Ambient Assisted Living: Fuzzy Logic & Stochastic Modelling

Tommaso Papini

STLab, Department of Information Engineering, University of Florence, Italy, tommaso.papini@uniff.it

29th June 2017

- Ambient Assisted Living
- Activity Recognition
 - A Fuzzy Logic approach
 - A Stochastic Model approach
- A joint proposal

Overview

Ambient Assisted Living

Problem description Annotated datasets

A Fuzzy Logic approach

Linguistic terms & membership functions Intersection membership function Rule-based inference engine

A Stochastic Modelling approach

Process mining Possible analyses H-MRGP-M

A joint proposal

Pros & cons Proposals Ambient Assisted Living

Ambient Assisted Living

Ambient Assisted Living is a research area that aims to help those people living within *smart environments* (i.e., provided with sensors and actuators) exploiting sensors and data processing technology.



Objectives

A smart environment is a partially observable system:

- the actual state of the system is hidden;
- only events are observables (observations) as they are emitted by the system (e.g. the activation of a sensor).

Main analyses of interest:

- Diagnosis: (a.k.a. Activity Recognition, AR) esteem the actual present state of the system from the events observed.
- Prediction: esteem what's going to be the actual system's state after a certain amount of time or the probability density function that a certain event happens.
- Action scheduling: chose the best action and when to execute it in order to avoid critical situations.

Online analysis:

analyse the system while it is evolving.

Problem description

Activity Recognition

Activity Recognition techniques can be divided into two classes:

- Knowledge-Driven Approaches (KDA)
 - domain-specific expert knowledge is used in order to build the AR model.
- Data-Driven Approaches (DDA)
 - a training dataset is used in order to automatically build the AR model, in a supervised fashion.

Comparative survey between AR researches:

- STLab research group¹
 - stochastic modelling techniques.
- Sinbad² research group²
 - fuzzy logic techniques and temporal window-based classification

https://stlab.dinfo.unifi.it/

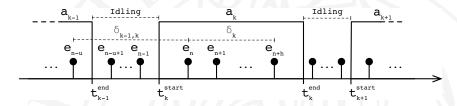
²http://sinbad2.ujaen.es/

Annotated datasets

Annotated datasets

An annotated dataset of a partially observable system is a dataset with:

- recorded events and when each happened (timestamp);
- manual annotations of the evolution of the actual state of the system (with time intervals for each state).



AAL: Fuzzy Logic & Stochastic Modelling

Ambient Assisted Living

Annotated datasets

Annotated datasets

van Kasteren

A classic example is the van Kasteren³⁴ annotated dataset for AAL



 $^{^3}$ https://sites.google.com/site/tim0306/datasets

⁴Van Kasteren, T., Noulas, A., Englebienne, G. and Kröse, B., 2008, September. Accurate activity recognition in a home setting. In Proceedings of the 10th international conference on Ubiquitous computing (pp. 1-9). ACM.

Annotated datasets

van Kasteren

- ▶ 7+1 types of activities (Activities of Daily Living, ADL⁵):
 - ► {Leaving house, Preparing a beverage, Preparing breakfast, Preparing dinner, Sleeping, Taking shower, Toileting} ∪ {Idling}.
- 28 types of events (on/off of 14 sensors):
 - toilet door open/closed, fridge open/closed,
- 28 of events and annotated activities:
 - 245 activities, annotated through a Bluetooth device with voice recognition;
 - 219 Idling intervals;
 - 2638 observed events.

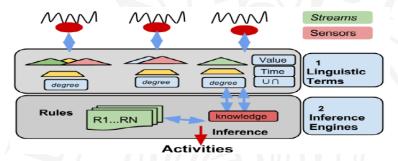
⁵Katz, S., Downs, T.D., Cash, H.R. and Grotz, R.C., 1970. Progress in development of the index of ADL. The gerontologist. 10(1 Part 1), pp.20-30.

