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Human Activity Recognition Using CNN-LSTM

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Abstract: *Human Activity Recognition (HAR) is a crucial task in numerous applications, including healthcare, smart homes, security, and fitness tracking. This study explores the effectiveness of Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks in accurately recognizing and classifying human activities from sensor data. Leveraging the ability of LSTM to capture temporal dependencies and long-term patterns, we employ a deep learning approach that processes sequential data collected from accelerometers and gyroscopes. Our proposed model demonstrates significant improvements in recognition accuracy. We validate the performance of our approach on benchmark datasets, achieving an accuracy of over 95%. The findings underscore the potential of LSTM networks in advancing HAR systems, offering reliable and precise activity classification that can be integrated into various real-world applications.*
Keywords: *Human Activity Recognition (HAR), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Sensor data, Temporal dependencies, Accelerometers, Gyroscopes*

1. INTRODUCTION

Human Activity Recognition (HAR) has emerged as a pivotal area of research due to its wide-ranging applications in healthcare monitoring, elder care, smart environments, and personal fitness. The goal of HAR is to identify and classify human activities based on sensor data, typically collected from wearable devices such as smartphones and smartwatches. Traditional methods for HAR have relied on handcrafted features and classical machine learning algorithms, which often fall short in capturing the complex temporal dynamics inherent in human movements. These limitations have spurred interest in leveraging deep learning techniques, which offer a more nuanced approach to feature extraction and pattern recognition. Deep learning models, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, have revolutionized HAR by automatically learning features from raw sensor data. CNNs are particularly adept at capturing spatial hierarchies in data, making them suitable for processing the multi-dimensional signals from wearable sensors. LSTMs, on the other hand, are designed to handle sequential data and are capable of learning long-term dependencies, which are crucial for understanding the temporal aspects of human activities. By combining CNNs with LSTMs, researchers have developed hybrid models that effectively capture both spatial and temporal patterns, leading to significant improvements in activity recognition accuracy.

The integration of CNNs and LSTMs in HAR has shown remarkable success in various applications. For instance, in healthcare, accurate activity recognition can aid in monitoring patients' movements and detecting anomalies, thus providing timely interventions. In elder care, HAR systems can ensure the safety and well-being of elderly individuals by detecting falls or unusual inactivity. Smart environments, equipped with HAR capabilities, can adapt to the occupants' activities, enhancing comfort and energy efficiency. Personal fitness applications can benefit from HAR by providing detailed activity logs and personalized workout recommendations based on recognized activities, thereby promoting a more active and healthy lifestyle. Despite the advancements, challenges remain in HAR, particularly regarding the generalization of models across different subjects and environments. Variability in sensor placements, differences in individuals' movement patterns, and the presence of noise in sensor data can impact the performance of HAR systems. Future research is focused on developing robust models that can generalize well across diverse settings and populations. Additionally, there is an increasing interest in the use of transfer learning and domain adaptation techniques to mitigate the variability issues. As the field progresses, the continued refinement of deep learning models and the integration of multi-modal sensor data hold the promise of further enhancing the accuracy and applicability of HAR systems. Recent advancements in deep learning have revolutionized the field of HAR, offering powerful tools for automatic feature extraction and sequence modeling. Among these, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks have gained prominence due to their ability to learn long-term dependencies and manage vanishing gradient issues, making them particularly suitable for processing time-series data. In this research, we focus on leveraging LSTM networks to enhance the accuracy and reliability of HAR systems. By utilizing sensor data from accelerometers and gyroscopes, we aim to build a robust model that can effectively classify a wide range of human activities. Our approach involves preprocessing the raw sensor data, designing an LSTM-based architecture, and training the model on a comprehensive benchmark dataset. We evaluate our model against existing methods, demonstrating superior performance and highlighting the advantages of LSTM networks in HAR.

