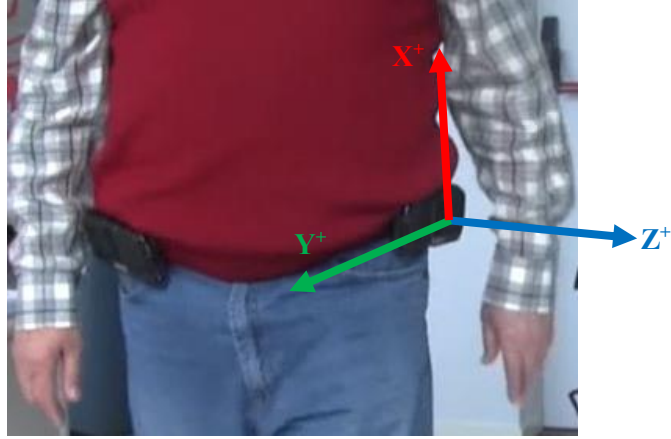
The tests were carried out with a group of eight elders, four males and four females, with more information detailed in Table 12.

**Table 12:** Users information. M for male and F for female users.

| User        | U1  | U2  | U3  | U4  | U5  | U6  | U7  | U8  | Mean $\pm$ Std  |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Age         | 65  | 69  | 70  | 67  | 68  | 67  | 61  | 64  | 66.4 $\pm$ 2.7  |
| Weight (Kg) | 86  | 70  | 67  | 76  | 85  | 70  | 57  | 64  | 71.9 $\pm$ 9.4  |
| Height (cm) | 170 | 150 | 168 | 170 | 173 | 157 | 156 | 159 | 162.9 $\pm$ 7.8 |
| Gender      | M   | F   | M   | M   | M   | F   | F   | F   |                 |

The users used a Samsung S3 mini in their left side waist and a Samsung S3 on their right side waist, tied in the user's belt, inside a phone pocket as illustrated in Figure 12.

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**Figure 12:** Set-up for the dataset collection with elderly and Smartphone axis orientation, since the Smartphone is placed longitudinally, the axis orientation had rotated 90° from the initial orientation presented in Figure 3.

The activities performed for each participant are described in Table 13 and each one was repeated three times.

**Table 13:** Activities performing in the dataset recording with elderly.

| Activity                    | Task   | Duration (sec) |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>Transitions</b>          | Standing → sit   | 10             |
|                             | Sitting → stand  | 10             |
|                             | Standing → lay   | 10             |
|                             | Lying → stand  | 10             |
| <b>Dynamic</b>              | Normal walk  | 30             |
|                             | Fast walk  | 30             |
|                             | Up stairs  | 20             |
|                             | Down stairs  | 20             |
| <b>Circuit<sup>15</sup></b> | stand(5s), sit(5s), stand(5s),<br>walk(10s), lay(10s),<br>upstairs(10s), downstairs(10s) | 75             |

### 3.3 Threshold-based Approach

The threshold-based approach was studied from the signals obtained with the elderly dataset. This approach allowed to obtain more insights about accelerometer signals during movements and to detect potential features to discriminate activities. The process employed was based in signals supervision and also in literature review.

<sup>15</sup> Consult Annex D for detailed information about the circuit.

### 3.3.1 Static and Dynamic Activities

The most commonly (Czabke et al., 2011; Feng, Meiling, & Nan, 2011; Karantonis et al., 2006) used method to discriminate between static and dynamic activities is the analysis of the signal magnitude vector (SMV) or the signal magnitude area (SMA). Both metrics conjugate the acceleration in the three axis ( $x(i)$ ,  $y(i)$  and  $z(i)$ ) into one metric as explain below:

$$SMV(i) = \sqrt{x(i)^2 + y(i)^2 + z(i)^2} \quad (14)$$

$$SMA(i) = |x(i)| + |y(i)| + |z(i)| \quad (15)$$

### 3.3.2 Postural orientation

After determining if a sequence of the signal belongs to static or dynamic group, and concerning the static group, for postural orientation, the differentiation between stand, sit and lay was made using the angle (in degrees) between the accelerometer signal ( $x, y, z$ ) when the user is in stand position (vector  $g = (x_{stand}, y_{stand}, z_{stand})$ ) and the vector with the accelerometer signal for each instance (vector  $v = (x, y, z)$ ), as explained in equation 16.

$$angle(i) = \arccos\left(\frac{\vec{g} \cdot \vec{v}(i)}{\|\vec{g}\| \times \|\vec{v}(i)\|}\right) \times \frac{180}{\pi} \quad (16)$$

This approach requires an initial calibration of the user when he/she is standing, in order to save the vector  $g$ , because it is not possible to guarantee that the Smartphone is initially positioned horizontally, and determinate the angle only between the vertical and the vector for each instance. When it is not the case, the initial position of the Smartphone and the vector  $g$  will have a component in the three axis and not only on the vertical one.

(Feng et al., 2011) reported that postural transitions could be detected using the maximum and minimum values of the magnitude signal, considering sit-to-stand transition if a local maximum of magnitude appear before a local minimum and considering a stand-to-sit transition if a local minimum of magnitude appear before a local maximum.

### 3.3.3 Walking and Stairs

Dynamic activities collected signals, as walking and climbing stairs were also analysed in order to develop a method capable of discriminate between then.

The analysis of walking signals was performed in the frequency domain, since this activity has a cyclic pattern which could easily be detected using FFT. Before the FFT application, a high-pass IIR elliptic filter (7<sup>th</sup> order with 0.25Hz cut-off) (Karantonis et al., 2006) was used to remove the DC component that appears at zero frequency, because the importance of analysing the FFT signals is to detect the first peak frequency in the spectrum, after the zero frequency peak. The

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peak of interest corresponds to step rate, i.e., the number of steps taken in a time period. The time between each step was also possible to determine when the duration of the test was considered. The analysis was only performed for the vertical axis.

According to (Foerster & Fahrenberg, 2000), walking peak is “within the frequency band of 0.5 to 4 Hz using the z-(longitudinal) axis”.

Differentiate between walk and climbing stairs, was not easy using only the graphical inspection and a search of threshold metrics. Nevertheless, it was noticed that walk down stairs had high acceleration variations peaks comparing with walk in level and walk up stairs. This aspect was roughly studied using the standard deviation but the differences between the activities were not significant. In order to solve this problem, an approach based on training with the dynamic activities of the competition dataset and test with the dataset recorded with the elders were employed.

In order to replicate the conditions of the competition dataset to be possible to use the competition dataset to train and the elderly dataset to test, three steps of pre-processing were applied:

### 1. Noise filters

- 1.1. Median filter, with 3-length window, applying Matlab function *medfilt*.
- 1.2. Butterworth low-pass filter with 20 Hz cut-off frequency and order 3, using Matlab function *butter*.

### 2. Separate Body and Gravity components

- 2.1. Butterworth low-pass filter with 0.25 Hz cut-off frequency and order 3. The result of applying this filter is the gravity component (GA) and the body component (BA) result from subtracting the gravity component from the total acceleration signal.

As mentioned by (Mathie, 2003) the cut-off frequency should be approximately 0.5% the sampling rate, which is in accordance with the values used, with 0.25Hz cut-off frequency for a 50Hz signal.

### 3. Sliding windows

- 3.1. From the BA and the GA components, sliding windows of 128 samples with 50% overlap were extracted for each signal.

For the elderly dataset the class distribution for dynamic activities were: 528 instances for class walk, 165 instances for class up stairs and 159 instances for class down stairs (Table 14). This dataset is not balanced because the number of samples of walking was considerable higher, since the test duration was 30 seconds and the tests for climbing up and down stairs although its duration was 20 seconds people normally take no more than 10 seconds to climb the stairs used in the tests.

**Table 14:** Datasets class distribution. Highlight values make evident the unbalanced test set.

|                  | Competition dataset,<br>dynamic activities | Elderly dataset,<br>dynamic activities |
|------------------|--|--|
| Class            | Number of instances                        |  |
| Walk             | 1226                                       | 528                                    |
| Walk up stairs   | 1073                                       | <b>165</b>                             |
| Walk down stairs | 986  | <b>159</b>                             |

### 3.4 Summary and Conclusions

The competition dataset was an ideal start up for the study of machine learning concepts applied to AR systems. Although the authors proposed an enormous set of features to extract from the accelerometer signals, through pre-processing techniques it was possible to find a dataset with 38 features which had enough features to consider for a more practical application, such as for a Smartphone AR system.

Using a collected dataset with elderly, it was possible to study critical aspects of accelerometer signal during the execution of different activities. As proposed, it was common practice to reduce a problem with six classes into two sub problems with three classes each, considering static and dynamic activities. Discrimination between activities of each one of the two groups presented several challenges, particularly within dynamic activities (walk and climb stairs).

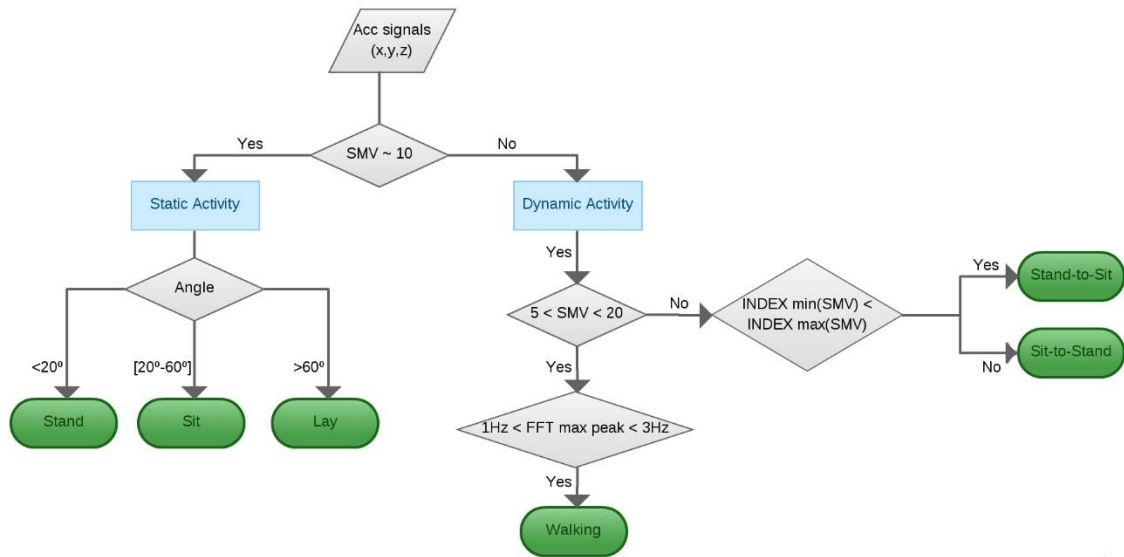
Comparing with previously developed approaches (Feng et al., 2011; Karantonis et al., 2006), the method described in this project for detecting postural orientation is more precise, since it takes into account that the recording device could not always be positioned in the same orientation, and so requires a user initial calibration step.

