



# Detection and Classification of Human Stress Analysis using EEG Signals

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## ABSTRACT

In day to day lifestress plays significant role in the quality of human life. Emotion plays a major role in motivation, perception, cognition, creativity, attention, learning and decision-making. In recent years, stress analysis by using electro-encephalography (EEG) signal has emerged as an important area of research. EEG signals are one of the most important means of indirectly measuring the state of the brain. EEG (Electroencephalogram) signal is a neuro-signal which is produced due to the different electrical exercises in the mind. These signals can be captured and processed to get the necessary data which can be used to detect some psychological changes in early stage. In this proposed system, EEG signal dataset is pre-processed and components with ocular effect are extracted from the EEG signal. Classification of stress level is accomplished by applying SVM (Support-Vector Machine) algorithm which gives the better accuracy.

**Keywords :** Stress analysis, EEG signals, ocular effect, feature extraction, classification, SVM

## I. INTRODUCTION

Stress is a body's method for reacting to a challenge. Human stress can have an impact on a person's mental and physical well-being. Stress can lead to a change in behavior and in physiology. Many people suffer from stress in everyday life. Stress is related to human work in one way or other. Stress originates from different sources such as time pressure while working in company, responsibility, economic problem or physical factors such as noise. Signs of stress of a human being are tension, anxiety, anger, frustration or irritation by things over which he has no control.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), stress is the major problem of human being and it has large effect on physical as well as mental health. Stress detection is an on-going research topic

among both psychologists and engineers. Wearable sensors and bio signal processing technologies are developed for detecting the human stress. There are various bio signal processing technologies used for human stress detection such as Electroencephalography (EEG), Electrocardiography (ECG), Electromyography (EMG), Blood Pressure (BP), Blood Volume Pulses (BVP), Galvanic Skin Resistance (GSR), Respiration and Skin Temperature (ST) etc. A few methodologies utilize the temperature of the finger [15], human signals [16] and eye squint [17] as a methodology to identify stress. Late methods utilize warm imaging [18], physiological signals [19,20] for stress recognition. Identification of stress is a standout among the best research topic point for psychologists as well as engineers also. There are three kinds of stress:

**Acute Stress:** This stress is for short time span in which some energy present and bring thrill. for example roller coaster ride.

**Episodic Stress:** This stress is for longer span of time in which individuals makes self-harm or having absurd demands or stressing.

**Chronic Stress:** This stress is for long haul, which results in unfortunate and hazardous for human well being.

EEG signal gets captured by EEG MindWave Neurosky headset and these signal get separated according to the recurrence ranges, to be specific delta(1-4 Hz), theta(4-8 Hz), alpha(8-13 Hz), beta (13-20 Hz) and gamma (generally >20Hz). Voltage fluctuation of the scalp is somewhere in the range of 20 and 100uV[15]. These EEG signals are captured utilizing various electrodes normally accessible in clinics. These electrodes are placed on the scalp, utilizing 10:20 technique to catch flag. Primary aim of this undertaking is to build up a convenient and ease ongoing framework for gathering as well as analyzing of the signal for the discovery of stress level of human.

The traditional stress recognition framework is based on physiological signs and outward appearance techniques. The real disadvantage is the vulnerability that ascends because of various outer variables like sweating, room temperature, anxiety. Some strategies like hormone investigation have a downside of obtrusive procedure. There is requirement for a strategy that is non-intrusive, precise, accurate and reliable. This research work expects to identify stress dependent on EEG as EEG shows a decent connection with stress.

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Studies involving the stress analysis using EEG signals and implementing the techniques can be found in literature. Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT), Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) and so on can be utilized for highlight extraction previously ordering the information. Sulaiman et al. [16] proposed a mix of

EEG Asymmetry and Spectral Centroids strategies to distinguish one of a kind example of human pressure. Ghostly Centroids procedure was broadly utilized in discourse and sound acknowledgment as a result of its strength to perceive the prevailing recurrence [17-19]. Poulus et al. [20] utilized EEG phantom power and mean recurrence of Alpha band as a component to NN (Neural Network) so as to recognize individual's trademark. Additionally, kNN classifier was utilized to identify and group human identity and attributes from the EEG flag design when tuning in to music [21-24].

## III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this proposed system, EEG signal dataset is pre-processed using Notch filter. ICA (Independent component analysis) is applied to pick the component with ocular effect. And then Hilbert Transform is applied for feature extraction. Classification of stress level is done by implementing SVM (Support-Vector Machine) algorithm which will provide the better accuracy.

