Qualitative Analysis of Techniques for Device-Free Human Activity Recognition

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1. INTRODUCTION

Human Activity Recognition (HAR) has seen significant evolution for the past few decades, where it has found its importance in various applications for instance in healthcare, recreational activities, security and in various smart technological advancements. This study has led to the need for a multifaceted activity recognition system. Figure 1 depicts various categorization of HAR.

![Figure 1. Categorization of HAR](image)

Analyzing actions from still images or video snippets is the primary objective of Human Activity Recognition. This fact leads systems for understanding human activity, which attempt to precisely group input data into its fundamental activity category [1]. In accordance with their elaborate nature, Human Activity Recognition can be categorized into basic 3 types: (i) Encounter (ii) Activity (iii) Interaction.

Device-free localization (DFL) systems use numerous static connections to track and identify objects (people) by detecting variations in the received signal strength (RSS) over a period [2]. These systems do not need that the targets of espionage carry or wear any gadgets (such as a cell phone, an RFID tag, or a low-power transmitter or receivers) because the radio channel acts as the sole data source. This technology has the potential to be used in surveillance, security, and rescue operations, industrial safety systems, assisted living, and senior care facilities. Under comparison to other technologies, a DFL system has several advantages, such as the capacity to function under congested conditions and see through walls [3].

Several RSS-based DFL methods postulate that a person has an impact on radio signal propagation in the vicinity of where he is located [4]. As an outcome, a person's proximity to a relationship alters its RSS principles in comparison to when the individual in question was farther away.

To be able to quantify the change when a human is close to the link, these algorithms must first learn the reference characteristics of the RSS on each link while a person is not nearby [5, 6]. However, in crowded residential settings, diverse everyday activities result in the movement of things of varied sizes, shapes, and materials around the home. The fundamental properties of RSS on many links are altered by these changes. The DFL system must thus adjust as a result [7].

Device-free localization (DFL), a radio frequency (RF)-based device-free indoor localization, has drawn a lot of research attention in recent years because of its ease of use, low cost, and compatibility with devices already equipped with an RF interface.

Due to the increased need for human-centric applications in healthcare and supported living over the past few decades, human activity monitoring has attracted significant research attention. In this regard, human monitoring activities can be incorporated into innovative building systems to enhance building management and overall quality of life, particularly for the elderly who are experiencing health decline due to age.

However, most older individuals choose to live out their additional years in an unhealthy way, frequently suffering from crippling sickness and disability as a result of the decline in their physical or mental abilities brought on by age-related...
disorders. There is a little correlation between the ageing of the population and the rise in disability rates worldwide [8].

This can be done without sacrificing crucial factors like safety and energy usage. According to the study [9], most older individuals want to live freely in their own homes and communities. This section of the paper introduces the potential of RF signals, which are often used for wireless communications, as sensing instruments for DFL systems in human activity monitoring. DFL is founded on the idea of radio irregularity, in which the presence of humans in the channel of wireless communication might cause interference and alter the wireless properties.

This paper analyses Human Activity Recognition (HAR) and its uses in security, smart technology, healthcare, and leisure activities. HAR classifies encounter, activity, and interaction-level human behaviour from photos or video clips. Device-free localization systems can be used for surveillance, security, rescue efforts, and supported living. These systems track and identify objects based on changes in the received signal strength. The study highlights the significance of precise data collection, feature extraction, activity classification, and performance assessment. AI and machine learning approaches have an impact on HAR, making it possible to extract secret information for accurate human activity detection and interpretation. Figure 2 depicts various stages of HAR.

The technique of automatically recognizing and categorizing human actions using information gathered from sensors is known as Human Activity Recognition (HAR). HAR goes through four stages:

1. **Data Collection**: The first step is gathering information from sensors that the user is wearing. The sensors can be magnetometers, accelerometers, gyroscopes, or a combination of these. The information gathered must be accurate and of high quality to allow for the identification of actions. The data can also be collected through Radio Frequency based techniques or Vision.

2. **Feature Extraction**: At this step, characteristics that represent the underlying actions have been extracted from the gathered data through processing. The characteristics might be either frequency domain information like Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) coefficients or statistical data like mean, standard deviation, denoising, data filtering or mean and variance. The traits that were collected ought to be precise and helpful for recognizing various activities.

3. **Activity Classification**: The activity is classified at this stage utilizing the retrieved characteristics. The classification job may be carried out using methods of machine learning SVM, K-means, PCA, Ada Boost, or Deep Neural Networks such as CNN, DNN, LSTM, RNN. The complexity of the classification problem affects the algorithm to choose.

4. **Evaluation of Performance**: The HAR system's performance will be evaluated in the final stage. The system's performance is assessed using performance measures including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. To ensure the system's efficacy and generalization, a wide range of activities and users should be evaluated. The performance evaluation step aids in locating the benefits and drawbacks of the system so that required adjustments could be made.

Human Activity Recognition (HAR) is the practice of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to recognize and name human actions from raw activity data extracted from a variety of sources (so-called gadgets) Wearable sensors [10, 11], and some commercial off-the-shelf equipment’s [12, 13] are a couple of these gadgets. Although sensors, video cameras, radio frequency identification and Wi-Fi are not new, their use in HAR is presently in its early stages.

