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# Counting People Using a PIR Sensor

## Declaration

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Our body as same as everything surrounding us emits some radiation. The dominant wavelengths belong to the infrared spectrum and our body sense it as a heat. If we pass its significance for living creatures and the fact that the presence of the right amount of infrared radiation is essential for all the life as we know it, there is also a lot of usage in the industry or generally – technology.

Infrared waves are used in various devices. From nightvision devices, astronomy to personal electronics (infraport, TV remote controller). This thesis focuses on the usage in PIR sensors – electronic devices that changes its output based on the amount of received infrared radiation.

The PIR sensors are used around us a lot even though we might not know it. We all know the waving of hands towards the sensor in a hallway so the light would turn on and we could tie our shoes, or the self-opening door in shopping malls or self-rotating door in banks. These mechanisms mostly use PIR sensors.



Figure 1.1: PIR sensor: automatic doorway. [7]

PIR sensors offer even more than stating a presence of person. It is possible to process sensor output signal to get more information about sensed space - a position of person, a number of people. Especially when more sensors are used.

# **Chapter 2**

## **Abstract**

10 lines

Description of problem

Solution and focus

Maybe brief conclusion and application

# Chapter 3

## Theory

### 3.1 Physics of radiation

In the modelled system equations calculating with infrared radiation are being used – to understand them properly it is necessary to describe what is a radiation, where does it come from and how can we measure it.

As it was already mentioned in the chapter 1, every object whose temperature is higher than absolute zero emits an electromagnetic radiation.

$$T_{obj} > 0 \text{ K} \equiv -273.15^\circ\text{C}$$

It is caused by a charged subatomical particles (electrons, protons) that are undergoing an acceleration, emitting an energy in a form of photon – electromagnetic radiation.

#### Characteristics

The electromagnetic radiation have a number of measurable characteristics. The most significant ones are *frequency*  $f$  and *wavelength*  $\lambda$ . Due to the constant speed of the radiation  $v$  aka speed of light  $c = v = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  not dependent on the frequency, they are proportional and mutually transferrable.

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8}{\lambda}$$

Electromagnetic waves are being divided into categories according to their usage by the wavelength  $\lambda$ . With increasing wavelength  $\lambda$  it is gamma, X-rays, ultraviolet (UV), visible light, infrared (IR) and radio waves. This is called electromagnetic spectrum and it is shown in the image 3.1.

Another measurable characteristic is an energy of the radiation  $Q, E$  or  $W$ . It is linearly dependend on its frequency  $f$  and can be computed using Planck constant  $h = 6.63 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$ . [1]

$$W = h \cdot f$$

The power of the radiation  $\Phi$  is called *radiant power* or rather *radiant flux*. As a regular power it is energy per time, since the radiation is four-dimentional, partial derivations must be used.

$$\Phi = \frac{\partial W}{\partial t}$$



Figure 3.1: Electromagnetic spectrum.

Name	Symbol	Unit	Definition
Radiant flux	$\Phi$	$W$	Power transferred by a radiation.
Radiant exitance	$M$	$W \cdot m^{-2}$	Sent $W$ per sender's surface.
Irradiance	$E$	$W \cdot m^{-2}$	Received $W$ per receiver's surface.
Radiant intensity	$I$	$W \cdot sr^{-1}$	$W$ per unit solid angle.
Radiance	$L$	$W \cdot sr^{-1} \cdot m^{-2}$	$I$ per sender's area projected to a direction.

Table 3.1: Radiation characteristics. [13]

The radiant power per unit surface is a flux density. It is called either *radiant exitance*  $M$  when emitting or *irradiance*  $E$  when receiving.

$$M = \frac{\partial \Phi_{emitted}}{\partial S_{sender}}$$

$$E = \frac{\partial \Phi_{received}}{\partial S_{receiver}}$$

The Stefan-Boltzmann law defines irradiance of electromagnetic radiation as

$$I = \sigma \cdot T^4$$

where  $\sigma = 5.6704 \cdot 10^{-8} Wm^{-2}K^{-4}$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant and  $T$  is a thermodynamic temperature.

