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Abstract

In this thesis, we present a machine learning approach to recognize on-air writing of English Capital Alphabets (ECAs) using different feature is introduced include depth information. The hand finger's motion while writing the alphabet in the air was captured as depth images with the help of a depth camera. The depth images were then processed to track finger movements and after that smoothing procedure was applied to generate hand trajectory data. 11 point-wise features including depth value were calculated from the hand trajectory data which are also time series. Each air written alphabet is then compared with 26 alphabet templates using Dynamic Time Warping (DTW). The DTW distance features are normalized between 0 to 1 and used as features. So, a feature vector of 11x26 = 286 normalized features and the appropriate class label was fed to Support Vector Machine for training and testing. 15 fold cross verification classification result provided an average accuracy of 55.4% with 15 users.

We also explored feature removal method based on a gain ratio. We removed the features that have the worst gain ratio. Iteratively 60 features were removed and the accuracies were compared. However, the best accuracy of 57.17% was found by removing eight features.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

In this chapter, we first present an overview of our thesis that includes the significance of the problem and the problem statement in detail. Besides, we also discuss the different research challenges that we faced in the whole scenario. After that, we present our thesis objectives and contributions. The chapter ends with a short description of the organization of this thesis.

1.1 Overview

Different computer interfaces are used to give commands nowadays, for the communication between humans and computers. Most of these are the particular devices which are designed for the human and machine fit. The development of computer vision technologies make it possible to approach towards the interface problem from a human perspective, establishing the communication between the computer and human more natural. The first task is to develop a system which will recognize hands for enabling real-time hand gesture recognition (HGR) via depth image. Depth image contains depth value including RGB values. From the hand movement, we draw a real-time hand shape in the form of a graph. This graph can provide hand movements or change patterns. Recongnizing the hand movement trajectory as an air written English Capital Alphabet (ECA) is the problem to solve.

The idea of recognizing 'air writing' was incubated by computer scientists at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology[1]. Air writing means recognizing alphabets written on the air. Alphabet recognition is a part of broader gesture recognition

research [2]. Air writing can be used as another input modality to the computer systems.

Air writing might seem to be similar to online hand writing recongition [3]. In online hand writing the user can lift his/her hand from the touch pad. But in air writing the system cannot differentiate which movements are part of writing and which movements are not. Consequently many different extra strokes are mixed with the actual writing which complicates the recognition process.

1.2 Significance of the Problem

Depth video based writing recognition is natural and unconstrained. The use of depth information makes the hand tracking easier without ambiguity. While writing in the air the hand may be near to face or the body and their similar colour might be confusing. To overcome the problem many researchers have used special markers[1] around the writing finger. A special version of air writing can be to write on a surface (which is not touch pad), beause people feel natural writing on a surface. The use of depth information will help clearly segment the hand where regular cameras will fail.

1.3 Research Challenges

Translating signals into English alphabets is the Challenge in this thesis. When somebody writes an alphabet, he/she writes it as strokes. The best algorithm of air writing should be able to segment the strokes accurately from the air gestures. However, in air writing many extra movements of the user match with perfect strokes[4] and hence become part of the writing. Initially we investigated into the approach and discovered those piculiarities discussed. Then we concentrated on finding the appropriate time series featuers from the whole tragectory of an alphabet writing. Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) is the algorithm to match two time series data. We used DTW to compare an alphabet signal to the alphabet templates. The dicision taken from the DTW distances was not that accurate even with small number of users[5]. When we increased the number of users from 5 to 15, the accuracy droped. Then we looked for other features besides point vector such as point wise distance, theta value of points, velocity, log normal probability density and freeman chain code that are used regularly in online hand writing recognition. We also included depth information as feature. The details of the features are discussed in later sections. Each of the 11 features were a time series. The DTW distances of the 11 time series features compared with the alphabet templates were directly used for classification. The result was almost half of the result that we reported. After reading the literate for quite a long time, we discovered that the phase shift in signals reduces the accuracy of recognition if the geometric shapes are important features [6, 7]. In such situation, the literature suggested to use all pair comparision of the training data and use the DTW distances for learning in another classifier. The result we reported is the best of all possible experiments we performed. Because of all pair comparision with templates and using the distances in learning, feature reduction techniques also could not increase the accuracy much.

1.4 Thesis Contributions

We took the initiative to make the air writing unconstrained by using depth camera. Previous work[1] used wearable sensor for capturing air writing motions. we have created a unique dataset that we shared with the research community for further research. We have introduced the machine learning approach of using DTW distances as features in the domain of air writing where retaining shape information in time series distance comparision is necessary. We also explored a feature dimension reduction technique and could further increase the accuracy by about 2 percent.

1.5 Organization of the Thesis

The rest of the thesis is be organized as follows: In chapter 2 we focused on literature review to know the current state of the problem. We also discussed some background literature that may help to understand the later part of the thesis. In chapter 3 we focused on our proposed methods and algorithms. In chapter 4, we discussed the experimental setup and results.

Chapter 2

Background Study

In this chapter, we discuss the related works on on-air gesture recognition. There is huge scope of research in recognition of the gesture produced on-air like writing English alphabets through hand gestures. Then we describe the unconstrained air writing which means writing English characters or numerical digits in a natural environment using bare hand finger movement without prior training or without any guidance. After that, we describe the state-of-the-art gesture recognition techniques, use of depth image, and varieties of related features suitable for on-air gesture recognition and the relevant research works on the techniques we used in our approach.

2.1 Gesture Recognition

Human gesture is an important input modality for communication with computers using gesture-based interfaces. In hand based gesture recognition technology, a camera (typical stereo camera) reads the hand movement data, perform the hand tracking and then recognize a meaningful gesture to control any devices or applications. For example, a person clapping his hands together in front of a camera can produce the sound of cymbals being crashed together when the gesture is fed through a computer. It has long been considered a promising approach to enable a natural and intuitive method for human-computer interactions for various computing domains, tasks, and applications. The first gestures that were applied to computer interactions date back to the PhD work of Ivan Sutherland [8], who demonstrated Sketchpad, an early form of stroke-based gestures using a light pen to manipulate graphical objects on a tablet display. This form of gesturing has since received widespread acceptance in the human-computer interaction (HCI) community, inspiring the stroke-based gesture interactions commonly used for text input on personal digital assistants (PDAs), mobile computing, and pen-based devices [9, 10]. Since then, the notion of using gestures to facilitate a more expressive and intuitive style of computer interactions has gained popularity among researchers seeking to implement novel interactions with computers. Gloves augmented with electronic motion and position sensors were abstract developed to enhance interactions with virtual reality applications, enabling users to manipulate digital objects using natural hand motions [2, 11, 12] and polhemus motion sensors tracked arm movements for controlling large screen displays from a distance, presented by Bolt [13] in the Put That There system. By the mid-1980s, computer vision technology was gaining popularity within the computing sciences, however it was not until the early 1990s that Freeman and Weissman [14] first demonstrated a vision-based system that enabled gestures to control the volume and channel functions of a television. While this work represented a new direction of perceptual, device-free gestures, computer- vision interactions to date, remain a technique restricted to laboratory studies.

2.2 Unconstrained Air Writing

In hand gesture recognition research, air writing is a prominent and difficult topic to work with. Air writing [4] means gesture based writing on the air through movement of hand fingers by which a computer system can recognize characters and other symbols in natural handwriting. Characters can be viewed as sequence of strokes as mentioned in [4]. The capital alphabet A, for instance is composed of three strokes mainly /, \ and -. If the discrete strokes can be pulled out from the seemingly continuous movement of the hand, it is possible to infer the characters. To this end, they have analyzed the English alphabets and constructed a basic set of strokes, as in Figure 2.1. Here, the main challenge is while writing on air each movement of hand becomes a strokes. So, a lot of noises are accumulated into the writing process.