The rapid development of technologies like AI, permits the use of these devices in a variety of application fields, is the cause of HAR's advancement [14]. As a result, we may conclude that HAR devices and AI methodologies or models have a mutually beneficial connection. Prior to AI developments, these models were based on a single image or a small number of visuals, but now there are more options.

Advances in technology in the area of AI, have revolutionized the ability to extract deeply concealed information for precise detection and interpretation [15-17], and machine learning methodologies [18, 19]. Determining how these new concepts are affecting HAR devices is crucial.

### Table 1. Sensors and their role in HAR

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<th>Sensor Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Example Use Cases</th>
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<tr>
<td>Accelerometer</td>
<td>Measures acceleration and orientation</td>
<td>Detecting walking, running, or cycling</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gyroscope</td>
<td>Measures rotation and orientation</td>
<td>Detecting changes in direction or rotation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Magnetometer</td>
<td>Measures magnetic field strength and direction</td>
<td>Determining orientation and direction</td>
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<tr>
<td>GPS</td>
<td>Determines location using satellite signals</td>
<td>Tracking outdoor activities, such as hiking or running</td>
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<tr>
<td>Barometer</td>
<td>Measures air pressure</td>
<td>Detecting changes in altitude, such as stair climbing</td>
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<tr>
<td>Heart Rate Monitor</td>
<td>Measures heart rate</td>
<td>Monitoring cardiovascular activity during exercise</td>
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<tr>
<td>EMG</td>
<td>Measures electrical activity in muscles</td>
<td>Detecting muscle activation patterns during exercise</td>
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<tr>
<td>Camera</td>
<td>Captures visual data</td>
<td>Recognizing gestures or facial expressions</td>
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This involves contemplating an evaluation that has an emphasis on HAR and AI devices that are simultaneously advancing. The primary goal of this study is to explore the HAR framework better in order to encompass devices and application domains in the specialized AI framework. Figure 3 evaluates various sensors which could encounter HAR activities. A number of sensors, including cameras,
gyroscopes, magnetometers, GPS, barometers, heart rate monitors, and EMG sensors, are essential to HAR. Knowing these fundamentals helps improve HAR systems. What devices can be employed in what applications and what AI traits can be considered when generating such a framework are a couple of the issues that need to be investigated. Table 1 describes various sensors and its role in HAR.

The table provides an overview of the various sensor types utilised in Human Activity Recognition (HAR), such as accelerometers, gyroscopes, magnetometers, GPS, barometers, heart rate monitors, EMGs, and cameras. The development of precise and thorough activity identification systems depends on these sensors, which are critical for recording many aspects of human activity. Accelerometers track changes in movement and direction while measuring acceleration. Gyroscopes are devices that measure rotation and orientation and may detect changes in direction or rotation. With the use of magnetometers, you may determine your orientation in relation to the magnetic field of the Earth by measuring the magnetic field's strength and direction. Barometers monitor air pressure and detect changes in elevation, while GPS offers precise latitude, longitude, and altitude data.

2. DATA COLLECTION

2.1 Survey on sensor-based techniques

The survey that concentrates on sensor-based methods for activity recognition are presented in this section. Video sequences or images of human activity and time-series data of one's movements during numerous tasks captured by sensors like accelerometers, gyroscopes, etc. that are present in electronic devices are the two types of data that can be fed into the HAR system as input [20]. These sensors may be connected to everyday items or worn as a wearable device [21]. The sensors could be classified based on Environmental, wearable, and smartphone-based [22]. The survey's first classification focuses on sensor-based methods. Various methods utilizing wearable sensors, such as accelerometers, Motion Sensors, Proximity sensors, accelerometers, magnetometer, etc. as well as dense sensing are described.

The most widely used wearable sensor for action detection is the low-cost, highly reliable accelerometer, which has high classification accuracy rates of 92.25% [23], 96% [24], and 99.4% [25, 26]. Three-dimensional accelerations can be observed as:

\[ \ddot{A} = \frac{d\ddot{v}}{dt} = (\ddot{g} + \ddot{l}), \begin{pmatrix} \dot{A}_x \\ \dot{A}_y \\ \dot{A}_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\dot{g}_x+l_x}{} \\ \frac{\dot{g}_y+l_y}{} \\ \frac{\dot{g}_z+l_z}{} \end{pmatrix} \]

where, 
- \( A \) is the acceleration; 
- \( g \) is the acceleration due to gravity; 
- \( l \) is the applied linear acceleration which are measured in m/s².

Various ways to encounter the sensor for HAR can be classified as:

In the second classification, writers classify the literature into techniques that are knowledge-driven vs. data-driven. The authors go through generative modelling and discriminative modelling strategies for data-driven approaches. Techniques for knowledge-triggered methods are additionally broken down into logic-based technique, ontology-based technique, and mining-based technique. Wang et al. [27] performed a second survey that focused on the various deep learning methods for HAR that uses sensor. This study organises the literature according to the deep model, sensor modality, and application domain. The relevant research is divided into three categories based on the deep model: discriminative deep, generative deep and hybrid deep architecture. According to the application area, the relevant job is divided into categories such as everyday activities, sleep, exercise, and health.

