

Stress and Affect Detection on Resource-Constrained Devices

Scalable Deep Learning for Time-Series Data

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Overview

- Psychological stress in humans has constantly been rising, over **74%** of people interviewed in [1] were unable to cope with stress.
- Chronic stress has fatal consequences, including **cancer**, **heart disease** and **suicide**.
- **Early detection of stress** is key, possible through **continuous monitoring** using wearables and physiological sensor data.
- Data must be kept **private**, and **real-time** affective state classification must be **quick**, **accurate** and **efficient**.
- **On-device** classification eliminates need for a remote server, as well as problems of privacy and latency.
- We thus discuss **scalable deep learning models** for stress and affect detection on resource-constrained devices.

Datasets

Note

We focus on stress and affect detection from physiological modalities, which are great indicators of stress and can be recorded on a wearable device.

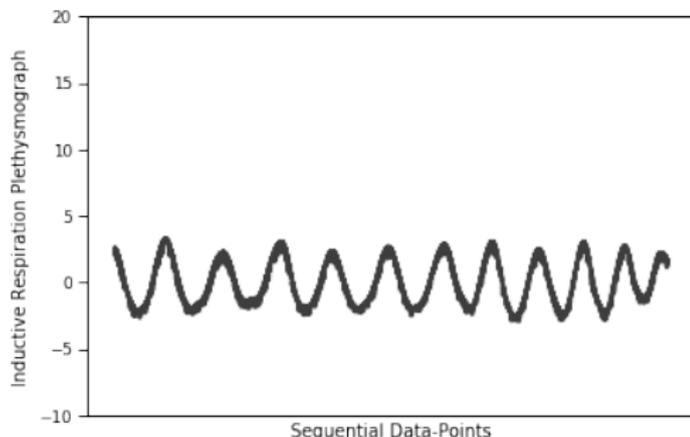
- 1 **WESAD** – Wearable Stress and Affect Detection Dataset [2]
 - 3 affective states – **Neutral**, **Stress**, **Amusement**.
 - Physiological and motion sensor data from chest-worn and wrist-worn devices.
 - We use **chest-worn device** data, due to **better classification performance** as shown in [2].
 - ECG, EEG, EMG, EDA, Temperature, Respiration, Accelerometer.
 - Benchmark – **87.18%** ANN [3].

Datasets

- 2 SWELL-KW** – SWELL Knowledge Work Dataset [4]
 - 3 conditions – **Neutral (N)**, **Interruption (I)**, **Time-Pressure (T)**.
 - **Binary classification** of N versus I&T.
 - Various modalities, physiological modalities are HRV and SC.
 - Benchmark – **64.10%** SVM [5].
- 3 DREAMER** – Database for Emotion Recognition [6]
 - 3 affective states – **Arousal**, **Dominance**, **Valence** – values range from 1 to 5.
 - **Multi-class classification** for each.
 - EEG and ECG signals.
 - Benchmark – **61.84%** for Arousal and Dominance, **62.32%** for Valence, SVM [6].

Data Analysis

■ Respiration, Neutral State, WESAD

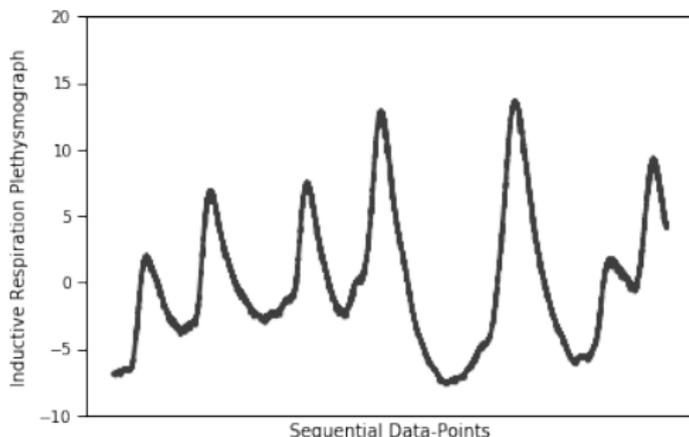


Note

In the neutral state, values lie between -5 and 5. We may understand values in this range to be representative of this class.

Data Analysis

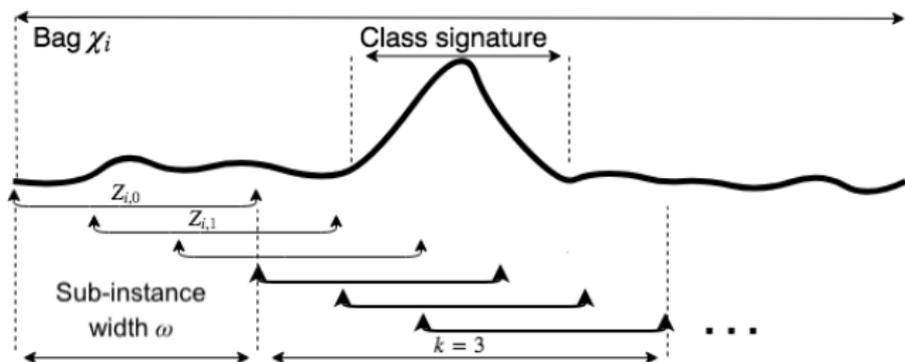
■ Respiration, Stress State, WESAD



Note

It is evident that quite a few values lie between -5 and 5. Fewer values lie outside this range, and are representative of stress.

