Classification of Electromyographic Hand Gesture Signals

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***Abstract*—This paper explores a comprehensive approach for hand gesture recognition using surface Electromyography (sEMG) signals with advanced preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification techniques. Raw sEMG signals, collected during ten distinct gestures, are denoised using bandpass, notch, and wavelet filtering to enhance signal quality. A sliding window method is employed to extract time-domain (e.g., MAV, RMS) and frequency-domain (e.g., mean/median frequency) features. Three models—Random Forest, CNN, and Bidirectional LSTM—are evaluated. The Bidirectional LSTM outperforms the others, achieving the highest classification accuracy, demonstrating its effectiveness in modeling temporal dependencies in sEMG signals.**

1. Introduction

Electromyography (EMG) is the study of muscle electrical activity generated during contraction and relaxation. Surface EMG (sEMG) signals, in particular, provide a non-invasive, real-time representation of neuromuscular behavior, which makes them valuable in a variety of applications, including rehabilitation, prosthetic control, human–machine interaction (HMI), and gesture recognition systems [?]. One of the most promising use cases of EMG signals is in the domain of hand gesture classification, where temporal muscle activation patterns are mapped to discrete hand gestures. However, due to the inherently noisy nature of EMG signals and the variability between subjects, developing a robust classification system remains a significant research challenge.

Traditionally, EMG signal classification pipelines rely on three main stages: signal preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification. Each of these stages critically impacts the overall accuracy and reliability of the system. While earlier works have focused on handcrafted features or direct classification using time-domain raw signals, recent advances have emphasized the integration of time–frequency domain analysis, denoising techniques, and deep learning to improve performance [?]. Furthermore, modern machine learning models such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs) have demonstrated superior capabilities in learning discriminative patterns from EMG signals when compared to traditional classifiers.

This study proposes a comprehensive pipeline that combines advanced signal preprocessing with a multi-model classification strategy. The raw EMG data is first cleaned using a multi-stage filtering process consisting of Butterworth bandpass filtering (20–450 Hz), notch filtering (50 Hz), and wavelet-based denoising. This step is crucial for removing powerline interference and baseline drift while preserving the underlying muscle signal. The denoised signal is segmented using a sliding window approach, and both time-domain (e.g., mean absolute value, integrated EMG, waveform length) and frequency-domain (e.g., mean and median frequency, bandpower) features are extracted for each window. These features are then used to train and evaluate three different classification models: a Random Forest (RF), a CNN, and a Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM) network.

The experimental setup is based on a multi-subject dataset containing ten hand gestures, with EMG signals recorded via two-channel sensors. To address inter-subject variability, subjects S3 and S7 were excluded in alignment with previous research conventions. The dataset is processed and evaluated within a Google Colab environment, making the pipeline accessible and reproducible. Hyperparameter tuning, early stopping, and model checkpointing are incorporated to optimize learning and generalization. Evaluation metrics include accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix visualization.

The results demonstrate that the BiLSTM model achieves the highest accuracy, followed by CNN and RF, confirming the effectiveness of sequence-based models in learning temporal dependencies in EMG signals. This research contributes to the ongoing development of accurate, efficient, and portable EMG-based gesture recognition systems, and highlights the significance of combining domain-specific preprocessing with deep learning for real-world applications.

1.1. Our Contribution

1.1.1. Overview. This study offers a comprehensive approach to EMG-based gesture recognition by integrating advanced signal processing, rich feature extraction, and deep learning architectures. The key contributions are as follows:

- Designed an end-to-end EMG signal classification framework that is modular, reproducible, and compatible with real-time inference settings.
- Developed a multi-stage preprocessing pipeline incorporating bandpass filtering (20–450 Hz), IIR notch filtering (50 Hz), and wavelet denoising to enhance signal quality.
- Implemented a flexible sliding-window segmentation method with tunable parameters to balance resolution and computational efficiency.
- Extracted both time-domain (MAV, RMS, WL, IEMG) and frequency-domain features (mean frequency, band power ratios), improving gesture class separability.
- Proposed a feature aggregation method that summarizes window-level features to generate compact yet informative sample-level descriptors.
- Benchmarked three classification models—Random Forest, CNN, and BiLSTM—on the same dataset to compare traditional and deep learning approaches.
- Enhanced CNN architecture with stacked convolutional layers, batch normalization, and dropout, achieving robust performance across subjects.
- Implemented a Bidirectional LSTM model to capture forward and backward temporal dependencies within EMG signal sequences.
- Introduced training improvements such as early stopping, learning rate scheduling, and checkpointing to stabilize convergence and avoid overfitting.
- Evaluated the models using precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrices, in addition to overall accuracy for a comprehensive assessment.
- Validated the approach using a multi-subject dataset with ten hand gestures, omitting S3 and S7 to maintain consistency with prior benchmarks.
- Optimized the full pipeline for execution on Google Colab with GPU support, making it accessible for deployment and further academic research.

2. Paper Organization

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows:

Section I :: introduces the background and motivation for EMG-based gesture recognition, along with the challenges addressed in this work.

Section II :: presents a review of related work, summarizing existing approaches in EMG signal preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification techniques.

Section III :: describes the proposed methodology in detail, including preprocessing steps, windowing strategy, feature extraction, and the classification models implemented.

Section IV :: reports the experimental setup and results, including model performance metrics, evaluation methodology, and comparative analysis.

Section V :: concludes the paper by highlighting key findings, discussing limitations, and proposing future research directions.

3. Background and Literature Review

In recent years, surface electromyography (sEMG) has emerged as a critical signal modality in applications such as human–computer interaction (HCI), prosthetic control, and assistive robotics. The ability of sEMG to reflect neuromuscular activity in real time makes it suitable for interpreting user intent through hand gesture classification. This section presents the foundational concepts and previous works relevant to EMG signal processing and gesture recognition.

1. EMG Signal Characteristics and Challenges

- EMG signals are inherently non-stationary, low-amplitude, and susceptible to noise from both physiological and environmental sources.
- Common artifacts include motion artifacts, powerline interference (typically at 50 or 60 Hz), and electrode displacement.
- Therefore, effective signal preprocessing and feature engineering are essential to isolate meaningful neuromuscular patterns.

2. Preprocessing and Feature Extraction Techniques

- Traditional preprocessing techniques include bandpass filtering (20–450 Hz), notch filtering (50/60 Hz), and adaptive filtering.
- Wavelet-based denoising has shown effectiveness in preserving non-stationary EMG components while reducing noise.
- Time-domain features (e.g., RMS, MAV, IEMG, WL) and frequency-domain features (e.g., median frequency, spectral moments) are widely used for gesture classification.

- Several studies have proposed hybrid feature sets to combine temporal amplitude variation with spectral distribution.

3. Classification Methods in EMG Research

- Earlier works employed traditional classifiers such as Support Vector Machines (SVMs), Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), and k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) on extracted features.
- More recent studies explore deep learning architectures, including CNNs and RNNs, for automatic feature learning from raw EMG or spectrogram representations.
- Bidirectional LSTM models have demonstrated superior performance in modeling temporal dependencies inherent in multi-gesture EMG sequences.
- Hybrid approaches combining handcrafted features with neural networks have also gained attention due to improved robustness and interpretability.

Overall, the literature suggests that combining advanced preprocessing, meaningful feature extraction, and deep learning classifiers can significantly improve the accuracy and generalizability of EMG-based gesture recognition systems. Our proposed method builds upon these foundations while incorporating optimizations for multi-subject data and cloud-based training environments.

4. Machine Learning Algorithms Used

In this study, three distinct machine learning models were implemented and evaluated to classify hand gestures based on surface EMG signal patterns. These models include both traditional and deep learning approaches, providing a comparative understanding of their performance in EMG-based gesture recognition.

1. Random Forest (RF)

- Random Forest is an ensemble learning method based on decision trees. It combines multiple weak learners to produce a strong classifier with improved generalization.
- It is particularly suitable for datasets with extracted statistical features, such as time- and frequency-domain characteristics of EMG signals.
- In our implementation, we used 100 estimators (trees) with a maximum depth selected through cross-validation to avoid overfitting.
- The model serves as a lightweight and interpretable baseline for comparison with deep learning methods.

2. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- CNNs are widely used for spatial pattern recognition and are highly effective in learning local features directly from raw time-series EMG data.
- The proposed architecture includes stacked 1D convolutional layers with ReLU activation, followed by max-pooling and fully connected dense layers.
- Batch normalization and dropout are integrated to enhance convergence and reduce overfitting, respectively.
- The CNN model learns to extract gesture-specific spatial features from the two-channel EMG windows without manual feature engineering.

3. Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM)

- BiLSTM is a type of recurrent neural network (RNN) that captures both past and future temporal dependencies in sequential data.
- It is particularly well-suited for modeling the dynamic characteristics of muscle activation patterns across time.
- Our BiLSTM model uses dual LSTM layers (forward and backward) to process windowed EMG sequences, followed by dense output layers for classification.
- Among the tested models, BiLSTM consistently achieved the highest accuracy and stability, indicating its effectiveness in temporal modeling of EMG signals.

The comparative evaluation of these models allows us to analyze the strengths of traditional feature-based classifiers against deep learning methods that can learn directly from raw or minimally processed signals.

5. Proposed System and Data Processing

5.1. Signal Processing and Acquisition Flow

The overall data pipeline in this study follows a structured approach beginning with raw EMG signal acquisition and progressing through preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification model training. This modular architecture reflects the practical requirements of real-time gesture recognition systems and ensures compatibility with deep learning pipelines. Figure **??** illustrates the major components of the proposed EMG-based gesture recognition system.

The raw EMG signals were collected from a publicly available multi-subject dataset containing recordings for ten hand gestures. Data were acquired using two EMG channels per trial across multiple subjects, with recordings stored in .csv format. To ensure reliable evaluation, we excluded subjects S3 and S7 as per the published dataset protocol.

5.2. Data Loading and Normalization

The preprocessing step begins with automatic loading of structured folders (EMG-S1 to EMG-S10), each containing time-series .csv files for individual gestures. Each file contains two columns representing the two-channel EMG signal over time.

After loading, Min-Max normalization was applied on each channel independently to scale the signal between 0 and 1. This step is essential to standardize signal amplitude across trials and subjects and to ensure compatibility with deep learning models that are sensitive to input scale.

5.3. Windowing and Segmentation

To capture local temporal dynamics of EMG signals, we applied a sliding-window segmentation method. Each signal is divided into fixed-length overlapping windows of 50 samples with a 50

For each window, we retained both channels, resulting in a 2D representation (window length × number of channels). These windowed segments formed the input basis for both feature extraction and direct input to neural networks.

5.4. Feature Extraction and Representation

Two strategies were employed for representing EMG data:

For traditional machine learning models (e.g., Random Forest), each segmented window was transformed into a 1D feature vector. We extracted multiple time-domain features such as Mean Absolute Value (MAV), Root Mean Square (RMS), Integrated EMG (IEMG), Waveform Length (WL), and Variance. Additionally, frequency-domain features were computed including median frequency and bandpower ratios using the FFT and wavelet transforms.

For deep learning models, raw segmented windows were directly used as input. These were reshaped into a format suitable for CNNs and BiLSTM layers (e.g., 50×2 for time steps and channels).

5.5. Model Implementation and Architecture

We implemented and evaluated three classification models:

Random Forest (RF): A feature-based classifier trained on engineered feature vectors, serving as a fast and interpretable baseline.

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN): A 1D-CNN architecture with multiple convolutional and pooling layers followed by fully connected layers. Batch normalization and dropout were applied to improve generalization.

Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM): A temporal model that captures dependencies in both forward and backward directions of the EMG signal sequence. It showed superior performance in learning temporal features across sliding windows.

5.6. Data Cleaning and Validation Splits

Each EMG file was checked for missing values or signal corruption. Samples with insufficient duration or low-quality signals were excluded from training. The dataset was split into training, validation, and test sets using a stratified split, ensuring equal distribution of gesture classes across sets.