A Fuzzy Logic approach

A Fuzzy Logic approach

A Knowledge-Driven Approach for Activity Recognition:⁶

- expert knowledge to define time and sensor-specific fuzzy sets;
- expert knowledge to define classification fuzzy rules.



⁶Medina, J., Espinilla, M., Moya, F., and Nugent, C. Activity recognition by means of rule-based inference engine based on fuzzy linguistic approach. In 13th Scandinavian Conference on Artificial Intelligence Halmstad (November 2015 2015).

Definitions

- ▶ Each sensor j has an associated sensor stream s^{j} ;
- sensor stream $s^j = \{m_i^j\}$ set of measures;
- measure $m_i^j = \langle v_i^j, t_i^j \rangle$;
 - measure value v_i^j ;
 - ightharpoonup measure timestamp t_i^j .

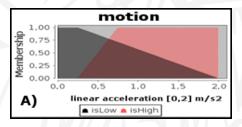
A Fuzzy Logic approach

Linguistic terms & membership functions

Linguistic terms & membership functions Sensors

For each sensor s^{j} , we define:

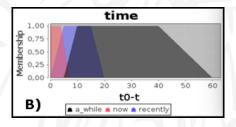
- a fuzzy linguistic variable (e.g. Motion);
- the linguistic terms (e.g. High and Low);
- their membership functions $\mu V(v_i^j)$
 - degree of membership of the measure value v_i^j in the fuzzy set V.



Linguistic terms & membership functions

For the time dimension (only once), we define:

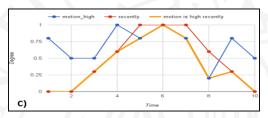
- the fuzzy linguistic variable Time;
- three linguistic terms Now, Recently and aWhile;
- their membership functions $\mu T(t_i^j)$
 - degree of membership of the measure timestamp t_i^j in the fuzzy set T.



Intersection membership function

For each sensor and time linguistic term, we define the intersection membership function:

- $V \cap T(m_i^j) = V(v_i^j) \cap T(t_i^j)$
 - ▶ t-norm $\cap = MIN$;
- e.g. High_motion Recently.



The degree of membership of all measures $\{m_i^j\}$ of a sensor s^j to $V \cap T$ is given by aggregation through union:

$$V \cap T(s^j) = \bigcup_{m_i^j \in s^j} V \cap T(m_i^j)$$

A Fuzzy Logic approach

Rule-based inference engine

Rule-based inference engine

A domain expert gives temporal fuzzy rules, through which linguistic terms from multiple sensors can be processed.

Fuzzy temporal logic rules have the form:

IF v is V WHEN t is T THEN m IS M

For example:

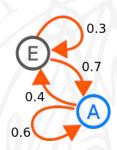
IF (movement IS significant AND inhabitant IS close to living room) WHEN now AND (inhabitant IS cooking) WHEN a while THEN inhabitant IS eating

A Stochastic Modelling approach

Stochastic Models

Stochastic Models represent an approximation of systems where are modelled:

- the evolution of the system's state;
- the stochastic parameters that characterize how the system passes from a state to another.



AAL: Fuzzy Logic & Stochastic Modelling

A Stochastic Modelling approach

Process mining

Process mining

From annotated datasets to stochastic models

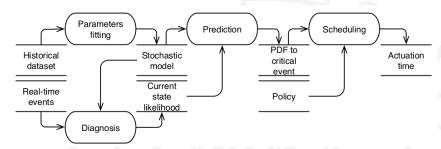
The term **process mining** indicates a set of techniques for building a stochastic model of a partially observable system from an annotated dataset of that same system.

Process mining is composed of two main techniques:

- Process elicitation: builds the discrete model (i.e., with no information about the sojourn times in different system's state) from events and annotated activities in the dataset.
- Process enhancement: adds a continuous time vision to the discrete model introducing stochastic parameters that describe how the system evolves during time, using statistical measures calculated from the dataset.