For the walking patterns analysis, the approach employed based on FFT was also used before (Foerster & Fahrenberg, 2000; Mathie, 2003) and the methods are suitable, and more analysis could also be done for walking data, as gait monitoring and analysis, in normal or in people with disabilities, or even to track or prevent some diseases. However, the method for discriminating between dynamic activities was not as good as it was expected.

Figure 13 summarizes the methods used in this project to discriminate activities, however not considering the discrimination between walking and climbing stairs due to non-appropriate results. Analysing the SMV of the accelerometer data, if its value was equal to  $10\text{m/s}^2$  the activity was static and the angle feature was used to differentiate different postures. If the activity was dynamic, the angle above  $20^\circ$  and if the SVM was between 5 and  $20\text{ m/s}^2$  the user is considered to be walking if a peak of the FFT spectrum was detect within 1 and 3 Hz, if not a transition could have been occurred. If a minimum of the SMV was found before a maximum a stand-to-sit transition occurred, other else, a sit-to-stand transition occurred.



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**Figure 13:** Block diagram of the threshold-based approach.



## Chapter 4

# Results and Discussion

This chapter summarizes the relevant results obtained with the proposed methods for AR. The results for the machine learning techniques used with the public dataset are explained and the analysis made with the collected dataset was also presented.

### 4.1 Public Dataset

The results using the competition dataset include the choice of the best dataset, based on selected attributes; the best performance classifier takes into account the number of FP and F-Measure; the performance metrics for the chosen classifier, as accuracy, precision and classifier errors; confusion matrix for a more detailed explanation of the classifier results and the interpretation of the results.

Considering the three datasets obtained with Weka Select Attributes, J48 (pruned tree) was used as the basis classifier, because the interest in this phase is to detect the best reduced dataset. Based on classification performance metrics presented in Table 15, DT2 were chosen as the better reduced dataset, since it presented the highest performance metrics.

**Table 15:** Classification results for J48 classifier. The values represent the weighted average for the six classes. The highlighted DT2 present the better results.

|     | TP Rate      | FP Rate      | Precision    | Recall       | F-Measure    | ROC Area     |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| DT1 | 0.84         | 0.032        | 0.842        | 0.84         | 0.84         | 0.918        |
| DT2 | <b>0.861</b> | <b>0.028</b> | <b>0.864</b> | <b>0.861</b> | <b>0.861</b> | <b>0.938</b> |
| DT3 | 0.861        | 0.028        | 0.862        | 0.861        | 0.86         | 0.936        |

Based on Table 16 and considering DT2, IB1 (implementation of a k-NN classifier) and SMO have a statistically significant better performance than J48 classifier, in terms of number of FP and F-Measure. However, J48 is an interpretable classifier and is more suitable for Smartphone implementation. Analysis was made to verify the time needed to train and test the four classifiers

presented in Table 16 (results not shown) and comparing to J48, all other classifiers required less time to train but more time to test.

**Table 16:** Paired Corrected T-Tester with 0.05 confidence (two tailed) for DT2. v means that the result is better than the baseline (J48); \* means the result is worse than baseline.

|           | (1) trees.J48     | (2) lazy.IB1        | (3) bayes.BayesNet  | (4) function.SMO    |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Num. FP   | 395.20<br>(v/ /*) | 412.20 v<br>(1/0/0) | 387.40 *<br>(0/0/1) | 407.80 v<br>(1/0/0) |
| F-Measure | 0.94<br>(v/ /*)   | 0.98 v<br>(1/0/0)   | 0.96<br>(0/1/0)     | 0.98 v<br>(1/0/0)   |

Considering DT2 and J48 classifier, Table 17 summarizes the performance metrics obtained for the dataset and the classifier chosen. The obtained accuracy was 86.05% and the classifier error was 13.95%, for a test dataset with 2947 instances and a training dataset with 7352 instances. The corresponding confusion matrix is illustrated in Figure 14. A clear distinction was made between dynamic (full line) and static (dashed) activities, since no static activity were classified as dynamic and vice-versa. In each of the two groups, the diagonal has the high value, i.e., for each activity the majority prediction is for the correspondent class. Lying is the only class with 100% TP.

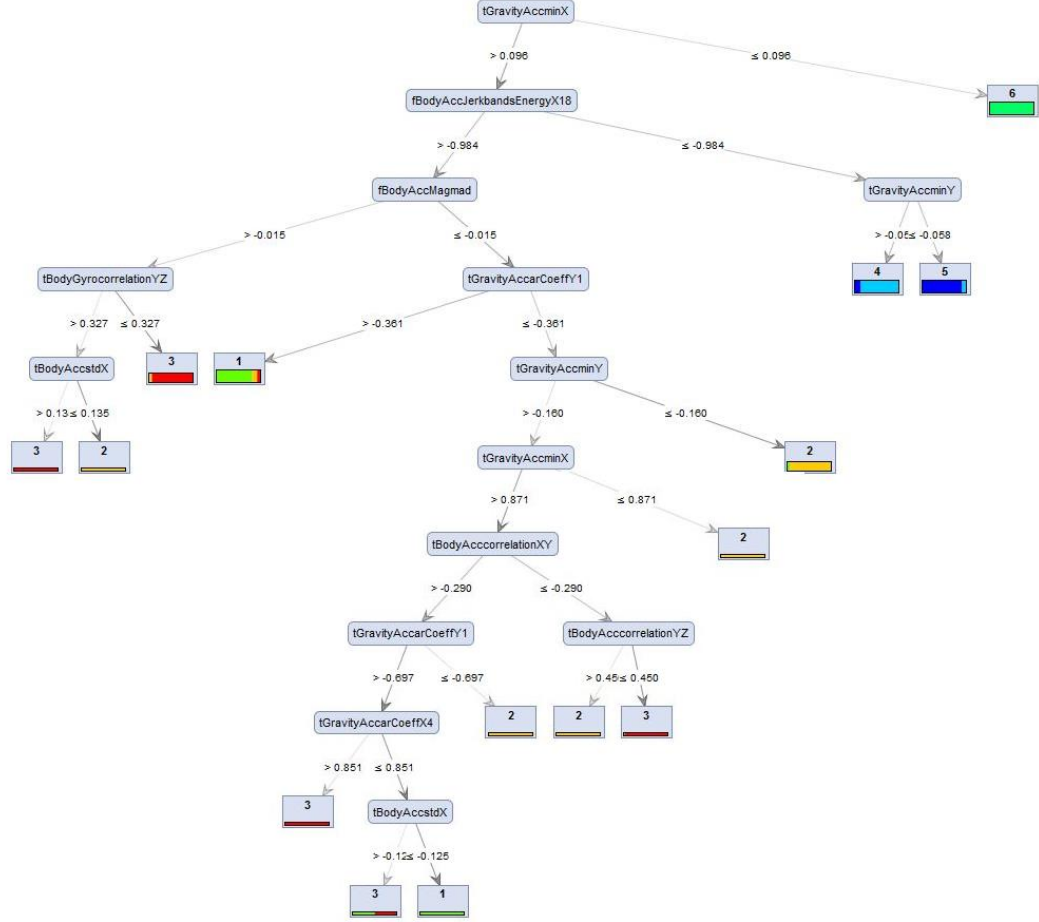
**Table 17:** Performance metrics and classifier errors for DT2 and J48 classifier. First row is the accuracy of the classifier and the second row is the classification error. Second column is the number of samples and third column is the percentage.

| Metric                           | #Samps | %             |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Correctly Classified Instances   | 2536   | <b>86,054</b> |
| Incorrectly Classified Instances | 411    | <b>13,946</b> |
| Kappa statistic                  | 0,832  |               |
| Mean absolute error              | 0,048  |               |
| Root mean squared error          | 0,211  |               |
| Relative absolute error          |        | 17,174        |
| Root relative squared error      |        | 56,657        |
| Total Number of Instances        | 2947   |               |

| a   | b   | c   | d   | e   | f   | <-- classified as |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| 440 | 48  | 8   | 0   | 0   | 0   | a = 1             |
| 53  | 401 | 17  | 0   | 0   | 0   | b = 2             |
| 21  | 76  | 323 | 0   | 0   | 0   | c = 3             |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 377 | 114 | 0   | d = 4             |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 74  | 458 | 0   | e = 5             |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 537 | f = 6             |

**Figure 14:** Confusion matrix for DT2. 1- Walking, 2- Walking down stairs, 3- Walking up stairs, 4- Sitting, 5- Standing, 6- Lying. A clearly distinction was made between dynamic (full line) and static (dashed) activities, since no static activity were classified as dynamic and vice-versa. In each of the two groups, the diagonal has the high value, i.e., for each activity the majority prediction is for the correspondent class. Lying is the only class with 100% TP.

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**Figure 15:** Decision Tree for DT2 using J48 classifier, generated in Rapid Miner<sup>16</sup>.

In the results of the Human Activity Recognition Competition for the ESANN 2013 Special Session in “Human Activity and Motion Disorder Recognition”, the best performing competitor was University College London with an accuracy of 96.40% (Chiappalone, 2013). The accuracy obtained in this project (86.05%), with J48 classifier (Figure 15), is 10% lower than the winner of the competition, however no information about the process used by the winner was published, so is difficult to conduct a deep comparison of results.