![Figure 3. Encounters for HAR for sensors](Image)

Ahad et al. [28] detailed the research done on wearable sensor-based activity detection. This review provides a thorough analysis of many HAR system design difficulties, including choosing sensors and characteristics, data collection and protocol, performance in terms of recognition, processing techniques, and energy usage. This study divides the previous work into semi-supervised off-line systems, supervised offline systems, and supervised online systems. provided an in-depth review and separated existing studies into two main categories: local interaction activity, which involved the movement of extremities (such as using objects), and global body motion activity, which involved the movement/displacement of the entire body.

Cheok et al. [29] gave a thorough analysis of sensor-based and vision-based methods for gesture recognition. The study gives a comparison of various strategies in the literature and categories the material based on several HAR steps, including data gathering, pre-processing, segmentation, feature selection, and classification.

Since many systems employ a mobile phone (built-in sensors) for activity identification, several studies also concentrate on mobile phone-based HAR solutions. Shoaib et al. [30] give one such survey that describes the research utilising mobile devices.

2.2 Survey on radio frequency-based techniques

This area of research focuses on techniques based on radio frequency that can detect human activity. extended an overview of the study on device-free radio-based activity recognition. This paper describes current research in device-free radio-based localization and device-free radio-based activity recognition. The researchers discuss many subjects for DFL, including precise existence detection, geographical coverage, adaptable machine learning, radio tomography, and statistical modelling. Statistical modelling-based DFAR,
machine learning-based DFAR, and adaptive threshold-based DFAR are the three subcategories of DFAR research that have been published [31].

Wang and Zhou [32] published a survey describing how Internet of Things (IoT)-based solutions based on RFID technology are employed in the realm of health. This paper explains the different applications of RFID devices, including body-centric tags, such as wearable tags and implanted tags, and ambient passive sensors, such as volatile chemical sensors and temperature sensors. This technique also offers some RFID applications for tracking, gesture detection, and remote monitoring in the study of human behaviour. This article addresses the potential uses for RFID technology but does not go into much detail regarding the research that has been done there [33].

This study suggests that the current work can be classified into the following four main categories: RFID-based, Wi-Fi-based, ZigBee radio-based, radar-based, etc., which include parameters like activity types, deployment costs, coverage and accuracy [34]. Significantly presenting a brief summary of the key technologies in WiFi-related work from the literature, the study aims to create the foundation for a WiFi-based task identification system.

Table 2 compares various Radio-Frequency based techniques for the localization purpose:

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<th>RF-Based Technology</th>
<th>Localization Principle</th>
<th>Coverage</th>
<th>Accuracy</th>
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<tr>
<td>WIFI</td>
<td>RSSI fingerprinting, TOA, TDOA</td>
<td>Building level(outdoor/indoor)</td>
<td>1m-5m</td>
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<td>RFID</td>
<td>RSSI theoretical propagation model</td>
<td>Indoor</td>
<td>1m-2m</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bluetooth &amp; RSSI theoretical propagation model</td>
<td>Indoor</td>
<td>2m-5m</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zigbee &amp; RSSI theoretical propagation model</td>
<td>Indoor</td>
<td>3m-5m</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>FM</td>
<td>RSSI fingerprinting</td>
<td>Indoor</td>
<td>2m-4m</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RADAR</td>
<td>TOA, TDOA, AOA, RSSI</td>
<td>(Outdoor/Indoor)</td>
<td>Within 30m</td>
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In this research, the two primary areas of activity recognition research are coarse grain activities and fine grain activities [35]. Research focuses on device-free sensing methods, classifying them based on signal characteristics, measurement method, and descriptor employed.

2.3 Surveys on vision-based techniques

The surveys that concentrate on using vision to recognise activities are presented in this section. These cameras have been extensively employed for a variety of purposes, including structure reconstruction, modeling, action detection, position estimation, and human body tracking [36-40]. To determine the separation (or "depth") of points in the context from the camera, depth cameras employ sensing technologies. The image pipeline, optics, and sensors are all included in depth cameras [41]. Noise in depth pictures is significantly influenced by the technique used to get depth information. Depth is calculated using stereo and structured light systems using point correspondences from various viewpoints.

Interpolation is used between these locations, which results in inaccurate depth measurements [42-44]. Table 3 relates various vision-based sensors and their respective F1 Score along with the depiction of their particular role.

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<th>Sensor Type (Vision-Based)</th>
<th>F1 Score</th>
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<tr>
<td>RGB Camera</td>
<td>0.70-0.95</td>
<td>Distinguishing postures such as standing, walking, and running</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depth Camera</td>
<td>0.65-0.90</td>
<td>Grasping motions like standing, walking, and running with greater precision in low-light conditioning.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)+Camera</td>
<td>0.75-0.95</td>
<td>Recognizing activities such as jumping, squatting, and lifting weights</td>
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<tr>
<td>RGB-D Camera</td>
<td>0.75-0.95</td>
<td>Recognizing activities such as carrying objects, crawling, and cycling</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wearable Sensors (IMU, EMG)</td>
<td>0.60-0.85</td>
<td>Recognizing activities such as walking, running, and jumping with the added benefit of being wearable</td>
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The most basic and traditional form of activity recognition involves installing security cameras in the area and watching for people's movements. With the rising demand for advanced video surveillance systems and the transition to digital video surveillance infrastructure, the task of automated video surveillance has become a significant challenge in terms of data analysis and management. The complexity involved in effectively analysing and managing the vast amounts of video data has posed substantial difficulties in the field of automated video surveillance [45]. We've analysed and evaluated the capabilities, efficiency, and restrictions of these cameras. Undertook a review of the literature on vision-based activity detection techniques and classified it into two major groups: unimodal and multimodal methods. The unimodal approaches that use single-modality data are further broken down into stochastic, rule-based, space-time-based, and shape-based methods. The multi-modal techniques employ data from various sources and are further classified into social networking, behavioural, and effective ways [46]. This research separates the whole set of work into two major groups: solutions based on deep neural networks and solutions founded on representation. Further classifications for representation-based solutions include holistic, local, and aggregation techniques. Multiple stream networks, temporal coherency networks, generative models, and spatiotemporal networks are subcategories of deep neural network-based solutions [47]. This review analyses sensor-based, radio frequency-based, and vision-based techniques for activity recognition, focusing on wearable sensors, data gathering, segmentation, feature selection, and classification. It discusses knowledge-driven versus data-driven techniques, deep learning methods, radio frequency-based techniques, and vision-based techniques using cameras and depth cameras. The analysis helps understand the various approaches and technologies available for activity recognition.

