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Abstract

The appearance of unknown words often disturbs communication and reading. The proposed system focuses on detecting those words which are unfamiliar to the users using temporal data, Electroencephalography (EEG) and facial expressions of users. In particular, for the word where the user gazes for some time, a word-familiarity prediction approach based on time duration for which user has focused on that word, EEG signals from the user's brain waves and facial expressions of the user while reading that word, has been developed. Wordfamiliarity refers whether a user is familiar with the word or not while reading the text. The proposed system keeps the track of the coordinates of the gaze with the timestamp to find the duration of the fixation of the gaze at the particular word. Further, this time duration data has been fed to Stochastic Gradient Descent classifier to predict the word familiarity. Similarly, EEG signals have been processed using Wavelet decomposition technique and four features have been computed from beta and gamma frequency bands. The prediction of wordfamiliarity has been performed using Random Forest classifier. A decision fusion approach has also been used to boost the prediction performance. The results show that the characteristics of brain waves at the time of unknown word perception or confusion can be detected. And further facial expressions of users have been used for prediction. The video has been recorded while the user is reading the text. Image frames have been extracted from that video and from each of that frame, a total of 68 cartesian coordinate point dataset have been generated. The sequential dataset has been generated by finding the difference between the coordinate points with adjacent frame. And then word familiarity has been predicted by LSTM classifier and further results have been compared with HMM classifier. A dictionary based pop-up window has been developed to provide the meaning of the word when a user is found to be unfamiliar with the text. The dataset of 12-15 users for different models has been developed while they are reading 25 words. An accuracy of 82% has been recorded with EEG dataset using the proposed classifier combination approach, 72.9% with temporal analysis and 80.26%with facial expression dataset using LSTM classifier. Finally, a comparative study with other popular classification technique is also discussed. 56

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Word Familiarity is to detect if a person is already familiar with the given word in the text or not, as shown in Figure 1.1, where a user gets confused when he is not familiar with the word displayed on the computer screen. Unfamiliar words are referred as pseudo strings. When these words become familiar, then the reading speed increases and recognition is enhanced. For unfamiliar words, reading time increases with the word length as the user is reading it for the first time but this is not in the case with familiar words. In the process of word recognition, firstly, the letters and then their combinations to form the word are analyzed. After that, the syntactic and semantic information related to the word is retrieved. It is a very fast process which happens within the first 200 ms after looking at the word [7]. However, the effectiveness of the process of recognition depends on the properties of words and the contexts in which they appear. Semantic properties affect the speed of recognition because it is the meaning based process.

The whole process of word familiarity detection is explained in the block diagram given in Figure 1.2 where if the user is found to be unfamiliar with a word in the whole text then after searching in the dictionary, the meaning of that word will be shown on the computer screen.

For human-computer interaction systems, the computer needs to react according to the action performed by the person. And for this, the psychological state of a person needs to be determined. The psychological state includes the brain waves generated in the nervous system and corresponding facial expressions as a reaction to those brain waves. Also, the eye movement is very informative about the intentions and thoughts in a person's mind. The statement "What we are thinking is based on what we are looking" follows here. Eye gaze tracking is the measurement of eye movement with respect to the constant head position. Emile Java, a French ophthalmologist, first described the movements of the eye while reading the text, in 1879. He used the mirror to notice that the movements of the eye are not continuous but they are the combination of some rapid movements i.e., saccades and some small stops i.e., fixation

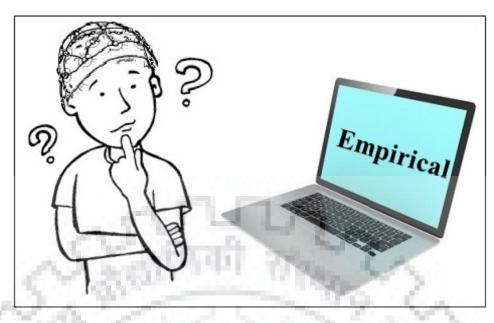


FIGURE 1.1: User thinking about the meaning of the unfamiliar word.

[8]. Eye tracker enhances the human-computer interaction. It gives information about the person's presence and focuses towards something. It can detect awareness, drowsiness and other psychological states. Eye tracking technology has various applications in the real world. These include Human-Computer interaction systems [9, 10], Market research [11] where the focus on particular brands and products shows the user's interest towards them, Diagnosis of medical issues [12] like Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Alzheimer's disease etc., drowsiness detection [13] and PC and Gaming Research where humanized user interfaces are created by combining eye tracking with other input methods such as, keyboards, mouse, touchpad etc. It makes the gaming environment more interesting and attractive.

The human brain is analogous to a network with nodes and meshes where nodes correspond to neurons and meshes correspond to pathways. Neurons in the brain communicate via electrical impulses. EEG(Electroencephalograph) signals indicate any nervous excitement by detecting brain activities. It is a graph of low voltage levels versus time. Firstly, Berger recorded the EEG signals in 1929 by applying electrodes on the human scalp [14]. EEG has been used in various fields like Neuro-marketing where the EEG signals of customers are recorded when they are exploring the stores to buy any product. These signals are further used to predict the customers' choices [15]. It can be used in prediction of advertisement preference. Gauba et al. [16] have given a fusion model where sentiment analysis of users have been combined with their EEG response to predict their advertisement preferences. Also, EEG signals can be processed to observe psychological states of human beings to predict their behavior in various situations. A major application of EEG can be seen in the field of medical treatment to monitor the improvement in brain activities with time. EEG can be used in the diagnosis of

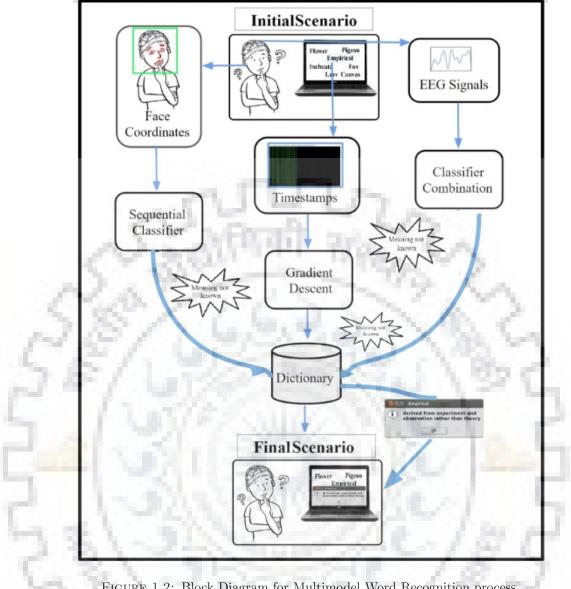


FIGURE 1.2: Block Diagram for Multimodel Word Recognition process.

epilepsy. In [17], the authors have used approximate entropy based neural network to design an automatic epileptic detection system by using EEG signals. Brain-Computer-Interface (BCI) is an emerging field for EEG where the movement of a device can be controlled using brain waves. EEG can be used for the learnability of a software. Stickel et al. [18] have proposed a learning assessment methodology with dominant alpha waves.

Facial expressions give information about a user's identity, state of mind and his intentions. These things help in creating human-computer interaction applications. The expressions can be extracted from either images or videos. Various applications of facial expression recognition include clinical purposes like understanding patient's psychological state which helps to monitor them properly [19], e-learning to detect the state of learner [20, 21], to detect the state of driver alert [22], marketing to find the taste of customers [23], security systems to uncover

criminals [24].

Word familiarity using temporal data analyzes the timestamps of the change of gaze by tracking eye movements. More is the fixation of gaze at a particular word, more are the chances of the unfamiliarity with the word. In EEG based Word-familiarity, event-related potentials (ERPs) are considered. N400 component is related to Lexical activation and semantic processing. If this potential is short then it corresponds to partial activation of both dominant and subordinate targets. If the value is large then the appropriate meaning is activated where as dominant is partly activated. All the meanings in the brain lexicon are activated but the degree of activation depends on the frequency and type of context. In this study, the principle of ERPs has been followed to predict whether the user knows the meaning of the word or not based on the stimulation in the brain and EEG signals are recorded to indicate the nervous excitement. In facial expressions based word familiarity, the change of expression from a reference neutral expression is considered. The corner points of particular portions of the face, such as the eyebrows, eyes, mouth, and nose are located and extracted, and then their variations in size and orientation are calculated to predict whether the user is confused about something or not, which helps in predicting word familiarity.

1.1 Problem Statement

Word familiarity is the process of finding a particular word in the text and then detecting whether a user already knows the meaning of the word, he is reading. The problem can be divided into the following subproblems:

- 1. To propose a system that will find the desirable word from the text and then show the corresponding meaning of the word when the user is found to be unfamiliar.
- 2. To devise a system that will use temporal data to predict word familiarity.
- 3. To devise a system that will use brain signals to predict word familiarity.
- 4. To devise a system that will use facial expressions to predict word familiarity.
- 5. To perform classifiers' combinations based on the different criterion and enhance the overall performance of the system.

1.2 Research Gap and Our Contribution

Over the past few years, different methods for analyzing the user familiarity with the word have been developed by researchers. Researchers have used different algorithms for eye tracking. These include video or image-based processing, pupil detection, eye movement recording in terms of fixation point and duration and simultaneous quick movement of both eyes in the same direction between two or more fixation phases etc. Daugman et al. [25] and Deng et al. [26] have used iris contours, edges and outer boundaries for gaze tracking which is not that accurate as compared to combination of iris and head pose information. Morimoto et al. [27] have used pupil-corneal reflection technique. Pupil-corneal reflection is not quite accurate for general interactive applications because it needs the calibration process beforehand and does not allow free head motion. The authors have proposed systems based on the fixed head position which is actually not the case in real life applications. Ji et al. [28] have used special Infrared illumination technique where pupils appear brighter than the rest of face in the captured image. But it quite a cumbersome task to separate pupils from other bright portions in the image. Other problems with the existing models are difficulty in the system setup, controlling the illumination conditions, correct placement of the camera according to the head position, removal of noise data where the evelashes are interfering, calibration problem, difficulty in considering users who wear glasses or contact lens, dry and watery eyes of users and head motion. Also, it is difficult to track eye gaze when there are poor light conditions. Infrared source of light can eliminate this problem which illuminates the eye steadily and enhances the pupil to make it look white.

Burgress et al. [29] have analyzed ERPs using the method of event-related desynchronization in different frequency ranges. In [30], the authors have separated familiarity-based recognition and the recollection by source unitization whereas, in [31], the familiarity of word-pairs has been considered instead of a single word. Both eye movement and EEG recordings are considered as complementary to each other in [32] to check the familiarity with a word in reading. Bentin et al. [33] has considered the negative potentials related to word-antonym, word-non-antonym, nonword-word and nonword-nonword pairs. Some of the researchers have used MEG to capture the activity of the brain that is caused by the magnetic field created by neuron activity. For example, Pylkkanen et al. [34] have proposed the use of MEG instead of EEG to track the time course of word recognition. The authors have shown that the positive or negative components of voltage potentials have their own meanings. They have conducted experiments to show that there is a correlation between the participant's brain responses and the words stored in their memory, i.e., analysis of the potential values obtained from the EEG recordings can tell about the brain activity. However, they have not trained the machines according to the response values manually given by the participant. Also, just analysis of the raw potential values without any further processing will never give correct results. However,

the cost and technical complexities are high for MEG. To overcome these limitations, an inexpensive setup has been used to examine the brain activity using EEG signals.

Zhang et al. [35] have proposed a tutorial system where the vision-based interface is recognizing facial expressions to find the degree of understanding. But, they have considered only the frontal face view. The challenge in such a tutorial system is that the facial expression recognition and then corresponding mental state inference is a very subtle task and wrong interpretations are not affordable in this case. So, it's better to fuse this model with some other model results. Loh et al. [36] have also performed facial expression recognition in the e-learning environment. Again the problem was the frontal view of images. They have directly applied the expression detection step but before expression detection, the face has to be detected first. Otherwise, the scaling problem may arise where it would be difficult to localize special facial features. Also, the coordinates may change when the face moves to different parts of the frame. So, the coordinate values need to be normalized between 0 and 1. The challenges may include non-frontal face, non-ambient light conditions, some facial feature information loss when lips are covered by mustache or forehead is covered by hair. These issues need to be considered beforehand.

Following are the contributions of the proposed framework:

- 1. Firstly, a framework has been proposed for predicting the word-familiarity while reading using eye gaze temporal data, brain signals and facial expressions. The eye gaze fixation, EEG signals, and video of the user have been recorded simultaneously while reading.
- 2. Secondly, the EEG signals have been processed in time-frequency domain for feature extraction. Image frames and then the facial coordinates have been extracted from the recorded video. Timestamp values with the screen coordinates corresponding to movement of eyes have also been extracted. Next, a classifier combination approach is used for evaluating the system performance.
- 3. Finally, a comparative analysis of all proposed approaches have also been presented.

Rest of the report is organized as follows. Chapter 2 provides an overview of the existing research. In Chapter 3, methodology including preprocessing, feature extraction and classification methodology have been presented. In Chapter 4, the results obtained by the combination of different classifiers have been presented. In Chapter 5, the conclusion of the report and the possible future extensions have been stated. In Chapter 6, the additional work performed with the entitled work has been presented.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

The recent works done in the field of word familiarity and the proposed methodology for the same have been reviewed in this chapter. Firstly, we present the survey of work done in the field of eye tracking and then we present the survey of work done in the field of EEG and facial expression detection.

