

Context-Enhanced Feature Construction Using Sentences

1. Motivation

The original EEG P300 dataset contains brain responses for individual characters only.

It does not include:

- > Word structure
- > Sentence structure
- > Language context
- > Sequential dependencies between characters

However, in real language:

- > Characters are not independent
- > The probability of a character depends on previous characters

To address this limitation, we introduce language context by combining:

- > EEG-based features
- > Contextual probabilities from a language model (LSTM)

This creates a hybrid feature representation that improves character prediction.

2. High-Level Overview

After completing EEG preprocessing, we perform the following steps:

- 2.1 Generate 400 sentences
- 2.2 Process each sentence character by character
- 2.3 For each character:
 - Attach an EEG chunk (30 windows)
 - Attach a context probability window (1 window)
- 2.4 Combine both into a single feature vector

Final result: Each character is represented by 31 windows instead of 30

3. Sentence Generation

3.1 We generate 400 sentences, for example:

THE QUICK DOG JUMPED OVER
BLUE WATER FLOWED DOWN GENTLY
EIGHT CHILDREN RAN THROUGH MEADOW
FIND THE DARK PATH AHEAD
...

3.2 These sentences:

Are not used during language model training (I mean the LSTM model not the CNN model, It will later be used to train CNN)
Are used only for evaluation and feature construction

3.3 EEG Feature Source (This point is mentioned here only to remind you of the result of the previous document.)

From the previous preprocessing document: EEG data is stored in a container with 36 buckets

Each bucket corresponds to one P300 character: A-Z, 1-9, _

Each bucket contains 4-8 EEG chunks

Each chunk represents one full character trial

EEG Chunk Structure

EEG Chunk

- Window 1 → (78 × 64)
- Window 2 → (78 × 64)
- ...
- Window 30 → (78 × 64)

4. Language Model (Context LSTM Model)

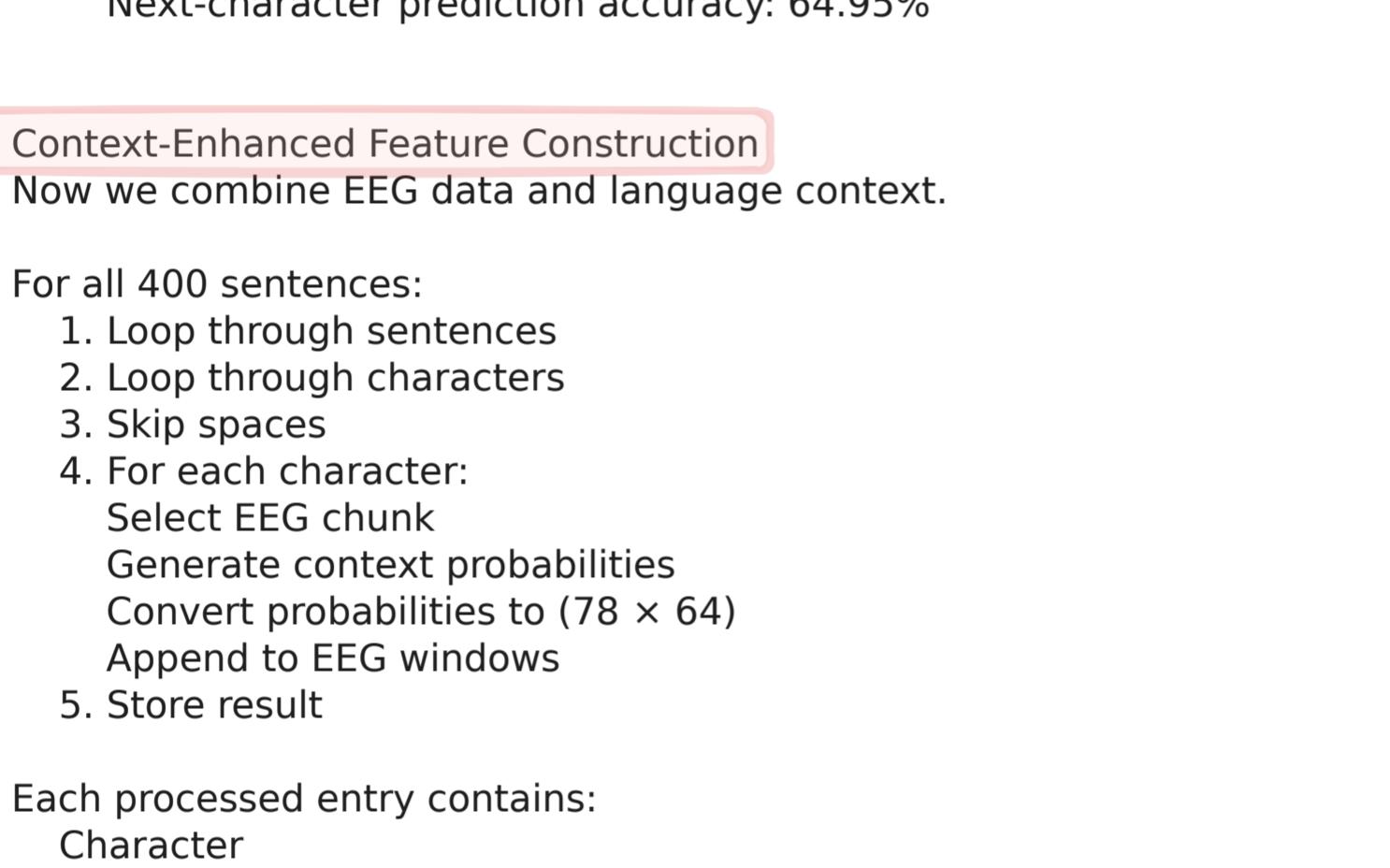
Model Type:

- > LSTM-based Character Prediction Model
- > Trained on book text data
- > Learns how characters follow each other

Goal

Given a prefix (incomplete sentence), predict:

"What is the probability of each possible next character?"



