Thesis Dataset Report

Data Analysis for Physical Activity Monitoring

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ABSTRACT

This report is about the dataset used in the thesis project 'Data Analysis for Physical Activity Monitoring'. Physical activity monitoring is an emerging research area in wearable computing. In this report we will delve into the open source dataset PAMAP2; its layout, fields and collection methods.

KEYWORDS

Exploring dataset, Physical activity monitoring, PAMAP2

1 INTRODUCTION

Wearable computers and gadgets are making it possible for a common person to monitor his own physical activity and thus health, which was not possible in recent past. Monitoring physical activity is an emerging shiny field attracting new research. Our thesis is about analyzing the data we get from these wearables. The dataset we are exploring is PAMAP2 Physical Activity Monitoring Dataset. It is an open source dataset made available at UCI repository [1].

This dataset is chosen because of extensive physical activities: both everyday household and sports, performed by 9 subjects wearing 3 IMUs(Inertial Measurement Units) and a heart rate monitor.

2 DATA COLLECTION

The data is collected from 9 test subjects, 8 male and 1 female. All of them were aged 27.22 +/- 3.31 years with BMI ranging 25.11 +/- 2.62 kgm^{-2} [2].

Three inertial measurement units (IMUs) and a heartrate monitor were worn by these subjects. Sampling frequency of the IMUs is 100Hz; i.e. data is collected at every 0.01 second. The sampling frequency of heart rate monitor is 9Hz.

The placement of the IMU sensors was: [1]

- 1 IMU over the wrist on the dominant arm
- 1 IMU on the chest
- 1 IMU on the dominant side's ankle

The participants had to perform 12 protocol and 6 optional activities. The list of activities is given in Table 1 $\,$

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Protocol Activities	Optional Activities
Lie	Watching TV
Sit	Computer Work
Stand	Car Driving
Iron	Folding laundry
Vacuum clean	House cleaning
Descend stairs	Playing soccer
Ascend stairs	
Normal walk	
Nordic walk	
Cycle	
Run	
Rope jump	

Table 1: Activities performed by the test subjects

These activities and their mapping is given in the README file

3 DATA FORMAT

The dataset contains two sub-folders: Protocol and Optional. In addition to that following five pdf files are included:

- readme
- DataCollectionProtocol
- DescriptionOfActivities
- PerformedActivitiesSummary
- subjectInformation

The titles of the files are self-explanatory.

The protocol folder contains information from all 9 subjects, whereas, the optional folder contains data from only five test subjects.

All files contains data in 54 columns. The distribution of information in columns, as described in Readme file, is as below [1]:

- 1 timestamp (s)
- 2 activityID
- 3 heart rate (bpm)
- 4-20 IMU hand
- 21-37 IMU chest
- 38-54 IMU ankle

Further explanation on the IMU columns is given in the attached files.

Protocol folder. contains 2872533 entries, total combined data of all subjects. We know that we should ignore the transitional entries, with activityID = 0, so after that we are left with 1942872 rows.

Number of data entries per test subject can be seen in the Figure 1 $\,$

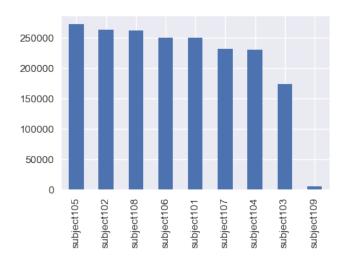


Figure 1: Number of protocol activities by subjects

Optional folder. contains 977972 rows and 54 columns, total combined data of all subjects. After removing transitional data, we are left with 782081 entries. Figure 4 shows number of data entries per test subject.

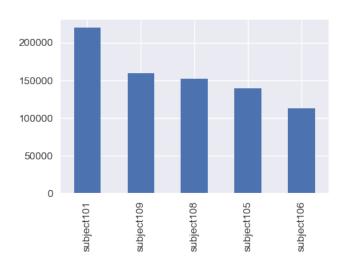


Figure 2: Number of optional activities by subjects

4 DATA SUMMARY

Using plots we can visualize different features of the dataset in order to understand better.

Performed Activities. Using crosstab function of the Pandas we have created the summary of the activities performed by the test subjects.

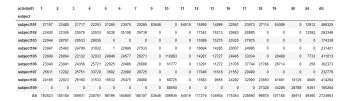


Figure 3: Performed activities summary

Figure ?? and 5 show the total number of times the activities performed by the test subjects

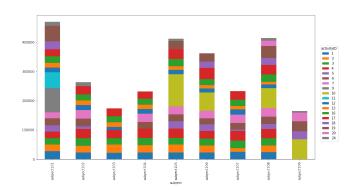


Figure 4: Performed activities summary stack graph

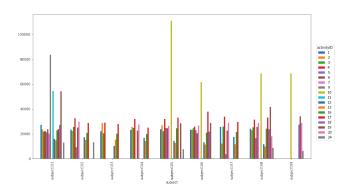


Figure 5: Performed activities summary bar plot

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