Power per unit solid angle  $I$  is called *radiant intensity*. With dividing by an area of the item projected from certain direction we get an amount of power emitted in that direction called *radiance*  $L$ .

$$I = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega}$$

$$L = \frac{\partial I}{\partial S \cos \theta}$$

Other characteristics of radiation can be seen in the table 3.1. [11] [13]

## 3.2 Radiation processed by organisms

This thesis describes a particular way how to use the infrared radiation. Very important beginning of such work is always studying existing applications. Unforgettable one is a nature – how evolution enabled various organisms to use it.

Many animals can process parts of electromagnetic spectrum. Eyes enables mammals, cephalopods and arthropods to sense a visible light, some insects can even see a part of UV. Additionally organisms including human often have thermoreceptors in their skin so they can get information about intensity of infrared radiation around them.

### Visible light

PIR sensor structure is obviously inspired by a human eye. Human eyes can process radiation  $\lambda \in \langle 380 \text{ nm}; 760 \text{ nm} \rangle$  called visible light, one of the bands of an electromagnetic spectrum. Seeing means receiving a light from a light source reflected by the surface of an observed object to our retina. A biological system composed of light-sensitive cells *rods* and *cones* propagates the information through nerves to brain.

A ray coming to an eye is going through a converging lens, which changes its trajectory aiming to the retina, in the best case to the most sensitive place with a lot of the rods and cones called *Fovea centralis*. [19]

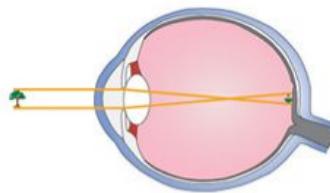


Figure 3.2: Structure of an eye. [4]

### Heat

The infrared rays surrounds us during our whole life, we sense it as heat. The heat receptors called *thermoreceptors* in our body are located on its surface (in the skin), but also in organs. The structure of a skin is shown in the figure 3.3.

There is a difference between sensing a visible light and an infrared radiation. Visible light comes mostly reflected from the surface, while the IR can originate only from the primary source – warm item.

Our skin contains two types of thermoreceptors: sensing cold, colder than a body temperature and hot, hotter than a body temperature. The skin structure is shown in the figure 3.3. This is already well described, on the other hand the evaluation center of these receptors in the brain and its mechanisms is not fully understood yet and a matter of current research. [16]

Some animals even use sensing the heat as a primary way how to survive. Several groups of snakes (pythons, rattlesnakes, boas and others) use it when hunting warm-blooded animals (mouses, rats, rabbits etc.). Blood-eating organisms (vampire bats, south-american heteroptera *Triatoma infestans*) have IR receptors to look for a vein under the skin.[10]

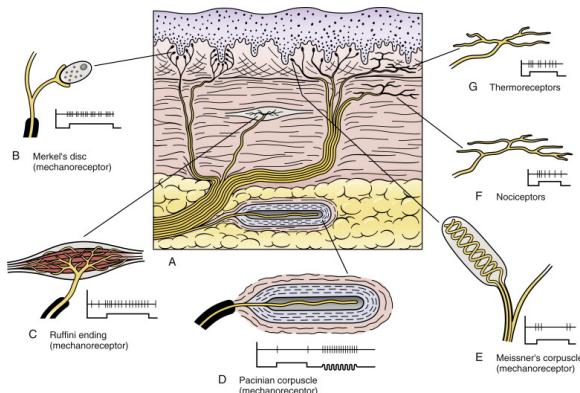


Figure 3.3: Structure of a skin. [5]

## Discovery

For the first time, the infrared electromagnetic waves were observed and named in 1800 by German-English astronomer sir Frederick Harschel. He dispersed light by a prism and found out that the temperature of the light is growing with wavelength, the red light had the highest one.