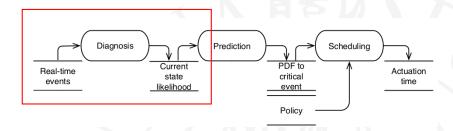
Smart environments analyses

General schema



- Process mining: from annotated datasets to stochastic model.
- Diagnosis: from actual events to likelihood of the current state (on a specific stochastic model).
- Prediction: from likelihood of the current state to probability that a critical event occurs.
- Scheduling: from probability that a critical event occurs to time when to schedule the response action (with a specific reaction policy).

Diagnosis



Diagnosis computes the most likely actual state of the model at present time, given all the events observed up until the present time.

H-MRGP-M

The **Hidden-Markov Regenerative Process-Model** (H-MRGP-M) has been developed by STLab at University of Florence.⁷

- Models the continuous sojourn time in the system's states and the events inter-times.
- ▶ The model's state evolves as a Markov Regenerative Process (MRP).

⁷Carnevali, L., Nugent, C., Patara, F. and Vicario, E., 2015, September. A continuous-time model-based approach to activity recognition for ambient assisted living. In International Conference on Quantitative Evaluation of Systems (pp. 38-53). Springer International Publishing.

H-MRGP-M

Statistical measures

- Experiments on the van Kasteren dataset.
- Starting from timestamps in the dataset, statistical measures are computed:
 - on the sojourn time in each activity;
 - of the inter-time between events in each activity.

	Sojourn time		Inter-time between events	
	μ (s)	CV	μ (s)	CV
Leaving house	40 261.455	1.042	9 354.190	2.810
Preparing a beverage	35.667	1.361	7.643	2.613
Preparing breakfast	108.684	0.713	9.928	1.844
Preparing dinner	1 801.889	0.640	77.966	2.589
Sleeping	26 116.571	0.442	1 871.836	3.090
Taking shower	485.910	0.298	102.788	1.969
Toileting	88.742	1.175	14.814	2.449

H-MRGP-M

Stochastic model @runtime

- ▶ The model is created with *process mining* techniques:
 - process elicitation in order to define the model topology;
 - process enhancement in order to add stochastic parameters from the statistical measures calculated (Whitt technique⁸ and software PhFit⁹).
- Model @runtime: the model is updated each time a new event is observed.¹⁰
- The model formalism used is that of stochastic Timed Petri Net (sTPN).¹¹¹²

⁸Whitt, W., 1982. Approximating a point process by a renewal process, I: Two basic methods. Operations Research, 30(1), pp.125-147.

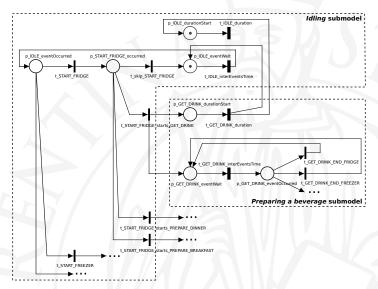
⁹Horváth, A. and Telek, M., 2002, April. Phfit: A general phase-type fitting tool. In International Conference on Modelling Techniques and Tools for Computer Performance Evaluation (pp. 82-91). Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

¹⁰Blair, G., Bencomo, N. and France, R.B., 2009. Models@ run. time. Computer, 42(10).

¹¹Horváth, A. and Vicario, E., 2009, September. Aggregated stochastic state classes in quantitative evaluation of non-markovian stochastic Petri nets. In Quantitative Evaluation of Systems, 2009. QEST'09. Sixth International Conference on the (pp. 155-164). IEEE.

¹²Vicario, E., 2001. Static analysis and dynamic steering of time-dependent systems. IEEE transactions on software engineering, 27(8), pp.728-748.

H-MRGP-M stpn

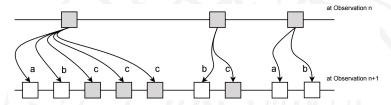


H-MRGP-M

Transient analysis

After each observation, likelihoods of being in different system's states can be computed up until the next observation.

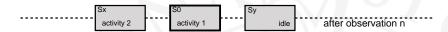
The transient analysis technique for MRP based on stochastic state classes is exploited.¹³



The state with highest likelihood is the diagnosed current activity.