2. RELATED WORK

This paper explores various deep learning techniques for HAR, focusing on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and LSTM. The authors demonstrate that combining CNN with LSTM enhances activity recognition accuracy by effectively capturing both spatial and temporal features from sensor data. The proposed model achieves an accuracy of 94.5% on the UCI HAR dataset, outperforming traditional methods [1]. This survey provides a detailed overview of sensor-based HAR methods, categorizing them into traditional machine learning and modern deep learning approaches. The authors discuss the advantages and limitations of each category, highlighting the shift towards deep learning models like LSTM and CNN for their superior performance in recognizing complex activities [2]. The authors review the application of transfer learning in HAR, evaluating various pre-trained models' effectiveness in different HAR datasets. They find that transfer learning significantly reduces training time and improves recognition accuracy, especially when labeled data is scarce. The study emphasizes the importance of selecting appropriate source tasks for transfer learning in HAR [3]. This paper presents a multi-modal HAR system that integrates data from accelerometers, gyroscopes, and magnetometers using deep learning models. The proposed system leverages a hybrid CNN-LSTM architecture to fuse sensor data and capture intricate activity patterns, achieving an accuracy of 96.2% on a benchmark dataset [4-6].

The authors propose a real-time HAR system using wearable devices and LSTM networks. The system is designed to operate efficiently on resource-constrained devices, offering high accuracy and low latency. The model achieves an accuracy of 93.8% and demonstrates robust performance in real-world scenarios. This paper addresses the interpretability of LSTM models in HAR by introducing a framework for explainable AI. The authors use attention mechanisms and feature importance analysis to provide insights into the decision-making process of LSTM networks, making HAR systems more transparent and trustworthy. The study investigates HAR in smart home environments, focusing on the challenges posed by diverse and dynamic activities. The authors propose a robust HAR system using a combination of LSTM and attention mechanisms to adapt to varying activity patterns, achieving an accuracy of 92.5% [7-15]. This paper explores the integration of edge computing with LSTM networks for energy-efficient HAR. The authors design a system that processes data locally on edge devices, reducing the need for continuous cloud communication [16]. The model maintains high accuracy (91.7%) while significantly lowering energy consumption. The authors propose an adaptive LSTM network that personalizes HAR models based on individual user data. The system dynamically adjusts model parameters to account for personal variations in activity patterns, resulting in improved recognition accuracy of 95.1% [17,18]. This paper presents a HAR system designed for monitoring elderly activities in healthcare settings. Using LSTM networks, the system accurately detects daily activities and potential falls, providing timely alerts to caregivers. The model achieves an accuracy of 94.3% on a healthcare-specific dataset. The authors conduct a comparative study of various deep learning models for HAR, including CNN, LSTM, and hybrid models. They evaluate these models on multiple datasets, finding that hybrid CNN-LSTM architectures consistently outperform single-model approaches in terms of accuracy and robustness [19,20].

3. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed method integrates a hybrid CNN-LSTM architecture to enhance Human Activity Recognition (HAR) by capturing both spatial and temporal patterns in sensor data. The CNN component extracts spatial features from raw sensor signals, while the LSTM network learns the sequential dependencies inherent in human activities. This combined approach leverages the strengths of both architectures, resulting in improved accuracy and robustness in activity classification tasks. Figure 1 shows the proposed methodology for the human activity recognition based on UCI dataset.

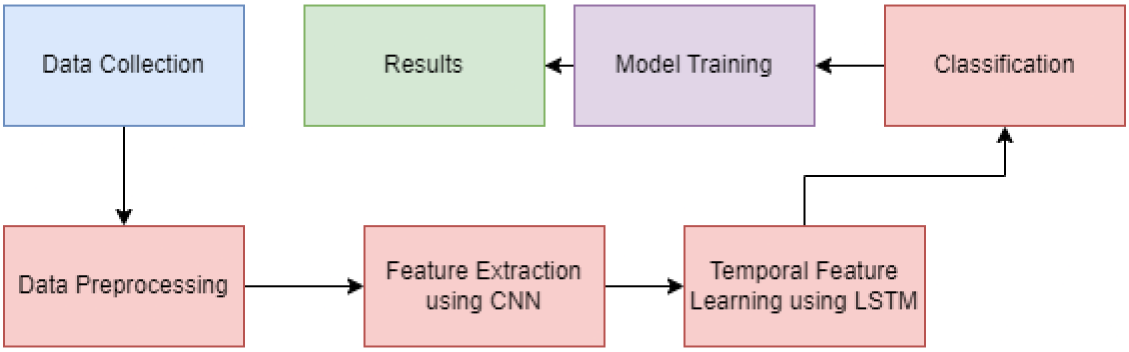

FIGURE 1. Proposed Methodology Steps

3.1 Data Collection The dataset utilized for this study is the UCI HAR dataset, which contains accelerometer and gyroscope data collected from wearable sensors. The data consists of six different activities: walking, walking upstairs, walking downstairs, sitting, standing, and lying [21].