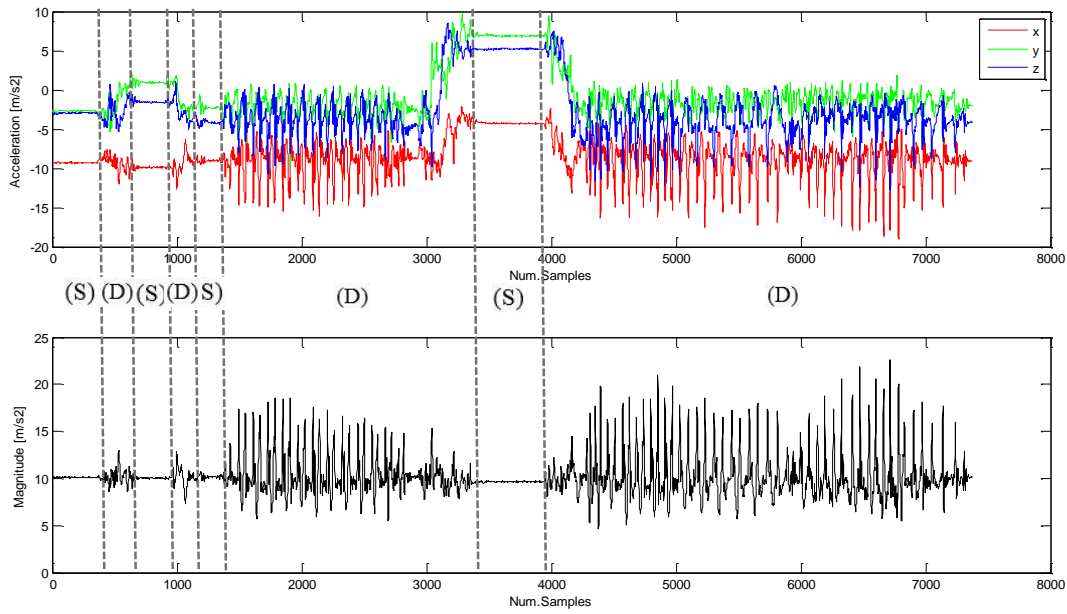
## 4.2 Elderly Dataset

The results obtained for the threshold-based approach are described below and are divided in four main procedures: (1) differentiate static and dynamic activities based on magnitude values; (2) for static activities, differentiate the postural orientation based on the angle; (3) for dynamic activities, a basic approach for discriminate sit-to-stand and stand-to-sit transitions are presented; (4) analyse walking patterns and detect the number and the duration of a step and an approach for differentiate walking in plane and climbing stairs is proposed.

<sup>16</sup> Rapid Miner was used through the developing of the project to compare results with Weka. The decision tree presented was obtained with Rapid Miner due to better interpretation. However the same conditions were used.

### 4.2.1 Static and Dynamic Activities

In order to reduce the scope of the classification problem, an initial stage was employed to discriminate static from dynamic activities (Figure 16). As the magnitude signal represent the conjugation of the three components of the acceleration signals, in a static activity the acceleration variations are null and the magnitude has a value around  $10\text{m/s}^2$ , which represent the gravity acceleration. When the body moves the orientation vector acquires components in all axis and the magnitude signal deviates from the  $10\text{m/s}^2$ , obtaining values upper and down the  $10\text{m/s}^2$  threshold, resultant of the sum of the components having positive or negative values.

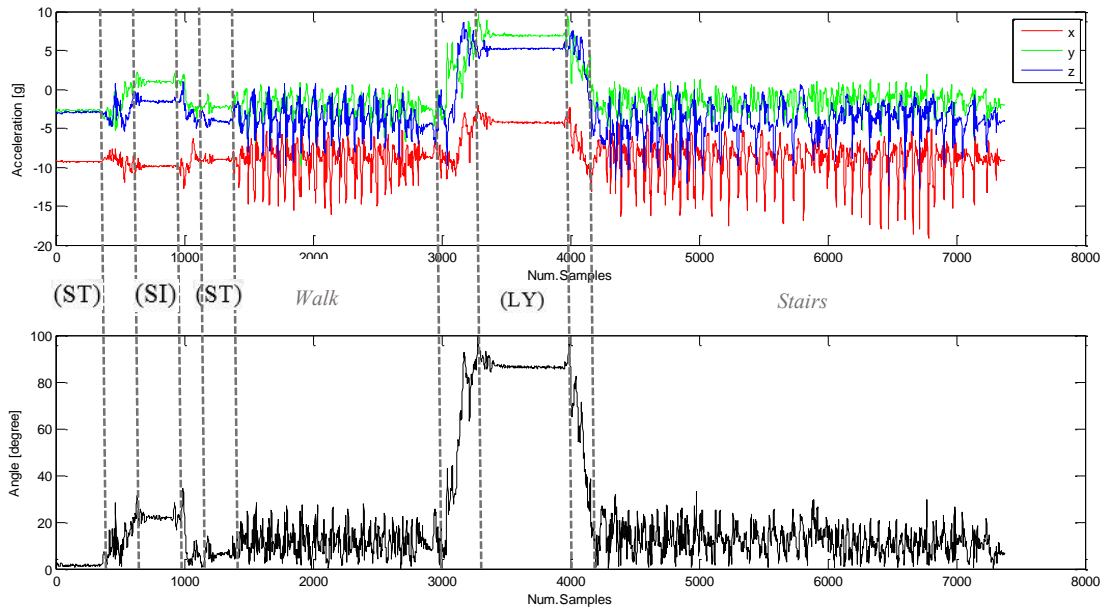


**Figure 16:** Differentiation between static (S) and dynamic (D) activities was based on magnitude vector (bottom feature). In a static activity the acceleration variations are null and the magnitude has a value around  $10\text{m/s}^2$ , which represent the gravity acceleration. When the body moves the orientation vector acquire components in all axis and the magnitude signal deviates from the  $10\text{m/s}^2$ , obtaining values upper and down the  $10\text{m/s}^2$  threshold.

### 4.2.2 Postural orientation

Postural transitions were differentiated using the angle between the initial position of the user and the position of the user during the movement, as represented in Figure 17. Initially when the user were standing, the angle was around  $0^\circ$ ; then, the user sited and the angle increases till proximally  $20^\circ$ ; the user get up again and the angle returned to  $5^\circ$  (probably the Smartphone moves from the initial position, as the angle in this phase was not  $0^\circ$ ); after walking, the user lied down and the angle increased to a value above  $85^\circ$  as expected, since the Smartphone when the user is lying is practically perpendicular ( $90^\circ$ ) compared to the position of the Smartphone when the user is standing. During walking and climbing stairs, the angle was also above  $20^\circ$ , as the user is upright.

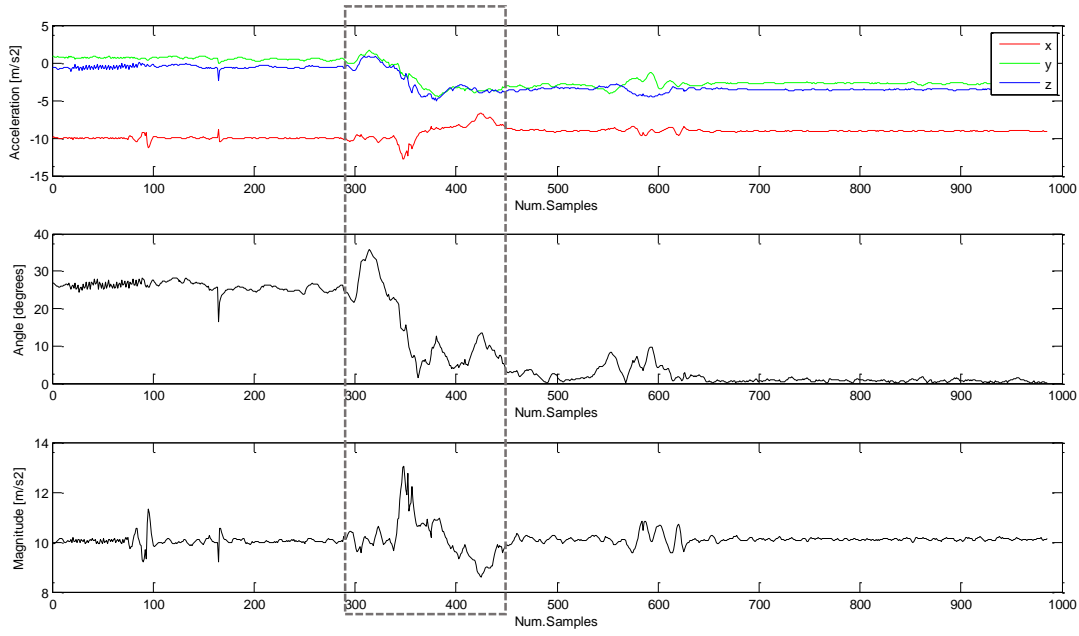
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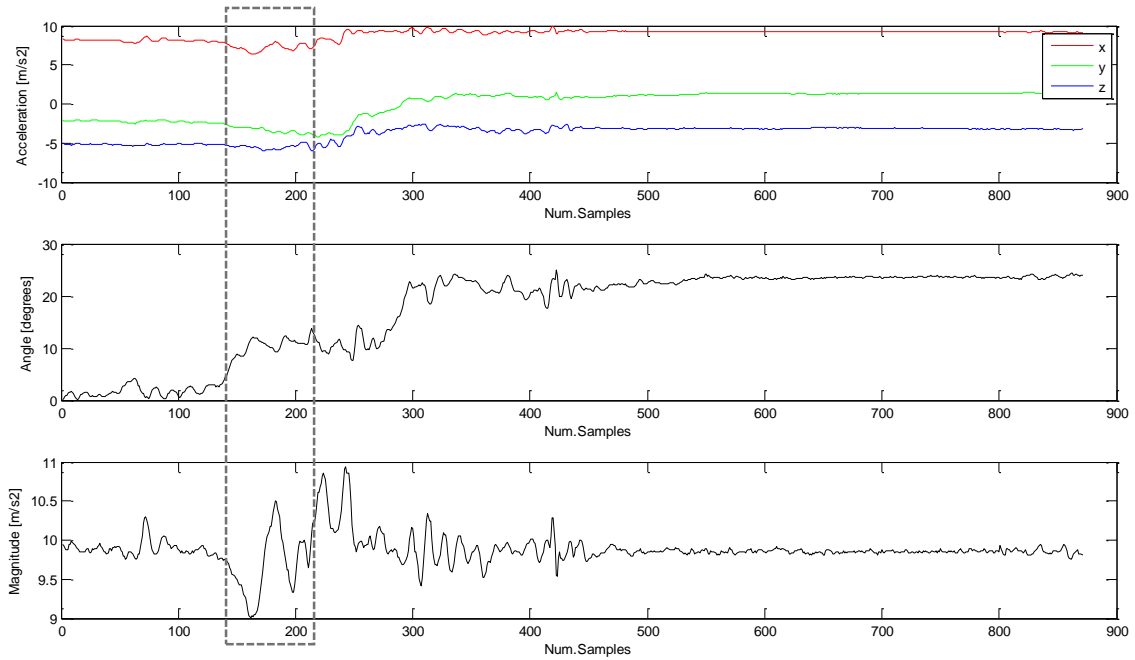
**Figure 17:** Postural orientation identified with angle (bottom) feature. Below  $20^\circ$  the user is considered in stand position (ST), between  $20^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  the user is sited (SI) and above  $60^\circ$  the user is laid (LY). Between each posture exists correspondent postural transition.

