

Analyzing EEG Signals for Detection of Eye and Mind Activities

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Abstract—Human brains work has always been attractive and challenging to researchers for a decade of time. Brain computer interface (BCI) is now an imperative area for brain research. Neurological singularities that are special features of brain activity. Various methods are used to record the brain signals and analyse the mind signal. One of the methods is EEG that recording of electrical activity along the surface of scalp. The EEG signal are usually polluted with artefacts due to noise and natural reasons like as eye open and close. In this paper, we study the problem of detecting close and open eyes, awake and sleep mind activity from EEG signals. There are a lot of eye blink detection research in the works but most of those study use EEG devices with several channels. In this study, we focus on analysing activity using an EEG device with only one channel way method.

Keyword: EEG, brain computer interface, eye activity detection

1. INTRODUCTION

Human brain has been an interesting area of research for many decades of years, and is one of the big challenges facing us today for researchers. BCI is an enterprise set its long-term goal to better understanding, prevention, and improved treatment of brain diseases and brain injuries, and new emerging computer technologies to interact with humans. Research on BCI began in the year of 1970s. BCI technology enables communications between the brain and machine devices. The basic concept of BCI is to measure brain signals. Computer systems use that signal for processing of brain signal and then translated to control commands for the human with human health problem to manipulate environment, as shown in Fig. 1

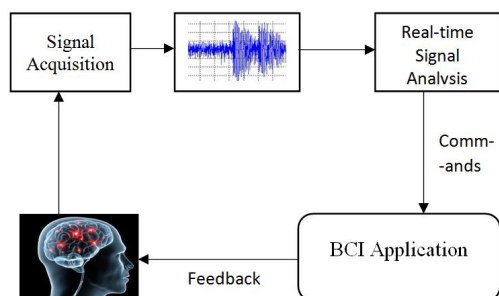


Fig. 1: Brain Computer Interface

BCI systems are divided into two categories: invasive system and non-invasive system. Invasive systems actually embed electrodes into the matter of human's brain to generate high quality signals but may cause problems in the brain such as infection or nerve damage. Non-invasive electrodes are placed on the surface of the human head to measure the brain signals.

BCI depends on the data collection about brain activity that are generally recorded by a device to generate a signal. One of the most popular methods for recording brain signals is electroencephalography (EEG), because EEG is non-invasive, affordable for the researcher, and easy to use.

2. BACKGROUND

We first briefly introduce the related work in this paper, including the neuro-technology for brain signal processing, effect of environment on brain function.

2.1 Electroencephalography

Electroencephalography (EEG) is recording of brain activity taken in brain signal on the surface of scalp. The EEG signal are used in BCI systems to analyse the brain activities. Since EEG provides great temporal resolution and is less costly than other methods, it is commonly used techniques for study of brain function. There are several other recording techniques to record signal from a human's body.

- Electrocardiography (ECG) a transthoracic interpretation of the electric activity of the heart detected by electrodes attached to the body.
- Magnetoencephalography (MEG) recording magnetic fields produced by electrical current occurring naturally in the brain.
- Electronystagmography (ENG) record involuntary movement of the eye.
- Electrooculography (EOG) record eye movement for measure the resting potential of the retina.

2.2 Neuro-Musical Study

Neuro-musicology is a branch of neurology to study neuro-pedagogy of musician.

2.3 Eye Blink Detection

Eye blink is the most common artefact in the EEG signal analysis problem. Eye blink artefacts affect over 10% of average human EEG (average human eye blink once in 5s, & last for over 0.5s) and an important problem in EEG signal processing.

3. METHODOLOGY

Electroencephalography (EEG) is defined as the electric activity of an alternating type generated by brain structure and recorded from the scalp surface by metal electrodes and Conductive media. The electrical activity is generated by millions of nerve cells, called neurons. Every neuron is connected to other neurons. Some of the connections are known as excitatory while others are known as Inhibitory. The electrical activity of a neuron single cannot be measured with EEG scalp. However, EEG can measure the combined electrical activity of billions of neurons. EEG involves the recording of scalp electrical activity generated by brain structures.

3.1 EEG System

The EEG recording machine consists of:

- a) Electric Electrode pole with conductive media.
- b) Amplifiers and Filters.
- c) An A/D convertor
- d) Recording device to store the data

Electrodes with the electrode gel, intellect the signal from the EEG scalp surface; amplifier fetch the microvolt and Nano volt signal for the digitized correctly. Analog to digital converter changes signals from analogy to digital form that can be used to stored or viewed on a computer screen for the reseacher.

Using small electrode metal plate which is recording signal from mind using either reference electrode or bipolar linkages. Number of electrode are used to various study they are typically placed on scalp location. Figure 2 shows electrode placement system