3. FEATURE EXTRACTION

Image processing technology utilizes binary, colourful, and grayscale features for identification, classification, diagnosis,
clustering, recognition, and detection purposes. In order to obtain as much data from a picture as feasible, feature extraction techniques are used. Choosing characteristics and extracting them effectively are currently rather difficult [48]. There are several ways to extract features, according to geometric traits, statistical traits, texture traits, and colour traits. s. Primary feature types are subdivided into subtypes, like colour characteristics, which are categorized into three: colour, moment, histogram, and average RGB [49].

3.1 FFT

The Fourier transform is a method that is frequently used to extract features from time-dependent data, particularly speech data. The FFT algorithm can be used to extract features from time-domain inputs that are useful for classifying various HAR. The general procedures for applying FFT in the HAR process are as follows:

- Acquire information: Acquire time-domain signals that represent various behaviours, such as standing, sitting, running, and so forth.
- Data segmentation: Divide the signal data into smaller, more manageable time intervals that are typically 1 to 5 seconds long.
- Apply pre-processing techniques: Filter, normalise, and extract features from the signal data using pre-processing techniques to get the data ready for analysis.
- Apply FFT: To determine the signal's frequency spectrum, apply the FFT technique to each time frame.
- Extrapolate characteristics: Examine the features of the frequency spectrum, such as the dominant frequency or power in particular bands, to categorise physical activity.
- Train a classifier: To categorise different behaviours, train a classifier, such as a decision tree or neural network, using the features that were obtained from the signal data.
- Validate the classifier: Test the classifier on fresh, unprocessed data to gauge how well it can distinguish between various behaviours.

By detecting the harmonics in signals, the FFT approach makes it easier to distinguish between distinct HAR process activities and improves signal analysis.

The characteristics of image processing technology are used for identification, classification, diagnosis, grouping, recognition, and detection. The efficacy of recognition is increased by methods like feature extraction, denoising, and statistical data processing. Data filtering eliminates noise and unwanted signals while utilising a variety of filters to provide the best results.

3.2 Denoising

The traditional approaches for sensor signal denoising mostly use low-pass filtering based on the idea that noise occurs at high frequencies while signals occur at fixed intervals at low frequencies, such as the Fourier transform (FT) [50], moving average filter [51], and Wiener filter [52]. Recently, innovative algorithms have been proposed. Time frequency analysis is a crucial component of the denoising technique.

For instance, new dyadic filter for spectrum noise is made using the approach of empirical mode decomposition and fractional Gaussian noise is tested numerically [53]. The Hilbert-Huang transformation approach, which incorporates EMD and Hilbert spectral analysis, is accounted to determine the functional degree of balance control in patients by removing the tremor contribution from postural signals extracted from accelerometers [54].

Wavelet analysis is used to denoise the initial vibration data for rolling bearing defect classification [55]. The reduction of noise employs several statistical theory-based techniques. For overflow channel failure investigation, the high order spectrum is used to get rid of Gaussian noise [56].

For discrete unpredictable structures based on echo state networks, supported vector machine (SVM) is used as an adaptive noise generally to remove noise and disturbance and produce effective control effect [57]. Two popular statistical theories based on the denoising approach are (independent component analysis) and the principal component analysis [58, 59]. Researchers from both inside and outside the country have also examined certain additional techniques, including the decomposition of singular values (SVD) [58], dense decomposition [60], and different adaptive filters [61].

3.3 Statistical data

The effectiveness of statistical data processing has been validated by experiments involving different datasets.

The initial phase in the face recognition process, known as face detection, involves searching for and separating the face region from the backdrop of picture and video frames [62]. The subject of face detection and identification has seen the introduction of several algorithms and techniques over the course of the last few years, each with unique benefits and drawbacks [63].

Activity recognition issues have been widely solved using statistical learning techniques [64, 65]. Naive Bayes and K-Nearest Neighbor classifiers were used by Chavarriaga et al [65]. To identify seven movements, including walking, running, and leaping, to correctly differentiate between various activities, they had to rely on hand-crafted characteristics because they couldn't identify any discriminative traits [66].

Although commonly used in human activity identification, feature extraction techniques including symbolic representation [67], statistics of raw data [68], and transform coding [69] are empirical and require expert knowledge in order to build features [70].