Amma et. al. [1] showed how a wearable device can recognize hand gesture for air writing. The Airwriting glove fits on the back of the hand. It has motion sensors, accelerometers and angular rate sensors equipped with smart phone and the signals are recorded and transmitted via Bluetooth. Wearable hand motion tracking system captures movement signals using accelerometer and gyroscope.

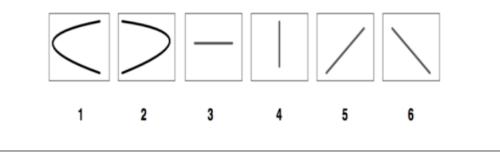


FIGURE 2.1: Basic strokes for English characters

However, converting the acceleration signal into important features to recognize strokes can be erroneous. Moreover, wearing a special device makes the air writing system cumbersome and not natural. Once it has determined that letters are indeed being drawn, the computer then starts identifying the individual letters. The program incorporates statistical models of the unique signal patterns for every letter in the alphabet and can account for differences in individual writing styles. This idea drove the development of air writing developed by computer scientists at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany [15]. Sensors attached to a glove record hand movements, a computer system captures relevant signals and translates them into text, which can then create an email, text message, or any other type of mobile app.

Kim et. al. [16] showed a way to recognize different peoples handwriting on continuous images based on similarity of the different shapes of characters or digits based on the strokes and the ligature model. They did not used the concept of bare hand writing without using any special input pen. They tried to virtual 3D characters from 2D shapes using ligature model and then used Baysian model to recognize real on air writing. In our approach, we are using unconstrained environment to write English alphabets, creating training model using real on onair writing gestures. We are using the character shape information as features in the form of time-series curves.

The system shown in [15] can recognize complete sentences written in capital letters and presently has a vocabulary of 8000 words. Developers claim the system has an error rate of 11%.

2.3 Handwriting Recognition

The technique where a computer system can recognize characters and other symbols written by hand in natural handwriting from sources such as printed physical documents, pictures, or to use handwriting as a direct input to touch-screen and then interpret it as text. This technique is generally known as Handwriting Recognition which has gathered a lot of attention in recent years [17].

In [18], authors used Hidden Markov Model that can be employed to recognize typewritten documents. Three documents (old memo, old war letter and newly typewritten essay) were used to create three datasets of typewritten characters each consisting of 1995, 702 and 2049 characters respectively. The research result showed that, recognition accuracy values are 94.88%, 91.45% and 97.24% for old memo, old war letter and newly typewritten essay datasets respectively.

There has been significant growth in the application of offline handwriting recognition during the past decade. Few of those are mail sorting, bank processing, document reading, postal addresses recognition, handwritten address interpretation and writer identification. Handwritten address interpretation is the task of assigning a mail piece image to a delivery address by determining the country, state, city, post office, street number, the firm or the persons name [3]. Bank processing includes recognition of legal amount, date and signature. A complete bank check recognition system for industrial application is described in [19]. Writer Identification deals with the establishment of authorship of a document for which some prototypes tool sets for document examination. As on line recognition refers to methods dealing with the automatic processing of a message as it is written using a digitizer. Over the years these methods have evolved from academic exercises to developing technology driver applications such as pen based computers, sign verifiers, developmental tools as well as in home safety using handwritten pattern recognition system. The concept of pen based computer was proposed by Kay. Signature verification refers to the comparison of test signature with reference specimens. The most promising application to be emerged will be related to long distance authorization, personalization, tracking of money and document and much more. Developmental tools includes educational software for teaching handwriting to children, LCD with digitizer, digitized tablets [3].

2.4 Depth Information

Depth information is the distance value from the user to the depth camera (e.g. Microsoft Kinect, Intel Realsense, etc.). This information help to generate depth image and used as skeleton features to different gesture recognition systems [20].

2.4.1 Depth Image

The depth image has a standard size, but for every pixel, it is known that how particular distances away the object are from the camera. 3D image is considered as depth image which has depth value. For those reasons, we can quickly calculate the length of an object. 3D reconstruction is the method through which shape and appearances of real objects are captured from a set of 2D images. It is widely used in fields such as computer vision, computer graphics, 3D reconstruction, and robotics. If we consider Figure 2.2 and 2.3, the Figure 2.3 represent depth value of the Figure 2.2. Using those information we can easily calculate of distance value. This technology has a wide variety of application, from augmented reality in computer game and app to robot interaction and self-driving car.



FIGURE 2.2: Sample RGB image



FIGURE 2.3: Sample Depth Image

2.4.2 Microsoft Kinect

In our thesis we have used Microsoft Kinect V1 , also known as Xbox-360 sensor. The device features an RGB camera, depth sensor and multi-array microphone running proprietary software, [21] which provide full-body 3D motion capture, facial

recognition and voice recognition capabilities. The depth sensor consists of an infrared laser projector combined with a monochrome CMOS sensor, which captures video data in 3D under any ambient light conditions.^[22] The sensing range of the depth sensor is adjustable, and Kinect software is capable of automatically calibrating the sensor based on game play and the players physical environment, accommodating for the presence of furniture or other obstacles.

Described by Microsoft personnel as the primary innovation of Kinect, the software technology enables advanced gesture recognition, facial recognition and voice recognition. According to information supplied to retailers, Kinect is capable of simultaneously tracking up to six people, including two active players for motion analysis with a feature extraction of 20 joints per player. However, PrimeSense has stated that the number of people the device can see (but not process as players) is only limited by how many will fit in the field-of-view of the camera [22].

2.5 Machine Learning Techniques

Machine learning technique deals with the classification tasks to classify a new test sample to a labelled one, if it is a supervised learning. There are problems for which the machine learning method need to deal with variable length data objects in case sequential data classification. The variable length sequential data need to be converted in to a suitable way so that the supervised learning algorithm (e. g. Support Vector Machine (SVM) can be applied. There are other learning techniques like semi-supervised learning, statistical-based learning etc [23].

2.5.1 Support Vector Machine

SVM is a discriminative classifier formally defined by a separating hyperplane. In other words, given labeled training data (supervised learning), the algorithm outputs an optimal hyperplane which categorizes new examples. In two dimensional space this hyperplane is a line dividing a plane in two parts where in each class lay in either side.

The statistical learning theory provides a framework for studying the problem of gaining knowledge, making predictions, making decisions from a set of data. In simple terms, it enables the choosing of the hyperplane space such a way that it closely represents the underlying function in the target space [24]. In statistical learning theory the problem of supervised learning is formulated as follows. We are given a set of training data (x1,y1)... (xl,yl) in Rn R sampled according to unknown probability distribution P(x,y), and a loss function V(y,f(x)) that measures the error, for a given x, f(x) is "predicted" instead of the actual value y. The problem consists in finding a function f that minimizes the expected error: V(y,f(x)) P(x,y) dx dy [24] In statistical modeling we would choose a model from the hypothesis space, which is closest (with respect to some error measure) to the underlying function in the target space. More on statistical learning theory can be found on introduction to statistical learning theory [25].

Suppose there are given a plot of two label classes on a graph as shown in figure 2.4. It might have come up with something similar to following figure 2.5. It reasonably separates the two classes. Any point that is left of the line falls into black circle class and on the right falls into the blue square category. Separation of classes, Thats what SVM does in simple. It finds out a line/hyperplane (in multidimensional space that separates outs classes).

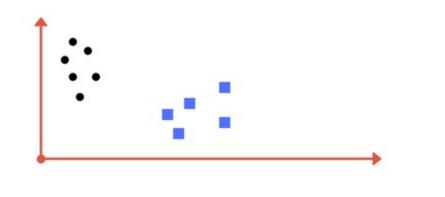


FIGURE 2.4: Draw a line that separates black circles and blue squares.

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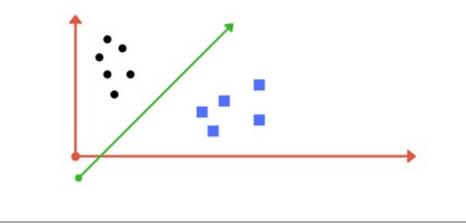


FIGURE 2.5: Sample cut to divide into two classes.

examples. In two dimensional space this hyperplane is a line dividing a plane in two parts where in each class lay in either side.

