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#### Abstract

The Electromyography (EMG) based trans-radial prostheses have revolutionized the prosthetic industry due to their ability to control the robotic hand using human intention. Although recently developed EMG-based prosthetic hands can classify a significant number of wrist motions, classifying grasping patterns in real-time is challenging. However, the wrist motions alone cannot facilitate a prosthetic hand to grasp objects properly without performing appropriate grasping pattern. The collaboration of EMG and vision has addressed this problem to a certain extent. However they have not been able to achieve significant performance in real-time.

This study proposed a vision-EMG fusion method that can improve the real-time prediction accuracy of the EMG classification system by merging a probability matrix that represents the usage of the six grasping patterns for the targeted object. The You Only Look Once (YOLO) object detection algorithm was utilized to retrieve the probability matrix of the identified object, and it was used to correct the classification error in the EMG classification system by applying Bayesian fusion. Experiments were carried out to collect EMG data from six muscles of 15 subjects during the grasping action for classifier development. In addition, an online survey was conducted to collect data to calculate the respective conditional probability matrix for selected objects. Finally, the five optimized supervised learning EMG classifiers; Artificial Neural Network (ANN), K-nearest neighbor (KNN), Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), Naive Bayes (NB), and Decision Tree (DT) were compared to select the best classifier for fusion.

The real-time experiment results revealed that the ANN outperformed other selected classifiers by achieving the highest mean True Positive Rate (mTPR) of M = 72.86% (SD = 17.89%) for all six grasping patterns. Furthermore, the feature set identified at the experiment (Age, Gender, and Handedness of the user) proved that their influence increases the mTPR of ANN by M = 16.05% (SD = 2.70%). The proposed system takes  $M = 393.89 \ ms$   $(SD = 178.23 \ ms)$  to produce a prediction. Therefore, the user did not feel a delay between intention and execution. Furthermore, proposed system facilitated the user to use suitable multiple grasping patterns for a single object as in real life. In future research works, the functionalities of the system should be expanded to include wrist motions and evaluate the system on amputees.

#### Keywords -Surface Electromyography, Real-time Classification, vision feedback, Grasping Pattern, Sensor Fusion

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## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathbf{AC}$	Alternative Current
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ANN	Artificial Neural Network
$\mathbf{AR}$	Autoregressive Coefficient
BDE	Binary Differential Evolution
BF	Bayesian Fusion
BPSO	Binary Particle Swarm Optimization
CART	Classification and Regression Trees
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
COG	Center Of Gravity
$\mathbf{CVS}$	Cognitive Vision System
DNN	Deep Neural Network
DSOD	Deeply Supervised Object Detectors
DSSD	Deconvolutional Single Shot Detector
DT	Decision Tree
DV	Dependent Variables
ECG	Electroencephalography
EEG	Electroencephalography
EMG	Electromyography
FCNN	Fuzzy Clustering Neural Network
$\mathbf{FD}$	Frequency Domain
F-RCNN	Faster Region-based Convolutional Neural Networks
GLM	General Linear Model
HD-EMG	High Density Electromyography
HL	Hidden Layer

HMM	Hidden Markov Model		
$\mathbf{HSV}$	Hue Saturation Value		
iEMG	intramuscular Electromyography		
IV	Independent Variables		
IMU	Inertia Measurement Unit		
KNN	K-Nearest Neighbor		
LDA	Linear Discriminant Analysis		
$\mathbf{LR}$	Learning Rate		
$\mathbf{mAP}$	mean Average Precision		
MAV	Mean Absolute Value		
MBTGA	Modified Binary Tree Growth Algorithm		
$\mathbf{MC}$	Metacarpals		
$\mathbf{MC}$	Momentum Constant		
MLP	Multi-layer Perceptron		
MMG	Mechanomyography		
$\mathrm{mTPR}$	mean True Positive Rate		
$\mathbf{MV}$	Majority Vote		
NB	Naive Bayes		
NCS	Nerve Conduction Study		
NOD	Normalized Onset Distance		
non-PR	non-Pattern Recognition		
PBPSO	Personal Best Guide Binary Particle Swarm Optimization		
PCA	Principle Component Analysis		
$\mathbf{PR}$	Pattern Recognition		
PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization		
RGB	Red Green Blue		
$\mathbf{RMS}$	Root Mean Square		
ROI	Region Of Interest		
RTG	Reach-To-Grasp		
$\mathbf{SD}$	Standard Deviation		
$\mathbf{SFS}$	Sequential Forward Selection		
SOM	Self-Organizing Map		

$\mathbf{SSC}$	Sign Slope Change
$\mathbf{SVM}$	Support Vector Machine
TD	Time Domain
TDAR	Time Domain Autoregressive Coefficients
TD-AR	Time Domain-Autoregression
$\mathbf{TFD}$	Time-Frequency Domain
WAMP	Willison Amplitude
$\mathbf{WL}$	Waveform length
YOLO	You Only Look Once
$\mathbf{ZC}$	Zero Crossing