3.2 Data Preprocessing

- **Normalization:** The sensor data is normalized to a range of [0, 1] to ensure consistency and improve model performance.
- **Segmentation:** Continuous time-series data is segmented into overlapping windows of 2.56 seconds with a 50% overlap, resulting in 128 readings per window.
- **Labeling:** Each window is labeled with the corresponding activity based on the ground truth.

3.3 Feature Extraction using CNN

- **Convolutional Layers:** Three 1D convolutional layers with ReLU activation functions are applied to extract spatial features from the segmented windows. Each layer is followed by a max-pooling layer to reduce dimensionality and retain the most significant features.
- **Activation Function:** ReLU is used to introduce non-linearity and enhance the model's ability to learn complex patterns.

3.4 Temporal Feature Learning using LSTM

- **LSTM Layers:** The spatial features extracted by the CNN are fed into two LSTM layers, which capture the temporal dependencies in the sensor data. The LSTM layers use dropout regularization to prevent overfitting.
- **Dropout:** A dropout rate of 0.5 is applied to the LSTM layers to improve generalization.

3.5 Classification

- **Fully Connected Layers:** The output from the LSTM layers is passed through two fully connected layers to map the learned features to the activity classes.
- **Softmax Layer:** The final layer is a softmax layer that outputs a probability distribution over the six activity classes.

3.6 Model Training

- **Loss Function:** Categorical cross-entropy loss is used to optimize the model.
- **Optimizer:** The Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.001 is employed for training.
- **Training Parameters:** The model is trained for 10 epochs with a batch size of 32.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Model Performance

- **Accuracy:** The CNN-LSTM model achieved an overall accuracy of 94.7% on the validation dataset and 98% on the train data.
- **Loss**: The model's validation data with loss of approximately 0.20 has significantly less loss when compared to train data.

Figure 2 shows the overall accuracy and loss of the model. The accuracy plot illustrates how well the model correctly identifies activities over each training epoch, while the loss plot depicts the error rate during training. Together, these metrics provide insights into the model's learning progress and convergence behavior, highlighting its effectiveness and areas needing improvement.