3.4 Data filtering

Filtering is an essential phase in the analysis of sensor data. To extract relevant information from raw sensor data while removing noise and other undesired signals, mathematical techniques are used. The goal of filtering is to produce a signal that faithfully depicts the underlying physical fact that the sensor is measuring.

In the processing of sensor data, a wide range of filters, including low-pass, high-pass, band-pass, and notch filters, can be applied. The range of frequencies of each type of filter determines how it affects the frequency components of the forthcoming signal [71].

Figure 4 represents Filtering the data at a distant point Low-pass filters are used to take out the signal's high-frequency noise while letting low-frequency impulses flow through. On the other hand, high-pass filters eliminate low-frequency noise
while allowing high-frequency signals to flow through [73].

The usage of band-pass filters allows a certain frequency range to pass while blocking all others. Band-stop filters, commonly referred to as notch filters, are used to block a certain frequency range while allowing all others to pass [74].

The application and the properties of the signal being monitored determine the filter to use. In some circumstances, a combination of many filters may be utilized to get the desired outcome. It is also important to keep in mind that filtering might cause a little amount of signal delay which needs to be taken into consideration in Real Time Application [75].

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f = \sum_{t} e^r + \text{machine learning algorithms}
\]

4. ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION

In recent years focus has been diverted towards the Artificial Intelligence use for the HAR.

Deep learning has become a potent method for Human Activity Recognition (HAR). In HAR, sensors are implemented to gather information about how people move and how they behave, and machine learning algorithms are then used to analyse that information and identify certain behaviours [76].

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs) have been revealed to be very successful for HAR. While RNNs are better suited for time-series data, CNNs are particularly well-suited for HAR applications that apply image or video data.

More and more technologies and techniques have been used to create sensor-based HAR during the past ten years [76-78]. It has been extensively utilised in a variety of fields, including medicine [79-81], sporting competition [82], smart homes [83, 84], and many more.

4.1 Deep neural network

4.1.1 Convolutional-neural-network

Each of the neurons in a CNN individual acceptor region is connected to the layer above it [85]. This functions as a filter, and a subsequent non-linear function activates it.

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a_{ij} = f \left( \sum_{m=1}^{H} \sum_{n=1}^{K} w_{m,n} \cdot x_{i+m,j+n} + b \right)
\]

In which \( x_{i+m,j+n} \) is activation of upper level neurons, which is associated to neuron \((i,j)\), and \( a_{ij} \) is relative activation, \( f \) is a non-linear function, \( w_{m,n} \) is (HK) weight matrix of convolution kernel, \( b \) is off-set value. Deep convolutional layers characterise data in a manner that is more theoretical, and CNN with many layers of convolution may develop hierarchical representations of data.

(CNN) is offered as a solution to the issue of removing more beneficial elements from the original signal [86]. They consist of two parts: a hierarchical feature extractor and a fully-connected layer. CNNs may construct data hierarchy representations and classifiers and have been extensively utilised in ubiquitous computing and the identification of human activities [87-90].

4.1.2 Long short-term memory

Recently, model optimisation strategies that enable the use of deep (CNNs) in resource-constrained applications have been recommended. Long short-term memory.

The long-term, short-term, and near-term memory and control of the information are represented by the long-term, short-term, and forgetting gates that receive inputs from long short-term memory (LSTM).

The flow of new information is controlled by the input gate, the amount of information that is discarded from the cell is directed by the forget gate, and the flow of information out of the cell is controlled by the output gate.

Recurrent deep learning techniques have become increasingly popular for HAR in ubiquitous and wearable computing, with models based on LSTM units being the most successful [91]. This has led to improved recognition performance for harder jobs [92-94].

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks struggle with capturing long-term dependencies in sequences due to large time lags and computational cost. They require large training data for effective learning of complex patterns.

5. MACHINE LEARNING

Human Activity Recognition, or the process of acknowledging and categorising patterns of motions made by people, is an established use of machine learning. Several sectors, including healthcare, activities such as sports, and privacy, can benefit from this matter [95].

To be able detect human activity via techniques based on machine learning, a computer model must be trained to identify certain patterns in sensor data produced through various sensors [96], namely accelerometers, gyroscopes, and magnetometers. These sensors are frequently included in devices that are worn which are frequently used to identify human activity, such as fitness bands and smartwatches [97, 98].

The machine learning model is trained on an extensive set of sensor data that has been identified, with each label indicating a particular human activity, such as cycling, walking, or running [99]. This dataset is used by the model to identify patterns and links between sensor data and actions that are pertinent. Using the sensor data collected by the wearable device, the model may be used to anticipate the activity being done by a user in real-time once it has been trained [100].

There are various machine learning algorithms used in Human Activity Recognition, including decision trees, random forests, support vector machines (SVM), K-Means,
PLA and AdaBoost. Each algorithm has its strengths and weaknesses and is used depending on the specific requirements of the application [101, 102].

This paper reviews various Machine Learning Algorithm for Human Activity Recognition.

5.1 Support- vector- machine (SVM)

HAR uses the widely used supervised machine learning approach Support-Vector-Machine [103]. Based on information gathered from sensors like accelerometers, gyroscopes, and magnetometers, HAR includes recognising various actions carried out by a person [104, 105].