2.5.2 Dynamic Time Warping (DTW)

Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) has since long been a popular technique for matching variable length signals (not only speech). Popularity is due to the simplicity and elegance of the technique. DTW is motivated by the fact that manipulating the duration of sounds within bounds is allowed without having an impact on meaning (of most sounds). In practice the matching is not done on the time domain signal but on short-time spectra computed in a sliding window approach. In speech recognition it is common practice to include apart from the spectra also time derivatives of these in the feature vector. This should give sufficient emphasis to the important transients in speech. In figure 2.6 we have shown how DTW distance work for both signal.

This thesis is about handwriting recognition, and a technique called Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) that can be used for handwriting recognition. We believe that the technique can be of importance for the handwriting recognition research: it gives a relatively new view on the data, and thus can be an addition to existing systems (it can be combined with other systems in a so called Multiple Classifier System). It can also be used in a standalone handwriting system that can read human handwriting (these systems are called handwriting classifiers or simply classifiers). As can be seen in Figure 2.7, the DTW-algorithm is able to compare two curves in a way that makes sense to humans (we call this sense intuitive) [26], because, at a very basic level, handwritten characters are nothing more than

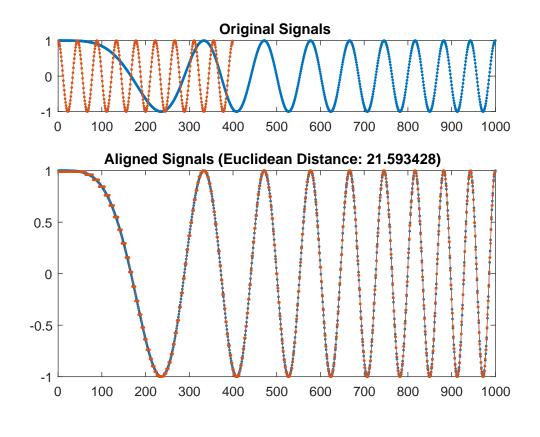


FIGURE 2.6: A simple DTW figure of two signal

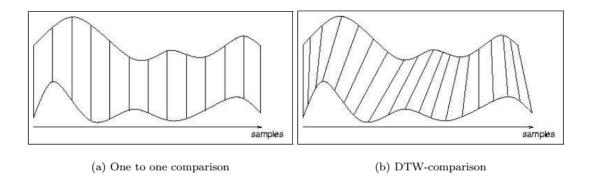


FIGURE 2.7: Comparison of two curves using one to one comparison and Dynamic Time Warping. As can be seen, the DTW-comparison is more intuitive than the one to one comparison (images retrieved from http://ciir.cs.umass.edu/ trath/prj/hw retr/-wordspot retr.html).

special cases of curves, we believe that DTW can compare characters in a way that is similar to the way humans compare characters, or at least generates the same results.

The main limitations of DTW algorithm is that, it does not consider the phase differences between the reference signal and the test signal [6]. This may lead to the lower accuracy problem for shape-based matching applications. To overcome this problem the researchers in [6] have applied two-step DTW-SVM classification where in the first step the features were presented as DTW distance measure. The have represented each sample as a DTW distances to all other samples. In the second step, they have considered the DTW matrix as the input of a two-class SVM classifier.

As our alphabet recognition technique tries to match the shapes between English characters, so, rather than using DTW-based recognition, we can fed the DTW distances as features in the learning algorithm like SVM.

2.6 Features used in on-air gesture recognition

In this section, we discuss the important related features that are used to recognize on-air gestures. We describe the mathematical definition of the related features and their uses in the related research. In [27] the hand fingertip positions, finger joint point, 3D positions were used for fingertip tracking and from 3D hand written trajectory they have extracted 2D and 3D features. The features includes the fingertip positions and their derivatives, velocity, acceleration, slop angle, path angle, log radius of curvature etc. A time series of 16 dimension features is used to represent 3D handwritten. Then, the DTW distances were calculated between two 3D handwritten features. Those distances were used as the feature vectors for SVM. We have extracted the point vector of the gesturing finger and used it as a feature. We have calculated the point-wise distance, the theta value of the corresponding point vector in polar coordinate, the velocity, the depth coordinate, the log normal probability density function and added to our feature list.

In [7], the author used Freeman chain code methods that quantizes the point wise angles. For example, if I want to use freeman code 4, any point is angled with its previous point and quantized to one of the four angles 45,90, 135, 180 degrees and given the level 1,2,3,4. We use 4/8/16 freeman chain code in this topic. For example in free man chain code 4 for every quadrant we give a level. Evey data from 0 to 90 is given a single label and this will goes on [7].

In [28], the histogram of oriented gradients (HOG) were used for gesture recognition. It is a feature descriptor used in computer vision and image processing for the purpose of object detection. The technique counts occurrences of gradient orientation in localized portions of an image. This method is similar to that of edge orientation histograms, scale-invariant feature transform descriptors, and shape contexts, but differs in that it is computed on a dense grid of uniformly spaced cells and uses overlapping local contrast normalization for improved accuracy.

HOG basically evaluates image gradient values in a dense grid form [28]. HOG divides an image into cells of certain pixel size. The gradient magnitude G and gradient 9 are computed for all pixels in cells using equation 2.1.

$$|G| = \sqrt{((I_x)^2 + (I_y)^2)}$$
(2.1)

Each pixel within the cell casts a weighted vote for an orientation based histogram bins corresponds to the values found in the gradient computation. The histogram bins are evenly divided over 0 to 180. Block level histograms are normalized later for the same purpose. All normalized block histograms are concatenated to form the entire HOG feature vector.

Another important feature that the researchers apply is the Gain Ratio. It evaluates the valuable attribute by measuring the gain ratio with respect to the class as described in [29]

GainR(Class, Attribute) = (H(Class) - H(Class|Attribute))/H(Attribute)Valid options are: treat missing values as a separate value.

In the next section we describe our proposed approach in detail.

2.7 Feature Removal Technique

Input variable selection is the most important part of the model selection process, because it interprets the the data modeling problem by specifying those explanatory variables most relevant to the target variables. However, exhaustive search for a set of optimal input variables is exponentially complex. Some heuristic search strategies are needed to select a set of suboptimal input variables. Three search strategies frequently used in selecting regressors for linear models are Forward Selection, Backward Elimination and Stepwise Regression [30]. The same strategies can be applied to select inputs for nonlinear models. To guide the search, we need a saliency criterion to rank the input variables according to their relevance to the target variables. We also need a selection criterion to evaluate the relevance for a set of selected input variables. The saliency and selection criteria are often different.

In post result analysis we used [31] on the model-independent approach for input variable selection based on joint mutual information (JMI). The increment from MI to joint MI is the conditional mutual information.

We also used Chi2 for removing features that select minimum number of feature which may produced best output, [32] a simple and general algorithm that uses the $\tilde{\chi}^2$ statistic to discretized numeric attributes repeatedly until some inconsistencies are found in the data, and achieves feature selection via discretization. The empirical results demonstrate that Chi2 is effective in feature selection and discretization of numeric and ordinal attributes.

Chapter 3

Proposed Approach

Any machine learning research must have data collection i.e. Image Acquisition, preprocessing step which may include segmentation, feature extraction and then classification. Sometimes a post processing step may be used for feature dimension reduction or for doing other analytical tasks. Figure 3.1 shows the simple overview of the whole thesis. We describe the steps sequentially and highlight our contribution in context.

3.1 Image Acquisition

Collection of data is always very important and tough job. First we tried to find any bench mark dataset. Unfortunately no dataset are available. So, we decided to collect dataset.