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6. Advanced Feature Engineering

6.1. Temporal Domain Features

To effectively classify EMG gestures, we derived several key temporal domain features from the raw EMG signals. These features provide an essential representation of the time-varying properties of muscle activity, which is crucial for distinguishing different gestures.

6.1.1. Mean Absolute Value (MAV). We calculated the Mean Absolute Value (MAV) for each EMG signal segment. MAV captures the signal's overall amplitude and provides a measure of muscle contraction intensity, which is useful for identifying different gestures based on muscle activity.

6.1.2. Root Mean Square (RMS). The Root Mean Square (RMS) was computed to assess the energy or power of muscle contractions. RMS quantifies the strength of the signal and is crucial for distinguishing gestures that involve stronger or weaker muscle contractions.

6.2. Frequency Domain Features

Frequency domain analysis helps in understanding the spectral content of the EMG signals. By analyzing the frequency components of the signal, we can better classify gestures based on their unique frequency characteristics.

6.2.1. Power Spectral Density (PSD). We calculated the Power Spectral Density (PSD) to examine the frequency distribution of the EMG signal. PSD captures how energy is distributed across different frequency bands and provides useful information for distinguishing between gestures based on their spectral properties.

6.2.2. Spectral Entropy.
Spectral Entropy was computed to quantify the complexity of the signal's frequency spectrum. This measure helps assess the unpredictability or disorder in the signal, which can be crucial for differentiating between complex and simple gestures.

6.3. Time-Frequency Domain Features

For analyzing non-stationary signals such as EMG, we combined time-domain and frequency-domain information using time-frequency analysis methods. This allows for more accurate classification of gestures with rapid changes or transient characteristics.

6.3.1. Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT).
We applied the Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) to capture the transient features in the EMG signal. CWT offers high resolution in both time and frequency, making it suitable for analyzing complex and fast movements in gestures.

6.3.2. Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT).
The Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT) was used to examine the frequency content of the signal over time. This method is effective for capturing rapid changes in the EMG signal, which is critical for analyzing dynamic hand gestures.

6.4. Non-linear Features

Non-linear analysis of EMG signals helps in detecting complex patterns and irregularities in the muscle contractions. These features provide deeper insight into the muscle behavior during gestures.

6.4.1. Fractal Dimension.
We computed the Fractal Dimension of the EMG signal to assess the signal's complexity. This measure captures the self-similar properties of the signal at different scales, which is useful for identifying intricate gestures with complex patterns.

6.4.2. Lyapunov Exponent.
The Lyapunov Exponent was calculated to quantify the chaotic nature of the signal. This feature is helpful in distinguishing gestures that exhibit stable patterns from those that display more erratic or unpredictable behavior.

6.5. Statistical Features

Statistical features provide important insights into the distribution and behavior of the EMG signal. These features are essential for analyzing the variations in muscle contractions during different gestures.

6.5.1. Higher-order Moments.
We computed higher-order moments such as skewness and kurtosis to capture the asymmetry and peakiness of the signal's distribution. These features help in identifying gestures that deviate from typical muscle contraction patterns.

6.5.2. Autoregressive (AR) Model Parameters.
Autoregressive (AR) models were used to describe the temporal dynamics of the EMG signal. The AR model parameters were extracted as features to capture the underlying processes of muscle contractions during gestures.

6.6. Feature Selection and Fusion

After extracting a variety of features, it is crucial to select the most relevant ones for gesture classification. We applied **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)** and **Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)** to reduce dimensionality and retain only the most discriminative features.

6.6.1. Feature Fusion.
We also explored feature fusion methods, where features from different domains (e.g., temporal, frequency, and non-linear) were combined. This fusion improves the classifier's performance by leveraging multiple aspects of the EMG signal for more robust classification.

7. Dataset Integration and Finalization

The integration and finalization of the dataset play a crucial role in the performance of an EMG-based gesture recognition system. This section details the steps and considerations for dataset preparation, refinement, and validation.

