
HUMAN ACTIVITY RECOGNITION

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ABSTRACT

Data mining is a good way to find the relationship between raw data and predict the target we want which is also widely used in different field nowadays. In this project, we implement a lots of technology and method in data mining to predict the activity of human based on the sensor data. We created a strong model to predict the activity of the user and the same can be translated to real life scenario with lesser data and same accuracy.

1 Introduction

Activity recognition is an important task in several healthcare applications. By continuously monitoring and analyzing user activity it is possible to provide automated recommendations to both patients and doctors [1, 2]. There are also applications to consumer products such as data logging for smart watches health apps [3]. Common consumer devices such as smart phones and smart watches generally ship with IMUs (Inertial Measurement Unit), which are packaged accelerometer and gyroscope sensors. Through the information provided by these IMUs, machine learning techniques can then be used to train activity classifiers, giving users, doctors, and app developers access to an individual's lifestyle and activity choices. In this paper we examine what is the "best" classification technique and how well can it perform with less features. In particular, we examine the use of Logistic Regression, Random Forest and various boosted decision trees such as LightGBM and XGBoost.

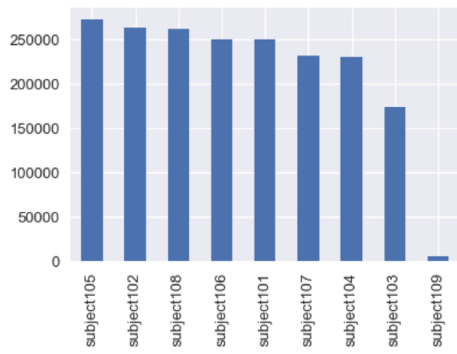
2 Data Set and Features

We used the PAMAP2 Dataset from the UCI repository of machine learning data sets. [16, 15] This data set includes raw 9-axis IMU data streams as well as heart rate data from nine different subjects performing various activities. This data is collected using 3 Colibri wireless IMUs and a BM-CS5SR heart rate monitor. The IMUs are placed on the dominant hand, chest and ankle of the participant. Data was collected for a total of 10 hours from each participant. Each IMU provides temperature, 3-axis acceleration, 3-axis angular velocity, and 3-axis magnetometer data at a rate of 2000 Hz which records one record every **0.2** second. In total there are 1.9 million data points, each containing 52 features. In the data set, each time-step is labeled with an activity ID, one of 12 different activities that the subjects were engaged in. The 12 activities are the following: ironing, walking, lying, standing, sitting, Nordic walking, vacuum cleaning, cycling, ascending stairs, descending stairs, running, rope jumping. We combined each subjects data into a single matrix and divided that into a training and test set. We used 70% of our data for training and 30% for testing. To avoid over-fitting on only a certain subset of classes, we randomly split the data between training and testing. To train

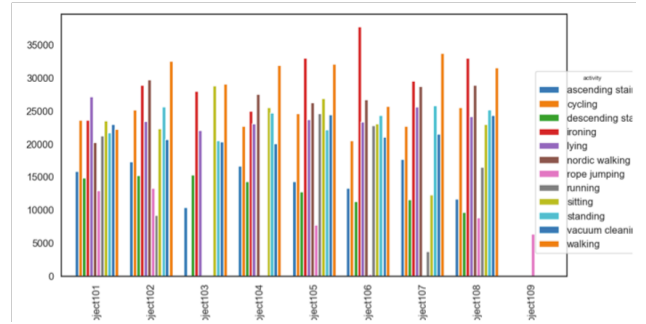
our models, we performed 5-fold cross-validation using our training set, to tune the hyper-parameters for the given model. We then used this optimized model and analyzed its performance on the test set.

3 Data Exploration

- Data was in the form of 9 .DAT files of all 9 participants. We appended all the files into 1 single data frame to make data processing easy and efficient.
- As described by the data author in the report that at times there was data drop because of wireless sensors so we removed all the rows with NAN records.
- We removed all the records with activity **0** because it's a **transient activity**. Transient activity is any activity between 2 activities.
- We removed all the Orientation column which are 4 per IMU as they do not provide valid data.



