Classification of Bio-potential Surface Electrode based on FKCM and SVM

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Abstract—In this paper, a method which is used for evaluating the performance of bio-potential surface electrode (BSE) with multi-index is presented. The Fuzzy kernel C-means (FKCM) algorithm and $K_{F}$ statistic are employed for classifying the BSE samples and searching an optimal classification amount respectively. Subsequently, a discriminant function is constructed by support vector machines (SVM) for recognizing the new measured samples. Experimental result shows classification correction ratios of improved FKCM algorithm are 96.3% and 85% on the IRIS and BSE dataset according a priori knowledge, furthermore, the recognition correction ratios of SVM algorithm are 96.3% and 90% on the IRIS and BSE dataset.

Index Terms—FKCM, SVM, classification, recognition, bio-potential surface electrode

I. INTRODUCTION

Bio-potential surface electrode (BSE) is an importance unit in some health monitoring devices, especially in some wearable bio-potential monitoring garments [1-2]. In [3], the measurement is performed in vivo and the bio-potential is utilized for evaluating the performance of BSE. In [4-7], the impedance spectra are utilized for evaluating the performance of textile-base BSE on some device by more objective methods. However, efficient evaluation methods for analyzing the performance of BSE with multi-indexes are absence so far. Improved FKCM and SVM which are the algorithms based on kernel method have better capability for solving the nonlinear problems than FCM and Fisher linear discriminant analysis method [8-11]. FKCM which is a generalization of the conventional fuzzy C-means clustering algorithm (FCM) is presented, and the concrete algorithm is shown in [12, 13]. The theory of SVM is based on the idea of structural risk minimization (SRM) [14-17], and the good generalization ability of SVM is obtained by finding a large margin between two classes. In this paper, the FKCM and SVM are employed for classifying and recognizing the BSE samples with multi-indexes, however the analysis result can provide help for design and improvement of BSE.

II. EXPERIMENTAL MATERIAL AND MEASUREMENT INDEXES

A. Measurement indexes

Five types of BSE were used in this study. A pair of 99.99% gold button electrodes (G), 4 types of fabric electrodes which are terry or plain coating silver/silver chloride (TC or PC) electrode and terry or plain coating silver (TS or PS) electrode are selected and each type of electrode with 6 pair of specimens are measured. The measurement indexes are composed of static open circuit potential (OCP) differences ($z_{1}$ and $z_{2}$), low frequency impedance at 0.01, 1, and 10Hz ($z_{3}$, $z_{4}$ and $z_{5}$), dynamic OCP variation ($z_{6}$). Furthermore, low frequency impedance represents the measured resistance in low frequency domain, magnitude of static OCP reflects the
symmetry of two electrodes, and static OCP variation represents the stable of electrodes in measurement process. Dynamic OCP variation represents the noise of interface of electrode/electrolyte. However, the less are magnitude of these indexes, the better are performances of BSE. Experiments are performed at 20 degree temperature and 65% relative humidity.

B. Measurement data

Data of 26 samples are acquired by using electrochemical station which is composed of a computer, Electrochemical Interface 1252A (Solartron, UK) and Frequency Analyzer Response 1287 (Solartron, UK), a series of signal conditioning devices and sensors.

III. CLASSIFICATION AND RECOGNITION ALGORITHMS OF BSE

A. Data pre-processing

To enhance the efficiency and accuracy of data analysis, it is often necessary to utilize pre-processing on the dataset before applying the improved FKCM clustering analysis algorithm. The data preprocess procedure consist of data normalization, correlative analysis of indexes, calculation of index weight, and calculation of initial clustering centers.

Let \(x\) be vector that is composed of measurement indexes of a sample, Dataset \(X\) consists of all samples and can be represented as \(X = \{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n\}\), where \(x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \ldots, x_{ip})\), \((i = 1, 2, \ldots, n)\). Vector \(x\) is called as pattern of input space \(\Omega\) also. The set \(X\) with \(n\) patterns is a subset of input space \(\Omega\). The measured indexes can be represented by \(Z = \{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_p\}\).

To eliminate effect of indexes’ quantity difference to final evaluation, initial measurement data should be normalized to compress the data in \([0,1]\). Data normalization function is

\[
x_i = \frac{x_i' - x_{i,\text{min}}}{x_{i,\text{max}} - x_{i,\text{min}}} (1)
\]

Where \(x_i\) and \(x_i'\) denote the normalized vector and measurement vector of the \(i\)th sample respectively, \(x_{i,\text{max}}\) and \(x_{i,\text{min}}\) denote the maximum and minimum of measurement vectors in initial data set respectively.