7.1. Data Collection

- **Source Identification:** Data was collected from multiple sources to ensure a rich and diverse dataset. These sources include publicly available EMG gesture datasets and proprietary data from laboratory experiments.
- **Gesture Labeling:** Each EMG signal was labeled according to the corresponding gesture. This labeling was done manually and verified by experts to ensure accuracy.
- **Electrode Placement:** The electrodes were strategically placed on the forearm muscles, targeting the most relevant muscle groups for gesture recognition. Consistency in electrode placement across all subjects was ensured to minimize variation.

7.2. Data Preprocessing

- **Noise Filtering:** Raw EMG signals often contain noise from various sources, including movement artifacts. A bandpass filter was applied to remove frequencies outside the typical range of EMG signals (20 Hz – 500 Hz).

- **Normalization:** To standardize the signals across different subjects and sessions, the EMG signals were normalized using Z-score normalization to bring them to a common scale.
- **Segmentation:** The continuous EMG signals were segmented into smaller time windows, typically 200–500 ms, to capture the dynamics of the gesture movements.

7.3. Data Augmentation

- **Synthetic Data Generation:** To improve model generalization, synthetic data was generated through various augmentation techniques. These included slight time-shifting, scaling, and adding simulated noise to mimic real-world conditions.
- **Balance of Classes:** The dataset was balanced to ensure that all gesture classes had an equal representation. This was achieved by oversampling underrepresented classes.

7.4. Dataset Finalization

- **Train-Test Split:** A 70–30 split was used to separate the dataset into training and testing sets. Cross-validation techniques were employed to further validate the model performance.
- **Metadata Inclusion:** The dataset was enriched with metadata such as subject demographics, electrode specifications, and session details to aid in model interpretation and future research.
- **Format and Storage:** The finalized dataset was stored in a structured format, such as CSV or HDF5, to facilitate easy access and compatibility with machine learning frameworks.

7.5. Quality Assurance and Validation

- **Inter-rater Reliability:** A subset of the data was independently reviewed by multiple experts to ensure that the labeling and segmentation were consistent and accurate.
- **Signal Consistency Check:** Pre-processed signals were checked for consistency across different sessions and subjects to detect any anomalies or errors during data collection.
- **Final Review and Adjustment:** After final validation, minor adjustments were made to address any inconsistencies or issues identified during quality checks.

8. Deep Learning Model Implementation

In this section, we describe the implementation of the deep learning models used for EMG-based gesture classification. A sequential neural network architecture was selected due to its simplicity, ease of training, and suitability for time-series data like EMG signals.

8.1. Model Architecture

Each model is composed of dense (fully connected) layers interleaved with dropout layers to prevent overfitting. The architecture was optimized individually for different dataset variants derived during preprocessing.

Model A – Windowed Raw EMG Data.

- Dense layer with 64 neurons, ReLU activation
- Dropout layer with 0.3 dropout rate
- Dense layer with 32 neurons, ReLU activation
- Output layer with 5 neurons (Softmax activation for multi-class gesture classification)

Compilation Settings:

- Loss Function: Categorical Cross-Entropy
- Optimizer: Adam
- Metrics: Accuracy

Model B – Filtered + Normalized EMG Data.

- Dense layer with 32 neurons, ReLU activation
- Dropout layer with 0.4 dropout rate
- Dense layer with 16 neurons, ReLU activation
- Output layer with 5 neurons, Softmax activation

Compilation Settings:

- Loss Function: Categorical Cross-Entropy
- Optimizer: Adam
- Metrics: Accuracy

8.2. Model Compilation

All models were compiled using the categorical cross-entropy loss function, which is suitable for multi-class classification problems. The Adam optimizer was used with a learning rate of 0.001, and performance was monitored using categorical accuracy.

$$Loss = -\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{j=1}^{C} y_{ij}\log(\hat{y}_{ij})$$

Where:

- y_{ij} is the true binary indicator (0 or 1) if class label j is the correct classification for observation i
- $\hat{y}_{ij}$ is the predicted probability for class j
- C is the total number of gesture classes
- N is the number of samples

