

# A Novel Distribution-Embedded Neural Network for Sensor-Based Activity Recognition (IJCAI-19)

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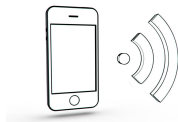
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- healthcare
- fitness coaching
- smart building
- gaming



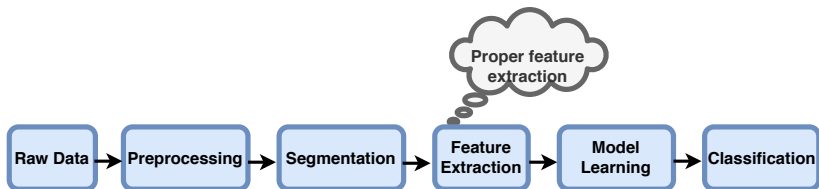
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A multi-class classification problem

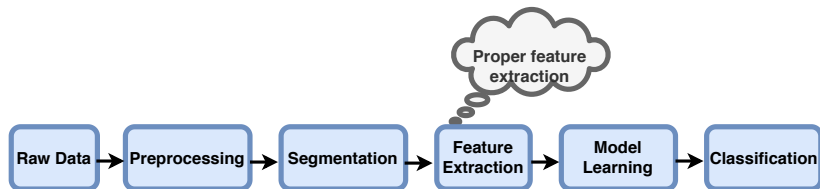
- Input: wearable onbody sensor data  $\mathbf{X}^{d \times N}$
- Output: activity labels  $\mathbf{y}^{N \times 1} \in \{1, \dots, n_c\}$



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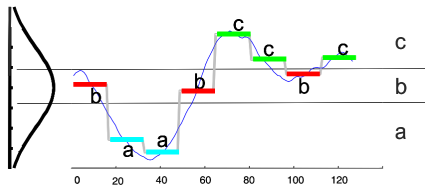
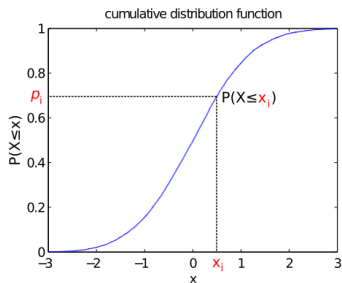
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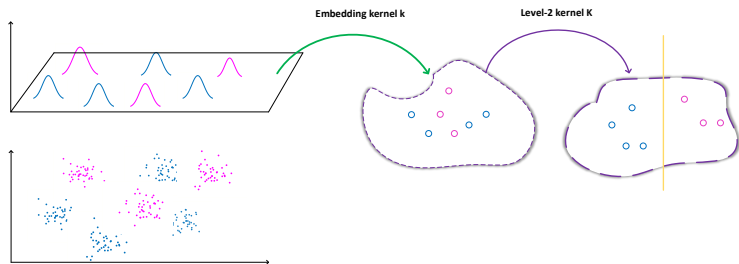
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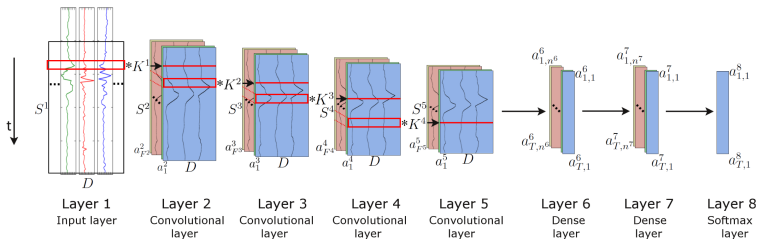
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- 3 Combinations
  - deep features, shallow classifiers
  - joint learning of shallow and deep features

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✓ classic, domain knowledge incorporated

✗ largely dependent on domain expert

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✓ in an automated fashion, proven to be powerful

✗ i.i.d. assumption on data

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✓ additive and automatic

✗ not specifically designed for activity data

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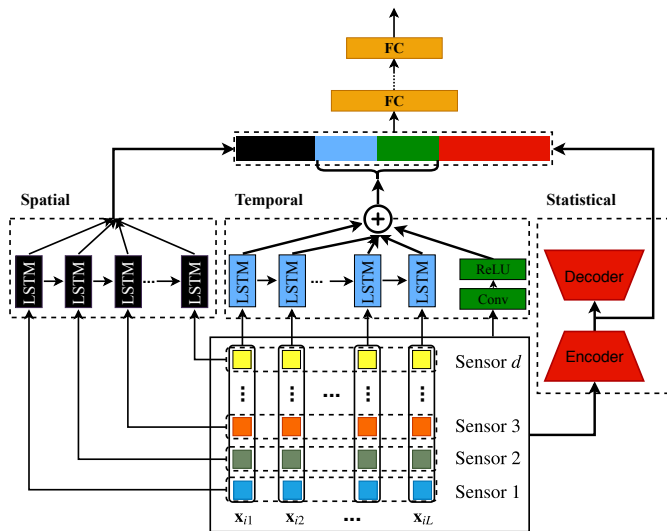
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# Contribution

## **DDNN: Distribution-embedded Deep Neural Network**

- 1 Encode the idea of kernel mean embedding of distributions into a deep architecture
- 2 Automatically extract statistical, temporal and spatial features in an end-to-end model
- 3 Extensive experiments to show the efficacy of DDNN