The redundancy of indexes on data set exists, so correlation analysis of indexes is often necessary for reducing the dimension of data.

\[
\rho(z_i, z_j) = \frac{\text{cov}(z_i, z_j)}{\sqrt{Dz_i} \sqrt{Dz_j}}, i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, p (2)
\]

Where \(\rho\) is the correlative coefficient between indexes, \(z_i\) and \(z_j\) denote the random index in index set, \(\text{cov}\) is the covariance function.

The contribution of indexes of samples in classification is different, and the clustering result and actual classification have the better consistent after the index weights of samples are introduced in classification. However, the methods of index weight acquisition have subjective method and objective method. In this paper, the objective method is employed for acquiring the index weight of all indexes.

### Table I. Initial Measurement Data of 26 BSES

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where $w_j$ denotes weight of the $j$th index, 
\[ z_{ij} = x_{ij} / \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{ij} \] 
$(i = 1, 2, \cdots, n; j = 1, 2, \cdots, p)$

To enhance the stability of clustering result, a determinate initial clustering center is desired prior to performing clustering algorithm. In this paper, the FKCM clustering algorithm.

$\hat{K}(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) = \phi(\mathbf{v}_i) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{v}_j) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{u}_{ij})^m K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{u}_{ij})^m}$

$\hat{u}_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} (1/ \hat{d}_{ij}^2(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j))^{(m-1)}}$

$\hat{d}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = [K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) - 2K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)K(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_j)]^{1/2}$, $i, j = 1, 2, \cdots, n$.

Let $V$ be clustering center matrix in input space, $V = (v_1, v_2, \cdots, v_p)$, $v_i = (v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \cdots, v_{ip})$, $(i = 1, 2, \cdots, c)$. Let $\hat{U}$ be membership matrix in feature, $\hat{U} = (\hat{u}_1, \hat{u}_2, \cdots, \hat{u}_n)$, $\hat{u}_i = (\hat{u}_{i1}, \hat{u}_{i2}, \cdots, \hat{u}_{ip})$, $(i = 1, 2, \cdots, n)$. Hence, Objective function of FKCM clustering algorithm in feature space is

$\hat{J}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}; \hat{U}; \hat{D}) = \sum_{j=1}^{c} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{u}_{ij} \hat{d}_{ij}^2 \Rightarrow 2 < c < n$ (5)

New clustering center vectors in feature space are

$\hat{v}_j = \phi(\mathbf{v}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{u}_{ij})^m \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) / \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{u}_{ij})^m$, $j = 1, 2, \cdots, c$ (6)

The $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$ is dropped in (6). Unfortunately, the mapping function $\phi(\cdot)$ may not be known explicitly and if the dimension of the feature space $\Omega^q$ is very high or infinite, it is difficult to solve for objective function by (6). To get around this difficulty, the problem is reformulated to involve only the dot product of the patterns $\mathbf{x}_i$ $(i = 1, 2, \cdots, n)$ in the feature space.

$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) = \phi(\mathbf{v}_j) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{v}_j) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{u}_{ij})^m K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{u}_{ij})^m}$

$\hat{u}_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} (1/ \hat{d}_{ij}^2(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j))^{(m-1)}}$

$\hat{d}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = [K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) - 2K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)K(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_j)]^{1/2}$, $i = 1, 2, \cdots, n; j = 1, 2, \cdots, c$.

To acquire the optimization membership degree matrix $\hat{U}$ and corresponding distance matrix $\hat{D}$, the equation of $|\hat{J}^{(i)}(\mathbf{X}; \hat{U}; \hat{D}) - \hat{J}^{(i-1)}(\mathbf{X}; \hat{U}; \hat{D})|$ must be convergent, that is, equation of $\lim_{i \to \infty} |\hat{J}^{(i)}(\mathbf{X}; \hat{U}; \hat{D}) - \hat{J}^{(i-1)}(\mathbf{X}; \hat{U}; \hat{D})|$ comes into existence [18]. Hence, the variance $\varepsilon$ can be set at a random small value, the initial distance matrix and the initial membership matrix are known, then the iterative algorithm can be performed by (5), (7), (8), (9), and (10), if $|\hat{J}^{(i)} - \hat{J}^{(i-1)}| < \varepsilon$, the iterative algorithm ceases, and the constraint optimization membership matrix $\hat{U}^{(i)}$ and the constraint optimization distance matrix $\hat{D}^{(i)}$ can be acquired, finally, samples is classified in terms of maximum membership principle. When dot product operation is performed between pattern and indexes weight vector in kernel function of the FKCM clustering algorithm, the improved FKCM clustering algorithm can be obtained. Furthermore, the statistic $\hat{F}$ in (11) can be utilized for acquiring the optimal classification amount. Statistic $\hat{F}$ is a conventional index for evaluating the clustering validity and the nonlinear factors of data set are not considered, hence the $KF$ index is constructed by using kernel function and shown in (12) for evaluating more efficiently the clustering validity.
\[ F = \frac{SSA/(c-1)}{SSE/(n-c)} = \frac{(n-c)\sum_{j=1}^{c}n_j \| \bar{x}_j - \bar{x} \|^2}{(c-1)\sum_{j=1}^{c}n_j \| \bar{x}_j - \bar{x}_j \|^2} \] (11)