(a) Frequency of the activities performed by a particular subject



(b) Distinct activities performed by a particular subject

Figure 1: Graph plots which indicates that subject 9 performed least number of activities

- Subject 9 was removed from the analysis of the data.

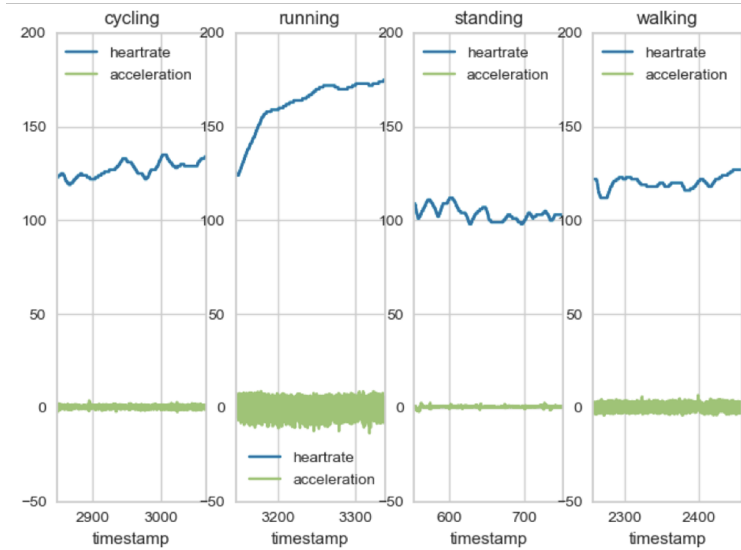


Figure 2: Raw Acceleration(from chest IMU) and heart rate data

Figure 2 addresses the mystery question of whether the activities are separable given the PAMAP dataset. It clearly shows that activities in the data are clearly and neatly separable by taking into account just chest IMU and heart rate.

- As the data was taken in every 250 ms it ensures that the data is not too duplicated to give vague results. A normal resting subject heart beat is approximately 1 beat per 600 ms and while running is 1 beat per 200-250 ms.
- Also we are not distinguishing between a chest exercise or biceps exercise rather we are distinguishing between running, cycling, standing and ironing. The problem listed sounds intimidating but provided the dataset with humongous number of features given by a particular subject it looks accomplish-able.
- Nowadays FANG companies main research area is to distinguish perfectly within a cluster of exercises in gym to manufacture better smart watches. They are spending millions to generate this data and will be published soon.

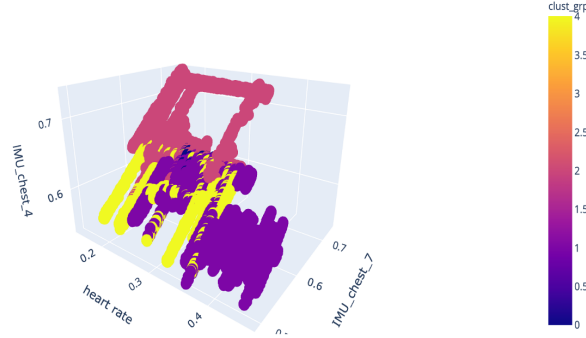


Figure 3: 3D view of 5 clusters after K-means clustering on all the features.

Above plot also shows that the data is separable as we can see distinct boundaries between different clusters.

4 Problem Statement : Why is it interesting?

The goals of this project in physical activity monitoring is to estimate the performed activities and to identify basic or recommended activities and postures. The PAMAP dataset with different data processing methods and classification algorithms, will be used to create a benchmark of physical activity classification problems.

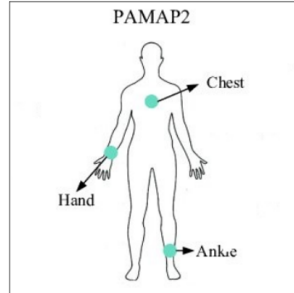


Figure 4: Walking? Running? Sleeping? Driving?

4.1 Why it is interesting?

4.1.1 Healthcare and lifestyle

It can be useful for elderly assistance.

