

Human Activity Recognition Based on Sensor Data Using Gradient Boosting Model

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Abstract- Recognition of human activity focuses on identifying various human motions and behaviors using data acquired from multiple types of sensors, a branch of computer science. A branch of research focusing on environment-supported systems has taken an interest in the problem of activity and decline. This system uses a variety of technological information to monitor body movements and try to determine what activities are being done for healthcare purposes, among other applications. In this case, besides the knowledge of the artifact, the research of the fall plays a very important role. Falls are a common cause of injury and death, so it is important that the fall is diagnosed as soon as possible. This study not only provides the discovery of fall and working knowledge used in many activities in daily life, but also allows the discovery of falls when both use and practice are taken into account.

Investigations using smartphone sensor data were carried out using a publicly available standardized HAR dataset called the UCI-HAR dataset, which contains activities associated with everyday life. After proper development of the data, the features are extracted with the help of feature selection techniques, followed by the support of gradient boosting classifier (xgb), which is the final step to classify the group output. The results of the study show that gradient-supported boosting outperforms previous similar methods.

Keywords- Human Activity Recognition, Sensors, Accelerometer and Gyroscope, Machine Learning, HAR dataset, XGBoost.

I. INTRODUCTION

Reviews Activity recognition is defined as identifying or detecting activity based on sensors' information processing [1, 2]. These sensors can be motion sensors, cameras, wearable sensors, or environmental sensors, such as pressure sensors and Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) [1]. Sensor technology has gained revolutionary design, size, accuracy, computational power, communication range, and manufacturing cost [3]. Currently, sensors are embedded in almost every electronic appliance, ranging from baby toys,

smart phones, or space crafts and submarines. The incorporation of sensors aims to make objects intelligent, more innovative, and more useful [4]. Human activity recognition (HAR) has become an essential research topic over the last two decades due to its emergent applications in various fields, such as health monitoring systems, surveillance and security, gaming, and virtual reality [1]. In all these applications, activity recognition is a vital part [5]. HAR systems are broadly classified into three types, i.e., wearable HAR systems, non-wearable HAR systems, and hybrid HAR systems [3, 6]. The wearable HAR systems consist of motion sensors like accelerometer, gyroscope, and magnetometer, mounted at some embedded device and worn on a particular body location such as wrist, waist, neck, and others, to recognize the human daily living activities [7]. The non-wearable HAR systems consist of environment sensors like cameras, pressure sensors, acoustic sensors, RFID, and others deployed in the environment to monitor human activities [6, 8]. On the other hand, the hybrid HAR systems consist of wearable and non-wearable sensors that capture human activities with a better detection rate [9].

Regarding the wearable HAR systems, the raw data coming from the motion/inertial sensors are used to extract multiple features to train the Machine Learning (ML) classifiers or Deep Learning (DL) models on these features for identifying the underlying activities [10]. Thus, these systems are cost-effective [11]. However, users must wear them to get their movements monitored by wearable HAR systems [12, 13]. Unlike the non-wearable HAR systems, they have no coverage issues, and they can recognize the user's activity unless they wear them at the specified location [14]. In vision-based HAR systems, the images captured from cameras are used to extract the different features. Then the extracted features are used to train different ML classifiers to recognize the activity performed in the captured image [15].

1.1 Sensors in HAR

In today's world, almost everyone has a Smartphone that is equipped with a rich set of sensors that can be used as an alternative platform for HAR. The sensors found in

Smartphone's such as the accelerometer, digital compass, gyroscope, GPS, microphone and camera can be used to derive the necessary data required for HAR. Human activity recognition has numerous applications in a wide range of domains such as healthcare, social networks, safety, environmental monitoring, and transportation and surveillance systems. Different sensors are used for classification of the human activities. The two sensors used in the data collected for this research are accelerometers and Gyroscopes. The accelerometer is a type of electronic sensor that measures the acceleration forces acting on an object in order to determine its position in space and monitor its movement. This calculates the triaxial acceleration (total acceleration) and the estimated body acceleration to give its position in space. A gyroscope sensor is a device that can measure and maintain an object's orientation and angular velocity. The gyroscope gives us the Triaxial Angular velocity. These two sensors are readily available in Smartphone's and served the purpose of data collection for this research.