Multiple Instance Learning



- **Class signature** – Points which best represent the class.
- **Noise** – Points which do not truly represent the class.
- Class signature is **infrequent** compared to noise.
- MIL is a technique employed to **choose the best data points** to train the model. We use the technique illustrated in [7].

Multiple Instance Learning

- The dataset is split into **bags** of equal sizes. Class labels are bag-level.
- Every consecutive set of ω points in a bag constitutes a **sub-instance**.
- We choose the best k **consecutive sub-instances** to train the model.
- Helps in minimizing learning from noise, **maximizing learning from class signature**.

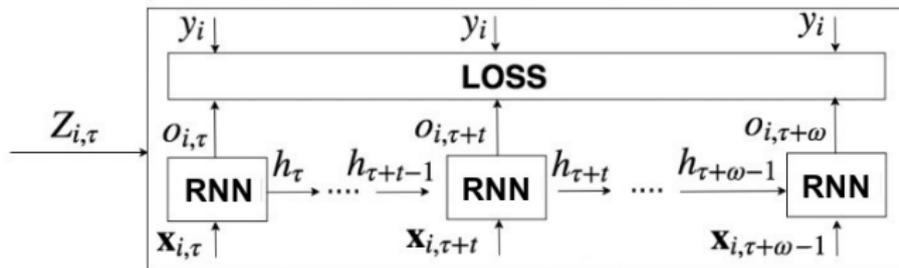
Note

This exploits the fact that the class signature is present in consecutive data points, which is a property of such time-series data.

Early Stopping

- LSTMs iterate through **all data-points** before a prediction is made.
- Computationally expensive, **increases inference time**.
- With Early Stopping, the output of **every step** of the LSTM is piped to a classifier.
- If a prediction is made with a probability greater than a **threshold** \hat{p} , the LSTM **delivers the prediction** without iterating through the rest of the steps.
- It is efficient to predict the probability after every k steps.
- Leads to greatly reduced inference times on resource-constrained devices.

EMI-RNN



- **Joint architecture** incorporating MIL and Early Stopping.
- MIL reduces the number of sub-instances learned from, Early Stopping delivers early predictions.
- Great reduction in inference time, **overall benefit greater than sum of parts** [7].
- We employ the EMI-RNN for stress and affect detection, with parameters chosen carefully for each dataset.

Choice of EMI-RNN Parameters

■ Bag size (T)

$$B = \{b : \frac{v_s}{m} \leq b \leq \frac{v_s}{n}, b \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$T = \arg \max_b f(b), b \in B$$

■ Sub-instance width (ω)

$$W = \{\omega_s : \frac{T}{p} \leq \omega_s \leq \frac{T}{q}, \omega_s \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\omega = \arg \max_{\omega_s} g(\omega_s), \omega_s \in W$$

■ Parameters chosen for each dataset

Dataset	T	ω	k
WESAD	175	88	2
SWELL-KW	20	10	3
DREAMER	128	48	2

Models Used

- We use **EMI-LSTM**, **EMI-GRU** and **EMI-FastGRNN**.
- LSTMs and GRUs are popular RNN architectures, perform well on sequential data.
- FastGRNN [8] out-performs unitary RNNs with respect to **training time**, **prediction cost** and **accuracy**.
- It learns a classifier of **very low model size and inference time**, but near **state-of-the-art accuracy**.
- These models are compared with the current state-of-the-art models for each dataset with respect to accuracy and inference time.

Evaluation Metrics

- We use **accuracy** and **inference time** to evaluate the performance of our models.
- Additionally, we introduce the metrics η_{comp} or **computational savings** and η_{ES} or **early savings**.

$$\eta_{comp} = \frac{I_B - I_M}{I_B} \times 100$$

$$\eta_{ES} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{T_{pred_i}}{T} \right) \times 100$$

- Accuracy and inference time are given greater weightage in choosing the best model.

Results

1 WESAD

- **EMI-FastGRNN** performs best.
- Accuracy **97.55%** and inference time **12.8 ms**.
- Inference time **13x lesser** than the benchmark.
- Leads to 92% computational saving, 96.07% early saving.

2 SWELL-KW

- **EMI-FastGRNN** performs best.
- Accuracy **87.87%** and inference time **3 ms**.
- Inference time **35x lesser** than the benchmark.
- Leads to 97.10% computational saving, 29.55% early saving.

3 DREAMER

- **EMI-LSTM** performs best.
- Accuracy for Arousal, Dominance and Valence were **67.75%**, **68.87%** and **65.60%**.
- Inference time **49.2 ms**, **8.5x** lesser than the benchmark.
- Leads to 87.88% computational saving, 20.52% early saving.

Conclusion

- EMI models **outperformed** the benchmark models with respect to accuracy and inference time.
- On average, there was an absolute **increase of 10%** in overall accuracy and **18x reduction** in inference times compared to the benchmark models.
- Average computational savings across the 3 datasets was 95.39%.
- The EMI-FastGRNN outperformed the EMI-LSTM and EMI-GRU for the WESAD and SWELL-KW datasets.
- EMI models are suitable for use on resource-constrained devices to make **real-time** and **on-device** predictions, with high accuracy and low inference time.

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