2.1 Eye Tracking

The recent works that relate the activity of eye in accordance with the text on the screen to predict the familiarity of the user with the proposed word have been reviewed in this section. Daugman et al. [25] and Deng et al. [26] have used iris contours, edges and outer boundaries for gaze tracking with the constant head position. Morimoto et al. [27] have used pupilcorneal reflection technique. Ji et al. [28] have used special Infrared illumination technique where pupils appear brighter than the rest of face in the captured image. Hutchinson et al. [37] have used a unique user interface system, Erica where the eye tracking is performed, based on the relative position of glint and bright eye in the captured image. The glint means the fraction of reflected infrared light from the surface of the cornea. The bright eye means the image of the pupil formed when the infrared light is reflected from the retina. Firstly, they have extracted the horizontal and vertical coordinates of the center of glint and bright eye and then mapped them to the stored reference points. They have faced the problem of bright eye effect which means, not everyone has sufficient bright eyes. And also, it is difficult to operate the system without head movements which make the camera out of focus. Sibert et al. [38] have performed the experiment to measure the time duration for simple computer tasks like selecting a highlighted circle from a bunch of circles, selecting a spoken letter from a group of letters etc. using eye gaze. And the results show that the eye gaze interaction has a speed advantage over the mouse interaction. They have shown how this eye gaze interaction works and what are its advantages. Reulen et al. [39] have used infrared oculography to track the iris position. Hansen et al. [40], Orman et al. [41] and Smith et al. [42] have developed video-based eye tracker where they have used the concept that the captured image of the eye will change when there is a movement of the eye in 3D space. Some researchers have directly tracked the eye movement based on their appearance in the captured image by mapping the image data to the screen coordinates. Yang et al. [43] have mapped the coordinates by firstly processing images to grayscale unit images while Sugano et al. [44] have considered the Gaussian regression data for the same. A summary of the related work using eye tracking is presented in Table 2.1.

Author & Year	Approach
Daugman et al. [25], 1993	Iris contours, edges for gaze tracking
Daugman et al. [25], 1995	with still head
Deng et al. [26], 1997	Iris contours and outer boundaries
Deng et al. [20], 1997	for tracking with constant head position
Morimoto et al. [27], 2005	Pupil Corneal Reflection Technique
Ji et al. [28], 2002	Infrared Illumination Technique
Hutchinson et al. $[37]$, 1989	Relative position of glint and bright eye
	(UI system: Erica)
Reulen et al. [39], 1988	Infrared Oculography
Hansen et al. [40], 2010	Eyes position changes in video
Owner et al [41] 2011	Captured Image of eye will change
Orman et al. [41], 2011	with movement in 3D space
Vang at al [42] 2012	Additional pre-processing of images
Yang et al.[43], 2012	to grayscale in video

TABLE 2.1: Summary of the Eye Tracking Related Work

2.2 Electroencephalography (EEG)

The recent works that relate the activity of EEG signals in predicting the familiarity of the user with the proposed word have been reviewed in this section. Diana et al. [30] have separated familiarity-based recognition and the recollection. Recollection is when the subject can recollect its memory about the story behind that particular word whereas familiarity-based recognition is just that the subject is familiar with the given word. For this, they have used the process of unitization with the source object like a color is shown in the background of the word and the subject will imagine the word object in the same color. During analysis of EEG signals, they have found that correlation of EEG signals with familiarity-based recognition is more affected by the unitization than the correlation of EEG signals with the recollection. The p-component of ERPs have been studied for this and it was found that the positivity from 1250 to 1000 ms of mid-frontal lobes was related to the familiar responses. They have

recorded an accuracy of 90% for high unitization and 55% for low unitization. In [29], the authors have analyzed ERPs using desynchronization related to event potential in different frequency ranges. They have found that in the theta frequency band, there was an increase in power for a short duration, i.e., in the first 250 ms. There was also a repetition effect in theta band such that at the mid-frontal electrode, the synchronization of the new words was greater than the old words. In the alpha band, the repetition effect occurred from 750 ms at the left temporal-parietal sites. The things are interpreted using the existing models of memory recognition.

Rhodes et al. [31] have considered familiarity of word-pairs instead of a single word. Word pairs can possess relationship like association or semantic or both. Subjects were asked to give response for a word and simultaneously their ERPs are recorded and analyzed. On the basis of the values of ERPs, they found whether the given word pair is familiar or not. For the same words, the accuracy was from 75% to 83% for different types of word pairs and for the new words, the accuracy was from 85% to 87%. In [32], the authors have used both eye movement and EEG recordings as complementary to each other to check the familiarity with a word in reading. They have recorded ERPs and analyzed its N1 component for both High-Frequency and Low-Frequency words. The amplitude of the N1 component from 132–164 ms was less for High-Frequency than Low-Frequency words. The authors in [33] have conducted the experiment on word-antonym, word-nonantonym, nonword-word and nonword-nonword pairs. After analysis of ERPs, it was found that antonyms were recognized faster than words or nonwords. Negative potentials were considered. The negativity related to the antonym was almost non-existent. Word-antonym pair detection was more accurate than any other pair.

Author & Year	Approach	Word Dataset & Participants	
Diana et al. [30], 2011	EEG, correlation with unitization,	360 three-to-eight letter	
Diana et al. [50], 2011	P component of ERP	English nouns, 17 subjects	
Burgress et al. [29], 2000	EEG, event-related	N.A.	
Durgress et al. [29], 2000	desynchronization	N.A.	
Rhodes et al. [31], 2007	EEG, word pairs	408 three-to-nine letter	
1110des et al. [51], 2007	EEG, word pairs	word-pairs,25 subjects	
Sereno et al. [32], 2003	EEG, eye tracking,	High and low frequency	
Sereno et al. [32], 2003	N1 component	words, N.A.	
S. Bentin [33], 1987	EEG, word antonym pairs,	80 pairs of antonyms and 40	
5. Dentin [55], 1967	negative potentials	additional words, 16 subjects	
Mormann et al. [45], 2005	EEG, wavelet, gamma and	continuous words, 12 epilepsy	
$\begin{bmatrix} \text{MOIIIIaIIII et al. } [45], 2005 \end{bmatrix}$	theta bands	patients	
Holcomb et al. [46], 2006	EEG, N400	animal names	
Hauk et al. [7], 2006	EEG, word length,	300 nouns, 20 subjects	
11auk et al. [1], 2000	Semantic coherence	500 nouns, 20 subjects	

TABLE 2.2: Summary of the EEG Related Work

Mormann et al. [45] have analyzed the power changes in various frequency bands after the wavelet transformation. And further found that there is a modulation of gamma activity by the theta cycle which is potentially related to memory encoding. Holcomb et al. [46] have shown that the N400 and other ERP components' (P150, N250, and P325) modulation gives sequential overlapping steps in words processing. The experiment was done by showing animal names followed by nonanimal items that were in complete repetitions, partial repetitions or completely unrelated to the previous word. And ERPs were recorded and analyzed for them. Similarly, the authors in [7] have conducted the experiment to find the time course to access the information related to the linguistic behavior and psychological process during word remembrance task and they have analyzed Word length, Letter n-gram frequency, Lexical frequency and Semantic coherence for the same. It was found that effect of Word length and Letter n-gram frequency can be seen around 90 ms where as the effect of Lexical frequency can be seen at 110 ms and the effect of Semantic coherence can be seen at 160 ms. A summary of the related work using EEG is presented in Table 2.2.

2.3 Facial Expression Recognition

Zhang et al. [35] have proposed a tutorial system where the vision-based interface is recognizing facial expressions to find the degree of understanding. Loh et al. [36] have performed facial expression recognition in e-learning environment. They have used Gabor Wavelet for the extraction of 18 facial features and then back propagation neural network for classification of those expressions. The choice of Gabor wavelet is great as it is light insensitive. They have considered 600 images (342 females and 258 males) with 4 expressions i.e., neutral, sleepy, confuse, smile. They have achieved the accuracy of 72.37% for confusing, 76.89% for smiling and 79.85% for sleepy expressions. Khan et al. [47] have used an unpopular way to recognize facial expressions. They have used an infrared camera to capture images. After normalization, the thermal intensity is calculated for facial features and then PCA is applied. They have used LDA for expression classification. Their dataset consists of 21 participants with five expressions, i.e., neutral, happiness, disgust, sadness, and fear. Smith et al. [48] have first determined the size and position of the face in the image and then the expressions are recognized. They have implemented a driver's attention recognition system where the position of the user is constant with respect to the camera. Orazio et al. [49] have devised an algorithm to detect eye in the facial image by finding the geometrical relations among various facial features. Cristinacce et al. [50] have used a multi-stage approach where the face is detected first by boosted cascaded classifier and then facial features are detected using the same classifier. They have used Pairwise Reinforcement of Feature Responses to improve localization efficiency. Ioannou et al. [51] have used SVM for face detection and then eye areas are located using a feed-forward neural network. After that eyebrows and nostrils are detected by considering eyes as reference points. And then the mouth is located. Cohn et al. [52] and Goneid et al. [53] have used image sequences or videos for facial expression detection while some researchers have used static images. Zhao et al. [54] and Terzopoulos et al. [55] have used facial features while Kotsia et al. [56] and Rosenblum et al. [57] have used image-based representation of face. But they faced the challenge of varying environmental conditions and subjects. Hammal et al. [58] and Kim et al. [59] have classified discrete facial emotions while Xiang et al. [60] have considered the facial action causing the expressions using Facial Action Coding System. A summary of the related work using Facial Expressions is presented in Table 2.3.

Author & Year	Approach	
Zhang et al. [35], 2002	Vision based interface for recognizing	
Zhang et al. [55], 2002	facial expression	
Lob et al [26] 2006	Gabor Wavelet,	
Loh et al. [36], 2006	Back propagation neural network	
Khan et al. [47], 2006	Infrared camera, Thermal intensity	
Smith et al. [48], 2003	Expressions are recognized using size and	
5mith et al. [46], 2005	position of face with constant user position	
Orazio et al. [49], 2004	Detecting eye in the face for facial expression	
Cristinacce et al. [50], 2004	Boosted cascaded classifier	
Ioannou et al. [51], 2007	SVM, Feed forward neural network	
Cohn et al. [52], 2007 Image Sequences or videos		
Hammal et al.[58], 2007	Discrete facial emotions	
Xiang et al. [60], 2008 Facial Action Coding System		

TABLE 2.3: Summary of the Facial Expression Recognition Related Work

Chapter 3

Methodology

The methodology proposed for word familiarity prediction has been phrased in this chapter. Firstly, we present the proposed method using EEG analysis in Section 3.1 and using gaze based temporal data analysis in Section 3.2 and facial expression recognition in Section 3.3.

3.1 Electroencephalography (EEG) Signal Analysis for Word Familiarity Prediction

To process the EEG signals, the steps in Figure 3.1 are followed. Firstly, the phase of the collection of EEG signals occurs. After that these signals are pre-processed using some filters and then the EEG features are extracted by various methods. At last, these features are classified based on the psychological task they depict.

3.1.1 System Setup and Signal Acquisition

The acquisition of EEG data is performed while users were asked to read words shown on the computer screen. A wireless device, Emotiv EPOC+ headset has been used to capture the EEG signals [61]. The device has various advantages like easy to fit over scalp due to its flexible design, wireless and rechargeable with a battery backup of 12 hours with continuous use, dense array spatial resolution which ensures the measurement of complete brain signals, salined wet sensors which ensures the avoidance of sticky gels, and compatibility with different operating systems (e.g. Windows, OSX, Linux, Android, and iOS) [62]. The device has 14 electrodes that are placed on the scalp at positions Occipital (O1, O2), Parietal (P7, P8), Temporal (T7, T8) and Frontal (AF3, AF4, F3, F4, FC5, FC6, F7, F8) as per International 10-20 system as shown in Figure 3.2.

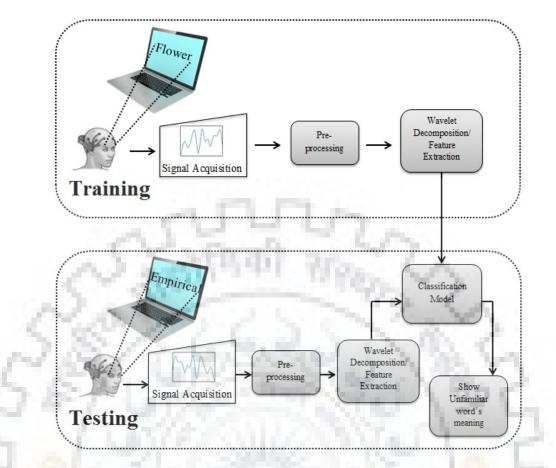


FIGURE 3.1: Block Diagram representing the steps of EEG signal processing in training & testing phase.

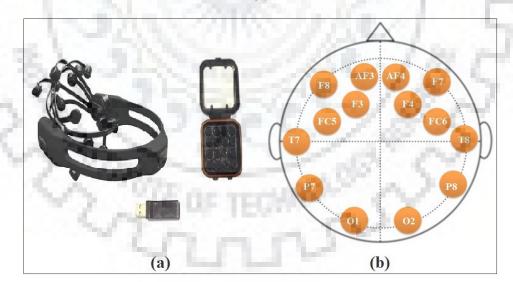


FIGURE 3.2: EEG brain sensor: (a) Emotiv EPOC+ device and accessories (b) Placement of electrodes over skull.

EEG signals were collected by placing these electrodes on the human scalp which capture the brain activity in terms of the weak (5-100 μ V) electrical potentials generated by the brain. The electrode contains a disk connected by wire. EEG data is captured in a laptop using Bluetooth connectivity via a USB dongle. Initially, an EPOC device is sampled at 2048 Hz frequency per

channel which is then down-sampled to 128 Hz per channel. Users were asked to read words one after the other and simultaneously, EEG signals were recorded. After that, the users were asked whether they were familiar or unfamiliar with those words. The responses of the users were taken in terms of two categories, i.e., familiar or unfamiliar.