When he measured the temperature behind the red light, there was no visible light on the table but the thermometer was showing even higher temperature moving beyond the red spectrum. Harshel pronounced hypothesis that except the visible light there must be also invisible one which we can not see. [2]

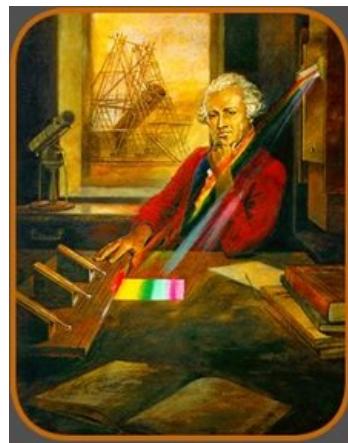


Figure 3.4: Sir William Herschel discovering the infrared radiation.[2]

A great coincidence is that he was an astronomer, he even discovered the planet Uranus, and it is his discovery, the IR waves, which now enables us to explore and understand the universe. [17]

### 3.3 Temperature homeostasis

The animal bodies require physical and chemical conditions in order to work properly (or at all). One of the physical aspects is a temperature. There are generally three types of animals – *ectotherms*, *endotherms* and *mesotherms*.

Ectotherms do not regulate its body temperature and rely on an external source, endotherms keeps it constant independently on the environment, so called *homeothermy*<sup>1</sup>. Mesotherm strategy is then something in between.

Endotherm groups are birds and mammals, the most significant ectotherm group are reptiles. They compensate it with basking in the sun. The thermal characteristics of these groups can be seen in the figure 3.5.

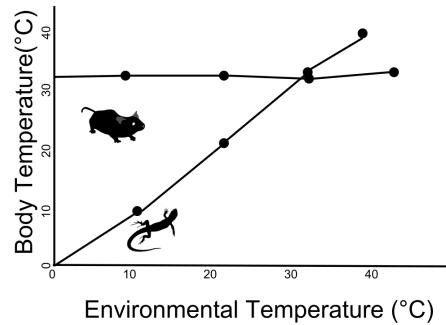


Figure 3.5: Thermal regulation graph.

Human body temperature  $T_{HB}$  varies in  $\langle 36^{\circ}C; 38^{\circ}C \rangle$ , in the hyperthermia it can rise up to  $40^{\circ}C$ . The figure 3.6 shows the radiation wavelength composition. The peak wavelength (temperature  $37^{\circ}C$  or  $310.15\text{ K}$ ) can be calculated with the Wien's displacement law.

$$\lambda_{max} = \frac{b}{T} = \frac{2.8977729 \cdot 10^{-3}}{310.15} = 9.3431 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

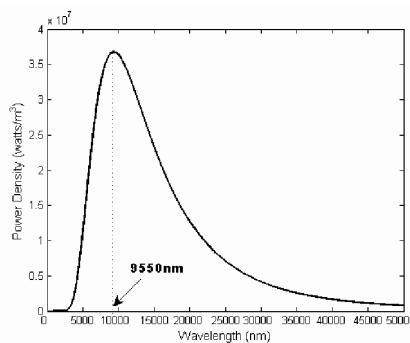


Figure 3.6: Human body radiation wavelength.[9]

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<sup>1</sup>Homeothermy is an aspect of homeostasis. It means keeping its inner body temperature within the preset limits.

## 3.4 Infrared radiation processed by machines

PIR (*passive infrared*) sensor is an electronic device that scans electromagnetic radiation at wavelength  $\lambda \in \langle 700 \text{ nm}; 2.5 \text{ mm} \rangle$  aka frequency  $f \in \langle 120 \text{ MHz}; 430 \text{ THz} \rangle$ . [8]

### Principles of PIR sensor

There is a number of approaches how to construct such a sensor. The point is to convert the electromagnetic energy in electric voltage and send it away via wire to be processed by hardware or software.

First way how to do it is *a bolometer*. It uses the fact that resistance of a resistor is different when changing a temperature. So with using the same voltage it measures the electric current and with the Ohm law  $R = \frac{U}{I}$  the sensor computes instantaneus resistance.

Another type is *a thermoelectric sensor* reacting to the different thermoelectric resistance of exposed wire and comparative wire.

