Efficient Multi-Instance Learning for Activity Recognition from Time Series Data Using an Auto-Regressive Hidden Markov Model

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• Wearable sensors are everywhere



• Record human motion as a multivariate time series

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• Goal: physical activity recognition



From the Opportunity dataset (Chavarriaga et al. 2013)

#### Physical activity recognition important for:



Elder care



Assistance with cognitive disabilities



Health surveillance and research



- Past work has typically applied standard supervised learning (eg. Bao and Intille 2004, Ravi et al. 2005, Zheng et al. 2013) or sequential approaches (Lester et al. 2005, van Kasteren et al. 2008, Wu et al. 2009)
- High annotation effort to label training data



- Stikic et al. (2011) proposed a weakly supervised approach based on multi-instance learning
- Trades off the ease of labeling with ambiguity in the labeling
- Our work builds on their approach

# Methodology: MIL

Multi-instance Learning (Dietterich et al. 1997):

- Data made up of bags of instances
- Bags can be labeled positive or negative



### Methodology: MIL for Time Series

Majority Labeling Scheme:

Bag labeled + if the majority of the time ticks belong to the activity of interest (eg. "Drink from Cup")



### Related Work

Structured MIL

- Relationship between instances in a bag (Zhou et al. 2009, Warrell and Torr 2011)
- Relationship between instances in different bags (Deselaers and Ferrari 2010)
- Relationship between bags (Zhang et al. 2011)

Our work: models temporal dynamics between instances in a bag



















### Methodology: Parameter Estimation

Expectation-Maximization:

- 1. M-step:
  - Straightforward
- 2. E-step:
  - Requires computation of
    - $P(I_b^t, Z_b^t, I_b^{t-1}, Z_b^{t-1} | \boldsymbol{X}_b, Y_b)$
  - If done naively:  $O(2^{T_b}K^{T_b})$



$$P(Y_{b} = 1 | I_{b}^{1}, ..., I_{b}^{T_{b}})$$

$$(\# positive instances) * exp(\omega)$$

(# positive instances)  $exp(\omega) + (# negative instances)$ 







- Replace the  $N_b^t, Z_b^t$  nodes with a super-node  $S_b^t = (N_b^t, Z_b^t)$
- Becomes an Auto-regressive Hidden Markov Model

- Apply standard forward-backward message passing for ARHMM
- But can exploit a sparse transition matrix
- E-step computation is now  $O(K^2 T_b^2)$

# **Results: Algorithms**

Using features from Stikic et al. (2011)

- miSVM (Andrew et al. 2003)
- DPMIL (Kandemir and Hamprecht 2014)
- miGraph (Zhou et al. 2009)

Using the raw time series:

- MARMIL (our NIPS workshop paper)
- ARHMM-MIL (ours)

# **Results: Experimental Setup**

Datasets:

- Opportunity (Chavarriaga et al. 2013)
- Trainspotting1 (Berlin and Laerhoven 2012)
- Trainspotting2 (Berlin and Laerhoven 2012)

### Results





# Conclusion

- ARHMM-MIL models temporal dynamics between instances in a bag
- Generative model that can:
  - Predict bag and instance labels
  - Allow deeper analysis of data by decomposing it into AR processes
  - Allow you to sample data from it

### **Future Work**

#### Multi-Instance Multi-Label Approach



# Thank you!



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### Poster Session: Tues Morning Questions?

