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EPILEPSY DETECTION USING STATISTICAL FEATURES ON EEG SIGNAL

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Abstract: EEG (Electroencephalograph) is a technique for identifying neurological disorders. Epilepsy is a disorder of the central nervous system characterized by loss of consciousness and convulsions. EEG is the recording of electrical activity of the brain signals that can be used to diagnose the epilepsy condition. In this paper, we propose a novel method using best statistical features that are well suited for detecting and localization of important epileptic events from noisy recorded seizure EEG signals. We have achieved promising results that demonstrate efficiency and simplicity that can be used in clinical studies as an automatic decision support tool. Thus reduce the physician's workload and provide accurate diagnosis of epileptic seizures.

Keywords—Electroencephalogram; Epilepsy; mean; max; least significant value; standard deviation; variance.



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INTRODUCTION

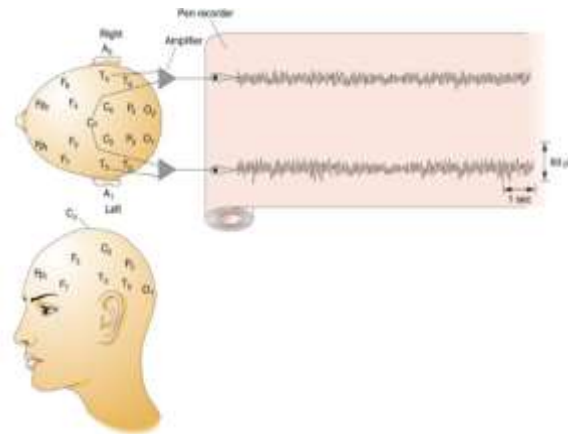
The EEG (Electroencephalogram) signal indicates the electrical activity of the brain[1]. They are highly random in nature and may contain useful information about the brain state. Electroencephalography is a graphic representation of the difference in voltage between two different cerebral locations plotted over time. [2][3]The scalp EEG signal generated by cerebral neurons is modified by electrical conductive properties of the tissues between the electrical source and the recording electrode on the scalp, conductive properties of the electrode itself, as well as the orientation of the cortical generator to the recording electrode.

The existence of the electrical activity of the brain (i.e. the electroencephalogram or EEG) was discovered more than a century ago by Caton. After the demonstration that the EEG could be recorded from the human scalp by Berger in the 1920s, it made a slow start before it became accepted as a method of analysis of brain functions in health and disease. It is interesting to note that this acceptance came only after the demonstration by Adrian and Mathews (1934) that the EEG, namely the alpha rhythm, was likely generated in the occipital lobes in man, and was not artificial.

Epilepsy is a brain disorder in which clusters of nerve cells, or neurons in the brain sometimes have abnormal signal. In the epilepsy, the normal pattern of neurons activity becomes disturbed causing strange sensation, emotion, behavior and loss of consciousness (Engel, 1989; Robert, 2005). Epilepsy is a disorder due to many possible causes. Anything that disturbs the normal pattern of neuron activity may result in illness, brain damage, or abnormal brain development[4]. EEG scan is a common diagnostic test for epilepsy and can detect abnormalities in the brain electrical activity. People with epilepsy frequently have changes in their normal pattern of brain wave, even though they are not experiencing a seizure. EEG plays an important role in the diagnosis of epilepsy.

II. METHODS AND ACQUISITION

A) *Data Acquisition:*



The data used are a subset of the EEG data for both healthy and epileptic subjects. EEG signals from two different groups are analysed: non patient and patient. The EEG segments were selected and cut out from continuous multi-channel EEG recordings after visual inspection for artifacts, e.g., due to muscle activity or eye movements[5]. EEGs from 20 patients were selected. Here segments were selected from all recording sites. By loading this data to the MATLAB software and by developing appropriate program we have extracted some features of that data. We are working on the EEG signal data of 10 epileptic patients and 10 non patients. We have extracted the EEG signal of 17 different lobes of each patient. We have taken 911 samples of each lobe for better accuracy[6]. The machine used for recording the electrical activities of brain was from the Neuro physician with Neuro plus software was used to record and process on the EEG signal.