HAR plays an imperative role in healthcare, especially in medical diagnosis and fitness monitoring [16]. Children and the elderly are the most vulnerable members of our society, and hence they need constant monitoring. So, if they require any immediate medical attention, Human Activity Recognition can predict their action and with post-processing, we can alert the respective authorities. Wu et al. [17] researched the possibility of using a portable pre-impact fall detector to detect imminent falls before the body hits the ground. Using triaxial accelerometers connected to the waist, wrist, and head, Kangas et al. [18] tested various low-complexity fall detection algorithms. HAR also has applications in the sports domain. For the Chum Kiu motion series in martial arts, Ernst A. Heinz et al. [19] performed an initial experiment with inexpensive body-worn gyroscopes and acceleration sensors. Miikka Ermes et al. [20] proposed a system to evaluate the athletic performance of the test subject in supervised and unsupervised settings. HAR can also recognize anomalies in security footage thus, being pivotal in surveillance systems. Chang et al. [21] proposed a system that was able to identify and predict suspicious and violent activity in a group of inmates. Given the large number of observations made per second, the temporal nature of the observations, and the lack of a simple way to link accelerometer data to known movements, this is a difficult problem to solve. The major challenges faced in the implementation of HAR are test subject sensitivity, location sensitivity, activity complexity, limited energy and computational resources [22].

1.2 HAR Activity Classification

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performance varies concerning the underlying device, the number of sensors in a device, and the position of the sensing device where it is kept. Furthermore, the performance of a machine learning algorithm also depends on the properties of the underlying dataset [22]. Most of the existing HAR datasets are embraced with missing samples/values due to the memory, power, and processing constraints of an underlying device used for data acquisition. Moreover, the missing samples in a dataset have caused poor behavior in machine learning algorithms for HAR. During the data acquisition, some difficulties were encountered with sensors' failures and the incorrect positioning of the device. Also, the different frequencies of the various sensors may cause problems in the fusion of the multiple sources. In this work, we performed a comparative analysis of eight widely used machine learning techniques to identify human activities with a single sensor and multi-sensor combination available in a mobile device. The comparative analysis uses a publicly available dataset after extrapolating the missing samples by applying the k-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) data imputation technique. The main objective of this research is to analyze the performance of eight commonly used machine learning algorithms to figure out which algorithm performs best at which sensors' data combination. On the other hand, the main contribution is to recommend using data imputation and AdaBoost algorithm for HAR.

The Human Activity Classification using Sensors or wearable's devices are shown below in figure.

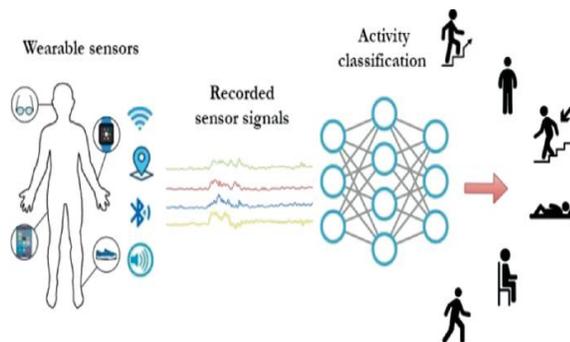


Fig. 1: HAR Activities Classification.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The performance of a machine learning algorithm varies based on the sensing device type, the number of sensors in that device, and the position of the underlying sensing device. Moreover, the incomplete activities (*i.e.*, data captures) in a dataset also play a crucial role in the performance of machine learning algorithms. Therefore, Author's in [23] perform a comparative analysis of eight commonly used machine learning algorithms in different

sensor combinations in this work. We used a publicly available mobile sensors dataset and applied the k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) data imputation technique for extrapolating the missing samples. Afterward, we performed a couple of experiments to figure out which algorithm performs best at which sensors' data combination. The experimental analysis reveals that the AdaBoost algorithm outperformed all machine learning algorithms for recognizing five different human daily living activities with both single and multi-sensor combinations. Furthermore, the experimental results show that AdaBoost is capable to correctly identify all the activities presented in the dataset with 100% classification accuracy.