3.1.2 Signal Pre-processing

Various sources of artifacts like muscular activities, blinking of eyes, and electrical noise in the power line, etc. come into picture while capturing the signals[63]. These artifacts and noise very badly affect the useful features in the original signal. The magnitude of the braingenerated electrical potentials is smaller than these unwanted signals. Many solutions can be thought to remove these unwanted signals like the removal of contaminated trials and restriction of eye blinks. But that is natural and not in the hand of the user. Also, the removal of trials can cause the useful data loss [64]. So, some different methods have to be applied to eliminate these unwanted signals.

3.1.2.1 Data Filtering & Smoothing

As noise can interfere with the actual signal, so it is required to separate both of them to prevent interference. Bandpass filtering is the process to limit the bandwidth of the output signal to the required band and ignore out of band signals [65]. For this, a bandpass finite impulse response digital filter has been designed. It allows frequencies within a pre-decided range and rejects other frequencies. The output of the filter is calculated one by one on each electrode signal using present inputs, past or delayed inputs, and the past or delayed outputs of that electrode and the amount of delay is given by the order of filter. A 5th-order band pass FIR filter with lower cut-off frequency 0.49 Hz and higher cut-off frequency 60 Hz with sample rate of 256 Hz has been used to achieve zero-phase digital filtering in both the forward and reverse directions.

After filtering, Smoothing of data has been performed one by one on each electrode signal. It removes the high peaks in the data by using moving average filter where every data point is replaced by the average of its neighboring data points within the defined span. The neighboring data points are decided on the basis of the data point which is at the center of the span and there are no neighboring data points for the end points, so they cannot be smoothed. For calculating the average, it uses the Eq. (3.1). A 5-point moving average filter has been used for data smoothing where the span is 5.

$$s(i) = \begin{cases} x(1), & \text{for } i=1\\ \frac{1}{3}(x(1) + x(2) + x(3)), & \text{for } i=2\\ \frac{1}{2n+1}(x(i+n) + x(i+n-1) + \dots + x(i-n)), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(3.1)

where 'x(i)' is the i^{th} data point to be smoothed and 's(i)' is its smoothed value, 'n' is the number of neighbors on both sides of 'x(i)' and (2n + 1) is the span.

3.1.2.2 Independent Component Analysis (ICA)

The generative model used to find mutually independent sources from multivariate data that is a linear mixture of various latent variables is known as ICA. It does so by finding covariance and Eigen values. The mixing system could be unknown and non-gaussian latent variables could be assumed. These independent latent variables are the end results of ICA. It can be thought similar to blind source separation which is used for parallel signals set or time series dataset [64]. The main aim of ICA is to maximize the statistical independence or non-normality of the estimated components. It is applicable on EEG data as EEG signals are additive because, at electrode level, the sources are linearly combined electrical fields. The component ' x_i ' of the dataset $x = (x_1,...,x_m)^T$ is generated as a sum of the independent components ' s_k ', where k = 1,...,n by using the Eq. (3.2). Here, FastICA method has been applied [66].

$$x_i = a_{i,1}s_1 + \dots + a_{i,k}s_k + \dots + a_{i,n}s_n \tag{3.2}$$

where $a_{i,k}$ represents the mixing weights. The independent components can be calculated using Eq. (3.3), where 'W' is the transformation weight matrix.

$$s_k = (w^T * x) \tag{3.3}$$

But the mixing of the sources does not need to be linear. Using a nonlinear mixing function $f(s|\theta)$ with nonlinearity parameter ' θ ', the nonlinear ICA model is given by Eq. (3.4), where ' θ ' is used as $(-exp(-1/2 * y^2))$.

$$x = f(s|\theta) + n \tag{3.4}$$

Raw data, filtered data, and data after applying ICA is shown in Figure 3.3.

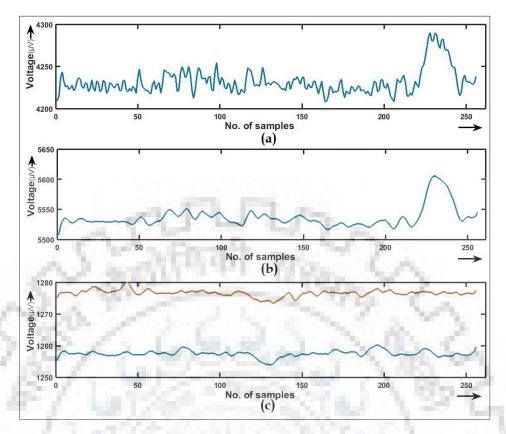


FIGURE 3.3: EEG signals (a) Raw Signal (b) Filtering and Smoothing Result (c) Two independent components after application of ICA.

3.1.3 Features Extraction

A feature is a characteristic or a structure extracted from a segment of the pattern. Since the EEG signal is a time domain signal, its features are buried away in the noise and to extract the useful data from them, they have to be transformed from time domain to the frequency domain. Also, highly trained professionals are required to inspect EEG signals in their unprocessed form [67]. In this work, we have applied Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) technique to process the signals.

3.1.3.1 Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT)

The wavelet transform provides a powerful technique for processing EEG signals before the classification process [68]. DWT applies multistage decomposition over input signal to convert it into a series of small waves. For this, the signal S has to pass through digital filters, i.e., Low pass filter (L) and High pass filter (H) and then down-sampled by 2 which gives output as detail (D) and approximation (A) coefficients respectively. A can be further decomposed at the next level using these filters. The wavelet function at time 't' is given by Eq. (3.5).

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi(t)dt = 0 \tag{3.5}$$

where,

$$\psi_{m,n}(t) = a_0^{-m/2} \psi(a_0^{-m}t - nb_0)$$
(3.6)

where ' a_0 ' is the scaling parameter, ' b_0 ' is the translation parameter and m = 0, 1, 2, ..., M - 1, t = 0, 1, 2, ..., T - 1, M = log2(T), $n = 0, 1, 2, ..., 2^m - 1$ and 'T' is the length of the signal. The decomposition of a signal into approximation and details coefficients can be achieved by choosing $a_0 = 2$ and $b_0 = 1$ [69]. As the characteristics of the signal depend on only half of the output of every filter, so the decomposition has halved the time resolution and hence the frequency resolution has been doubled. The down-sampling is performed using Eq. (3.7), where 'k' is the subsampling rate and 'y[n]' represents the signal.

$$(y \downarrow k)[n] = y[kn] \tag{3.7}$$

The approximation and detail coefficients are computed by using Eq. (3.8) and (3.9). Eq. (3.8) gives the scaling function and Eq. (3.9) gives the wavelet function. The scaling function belongs to 'L' and wavelet function belongs to 'H'.

$$\phi_{m,n}(t) = 2^{m/2} l(2^m t - n) \tag{3.8}$$

$$\psi_{m,n}(t) = 2^{m/2}h(2^m t - n) \tag{3.9}$$

The values of ' A_i ' and ' D_i ' at the i^{th} level decomposition are computed using Eq. (3.10) and (3.11), respectively.

$$A_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_t x(t) \times \phi_{m,n}(t)$$
(3.10)

$$D_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_t x(t) \times \psi_{m,n}(t)$$
(3.11)

Eight levels of EEG signal decomposition has been performed by using the orthonormal wavelet Daubechies-8 (DB8) technique as shown in Figure 3.4. The DB8 decomposition gives first four wavelet coefficients that correspond to noise and five wavelet coefficients corresponding to frequency bands defined as:

- Gamma (>30) Hz : Corresponds to consciousness and memory matching of recognized objects, sounds or sensations.
- Beta (12 30) Hz : Corresponds to active thinking, focus, high alert and anxiety.
- Alpha (8 12) Hz : Corresponds to the resting state for the brain i.e. shows calmness and alertness.
- Theta (4 8) Hz : Corresponds to dreams, fears and nightmares.
- Delta (0.5 4) Hz : Corresponds to deepest meditation and dreamless sleep.

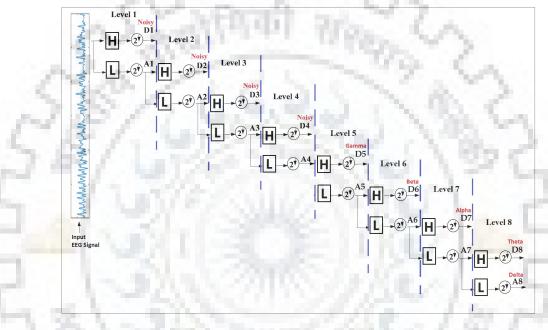


FIGURE 3.4: Different levels of Wavelet decomposition using DB8.

The wavelet decomposition is shown in Figure 3.5.

After DWT, the first order features (mean and standard deviation (SD)) have been extracted on those decomposed sub-bands or DWT coefficients one by one on every electrode signal. And the Linear features such as Root Mean Square (RMS) and Energy content of the signal uses these first order features. The four features, i.e. Mean, Standard Deviation, RMS and Power have been chosen for the experiment. These features have been used earlier by many researchers in various EEG based experiments and have given good results.[16, 70, 71].

3.1.3.2 Mean

Mean is to calculate the average of all the data points and can be calculated using Eq. (3.12).

$$\mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i}{N} \tag{3.12}$$

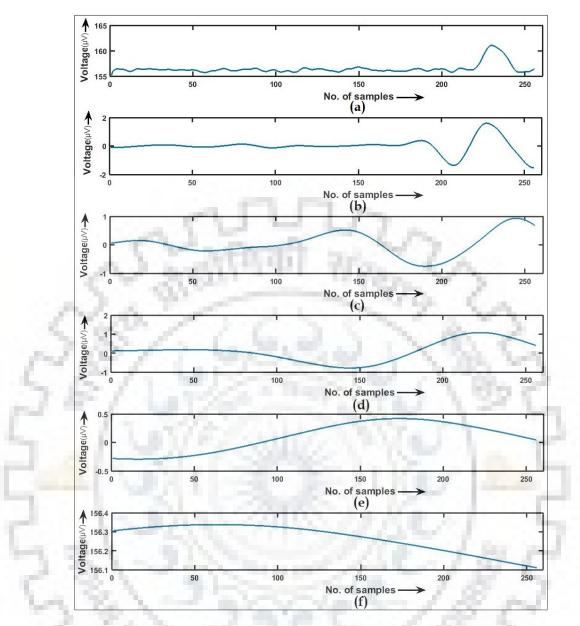


FIGURE 3.5: EEG signals (a) ICA component (b) Gamma band wave (c) Beta band wave (d) Alpha band wave (e) Theta band wave (f) Delta band wave

where, ' x_i ' are the data points and 'N' specifies the number of samples.

3.1.3.3 Standard deviation

It measures the deviation of the data from its mean. The higher deviation in the data set means there is a large gap between data points and their mean. It is calculated as the square root of variance which is the average of the sum of the squares of the difference between the data point and its mean as defined in Eq. (3.13), where, ' x_i ' is the current data point, ' μ ' is the mean value of the signal and 'N' is the number of samples.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \mu)^2}{N}}$$
(3.13)

3.1.3.4 Root Mean Square (RMS)

It can be called as the quadratic mean measure. It shows the variation in the amplitude of the signal with respect to time. So, it depends on the shape of the wave and is independent of the signal frequency. That's why it is a time series statistical measure [72]. It is calculated by finding the square root of the mean of the square of the signal as defined in Eq. (3.14), where 'N' is the number of samples and 'x' is the amplitude value of the signal.

$$x_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i^2}{N}} \tag{3.14}$$

3.1.3.5 Energy and Power content

The terms signal energy and signal power are used to characterize a signal and it is calculated using Eq. (3.15), where ' x_i ' is the current data point and 'N' specifies the number of samples.

$$E = \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |x_i|^2 \tag{3.15}$$

3.1.4 Random Forest based Classification and Combinational Strategy

In machine learning, classification means to identify to which category a new observation belongs, given a set of categories. The decision is made on the basis of a training dataset that contains those instances whose category is known beforehand. A classifier is an algorithm that implements the classification where the observational rows are termed as instances, the column variables are termed as features, to be predicted categories are termed as classes and the response value given by the user is termed as ground truth. Firstly, a classification model is built in the training phase by using the pre-processed and feature extracted recorded dataset and the response value given by the user's recognition of the word. After that, the test sample has to go through the same process of pre-processing, wavelet decomposition, feature extraction and then tested against the trained classification model in the testing phase. The results belong to two classes namely, YES (Familiar Word) and NO (Unfamiliar Word). Here, RF classifier has been used to model the features for the prediction of word-familiarity. The details are as follows.

3.1.4.1 Random Forest (RF) Classifier

Random Forest has been used successfully in various classification problems based on EEG signals [73][74]. It creates a bunch of decision trees and then a vote is casted by every tree for the most suitable class. The output class of the random forest is the mode of the class's output by individual trees. As decision trees in different subspaces give their own classification results which can be the complement of each other and their combined classification can be monotonically improved, that is why RF classifier has been used [75]. A random set of features and bootstrapped samples are chosen from training data to build a classifier. It is constructed in a different way than classification trees. In decision trees, the best split among all variables is chosen to split a node where as in RF, the best subset among random predictors is chosen to split a node. The unknown samples are classified using a weighted or unweighted voting of a set of classifiers in the forest. Here, the training dataset is created by bagging technique, i.e., by randomly choosing 'N' samples with replacement, where 'N' is the size of the training dataset. And then to classify a test sample, the maximum voted class label from all the classifiers is assigned to it and with the predicted class label, the confidence score corresponding to that label has also been predicted. A step-by-step flow of the RF classification scheme is presented in Algorithm 1. In this work, a random forest of 100 trees for classification has been built by randomly drawing with replacement 275 examples, where 275 is the size of the original training set. Since, it is classification problem with 14 attributes, $14^{1/2}$ features (selected at random) are used in each split in the design of the decision tree.