In air writing users write on a imaginary writing board. To facilitate unconstrained writing, we did not impose any restriction to the user, such as 'write slow' or 'try to write perfectly'. We placed a depth camera (Microsoft Kinect) in front of the users and told them to write a letter on an imaginary blackboard. Each user used his own writing style or font and the size and speed of writing varied. Hence the dataset varied widely. We asked every user to write from A to Z in order. Then we isolate every alphabet, with depth and RGB value, based on image signal. Usually user take a pause between writing two letters. We took data from 22 users from where 15 user data were used for experiment. Apart from this 15 users one best user's data were used as template. The rest of the user data were not usable because of very few number of points in their alphabets. We share the dataset

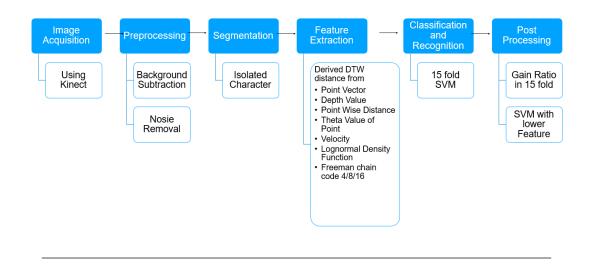


FIGURE 3.1: Proposed Approach in block diagram

with the research community for extending the research. We consider the dataset as one of our contributions.

3.2 Segmentation and Preprocessing step

We assume the hand is the front-most object while the user is writing on the air. In Kinect camera depth value are given in millimeter. For every image pixel we can tell from depth matrix how far the object is from camera. Regularly we write in alphabet on air and hand is always in front of the body. In deferent part of body distance and background noise we got over thousand plus depth values. From those data we take smallest 10 depth values which mainly covers only hand. Using those ten depth values we could separated hand as front part from the body. We have applied this step to every single image.

We have preprocessed the images to track the hand trajectories. It was done by first separating the hand from the background by using depth information. Then the middle pixel of the hand was calculated. The middle point movement was taken as the writing point of the letter for the future recognition. So, for each air writing, we have traced out the written points (x,y) and their corresponding depth values (d), from now on represented as points (x, y, d). The hand motion is tracked from image to image, which generates a series of points (x, y, d). Those set of points are actually the time series information of the particular alphabet. As the hand movement is noisy, the time series data is smoothed using moving average filter [33]. The use of moving average filter has replaced the zig-zags with straight lines and reshaped the angles. Moving average is a new sequence defined from a signal a by taking the arithmetic mean of subsequences of n terms show as equation 3.1 where S is new signal.

$$S_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{i+n-1} a_j \tag{3.1}$$

We did it for all 26 English capital alphabets. The process of writing "A" and its corresponding time series is shown in figure 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5.



FIGURE 3.2: RGB image with depth value

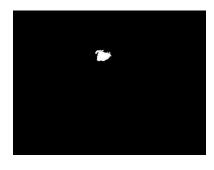


FIGURE 3.3: Hand segmentation



FIGURE 3.4: Writing of 'A'

In our approach, we do not ask for any special wearable device so that the user can write naturally without any obstruction. Algorithmically, previous approaches



FIGURE 3.5: 'A' after smoothing

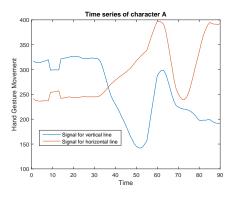


FIGURE 3.6: DTW signal for character A

studied air writing by converting them into strokes. While writing in the air users puts pause unintentionally or bends abnormally and thus creates extra strokes into the air written characters. However, recent data mining algorithms enable us to study a gesture signal such as air written character as a time series shown in Figure 3.6, information which can be matched with standard time series character templates where original alphabets image shown in Figure 3.5.

| Algorithm 1 Dataset preprocessing and smoothing | | |
|--|--|--|
| 1: function DATAPREPROCESSING(AlphabetData) | | |
| 2: Create a empty signal S | | |
| 3: while still a file in AlphabetData do | | |
| 4: background subtraction using depth information | | |
| 5: find the middle pixel | | |
| 6: add this pixel and corresponding depth value to S | | |
| 7: end while | | |
| 8: smooth S using moving average filter | | |
| 9: return S | | |
| 10: end function | | |
| | | |

3.3 Feature Extraction and Classification

The features are one of the most important parts of this thesis. Features and classification are inter-related. Hence we put the sections together to ease of description. A short summary is shown in Table 3.1.

After converting the air written alphabet to a time series of of x, y and d; the task is now how to classify them. As finding stroke feature proved to be very difficult, we thought of classifying based on time series data. So, we investigated the the use of DTW as the classifier. Our earlier work [5] was matching 2D trajectory (x,y) of an alphabet with templates and come up with a decision based on distance using the equation 3.2.

$$classified class label (trajectory(x, y)) = argmax(dist(trajectory(x, y), template(x, y)))$$

$$(3.2)$$

The decision taken from the DTW distances was not that accurate even with small number of users [5]. When we increased the number of users from 5 to 15, the accuracy reduced to half. Then we looked for other features besides point vector such as point wise distance, theta value of points, velocity, log normal probability density and freeman chain code that are used regularly in online hand writing recognition. We also included depth information as feature. Each of the 11 features were a time series. The DTW distances tof the 11 time series features compared with the alphabet templates were directly used for classification. Still The result was almost half of the result that we reported. After reading the literate for quite a long time, we discovered that the phase shift in signals reduces the accuracy of recognition if the geometric shapes are important features [6]. In such situation, the literature suggested to use all pair comparison of the training data and use the DTW distances for learning in another classifier.

3.3.1 Point Vector

We have taken raw point core for every alphabet. If we draw that character to an image matrix, we find a visual alphabet, but that loses the movement and rotation of the user that is why this feature is significant to this method. The hand movement trajectory are smoothed by moving average filter as we discussed

| Feature | Description | |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Feature 1 and 2 | Point vector of alphabets | |
| Feature 3 | Depth vale of point | |
| Feature 4 | Point wise distance of point vector | |
| Feature 5 | Theta value of point | |
| Feature 6 | Velocity of point | |
| Feature 7 and 8 | Log normal probability density function cal- | |
| | culation mean and standard deviation of data | |
| | point | |
| Feature 9 | Freeman chain code of 4 | |
| Feature 10 | Freeman chain code of 8 | |
| Feature 11 | Freeman chain code of 16 | |

TABLE 3.1: Feature Table

in previous section. The point vector generates 2 time series features: one for xdimension and one for y-dimension.

3.3.2 Depth Value

Depth value was extracted from the hand trajectory and smoothed. As there as less movements in the depth, other derived features such as velocity were not calculated from the depth information and use as a feature. However, if some user writes in angular plane, those derived features might be useful. In figure 3.7 shown that the difference between point vector and depth value for our dataset.

3.3.3 Point-wise Distance

This is the euclidean distance of consecutive two trajectory points (x,y). In figure 3.8 shown that the difference between point vector and point wise distance.

3.3.4 Theta Value

This feature helps to measure angular coordination and also pixel-wise angular distance which helps to generate data point that helps to measure angular coordinate. In figure 3.9 shown that the difference between point vector and Theta Value.

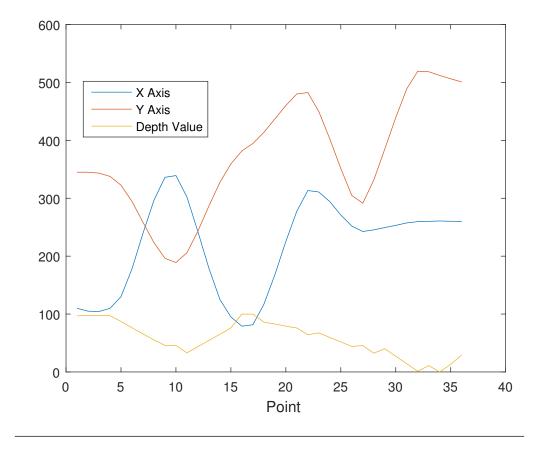


FIGURE 3.7: point-wise distance

3.3.5 Velocity

This feature helps to generate data point from point wise distance which shows the speed of that distance either forward or backward. In figure 3.10 shown that the difference between point vector and velocity.

