

How to maximize the capabilities of in-mouth sensors for human activity recognition?

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1. Introduction

Human Activity Recognition (HAR):

Automatic detection of human behavior using data sources such as sensors and camera footage.

Beneficial for humans:

- Health monitoring [1].
- Human-computer interaction [2].

Problems?

- Practicality issues with wearable sensors [3].
- Privacy concerns with camera footage [4].

Objective:

Performing HAR using a more practical approach without privacy concerns.

Research Question:

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2. Methodology

- **Clean up** provided dataset.
- **Investigate** what kind of behavior can be recognized using an in-mouth sensor.
- **Extract features** from the sensor data to create training data and **balance** the training data.
- **Train classifier models:** Decision Trees (DT), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Logistic Regression (LR), and Random Forests (RF).
- **Implement classifier on the embedded microcontroller (MCU):** Implementing a Decision Tree classifier directly on a STM32F103C6T6 MCU.

3. Results

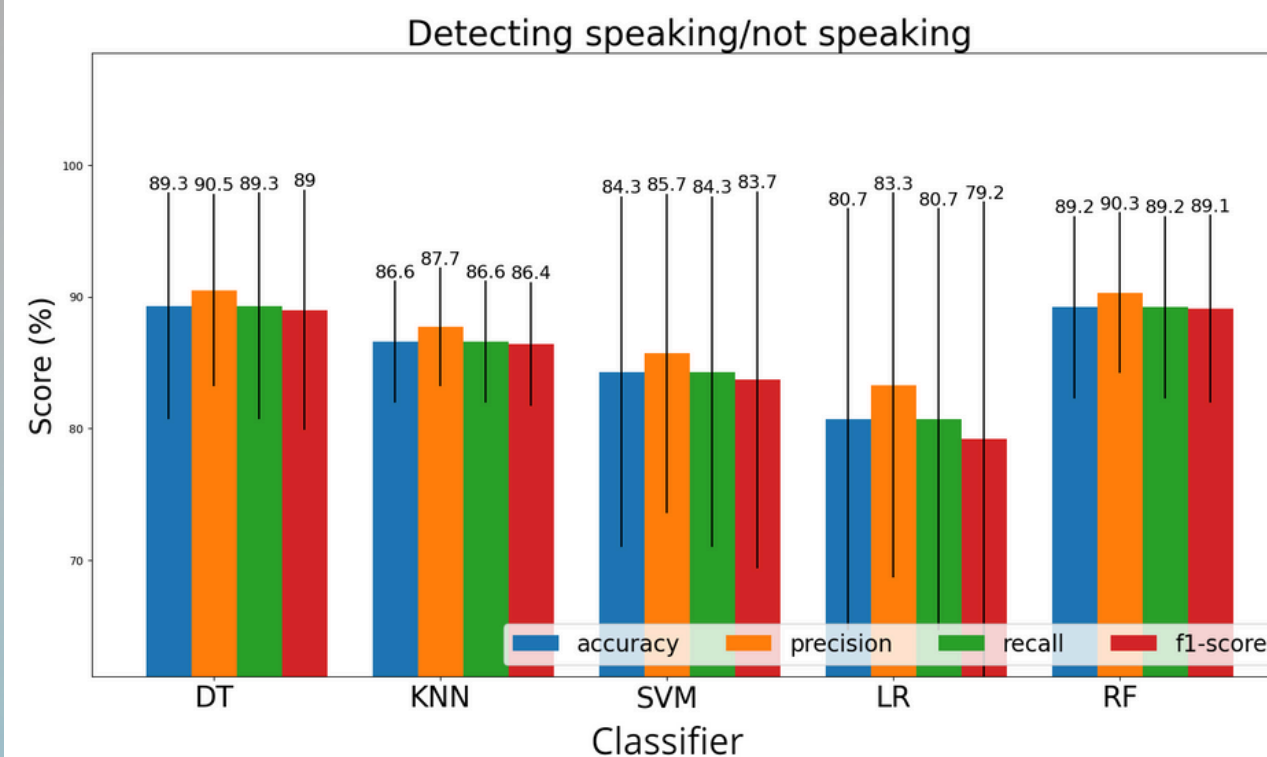


Figure 1: Performance F1-score for detecting whether the user of the in-mouth sensor is speaking or not. Results are obtained after parameter tuning and applying a sliding window approach.