Algorithm 1 RandomForest

- N : No. of training examples
- M : No. of variables
- m : No. of input variable for one node of tree, m <M
- B : No. of classification Trees
 - 1: procedure RANDOMFOREST(X[N][M],M,B)
 - 2: **for** b = 1 to B **do**

3:	To create tree T_b ,	draw sample of size N	from N training	examples with	ith replacement.

- 4: while nodesize $!= n_{min} \operatorname{do}$
- 5: Choose m variables randomly.
- 6: Select best-split-variable among m chosen variables.
- 7: Split node into two child nodes.
- 8: end while
- 9: Find classification result C_b from T_b .
- 10: **end for**
- 11: **return** MajorityVote $[C_b]_1^B$
- 12: end procedure

3.1.4.2 Classifier Combination over Different Features and Frequency-bands

The classifiers can be combined on several basis to produce better results. The combination can be performed over different classifiers or different frequency bands. The basis of the combination is the confidence value each classifier gives in its respective class. In this work, we have used Borda Count approach to combine the results from multiple classifiers. In Borda Count combination, for every classifier, class labels are ranked from most likely to least likely class label where the rank refers to the number of classes ranked below it. And then for a particular class label, ranks of all classifiers are combined. The output class label will be the one with maximum combined rank as shown in Figure 3.6. Eq. (3.16) is used to find the combined rank and Eq. (3.17) is used to predict output class label.

$$r_i = \sum_{j=1}^{N} r_i{}^j \tag{3.16}$$

$$c_{out} = max_{i=1}^n(r_i) \tag{3.17}$$

where $r_i^{j'}$ is rank of classifier j' for the class i', n' is the number of class labels and N' is the number of classifiers.

Here, Borda count combination of beta and gamma bands with different features namely,

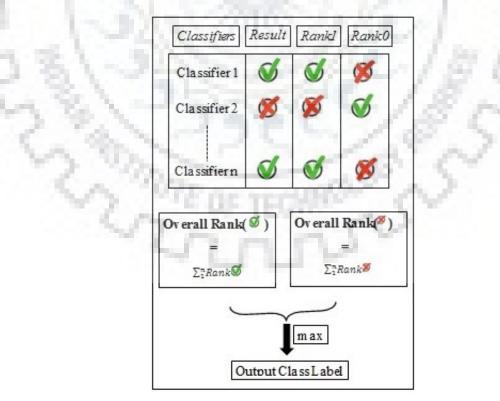


FIGURE 3.6: Borda Count Combination of classifiers based on their ranks.

mean, standard deviation, RMS and power has been performed as shown in Figure 3.7. So, a total of 8 different classification results have been combined on the basis of Borda count approach to produce better results.

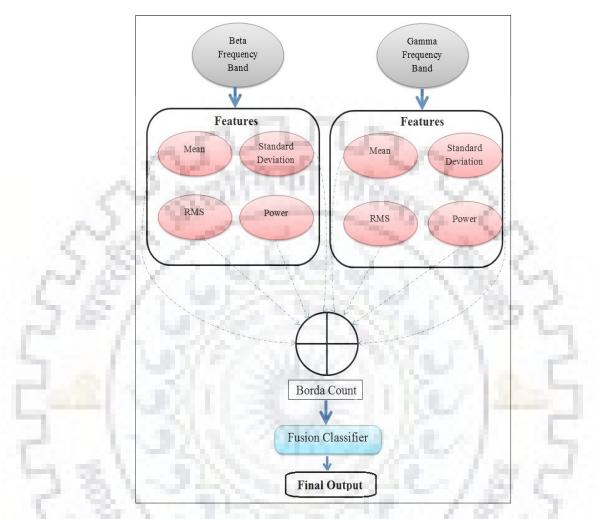


FIGURE 3.7: Block Diagram showing the Borda Count combination of different classification results.

3.2 Gaze based Temporal Data Analysis for Word Familiarity Prediction

To analyze the timestamp data, the steps in Figure 3.8 are followed. Firstly, the phase of recording of eye gaze occurs which generates the coordinates of gaze in reference to the screen, along with the timestamp data. After that, these coordinates and timestamp data are preprocessed to extract the information about the fixation of gaze at a word for some time. At last, this information is used to classify whether the user is familiar with the given word or not.

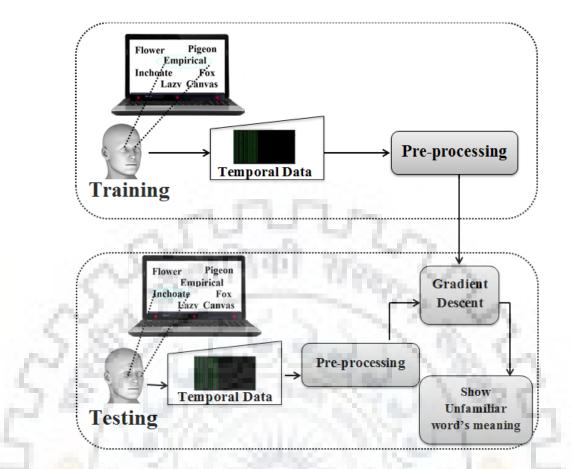


FIGURE 3.8: Block Diagram representing the steps of gaze based temporal data analysis in training & testing phase.

3.2.1 System Setup and Data Acquisition

The acquisition of temporal data is performed while users were asked to read words shown on the computer screen. A device, Tobii Eye Tracker 4C has been used to capture the eye gaze of the user on the computer screen. Oculography is a method to record the position and motion of eyes. The various methods to track the movements of the eye include Electro-Oculography, Sceleral Search Coils using the magnetic field, Infrared Oculography and Video Oculography [76]. The Tobii eye tracker device works on Infrafred Oculography which uses near infrared light (NIR) which is invisible and has a wavelength between 700 and 1200 nm. Tobii eye tracker gets disturbed by any other device emitting infrared light in the vicinity of it. It mainly consists of sensors with advanced optical components including both camera and projectors to capture images of eyes with high frame rate and to create reflection pattern of NIR on eyes respectively and algorithms to track the gaze by interpreting the position of eyes and size of pupils in the image stream captured by sensors. The device and its components are shown in Figure 3.9.

Temporal data was collected by placing the tracker at the bottom of the computer screen in front of the user. The tracker emits NIR light and gets the reflected image pattern at the frame

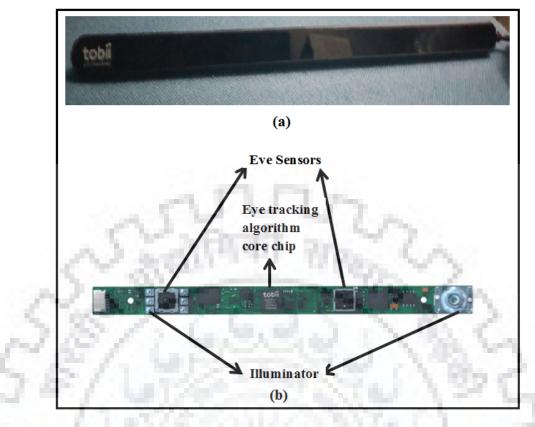


FIGURE 3.9: Eye Tracking Device: (a) Tobii Eye Tracker 4C (b) Components of Tobii Eye Tracker 4C

rate of 10 ms which generates the coordinates of gaze fixed at the screen with their timestamp. Users were asked to read words one after the other and simultaneously, eye gaze tracking was performed. After that, the users were asked whether they were familiar or unfamiliar with those words. The responses of the users were taken in terms of two categories, i.e., familiar or unfamiliar.

3.2.2 Temporal Data Pre-processing

The recorded coordinates and timestamps are further analyzed on the basis of coordinates. If two adjacent coordinates are found to be nearly same then their timestamps are matched to measure the time duration of fixation of gaze at that coordinate point. Finally, the dataset is reconstructed to have the coordinates and time duration for which the gaze was stuck to that coordinate.

3.2.3 Stochastic Gradient Descent Classifier

Stochastic Gradient descent is an iterative optimization algorithm used to find the values of coefficients(w) so as to minimize a cost function(f). It is used when it is difficult to find the

values of coefficients by linear analysis. It finds the threshold value to separate any linear separable data. The equation of stochastic gradient descent is given by Eq.3.18.

$$w = w - \eta \nabla Q_i(w) \tag{3.18}$$

where Q_i is the ith observation in dataset, η is the learning rate and w is the parameter which minimizes Q(w). Here, Q(w) can be given by Eq. 3.19

$$Q(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{N} Q_i(w)$$
(3.19)

where n is the size of dataset.

The algorithm performs the update specified by Eq. 3.18 for each training example in the training set. A step-by-step flow of the Stochastic Gradient Descent classification scheme is presented in Algorithm 2. In this work, a Stochastic Gradient Descent function with "hinge loss" and " l^2 penalty" is used for classification. Hinge loss is preferred as we need "maximum-margin" classification and l^2 penalty is used to minimize the sum of square errors. Maximum iterations performed are 5 with the adaptive learning rate of 0.1.

Algorithm 2 Stochastic Gradient Descent

 η : Learning rate

w : Minimization coefficient

n : No. of samples

1: procedure SGD($W,X(N),\eta$)

- 2: Choose an initial vector of parameters 'w' and learning rate η .
- 3: while approximate minimum is not obtained do
- 4: Randomly shuffle examples in the training set.
- 5: for i=1 to n do

$$w = w - \eta
abla \zeta$$

- 7: end for
- 8: end while

6:

9: end procedure

3.3 Facial Expression Recognition for Word Familiarity Prediction

To perform facial expression detection, the steps in Figure 3.10 are followed. Firstly, the phase of the recording of the video occurs while the user is reading the text. Further, this video is processed to generate image frames in RGB format. After that, they are preprocessed for contrast equalization and then the coordinates of facial features are extracted which are then processed with their adjacent frames to create a feature vector. At last, this feature vector is used to classify whether the user is familiar with the given word or not.

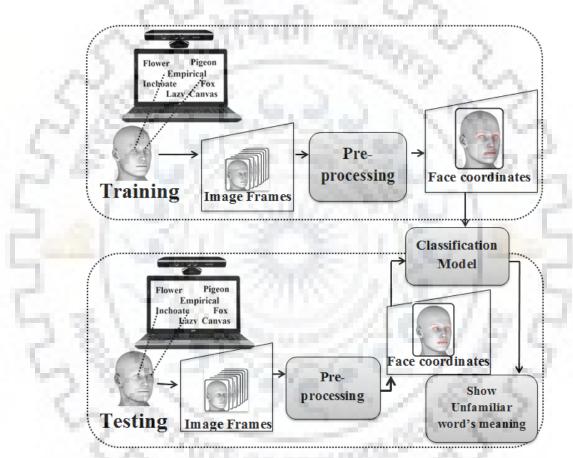


FIGURE 3.10: Block Diagram representing the steps of facial expression detection in training & testing phase.

3.3.1 System Setup and Data Acquisition

The detection of facial expressions is performed while users were asked to read words shown on the computer screen. A device, Kinect XBOX 360 has been used to capture the video in terms of RGB and depth images. The Kinect sensor is a horizontal bar-shaped device that can be placed in front of computer screen. It has an RGB camera and a depth sensor. Using them, the Kinect sensor can capture the motion in 3D space. It also has a multi-array microphone which can be used to voice recognition. The depth sensor works using a sensor and an infrared projector. The Kinect sensor outputs the video at a frame rate of approximately 9 Hz to 30 Hz. The RGB image capturing is performed with a resolution of 640 x 480 pixels with Bayer color filter. Similarly, the depth image is captured at the same resolution with 11-bit depth. The range of the sensor is up to 1.2 to 3.5 m. The angular view is at 43° vertically and 57° horizontally. The device for capturing RGB image sequence is shown in Figure 3.11.



FIGURE 3.11: Kinect XBOX 360 Device

RGB image frames were collected by placing the Kinect sensor in front of the computer screen which captures the image frames at a resolution of 640 x 480 pixels and framing rate of 40 frames per second. Users were asked to read words one after the other and simultaneously, their face is captured. After that, the users were asked whether they were familiar or unfamiliar with those words. The responses of the users were taken in terms of two categories, i.e., familiar or unfamiliar.

3.3.2 Data Pre-processing

Firstly, the images are preprocessed by converting them to grayscale and then by optimizing the contrast using Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization (CLAHE). This step is needed to make all images with equivalent lighting conditions. Adaptive Histogram determines various histograms for different regions of the image and then use them to redistribute lightness or darkness values to the image by enhancing local contrast and edge definitions. Grayscale conversion is required because color images have various components, so histogram equalization has to be performed on each of these components. So, it is better to use uniform color intensity.

3.3.2.1 Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization (CLAHE)

CLAHE transforms each pixel based on the transformation function obtained from adjacent regions. The transformation function is calculated from the histograms of the squares enclosing the stated pixel. The transformation function is proportional to the slope of the neighboring Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF). The value when CDF is calculated may exceed given range, so it performs clipping before calculating CDF. So, the slope is limited during the amplification process. This clip value depends on the normalization which depends on the size of the neighborhood. The input to CLAHE is grayscale image and the output obtained is histogram equalized image. In this work, we have used clip limit of 2 and grid size of (8,8). In AHE, if the region has small intensity components then the noise or artifacts get more enhanced in that region. CLAHE limits those artifacts. CLAHE works on extremely small image blocks and then enhances the contrast of each of those blocks. The actual captured RGB image and its corresponding resultant equalized contrast image is shown in Figure 3.12.