3.3.6 Log Normal Probability Density function

This function based on the average and standard deviation. This feature shows us the overview of the whole dataset in a single row. In figure 3.11 shown that the difference between point vector and log normal probability density function both vertical and horizontal. We get two time series features from this. The Log normal density function generates 2 time series features: one for x- dimension and one for y-dimension.

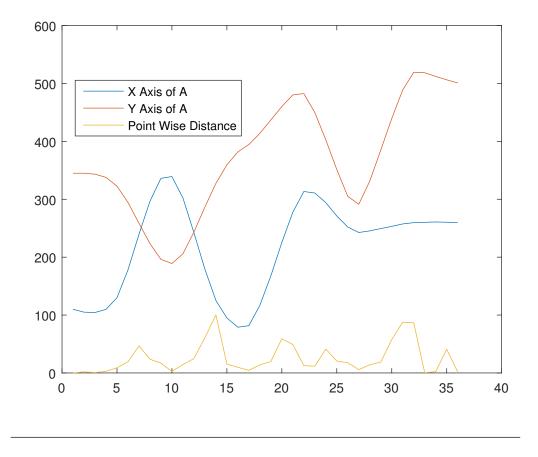


FIGURE 3.8: point-wise distance

3.3.7 Freeman chain code 4,8,16

This function will generated or converted whole dataset into some supertitle points. In this case we user freeman chain methods [7]. We take points consecutively and convert angles in degrees, returned as a scalar, vector, matrix, or N-D array. These angles correspond to the points defined by X and Y, and they lie in the closed interval [180,180]. In figure 3.12 shown that the difference between point vector and Freeman chain code 4. In same way figure 3.13 and 3.14 is discuss for 8 and 16. Difference of those figure is that a dataset given by any number is divided by only this value. Free man chain code generates a string to be matched with the template. 4,8 and 16 freeman chain code generates 3 time series features.

3.3.8 DTW Distances as Derived Features

After separating template and user data from total dataset we transfer every image to a signal that is shown in figure 3.6. We have created every signal to a feature

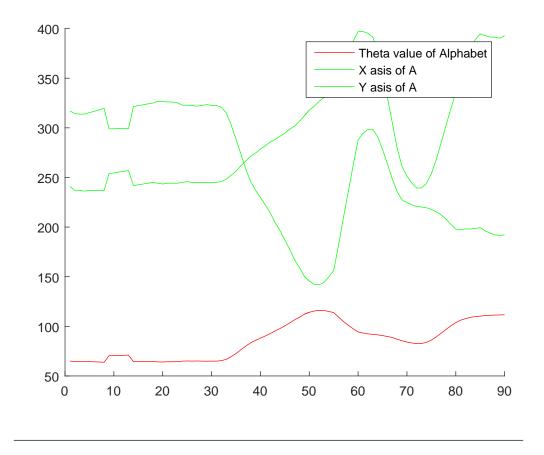


FIGURE 3.9: Theta Value

vector for every one. The list of 11 features are given table 3.1.

DTW gives us a minimum distance between time series. When a user write an alphabet imagine a blackboard, does not round up with specific length data point. So, applying this algorithm is very helpful in this scenario. So we find a minimum distance of two alphabets. This distance shows us how much near or far in every character is. Figure 2.6 shows the concept of DTW signal.

In our proposed approach we compare an alphabet point vector to all alphabets point vector to templates using DTW algorithm. DTW algorithm give us a minimum distance value comparing both data point. Comparing 11 time series features of an alphabet with corresponding features of the template, gives 11 distances. Comparing an alphabet with all 26 templates generate 11 * 26 = 286 distance features. The class label for these 286 distance features are given as the the alphabet in consideration.

$$F_A = \{F_{A_1}, F_{A_2}, F_{A_3}, \dots, F_{11}\}$$
(3.3)

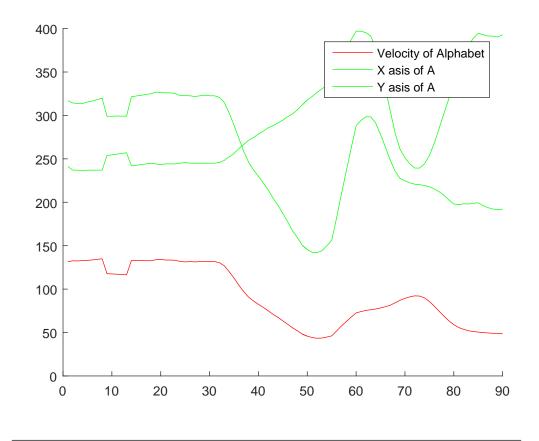


FIGURE 3.10: Velocity point

$$F_T = \{F_{T_1}, F_{T_2}, \dots, F_{T_{11}}\}$$
(3.4)

$$\sum F_{T_i} = \{m * 1\}$$
(3.5)

$$\sum F_{A_i} = \{n * 1\}$$
(3.6)

Each of the dtw distance features were normalized [0-1]. The dtw distances had a wide range and introduced many decision points. Normalization quantized the dtw distances. We then apply Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifier with poly kernel.

3.4 Post Classification: Feature Removal

In this part we are calculated rank base on features efficiency i.e gain ratio[34]. In this process we will find less efficient feature to gain maximum accuracy. The first approach we took is to remove one worst feature at a time and recorded the classification accuracy. In this sequential method, we removed up to 60 features.

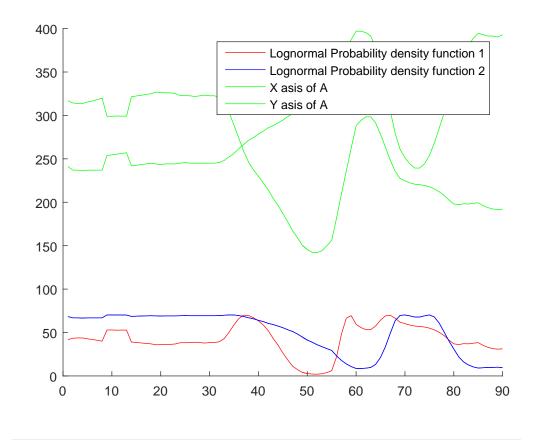


FIGURE 3.11: Log normal Probability density function point

| Algorithm 2 Feature Selection | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1: | function FEATURE(trajectoryFile) | | |
| 2: | create a empty signal F | | |
| 3: | create a empty signal S | | |
| 4: | put x values to S | | |
| 5: | put y values to S | | |
| 6: | put $depth$ values to S | | |
| 7: | while still a point in $trajectoryFile$ do | | |
| 8: | add point wise euclidean distance to S | | |
| 9: | add theta value to S | | |
| 10: | add Velocity value to S | | |
| 11: | add Log normal Probability density value to S with σ = | | |
| | $\sum \frac{\text{total row point}}{\text{total number of raw point}}$ | | |
| 12: | level freeman code 4 add this value to S | | |
| 13: | level freeman code 8 add this value to S | | |
| 14: | level freeman code 16 add this value to S | | |
| 15: | end while | | |
| 16: | normalize $[0-1]$ S | | |
| 17: | $F \leftarrow [S]$ | | |
| 18: | $\mathbf{return}\ F$ | | |
| 19: | end function | | |

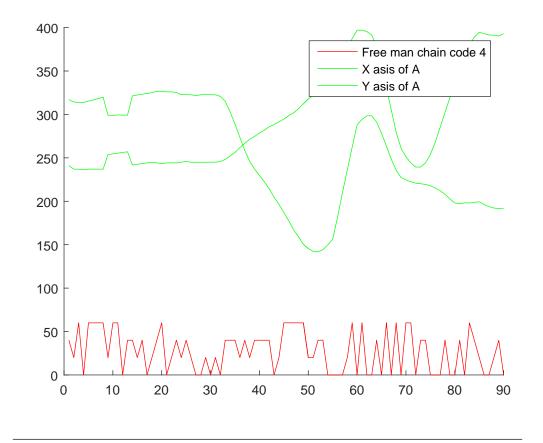


FIGURE 3.12: Free man chain code 4 point

However, the best accuracy came from removing only 8 features. We think that the derived distance features from the comparison of an alphabet with all templates contain useful information for classification. We also used a heuristics based approach [34] to remove some number of features based on chi-square distance. However that technique did not provide comparable accuracy in our dataset.