B) Features Extraction

We have extracted 5 features of the EEG signal of each lobe wise channels[7][8]. It gives us the better accuracy for comparing the behavioral change in the EEG signal of epileptic patients and non-epileptic patients. The features we have extracted are given below:

- A) Mean
- B) Standard deviation
- C) Variance
- D) Least significant value
- E) Max

(A)Mean:

The mean of the data set is the arithmetic average of the elements in a data set obtained by adding all the values and dividing it by the number of values. In case of the data if in the form of frequency distribution, then the mean of frequency distribution data can be define as

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i$$

(B) Variance:

The variance of data set is the arithmetic average of squared differences between the mean. Again, when we summarize a data set in frequency distribution, the variance of frequency distribution is given by,

$$\text{Variance} = \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i (x_i - \mu)^2$$

(c)Standard Deviation:

The standard deviation (STD) of a data set in a frequency distribution can be define by the equation,

$$\text{STD} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i (x_i - \mu)^2}$$

(D) Least significant value:

It is the minimum value in the given data set[9].The lowest possible value of the function at minimum point in a given data set is called Least significant value.

(E)Max:

The highest possible value or the most significant value in a given data set is called maximum value (MAX).

III. RESULT

The performance of all five features implemented and is compared here in the form of table 1 & 2 and graph. By observing the value of the features the results for the epileptic and non-epileptic patient are as follows:

Table 1: Results of three features (average value, least significant value, max) for patient and non-patient

	LSV		MAX		AVG value	
	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P
c3	-24.6	-24.9	20.18	27.9	0.1216	-0.026
c4	-25.9	-31.3	25.8	32.9	0.0886	-0.203
cz	-27.8	-35.6	24.02	44.9	0.0371	-0.229
f3	-63.2	-65.8	44.2	67.1	0.7226	0.3827
f4	-17.6	-23.4	20.08	19.6	0.0758	-0.08
f7	-37.8	-25.3	33.33	37	0.0931	-0.272
f8	-19.4	-39.1	13.16	30.5	0.021	-0.145
fz	-20.2	-28.3	16.78	22	-0.02	-0.076
fp1	-17.8	-110	15.81	45.1	0.1508	-0.082
fp2	-21.5	-54.7	15.27	36.6	-0.086	-0.034
p3	-33.2	-33.1	30.39	36.7	0.1322	0.0483
p4	-39.3	-46	32.22	52.8	0.1808	0.1059
pz	-39.5	-31.3	34.11	34.6	0.1771	-0.198
t3	-20.8	-30.3	22.03	44.1	0.1869	-0.283
t4	-38.3	-29.6	24.35	29.5	0.2691	-0.429
t5	-30.4	-46.2	25.99	42.4	0.1731	0.6682
t6	-20.3	-27.1	18.97	29.1	0.1694	-0.089

Table 2: Results of two features (standard deviation and variance) for patient and non-patient

	STD		VAR	
	NP	P	NP	P
c3	8.215759	9.747829	67.4987	95.02016
c4	8.902285	11.08349	79.25068	122.8437
cz	8.831966	14.07813	78.00361	198.1937
f3	15.13102	22.12592	228.9479	489.5565
f4	5.584891	8.249862	31.19101	68.06022
f7	12.9959	9.536005	168.8933	90.93538
f8	6.128823	12.19002	37.56247	148.5966
fz	5.735348	9.470273	32.89422	89.68606
fp1	5.865026	18.28675	34.39853	334.405
fp2	6.142115	12.60296	37.72558	158.8346
p3	10.44936	11.65283	109.1892	135.7883
p4	12.4611	16.99874	155.2791	288.9571

pz	11.75773	10.97875	138.2443	120.533
t3	7.580958	11.2051	57.47092	125.5543
t4	7.210116	9.644769	51.98577	93.02157
t5	8.822898	15.9541	77.84353	254.5332
t6	7.392236	9.624498	54.64515	92.63097