Because they handle data with high dimensions efficiently, can handle nonlinear interactions between data and tags, and apply well to new data, SVMs are of great use in HAR. SVMs split data into numerous classes as possible by establishing a hyperplane in a high-dimensional space.

The initial step in using SVMs in HAR is to collect data or information from user-worn sensors. Thereafter, pertinent characteristics including the mean, standard deviation, and frequency domain features are extracted from the pre-processed data [106, 107]. An SVM classifier that has been trained on a labelled dataset of human activities is then given the features as input [108, 109].

Based on the traits that were obtained from the sensor data during testing, the SVM classifier predicts the user behaviour. The quality of the features, as well as the quantity and calibre of the labelled data used for training, all affect how accurate the SVM classifier is.

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks struggle with capturing long-term dependencies in sequences due to large time lags and computational cost, requiring large training data for complex patterns and relationships.

5.2 K-means

K-means is an (unsupervised machine learning) technique that may be applied to the detection of human activities. Algorithms for unsupervised learning like k-means work on unmarked data and seek to identify trends and patterns within the data, in contrast to supervised learning, where the algorithm is taught on labelled data [110].

K-means may be used to sort sensor-generated data into groups that reflect various activities in the identification of human activity. The algorithm finds groups of data points with similar features and labels each group with a name that describes an action.

K-means may be used [111, 112], for instance, to cluster sensor data from wearable devices with sensors into clusters that correlate with different activities, such as running, strolling, and resting. The programme finds the underlying patterns and structure within the sensor data rather than requiring any prior knowledge of the activities or labelled data.

The presumption that the data may be represented by a certain number of clusters is one of the limitations of k-means in the identification of human activities. In real-life situations where human actions might be varied and ongoing, this assumption might not always be accurate. It can be difficult to use k-means when the number of clusters to use is uncertain since the number of clusters must be given before the algorithm is applied.

The k-means algorithm involves initialization, assignment, update, and iteration until convergence. The algorithm assigns k data points to the cluster with the closest centroid, using Euclidean distance or other distance metrics. The new centroids are calculated by taking the mean of all data points assigned to each cluster. The algorithm repeats assignment and update steps until convergence, where each data point belongs to a specific cluster and the centroids represent the centre points of each cluster.

5.3 Perceptron Learning Algorithm (PLA)

Perceptron-Learning-Algorithm, is a kind of supervised-learning-algorithm, may be applied to detection of human activity. Based on an array of weights applied to each attribute or given variable, the algorithm is built to categorise incoming data into one of two groups [113].

The PLA may be used to categorise sensor data produced by wearable devices into various human activities, like (cycling), (walking), and (running). The method is trained using a labelled dataset in which each data point represents a distinct action, and during training, appropriate weights for the features are determined [114, 115]. The PLA computes a linear combination of the variables that are entered and the associated weights throughout the classification process to provide a single output value. The method identifies the input data as belonging to one category if the output is greater than a certain threshold value; otherwise, it is categorised as the other category [116].

The fact that the PLA only functions well for data that can be separated into two different groups using a straight line is one of its limitations. This assumption might not always be accurate in human activity identification since the data can be quite complicated and non-linear.

Perceptron Learning Algorithm may not converge if data isn't linearly separable, leading to infinite loops and ineffectiveness in complex nonlinear classification problems.

5.4 Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost)

AdaBoost (Adaptive Boosting), a well-liked method of ensemble learning in machine learning, may be used to problems requiring the recognition of human activity (HAR) [117]. AdaBoost’s core concept is the creation of a strong classifier by combining several weak classifiers.

Here are the basic steps for using AdaBoost for HAR as shown in Figure 5:

1. Collect and preprocess the training data
2. Train a weak classifier
3. Evaluate the weak classifier
4. Adjust the weights of the training data
5. Train a new weak classifier
6. Combine the weak classifiers
7. Evaluate the strong classifier
8. Tune the hyperparameters

Figure 5. Basic steps for using AdaBoost for HAR

Any classifier that can predict an activity label based on a collection of characteristics is considered a weak classifier in the context of HAR [118, 119]. Examples include decision trees, SVMs, and neural networks. AdaBoost works by
periodically training weak classifiers on the training data, with each new classifier being taught on examples that the prior classifier incorrectly categorised. This helps to increase the overall accuracy of the model by giving circumstances that are challenging to categorise correctly greater weight in the algorithm [119]. AdaBoost's performance may be affected by noisy data and outliers, leading to overfitting. Its slow training phase and dependency on weak classifiers make it a challenging choice.

5.5 Evaluation of performance

The technique of recognising and categorising human movements or activities using sensor data gathered from wearable technology or ambient sensors is known as Human Activity Recognition (HAR). To establish the accuracy and dependability of HAR models in practical applications, it is crucial to assess their performance. The effectiveness of HAR models is measured using many measures, such as: Precision and F1-Score.

It is vital to remember that the evaluation metric used will be contingent on the specific application case and the data's attributes. For instance, recall may be more crucial than precision in a healthcare application where erroneous negative predictions might have catastrophic repercussions. Contrarily, in a security application, inaccurate forecasts might be cost-prohibitive, and accuracy could be of greater significance than recall. Precision and F1 Score has been discussed throughout in this paper.

