Feature Selection for ECoG-based Motor Imagery Analysis

Analysis of cortical activity during motor imagery data is essential for designing Brain Computer Interfaces. This involves recognition of intended movements from the recorded brain activity. Here we use ElectroCorticoGraphic (ECoG) signals, measured during the food-tracking activity [1, 2], to predict the reconstruct movements of the subject.

Feature extraction for ECoG data [3]. The raw input data contains a number of the time series of voltage measurements (1000Hz) from N electrodes ($N = 64$ or $N = 32$). These measurements are highly correlated for neighbouring electrodes. To convert the time series into the data sample $D = \{\underline{\mathbf{X}}_m, \mathbf{y}_m\}$, select M time points t_i, $i = 1, \dots, M$ with step 100ms. Targets $\mathbf{y}_i$ are 3D spatial coordinates (measured at 120Hz) of a certain body part of the subject, correspondent to t_i. The feature tensors $\underline{\mathbf{X}}_m \in \mathbb{R}^{\times T \times F \times N}$ represent spatial and time-frequency information about the segment $[t_m - 1s, t_m]$ of the time series. The spatial component is represented by N electrodes. To obtain $T \times F$ features in time-frequency domain, use the following procedure.

1. The time range $[t_m - 1s, t_m]$ is divided into consecutive intervals δt_i, $i = 1, \dots, 10 = T$, 100ms each (without overlap).

2. Ten basic logarithmically spaced frequencies (scales) s_j, $j = 1, \dots, 10 = F$ are chosen in the range 10 - 600 Hz.

3. For each time interval $\delta t_i = [t_{i1}, \dots, t_{i100}]$ and scale s_j the signal undergoes Morlet wavelet transform:

$$[W_\psi f](s_j, t_{ik}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|s_j|}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{\psi\left(\frac{x - t_{ik}}{s_j}\right)} f(x) dx.$$

For n-th electrode in $1, \dots, N$ the (i, j, n)-th element of tensor $\underline{\mathbf{X}}_m$ is given by $[W_\psi f]_{ij}$, where

$$[W_\psi f]_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{100} [W_\psi f](s_j, t_{ik}).$$

Quality measures include residue-based measures (RMSE, MAE, MAPE), correlation between predictions and the original data and DTW distance, since predictions may approximate the targets with some delay. Another criterion is smoothness of the resultant trajectory.

Since the data is high dimensional and highly correlated, various feature selection techniques are applied to improve the quality of solution. A widely used technique is PLS and its extensions for tensor data [4]. An alternative is recent approach to filtering feature selection by Katrutsa [5].

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