Postural transitions were roughly identified with angle and magnitude peaks. In Figure 18, the user initially has an angle around  $30^\circ$ , that stands for the sitting position and ends up with an angle around  $0^\circ$  (standing), this indicates that a sit-to-stand transition is implicated between each posture. This transition is highlighted in a dashed line, and detected in the bottom graphic where a maximum peak is represented before a minimum.

The opposite is represented in Figure 19, where the user starts with an angle around  $0^\circ$  and end with an angle above  $20^\circ$  that represented a transition between standing and sitting postures. In the bottom graphic, in the dashed line, a minimum appears before a maximum.



**Figure 18:** Sit-to-stand transition, identified with angle (middle) and magnitude (bottom) features. Acceleration signals are represented in the top graphic.



**Figure 19:** Stand-to-sit transition, identification of the transitions in the accelerometer signal (top) was achieved with angle (middle) and magnitude (bottom) features.

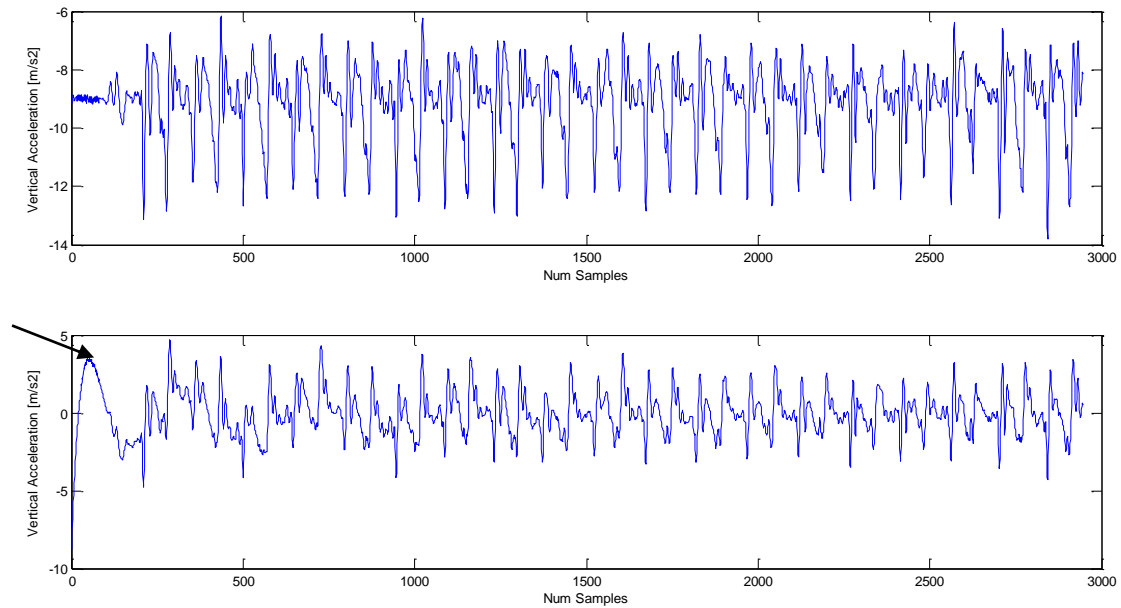
### 4.2.3 Walking and Stairs

Walking patterns were studied in the frequency domain, using FFT. Figure 20 shows the high pass filter applied before the FFT computation, to remove the DC component around the zero



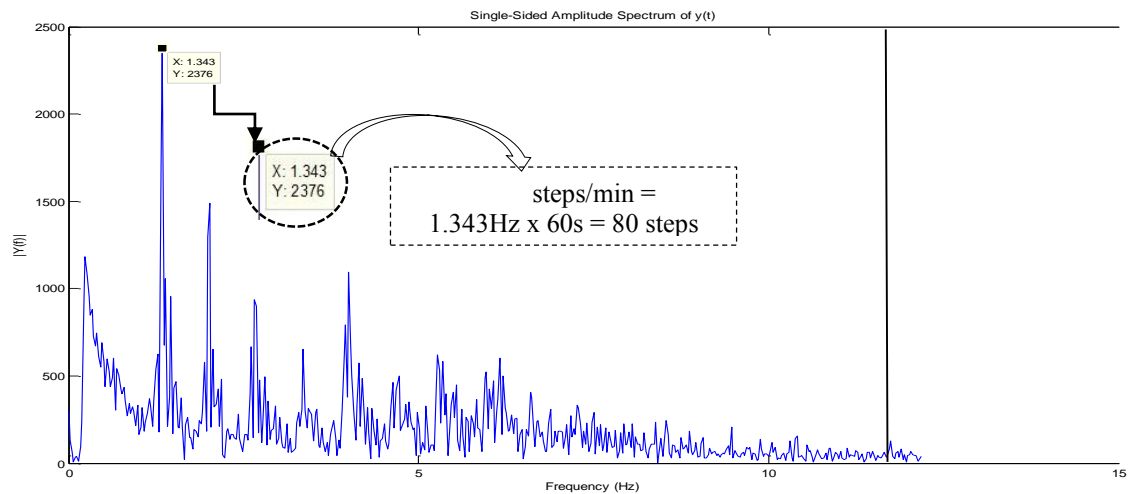
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frequency. As represented, the signal initially with an average around  $9\text{m/s}^2$  was transformed in a signal with an average around  $0\text{ m/s}^2$ . The peak in the bottom graphic pointed with the arrow result from the initial application of the high pass, but does not change the signal significantly.



**Figure 20:** Vertical acceleration during walking after high pass filter (top) and before high pass filter (bottom).

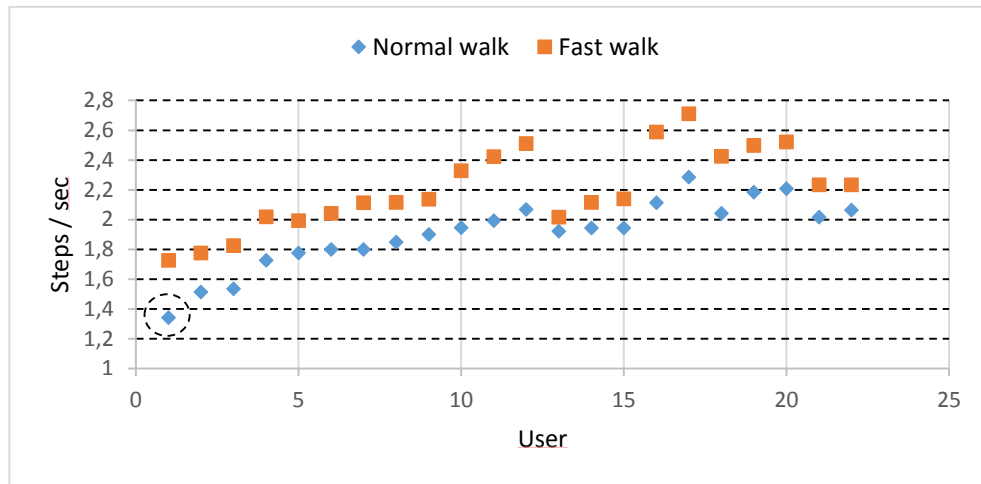
After applying the FFT to the vertical acceleration signal, the step rate is easy to determine, since it corresponds to the peak with the highest amplitude in the frequency domain. A calculus of the number of steps per minute, obtained from a FFT spectrum for a normal walking test, is illustrate in Figure 21, the step rate is  $1.343\text{Hz}$  (steps/second), which corresponds to  $80\text{ steps/min}$ .



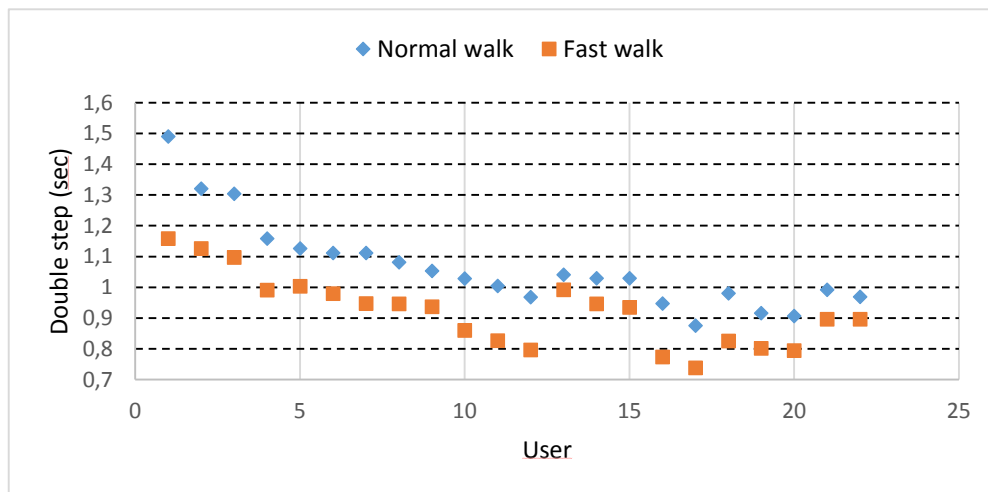
**Figure 21:** FFT spectrum for a normal walking test, the peak with higher amplitude represent the dominant frequency, i.e., the step rate or the cadence of walking. Since FFT is symmetric in the zero frequency, this spectrum only represent the positive frequencies (x-axis) and the module of the amplitude (y-axis). The result highlighted in the graphic is surrounded in the correspondent sample in **Figure 22**.

The analysis of step rate was made for the normal and fast walking tests. In Figure 22 it is possible to identify that for all of the users the step rate for fast walking is higher than the step

rate for the normal walk. In Figure 23 the duration of a double step is represented. Since in the same time interval, a user in fast walking performs more steps per second, the duration of each step should be lower compared to normal walking.