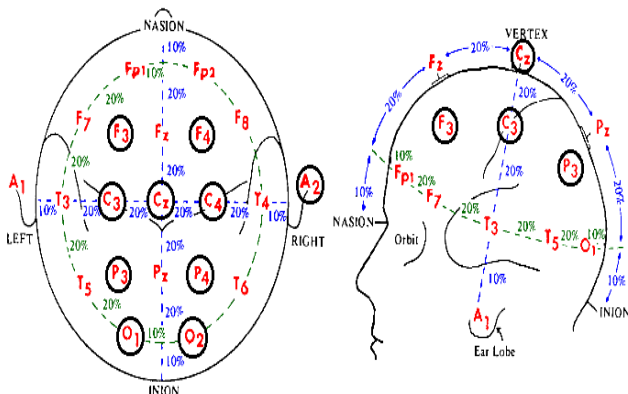


Fig. 2: Electrode system: side and top views

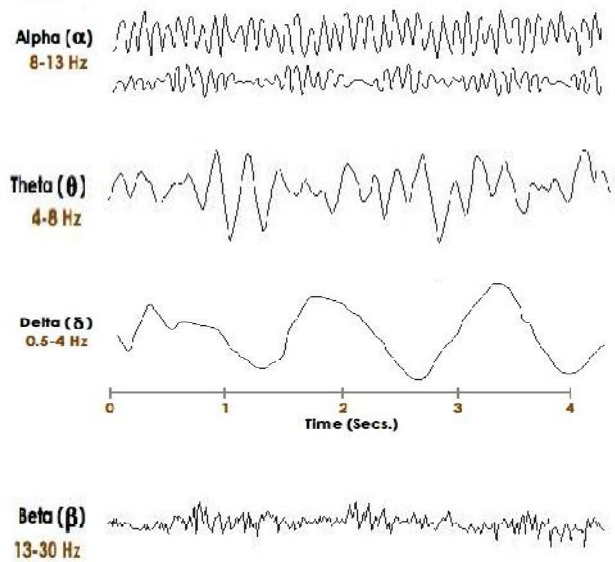
3.2 Brain rhythmic activity

An individual’s brain wave patterns are unique. In few cases, it is possible to decide a person according to their characteristic brain activity. A large amount of data received from Even one single EEG channel presents a difficulty for interpretation. The EEG recorded brain waves originate from a multitude of different neural communities from various regions of the brain. Depending on the level of consciousness, normal people’s brain waves show different rhythmic activity. For instance, the different sleep stages can be seen in EEG. Different rhythmic waves also occur during the waking state. These rhythms are affected by different actions and thoughts, for example the planning of a movement can block or attenuate a particular rhythm. The fact that mere thoughts affect the brain rhythms can be used as the basis for the BCI.

The EEG several frequency ranges as displayed in Table 1.

Brain rhythm	Frequency (Hz)	Where it can be found
Delta (δ)	0– 4	deep sleep states
Theta (θ)	4 – 8	relaxed state and during light sleep and meditation
Alpha (α)	8 – 13	associated with awake state
Mu (μ)	10 – 12	Open of eye
Beta (β)	14 – 22	Related to Excitement State
Gamma (γ)	22 –30	related subjective awareness / abnormal state

Wave Representation



4. EYE BLINK ELECTRICAL ACTIVITIES

Eye blink are basically classified into 3 categories: one is a spontaneous eye blink which is occurred frequently, another activity is a reflexive eye blinks which is induced by an external stimulus, and another is a voluntary eye blink which is triggered by intentional eye close action. An eye blink

generates electrical signal in the vertical signal and horizontal signal EOG. In my study, electrical signals are sensed by using 4 electrodes put on the upper part and lower part of the eye, and left and right side of eye. The vertical and horizontal signals were calculated by subtracting lower part signal from upper part signal, and no dominant side signal from dominant side signal respectively. EOG signals were recorded with 1000Hz sampling interval of time.

4.1 Eye blink characteristics

Figure shows the EOG signal detected from two subjects during each task. Fig. 1 (a)(b) and (c) show vertical EOG signals and (d)(e) and (f) are horizontal signals. Each signal has a positive top in vertical amplitude; they can be different from signals during the resting state. DOUBLE blinks are different from other eye blinks because they have two heights in vertical amplitude. WINK signals are unique from other eye blink signals because horizontal signals of larger amplitude. The duration of normal blink and wink blinks were around 400ms, and that of double blinks were around 600ms. The amplitude of EOG signals had individual differences between signals.

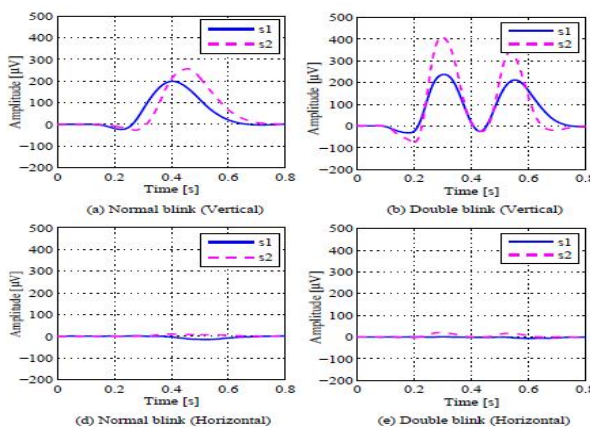


Fig. 1: Vertical and horizontal EOG signals

5. CONCLUSION

In this study we are trying to develop a method to analyze eye movements and mind activity with a one channel EEG data. We shall be using two cycles of open and closed eyes activity and awake and sleep mind activity tests to collect data. BCI is an advancing technology promising further research in machine control, virtual reality, and human enhancement. EEG signal consists of different –different brain waves reproducing brain electrical activity according to electrode placements and functioning in the adjacent brain regions. EEG is a complicated data type. It is noisy and composed from different waves which are different frequency bands. These frequency bands are associated with several activities and they are active in different parts of the brain. We shall select the most relevant features to eye activity. First of all, we fit a linear

model to our data. By applying ANOVA, we shall be finding Delta wave is the most significant feature (High Alpha and Low Alpha are also significant bands). The data with the selected features were normalized and smoothed, and then analysed.

Using the moving averages and double moving averages. In our preliminary experiments with two subjects of about 460 data points each, eye movement signals were

not clearly identified but it will be appearing that the variant of the moving average method may provide some clues of the patterns in the signal. We are currently conducting more experiments with 5-10 subjects with multiple eyes open-close setting parameters. And, we are also working on outlier's detection and clustering of the outliers that may be useful for the detection of eye activities.

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