In recent years, mainly due to the application of smartphones in this area, research in human activity recognition (HAR) has shown a continuous and steady growth. Thanks to its wide range of sensors, its size, its ease of use, its low price and its applicability in many other fields, it is a highly attractive option for researchers. However, the vast majority of studies carried out so far focus on laboratory settings, outside of a real-life environment. In this work [24], unlike in other papers, progress was sought on the latter point. To do so, a dataset already published for this purpose was used. This dataset was collected using the sensors of the smartphones of different individuals in their daily life, with almost total freedom. To exploit these data, numerous experiments were carried out with various machine learning techniques and each of them with different hyper parameters. These experiments proved that, in this case, tree-based models, such as Random Forest, outperform the rest. The final result shows an enormous improvement in the accuracy of the best model found to date for this purpose, from 74.39% to 92.97%.

Variety and volume of data make human activity recognition especially interesting field for machine learning. It has thus seen incredible growth in past several years taking part in big data questions as well. In a broad sense question of HAR - human activity recognition is a very complex one, often times dealing with large amounts of data not belonging to a predefined class. However, this paper [25] deals with supervised learning classifications task, focusing on several activity classes known as Activities of Daily Living - ADL. Generalized models for common activities and issues are looked into, and issues that appear due to the huge volume of data that is recognized as "other" when the models are applied to the real life data sets. Support vector machine method (SVM), Naive Bayes classifiers, KNN, Random Tree and Bagged Trees (Ensemble) algorithms are applied, and venturing into ANN.

Human Activity Recognition (HAR), based on sensor devices and the Internet of Things (IoT), attracted many researchers since it has diversified applications in health sectors, smart environments, and entertainment. HAR has emerged as one of the important health monitoring applications and it necessitates the constant usage of smartphones, smart watches, and wearable devices to capture patients' daily activities. To predict multiple human activities, deep learning (DL)-based methods have been successfully applied to time-series data that are generated by smartphones and wearable sensors. Although DL-based approaches were deployed in activity recognition, they still have encountered a few issues when working with time-series data. Those issues could be managed with the proposed methodology. This work [26] proposed a couple of Hybrid Learning Algorithms (HLA) to build comprehensive classification methods for HAR using wearable sensor data. The aim of this work is to make use of the Convolution Memory Fusion Algorithm (CMFA) and Convolution Gated Fusion Algorithm (CGFA) that model learns both local features and long-term and gated-term dependencies in sequential data. Feature extraction has been enhanced with the deployment of various filter sizes. They are used to capture different local temporal dependencies, and thus the enhancement is implemented. This Amalgam Learning Model has been deployed on the WISDM dataset, and the proposed models have achieved 97.76%, 94.98% for smart watch and smartphones of CMFA, 96.91%, 84.35% for smart watch and smartphones of CGFA. Experimental results show that these models demonstrated greater accuracy than other existing deep neural network frameworks.

The advancement and availability of technology can be employed to improve our daily lives. One example is Human Activity Recognition (HAR). HAR research has been mainly explored using imagery but is currently evolving to the use of sensors and has the ability to have a positive impact, including individual health monitoring and removing the barrier of healthcare. To reach a marketable HAR device, state-of-the-art classifications and power consumption methods such as convolutional neural network (CNN), data compression and other emerging techniques are reviewed here. The review of the current literature creates a foundation in HAR and addresses the lack of available HAR datasets, recommendation of classification and power reduction techniques, current drawbacks and their respective solutions, as well as future trends in HAR. The lack of publicly available datasets makes it difficult for new users to explore the field of HAR. This paper [27] dedicates a section to publicly available datasets for users to access. Finally, a framework is suggested for HAR applications, which envelopes the current literature and emerging trends in HAR.

III. PROPOSED MODEL

Architecture of proposed system is shown in figure 3.1. First step is to gather data from sensors, than the system extracts significant features which are unique for specific activities from training data. These are analyzed to make feature database. Test data is used to perform classification of human activities preceded by feature extraction and selection. The proposed system can classify static as well as dynamic activities like Sitting, Standing, Walking, WalkingDownstairs, WalkingUpstairs, Laying, Cycling, Football, Swimming, Jogging, Pushups, and JumpRope. Data set contains data from accelerometer and gyroscope sensors.