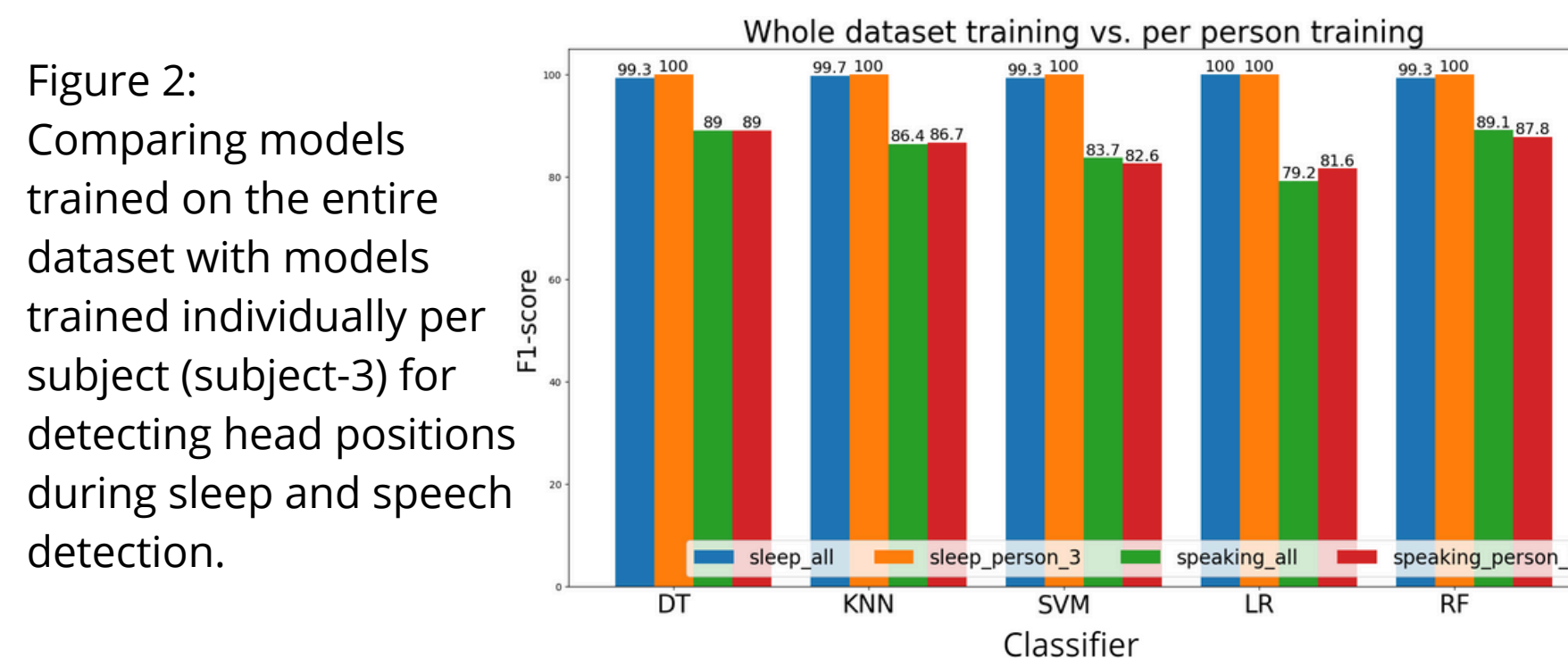


Figure 2: Comparing models trained on the entire dataset with models trained individually per subject (subject-3) for detecting head positions during sleep and speech detection.

Classification	flash	RAM
Head up / left / right	80	0
Speaking / not speaking	1040	60
Walking / stationary	408	20
Inside / outside mouth	56	0
Mouth open / closed	360	0

Table 1: Additional required flash memory and RAM for the implementation of a Decision Tree onto the MCU for the recognition of various human behavior.

4. Conclusions

- Using an in-mouth device for human activity recognition demonstrates promising results, achieving F1-scores exceeding 80%.
- Training models per person improves performance slightly for predicting certain behaviors, but the gains are not significantly greater than training on the entire dataset.
- Implementing a Decision Tree directly on a low-resource MCU is feasible within the space constraints.

5. Future Work

- Implement Decision Tree classifier onto the MCU in future versions of the in-mouth sensor.
- Investigate the applications of the ability to predict human behavior using an in-mouth sensor.
- Improve hardware of in-mouth sensor to be able to capture and recognize more complex human behavior.

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