FIGURE 3.12: CLAHE Equalization: (a) Captured RGB image (b) Resultant equalized contrast image.

3.3.3 Facial Coordinates Extraction

In the proposed system, face detection is performed first which determines whether there is a face in the given image or not. If there is a face then it returns the location and extent of each face in that image. After that facial feature coordinates of specific regions of the face like eyebrows, eyes, nose, and mouth are extracted. In this work, the face is detected using dlib's face detection model and then 68 landmarks points are identified on each detected face using dlib's shape prediction model which takes an object in the image as input and outputs a set of points defining the pose of that object. Figure 3.13 (a) shows the detected face in the image and Figure 3.13 (b) shows the marked coordinates on the face. Further, the difference of corresponding coordinates among the adjacent frames in a series of 120 frames per expression has been calculated.

3.3.4 LSTM based Sequence Classification

Lastly, the expression classification is performed. We have mainly performed the expression recognition for two basic expressions: when the user knows the meaning of the word and when the user does not know the meaning of the word. The expression of "confusion" is considered



FIGURE 3.13: Facial Coordinates Extraction: (a) Face detection in image (b) Coordinate marking on detected face.

in the not known word category. LSTM is a very special kind of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN), capable of handling long-term dependencies, i.e., remembering information for long periods of time. In a neural network, there is need to connect previous information to the present task and the gap between the relevant information and the place where it is required is very large, RNNs fails to use the past information. The problem was explored by Hochreiter and Bengio et al. [77]. Thus, when more context is required, LSTM is used. LSTM network is shown in Figure 3.14.

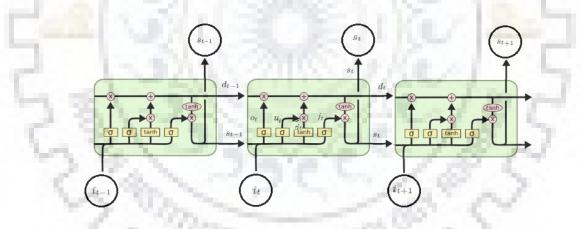


FIGURE 3.14: Long Short Term Memory Network.

LSTMs have the chain like structure like standard RNN, but the repeating module has a different structure. Instead of having a single neural network layer, there are four layers which make LSTM to add or delete information from the cell state. Gates can be a point-wise multiplication operation or a Sigmoid neural network layer. The sigmoid layer decides how much of each component should let through by outputting zero or one. The processing at each step is given by Eq. (3.20-3.25). Eq. (3.20) gives what information to throw away or omit from the cell state. It is a sigmoid function of previous state s_{t-1} , current input i_t and weight W_o '. Eq. (3.21) decides which values have to be updated which is again a sigmoid function of previous state s_{t-1} , current input i_t and weight W_u '. Eq. (3.22) creates a vector

of new candidate values, ' \tilde{d}_t ', to be added to the state. Eq. (3.23) gives what new information is to be stored in the cell state which is the sum of product of forget information ' o_t ', previous candidate value ' d_{t-1} ' and product of updated value ' u_t ', new candidate value ' \tilde{d}_t '. Eq. (3.24) decides what is to be given as output which is again a sigmoid function of previous state ' s_{t-1} ', current input ' i_t ' and weight ' W_j '. Eq. (3.25) gives the final output.

$$o_t = \sigma(W_o.[s_{t-1}, i_t] + b_o) \tag{3.20}$$

$$u_t = \sigma(W_u . [s_{t-1}, i_t] + b_u)$$
(3.21)

$$\tilde{l}_t = tanh(W_d.[s_{t-1}, i_t] + b_d)$$
(3.22)

$$d_t = o_t * d_{t-1} + u_t * \tilde{d}_t \tag{3.23}$$

$$j_t = \sigma(W_j . [s_{t-1}, i_t] + b_j)$$
(3.24)

$$s_t = j_t * tanh(d_t) \tag{3.25}$$

In this work, initially, 50 neurons have been considered in the LSTM layer with the data batch size of 64. The network has been trained for 100 epochs and the loss has been calculated at each step. Adam Optimizer has been used to minimize the cross-entropy. One dense layer with sigmoid activation function has been used. Dropout of 0.8 has been used to prevent overfitting.

Chapter 4

Experimental Results

In this chapter, the results of the proposed framework for word familiarity prediction over collected dataset have been presented. The leave-one-out cross-validation approach has been used for the prediction. The results of the performed comparative analysis with different classifiers and their different combinations have also been presented.

4.1 Dataset Description

4.1.1 EEG Dataset

The 14 channels' EEG signals of 12 participants have been recorded while they are asked to read words on the computer screen as shown in Figure 4.1. All the participants are male and belong to the age group of 18 to 30 years and are students of Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, India. 25 different words have been chosen as the dataset with three levels of difficulty, i.e., easy, medium and hard as shown in Figure 4.2. The level of difficulty is based on the frequency of the words used in our everyday life. So, overall 300 (i.e. 12×25) EEG signals have been recorded. A feedback response in terms of familiarity/non-familiarity to a word has been collected from the subjects simultaneously with the recording of EEG signals corresponding to each word. Each word has been displayed for 2 seconds with the slide flipping time of 1 second. During the data collection, users have been instructed to provide their correct response.

4.1.2 Gaze based Temporal Dataset

The eye gaze screen coordinates with their respective timestamps of 15 participants have been recorded while they are asked to read text consisting of 16 words at a time, on the computer screen as shown in Figure 4.3. The participants include both males and females and belong to



FIGURE 4.1: System setup where the user is reading a word during experiment.

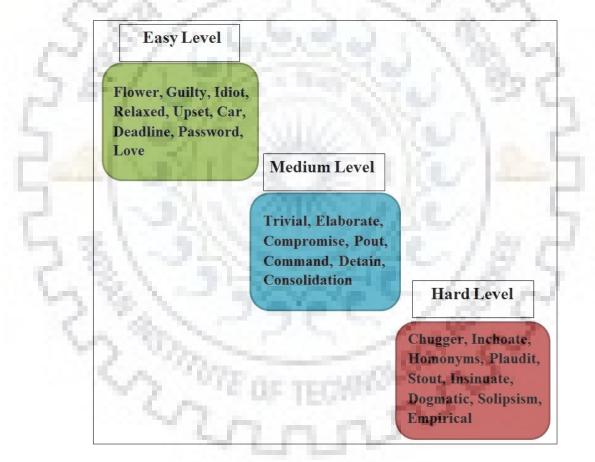


FIGURE 4.2: Words with three levels of difficulty shown to users on the computer screen.

the age group of 18 to 30 years and are students of Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, India. A feedback response in terms of familiarity/non-familiarity to a word in the given text has been collected from the subjects simultaneously with the tracking of eye gaze corresponding to each word. During the data collection, users have been instructed to provide their correct response.

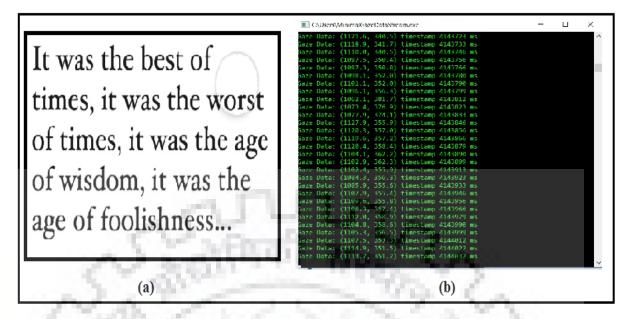


FIGURE 4.3: Temporal Data Analysis: (a)Tracked Gaze on word "worst" (b)Screen Coordinates of tracked gaze and corresponding timestamp.

4.1.3 Facial Expression Dataset

The facial expressions of 15 participants have been recorded while they are asked to read words on the computer screen. Figure 4.4 shows the captured RGB images for both unfamiliar and familiar words. The participants include both males and females and belong to the age group of 18 to 30 years and are students of Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, India. 25 different words have been chosen as the dataset with three levels of difficulty, i.e., easy, medium and hard. Each word has been displayed for 3 seconds with the slide flipping time of 1 second. The 3 seconds recording is framed at the rate of 40 frames per second. So, overall 120 frames for each word have been recorded. And then 68 (X,Y) cartesian coordinates have been extracted from each of these frames i.e., 136 sized (68 X and 68 Y) feature vector is generated. A total of (120 x 25 x 15) set of feature vectors have been created. Figure 4.5 shows extracted coordinates in various frames when the user is found to be unfamiliar with the word. A feedback response in terms of familiarity/non-familiarity to a word has been collected from the subjects simultaneously with the recording of EEG signals corresponding to each word. During the data collection, users have been instructed to provide their correct response.

4.2 Word Familiarity Prediction

Here, the word familiarity results using the statistical and sequential classifiers and their combinations on different datasets have been presented. The classifier model has been built from the EEG samples, sampled at 0.5 second time duration, of each of the frequency bands



FIGURE 4.4: Facial Expressions: (a) For Unfamiliar words (b) For Familiar words.



FIGURE 4.5: Extracted Facial Coordinates in various frames corresponding to unfamiliar word.

alpha, beta, gamma, delta and theta of 11 subjects and then the trained model has been tested using the EEG signals of rest one subject. Similarly, the classifier model has been built from both temporal dataset and facial features' dataset. This strategy has been used for all the subjects one by one. Finally, the performance of proposed framework is presented in terms of accuracy using Eq. (4.1).

$$Accuracy = \frac{Count \ of \ Correct \ Predictions}{Total \ Number \ of \ Predictions} \tag{4.1}$$

4.2.1 On EEG Dataset

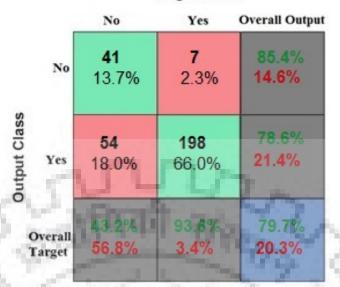
4.2.1.1 Word Familiarity Prediction using RF

A group of 100 decision trees has been created with the split at $14^{1/2}$ attributes chosen at random and then each tree has to cast a vote for the most suitable class. The output class has been chosen by the mode of the class's output by individual trees. Each class label is predicted with some confidence value ($0 \leq confidence \leq 1$). Wherever there is confusion and the confidence of both "Familiar" and "Unfamiliar" classes is same i.e. 0.5, the priority has been given to "Unfamiliar" as per the benefit of doubt. The confusion matrix for the Random Forest classifier is shown in Figure 4.6 where 'Target Class' refers to the actual class labels and 'Output Class' refers to the class label predicted by the proposed model, Corresponding percentages of Correct and Incorrect predictions have been shown and total percentages of 'No/Yes' predicted as 'No/Yes' respectively in green color and total percentage of 'No/Yes' predicted as 'Yes/No' respectively in red color have been shown in overall columns whereas in the last blue colored block, the total percentages of correct i.e. 79.7% and incorrect results i.e. 20.3% have been shown. The accuracies over different features of raw data and of different frequency range are shown in Figure 4.7 and Figure 4.8, respectively. Here, raw data means the data acquired from the device's SDK without any preprocessing which involves different filtering and signal smoothing techniques. As evident in the bar chart shown in Figure 4.8, Random Forest over power feature of gamma frequency band is giving the maximum accuracy of 79.7%.

4.2.1.2 Borda Count Combination of Different Features and Frequency bands

The Borda count combination of beta and gamma bands with different features namely, mean, standard deviation, RMS and power has been performed. So, a total of eight different classification results have been combined on the basis of Borda count to produce better results. While combining these results, wherever there is confusion and the overall rank of both "Familiar" and "Unfamiliar" classes is same i.e. 4 out of 8, the priority has been given to "Unfamiliar" as per the benefit of doubt. Otherwise, whichever class has more rank will be the output class. As evident from the plot in Figure 4.9, the accuracy of these eight results' combination is more than their individual results.

The accuracy has been improved to 82% and the confusion matrix for the same is shown in Figure 4.10 where 'Target Class' refers to the actual class labels and 'Output Class' refers to



Target Class

FIGURE 4.6: Confusion Matrix for the word familiarity prediction using RF classifier.

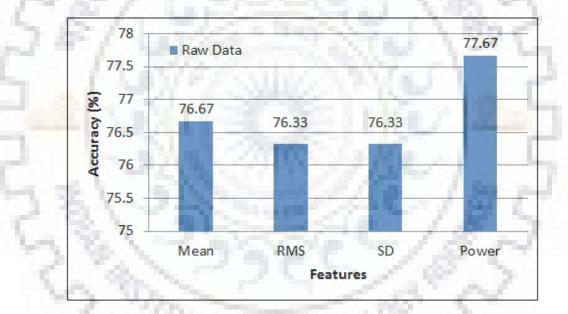


FIGURE 4.7: Accuracy prediction over different features of raw data.

the class label predicted by the proposed model, Corresponding percentages of Correct and Incorrect predictions have been shown and total percentages of 'No/Yes' predicted as 'No/Yes' respectively in green color and total percentage of 'No/Yes' predicted as 'Yes/No' in red color have been shown in overall columns whereas in the last blue colored block, the total percentages of correct i.e. 82% and incorrect results i.e. 18% have been shown. For different levels of word difficulty, the corresponding accuracy is shown in Figure 4.11 where Easy words are giving the maximum accuracy of 98.2%, Medium words are giving the accuracy of 91.7% and Hard level words are giving the accuracy of 50.9%. This is so because easy words are familiar to every user where as the difficult words may be familiar to some users and unfamiliar to others.