\[ KF = \frac{SSA/(c-1)}{SSE/(n-c)} = \frac{(n-c)\sum_{j=1}^{c}n_j \phi^2(\bar{x}_j, \bar{x})}{(c-1)\sum_{j=1}^{c}n_j \phi^2(\bar{x}_j, \bar{x})} \] (12)

Where: \( KF \) is statistic of samples vectors in feature space, \( SSA \) is between class variance, \( SSE \) is inner-class variance, \( \bar{x} \) is the mean vector of the ith class samples vectors, \( \bar{x}_j \) is the mean vector of the whole samples vectors, \( \bar{x}_{ji} \) is the ith class and the ith sample vector, \( n_j \) is amount of samples of the ith class.

C. SVM Algorithm

According to the above classification result, we can acquire a training set \( S = \{ (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_N, y_N) \} \) of N data points, where \( x_i \in \Omega^p \) is the ith input pattern and \( y_i \in \mathbb{R} \) is the ith output pattern. In most cases, the searching of a suitable hyperplane in an input space is too restrictive to be of practical use. Hence, suppose \( \{ \phi_j(x) \}_{j=1}^m \) represents the nonlinear transfer set from the input space to feature space, where \( m \) is the dimension of feature space. Hence, a decision hyperplane in feature space can be defined as

\[ y_i[(w^T \phi(x_i) + b)] \geq 1, \quad i = 1, \ldots, N \] (13)

Where \( \phi(\cdot) \) is a kernel function which maps the input space into a higher dimensional space, \( m \) and \( n \) are, respectively, the dimensions of the input space and feature space. However, this function is not explicitly constructed. In order to have the possibility to violate (15), in case a separating hyperplane in this higher dimensional space does not exist, slack variables \( \xi_i \) are introduced such that

\[ \begin{align*}
 y_i[(w^T \phi(x_i) + b)] & \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad i = 1, \ldots, N \\
 \xi_i & \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \ldots, N
\end{align*} \] (14)

Subsequently, according to the structural risk minimization principle, the risk bound is minimized by considering the optimization problem

\[ \text{Minimize} \quad \frac{1}{2} w^T \cdot w + C \sum_{i=1}^{N} \xi_i \] (15)

subject to (14). Where \( C \) is a constant and can be regarded as a regularization parameter. Tuning this parameter can obtain a balance between margin maximization and classification violation. In order to solve the constraint optimal problem, one constructs the Lagrangian and transformed into the dual

\[ \begin{align*}
 \text{Maximize} \quad W(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K(x_i, x_j) \\
 \text{Subject to} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \alpha_i = 0, \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \quad i = 1, \ldots, N
\end{align*} \] (16)

Searching the optimal hyperplane in (15) is a quadratic programming (QP) problem, according to the Kuhn-Tucker theorem, the solution of the optimal problem must satisfies the equality

\[ \begin{align*}
 \alpha_i (y_i(x_i w_i + b) - 1 + \xi_i) &= 0, \quad i = 1, \ldots, N \\
 (C - \alpha_i) \xi_i &= 0
\end{align*} \] (17)

In (12), \( \alpha_i = 0 \) for most of samples, when the non-zero values \( \alpha_i \) are satisfied with the equality sign in (14), the pattern \( x_i \) corresponding with \( \alpha_i \) is called support vector.