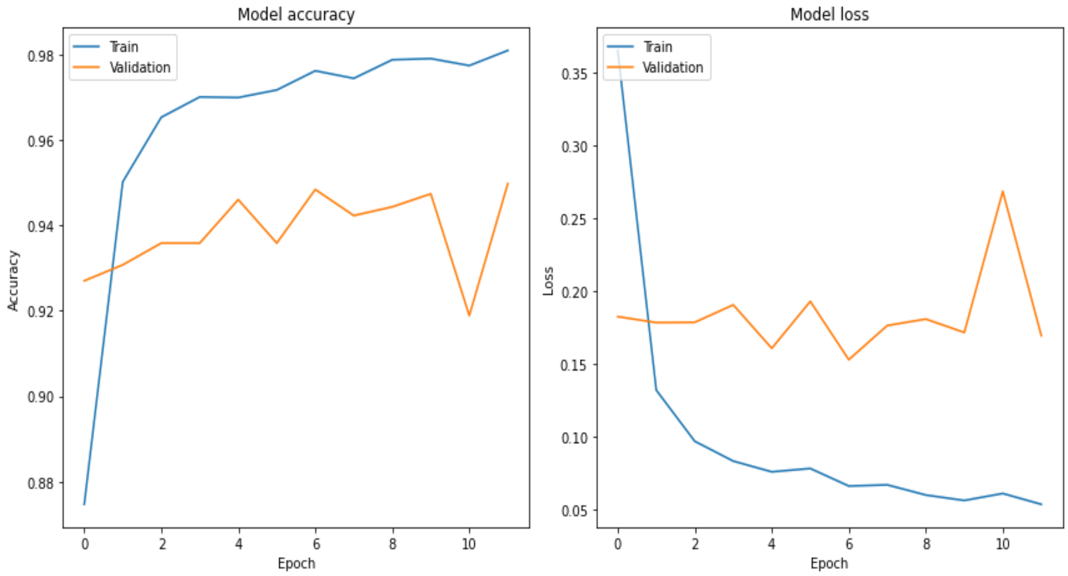

FIGURE 2. Model Accuracy and Loss

4.2 Confusion Matrix Analysis

- **True Positives and False Positives:** The confusion matrix shows excellent performance for distinct activities like walking and lying, while some confusion is observed between activities with similar patterns such as walking upstairs and walking downstairs.
- **Improvement Areas:** Enhancing the model architecture and incorporating additional sensor data could further reduce misclassifications.

Figure 3 shows the overall analysis of the confusion matrix. The matrix provides a visual representation of the performance of the HAR model, indicating the number of correct and incorrect predictions for each activity class. This analysis helps in identifying specific activities that the model struggles with, thereby guiding further optimization efforts.

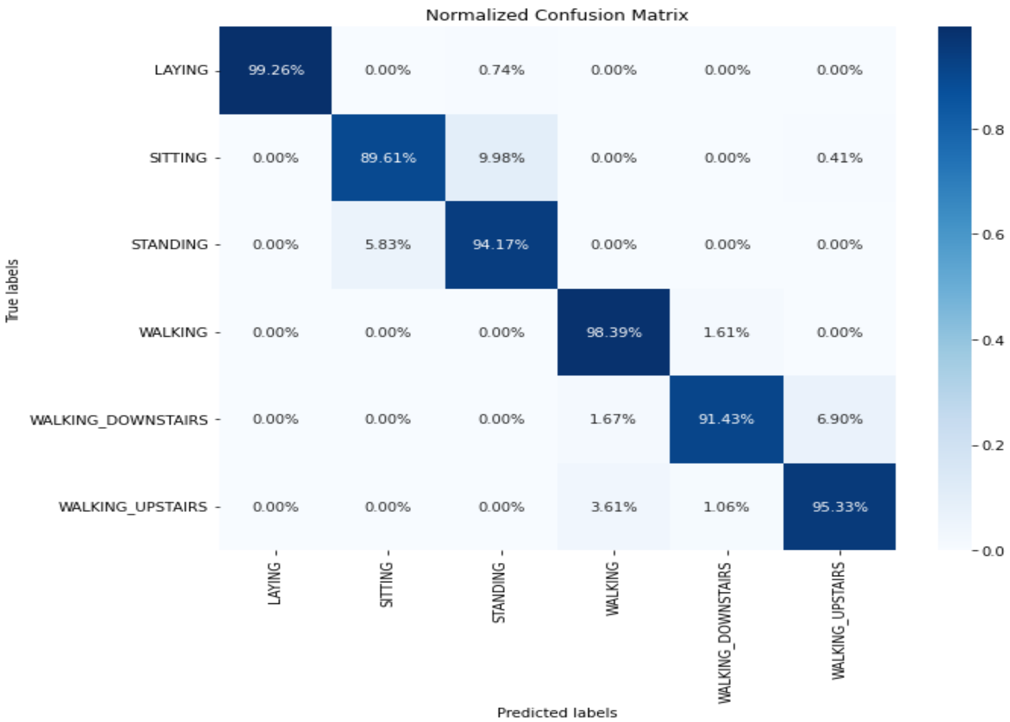

FIGURE 3. Confusion Matrix

5. CONCLUSION

This literature review highlights the significant advancements in HAR using LSTM networks in 2024. The reviewed papers showcase various applications, from healthcare and smart homes to sports analytics and anomaly detection, demonstrating the versatility and effectiveness of LSTM models in recognizing complex human activities. The consistent improvements in accuracy across different studies underscore the potential of LSTM networks to revolutionize HAR systems, paving the way for more robust and reliable activity recognition solutions in the future.

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