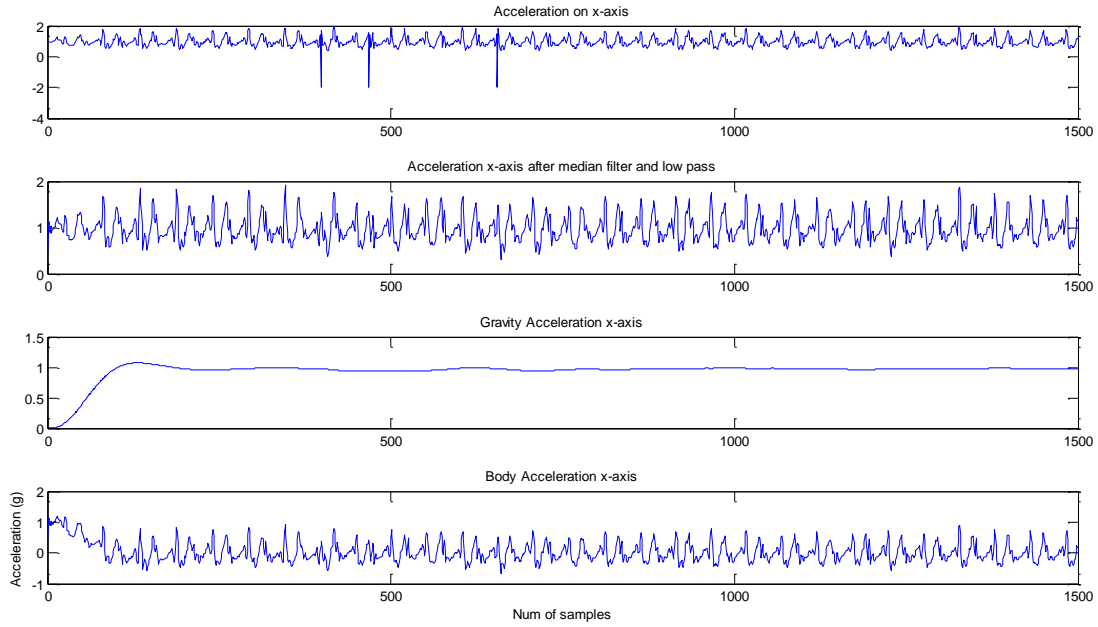


**Figure 22:** Number of steps per second for normal and fast walk, detected with FFT analysis. Each sample in the graphic corresponds to a user that has two step rates: a lozenge mark for the normal walk and a squared mark for the fast walking.



**Figure 23:** Duration of a double step (in seconds) for normal and fast walk. Each sample in the graphic corresponds to a user that has two step rates: a lozenge mark for the normal walk and a squared mark for the fast walking.

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**Figure 24:** Walking, resulting of applying the pre-processing filters. The second graphic clearly exemplify the removing of noise from acceleration signals (first graphic). Third graphic represents the gravity component of the acceleration signal, the linear acceleration that is constant over the proximally  $1g$  ( $10m/s^2$ ). The fourth graphic represents the body component of the acceleration signal that contains the acceleration variations during walking.

The approach used to differentiate between walk and climbing stairs, was explained in Section 3.3.3. In order to use the competition dataset to train a classifier that was then used to classify the elderly dataset, the conditions used in the competition were replicated, particular the pre-processing of the raw signals. In Figure 24, the second graphic clearly exemplifies the removing of noise from raw acceleration signals (first graphic). Third graphic represents the gravity component of the acceleration signal, i.e., the linear acceleration, which value is constant over the proximally  $1g$  ( $10m/s^2$ ). The fourth graphic represents the body component of the acceleration signal that contains the acceleration variations during walking. As for the analysis of the competition dataset, first it was necessary to choose the more suitable features to reduce the 531 feature dataset of the competition, taking only into account the dynamic activities. Using the *Select Attributes* in Weka toolkit, it was chosen *InfoGain* as *Attribute Evaluator* and *Ranker* as *Search Method*. The eight best ranked features found were: fBodyAccMagstd, fBodyAccMagmad, fBodyAccMagenergy, tGravityAccMagstd, tBodyAccMagstd, tGravityAccMagmad, tBodyAccMagmad and tBodyAccmaxX. Tests were carried out with datasets with only time domain features and datasets with both time and frequency domain features and the highest performance were obtained for a dataset with only time domain features using trees J48 as classifiers. The results are presented in Table 18 and Table 19.

**Table 18:** Performance metrics for trained J48 with competition dataset (with time-domain features) and tested in elderly dataset.

|                      | TP Rate      | FP Rate      | Precision    | Recall       | F-Measure    | ROC Area     | Class |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
|                      | 0.775        | 0.679        | 0.65         | 0.775        | 0.707        | 0.561        | 1     |
|                      | 0.267        | 0.239        | 0.212        | 0.267        | 0.236        | 0.486        | 2     |
|                      | 0.082        | 0.003        | 0.867        | 0.082        | 0.149        | 0.591        | 3     |
| <i>Weighted Avg.</i> | <b>0.547</b> | <b>0.468</b> | <b>0.606</b> | <b>0.547</b> | <b>0.512</b> | <b>0.552</b> |       |

**Table 19:** Accuracy and classifier errors obtained for the classification scheme explained above. Second column refers to number of samples and third column to percentage

| Metric                           | #Samps | %            |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Correctly Classified Instances   | 466    | <b>54,69</b> |
| Incorrectly Classified Instances | 386    | <b>45,31</b> |
| Kappa statistic                  | 0,08   |              |
| Mean absolute error              | 0,31   |              |
| Root mean squared error          | 0,51   |              |
| Relative absolute error          |        | 71,64        |
| Root relative squared error      |        | 111,19       |
| Total Number of Instances        | 852    |              |

The obtained results are not very good in terms of accuracy, since only almost half of the instances were correctly classified (Table 19). In Figure 25 it is possible to verify that walk was the only class with the higher TP rate, it could be due to the unbalanced test set, which had more walking instances compared with the other two classes. Climbing up and down stairs were mostly classified as walk. Walking up stairs was only confused with walking. A test set with more instances per class, particularly for climbing stairs was necessary in order to obtain better and reliable results. Even if the conditions of the competition dataset in terms of pre-processing were replicated, variation in the process of dataset collection resulting from the used device and the methods employed for recording could have biased the obtained results.

| a   | b   | c  | <-- classified as |
|-----|-----|----|-------------------|
| 409 | 117 | 2  | a = 1             |
| 121 | 44  | 0  | b = 2             |
| 99  | 47  | 13 | c = 3             |

**Figure 25:** Confusion matrix obtained for the dynamic dataset. 1-Walk, 2-Walk up stairs and 3-Walk down stairs.

### 4.3 Summary and Conclusions

The study of the public dataset, using different feature vectors and different classifiers, the most performing approach was a dataset with 38 features used to train a J48 decision tree in Weka. Training that classifier with a dataset of 7352 instances and test in a dataset with 2947 instances, an accuracy of 84% and a classifier error of 14% was obtained.

After collecting an elderly dataset, a threshold-based approach was made in order to get more insights about accelerometer data and to develop a strategy to differentiate activities. First approach was to differentiate between static and dynamic activities using the SMV feature. Within static activities, the angle between the user initial position and the angle of the user in each position was used to recognize postural orientation as standing, sitting and lying. Walking analysis, particularly, step rate and double step duration was evaluated using the FFT spectrum of the vertical acceleration. The peak detected in the spectrum with the higher amplitude corresponds to the step rate.

In order to differentiate walking from climbing stairs, a subset of the public dataset containing only these dynamic activities was used to train a J48 classifier and to test in the collect data, however the results were not good as expected, obtained an accuracy of 54.7%. The differences between the recording methods and the unbalanced test set collected could have biased the results. A solution was to collect more samples from elderly in order to achieve a satisfactory classifier performance.

The bridge between the public and the collected dataset was only made within dynamic activities, since this activities were collected for a duration longer than the static activities, and so obtaining more instances to create a test set. Another drawback is that in the public dataset the static activities consider only the postures and in the collected dataset the static activities consider transitions between them. A pre-processing technique was needed to accurate separate the static postures and even more instances have to be collected.

## **Chapter 5**

# **Conclusions and Future Work**

Human physical activity monitoring has received an increasing interest by elders' caregivers, athletes, physicians, nutritionists, physiotherapists and even people who want to check the daily activity level.

Concerning applications for elderly, and taking into account the actual increasing of aging population and decreasing social and economic conditions for elderly daily care, telecare systems have emerging and have been considered as a solution for some of these problems.

In this project, a study was made regarding the necessary approaches to identify human daily physical activities, such as sitting, lying, stand, walking or climbing stairs.

With reference of the previously studies in this area, Smartphone built-in accelerometers were used to collect motion data from a user performing the activities of interest. The linear acceleration data collected give information about the acceleration due to human body movement and due to the gravity. Extracting metrics from signals, such as magnitude vector, angle, standard deviations of FFT analysis is possible to train a classifier to learn, based on these metrics, how to differentiate activities. Machine learning techniques were used to achieve classifiers training and test. However, a large an accurate dataset is crucial to obtain a reliable classification process.

### **5.1 Achievements**

The objectives of this project regarding the analysis and classification of accelerometers signals were achieved, using two approaches: studying a public and well defined dataset with ADLs obtained from a competition, achieving with a decision tree classifier an accuracy of 86%, 10% below the best performing competitor. The obtained classification error was 14%.

The second approach relied on a collected dataset with elderly voluntaries with ages between 60-70 years. A threshold-based approach was implemented based on collected data, enabling to differentiate static and dynamic activities, and within each group, differentiate postures and walk

patterns. The most challenge task was to differentiate between walking in a level and climbing stairs. A tentative to use the public dataset to train a decision tree and test on the collect data was employed, but the results were not revealing, due to considerable reduced test set and the variations of the methods used to collect both datasets.

### 5.2 Future Work

Further development of this project would be of interest to create a monitor application for human physical activity that could also give a relevant feedback about the user physical history.

The main improvements of this project and future work were identified during its developing and will be explained in detail.

- Explore a wavelet transform approach to discriminate between walking and climbing stairs, as an alternative to the approached followed in this project.
- Study the effect of window size of data streams in the accuracy of the classification, particularly for cyclic activities, that require a larger window size to accurate use FFT approaches.
- Implement the proposed methods on android environment.
- Collect datasets in unsupervised environments, preferentially in a domestic ambient, and use standardized datasets for comparison between classification approaches. The limited uniformed public datasets, make difficult to create an accurate classification algorithm, only if the researcher collects a sufficient number of samples to be able to develop an algorithm. If public standardized databases with human activity could be generated, an investigation considering the differences between activities performed by young and elderly people could also be conducted.
- Enable the user to place the Smartphone in several locations, not only restricted to the waist. In that case, it would be necessary an initial set to calibrate the Smartphone initial position. This improvement could be useful for long term monitoring, but also a disadvantage considering that in some cases the Smartphone moves itself during an activity, due to unfixed support.
- Integrate the Smartphone sensors with other external sensors to improve gait analysis and extend the application to consider physical history, energy expenditure and physical performance evaluations that could give a feedback about the activity level.
- Increase the range of detected activities, to several common sports and more detailed daily living activities, in order to acquire a complete daily history and to be useful for a higher number of users. However, concerning multiple activities has some drawbacks, as the assumption of using the angle to distinct postures, because it is not reliable for activities with external accelerations as sitting in a car or use an elevator.