Proposed classifier is ensemble extreme gradient boosting classifier. It provides parallel tree boosting and is the leading machine learning library for regression, classification, and ranking problems. Best parameter that are applied includes learning rate=0.2, max depth=5, n estimators=150, random state=1. Automatic model tuning, also known as hyper parameter tuning, finds the best version of a model by running many jobs that test a range of hyper parameters on your training and validation datasets. XGBoost is a popular and efficient open-source implementation of the gradient boosted trees algorithm. It is a supervised learning algorithm, which attempts to accurately predict a target variable by combining the estimates of a set of simpler, weaker models. In Boosting technique the errors made by previous models are tried to be corrected by succeeding models by adding some weights to the models. XGBoost is an advanced implementation of gradient boosting along with some regularization factors.

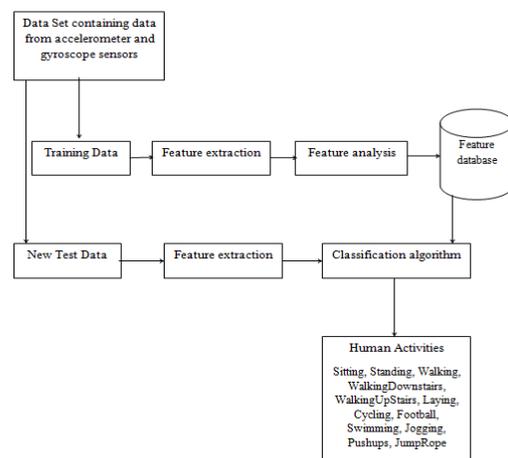


Fig. 3.1: Proposed Model Architecture.

3.1 Detailed Working of XGBoost

The beauty of this powerful algorithm is its scalability, which enables fast learning through parallel and distributed computing and ensures good memory usage.

XGBoost is an integrated learning method. Sometimes, relying on the results of a single machine learning model isn't enough. Community learning offers a solution that combines the abilities of multiple students. The result is a model that combines the features of many models.

It uses trees with less support, as opposed to packing systems such as random forests where trees grow to the maximum. Such a small tree is not very deep and means a lot. Parameters such as trees or iterations, amount of gradient boost training, and depth of trees can be well chosen by the validation process such as k-fold cross validation. Having large trees can cause accidents. Therefore, the braking system must be selected for correct lifting.

The gradient enhancing ensemble technique consists of three simple steps:

- Define the original F0 model to estimate the target variable y. The pattern will be associated with the remainder (y – F0)
- the new pattern h1 matches the rest of the previous step
- Now F0 and h1 are combined to give F1, an improvement fixed on f0. The mean squared error of f1 will be lower than the mean squared error of F0.

$$F_1(x) <- F_0(x) + h_1(x)$$

To improve the performance of F1, we could model after the residuals of F1 and create a new model F2:

$$F_2(x) <- F_1(x) + h_2(x)$$

This can be done for 'm' iterations, until residuals have been minimized as much as possible:

$$F_m(x) <- F_{m-1}(x) + h_m(x)$$

Here, the additive learners do not disturb the functions created in the previous steps. Instead, they impart information of their own to bring down the errors. Iteratively designed reinforcement by the so-called "weak learner". In the augmentation, individual models are followed, with greater weight given to incorrect predictions and high error samples, rather than generating entire random subsets of information and features. The general idea behind this is that situations that are difficult to predict accurately ("hard" situations) will be included during learning so that the model can learn from past mistakes. When we train each group in the training process, which we also call stochastic gradient boosting, it can help improve the generality of the model.

Gradients are used to reduce regression, similar to the way neural networks use gradient descent ("learning") weights.

A weak learner is created in each training session and their predictions are compared to what we think will be correct. The distance between the prediction and the actual represents the error of our model. Existing errors can be used to calculate gradients. The slope isn't anything special, it's essentially part of our failure - which explains the steepness of our mistake. Gradients can be used to find a direction to change the measurement model to reduce (magnify) the error with "gradient descent" in the next training.

