

Finding Patterns in Biological Parameters

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Abstract—Changes or variation occur in physiological parameters of the body when a person is going through a tough time or he is extremely happy. These changes in physiological parameters can be used for detecting emotions. Emotional computing is a field of Human Computer Interaction(HCI) where we detect human emotions. Emotion recognition based on affective physiological changes is a pattern recognition problem, and selecting specific physiological signals is necessary and helpful to recognize the emotions. In this paper, we have discussed various research papers analysing that how emotions are detected from physiological signals using non-invasive methods. Developers use various Data Mining techniques for developing such results. Heart Rate Variability(HRV), Skin Temperature(ST), Blood Volume Pulse(BVP) are the main highlights as these are key parameters in Physiological signals.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Ability of computer to understand human emotions and perform appropriate action is one of the key focus areas of research in Human Computer Interaction(HCI). Making computers understand human emotions will make HCI more meaningful and easier. For example, when a robot interacts with a Human, it will be able to guess the emotions and react accordingly. A psychologist can diagnose the disease easily with the help of patient's emotional state. Several researches have been done to recognize emotions using physiological signals like Electrocardiogram(ECG), Electroencephalography(EEG), Skin Temperature and also other modalities like Facial images, Gestures, Speech.

The physiological signals have proved to give accurate results for emotion detection. In this paper, recent advancements in emotion research using physiological signals is presented, making use of latest Data mining techniques for preprocessing, feature extraction and classification. The goal of this review is to study the various techniques available for the study of physiological signals to detect emotions. Section II gives brief introduction of the papers we studied.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

For the purpose of tracking advancement in emotion detection using physiological signals, we have considered 15 papers from year 2015 and 2016. As learned from these papers, vast

variety of physiological signals can be used for emotion detection, viz, Electroencephalography (EEG), Electrocardiogram (ECG), Galvanic Skin Response (GSR), Skin temperature, Blood Volume Pressure (BVP), RESpiration (RES) and Electrodermal activity(EDA). The result is presented in tabular form, one row per paper, in descending order of their acceptance date. Analysis is done considering the type of physiological signals used, Algorithms applied, Advantages and Limitations of the approach used, Results achieved and Future scope.

Some papers mentioned here made use of standard datasets like DEAP while some papers used real time data gathering techniques using wearable sensors and non-invasive methods. The data preprocessing is done in order to remove errors. Preprocessed data is used for classification of signals, the Data mining techniques mainly used are Support Vector Machine (SVM), k-Nearest Neighbor (kNN), Naive Bayes. These techniques are used to classify the emotions based on the data acquired. Entries in few columns of the table are marked with '--', this is to indicate that the particular entry could not be found in that research paper.

Summary of reviewed research papers is as follows:

| Sr. No. | Name of the paper | Month & Year | Algorithms Used | Advantages | Limitations | Result | Future Work |
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| 1 | Inside the Mind of the Insider: Towards Insider Threat Detection Using Psychophysiological Signals (ACM) | Feb, 2016 | Support Vector Machine classifier using k-fold cross validation | Real-time, Reveal valuable knowledge about the malicious behaviours, Effective solution for detecting insider threats | Relies on users wearing the headset in order to continuously monitor the signals, Privacy issues of monitoring bio-signals | 95% accuracy | -- |
| 2 | Recognition of emotions in autistic children using physiological signals (Springer) | March, 2016 | RBF kernel function | Non-invasive methods used. | Reluctance on wearing the device. | 90% accuracy | Real time analysis will need to be developed. Android application that harnesses the power of neural networks |
| 3 | Designing a Smart Scarf to Influence Group Members' Emotions in Ambience: Design Process and User Experience (Springer) | 2016 | -- | Colour change of scarf depicts change of mood, helps in team work. | Sensors may cause inaccurate readings. | -- | Include BVP and other signals, conduct an evaluation with high fidelity prototype |
| 4 | Recognizing Emotional States Using Physiological Devices. (Springer) | 2016 | -- | System could recognize the emotional states with high accuracy using few number of physiological devices. | Due to the fact that it was a huge dataset, it was not possible for WEKA application to process the data of all 24 participants together. | Classification for 1] 'two-class': J48 & IBK with accuracies of 97.7584 % & 95.4684 % respectively. 2] 'six-class': J48 and IBK with accuracies of 96.5014 % & 91.9333 % respectively. | Conduct more user studies where we will use physiological data and facial expressions for recognizing these emotional states. |