There are also some open issues considering human activity monitoring, as privacy violation, high FP rates that impossibilities a truthful application of these systems, the high variability within users, that require individual calibration. In terms of market segmentation, there are several recognized applications of these systems, however an important concerning is to create and validate acceptable business models.

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## Annex A

# Nutritional counselling

The human activity monitoring and the nutritional counselling have a straight relationship, since every time people need to lose weight the nutritionist recommends a diet and also a physical plan. In Figure 26 is illustrated an example of a physical plan used in a nutritional clinic. Activity recognition systems could be useful in this situations to check if the user is performing the recommended physical plan. However, attention should be taken in the sports detection accuracy, which could be difficult in some cases to discriminate.

|  |   |  |  |   |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|
|  Caminhada<br>169   |  Corrida<br>296                              |  Bicicleta<br>254   |  Natação<br>296                                       |  Alpinismo<br>275                   |  Aeróbica<br>296                                     |
|  Tênis de mesa<br>191                                   |  Tênis<br>254                              |  Futebol<br>296   |  Esgrima Oriental<br>423                            |  Gateball<br>161                  |  Badminton<br>191                                  |
|  Racketball<br>423                                      |  Tae-kwon-do<br>423                        |  Squash<br>423  |  Basquete<br>254                                    |  Pular corda<br>296               |  Golf<br>149                                       |
|  Flexões de braço<br>Desenvolvimento do tronco superior |  Abdominal Sit-up<br>Exercícios Abdominais |  Treinamento com pesos<br>Exercícios para fortalecimento de dorsos lombares |  Exercícios com halteres<br>Fortalecimento muscular |  Banda elástica<br>Fortalecimento |  Agachamento<br>Manutenção dos músculos inferiores |

**Figure 26:** Exercise plan used in a nutritional clinic. The energetic expenditure for each activity is calculated for a male adult with 84.5Kg. The energetic expenditure is calculated in Kcal for an activity duration of 30minutes. Source: *Clínica Dr. Fernando Póvoas, Porto.*

## Annex B

# HAR state of the art

Based on IEEE database from 2012 and 2011(Ugulino et al., 2012), the Human Activity Recognition (HAR) studies (Table 20) based on accelerometers are the following:

**Table 20:** State of the art HAR studies (2012 and 2011).

| Research                           | # of sensors | Accelerometers' position                           | Solution                              | # of users | Learning mode   | Test mode                       | Correct (%) |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Liu et al., 2012                   | 1            | hip, wrist (no info about orientation)             | SVM                                   | 50         | Super-vised     | leave-one-out                   | 88.1        |
| Yuting et al., 2011                | 3            | chest and both thighs (no info about orientation)  | Threshold-based                       | 10         | --              | --                              | 98.6        |
| Sazonov et al., 2011               | 1            | Foot   | SVM                                   | 9          | Super-vised     | 4-fold cross validation         | 98.1        |
| Reiss & Stricker, 2011             | 3            | lower arm, chest and foot                          | Boosted Decision Tree                 | 8          | Super-vised     | 8-fold cross validation         | 90.7        |
| Min et al., (2011)                 | 9            | torso, arms and legs                               | Threshold-based                       | 3          | --              | Comparison with k-means         | 96.6        |
| Maekawa & Watanabe, 2011           | 4            | wrists of both hands, waist, and right thigh       | HMM                                   | 40         | Unsupervised    | leave-one-out                   | 98.4        |
| Martin et al., 2011                | 2            | hip, foot and chest                                | Threshold-based                       | 5          | --              | --                              | 89.4        |
| Lei et al., 2011                   | 4            | waist, chest, thigh, and side of the body          | Naive Bayes                           | 8          | Supervised      | Several, w/ no cross validation | 97.7        |
| Alvarez et al., 2011               | 1            | centered in the back of the person                 | Genetic fuzzy finite state machine    | 1          | Supervised      | leave-one-out                   | 98.9        |
| Jun-ki & Sung-Bae, 2011            | 5            | forehead, both arms, and both wrists               | Naive Bayes and SVM                   | 3          | Supervised      | leave-one-out                   | 99.4        |
| Ioana-Iuliana & Rodica-Elena, 2011 | 2            | right part of the hip, lower part of the right leg | Neural Networks                       | 4          | Supervised      | 66% training vs. 33% test       | 99.6        |
| Gjoreski et al., 2011              | 4            | chest, waist, ankle and thigh                      | Naive Bayes, SVM, C4.5, Random Forest | 11         | Supervised      | Leave-one-person-out            | 90          |
| Feng, Meiling, and Nan, 2011       | 1            | Waist  | Threshold-based                       | 20         | --              | --                              | 94.1        |
| Czabke, Marsch, and Lueth, 2011    | 1            | Trousers' Pocket                                   | Threshold-based                       | 10         | --              | --                              | 90          |
| Chernbumroong, et al., 2011        | 1            | Non-dominant wrist (watch)                         | C4.5 and Neural Networks              | 7          | Supervised      | 5-fold cross-validation         | 94.1        |
| Bayati et al., 2011                | --           | Simulations instead of real accelerometers         | Expectation Maximization              | --         | Unsupervised    | Not mentioned                   | 86.9        |
| Atallah et al., 2011               | 7            | ear, chest, arm, wrist, waist, knee, and ankle     | Feature Selection algorithms*         | 11         | Supervised      | Not applied                     | --          |
| Andreu et al., 2011                | 1            | Not mentioned                                      | fuzzy rule-based                      | --         | Online learning | --                              | 71.4        |

## Annex C

# Competition Dataset Features

This annex details the collection of the 561 features that (Anguita et al., 2013) had extracted and result from 17 features extracted over 17 signals (some of the signals have 3D components).

|                           |                               |                                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 tBodyAcc-mean()-X       | 201 tBodyAccMag-mean()        | 401 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-41,48y |
| 2 tBodyAcc-mean()-Y       | 202 tBodyAccMag-std()         | 402 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-49,56y |
| 3 tBodyAcc-mean()-Z       | 203 tBodyAccMag-mad()         | 403 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-57,64y |
| 4 tBodyAcc-std()-X        | 204 tBodyAccMag-max()         | 404 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,16y  |
| 5 tBodyAcc-std()-Y        | 205 tBodyAccMag-min()         | 405 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-17,32y |
| 6 tBodyAcc-std()-Z        | 206 tBodyAccMag-sma()         | 406 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-33,48y |
| 7 tBodyAcc-mad()-X        | 207 tBodyAccMag-energy()      | 407 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-49,64y |
| 8 tBodyAcc-mad()-Y        | 208 tBodyAccMag-iqr()         | 408 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,24y  |
| 9 tBodyAcc-mad()-Z        | 209 tBodyAccMag-entropy()     | 409 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-25,48y |
| 10 tBodyAcc-max()-X       | 210 tBodyAccMag-arCoeff()1    | 410 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,8z   |
| 11 tBodyAcc-max()-Y       | 211 tBodyAccMag-arCoeff()2    | 411 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-9,16z  |
| 12 tBodyAcc-max()-Z       | 212 tBodyAccMag-arCoeff()3    | 412 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-17,24z |
| 13 tBodyAcc-min()-X       | 213 tBodyAccMag-arCoeff()4    | 413 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-25,32z |
| 14 tBodyAcc-min()-Y       | 214 tGravityAccMag-mean()     | 414 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-33,40z |
| 15 tBodyAcc-min()-Z       | 215 tGravityAccMag-std()      | 415 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-41,48z |
| 16 tBodyAcc-sma()         | 216 tGravityAccMag-mad()      | 416 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-49,56z |
| 17 tBodyAcc-energy()-X    | 217 tGravityAccMag-max()      | 417 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-57,64z |
| 18 tBodyAcc-energy()-Y    | 218 tGravityAccMag-min()      | 418 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,16z  |
| 19 tBodyAcc-energy()-Z    | 219 tGravityAccMag-sma()      | 419 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-17,32z |
| 20 tBodyAcc-iqr()-X       | 220 tGravityAccMag-energy()   | 420 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-33,48z |
| 21 tBodyAcc-iqr()-Y       | 221 tGravityAccMag-iqr()      | 421 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-49,64z |
| 22 tBodyAcc-iqr()-Z       | 222 tGravityAccMag-entropy()  | 422 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,24z  |
| 23 tBodyAcc-entropy()-X   | 223 tGravityAccMag-arCoeff()1 | 423 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-25,48z |
| 24 tBodyAcc-entropy()-Y   | 224 tGravityAccMag-arCoeff()2 | 424 fBodyGyro-mean()-X                |
| 25 tBodyAcc-entropy()-Z   | 225 tGravityAccMag-arCoeff()3 | 425 fBodyGyro-mean()-Y                |
| 26 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-X,1 | 226 tGravityAccMag-arCoeff()4 | 426 fBodyGyro-mean()-Z                |
| 27 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-X,2 | 227 tBodyAccJerkMag-mean()    | 427 fBodyGyro-std()-X                 |
| 28 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-X,3 | 228 tBodyAccJerkMag-std()     | 428 fBodyGyro-std()-Y                 |
| 29 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-X,4 | 229 tBodyAccJerkMag-mad()     | 429 fBodyGyro-std()-Z                 |
| 30 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-Y,1 | 230 tBodyAccJerkMag-max()     | 430 fBodyGyro-mad()-X                 |
| 31 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-Y,2 | 231 tBodyAccJerkMag-min()     | 431 fBodyGyro-mad()-Y                 |
| 32 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-Y,3 | 232 tBodyAccJerkMag-sma()     | 432 fBodyGyro-mad()-Z                 |
| 33 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-Y,4 | 233 tBodyAccJerkMag-energy()  | 433 fBodyGyro-max()-X                 |
| 34 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-Z,1 | 234 tBodyAccJerkMag-iqr()     | 434 fBodyGyro-max()-Y                 |