5.6 Precision

The degree of measurement consistency is referred to as precision. In other words, if a certain value were measured again, a perfect sensor would produce the same result each time [120]. Real sensors, however, offer several kinds of values that are dispersed in some way in relation to the actual right value. Consider applying a sensor with a pressure of 150 mm Hg, for instance. The sensor's output readings will vary widely even if the applied pressure is constant [121, 122]. When the real value and the sensor's mean value are not close enough to one another (for example, the 1-s range of the normal distribution curve), several subtle difficulties with accuracy develop [123].

5.7 F1-score

For classification in Human Activity Recognition (HAR) is the F1 score [124]. It is an estimate of the extent to which the model can distinguish between various groups of human activity.

You must first determine the accuracy and recall for each class in order to compute the F1 score. Precision is the proportion of occurrences of a given class accurately recognised out of every instance of that class [124, 125]. Recall quantifies the proportion of instances of a specific class that were properly recognised out of all the occurrences of that category in the collection of data.

Whenever you have determined the accuracy and recall for each class, then can use the following formula to determine the F1 score for that class [126]:

\[
\text{F1 score} = 2 \times (\text{precision} \times \text{recall}) / (\text{precision} + \text{recall})
\]

By averaging the F1 scores across all classes, you can then get the overall F1 score for the HAR model [126, 127]. You will then be given one value that sums up how accurate the model is in detecting human activity.

It is crucial to remember that the F1 score is only one performance parameter that may be used to assess a HAR model's performance [127]. Accuracy, precision, recall, and confusion matrix are further popular measures. Subsequently, it is crucial to select the right metric(s) based on the application's particular needs and the features of the dataset being implemented [122, 124]. Table 4 describes various sensors and their ML Algorithm with F1 Score and Precision.

**Table 4. Various sensors and their ml algorithm with F1 score and precision**

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6. FUTURE RESEARCH SCOPE

An interdisciplinary study topic called Human Activity Recognition (HAR) includes computer science, signal processing, machine learning, and technologies for sensors. The following are some of the research areas that HAR is actively investigating:

- **Sensor Selection and Placement**: The choice and position of sensors is one of the crucial elements affecting HAR systems' performance. To increase the precision and endurance of HAR systems, researchers are investigating multiple ways to optimise sensor location and selection.

- **Extraction and Selection of Relevant characteristics**: For accurate classification, HAR systems need to extract and choose the pertinent characteristics from the sensor input. To increase the reliability of HAR systems, researchers are investigating various extraction and selection of features techniques, incorporating deep learning-based strategies.

- **Classification Algorithms**: Another important variable that has an enormous effect on HAR system performance is the choice of classification methods.
To boost the accuracy and resilience of HAR systems, researchers are investigating a variety of categorization techniques, including conventional machine learning approaches, deep learning-based approaches, and ensemble methods.

- **Transfer Learning**: To enhance the performance of HAR systems, transfer learning is a method that uses pre-trained models on associated tasks. To increase the accuracy and efficacy of HAR systems, researchers are investigating a variety of transfer learning approaches.

- **Data Augmentation**: To enhance the effectiveness of HAR systems, data augmentation techniques provide new training data by altering current data. To expand the number and range of training datasets, researchers are investigating a variety of data augmentation strategies.

- **HAR in Real-World Environments**: HAR systems have to operate properly in noisy, challenging real-world scenarios. To enhance the functionality of HAR systems in real-world situations, researchers are exploring a number of strategies, such as domain adaptation and robust feature extraction.

Sensor placement, feature extraction, classification methods, transfer learning, data augmentation, and HAR in real-life situations are just a few of the subfields that make up the broad study area of HAR. The accuracy, robustness, and efficiency of HAR systems must be improved via continual research in these fields.

### 7. RESEARCH AREA ISSUES

The purpose of the study area known as "Human Activity Recognition" (HAR) is to detect, identify, and categorise human activities using sensor data and machine learning techniques. The following are some HAR research questions:

- **Data collection**: Collecting a lot of data with labels is one of the greatest challenges in HAR. Building robust and precise models requires gathering data that is characteristic of many populations and environments.

  **Case study**: Wearable Sensors for Activity Monitoring

  Bonomi et al. [82] used wearable sensors for Human Activity Recognition data collection, recording motion data during physical activities like walking, running, and cycling. Machine learning techniques were used to accurately classify different activities.

- **Feature selection and extraction method**: Identifying and extracting traits that are essential for activity recognition is an additional problem in HAR. To make the algorithms more effective and to make the data less dimensional, the choice of features is crucial.

  **Case study**: Wavelet Transform for Feature Selection

  Lara et al. [68] used Wavelet Transform for Human Activity Recognition, transforming accelerometer and gyroscope data to identify relevant features, achieving high accuracy in differentiating between activities.

- **Algorithm decision-making and optimisation**: For activity recognition, a variety of machine learning methods, including deep learning, support vector machines, and decision trees, can be utilised. For a task to be completed accurately, the right algorithm must be selected, and its parameters must be adjusted.

  **Case study**: Random Forest for Algorithm Optimization.

Chen et al. used Random Forest algorithm for Human Activity Recognition, comparing various machine learning algorithms, revealing higher accuracy in recognizing activities like walking, jogging, and cycling.

- **Transfer learning**: Transfer learning is the method of using the knowledge acquired from one activity or dataset to do better on a different task or dataset. In situations where there is a shortage of labelled data, transfer learning can help activity identification models perform better.