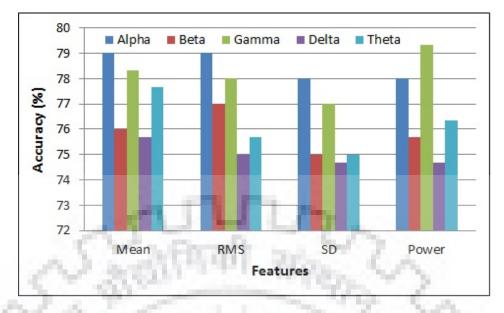


FIGURE 4.8: Accuracy prediction over different features of wavelet decomposed data.

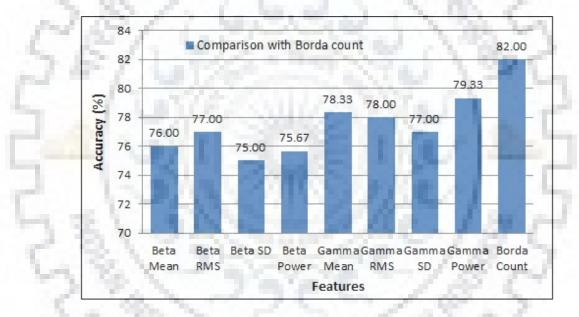
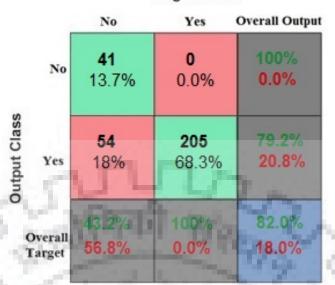


FIGURE 4.9: Borda count combination of frequency bands and features.

Accuracy for every user after applying the combination of classifiers is shown in Figure 4.12.

4.2.2 On Gaze based Temporal Dataset

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) function with "hinge loss" and " l^2 penalty" with maximum iterations performed of 5 and adaptive learning rate of 0.1 have been applied on the processed temporal data. It has been found that the classifier is classifying the word to be familiar if the time duration of fixation of gaze is below 0.85 seconds and after the time duration of 1.57 seconds, it is classifying the word to be unfamiliar. But for the time gap of 0.85 seconds to



Target Class

FIGURE 4.10: Confusion matrix for Borda count combination of different features and frequency bands.

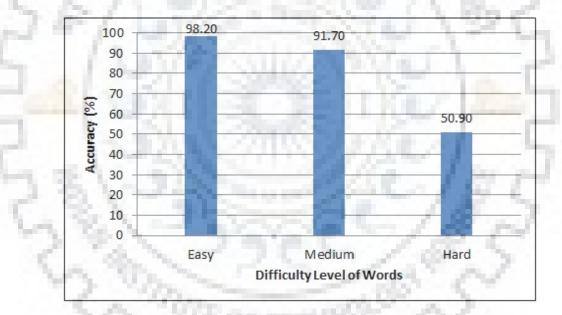


FIGURE 4.11: Accuracy for words at different difficulty levels.

1.57 seconds, there is confusion in mind. The accuracy of the proposed system is found to be 72.8%. The confusion matrix for the same has been shown in Figure 4.13

4.2.3 On Facial Expression Dataset

50 neurons have been considered in the LSTM layer with the data batch size of 64. The network has been trained for 100 epochs and the loss has been calculated at each step. Adam Optimizer has been used to minimize the cross-entropy. One dense layer with sigmoid activation function

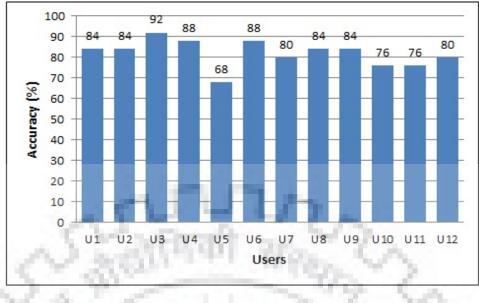


FIGURE 4.12: Accuracy of classifier combination for every user.

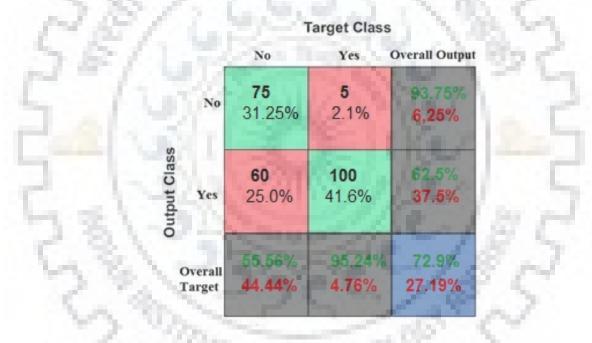


FIGURE 4.13: Confusion Matrix for the word familiarity prediction using SGD classifier.

has been used. Dropout of 0.8 has been used to prevent overfitting. The proposed system is recording an accuracy of 80.3%. The confusion matrix for the same has been shown in Figure 4.14.

4.3 Word Meaning Recommendation

If from the collected dataset, the user is found to be unfamiliar with a word then its meaning is shown as a pop window on the computer screen as shown in Figure 4.15 where user 4 is



Target Class

FIGURE 4.14: Confusion Matrix for the word familiarity prediction using LSTM classifier.

found to be unfamiliar with a word "Empirical" and user 2 is found to be unfamiliar with a word "Inchoate". Therefore, the meanings of these words are shown to corresponding users. For the meanings of words, Wordnet¹ and its synonym sets have been referred.

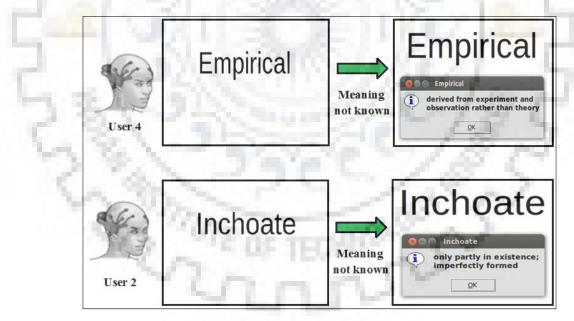


FIGURE 4.15: Meanings of unfamiliar words shown as the pop-up window on computer screen.

¹Natural Language Toolkit(NLTK) Corpus

4.4 Comparative Analysis

1. Performance Comparison of proposed models for different kinds of datasets: The word familiarity is predicted one by one on EEG dataset, temporal gazed dataset and facial expression dataset. As evident from the bar chart shown in Figure (4.16), the Borda count combination of beta and gamma bands of EEG dataset with different features namely, mean, standard deviation, RMS, and power has achieved an accuracy of 82%, whereas the Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) function over temporal dataset has achieved an accuracy of 72.9% and LSTM over 68 extracted facial feature points has achieved an accuracy of 80.26%.

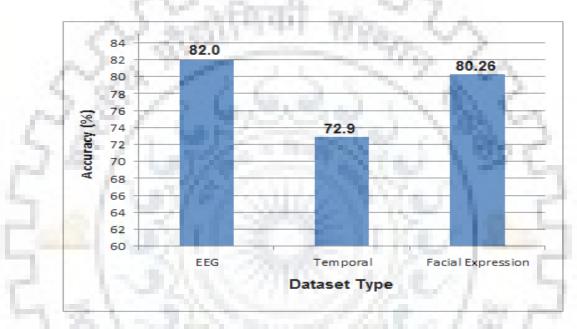


FIGURE 4.16: Accuracy prediction of proposed models over different datasets.

2. Performance Comparison with Classifiers on different EEG datasets:

The classification is not only performed on the whole dataset but also to a subset of that dataset. Experiments have been performed to find the overpowering EEG channels according to different brain portions. The performance has been measured on four different brain lobes namely, Frontal lobe that corresponds to AF3, AF4, F3, F4, F7 and F8 electrodes, Parietal lobe that corresponds to P7 and P8 electrodes, Occipital lobe that corresponds to O1 and O2 electrodes and Temporal lobe that corresponds to T7 and T8 electrodes. Experiments have also been performed to find the best sampling rate. The performance has been measured on four different signal time i.e. 0.25 seconds, 0.5 seconds, 1 second and 2 seconds.

• Classifiers over different brain lobes: The accuracies of Power feature of Gamma frequency band over different brain portions are shown in Figure 4.17. The maximum accuracy of 79.7% is achieved by all 14-channels.

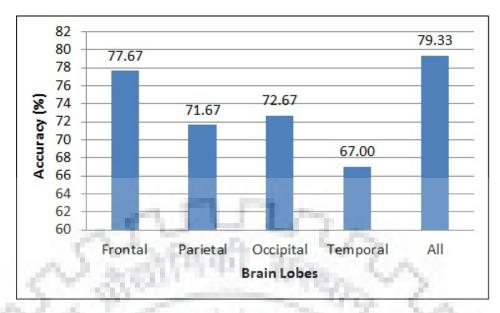


FIGURE 4.17: Accuracy prediction of Power feature of Gamma frequency band over different brain portions.

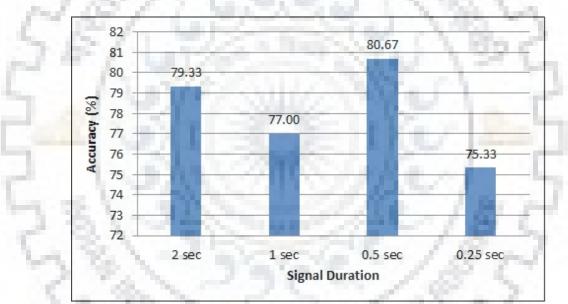


FIGURE 4.18: Accuracy prediction of Power feature of Gamma frequency band over different signal duration.

• Classifiers over different number of samples: The accuracies of Power feature of Gamma frequency band over different sampling rates are shown in Figure 4.18. The maximum accuracy of 80.667% is achieved at 0.5 seconds.

3. Performance Comparison with Borda Count Combination of Sequential and Statistical Classifier Models over EEG dataset:

The Borda count combination of LSTM over beta and gamma bands with the RF over power feature of beta and gamma bands has been performed. So, a total of four different classification results have been combined on the basis of Borda count. While combining these results, wherever there is confusion and the overall rank of both "Familiar" and "Unfamiliar" classes is same i.e. 2 out of 4, the priority has been given to "Unfamiliar" as per the benefit of doubt. Otherwise, whichever class has more rank will be the output class. As evident from the bar chart shown in Figure (4.19), the accuracy has reduced to 74% where as the accuracy of RF over power feature of gamma band has the accuracy of 79.33%.

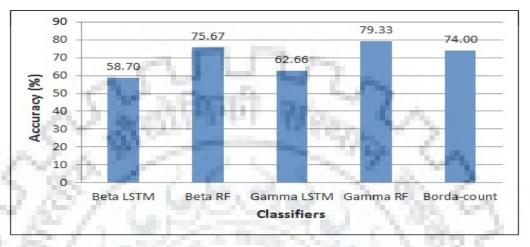


FIGURE 4.19: Borda count combination of beta and gamma using RF and LSTM.

4. Performance Comparison with HMM Model on facial expression dataset: The performance of proposed LSTM classifier over extracted facial coordinates is compared with the HMM classifier. The HMM Classifier has been used on the same feature vector where sequential dependencies have been modeled. The experiments have been performed by varying number of states and varying number of gaussian mixture components per state. The highest accuracy of 66.67% has been achieved at 5 states and 128

mixture components. The confusion matrix for the same has been shown in Figure 4.20.



FIGURE 4.20: Confusion Matrix for the word familiarity prediction using HMM classifier.

Chapter 5

Conclusion and Future Scope

In this report, a word-familiarity framework to make the reading process fast and understandable using EEG signals, temporal gaze data, and facial expression recognition have been proposed. When a user gets stuck during reading, a change in neural activity and his facial expressions are also recorded along with the time he is taking to read that word. The response of all participants, including both males and females, have been recorded, while they were reading text shown on the computer screen. Next, the EEG signals have been filtered, smoothed, analyzed using Wavelet decomposition technique and modeled using RF classifier, the timestamp data is classified using Stochastic gradient descent classifier and facial expressions are recognized using LSTM classifier after extracting 68 feature points. The maximum accuracy has been recorded over EEG dataset by combining the features extracted from beta and gamma band waves using Borda count approach. If the word is found to be unfamiliar then the meaning of that unfamiliar word is shown as a pop-up window. Earlier, the features and frequency bands had not been combined. The result shows the capability of the proposed framework where Borda count combination of eight classifiers has been done. In our study, we have considered the facial expressions using only 2-dimensional coordinates. The results may improve if we also include the third depth coordinate. We have applied the proposed models separately over the dataset. If we combine them to make a hybrid system then it would be really beneficial in the field of e-learning. The approaches to tackle these problems will be considered in future.

Chapter 6

Additional Work

6.1 A Survey on Neuromarketing using EEG Signals

Neuromarketing is the application of neuroscience to understand consumer's preference towards marketing. It studies how the change in the market stimulus presentation affect the reaction of the human brain. Neuromarketing is considered as an emerging area of research. Promoters invest around 400 billion dollars every year for advertisement. Therefore, it is required to be performed efficiently by targeting focused market. Traditional approaches consider only the later feedback of the user but not at the time of purchase. The response during purchase provides the exact snapshot which cannot be altered. Various techniques can be used to learn about the decision making of the consumers. These may include brain imaging techniques (fMRI, EEG, SST, TMS) and various biometric sensors. The use of EEG in neuromarketing field is highly promising. EEG detects the sequential changes of brain activity without time delay, which is very important to know both the unconscious reaction and sensory reaction of the customer. Various types of EEG devices are available in the market. Each one has its advantages and disadvantages. Wireless EPOC+ device is highly used nowadays by various researchers. Researchers have conducted the experiment on different age group people showing different categories of products by using different EEG devices. But the neuromarketing field of research is still taken as research area with a warning from consumer protection groups that there should not be any intentional neurological effect of the advertisement on consumers. This chapter discusses about the various neuromarketing strategies, what type of information can be gathered using these strategies, how the marketing stimulus is presented to consumers, what effect it has caused to the consumer in terms of pleasantness and memorization, available machine learning techniques used in this field, various challenges faced, different ethics that must be taken care of and the applications of neuromarketing. It has been suggested that neuromarketing has the capability to improve the effectiveness of advertisements on customers.