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|                                  |                                 |                                    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 35 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-Z,2        | 235 tBodyAccJerkMag-entropy()   | 435 fBodyGyro-max()-Z              |
| 36 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-Z,3        | 236 tBodyAccJerkMag-arCoeff()1  | 436 fBodyGyro-min()-X              |
| 37 tBodyAcc-arCoeff()-Z,4        | 237 tBodyAccJerkMag-arCoeff()2  | 437 fBodyGyro-min()-Y              |
| 38 tBodyAcc-correlation()-X,Y    | 238 tBodyAccJerkMag-arCoeff()3  | 438 fBodyGyro-min()-Z              |
| 39 tBodyAcc-correlation()-X,Z    | 239 tBodyAccJerkMag-arCoeff()4  | 439 fBodyGyro-sma()                |
| 40 tBodyAcc-correlation()-Y,Z    | 240 tBodyGyroMag-mean()         | 440 fBodyGyro-energy()-X           |
| 41 tGravityAcc-mean()-X          | 241 tBodyGyroMag-std()          | 441 fBodyGyro-energy()-Y           |
| 42 tGravityAcc-mean()-Y          | 242 tBodyGyroMag-mad()          | 442 fBodyGyro-energy()-Z           |
| 43 tGravityAcc-mean()-Z          | 243 tBodyGyroMag-max()          | 443 fBodyGyro-iqr()-X              |
| 44 tGravityAcc-std()-X           | 244 tBodyGyroMag-min()          | 444 fBodyGyro-iqr()-Y              |
| 45 tGravityAcc-std()-Y           | 245 tBodyGyroMag-sma()          | 445 fBodyGyro-iqr()-Z              |
| 46 tGravityAcc-std()-Z           | 246 tBodyGyroMag-energy()       | 446 fBodyGyro-entropy()-X          |
| 47 tGravityAcc-mad()-X           | 247 tBodyGyroMag-iqr()          | 447 fBodyGyro-entropy()-Y          |
| 48 tGravityAcc-mad()-Y           | 248 tBodyGyroMag-entropy()      | 448 fBodyGyro-entropy()-Z          |
| 49 tGravityAcc-mad()-Z           | 249 tBodyGyroMag-arCoeff()1     | 449 fBodyGyro-maxInds-X            |
| 50 tGravityAcc-max()-X           | 250 tBodyGyroMag-arCoeff()2     | 450 fBodyGyro-maxInds-Y            |
| 51 tGravityAcc-max()-Y           | 251 tBodyGyroMag-arCoeff()3     | 451 fBodyGyro-maxInds-Z            |
| 52 tGravityAcc-max()-Z           | 252 tBodyGyroMag-arCoeff()4     | 452 fBodyGyro-meanFreq()-X         |
| 53 tGravityAcc-min()-X           | 253 tBodyGyroJerkMag-mean()     | 453 fBodyGyro-meanFreq()-Y         |
| 54 tGravityAcc-min()-Y           | 254 tBodyGyroJerkMag-std()      | 454 fBodyGyro-meanFreq()-Z         |
| 55 tGravityAcc-min()-Z           | 255 tBodyGyroJerkMag-mad()      | 455 fBodyGyro-skewness()-X         |
| 56 tGravityAcc-sma()             | 256 tBodyGyroJerkMag-max()      | 456 fBodyGyro-kurtosis()-X         |
| 57 tGravityAcc-energy()-X        | 257 tBodyGyroJerkMag-min()      | 457 fBodyGyro-skewness()-Y         |
| 58 tGravityAcc-energy()-Y        | 258 tBodyGyroJerkMag-sma()      | 458 fBodyGyro-kurtosis()-Y         |
| 59 tGravityAcc-energy()-Z        | 259 tBodyGyroJerkMag-energy()   | 459 fBodyGyro-skewness()-Z         |
| 60 tGravityAcc-iqr()-X           | 260 tBodyGyroJerkMag-iqr()      | 460 fBodyGyro-kurtosis()-Z         |
| 61 tGravityAcc-iqr()-Y           | 261 tBodyGyroJerkMag-entropy()  | 461 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,8x   |
| 62 tGravityAcc-iqr()-Z           | 262 tBodyGyroJerkMag-arCoeff()1 | 462 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-9,16x  |
| 63 tGravityAcc-entropy()-X       | 263 tBodyGyroJerkMag-arCoeff()2 | 463 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-17,24x |
| 64 tGravityAcc-entropy()-Y       | 264 tBodyGyroJerkMag-arCoeff()3 | 464 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-25,32x |
| 65 tGravityAcc-entropy()-Z       | 265 tBodyGyroJerkMag-arCoeff()4 | 465 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-33,40x |
| 66 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-X,1     | 266 fBodyAcc-mean()-X           | 466 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-41,48x |
| 67 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-X,2     | 267 fBodyAcc-mean()-Y           | 467 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-49,56x |
| 68 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-X,3     | 268 fBodyAcc-mean()-Z           | 468 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-57,64x |
| 69 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-X,4     | 269 fBodyAcc-std()-X            | 469 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,16x  |
| 70 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-Y,1     | 270 fBodyAcc-std()-Y            | 470 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-17,32x |
| 71 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-Y,2     | 271 fBodyAcc-std()-Z            | 471 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-33,48x |
| 72 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-Y,3     | 272 fBodyAcc-mad()-X            | 472 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-49,64x |
| 73 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-Y,4     | 273 fBodyAcc-mad()-Y            | 473 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,24x  |
| 74 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-Z,1     | 274 fBodyAcc-mad()-Z            | 474 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-25,48x |
| 75 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-Z,2     | 275 fBodyAcc-max()-X            | 475 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,8y   |
| 76 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-Z,3     | 276 fBodyAcc-max()-Y            | 476 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-9,16y  |
| 77 tGravityAcc-arCoeff()-Z,4     | 277 fBodyAcc-max()-Z            | 477 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-17,24y |
| 78 tGravityAcc-correlation()-X,Y | 278 fBodyAcc-min()-X            | 478 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-25,32y |
| 79 tGravityAcc-correlation()-X,Z | 279 fBodyAcc-min()-Y            | 479 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-33,40y |
| 80 tGravityAcc-correlation()-Y,Z | 280 fBodyAcc-min()-Z            | 480 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-41,48y |

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| 81 tBodyAccJerk-mean()-X           | 281 fBodyAcc-sma()                | 481 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-49,56y |
| 82 tBodyAccJerk-mean()-Y           | 282 fBodyAcc-energy()-X           | 482 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-57,64y |
| 83 tBodyAccJerk-mean()-Z           | 283 fBodyAcc-energy()-Y           | 483 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,16y  |
| 84 tBodyAccJerk-std()-X            | 284 fBodyAcc-energy()-Z           | 484 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-17,32y |
| 85 tBodyAccJerk-std()-Y            | 285 fBodyAcc-iqr()-X              | 485 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-33,48y |
| 86 tBodyAccJerk-std()-Z            | 286 fBodyAcc-iqr()-Y              | 486 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-49,64y |
| 87 tBodyAccJerk-mad()-X            | 287 fBodyAcc-iqr()-Z              | 487 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,24y  |
| 88 tBodyAccJerk-mad()-Y            | 288 fBodyAcc-entropy()-X          | 488 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-25,48y |
| 89 tBodyAccJerk-mad()-Z            | 289 fBodyAcc-entropy()-Y          | 489 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,8z   |
| 90 tBodyAccJerk-max()-X            | 290 fBodyAcc-entropy()-Z          | 490 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-9,16z  |
| 91 tBodyAccJerk-max()-Y            | 291 fBodyAcc-maxInds-X            | 491 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-17,24z |
| 92 tBodyAccJerk-max()-Z            | 292 fBodyAcc-maxInds-Y            | 492 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-25,32z |
| 93 tBodyAccJerk-min()-X            | 293 fBodyAcc-maxInds-Z            | 493 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-33,40z |
| 94 tBodyAccJerk-min()-Y            | 294 fBodyAcc-meanFreq()-X         | 494 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-41,48z |
| 95 tBodyAccJerk-min()-Z            | 295 fBodyAcc-meanFreq()-Y         | 495 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-49,56z |
| 96 tBodyAccJerk-sma()              | 296 fBodyAcc-meanFreq()-Z         | 496 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-57,64z |
| 97 tBodyAccJerk-energy()-X         | 297 fBodyAcc-skewness()-X         | 497 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,16z  |
| 98 tBodyAccJerk-energy()-Y         | 298 fBodyAcc-kurtosis()-X         | 498 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-17,32z |
| 99 tBodyAccJerk-energy()-Z         | 299 fBodyAcc-skewness()-Y         | 499 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-33,48z |
| 100 tBodyAccJerk-iqr()-X           | 300 fBodyAcc-kurtosis()-Y         | 500 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-49,64z |
| 101 tBodyAccJerk-iqr()-Y           | 301 fBodyAcc-skewness()-Z         | 501 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-1,24z  |
| 102 tBodyAccJerk-iqr()-Z           | 302 fBodyAcc-kurtosis()-Z         | 502 fBodyGyro-bandsEnergy()-25,48z |
| 103 tBodyAccJerk-entropy()-X       | 303 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,8x   | 503 fBodyAccMag-mean()             |
| 104 tBodyAccJerk-entropy()-Y       | 304 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-9,16x  | 504 fBodyAccMag-std()              |
| 105 tBodyAccJerk-entropy()-Z       | 305 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-17,24x | 505 fBodyAccMag-mad()              |
| 106 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-X,1     | 306 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-25,32x | 506 fBodyAccMag-max()              |
| 107 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-X,2     | 307 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-33,40x | 507 fBodyAccMag-min()              |
| 108 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-X,3     | 308 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-41,48x | 508 fBodyAccMag-sma()              |
| 109 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-X,4     | 309 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-49,56x | 509 fBodyAccMag-energy()           |
| 110 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-Y,1     | 310 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-57,64x | 510 fBodyAccMag-iqr()              |
| 111 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-Y,2     | 311 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,16x  | 511 fBodyAccMag-entropy()          |
| 112 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-Y,3     | 312 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-17,32x | 512 fBodyAccMag-maxInds            |
| 113 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-Y,4     | 313 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-33,48x | 513 fBodyAccMag-meanFreq()         |
| 114 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-Z,1     | 314 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-49,64x | 514 fBodyAccMag-skewness()         |
| 115 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-Z,2     | 315 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,24x  | 515 fBodyAccMag-kurtosis()         |
| 116 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-Z,3     | 316 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-25,48x | 516 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-mean()     |
| 117 tBodyAccJerk-arCoeff()-Z,4     | 317 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,8y   | 517 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-std()      |
| 118 tBodyAccJerk-correlation()-X,Y | 318 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-9,16y  | 518 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-mad()      |
| 119 tBodyAccJerk-correlation()-X,Z | 319 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-17,24y | 519 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-max()      |
| 120 tBodyAccJerk-correlation()-Y,Z | 320 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-25,32y | 520 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-min()      |
| 121 tBodyGyro-mean()-X             | 321 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-33,40y | 521 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-sma()      |
| 122 tBodyGyro-mean()-Y             | 322 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-41,48y | 522 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-energy()   |
| 123 tBodyGyro-mean()-Z             | 323 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-49,56y | 523 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-iqr()      |
| 124 tBodyGyro-std()-X              | 324 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-57,64y | 524 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-entropy()  |
| 125 tBodyGyro-std()-Y              | 325 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,16y  | 525 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-maxInds    |

