Wearable devices statistical learning to the rescue

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Outline

Wearable and implantable devices

- Overview of the accelerometry data
- Micro-scale analysis
 - Detection and analysis of walking
 - Gait features
- Macro-scale analysis

Accelerometry data in health research: challenges and opportunities

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Wearable and Implantable Technology

- Wearable and implantable devices are smart electronic devices (electronic device with microcontrollers) that can be worn on the body as implants or accessories
- Emerging technology
- Growing popularity in health research

Actigraphy

- Actigraphy: non-invasive monitoring of activity
- Accelerometer records human movement



Other wearable/implantable devices











Major data challenges

- Data size
- Complexity and heterogeneity
- Lack of standardized data collection protocols
 - Device type
 - Device location
 - Wear/non-wear
 - No. of days of observations



Collaboration





Macro- and Micro-scale

• Macro-scale – summarized data (1-minute intervals)



• Micro-scale – raw accelerometry data (10Hz+)



Micro-scale analysis

- Activity type recognition
 - Detection of walking, driving
 - Climbing stairs, resting, sedentary vs. upright





Why walking?

- Common form of physical activity
- Features of walking related to:
 - Survival
 - Mild Cognitive Impairment
 - Dementia
 - Stroke



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Data heterogeneity



Walking on level ground



Down/up/down stairs



Courtesy of Marta Karas

Goal: segment strides from accelerometry walking data



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Characteristics of walking



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DECOS Study @ University of Pittsburgh

POPULATION:

N = 51 (26 women) enrolled in the

DEVELOPMENT EPIDEMIOLOGIC COHORT STUDY (DECOS)

AGE: BETWEEN 70 AND 90 (MEDIAN = 78, SD = 5.68),

BMI: BETWEEN 20.5 AND 37.9 (MEDIAN 25.9, SD = 3.91)

DATA:

FREE-LIVING DATA COLLECTED FOR 7 DAYS LEFT AND RIGHT WRISTS: ACTIGRAPH GT3X+ (80HZ) HIP: ACTIGRAPH GT3X+ (80HZ) THIGH: ACTIVPAL 3 (20HZ) TREATED AS SILVER STANDARD



Sedentary vs. upright



Sitting/Standing Results

Left wrist

Right wrist

Method			SedUp				SS			SedUp				SS		
Window [s]		15	30	45	60	75	90	-	15	30	45	60	75	90	-	
TPR	Median	0.79	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.84	0.83	0.66	0.82	0.83	0.84	0.85	0.86	0.86	0.65	
TNR	Median	0.90	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.85	0.91	0.92	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.88	
MAPE [%]		13.3	13.0	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.5	18.2	15.7	15.3	15.2	15.0	15.1	15.1	19.5	
MPE [%]		4.1	4.5	3.7	3.4	3.5	2.9	4.1	5.3	4.6	5.6	4.3	4.5	4.5	6.7	

Results (left wrist)



Micro-scale analysis Summary

- Objective quantification of physical activity
- Objective measures of physical performance, fatigability, mobility and fitness (free-living)
- Algorithm development
- Statistical learning methods

Macro-scale analysis

- Aggregated 1-minute intervals
- General questions





National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

- US nationally representative sample
- Physical activity data for ~12 000 participants
- 7 consecutive days of observation
- ~10,000 observations per subject
- Variety of clinical and demographic outcomes
- Linked mortality data
- Publicly available dataset
- Big data challenges

PA data



Macro-scale challenges

- Data format, storage and structure
- Start times of monitoring periods
- Different number of days across subjects
- Missing data due to non-wear



Data processing pipeline



Macro-scale: summary

- Curating data is extremely time intensive
- Proposed pipeline:
 - efficient analysis of PA data
 - fast complex analysis
 - applied to data from NHANES and BLSA





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