6.2 Introduction

Neuropsychology studies the relationship between the brain activity of consumer and his behavior. It determines the effectiveness of a particular product to promote sale by linking the choices of consumer and his decision-making process with the marketing research. This is referred as neuromarketing. Neuromarketing is a field to understand consumers' likeliness and choices by applying the neuroscience principles to consumers' response for the marketing stimuli. It is an emerging field which relates all, neuroscience, psychology and marketing with each other [78]. Neuromarketing not only focuses on impact of small change in market stimuli on the sales but also explains how changes in the stimuli presentation affect the reaction of brain which is related to consumer's choices. Promoters invest around 400 billion dollars every year for advertisement [79]. Therefore, it is required to be done efficiently by targeting the correct market.

Traditional research methods focus only on the attitude of consumer towards products by asking the customers to fill the questionnaires which is not exactly related to the actual state of mind at the time of purchase[80]. That is an important factor for failure of various newly launched products in the market. Neuromarketing focuses on the latter by considering the brain signals at the time of purchase. Fig. 6.1 shows how the neuromarketing process workflow goes. Researchers use various techniques like functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), Electroencephalography (EEG), Steady State Topography (SST) and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) to measure changes in brain activity and biometric sensors to measure changes in physical state of customers like respiratory rate, heart rate, facial expression, skin response for emotion analysis and eye tracking for focal attention analysis, to figure out why and how customers make the decisions about the products and which brain areas are responsible for that decision [80].

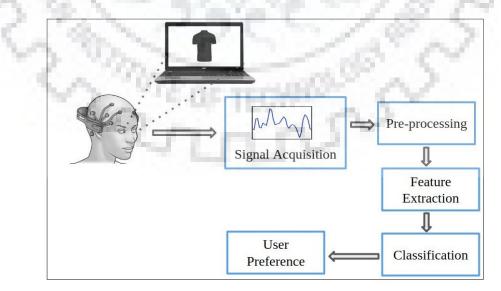


FIGURE 6.1: The process of neuromarketing where EEG response towards a product is recorded and processed to get the user's preference.

Human brain is made up of neurons and those neurons communicate with each other via electrical impulses [81]. EEG signal measurement is a practical way to detect the sequential changes of brain activity without time delay, which is very important to know both the unconscious reaction and sensory reaction of the customer. The neuromarketing field overcomes the challenge of heterogeneity within and across consumer groups which affects consumer preferences and decisions. This heterogeneity may be based on age, gender, various biological factors like hormones and genes, and various physiological factors.

Using neuromarketing, marketers can choose the best strategies like celebrity endorsement or linking with social cause for their product promotion and avoid wastage on inefficient campaign or failed celebrity endorsements. The two scenarios in Fig. 6.2 and 6.3, where EEG signals can be used to get a user's feedback for a product and video, respectively, depict the use of neuromarketing in BCI applications. In literature, researchers have focused on different marketing parameters such as brand perception [82, 83], brand evaluation decision [84–86], brand relationships [87, 88], brand preferences [89–91], pricing [92], product packaging [93, 94], brand naming [95], green consumption [96], store illumination [97], advertisement [98, 99], and new product development [100], etc.

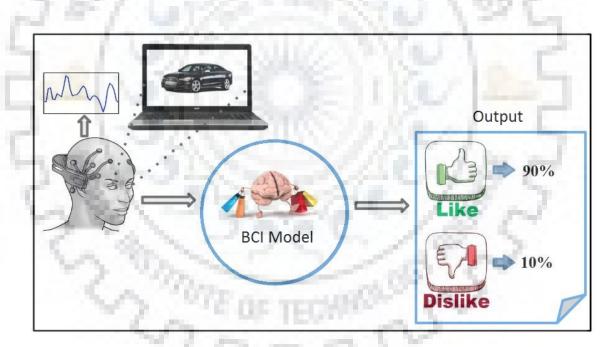


FIGURE 6.2: A scenario of neuromarketing: User is watching the a product on the computer screen and EEG signals are recorded simultaneously. The BCI model predicts whether the person likes or dislike the product by analyzing brain signals.

In this work, we have focused on neuromarketing using EEG because EEG devices are relatively inexpensive, wireless, robust, can be connected with mobile devices, can be used outside the laboratory and are comfortably wearable by users, making this EEG technology of great interest for the evaluating the marketing stimuli. Also, we discuss the effect it has caused to the consumer in terms of pleasantness and memorization, available machine learning techniques

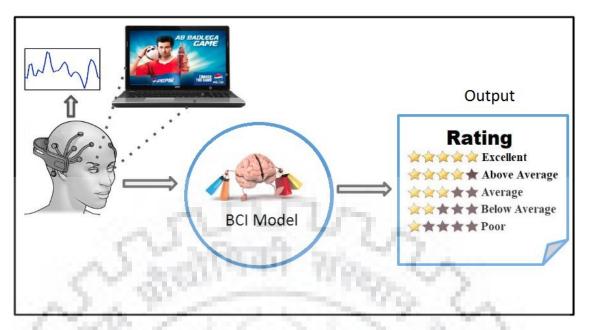


FIGURE 6.3: Another scenario of predicting video ratings using EEG signals. User is watching the video and the BCI model predicts the interest of user in terms of different ratings.

used in this field, various challenges faced, different ethics that must be taken care of and the applications of neuromarketing.

6.3 Computational Approaches for Neuromarketing

This section contains the detailed analysis of the techniques used for preprocessing, feature extraction and classification of EEG signals in the recent research work done in the field of neuromarketing using EEG. The Tables 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 show the related work done in the field of neuromarketing.

6.3.1 Pre-processing

Various sources of artifacts like muscular activities, blinking of eyes, and electrical power line noise, etc. come into picture while capturing EEG signals [63]. These artifacts badly affect the useful features in the original signal, so they are required to be separated. Different researchers have used different pre-processing techniques as per their requirements. Table 6.1 shows different filters used in the preprocessing step by various researchers in the field of neuromarketing.

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Filter	Details	References
Savitzky-Golay (S-Golay)	frame span = 5 with a	Yadava et al. [4]
filter	quadratic polynomial	
Moving-Average filter	average number of points	Gauba et al. [3]
	= 5	
Notch filter	Frequency = 50 Hz in	Teo et al. $[101]$, Muru-
	[101, 102] and 60 Hz in	gappan et al. $[102]$, Lee
	[103]	et al. [96]
Surface Laplacian filter	HUIN.	Murugappan et al. [102]
Butterworth bandpass fil-	Order $= 4$ with a cut off	Murugappan et al. [102],
ter	frequency between 0.5 Hz	Gupta et al. $[104]$
CV 200	and 60 Hz	
Elliptical bandpass filter	Order = 10	Rakshit et al. [2]
Common average refer-		Rakshit et al. [2]
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L 12/1 W	0.01 and 30 Hz in [6], 0.5	Khushaba et al. $[105]$,
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	50 Hz in [96], 0.1-45 Hz in	et al. [106],
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FIR1 bandpass filter	100th degree cut off fre-	Yilmaz et al. [91]
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ICA(Independent Com-		Gauba et al. [3],
ponent Analysis)		Kawasaki et al. [107],
		Ohme et al. [108] and
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TABLE 6.1 :	Preprocessing	filters	used in	the field	l of	neuromarketing

6.3.2 Feature Extraction

EEG signals are time domain signals in unprocessed form, so they are first transformed to frequency domain, otherwise they require highly trained professionals for their investigation. Different researchers have extracted different features for further evaluation as per their requirements. To convert the EEG signals from time domain to frequency domain, researchers have used various techniques and got the frequency band spectrum as Gamma (32-100 Hz), Beta (13-22 Hz), Alpha (8-13 Hz), Theta (4-8 Hz) and Delta (1-4 Hz). Table 6.2 shows various feature extraction techniques used by various researchers in neuromarketing.

Different statistical features have been extracted by researchers. Table 6.3 shows the extracted features used by various researchers in neuromarketing.

Feature Extraction Techniques	References
DB4 (Daubechies 4) wavelet decomposition	Yadava et al. [4]
technique	
Wavelet transformation by using Morlet	Kawasaki et al. [107]
wavelets with a Gaussian shape	
FFT	Khushaba et al. [105], Djamal et al. [109]
	Lee et al. [96], Ohme et al. [108], Murugap-
	pan et al. $[102]$, Khushaba et al. $[106]$
STFT	Rakshit et al. [2]
DFT	Teo et al. [101]

TABLE 6.2: Feature Extraction Techniques used in the field of neuromarketing

TABLE 6.3: Extracted Features used in the field of neuromarketing

Extracted Features	References
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Standard Deviation	Yadava et al. [4]
Root-Mean-Square	Yadava et al. [4]
Relative Power	Guo et al. [110]
Energy	Yadava et al. [4]
Power Spectral Density	Rakshit et al. [2], Yilmaz et al. [91], Balconi
 A strend str 	et al. [78], Lee et al. [96], Ohme et al. [108],
	Vecchiato et al. [111],Khushaba et al. [105],
	Khushaba et al. [106]
Spectral Centroid and Spectral Energy	Murugappan et al. [102]

6.3.3 Classification and Results

Research work in neuromarketing is focused around the study of customer's preference of images, video advertisements or color visuals and subsequent brain activations in accordance with the preference. In this section, we have listed different classification techniques being used in recent research papers and brain activations for frontal, parietal regions.

6.3.3.1 Classification based on different brain lobes

Frontal region brain activations has been investigated in [108] in which the author has used mean classifier on the alpha power in ipsilateral electrodes. They have aimed to study the reaction of frontal cortex activation to different TV advertisements. The actual results of dominant reactions in only seen in one of the selected advertisements as compared to the expected left hemispheric dominance in accordance with the theoretical methods. The author has presented the detailed analysis of which advertisement's emotional content bought forth higher left frontal activation. An interesting and distinct concept is discussed in [116] where

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TABLE 6.4: Related work done in the field of neuromarketing considering "Product Images" as dataset

the authors try to understand the true impact of mobile applications the brand perception and popularity. With focus on the pre-frontal cortex of brain to understand left-right alpha asymmetry with respect to the subjects' emotional response as recorded in the feedbacks that were filled before and after the experiment. As a result of the experiments the authors emphasize on the importance of clarity and simple interface of the application for better user experience. Also the results present that excessive browsing in the application leads to a negative emotional engagement possibly due to complicated interface that spoils the user experience. Another study of frontal brain waves has been done in [96] where they have introduced the concept of Green Consumers. The consumers who try to choose environment-friendly products so as to fulfill their economic responsibility are called green consumers and a study to identify green consumers is done by Lee et al. Lee et al. [96] try to identify green consumers by finding differences in the frontal theta brain waves. General Linear Model (GLM) for multivariate analysis has been used for analyzing the frontal brain waves and the results find a significant difference between the frontal theta activations of the green consumers and non-green consumers.

Apart from focus on frontal brain region, some researchers have focused on complete brain activations with respect to human preferences and the inter-dependencies between these regions. One such study is done in [106] where the authors investigate the psychological process of

Author, Year	Approach Used	Dataset	No. of subjects	Channels
Vecchiato et al. [114], 2010	Average classifier	Different commer- cial video advertise- ments about a nat- uralistic documen- tary	A mannequin as subject	Brain Amp (61 channel system)
Ohme et al. [108], 2010	ICA, FFT, Mean classifier	3 Video advertise- ments from same product	45 Participants, 21 male and 24 fe- males, Aged 26 to 45	16-channel
Lee et al. [96], 2013	60 Hz Notch fil- ter, Bandpass filter, FFT, General Lin- ear Model (GLM)	Written description of products with their prices without visual depiction of the product	19 university stu- dents, 12 male and 7 females, Mean age 23.4	Niteen chan- nel(Fp1, Fp2, A1, A2, O1, O2, C3, Cz, C4, F3, Fz, F4, F7, F8, T3, T4, T5, T6, P3, Pz, P4)
Murugappan et al. [102], 2014	50 Hz Notch filter, Butterworth 4th order bandpass Filter, Surface Laplacian filter, FFT, KNN, Prob- abilistic Neural Network(PNN)	Video clips of four Malaysian automo- tive brands	12 Participants, 9 male and 3 females, Aged 22 to 24	14 channels(AF3, AF4, F3, F4, F7, F8, FC5, FC6, P7, P8, T7, T8, 01, 02)
Gupta et al. [104], 2017	Butterworth 4th or- der bandpass filter	Video clips of 4 soap brands, namely, Lux, Pears, Dove and Cinthol	18 subjects, 9 male and 9 females, Aged 22 to 24 years	14 channels (AF3, F7, F3, FC5, T7, P7, O1, O2, P8, T8, FC6, F4, F8, AF4)
Esmeralda et al. [109], 2017	FFT with win- dowing, non-linear SVM	TV Advertisements	30 subjects, Aged 20 to 25 years	4 channels (AF3, AF4, T7, and T8)
Gauba et al. [3], 2017	Moving Average fil- ter, ICA, Random Forest Regression	Video advertise- ments from differ- ent promotional categories(home, shopping, sports, automobiles)	25 participants, Aged 20 to 42 years	14 channels (AF3, F7, F3, FC5, T7, P7, O1, O2, P8, T8, FC6, F4, F8, AF4)

TABLE 6.5 :	Related	work	done	in	the fiel	d of	neuromarketing	considering	"Advertisement
					Video	' as	dataset		

decision making by the participants with focus on the different brain regions' cortical activity and their inter-dependencies using mutual information analysis.