The last is *a pyroelectric detector*. The principle is based on electrostatic polarization, changing during the temperature change. [14]

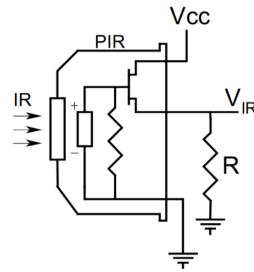


Figure 3.7: Single element pyroelectric detector.[8]

### Sensing of the infrared radiation

The structure of PIR sensor is inspired by structure of an eye described in subsection 3.2. An infrared ray incoming to the sensor first goes through *Fresnel lens* aiming it onto a pyroelectric sensor as you can see in the figure 3.8. Then the ray is transformed in an electric voltage.

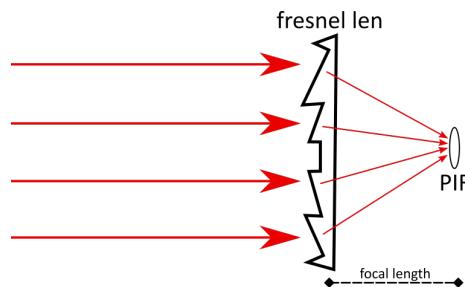


Figure 3.8: Frensel lens.

## 3.5 Pattern recognition

The pattern recognition means processing of a signal and localizing of predefined objects. The form is dependent on the type of signal and the objects that we search. Generally we can say there are five parts of recognition pipeline.

### Sensing

In the world of digital computers sensing means *sampling*, converting a continuous signal into discrete samples. It is present if the signal is being processed online.

Through different signal types various technologies for sensing are used – image, sound, temperature, pressure, weight, smell etc. The sensing procedure in the case of heat signal is described in the section 3.4.

There is a few things that we need to deal during sensing: noise, linearity, calibration, ageing.

### Segmentation

The signal is splitted into segments by the time axis that are being processed separately. They can even overlap. Segmentation ensures fast processing saving memory and other resources.

### Features extraction

Features are quantitative expression of the input signal, they replace the signal in the following phases. Its purpose is to reduce memory and computational complexity of the processing. Each segment of  $N$  samples is transformed to vector of  $K$  features, the point is to reduce dimensions,  $K \ll N$ , but preserve relevant characteristics. Choosing the right features is therefore key for the following classifier.

To have good results the features should be discriminative (distinguish between classes), invariant to the transformations (translation, rotation, scale, deformation etc.) and decorrelated - mutually independent.

Vast number of described ways how to create features exists – *Principal Component Analysis* (PCA), *Linear Discriminant Analysis* (LDA). They can be used generally, but there is also many special application-dependent features.

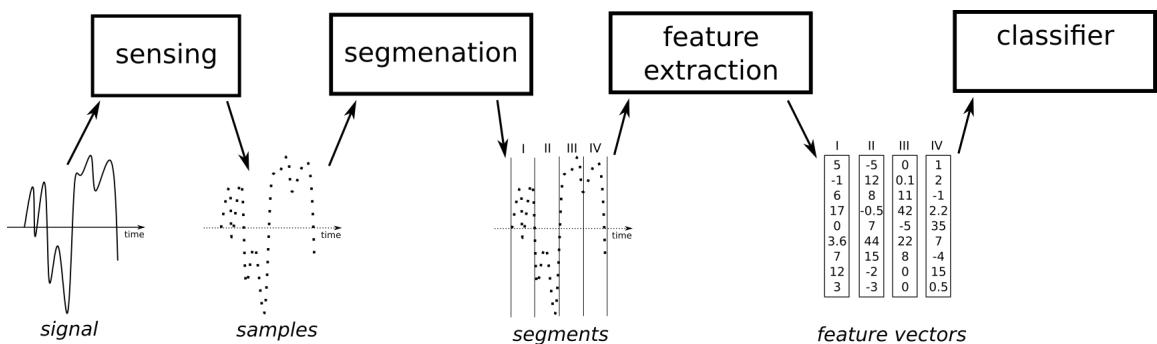


Figure 3.9: Components processing a signal before the classification itself.

Multiple thesis and articles were written on the topic of heat signal processing. For the feature extraction, [18] suggests *Wavelet Transformation*, [3] uses *chirplet*-based features, but also tests other feature-extraction methods: PCA, Expanded-Class LDA or fusion of PCA and LDA feature vectors, [12] calculates with the signal itself.