4.1.2 Sports and fitness

Provide the user with feedback and motivation.

4.1.3 Industrial

It can be effectively used in safety, daily analysis and training.

4.1.4 Robotics

Interaction with the objects and the people.

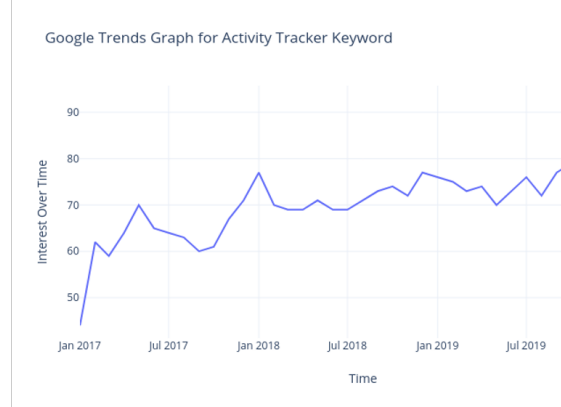


Figure 5: Google trends for the keyword Activity Tracker

5 Methods

5.1 Logistic Regression

As a baseline measure, we incorporated a standard logistic regression model for multiclass classification. Naive Bayes methods are a set of supervised learning algorithms based on applying Bayes’ theorem with the “naive” assumption of conditional independence between every pair of features given the value of the class variable. We have used MultinomialNB classifier as provided in scikit learn package. It implements the naive Bayes algorithm for multinomially distributed data. The distribution is parametrized by vectors $\theta_y = (\theta_{y1}, \dots, \theta_{yn})$ for each class y , where n is the number of features and θ_{yi} is the probability $P(x_i|y)$ of feature i appearing in a sample belonging to class y . Using this model, we achieved a multi class macro AUC score of 0.886 on test set. A confusion matrix and classification report for the model is shown below.

Predicted \ True	0	3	5	6	10	All					
0	33546	1952	34	0	22114	57646		precision	recall	f1-score	support
1	352	1591	0	0	53740	55683	0	0.99	0.58	0.73	57646
2	0	4860	0	0	51731	56591	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	55683
3	0	60140	0	0	8594	68734	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	56591
4	0	20922	1414	5639	691	28666	3	0.23	0.87	0.36	68734
5	0	44062	2746	0	2311	49119	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	28666
6	0	50532	0	0	4748	55280	5	0.40	0.06	0.10	49119
7	0	29487	0	0	5499	34986	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	55280
8	0	24148	0	0	7773	31921	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	34986
9	0	18359	0	0	33968	52327	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	31921
10	0	267	0	0	71097	71364	9	0.00	0.00	0.00	52327
11	0	7457	2739	1989	0	12185	10	0.27	1.00	0.43	71364
All	33898	263777	6933	7628	262266	574502	11	0.00	0.00	0.00	12185
							accuracy			0.29	574502
							macro avg	0.16	0.21	0.13	574502
							weighted avg	0.19	0.29	0.18	574502

(a) Confusion Matrix

(b) Classification Report on Test Set

Figure 6: Plots for Multinomial Logistic Regression

5.2 Random Forest

One of the ensemble methods for decision trees, for the reason of improving forecast precision, is random forest. Random Forest is a form of bagging (bootstrap aggregation), which involves examining with substitution from the original population to diminish variance (at the expense of an increase in bias, increased computational cost, and decreased interpretability of the trees). For a random forest, a huge number of decision trees are generated, and the bias is further decreased (by decorrelating the trees) by only considering a subset of the total number of features at each split in the decision tree [4]. We decided to include 100 trees in our random forest model, because 100 was a well-performing trade-off of time and accuracy (for random forests, increasing the number of trees will only serve to decrease the variance, and will not increase the likelihood of overfitting). We used the default option of only considering a random subset of the square-root of the total number of features for each split. Using this model, we achieved a multi class macro AUC score of 0.99999 on test set. A confusion matrix, variable importance and classification report for the model is shown below.