6.3.3.2 Classification based on User preferences

While most of the research in neuromarketing and EEG is focused on like/dislike of the consumer, the authors here focus on the qualitative features of the product that result in the subject taking a particular decision. The results show that better cognitive processing was initiated by some particular attributes of the crackers' shape, topping or flavor. A combination of two non linear classifiers namely Probabilistic Neural Network (PNN) and k-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) is used in [102] for understanding the objective of participant's decision making

Author, Year	Approach Used	Dataset	No. of subjects	Channels
Kawasaki et al.	ICA, Wavelet	Color visuals,	19 participants, 11	60 electrodes
[107], 2012	Transformation,	choose color from	male and 8 females,	
	Mean classifier	2 colors presented	Aged 18 to 27 years	
		simultaneously		
Guo et al. [115],	Adapted Collabora-	3D virtual website	_	14 channels (AF3,
2013	tive Filtering for	where the user can		F7, F3, FC5, T7,
	making recommen-	easily interact with		P7, O1, O2, P8, T8,
	dation on basis of	the interface		FC6, F4, F8, AF4)
	EEG ratings			
Rakshit et al. $[2]$,	elliptical bandpass	visual stimuli con-	7 subjects, 4 male	10 channels (F3;
2016	filter of order 10	sisting of four col-	and 3 females, Aged	F4; Fz; P3,Pz; P4;
	and Common av-	ors (Red, Yellow,	22 to 30 years	01; 02; T7; T8)
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Teo et al. [101],	50 Hz Notch fil-	3D visual jewellery	16 subjects, 8 male	9 channels (POz,
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TABLE 6.6: Related work done in the field of neuromarketing considering "Color Visuals and
3D Virtual Products" as dataset

process. The authors intend to study the human behavior on basis of spectral features of alpha wave while purchasing marketing products.

Kawaski et al. [107] have studied the impact of consumer's color preference on the visual attention related section of the brain in to understand the brain activations and oscillatory activity between the left and right electrodes while the consumer focused and preferred one color over the other. Using mean classifier across single trials, nonparametric Wilcoxon signed rank test has been used for statistical analysis and the difference in alpha and theta waves as the consumer focused on the preferred color, without selecting the color has also been demonstrated by Kawaski wt al. The results show that the theta amplitude is increasing as the preferred color is being attended and selected by the consumer.

6.3.3.3 Comparative Analysis

Comparison between different classifiers or combining different classifiers have been done in recent times so as to understand brain activations better or to find the most discriminative channel or feature that affects the user preference. Yilmaz et al. [113] have investigated about the better indicators of the user's preference of consumer products. The authors have used logistic regression to identify the most discriminative frequencies utilizing GLM for statistical analysis. Along with finding the most discriminative channels, the authors have also studied the timings difference between taking the like decision in female and male participants.

User preference have been studied in [112], where the authors have focused on frontal spectral activations of the brain while the subjects were recording their preferences. Khushaba et al. [112] have used mutual information measure to investigate left-to-right and front-to-back hemisphere differences. Also the authors have used eye tracker to record the eye placement on all the images presented to the subject while they clicked the most preferred image for their computers. Similar study has been done in [105], the authors have used same classifier to find out that theta bands are more relevant when extracted from symmetric occipital, frontal and parietal regions considering the information exchange between the right and left hemisphere while beta bands dominating the temporal and occipital regions and alpha band waves domineered in the parietal and frontal regions of the brain. Comparison of Interval-Type-II fuzzy classifier and other standard classifiers namely Support Vector Machine (SVM), Type 1 Fuzzy System (T1FS), Backpropogation Through time Neural Network (BPTT-NN) has been performed in [2]. The authors investigate the cognitive bias of different colors and its impact on the subject's mental arousal level which the authors have demonstrated using a brain activation map to show each colors' associated mental and emotion state.

Alpha wave and theta wave spectral feature analysis has been done in [104] for human behavior analysis on marketing stimulus. Mean value classifier have been used and then the power of mean value is determined for each of the four soap bands that the authors have used for this research.

Comparison of accuracy in frontal, parietal, occipital and temporal brain lobes in done in [4]. Yadav et al. have used multiple classifiers, namely Hidden Markov Model (HMM), SVM, Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and Random Forest (RF) to compare the performance of their proposed framework. Also, the effect of gender and age features on choice prediction have also been included. RF, Decision Trees and Linear Regression classifiers have been implemented in [3].

6.4 Datasets

The process of collecting EEG signals is very time consuming as each participant's recording of signals can take a significant amount of time. Further, it requires careful preparation of the environment where the signals are to be recorded as any noise or interference during the data collection may lead to erroneous results. Therefore, the lab where the EEG signals are to be collected should be insulated from outside noise and there should be very less disturbance while recording signals. Moreover, the researcher should run some initial pilot experiments so as to minimize the chances of mid failure of the experiment.

6.4.1 Dataset Description

6.4.1.1 Available Datasets

To analyze and study EEG signals, there are multiple EEG datasets available on line which can be used directly for analysis such as LSW-neuromarketing¹ [117]. Another dataset that can be used for neuromarketing is NAS dataset² where the authors have shared their data of Neuro Against Smoking collected by different participants from all over the world. Another EEG dataset is published by Delorme et al. in EEG/ERP free public Dataset³ [118] [119] that contains EEG data of 14 participants (7 females, 7 males) which is collected using the Neuroscan software. Similar dataset for EEG signals is available in EEG Database⁴ that contains data measured using device with 64 electrodes in three version that can be used as per the requirements of the researcher. Multiple datasets relating to EEG signals and their usage in advertisement ratings are available online⁵.

6.4.1.2 Device Used

Various devices are available in the market for acquisition of EEG signals. The devices are different in terms of the way data is collected and the number of electrodes used for that. Various available devices and the placement of electrodes according to International 10-20 system have been shown in Fig. 6.4. EEG signals can be collected by placing the electrodes on human scalp which capture the brain activity in terms of the weak electrical potentials generated by the brain.

It has been observed that more is the number of electrodes collecting EEG signals, more accurate are the results. But the number should not be that large that the noisy signals are captured more than the original signals. Also the correct placement of electrodes is a major task. If the electrodes are not placed correctly, even then there can be more noisy signals. Now a days, most of the researchers are using 14 channel Emotiv EPOC+ device, as it has various advantages over the other available devices in the market like, it is easy to handle and use both by researchers and users, as it has compatibility with different operating systems (Windows, Linux, Android, iOS) and is comfortable to be worn by the users as it fits easily over scalp because of its flexible design and also it has salined wet sensors which ensures no use of sticky gels. Also, it is wireless with battery backup of 12 hours with continuous use, so can even be used outside laboratory. The dense array spatial resolution of the device makes the device to capture complete brain signals [81].

¹https://old.datahub.io/dataset/lsw-neuromarketing

²http://www.nmsba.com/neuro-against-smoking/data

³https://sccn.ucsd.edu/~arno/fam2data/publicly_available_EEG_data.html

⁴https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/eeg+database

⁵https://sites.google.com/site/iitrcsepradeep7

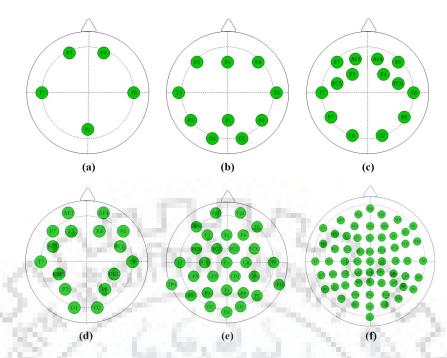


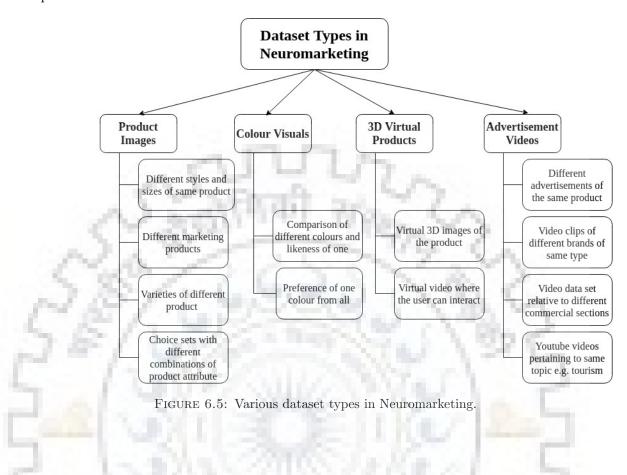
FIGURE 6.4: Placement of EEG electrodes over skull as International 10-20 system: (a) 5 electrodes device [1], (b) 10 electrodes device [2], (c) 14 electrodes device [3], (d) 16 electrodes device [4], (e) 30 electrodes device [5] and (f) 61 electrodes device [6].

6.4.1.3 Number of Participants

Majority of the researchers have conducted the experiment on both males and females of different groups and concluded varying accuracies for different genders and different age groups. Researchers have targeted different age groups depending on the usability of the product type from market point of view. It is good to maintain the heterogeneity within and across consumer groups because different age groups and genders have varying preferences of product types. It has been observed that the middle age group (20-30 years) people have been targeted majorly because they are the active users of majority of the products.

6.4.2 Dataset Type

In this section, we discuss about the different types of data that has been used by different authors to show the participants. Most of the authors have used videos containing advertisements to record signals about how the subjects feel after watching those advertisements. Some authors have also used product images or product description for the participants to choose from and to record their subsequent feelings of like/dislike regarding the product. Another form of dataset type is using color visuals i.e. showing a screen filled with particular color to understand objective and unconscious preference of the participant along with subjective evaluation that directly affects decision making. The various kind of datasets and their subtypes



have been shown in the Fig. 6.5. The dataset types are further described in detail in the next subpart.

6.5 Challenges and Ethics

6.5.1 Methodological Challenges

In current scenario, neuromarketing lacks the deep insight of how actually the brain operates and how the operation of brain affects specialized human behavior and his decision making patterns. Currently, the techniques used for neuromarketing like EEG, MEG, fMRI, etc. are not able to detect the activity of brain at individual neuron level. Highly advanced methods are required in order to completely understand the relationship. And for this, the knowledge of human brain anatomy and high understanding of the mental abilities, and how the brain processes sensory inputs are required. Advancement in knowledge will help the neuroscientists to make such products and services that would definitely meet the demands of consumers, consciously and unconsciously.

Another big issue of the experiments presented in this chapter is that, there is no common experimental method available yet amongst the researchers who have been working in this neuromarketing field. This field is new for research and needs more time. Neuromarketing researchers are required to share their knowledge and researches. This will give the world, a better defined experimental paradigms which will further give a shared platform to interpret outcomes and to give the direction for the future research to researchers.

The other challenge is that the current studies using fMRI or so, are mainly based on reverse inference such that the reasoning is performed in the backward direction. This means how some particular mental function is related to the activations in the specific brain areas. However, as evident from the recent studies, the broad interconnected network of the human brain is not just responsible for activating specific brain regions, rather it is responsible for the advanced mental functions.

In this chapter, mainly, EEG based neuromarketing has been targeted. One problem of EEG technique is that the collected electrical brain signals are mainly due to the activity in the cerebral portion of the brain but the electrical activity generated by the deep structures which activates emotional processing is almost impossible to get from usual EEG electrodes. However, high-resolution EEG technology has been developed which provides complete information of the brain activity with a spatial resolution of squared centimeter and time resolution of milliseconds.

6.5.2 Ethical Challenges

The ethical issues need to be taken care during research in the neuromarketing field in order to increase the commercial gain. The major ethical concern is that neuromarketing should not allow researchers to create such a marketing campaign that overpowers the free decision making of the user and makes him obsessive about the product. According to Consumer Alert (2003), the development in the field of neuromarketing will influence the users and will be the end for their free will. But actually it is debatable that the research in the field of neuromarketing may actually help in reducing the problems raised by the Commercial Alert (2003) [120].

The potential threats are Predicting Consumer Choice, Influencing Consumer Choice, Transparency, Quality Certification and Privacy [121]. Even after these issues, still neuromarketing field has been chosen by many researchers. This is so because, even if neuromarketing does reach critical effectiveness, the concerns of Commercial Alert (2003) would not be unfounded and may easily be targeted upon. And with these ethics, only good can come by pairing the learning principles of neuroscience and psychology with the commercial principles of economics.

6.6 Conclusions

Neuromarketing is an evolving field of research that helps to understand the actual logic about what goes on in the consumer's cognitive mind when they choose a particular product over the other. This is important because of its direct implication on market as the companies can improve their marketing strategies according to what pleases users and what has adverse effect on consumers' minds. The various neuromarketing strategies, kind of information possible to be gathered with these strategies, how the marketing stimuli is presented to consumers, what effect it has caused to the consumer in terms of pleasantness and memorization, available machine learning techniques used in this field, various challenges faced, different ethics that must be taken care of and the applications of neuromarketing has all been discussed. As the current scenario witnesses the drift from television to web that requires subsequent change in the marketing strategies which means the advertisement length needs to be shorter. This poses a challenge to show eye catching important content to users in a small time frame which further intensifies the importance of neuromarketing field. It has been observed that

due to the potential ethical issues, it is not opted as a field of research by various researchers. However, in future, neuromarketing can reach critical effectiveness using modern devices and techniques.



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