# DDNN Framework



# Statistical Module $f_1$

- Design a neural network  $f_1$  to learn the statistical feature mapping  $\phi_{f_1}(\cdot)$  automatically  

$$f_1(\mathbf{X}_i) = \phi_{f_1}(\mathbf{X}_i) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{j=1}^L \phi_k(\mathbf{x}_{ij}),$$
- Injectivity  $f_1^{-1}(f_1(\mathbf{X}_i)) = \mathbf{X}_i \rightarrow$  autoencoder
- Reconstruction error  $\ell_{ae} = \|\mathbf{X}_i - f_d(f_e(\mathbf{X}_i))\|$
- An extra loss

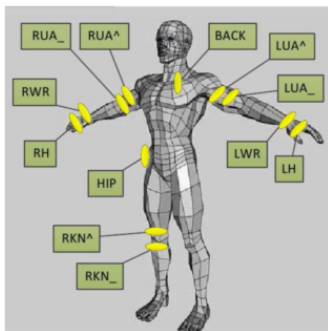
$$\ell_{\text{MMD}}(\mathbf{X}_i, f_d(f_e(\mathbf{X}_i))) = \frac{1}{L} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^L f_e(\mathbf{x}_{ij}) - f_e(f_d(f_e(\mathbf{x}_{ij}))) \right\|_2 \quad (1)$$



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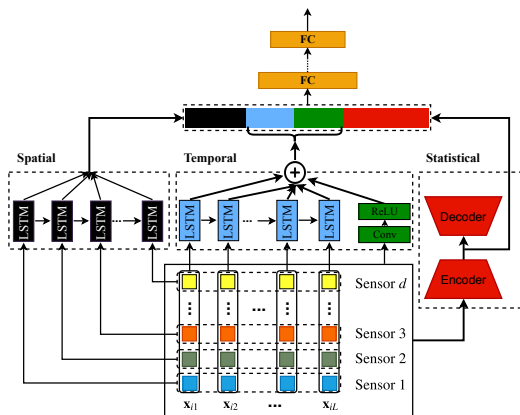
- Standard CNNs on activity data are along the temporal aspect [3]
- A different perspective: spatial correlations and constraints between sensor placements



# More of DDNN Framework

$f_1, f_2, f_3$ : statistical, spatial, temporal module

- $[f_1(\mathbf{X}_i), f_2(\mathbf{X}_i), f_3(\mathbf{X}_i)]$
- Possible alternative:  $f_1([f_2(\mathbf{X}_i), f_3(\mathbf{X}_i)])$ .
- Possible alternative: build a deeper model with these three modules as atom building blocks.



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# Experimental Setup

- Evaluation: micro-F1 (miF), macro-F1 (maF)
- 4 datasets

Datasets	# train	# val.	# test	# sw	# Feature	# Class	# Subjects
OPPOR <sup>1</sup>	715,785	32,224	121,378	30	113	18	4
UCIHAR <sup>2</sup>	941,056	NA	377,216	128	9	6	30
DG <sup>3</sup>	312,970	37,122	30,188	32	9	2	10
PAMAP2 <sup>4</sup>	473,447	90,814	83,366	170	52	12	9

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<sup>1</sup>OPPOR classes: Open then close the fridge/dishwasher/drawers/doors, toggle the lights on then off, drink while standing/seated, drink coffee, etc

<sup>2</sup>UCIHAR classes: walking, walking upstairs, walking downstairs, sitting, standing, laying

<sup>3</sup>DG classes: no freeze, freeze

<sup>4</sup>PAMAP2 classes: household activities and exercise activities

# Baselines

## Ablation study:

- DDNN- $f_1$ : the proposed deep model without the statistical module. This baseline is set to investigate the efficacy of the statistical module.
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## Other baselines:

- DNN, CNN, LSTM, LSTM-f, LSTM-S, b-LSTM-S

# Experimental Results

Methods	DG		OPPOR		UCIHAR		PAMAP2	
	miF	maF	miF	maF	miF	maF	miF	maF
DDNN	<b>92.59</b>	<b>91.61</b>	<b>83.66</b>	86.01	<b>90.53</b>	<b>90.58</b>	<b>93.23</b>	<b>93.38</b>
DDNN- $f_1$	91.38	90.67	81.27	84.51	89.96	89.93	87.49	86.84
DDNN- $f_2$	89.67	88.97	77.96	82.27	88.60	88.58	89.37	89.43
CNN_Yang	87.96	86.65	9.98	2.95	88.12	88.11	70.17	70.46
DeepConvLSTM	87.21	84.28	75.47	78.92	89.05	89.07	84.31	82.73
DNN	88.91	86.47	77.05	80.25	87.65	87.72	80.31	79.82
CNN	89.23	88.85	10.66	3.56	86.66	86.77	89.75	89.72
LSTM	88.34	86.93	63.17	69.92	74.52	74.75	90.38	90.29
LSTM-f*	67.3	-	67.2	90.8	-	-	92.9	-
LSTM-S*	76.0	-	69.8	91.2	-	-	88.2	-
b-LSTM-S*	74.1	-	74.5	<b>92.7</b>	-	-	86.8	-

## Codes

[https://github.com/Hangwei12358/IJCAI2019\\_DDNN](https://github.com/Hangwei12358/IJCAI2019_DDNN)



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# Conclusion

Distribution-embedded Deep Neural Network (DDNN) for human activity recognition

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- 2 End-to-end fashion
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