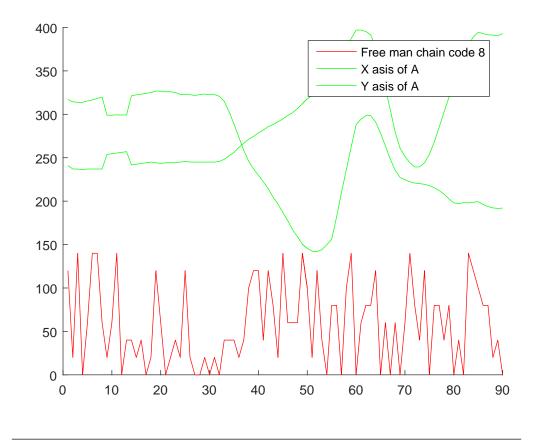


FIGURE 3.13: Free man chain code 8 point

| Alg | gorithm 3 proposed algorithm | |
|-------|--|---|
| 1:] | procedure proposed algorithm() | |
| 2: | Create a empty signal SVM input | |
| 3: | for To all alphabet do | |
| 4: | DATASETSIGNALCOLLECTION(variation) | \triangleright shown in algorithm 1 |
| 5: | for template A to Z do | |
| 6: | FEATURE(variation) | \triangleright shown in algorithm 2 |
| 7: | DTW(Feature of, user alphabet, Feature of, | f template alphabet) > |
| 5 | shown in algorithm 2 | |
| 8: | end for | |
| 9: | $SVMinput \leftarrow [DTW]$ | \triangleright this use for SVM input |
| 10: | end for | |
| 11: | Calculate gain ratio based on 15 fold cross verification | lon |
| 12: | Removing worst feature and apply SVM for recogn | ition with 15 fold cross veri- |
| f | fication to find maximum accuracy | |
| 13: (| end procedure | |

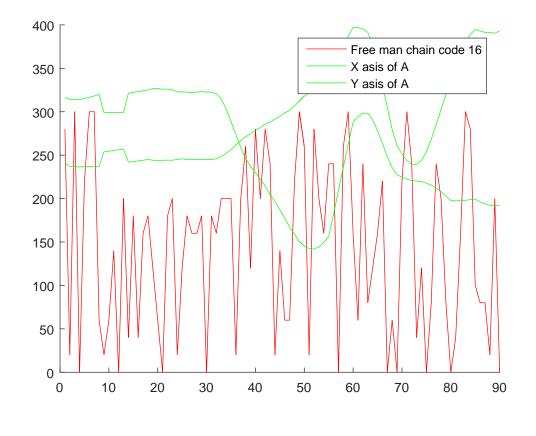


FIGURE 3.14: Free man chain code 16 point

Chapter 4

Experimental Results and Evaluation

We have used DTW distances as feature vector to classify 26 ECAs, its a multi class classification problem for which we have used SVM. DTW needs at least one template for each ECA. Normally any distance should be calculated from an ideal references. Hence reference template has been generated from the best ECAs written by one of the users. Apart from that, 15 other user data were used for training and testing. The templates were used neither in training nor in testing. The DTW distance features had wide value ranges and hence the classification results were influenced by a little change of the distance values. Normalization helps in this regard. We applied normalization between 0 to 1 in each of the 286 feature dimensions.

The classification result has been summarized in confusion matrix in Table 4.1.

The classification accuracy has been calculated by determine the True Positive (TP) rate according to the equation 4.1

$$TPR of Alphabet = \frac{Correctly \ classified \ instances \ of \ the Alphabet}{Number \ of \ instances \ of \ the \ Alphabet} * 100 \quad (4.1)$$

The result of TP rate and other for the alphabets are shown in Table 4.2. The result is generated considering all the 286 normalized DTW distance features.

4.1 Result Analysis

4.1.1 True positive rate (TPR)

True positive rate determines the actual positive cases out of True positive (TP) and False Negative (FN). It has been calculated using the equation 4.2. We got the the average TPR is 57.2% in our proposed Method.

$$TPR = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \tag{4.2}$$

4.1.2 False positive rate (FPR)

FPR determines the actual negatives out of total negative cases. It has been calculated using the equation 4.3

$$FPR = \frac{FP}{FP + TN} \tag{4.3}$$

4.1.3 Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC)

The Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC) has a range of -1 to 1 where -1 indicates a completely wrong binary classifier while 1 indicates a completely correct binary classifier. Using the MCC allows one to predict how well the classification model/function is performing. MCC is calculated using the equation equation 4.4

$$MCC = \frac{TP * TN - FP * FN}{\sqrt{[(TP + FP) * (FN + TN) * (FP + TN) * (TP + FN)]}}$$
(4.4)

4.1.4 F-Measure

F-Measure determine the harmonic mean of the precision and sensitivity as shown in equation 4.5

$$F - Measure = \frac{2*TP}{2*TP + FP + FN}$$
(4.5)

We got the average F-measure value 56.5%.

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| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | A | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | В | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ | С | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | D | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | E | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | F | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | G | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Η | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Ι | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | J | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Κ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | L | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Μ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Ν | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Р | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Q | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | R | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| U 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| V 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 | Т | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | U | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| X 0 1 2 0 2 0 1 0 | V | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Y 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | X | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| | Ζ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |

TABLE 4.1: Confusion Matrix

4.1.5 Classification Accuracy

We report the classification accuracies in the individual alphabets in Table 4.3 according to the followings:

- Using best 50 ranked features : Per cross validation iteration step, we have selected best 50 features
- Randomly removed worst features: Per cross validation iteration step, we have removed worst feature and in total iteration on an average 216 feature is selected
- Using all 286 features
- Removing 8 worst ranked features

The accuracy by removing one by one worst ranked feature is shown in Figure 4.4. After removing up to 60 features, we have seen the accuracy does not vary significantly.

| | | ication Accuracy by | | |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Class | Rank with best | Randomly Re- | Result on 286 | Result on 276 |
| | 50 Feature | move worst | Feature [29] | Feature re- |
| | based on $[31]$ | feature average | | moving feature |
| | | 216 [31, 32] | | based on [34] |
| Α | 0.2 | 0.267 | 0.333 | 0.333 |
| В | 0.733 | 0.467 | 0.667 | 0.733 |
| С | 0.733 | 0.8 | 0.733 | 0.733 |
| D | 0.266 | 0.333 | 0.333 | 0.4 |
| Е | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.467 | 0.533 |
| F | 0.333 | 0.333 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| G | 0.267 | 0.133 | 0.467 | 0.467 |
| Н | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.467 | 0.467 |
| Ι | 0.2 | 0.267 | 0.333 | 0.333 |
| J | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.733 | 0.733 |
| К | 0.133 | 0.133 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| L | 0.867 | 0.6 | 0.867 | 0.867 |
| М | 0.6 | 0.467 | 0.467 | 0.467 |
| Ν | 0.6 | 0.467 | 0.533 | 0.533 |
| 0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Р | 0.467 | 0.667 | 0.6 | 0.667 |
| Q | 0.133 | 0.133 | 0.533 | 0.533 |
| R | 0.4 | 0.333 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| S | 0.733 | 0.6 | 0.667 | 0.733 |
| Т | 0.667 | 0.667 | 0.867 | 0.867 |
| U | 0.667 | 0.667 | 0.533 | 0.533 |
| V | 0.733 | 0.667 | 0.667 | 0.733 |
| W | 0.8 | 0.667 | 0.533 | 0.533 |
| Х | 0.267 | 0.267 | 0.333 | 0.333 |
| Y | 0.733 | 0.667 | 0.4 | 0.467 |
| Ζ | 0.733 | 0.667 | 0.867 | 0.867 |
| AVG | 0.5026 | 0.479 | 0.554 | 0.571 |

TABLE 4.2: Classification Accuracy by removing features

We have tested accuracy using single features to validate their suitability shown in Table 4.5.