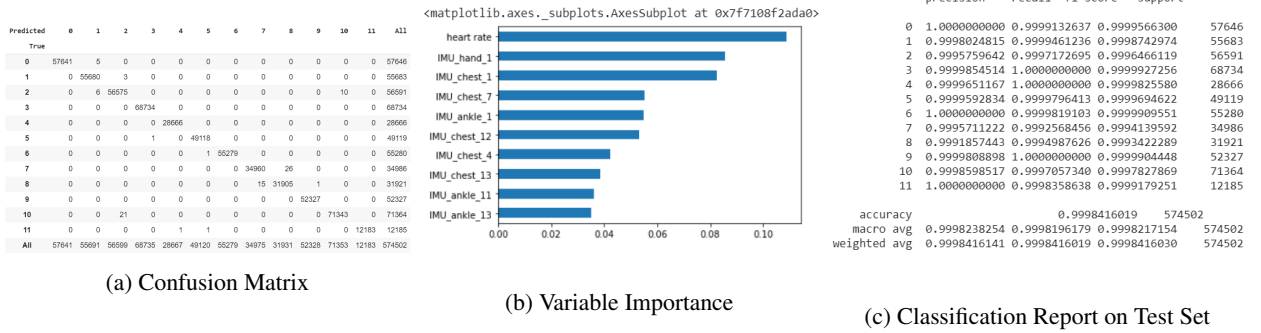


Figure 7: Plots for Random Forest

5.3 LightGBM

Light GBM is a fast, distributed, high-performance gradient boosting framework based on decision tree algorithm, used for ranking, classification and many other machine learning tasks. Since it is based on decision tree algorithms, it splits the tree leaf wise with the best fit whereas other boosting algorithms split the tree depth wise or level wise rather than leaf-wise. So when growing on the same leaf in Light GBM, the leaf-wise algorithm can reduce more loss than the level-wise algorithm. Light GBM is prefixed as ‘Light’ because of its high speed. Light GBM can handle the large size of data and takes lower memory to run. Since our data set is huge, we choose to use LightGBM too. For this model, we have set objective as multi-class with $num_classes$ 12 since we have 12 classes in labels. The metric is multi log-loss which is used for multi class classification problems. We have set max_depth to 3 to curtail over-fitting with default learning rate. Using this model, we achieved a multi class macro AUC score of 0.99946 on test set. A confusion matrix, variable importance and classification report for the model is shown below.

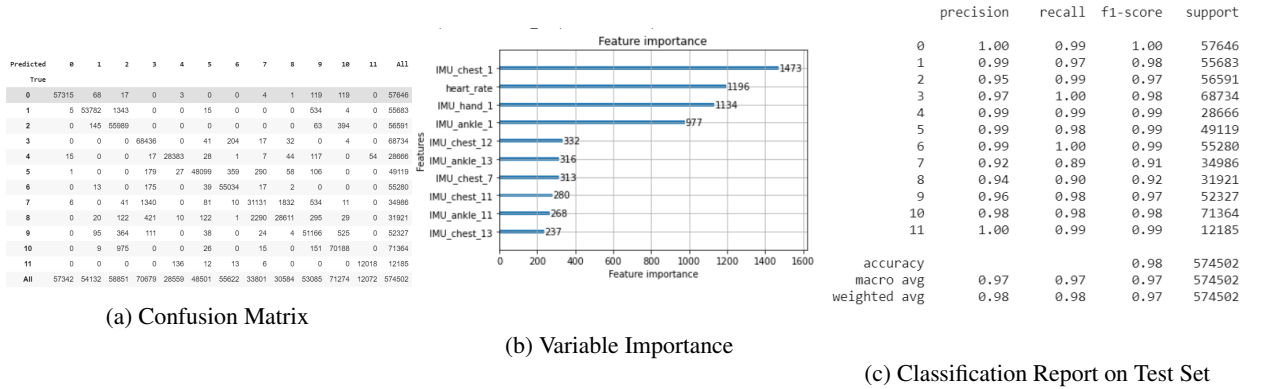


Figure 8: Plots for LightGBM

5.4 XGBoost

One form of ensembling is using "boosting," which combines many "weak learners" (simple decision trees) in order to reduce bias in the model (at the expense of increasing variance). Boosting these weak decision trees is done for the purpose of ideally improving accuracy, though it may be prone to overfitting [4]. One specific algorithm for boosting, is XGBoost which is used in this project.