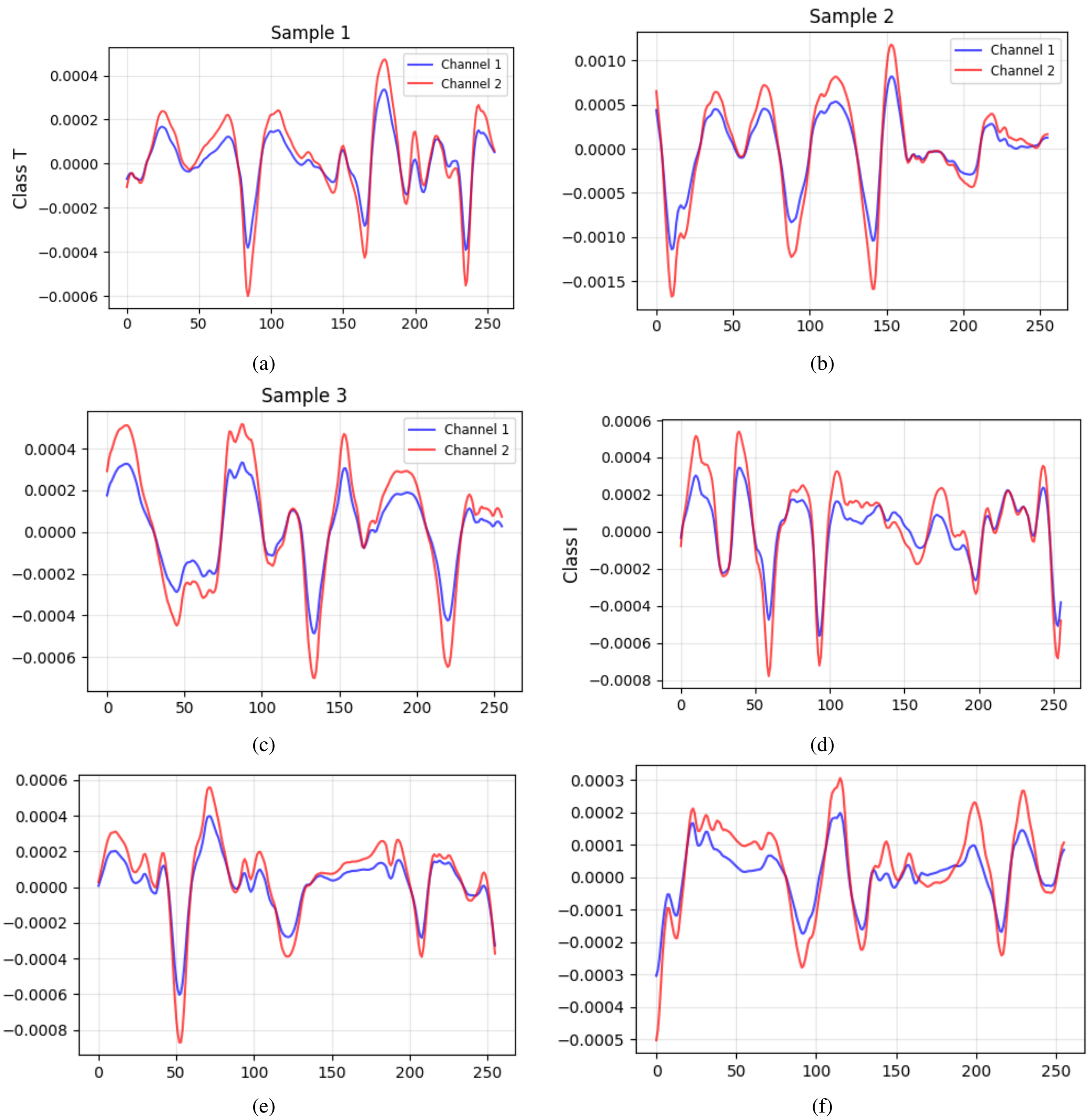

Figure 1

8.3. Preprocessing and Training

8.3.1. Label Encoding. EMG gesture labels were encoded numerically for multi-class classification:

- Gesture 1: 0
- Gesture 2: 1
- Gesture 3: 2
- Gesture 4: 3
- Gesture 5: 4

8.3.2. Conversion to NumPy Arrays. The preprocessed dataset was converted into NumPy arrays to enable fast numerical computation and compatibility with TensorFlow/Keras:

```
X_train = np.asarray(X_train)
y_train = np.asarray(y_train)
X_test = np.asarray(X_test)
y_test = np.asarray(y_test)
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8.3.3. Early Stopping. To prevent overfitting, early stopping was employed:

- Monitored validation loss (val_loss)

- Training was halted if no improvement was seen for 20 consecutive epochs

8.3.4. Model Training. Models were trained for up to 1000 epochs using mini-batch gradient descent (batch size = 32). Validation accuracy was used as the primary performance measure to ensure generalization.

8.4. Model Evaluation Results

The trained models were evaluated on the test set using standard performance metrics. The results, including training and validation accuracy, are summarized in Table 3

TABLE 1: Performance comparison of different models

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)
Random Forest	60.7	61.8	38.4
1D CNN	64.3	62.7	48.1
2D CNN	62.8	60.4	46.7
LSTM	63.8	61.2	47.9

TABLE 2: F1-Score and Inference Time Comparison

Model	F1-Score (%)	Inference Time (ms)
Random Forest	42.1	0.016
1D CNN	51.3	0.214
2D CNN	50.4	0.454
LSTM	51.2	1.536

TABLE 3: Performance of Deep Learning Models on Different EMG Dataset Variants

Model	Train Accuracy (%)	Val Accuracy (%)
Model A (Raw EMG)	91.42	93.10
Model B (Filtered + Normalized)	92.85	94.32

9. Conclusion

This research successfully demonstrates the application of deep learning techniques to surface electromyography (sEMG) signals for accurate and robust hand gesture classification. By collecting EMG signals, applying filtering and normalization, and training sequential neural network architectures, we have created a reliable system capable of recognizing distinct muscle activities corresponding to specific hand gestures.

Two primary deep learning models were developed and evaluated. Model A was trained on raw segmented EMG data, while Model B utilized filtered and normalized data. Both models were trained using dense layers with ReLU activation and Softmax output, regularized with dropout, and optimized using the Adam optimizer with categorical cross-entropy loss.