¹³Horváth, A., Paolieri, M., Ridi, L. and Vicario, E., 2012. Transient analysis of non-Markovian models using stochastic state classes. Performance Evaluation, 69(7), pp.315-335.

H-MRGP-M Transient analysis

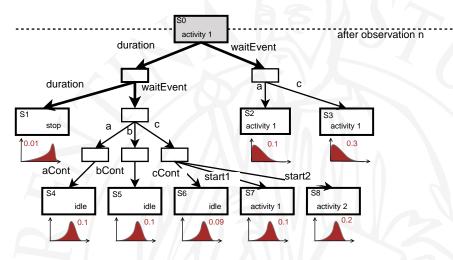


After having observed the event *n*, for each (possible) current activity

- \triangleright a classes tree is built until the next observation (event n+1) is met;
- leaves corresponding to the new observed event are selected;
- ► the PDF of the selected leaves is computed in the delay d (inter-time between events n and n + 1) in each tree and summing them with weight the root likelihood:
- the highest is given as most likely current activity.

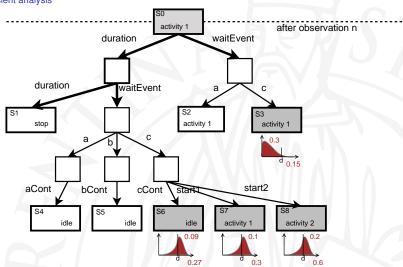
H-MRGP-M

Transient analysis



H-MRGP-M

Transient analysis



AAL: Fuzzy Logic & Stochastic Modelling A joint proposal A joint proposal

Pros & cons

The H-MRGP-M model has several pros and cons.

Pros:

- DDA;
- accurate description of system evolution through stochastic modellization.

Cons:

- no support for continuous sensors;
- only last event taken into consideration.

Exploiting linguistic terms and temporal fuzzy rules, support for continuous sensors can be added to the H-MRGP-M model!

Proposal

Intersection fuzzy set

- Use linguistic variables as before:
 - provided by an expert;
 - one for the time dimension and one for each continuous sensor.
- Define state-changes for each continuous sensor:
 - for each pair of time and sensor-specific linguistic term define the intersection fuzzy set V ∩ T;
 - each combination is seen as a different state-change for a specific sensor.
- The new state-changes of the continuous sensor are added to the model.

When a new continuous event is observed:

- ▶ compute the degree of membership of the new measurement to the intersection fuzzy sets $V \cap T$;
- identify the intersection fuzzy set with highest membership degree;
- the state-change corresponding to the fuzzy set with highest membership degree is fired in the H-MRGP-M model.

Proposal

Fuzzy temporal rules

- Use linguistic variables as before:
 - provided by an expert;
 - one for the time dimension and one for each continuous sensor.
- Define state-changes for each continuous sensor:
 - define state-change fuzzy temporal rules (by an expert);
 - each rule is applied to the whole sensor data stream;
 - e.g. IF (movement IS high) WHEN now AND (movement IS low) WHEN a while THEN inhabitant IS started moving.
- The new state-changes of the continuous sensor are added to the model.

When a new continuous event is observed:

- infer the state-change using the fuzzy temporal rule engine and the sensor data stream;
- the inferred state-change is fired in the H-MRGP-M model.

Future proposals

- ► Full DDA:
 - extended belief rule-based inference:¹⁴
 - ANFIS.
- Sensor-specific time linguistic terms:
 - each sensor might have different variation distributions in time;
 - e.g. a sensor motion might have very rapid and very high variations, while a temperature sensor is usually smoother.

¹⁴Espinilla, M., Medina, J., Calzada, A., Liu, J., Martínez, L. and Nugent, C., 2016. Optimizing the configuration of an heterogeneous architecture of sensors for activity recognition, using the extended belief rule-based inference methodology. Microprocessors and Microsystems.



Questions? Thanks!