  **Case study**: Transfer Learning with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

  In a case study by He et al. [84], transfer learning with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) was used for Human Activity Recognition. The researchers employed a pre-trained CNN model, namely Inception-v3, which was originally trained on a large-scale image dataset. They fine-tuned the model using a smaller labeled dataset of sensor data collected from wearable devices. The transfer learning approach allowed the model to leverage the knowledge gained from the large image dataset to improve the accuracy of activity recognition from sensor data.

- **Real-time activity identification**: It is crucial for numerous applications, including tracking one's fitness and monitoring one's health. Real-time recognition of activities models are difficult to create because they need effective algorithms and low-latency processing.

  **Case study**: Real-time Activity Identification Using Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs).

  Ordóñ ez and Roggen proposed a real-time activity identification method using Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for Human Activity Recognition. They used sensor data from smartphones and smartwatches, achieving high accuracy and performance for instant identification applications.

- **Confidentiality and security**: HAR systems frequently capture personal data, such as information about a user's whereabouts and activities. To avoid illicit access and misuse, it is essential to ensure the confidentiality and safety of this data.

  **Case study**: Privacy-Preserving Human Activity Recognition Using Homomorphic Encryption.

  Bonomi et al. [82] proposed a privacy-preserving framework for Human Activity Recognition (HAR) using homomorphic encryption to address privacy concerns in sensitive user data collection and analysis. This method ensures trained and utilized activity recognition models while maintaining individual data privacy.

- **Generalisation and scalability**: HAR models should be scalable to handle massive data sets with intricate models, as well as generalise to new contexts and populations. An important area for research is creating models that can manage massive volumes of data and are resilient to changes in the data distribution.

  **Case study**: Scalable and Generalizable Human Activity Recognition Using Deep Learning.

  Hammerla et al. [93] presented a scalable and generalizable method for Human Activity Recognition (HAR) using deep learning algorithms. They proposed a deep learning architecture using convolutional and recurrent neural networks to learn hierarchical and temporal features from raw sensor data, enabling generalization to unseen data.

- **Relationship between research issues**: The research questions in Human Activity Recognition are interconnected, and solving one of them may have an effect on others. For
instance, improved algorithms and less-dimensional data can result from developing better feature selection and extraction techniques, which in turn helps to create real-time activity identification models that are more effective. Additionally, data collecting is crucial since it improves the resilience and accuracy of models by obtaining a variety of labelled data. The selection of suitable algorithms for precise activity recognition is influenced by algorithm decision-making and optimisation. Transfer learning solves the problem of little labelled data while protecting the privacy and security of sensitive data. Models can manage enormous datasets and adapt to different situations and populations thanks to standardisation and scalability.

A state-of-the-art approach to comprehending human behaviours using sensor data is called Human Activity Recognition (HAR). In order to better understand human behaviour, it primarily focuses on the encounter, activity, and interaction categories. Deep neural networks and machine learning techniques are utilised to improve accuracy and efficiency when RF-based technologies are used to record and analyse human activity. HAR applications require real-time performance, and devices with limited resources require effective algorithms and designs. Long-term activity monitoring, context-aware HAR, transfer learning, edge computing, and improved sensor integration are some of the future study areas. But issues like data variability, human differences, privacy issues, and the comprehensibility of deep learning models call for multidisciplinary cooperation and creative solutions. Healthcare, intelligent surroundings, and human-computer interaction are just a few of the areas where HAR seems potential.

Potential solutions and approaches: The paper offers a thorough evaluation of several Human Activity Recognition (HAR) approaches that have been documented in the literature. It classifies the reviewed content according to the numerous HAR processes, such as data collection, pre-processing, segmentation, feature selection, and classification. The study gives insights on the many methods and tactics used in the field of HAR by analysing and categorising these strategies.

8. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Confidentiality and Data Security: Personal activity data confidentiality is crucial for privacy protection. HAR systems should implement encryption, access controls, and user authentication to prevent unauthorized access, breaches, and misuse. Regular security audits and updates are essential.

2. Ethical Challenges: Ethical challenges in HAR involve responsible handling of personal activity data, addressing risks of re-identification, secondary use without consent, and biases. Prioritizing transparency, accountability, and fairness is crucial.

3. User Consent: In HAR, informed user consent is crucial for clear understanding of data collection, usage, and sharing. Transparent consent processes provide information, users can withdraw consent, and accessible mechanisms enable informed decision-making.

4. Potential Solutions: Establish robust privacy policies, consent frameworks, and privacy by design principles in HAR systems to address ethical concerns, mitigate risks, and utilize anonymization techniques for data de-identification.

9. CONCLUSIONS

In this research, we have explored Human Activity Recognition (HAR), a state-of-the-art approach that can be used to comprehend and categorise human activities based on sensor data. It may be broken down into three categories: encounter, activity, and interaction. The multiple Radio Frequency-based technologies are additionally addressed in this paper. The following section of the study covers various deep and machine learning methods for activity recognition. The most current deep neural network and machine learning approaches are presented, which improves the HAR's total capacity. It has also been discussed about how essential the performance parameter is for real-time applications. In order to encourage more research in this crucial and advantageous area of study and development, we additionally speculated on the Future Research scope and the challenges that exist in this research domain.

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