5. How the Language Model Is Trained (Simple Explanation)

The model learns by reading text character by character.

Training process:

1. Take a short sequence of characters (example: "HELLO EV")
2. Ask the model to predict the next character
3. Compare prediction with the real next character
4. Adjust weights to reduce error
5. Repeat for many epochs and many sequences

Over time, the model learns:

1. Common letter patterns
2. Word structure
3. Language rules

6. Language Model Prediction Examples

Example 1

Input: "T"
Output: probabilities (simplified): {
H → 0.956
I → 0.009
A → 0.004
...
}

Prediction: T → TH

Example 2

Input: "ORANG"
Output: probabilities (simplified): {
E → 0.791
A → 0.005
B → 0.002
...
}
Prediction: ORANG → ORANGE

7. Language Model Evaluation

To evaluate the model:

Use the 400 generated sentences

The model has never seen them before

Testing Procedure

For each sentence:

- Start with the first character
- Predict the next character
- Extend the prefix
- Repeat until sentence ends

Example:

Input: T
Input: TH
Input: THE
Input: THE Q
...

Evaluation Rule:

Prediction is considered correct if: The true next character appears in the top 3 probabilities

Result:

Next-character prediction accuracy: 64.95%

8. Context-Enhanced Feature Construction

Now we combine EEG data and language context.

For all 400 sentences:

1. Loop through sentences
2. Loop through characters
3. Skip spaces
4. For each character:
 - Select EEG chunk
 - Generate context probabilities
 - Convert probabilities to (78 × 64)
 - Append to EEG windows
5. Store result

Each processed entry contains:

Character
Prefix Sentence
Position in sentence
EEG + context feature vector (31 window)

9. Detailed Construction of the Context Probability Window and EEG Chunk Selection

This section explains in detail how:

The language model output is produced and formatted

The probability output is converted into a (78 × 64) window

EEG chunks are selected from the character-specific buckets

9.1 Language Model Output Format (JSON Probabilities)

For a given prefix (incomplete sentence), the LSTM language model outputs a probability distribution over the full P300 character set.

Character Vocabulary

The vocabulary contains 36 symbols:

A-Z, 1-9, _

Model Output

The output is a JSON-like dictionary:

{
"A": p(A),
"B": p(B),
"C": p(C),
...
" ": p(_)
}

Each value represents the probability that this character is the next one, given the sentence prefix.

Example output for prefix "THE QUICK DO":

{
"G": 0.87,
"S": 0.04,
"N": 0.03,
...
}

This probability distribution encodes language context but does not yet match the EEG window format.

9.2 Ordering and Vectorization of Probabilities

To align the language model output with EEG data, the probabilities are first converted into a fixed-order vector.

Step 1 — Vocabulary Ordering

The characters are ordered according to a predefined list: [A, B, C, ..., Z, 1, 2, ..., 9, _]

Step 2 — Probability Vector Creation

The JSON dictionary is mapped into a numeric vector: [p(A), p(B), p(C), ..., p(_)]

Result: Probability Vector Shape = (36,)

This guarantees:

Fixed ordering

Fixed dimensionality

Consistency across all samples

9.3 Expanding the Probability Vector to Match EEG Window Shape

EEG windows have shape: 78 × 64

To match this format, the probability vector is expanded as follows:

Horizontal Expansion

The 36 probabilities are copied to form:

[p(A), p(B), ..., p(), p(A), p(B), p(C), ..., p(), ...]

Then the vector is padded with zeros to reach the required length:

[p(A), p(B), p(C), ..., p(), p(A), p(B), p(C), ..., p(), 0, 0, 0, 0]

Result: Probability vector shape = (78,)

Vertical Expansion

The resulting probability vector of length 78 is repeated 64 times.

This repetition creates a 2D matrix where:

Each column represents one EEG channel

Each column contains the same probability values across time

Final result:

Probability window shape = (78 × 64)

9.4 EEG Chunk Selection from Character Buckets

Each character has a dedicated bucket containing multiple EEG chunks.

Example for character "G":

Bucket["G"] = [

Chunk_1,

Chunk_2,

Chunk_3,

Chunk_4,

...

]

Each chunk: 30 EEG windows

Each window = (78 × 64)

Chunk Selection Strategy

To avoid bias and improve variability: Chunks are selected sequentially

First use → Chunk_1

Second use → Chunk_2

Continue until all chunks are used

Once exhausted, selection wraps around

The process repeats cyclically

This guarantees:

All EEG trials are used

No chunk dominates the training data

Balanced reuse of EEG information

Example

If "G" has 4 chunks and appears 10 times in sentences:

Usage order:

G_1 → G_2 → G_3 → G_4 → G_1 → G_2 → G_3 → G_4 → G_1 → G_2

9.5 Final Feature Construction for One Character

For character "G":

Select one EEG chunk → 30 windows

Generate probability matrix → 1 window

Append probability window to EEG chunk

Final feature tensor:

Total windows = 31

Window shape = (78 × 64)

So: Feature("G") = 31 × 78 × 64

EEG Chunk for "G"

└── EEG Window 1 (78 × 64)

└── EEG Window 2 (78 × 64)

└── ...

└── EEG Window 30 (78 × 64)

└── Context Window (78 × 64) ← from LSTM probabilities

10. Final Data Structure (Visualization)

Processed Data

└── Sentence 1

└── T → 31 windows

└── H → 31 windows

└── E → 31 windows

└── ...

└── Sentence 2

└── B → 31 windows

└── L → 31 windows

└── ...

└── Sentence 400