For XGBoost, we used the default learning rate, and used manual tuning to tune the maximum depth of the base decision tree estimators, and the number of trees. Since the base estimator of boosting should be a "weak learner," we decided to limit our weak learners to having a maximum depth of less than or equal to 5. For the Dataset, we finally chose 500 trees of max-depth=5. Using these models, dataset scored an **Macro AUC(Computes the AUC of each class against the rest with multi-Class = 'ovr')** of 0.999 on the test set. A confusion matrix, variable importance and classification report for the model is shown below.

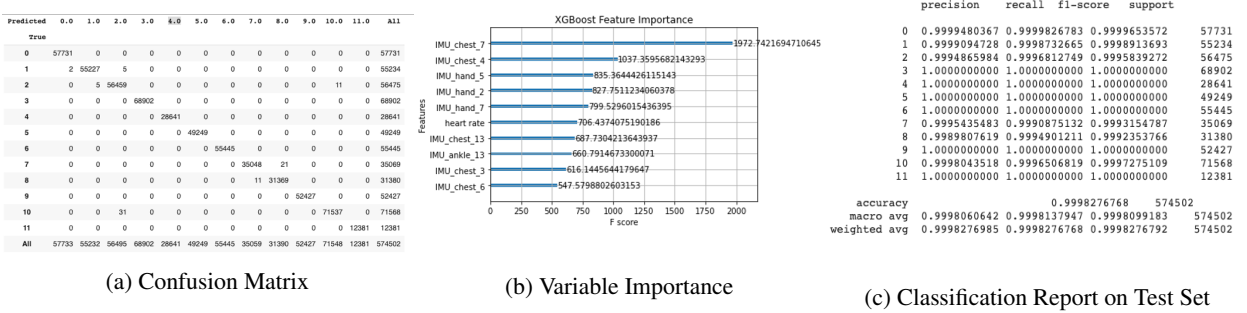


Figure 9: Plots for XGBoost

6 Results and Conclusions

In conclusion, we have used PAMAP2 dataset which comprises of 9 subjects performing 12 protocol activities over a period of 10 hours. First, we preprocessed the raw data by removing unnecessary data. Then, we extracted the features from time and frequency domain to use in the classifier models. Finally, we performed classification on the transformed data. Multiple performance metrics have been used for evaluating the classifier models and we have managed to achieve considerable accuracy in classification. Unsurprisingly, logistic regression performed the worst. Having the advantage of extremely low memory usage and speed for predictions, it can still be a viable method in low compute devices like micro-controllers. For decision tree methods, as expected, ensemble methods improved test performance over logistic regression for the data set. Boosted decision trees performed slightly better than random forest as can be seen from the test scores of XGBoost, which is promising because it is far less computationally intensive, and thus is a good candidate for a model to actually deploy in a smart device.

7 Future Work

In future, we would like to use deep learning models on this data set. As such, simple feed-forward neural nets would be sufficient for this problem. However, we would like to explore CNN's (Convolutional Neural Networks) which could potentially give similar or improved performance while using substantially less memory. We would also like to test our models on limited feature set as in real life scenario, we might not have data from all the 3 IMU sensors and the heart rate monitor. Promising results on this limited data set would be good for actual deployment in smart devices. We could also test these models using real IMU's. In particular, we would want to see if a low-compute embedded device could perform classifications with neural nets or computationally cheaper methods such as decision trees, in real-time. Heartbeat or other physiological data can be used to measure the intensity of the activity being performed. If we can manage to capture and recognize not only what activity has been performed but also how well it has been performed, then that could open new doors for various applications. Major impact will be in sports and fitness field, where athletes or individuals could monitor how well they are training or performing. It could also prove useful in health field with elderly living assistance and rehabilitation patients.

8 Code Base

<https://github.com/nikunjgoel95/Human-Activity-Recognition.git>

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