### A. EEG Signals

Electroencephalography is a medicinal imaging strategy that peruses scalp electrical action produced by cerebrum structures. The electroencephalogram (EEG) is characterized as electrical movement of a substituting type recorded from the scalp surface in the wake of being grabbed by metal terminals and conductive media. EEG signal comprises of various mind waves reflecting cerebrum electrical action as indicated by terminal positions and working in the neighboring cerebrum areas. Along these lines electroencephalographic perusing is a totally non-obtrusive strategy that can be connected more than once to patients, typical grown-ups, and kids with for all intents and purposes no hazard or restriction. A remote EEG gadget, which is a head set was set by universal 10-20 framework. The terminals were appended to the scalp at position AF3, F7, F3, FC5, T7, P7, O1, O2, P8, T8, FC6, F4, F8 and AF4 as appeared in Figure 1.

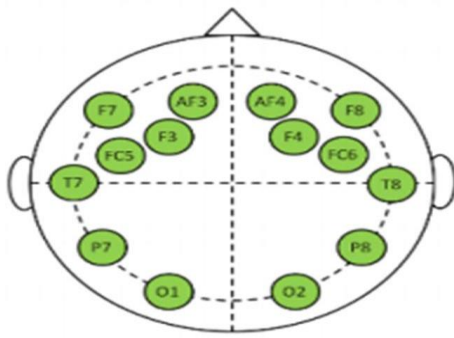
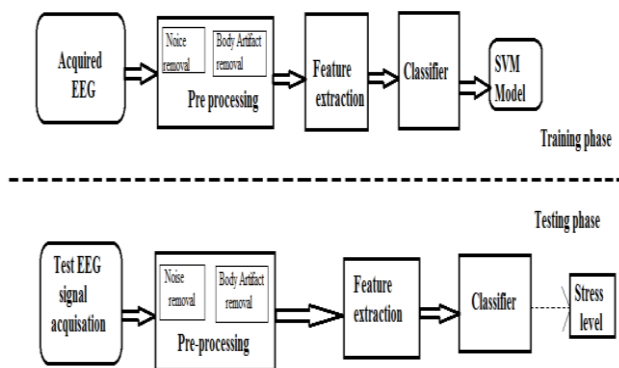


Figure 1. Electrode placement on the scalp.

One of the essential commotion (ancient rarities), that is Ocular relic expulsion is disposed in the process. The EEG rhythms lie in the recurrence scope of 0.3 Hz to 44 Hz. The visual relic happens at 0.1-16 Hz.



## B. EEG Pre-Processing

Raw EEG is contaminated with noise from different form and sources. As EEG has very small amplitude, filtering out unwanted noise is a critical step to extract useful information. Ocular artefacts that arise due to body movement are eliminated. The notch is a very selective filter with a very high rejection just for a tiny frequency band around the selected frequency. It will not attenuate other frequencies, which belong to the EEG signal. Notch filter is utilized to dismiss the 60 Hz or 50 Hz electrical cable amplitude.

## C. ICA to pick the Component with Ocular

Artifact: Independent Component Analysis is an amazing asset for wiping out a few significant kinds of non-cerebrum relics from EEG information. Eye advancements cause changes to the electric fields around the eyes, and accordingly over the scalp. As a

result, EEG chronicles are normally basically misshaped, and their understanding hazardous. Different procedures have been proposed to beat this issue, stretching out from the rejection of data contrasting temporarily with huge eye advancements, to the departure of the assessed effect of visual development from the EEG. Independent Component Analysis is a powerful tool for eliminating several important types of non-brain artefacts from EEG data and allows the user to reject many such artifacts in an efficient and user-friendly manner.

## D. Feature Extraction and Classification

A versatile component extraction method Hilbert Transform was connected to separate pertinent highlights in time-recurrence area. It is the important way to deal with uncovers data covered up in the sign considering the non-stationary nature of the signal. The purpose of this stage is to map EEG into the consequent stress state. An adaptive feature extraction technique Hilbert Transform was applied to extract relevant features in time frequency domain. It is the relevant approach to unearth information hidden in the signal considering the non-stationary nature of the signal.

The element vector got through Hilbert transform is arranged into impartial or three dimensions of pressure (stress-low, stress-medium and stress-high). Support Vector Machine (SVM) is used to classify the stress levels.

SVM: The objectives of SVM are isolating the information with hyper plane and stretch out this to non-direct limits utilizing bit trap. For computing the SVM, the objective is to effectively arrange every one of the information.

$$\text{If } Y_i = +1; w x_i + b \geq 1$$

$$\text{If } Y_i = -1; w x_i + b \leq -1$$

$$\text{For all } i; y_i (w x_i + b) \geq 1$$

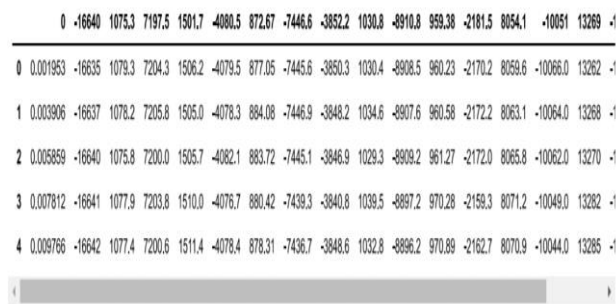
In this condition  $x$  is a vector point and  $w$  is weight and is likewise a vector. So to isolate the information ought to dependably be more noteworthy than zero. Among all conceivable hyper planes, SVM chooses

the one where the separation of hyper plane is as huge as could be expected under the circumstances.