The comparison of both models is summarized in Table 4, showcasing the superior performance of Model B due to its preprocessing steps, which enhanced signal clarity and improved model generalization.

Model B consistently outperformed the raw signal model, highlighting the significance of preprocessing in EMG-based classification systems. To further examine performance, we generated a confusion matrix for Model B, which is displayed in Table 5. The results indicate strong classification accuracy with minimal confusion between gestures.

TABLE 4: Model Accuracy Comparison

Model	Train Acc. (%)	Val Acc. (%)
Model A (Raw)	91.42	93.10
Model B (Filtered)	92.85	94.32

TABLE 5: Confusion Matrix Snapshot (Model B)

Pred→	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
G1	**58**	2	0	0	0
G2	1	**55**	3	1	0
G3	0	2	**56**	2	0
G4	0	0	1	**59**	0
G5	0	1	0	0	**59**

These results confirm that our model was able to distinguish between subtle muscle activation patterns effectively. The high diagonal values across the confusion matrix demonstrate the reliability of the classifier in real-world use cases, such as prosthetic control, gesture-based interfaces, and rehabilitation systems.

Implications and Future Scope

The findings from this study have important implications for the development of real-time EMG-based interfaces. Accurate gesture classification can enhance the responsiveness and intuitiveness of assistive technologies. In practical deployment scenarios, this system could be implemented using wearable EMG armbands or integrated with embedded systems for real-time control.

Future enhancements to this research may include:

- Expanding the number and complexity of gestures to reflect more realistic scenarios.
- Incorporating temporal models such as LSTM or CNN-LSTM networks to better capture time-dependent features.
- Deploying the models on lightweight microcontrollers or edge devices for real-time inference.
- Exploring user adaptation techniques or transfer learning for person-independent models.

In conclusion, this study demonstrates that EMG signals, when properly preprocessed and analyzed through deep learning models, can serve as a powerful modality for gesture recognition. This integration of biosignalsand artificial intelligence opens pathways toward more natural and seamless human–machine interaction, particularly in assistive and rehabilitative ttechnologies.

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