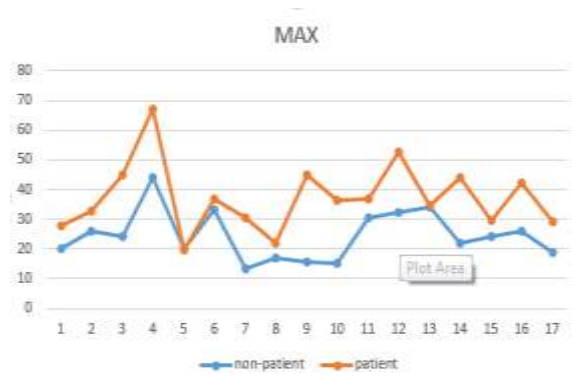


Figure 1: Graph for the max value of epileptic and non-epileptic patient

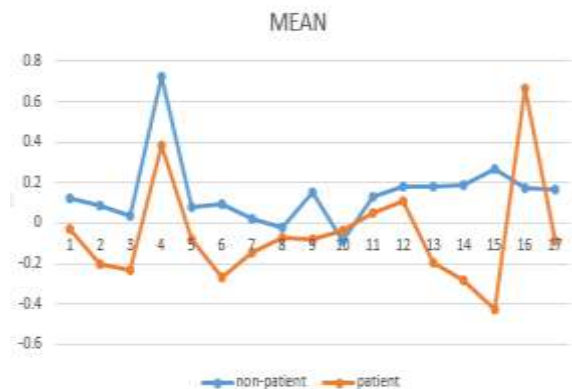


Figure 2: Graph for the mean value of epileptic and non-epileptic patient

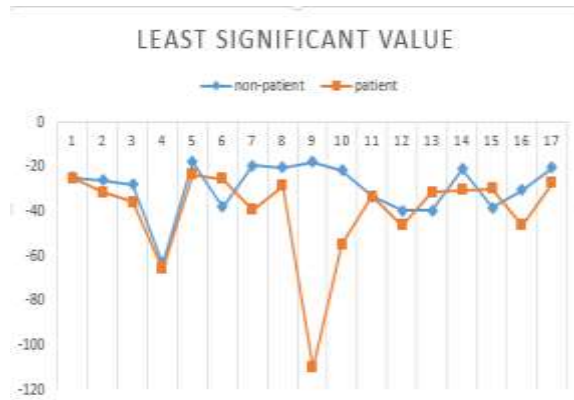


Figure 3: Graph for the least significant value of epileptic and non-epileptic patient

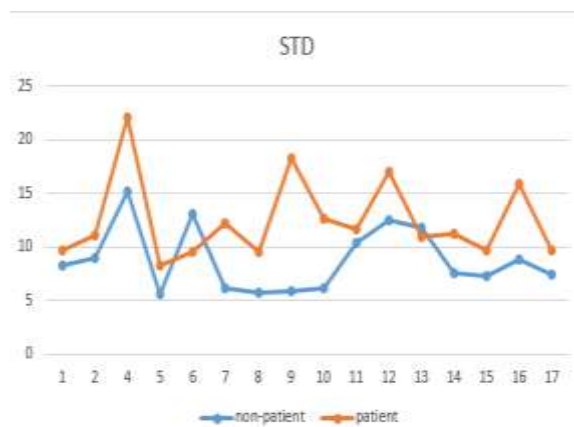


Figure 4: Graph for the standard deviation value of epileptic and non-epileptic patient

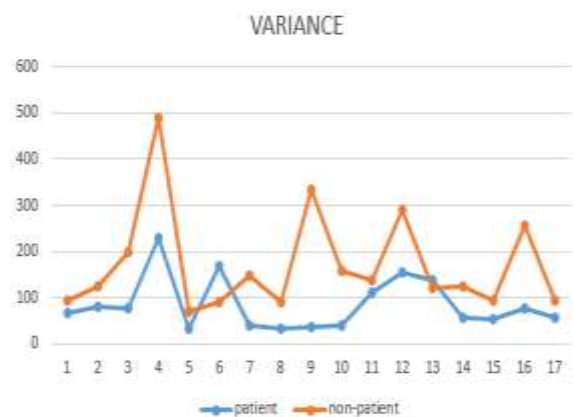


Figure 5: Graph for the variance value of epileptic and non-epileptic patient

IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper proposes an overview of the seizure detection algorithms based on the analysis of EEG. The basic structure of the project is constructed in two main components, feature extraction and epilepsy detection. In this paper Statistical parameters are employed as a feature for seizure detection. The high observable difference in graphs values of the extracted feature during a seizure and normal EEG signal made it a good feature for seizure detection. For future work this system can be used along with linear classifier/SVM classifier for high accuracy. Also the time required for the computation of this features is less, thereby resulting in increased performance of system in terms of time.

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