## Classification

Before we will describe the classification phase, several terms must be defined:

- *Detection* is a classifying of presence of observed object or characteristic.
- *Identification* is an assigning the observed object to one of  $N$  classes.
- *Detection Error Tradeoff* is a relation of miss to false alarm probability of a classifier. The goal is minimizing both with finding the best settings of classifier parameters.

This thesis performs a detection of a presence of a person. In the case of positive detection identification of the situation is made – what was actually detected and whether it is a person or more people etc.

Finding the most suitable classifier for the task is fundamental, but consequent to the feature extraction method we use. At the end of the day, inputs of all the methods is a vector of features for each segment. There are linear and non-linear classifiers, separating the hyperdimensional space into segments. Then the segment is detected or identified if features vector geometrically lies in the right segment.

It is also possible to perform some kind of transformation before classification if the space is not separable linearly. But other attitudes are also possible like algorithm *K-nearest neighbors*.

An output of a classifier can be either a hard decision or some kind of soft score, which can be later processed by a postprocessor – used to merge data from more classifiers or something else. A classical linear classifier is used in *Linear Regression* or *Support Vector Machine* (SVM). Each neuron of recently very popular *Neural Networks* (NN) can also be represented with linear classifier.

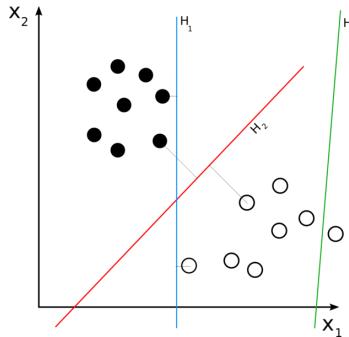


Figure 3.10: Linear classifier.[6]

## Postprocessing

During postprocessing different information than pattern are used, procedure is connected to the concrete task. This parts often includes hard decision, if the classifier's output is a soft score – prices are taken into consideration, the simplest way is using treshold.

# **Chapter 4**

## **Data**

Where did it came from?

Technical description.

Training etc.

# Chapter 5

## Design Description

The design of the whole project is separated in two modules - sensor module and visualization program. Sensor module senses the observed space and does the signal processing of outputs of connected PIR sensors. The data are then collected and the fusion is made over them.

Results might be displayed in the visualization program. The data are being sent over network. In the implementation, LAN is used, but it could be possible to use the Internet and send the data to the remote visualizer.

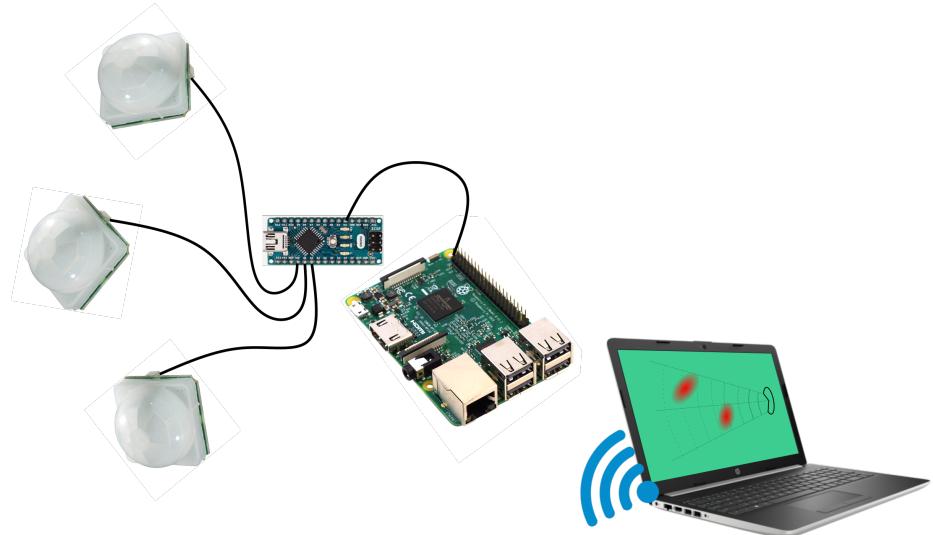


Figure 5.1: Geometry for three PIR sensors.