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| 5 | Emotion Recognition Based on Physiological Sensor Data Using Codebook Approach. (Springer) | 2016 | <i>k</i> -means clustering. | Effective feature extraction by codebook approach, soft assignment and feature fusion approaches useful for smoothed distribution of code-words. | Histogram-type feature used is restrictive as it only represents the distribution of pre-defined code-words, & not the variation of code-words. | Maximum recognition accuracy 54.3%. | Sophisticated feature representations can be investigated. Test the Fisher kernel approach. |
| 6 | Association Rules on Relationships Between Learner's Physiological Information and Mental States During Learning Process. (Springer) | 2016 | Association rules mining. | Experimental paradigms will become more convenient as EEG instruments are currently becoming less expensive and more sophisticated in function. | The rules regarding mental state of Shame, pride has much variations that its difficult to predict their existence. EEG & pulse volume excluded due to missing values. | It is possible to infer a learner's mental states from the learner's physiological information together with the teacher's speech acts if the learner's mental states are that of Enjoyment or Anxiety. | Promote the accuracy of the predicting rules by employing more types of data on teachers' speeches and behaviours & pay more attention to the changes of learners' mental states. |
| 7 | A More Complete Picture of Emotion Using Electrocardiogram and Electrodermal Activity to Complement Cognitive Data. (Springer) | 2016 | Naive Bayes classifier, SVM. | The Naive Bayes classifier gave higher accuracy when combining ECG and fNIRS Data. | There is a need for more research into fusion of physiological data to boost the accuracy levels. | The combination of Electrocardiogram/Electrodermal Activity and cognitive data (fNIRS) provides higher accuracy than Electrocardiogram/Electrodermal Activity alone. | Apply it to large data set as well as cross subject data. |
| 8 | Dissimilarity measure based on ordinal | January, 2016 | Detrended Fluctuation Analysis, Multiscale | The implemented method can successfully | -- | -- | Needs further investigation, can be applied to |

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| | pattern for physiological signals (Elsevier) | | Entropy Analysis. According to the rank and frequency of ordinal patterns for time series. | characterize the unique underlying patterns of subjects at similar physiological states. | | | other physiological signals |
| 9 | Smoothing and Segmentation of ECG Signals Using Total Variation Denoising - Minimization - Majorization and Bottom-Up Approach (Elsevier) | 2016 | TVD-MM approach, Iterative merge | Successfully denoised ECG signals | -- | Accuracy increases with increase in number of segments | More accurate results may be obtained by proper selection of polynomials for approximation of sections. Individual sections may provide better results for TVD-MM techniques |
| 10 | Stress in interactive applications: analysis of the valence-arousal space based on physiological signals and self-reported data. (Elsevier) | 24 May 2016 | Incremental Stress Region Construction (ISRC) algorithm. | ISRC algorithm improves the classification accuracy. | It did not employ any feature selection techniques, which might improve the classification accuracies. Furthermore, the dataset included VA blocks with no ratings. | Classification accuracy; from 5.4 % for C-SVM to 24.9 % for KNN. | To enlarge our dataset in order to investigate the effect (if any) of gender on the identified stress region(s) in the VA space. Investigating the reported stress regions using additional physiological signals. |
| 11 | From Physiological data to Emotional States: Conducting a User Study and Comparing Machine Learning Classifiers (Sensors & Transducers) | June, 2016 | Decision tree classifier (J48), k-Nearest Neighbours (IBK) classifier, WEKA. | System was able to recognize the aforementioned emotional states by using physiological devices and machine learning classifiers (i.e. J48 and IBK) with high accuracies | Physiological sensor has to be fixed properly on the participant's skin in order to predict their emotional states successfully | 98% accuracy | Conduct user studies using facial expressions for recognizing emotional states |

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| 12 | A Comparison of Physiological Signal Analysis Techniques and Classifiers for Automatic Emotional Evaluation of Audio Visual Contents (frontier in computation neuroscience) | July 2016 | Random Forest (RF) Random Forest with attribute selection (ASC) Random Forest with Multi-Class Classifier (MCC) and Bagging (BAG) | The Autonomic Nervous System is more useful for emotion classification than the Central Nervous System' is supported by. | A more comprehensive and exhaustive validation with more data could have been performed to get even more reliable results. | Random Forest using the selected attributes from the dataset combining GSR and HRV signals: 87.62% accuracy (Best accuracy) | Voting majority could be used to improve the accuracy of each class independently, which could lead to better global results |
| 13 | Short-term Analysis of Heart Rate Variability for Emotion Recognition via a Wearable ECG Device (IEEE) | 2015 | Time domain analysis Frequency domain analysis | -- | -- | 50 % accuracy | More subjects will be recruited to analyse the more parameters of ECG. |
| 14 | The First Affect Recognition Challenge Bridging Across Audio, Video, and Physiological Data (ACM) | 2015 | A hybrid decision-fusion based on Support Vector Regression (SVR) and Neural Networks (NN) | Multimodality is a key to achieve high performance in the prediction of emotional arousal and valence from spontaneous recordings, as all modalities contribute to the prediction of emotion | -- | -- | -- |
| 15 | Cluster Based Wireless Mobile Healthcare System for Physiological Data Monitoring (Elsevier) | December, 2015 | ODAC (Online Divisive-Agglomerative Clustering), K-means algorithm, Online Distribution Resource | Best suited in healthcare domain | Attack from network failure or network congestions | 96% accuracy | Risk levels alert can be sent to the expert diagnosis system.by which first aid diagnosis can be informed to the patients |

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III. CONCLUSION

In this paper, various techniques that are used to perform data mining task on datasets consisting of physiological signals are studied. Different physiological signals and their features are explored. Various filtering and pre-processing methods applied on datasets to get a refined dataset for further processing are studied. This paper analyses results as well as advantages and limitations of existing projects and the improvements that can be made in future. It outlines the basic tasks undertaken to analyse physiological signals and detect emotions to form user profile.

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