In neural networks, gradient descent is used to find the minimum failure rate, i.e. To examine the parameter parameters (such as weights) with the lowest estimated error in a sample.

In gradient boosting, we combine predictions from multiple models, so we increase model predictions rather than directly optimizing model parameters. Thus, by fitting the next tree to such results, the gradient will be added to the work of the training process.

In final conclusion XGBoost is a popular and useful open source implementation of the gradient assisted tree algorithm. Gradient boosting is a supervised learning algorithm that attempts to accurately predict target variables by combining predictions from simple, weak models.

IV. RESULTS

All models are evaluated in terms of accuracy with old activity dataset and new activity dataset, results are shown below:

Table 5.1: Accuracy Comparison for 6 activities. The activities are Sitting, Standing, Walking, WalkingDownstairs, WalkingUpstairs and Laying.

Table 4.1: Accuracy Comparison.

Algorithm implemented	Accuracy (in %) on Old dataset(6 activity)
SVM	89.4
KNN	88.35
DT	88.95
Proposed	90.89

The figure 4.1 below is the comparison chart for accuracies on existing and proposed classifiers. From the chart it is clear that proposed Gradient Boosting Classifier outperforms the existing classifiers.

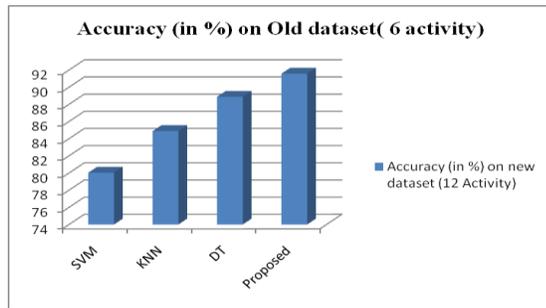


Figure 4.1: Accuracy Comparison Chart.

Table 4.2: Accuracy Comparison for 12 activities. Sitting, Standing, Walking, WalkingDownstairs, WalkingUpstairs and Laying, Cycling, Football, Swimming, Jogging, Pushups and JumpRope.

Table 4.2: Accuracy Comparison new dataset.

Algorithms Implemented	Accuracy (in %) on new dataset (12 Activity)
SVM	80.04
KNN	84.89
DT	88.88
Proposed	91.58

Accuracy comparison is shown below in figure 5.26 for all 12 activities.

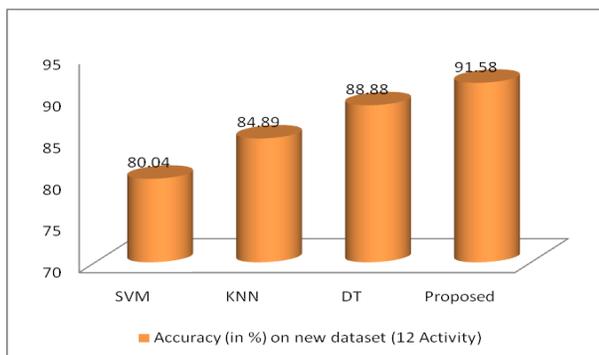


Figure 4.2: Accuracy comparison for all classifiers.

From the chart it is clear that proposed Gradient Boosting Classifier outperforms the existing classifiers. For both the datasets, Gradient Boosting classifier has the highest accuracy. From the results it is clear that the gradient boosting model outperforms the all existing models.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper consists of the standard dataset for human activity recognition that is openly accessible from the WISDM group. It constitutes raw data accumulated via the accelerometer of the smartphone. Initially, we imposed a

windowing method (overlapping), supplemented by a 250 ms window size along with 25% of overlapping. Five time-domain features were acquired by utilizing this approach, in order to improve machine learning models outcome.

Further, k-fold cross validation with 5 folds was implemented on each classifier and each classifier is then used to analyze the data. The effect of a machine learning classifier is examined based on overall accuracy values. Hence, Gradient Boosting Classifiers exhibit the characteristics of the best performer with overall accuracy of 90.89% on old dataset and 91.58% on new dataset.

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