## 5.1 Sensor module

## 5.2 Visualizer

## 5.3 Data Processing pipeline

The data path in the design is slightly inspired by classification phases except there is fuzzification used here. It enables to create a fusion logic over vague facts without need to evaluate them first.

**Sensing** Here we should think how to place sensor(s) in order to get the best results. Interesting solution is suggested in [15]. Three PIR sensors are placed on solid board, as shown in the figure 5.2.

This brings a great advantage – not only it enables using of more sensors at one time, but also it reduces the issue with positioning the sensors, since it is given by the board construction.

The key here is to find the best value for  $\Omega$  to minimize  $r$ , but maximize  $\phi$ . Low  $r$  means more reliable results. High  $\phi$  increases measurable range. Unfortunately these parameters are inversely proportional, a compromise needs to be done.

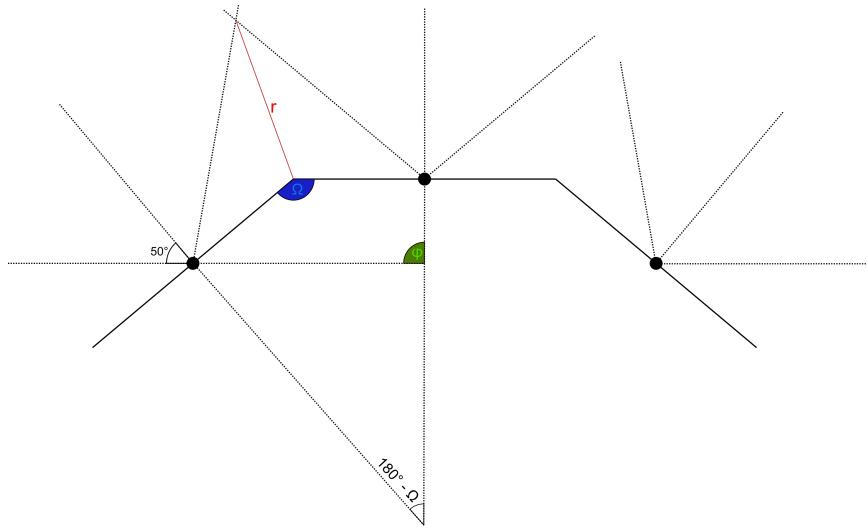


Figure 5.2: Geometry for three PIR sensors.

Now let's express both observed parameters with  $\Omega$ . A sensor has 250 mm to 250 mm,  $o$  is a size of empty space on the sides of sensor, equation substituted  $L = (12.5 + o)$ .

$$\phi = 230 + \Omega$$

$$r = \frac{\sin(\frac{\Omega}{2})L}{\tan(\frac{\Omega}{2} - 40)} - \cos(\frac{\Omega}{2})L$$

**Segmentation** The size of segments has a great influence on processing speed. And since the result should run in the real time, it is quite important.

**Features and fuzzy** Choosing good features is inevitable part of desing and the following classifier is strictly dependent on the form of features, since it is its input. The features will be fuzzy values.

**Classification** Classifier takes the fuzzy expression of sensor output and performs a predefined algorithm looking for patterns as presence of person, movement in searched area etc. The result is processed by a post-processing unit to consider costs and make the final (hard) decision.

Wavelet transformation for feature extraction.

Classification includes fuzzification.

Important is post-processing.

# **Chapter 6**

# **Implementation**

Delit pouze na funkci implementacni celky.  
Nastroje pouzite k realizaci. SPecifika cilove platformy.

# **Chapter 7**

## **User Interface**

# **Chapter 8**

## **Testing**

Metodika a vysledky. Muze zahrnovat i matematicke dukazu, postupy...

Interpretace vysledku a moznosti nasazeni v praxi.

HW naročnost – CPU, pamet, chovani pri paralelizaci apod.

# Chapter 9

## Conclusion

Shrnuti zameru prace. Zhodnoceni splneni (i formálnich bodů).

Zhodnocení z pohledu dalsího vývoje. Co se nestihlo (a dalo by se jít).

Bez odkazu do textu / literatury. Zadne nové poznatky, císla a grafy.

Pekný postřeh k práci (co jsem se naučil).

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