- Freeman chain code 4
- Freeman chain code 8
- Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)
- Log normal Probability Density Function

The table represent this comparison Result among the features we have used. We have got always better accuracy for our proposed approach that have applied 11 features.

| Class | TP | FP | Precision | Recall | F- | MCC | ROC | PRC |
|-------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Rate | Rate | | | Measure | | Area | Area |
| Α | 0.333 | 0.019 | 0.417 | 0.333 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.872 | 0.289 |
| В | 0.733 | 0.024 | 0.55 | 0.733 | 0.629 | 0.618 | 0.969 | 0.493 |
| С | 0.733 | 0.024 | 0.55 | 0.733 | 0.629 | 0.618 | 0.964 | 0.537 |
| D | 0.4 | 0.021 | 0.429 | 0.4 | 0.414 | 0.391 | 0.927 | 0.284 |
| Е | 0.533 | 0.027 | 0.444 | 0.533 | 0.485 | 0.468 | 0.861 | 0.388 |
| F | 0.6 | 0.027 | 0.474 | 0.6 | 0.529 | 0.529 | 0.512 | 0.867 |
| G | 0.467 | 0.029 | 0.389 | 0.467 | 0.424 | 0.401 | 0.942 | 0.321 |
| Н | 0.467 | 0.029 | 0.467 | 0.467 | 0.467 | 0.454 | 0.81 | 0.276 |
| Ι | 0.333 | 0.021 | 0.455 | 0.333 | 0.385 | 0.969 | 0.712 | 0.257 |
| J | 0.733 | 0.016 | 0.611 | 0.733 | 0.667 | 0.655 | 0.978 | 0.68 |
| Κ | 0.4 | 0.019 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.343 | 0.316 | 0.834 | 0.239 |
| L | 0.867 | 0.037 | 0.867 | 0.867 | 0.867 | 0.861 | 0.987 | 0.79 |
| М | 0.467 | 0.005 | 0.538 | 0.467 | 0.5 | 0.483 | 0.957 | 0.433 |
| Ν | 0.533 | 0.016 | 0.533 | 0.533 | 0.533 | 0.515 | 0.893 | 0.385 |
| 0 | 0.6 | 0.019 | 0.643 | 0.6 | 0.621 | 0.606 | 0.919 | 0.488 |
| Р | 0.667 | 0.013 | 0.667 | 0.667 | 0.667 | 0.653 | 0.958 | 0.547 |
| Q | 0.533 | 0.013 | 0.667 | 0.533 | 0.593 | 0.582 | 0.898 | 0.373 |
| R | 0.4 | 0.011 | 0.545 | 0.4 | 0.462 | 0.449 | 0.836 | 0.31 |
| S | 0.733 | 0.013 | 0.688 | 0.7333 | 0.71 | 0.698 | 0.967 | 0.614 |
| Т | 0.867 | 0.013 | 0.765 | 0.867 | 0.813 | 0.806 | 0.969 | 0.685 |
| U | 0.533 | 0.011 | 0.571 | 0.533 | 0.522 | 0.535 | 0.907 | 0.416 |
| V | 0.733 | 0.016 | 0.733 | 0.733 | 0.733 | 0.723 | 0.978 | 0.667 |
| W | 0.533 | 0.011 | 0.615 | 0.533 | 0.571 | 0.557 | 0.941 | 0.435 |
| Х | 0.333 | 0.019 | 0.417 | 0.333 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.886 | 0.249 |
| Y | 0.467 | 0.019 | 0.5 | 0.467 | 0.483 | 0.463 | 0.928 | 0.4 |
| Ζ | 0.867 | 0.0003 | 0.929 | 0.867 | 0.897 | 0.897 | 0.893 | 0.851 |
| Avg. | 0.572 | 0.018 | 0.568 | 0.572 | 0.565 | 0.575 | 0.896 | 0.472 |

TABLE 4.3: Result Table

Feature Re-True Posi-Feature Re-True Posi-Feature Re-True Posimoved Numtive Value moved Numtive Value tive Value moved Number ber ber 0 55.38462255.897443 55.38461 56.153823 55.64144 55.38462 2455.64155.897455.3846453 56.15382555.3846 46 55.3846 4 56.4103 26 55.1282 47 55.3846 5 $\overline{27}$ 55.1282 55.3846 56.4103486 56.1538 28 55.3846 54.6154 $\overline{49}$ 7 28 50 56.666755.384556.15388 57.17952954.10565155.897454.61549 30 5255.897456.9231531056.92313154.615456.6667 32 55.384511 56.15385456.15381256.6667 33 55.6415556.923113 55.897434 55.12825656.153814 55.64135 55.128257 56.410355.128236 55.12825856.41031516 54.6154 37 55.89745956.4103 1754.871838 55.64160 56.15381854.87183956.153819 55.128240 55.12822055.38464155.128221 55.64142 54.8718

TABLE 4.4: Classification Accuracy by removing features one by one

| Class | TP Rate for | TP Rate | TP Rate for | TP Rate for | TP value |
|-------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Free man | for free man | HOG feature | log normal | of Proposed |
| | chain code 4 | code 8 | | probability | methods |
| | | | | density | |
| А | 0.2 | 0.333 | 0.067 | 0.067 | 0.333 |
| В | 0.2 | 0.133 | 0.933 | 0.2 | 0.733 |
| С | 0.133 | 0.133 | 0 | 0.133 | 0.733 |
| D | 0.067 | 0.067 | 0 | 0.067 | 0.4 |
| Е | 0.333 | 0.467 | 0 | 0.267 | 0.533 |
| F | 0.133 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| G | 0.133 | 0.067 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.467 |
| Н | 0.267 | 0.133 | 0 | 0.133 | 0.467 |
| Ι | 0.133 | 0.067 | 0 | 0 | 0.333 |
| J | 0.133 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.333 | 0.733 |
| К | 0.2 | 0.133 | 0 | 0.133 | 0.4 |
| L | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.333 | 0.867 |
| М | 0.067 | 0.067 | 0 | 0.067 | 0.467 |
| Ν | 0.067 | 0 | 0 | 0.067 | 0.533 |
| 0 | 0.067 | 0 | 0 | 0.133 | 0.6 |
| Р | 0 | 0.267 | 0 | 0.067 | 0.667 |
| Q | 0.133 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.067 | 0.533 |
| R | 0.133 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0.467 |
| S | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.733 |
| Т | 0.133 | 0.133 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 |
| U | 0.133 | 0.067 | 0 | 0.067 | 0.533 |
| V | 0.067 | 0.067 | 0 | 0.4 | 0.733 |
| W | 0 | 0.067 | 0 | 0 | 0.533 |
| Х | 0.133 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.333 |
| Y | 0.133 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.333 | 0.467 |
| Ζ | 0 | 0.067 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.867 |
| AVG | 0.123 | 0.133 | 0.038 | 0.133 | 0.571 |

TABLE 4.5: True positive rate comparisons between different features and our approach

Chapter 5

Conclusion

In this thesis work, we have dealt with on-air gesture recognition problem. We tried to recognize ECA characters generated through dynamic hand gesture. The hand trajectory vector were used from each of the gesturing image to extract 11 features. we have created a unique dataset in a complex natural environment from 16 users. Each of the ECAs is presented as time-series values. Then, all pair DTW distances were calculated and total 286 distances are used as features for SVM training and testing. We have performed 15-fold cross-validation and found higher accuracy for our selected features. we have verified the accuracy by comparing with other individual feature like Freeman chain code 4, 8, HOG features, Lognormal probability density function and found best result for our selected combination of features.

In future we will continue our work to recognize small letter English alphabets as well as Bangla alphabets.