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| 126 tBodyGyro-std()-Z           | 326 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-17,32y | 526 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-meanFreq()       |
| 127 tBodyGyro-mad()-X           | 327 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-33,48y | 527 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-skewness()       |
| 128 tBodyGyro-mad()-Y           | 328 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-49,64y | 528 fBodyBodyAccJerkMag-kurtosis()       |
| 129 tBodyGyro-mad()-Z           | 329 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,24y  | 529 fBodyBodyGyroMag-mean()              |
| 130 tBodyGyro-max()-X           | 330 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-25,48y | 530 fBodyBodyGyroMag-std()               |
| 131 tBodyGyro-max()-Y           | 331 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,8z   | 531 fBodyBodyGyroMag-mad()               |
| 132 tBodyGyro-max()-Z           | 332 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-9,16z  | 532 fBodyBodyGyroMag-max()               |
| 133 tBodyGyro-min()-X           | 333 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-17,24z | 533 fBodyBodyGyroMag-min()               |
| 134 tBodyGyro-min()-Y           | 334 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-25,32z | 534 fBodyBodyGyroMag-sma()               |
| 135 tBodyGyro-min()-Z           | 335 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-33,40z | 535 fBodyBodyGyroMag-energy()            |
| 136 tBodyGyro-sma()             | 336 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-41,48z | 536 fBodyBodyGyroMag-iqr()               |
| 137 tBodyGyro-energy()-X        | 337 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-49,56z | 537 fBodyBodyGyroMag-entropy()           |
| 138 tBodyGyro-energy()-Y        | 338 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-57,64z | 538 fBodyBodyGyroMag-maxInds             |
| 139 tBodyGyro-energy()-Z        | 339 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,16z  | 539 fBodyBodyGyroMag-meanFreq()          |
| 140 tBodyGyro-iqr()-X           | 340 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-17,32z | 540 fBodyBodyGyroMag-skewness()          |
| 141 tBodyGyro-iqr()-Y           | 341 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-33,48z | 541 fBodyBodyGyroMag-kurtosis()          |
| 142 tBodyGyro-iqr()-Z           | 342 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-49,64z | 542 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-mean()          |
| 143 tBodyGyro-entropy()-X       | 343 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-1,24z  | 543 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-std()           |
| 144 tBodyGyro-entropy()-Y       | 344 fBodyAcc-bandsEnergy()-25,48z | 544 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-mad()           |
| 145 tBodyGyro-entropy()-Z       | 345 fBodyAccJerk-mean()-X         | 545 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-max()           |
| 146 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-X,1     | 346 fBodyAccJerk-mean()-Y         | 546 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-min()           |
| 147 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-X,2     | 347 fBodyAccJerk-mean()-Z         | 547 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-sma()           |
| 148 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-X,3     | 348 fBodyAccJerk-std()-X          | 548 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-energy()        |
| 149 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-X,4     | 349 fBodyAccJerk-std()-Y          | 549 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-iqr()           |
| 150 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-Y,1     | 350 fBodyAccJerk-std()-Z          | 550 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-entropy()       |
| 151 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-Y,2     | 351 fBodyAccJerk-mad()-X          | 551 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-maxInds         |
| 152 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-Y,3     | 352 fBodyAccJerk-mad()-Y          | 552 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-meanFreq()      |
| 153 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-Y,4     | 353 fBodyAccJerk-mad()-Z          | 553 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-skewness()      |
| 154 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-Z,1     | 354 fBodyAccJerk-max()-X          | 554 fBodyBodyGyroJerkMag-kurtosis()      |
| 155 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-Z,2     | 355 fBodyAccJerk-max()-Y          | 555 angle(tBodyAccMean,gravity)          |
| 156 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-Z,3     | 356 fBodyAccJerk-max()-Z          | 556 angle(tBodyAccJerkMean,gravityMean)  |
| 157 tBodyGyro-arCoeff()-Z,4     | 357 fBodyAccJerk-min()-X          | 557 angle(tBodyGyroMean,gravityMean)     |
| 158 tBodyGyro-correlation()-X,Y | 358 fBodyAccJerk-min()-Y          | 558 angle(tBodyGyroJerkMean,gravityMean) |
| 159 tBodyGyro-correlation()-X,Z | 359 fBodyAccJerk-min()-Z          | 559 angle(X,gravityMean)                 |
| 160 tBodyGyro-correlation()-Y,Z | 360 fBodyAccJerk-sma()            | 560 angle(Y,gravityMean)                 |
| 161 tBodyGyroJerk-mean()-X      | 361 fBodyAccJerk-energy()-X       | 561 angle(Z,gravityMean)                 |
| 162 tBodyGyroJerk-mean()-Y      | 362 fBodyAccJerk-energy()-Y       |  |
| 163 tBodyGyroJerk-mean()-Z      | 363 fBodyAccJerk-energy()-Z       |  |
| 164 tBodyGyroJerk-std()-X       | 364 fBodyAccJerk-iqr()-X          |  |
| 165 tBodyGyroJerk-std()-Y       | 365 fBodyAccJerk-iqr()-Y          |  |
| 166 tBodyGyroJerk-std()-Z       | 366 fBodyAccJerk-iqr()-Z          |  |
| 167 tBodyGyroJerk-mad()-X       | 367 fBodyAccJerk-entropy()-X      |  |
| 168 tBodyGyroJerk-mad()-Y       | 368 fBodyAccJerk-entropy()-Y      |  |
| 169 tBodyGyroJerk-mad()-Z       | 369 fBodyAccJerk-entropy()-Z      |  |
| 170 tBodyGyroJerk-max()-X       | 370 fBodyAccJerk-maxInds-X        |  |

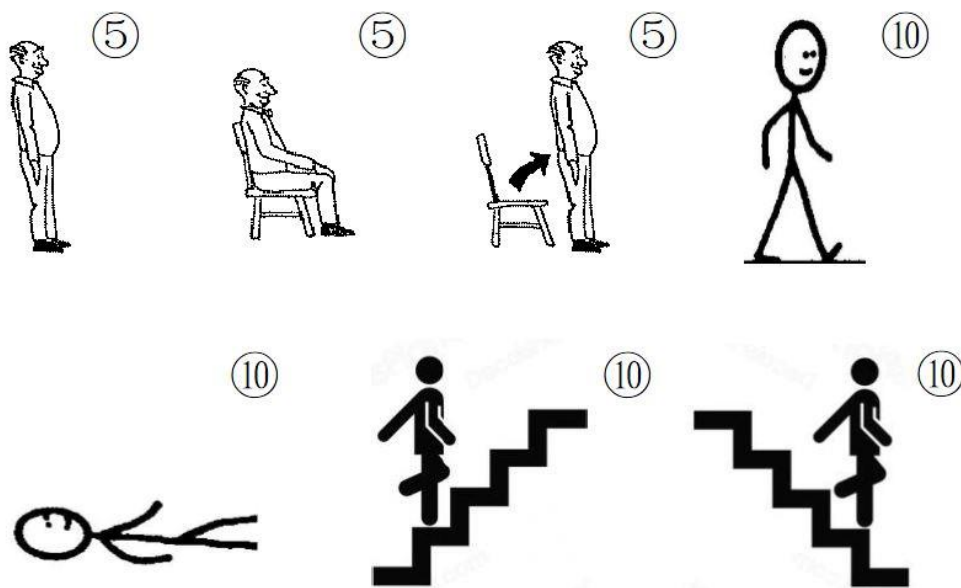
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| 171 tBodyGyroJerk-max()-Y           | 371 fBodyAccJerk-maxInds-Y            |
| 172 tBodyGyroJerk-max()-Z           | 372 fBodyAccJerk-maxInds-Z            |
| 173 tBodyGyroJerk-min()-X           | 373 fBodyAccJerk-meanFreq()-X         |
| 174 tBodyGyroJerk-min()-Y           | 374 fBodyAccJerk-meanFreq()-Y         |
| 175 tBodyGyroJerk-min()-Z           | 375 fBodyAccJerk-meanFreq()-Z         |
| 176 tBodyGyroJerk-sma()             | 376 fBodyAccJerk-skewness()-X         |
| 177 tBodyGyroJerk-energy()-X        | 377 fBodyAccJerk-kurtosis()-X         |
| 178 tBodyGyroJerk-energy()-Y        | 378 fBodyAccJerk-skewness()-Y         |
| 179 tBodyGyroJerk-energy()-Z        | 379 fBodyAccJerk-kurtosis()-Y         |
| 180 tBodyGyroJerk-iqr()-X           | 380 fBodyAccJerk-skewness()-Z         |
| 181 tBodyGyroJerk-iqr()-Y           | 381 fBodyAccJerk-kurtosis()-Z         |
| 182 tBodyGyroJerk-iqr()-Z           | 382 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,8x   |
| 183 tBodyGyroJerk-entropy()-X       | 383 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-9,16x  |
| 184 tBodyGyroJerk-entropy()-Y       | 384 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-17,24x |
| 185 tBodyGyroJerk-entropy()-Z       | 385 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-25,32x |
| 186 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-X,1     | 386 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-33,40x |
| 187 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-X,2     | 387 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-41,48x |
| 188 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-X,3     | 388 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-49,56x |
| 189 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-X,4     | 389 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-57,64x |
| 190 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-Y,1     | 390 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,16x  |
| 191 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-Y,2     | 391 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-17,32x |
| 192 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-Y,3     | 392 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-33,48x |
| 193 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-Y,4     | 393 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-49,64x |
| 194 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-Z,1     | 394 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,24x  |
| 195 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-Z,2     | 395 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-25,48x |
| 196 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-Z,3     | 396 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-1,8y   |
| 197 tBodyGyroJerk-arCoeff()-Z,4     | 397 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-9,16y  |
| 198 tBodyGyroJerk-correlation()-X,Y | 398 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-17,24y |
| 199 tBodyGyroJerk-correlation()-X,Z | 399 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-25,32y |
| 200 tBodyGyroJerk-correlation()-Y,Z | 400 fBodyAccJerk-bandsEnergy()-33,40y |



## Annex D

# Dataset collection circuit

The circuit (Figure 27) performed in the tests for the dataset collection is represented in the following figure, considering the numbers above each phase as seconds to spend in that activity.



**Figure 27:** Circuit performed in tests collected with elders.