If \( \alpha^* \) is the optimal solution in (16), then

\[ w^* = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i^* y_i x_i \] (18)

That is the weight coefficient vector of optimal classification hyperplane is linear combination of training pattern vectors. After solving the above problems, the optimal classification function can be acquired as

\[ f(x) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \alpha_i^* K(x_i, x) + b^* \right) \] (19)

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In order to evaluate the performance of BSE and verify effect of these algorithms, the improved FKCM and SVM were performed on IRIS dataset and measurement dataset respectively. Matlab7.01 software was utilized for data processing and analyzing.

A. Pre-processing of measurement dataset

After data normalization, procedures of correlation analysis, weight computation, and initial clustering center were performed on IRIS dataset and measurement dataset in turn. Correlation coefficients of IRIS dataset were shown in Tab. II and Tab. III by using (2). However, some indexes with strong correlation can be eliminated by Pearson Correlation coefficient analysis method. Because of strong correlation in indexes, \( z^1 \), \( z^2 \), and \( z^3 \) can be deleted in data analysis process. Furthermore, index weight coefficient of measurement dataset and IRIS dataset was, respectively, \( WM = (0.2399 0.2858 0.2967 0.1776) \) and \( WIRIS = (0.2374 0.1785 0.2785 0.30) \) by using (3).

FKCM and SVM Performed on IRIS Dataset
IRIS dataset contains 150 examples with 4 dimensions and 3 classes. One class is linearly separable from the two others, and vice versa. Applying accurate degree and class number are respectively, 10e-5 and 3, and the kernel function of improved FKCM clustering algorithm chooses $k(x,y) = \exp(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{p} (w_i(x_i - y_i))^2}{\sigma})$, where $\sigma = 0.8$.

Tab. IV showed the F and KF value were all maximal when samples in IRIS were classified into three classes, respectively. The number of samples in the 1st class was classified correctly which shows three clustering methods can solve efficiently the linear classification problems, however, the improved FKCM is obviously better than FCM and KFCM for solving the nonlinear problems. In order to compare the performance of four discriminant methods: the SVM, Kernel Fisher Discriminant Analysis (KFDA), back promulgation neural network (BPNN), and radial basis function neural network (RBFNN), we performed these algorithms on IRIS dataset, the training samples were utilized for training the networks, then employing the trained networks to recognize the testing samples. The parameters of BPNN were set as follow: the neurons of input layer were the amount of the training samples, the neurons of hidden layer were obtained according the equation $n_{l} = \sqrt{i + o + a}$ where $n_{l}$, $i$, and $o$ were the neurons amount of hidden layer, input layer and output layer respectively, parameter $a$ were taken in the integer domain [1,10]. The transfer function of hidden layer was set for "tansig", the transfer function of output layer was set for "purelin", training algorithm selected “Levenberg-Marquardt” method, the output tolerance was 0.05, training error was set for 0.001, the transfer coefficient of RBFNN was 1.0. In KFDA algorithm, Gauss kernel function $k(x,y) = \exp(-\|x - y\|^2/\sigma)$ was selected and parameter $\sigma$ was 0.7. In SVM algorithm, the kernel function was ‘gaussian’ and parameter of ‘kerneloption’ was 2, and bound on the lagrangian multipliers was 1000. Then above four methods were performed on IRIS dataset, and the effects of every method were evaluated by the correction recognition ratios to testing samples.

The four fifth of each class of IRIS were using as training samples, and the other samples were using as testing samples, the discriminant functions were constructed by above described four methods. And experimental results showed the correction recognition ratios of BPNN, RBFNN, KFDA, and SVM methods in IRIS dataset, and the effects of every method were evaluated by the correction recognition ratios to testing samples. Tab. V. samples in IRIS were classified into three classes. One class is linearly separable from the two others, and vice versa. Applying accurate degree and class number are respectively, 10e-5 and 3. Tab. V showed the F and KF value were all maximal when samples in IRIS were classified into three classes, respectively.

### Table IV. Comparison of Wrong Classification Amount of Samples by Using Three Clustering Methods

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### Table V. Pearson Correlation Coefficient of All Measured Indexes in Measurement Dataset

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In this paper, a generalization evaluation method is proposed and employed in quality evaluation of BSE. By classifying the IRIS dataset using FCM, FKCM and improved FKCM clustering algorithm, experimental result shows improved FKCM is more efficient than other two algorithms for solving the nonlinear problem. The constructed KF statistic can help find the optimal classification amount of measured samples, and the classification result is consistent with a priori knowledge. Subsequently, we construct the discriminant function for recognizing the new measured samples by SVM algorithm, and a well recognition effect can be acquired. In all, the improved FKCM and SVM algorithms can compose a complete evaluation method for the performance of BSE.

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