Appendix A

Appendix

This rank vs feature matrix is calculated via

GainR(Class, Attribute) = (H(Class) - H(Class|Attribute))/H(Attribute)

this equation where H represent entropy using 15 fold classifier. Helping with this matrix we create 4.4 table that will help to maximize our result accuracy.

| | | | | TADLE | А.1: К | and voi | cature | | | | |
|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. |
| Rank | | Rank | | Rank | | Rank | | Rank | | Rank | |
| 3.5 | 101 | 54.2 | 200 | 109.1 | 28 | 143.9 | 73 | 204.6 | 273 | 251.9 | 133 |
| 4.8 | 100 | 54.3 | 259 | 109.5 | 7 | 144.6 | 48 | 206 | 269 | 253.1 | 135 |
| 4.8 | 156 | 54.8 | 225 | 109.5 | 6 | 145.3 | 51 | 206.1 | 245 | 254.7 | 137 |
| 5 | 189 | 55 | 232 | 109.5 | 110 | 145.6 | 47 | 206.2 | 274 | 254.7 | 136 |
| 6.5 | 222 | 55.2 | 243 | 110 | 109 | 145.8 | 49 | 207.2 | 275 | 255.1 | 159 |
| 6.9 | 35 | 56.6 | 203 | 110.2 | 5 | 146.3 | 63 | 208.2 | 278 | 256.7 | 160 |
| 10.6 | 167 | 58.4 | 204 | 110.4 | 9 | 147.6 | 72 | 209.4 | 284 | 261.1 | 183 |
| 12.2 | 244 | 59.1 | 112 | 110.7 | 108 | 150.8 | 64 | 210.1 | 120 | 261.7 | 182 |
| 12.5 | 116 | 59.7 | 261 | 110.8 | 17 | 154.9 | 65 | 210.1 | 267 | 262.9 | 161 |
| 13 | 145 | 63 | 226 | 111.2 | 84 | 155.3 | 71 | 210.4 | 148 | 264 | 185 |
| 13.6 | 233 | 63 | 217 | 112 | 39 | 157.7 | 66 | 210.6 | 282 | 264.5 | 181 |
| 14.6 | 79 | 63.7 | 195 | 112.2 | 3 | 158.8 | 67 | 210.8 | 279 | 265.7 | 192 |
| 15.1 | 115 | 67.3 | 236 | 112.5 | 4 | 161.1 | 69 | 211.3 | 268 | 265.8 | 186 |
| 15.5 | 228 | 67.9 | 248 | 114.5 | 10 | 161.3 | 70 | 212.2 | 184 | 266.8 | 187 |
| 17.1 | 90 | 68.5 | 1 | 115.6 | 83 | 162.4 | 118 | 212.5 | 197 | 267.7 | 180 |
| 17.3 | 111 | 70.4 | 96 | 116.5 | 16 | 168.4 | 286 | 213.3 | 246 | 269.9 | 190 |
| 17.5 | 13 | 71.6 | 94 | 116.7 | 29 | 169.7 | 119 | 214.3 | 196 | 269.9 | 191 |
| 18.6 | 221 | 71.7 | 46 | 117.7 | 11 | 171.1 | 224 | 216.5 | 251 | 269.9 | 163 |
| 20.3 | 178 | 72.7 | 89 | 119.1 | 15 | 171.3 | 223 | 216.9 | 249 | 270.8 | 179 |
| 20.7 | 134 | 74.9 | 237 | 121.5 | 12 | 173.7 | 220 | 217 | 252 | 274.3 | 177 |
| 20.9 | 107 | 80.5 | 50 | 121.7 | 14 | 173.7 | 227 | 218.6 | 253 | 276.2 | 166 |
| 21.7 | 24 | 81.3 | 93 | 122.7 | 82 | 175.4 | 266 | 219.1 | 265 | 276.4 | 164 |

TABLE A.1: Rank vs Feature

| Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. | Avg. | Feat. |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Rank | | Rank | | Rank | | Rank | | Rank | | Rank | |
| 24.3 | 41 | 85.9 | 97 | 128.5 | 81 | 175.7 | 229 | 219.4 | 256 | 276.8 | 165 |
| 24.5 | 239 | 86.6 | 98 | 128.9 | 78 | 176.9 | 230 | 221.3 | 257 | 277.6 | 168 |
| 25.1 | 126 | 87.3 | 99 | 129.3 | 31 | 177 | 219 | 222.7 | 149 | 278.1 | 169 |
| 25.7 | 258 | 88.9 | 95 | 130.1 | 80 | 177.7 | 216 | 223.3 | 260 | 278.7 | 176 |
| 26.9 | 123 | 89.1 | 25 | 131.2 | 40 | 177.9 | 231 | 223.6 | 264 | 280.8 | 170 |
| 27.7 | 211 | 90.6 | 22 | 131.9 | 44 | 179.5 | 218 | 224.8 | 263 | 281.6 | 175 |
| 28.6 | 255 | 92.7 | 92 | 132.6 | 57 | 179.9 | 238 | 225.3 | 262 | 282.6 | 171 |
| 29.9 | 281 | 93.4 | 87 | 132.7 | 77 | 180.1 | 234 | 231.3 | 147 | 283.6 | 174 |
| 30.2 | 85 | 93.5 | 91 | 132.9 | 76 | 180.6 | 235 | 231.5 | 194 | 283.9 | 172 |
| 32.5 | 250 | 93.5 | 88 | 133.3 | 58 | 183.7 | 138 | 232.7 | 146 | 286 | 143 |
| 33.1 | 122 | 93.5 | 26 | 134.5 | 75 | 185.8 | 215 | 235.1 | 150 | | |
| 33.1 | 280 | 93.7 | 283 | 134.7 | 55 | 185.9 | 202 | 235.9 | 285 | | |
| 34.5 | 23 | 93.7 | 21 | 134.9 | 56 | 186.9 | 201 | 236.3 | 152 | | |
| 34.7 | 151 | 97.1 | 20 | 135.3 | 60 | 187.9 | 205 | 237.6 | 153 | | |
| 34.9 | 127 | 98.5 | 86 | 136.3 | 59 | 190.3 | 240 | 237.7 | 121 | | |
| 36.5 | 277 | 98.6 | 8 | 136.5 | 43 | 190.5 | 206 | 237.7 | 144 | | |
| 37.7 | 173 | 99.5 | 102 | 136.6 | 38 | 190.9 | 214 | 238.9 | 142 | | |
| 38.7 | 162 | 99.5 | 103 | 137 | 32 | 191.2 | 241 | 238.9 | 154 | | |
| 38.9 | 140 | 99.7 | 113 | 137.6 | 117 | 191.7 | 207 | 240.1 | 155 | | |
| 40.1 | 30 | 99.9 | 52 | 139.9 | 45 | 192.7 | 208 | 241.9 | 157 | | |
| 40.7 | 19 | 101.6 | 210 | 140.2 | 61 | 194.5 | 209 | 242.5 | 188 | | |
| 42.3 | 129 | 101.9 | 74 | 140.2 | 34 | 194.9 | 213 | 244.6 | 158 | | |
| 44.1 | 105 | 102.8 | 114 | 140.6 | 37 | 195.6 | 212 | 244.8 | 141 | | |
| 46 | 276 | 103 | 27 | 141.1 | 33 | 197.6 | 242 | 246.1 | 130 | | |
| 48.9 | 254 | 104.2 | 128 | 141.8 | 53 | 199.1 | 198 | 246.1 | 125 | | |
| 49.1 | 104 | 107.6 | 18 | 141.8 | 62 | 200.8 | 271 | 248.9 | 131 | | |
| 51.2 | 2 | 108.3 | 106 | 142.5 | 54 | 201.2 | 272 | 250.4 | 139 | | |
| 52.9 | 68 | 108.7 | 199 | 143.3 | 36 | 201.7 | 124 | 250.4 | 193 | | |
| 53 | 247 | 108.7 | 199 | 143.7 | 42 | 202.8 | 270 | 250.8 | 132 | | |

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