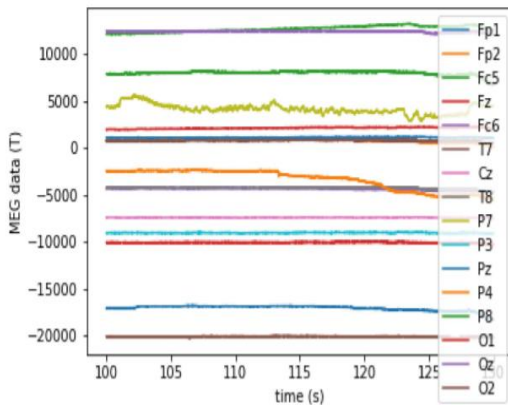
#### IV. RESULTS

The proposed system is implemented using Python.Dataset is imported. The stress analysis of a person usually depends on various factors ranging from their age, gender to their fatigue level, its really important to consider all these factors as they play a very important role in calculating the stress level of a person.

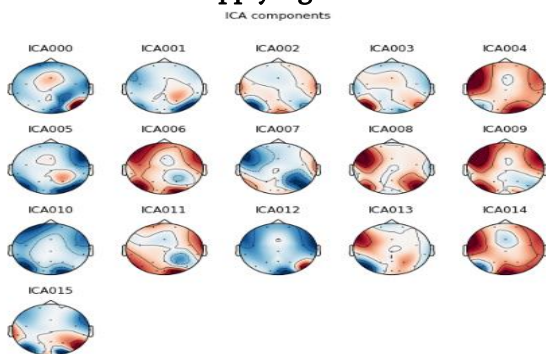
##### A. Importing EEG Data set:



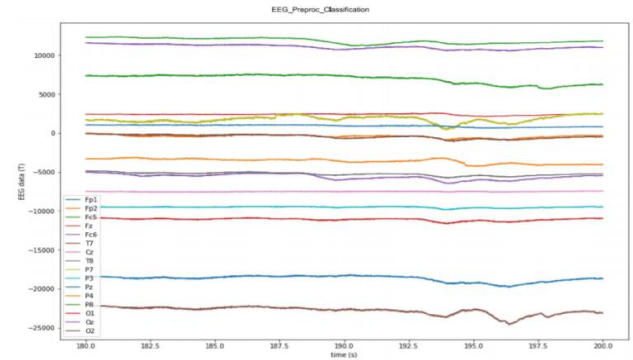
##### B. Extracted EEG data of different electrodes



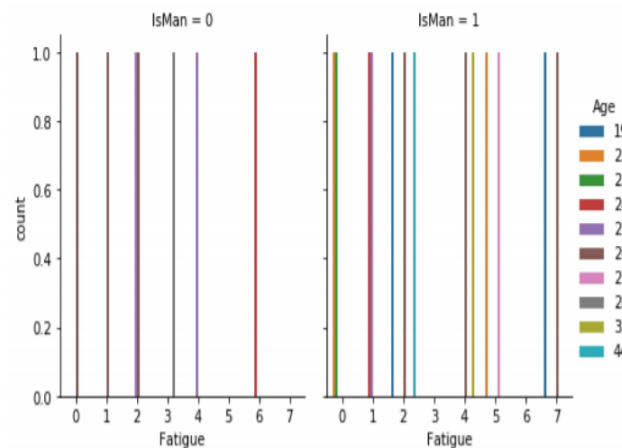
##### C. EEG data after applying ICA



##### D. EEG signal after pre-processing



##### E. Final output



#### V. CONCLUSION

EEG signals gives betterfeature extraction results for stress classification compared to other signals. Theproposed framework improves accuracy of feature extraction and classification technique.

Further, the proposed framework will be helpful in such a way that it may lead to a new mode of medication to relieve a person's/ subjects stress level after appropriately interpreting EEG signals.So, this proposed system is an EEG-based stress analysiswhich captures the constant EEG signals and structures the complete loop by showing various qualities according to the electrical signals on the scalp. The useful information from the EEG signals and implemented SVM as classifier and obtained accuracy of 83.34%. The outcomes reported the feasibility of using EEG for stress analysis, which is significant for clinical intervention and avoidance of physical and psychological wellbeing issues.

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