Automatic Detection of Epileptic Seizure Onset and Offset in Scalp EEG

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Epilepsy

- Neurological disorder due to an excessive amount of electrical discharges in the brain.
- Damage on the human brain and uncontrollable physical activities.



https://blogs.allizhealth.com/dealing-epileptic-seizure/



https://www.saintlukeshealthsystem.org/health-library/electroencephalogram-eeg

Epileptic Seizure Onset and Offset

- Responsive neurostimulator requiring almost simultaneous seizure alarm
- Length of seizure activity needed for proper treatment



https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Responsiveneurostimulation-device_fig1_309278949



https://pxhere.com/en/photo/566564

Objective and Scopes

Objective

• This work aims to provide **an offline detection** method of seizure activities and the indication of **the onsets and offsets** in multi-channel scalp EEG signals.

Scopes of work

- The proposed system needs to be trained before it will be employed in a specific subject.
- Data used in this work is multi-channel scalp EEG signals collected from an **online accessible database**. Seizure onset and offset points are given if seizure events appear in EEG signals, and training and testing data are required to have the **same montage**.
- Stages of training and testing are operated offline.
- We determine seizure onset and offset but do not specify types of seizure.

Benefits and Outcomes

Benefits

- Less efforts from neurologists are needed.
- Only one brain modality which is EEG is required.
- A pre-annotated data including onset and offset points can reduce time spent by neurologists on reviewing long EEG signals.

Outcomes

- We provide a scheme of automatic detection of epileptic seizures and the onsets and offsets.
- The algorithm of automatic detection of epileptic seizures and the onsets and offsets is given.

Background

Two basic backgrounds

- EEG and montages
- Convolutional neural networks (CNNs)



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https://pjreddie.com/darknet/yolo/

Electroencephalography

EEG and montages

EEG

- A way to observe electrical activities in the brain
- Fast temporary response but low spatial resolution

Montages

 Referential and bipolar montages



https://eegatlasonline.com/index.php/en/montages/bipolar/double-banana

Convolutional Neural Networks

- Self-extract features in feature maps.
- Gain popularity from image detection and speech recognition [LBH15], *e.g.*, VGG16 [SZ15], InceptionNet [SVI⁺16], ResNet [HZRS16] in image classification.



(b)

Source: [LXD+18]

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Literature Review



Feature Extraction

From our results in [BLuCS19]

- Statistical parameters, energy, entropies were commonly selected features in time, frequency, and time-frequency domains.
- Features capturing changes in amplitude (energy) and uncertainties (entropies) were favorable and sometimes used individually, while statistical parameters were always applied jointly.



Epileptic Seizure Detection

From our review in [BLuCS19]

- Many studies considered epochs individually [ASS⁺13, SG10, Jan17], while some technique was based on event [SLuC15].
- Machine learning techniques including ANN and SVM were favorable.
- Almost all of them did not use all data records.



Epileptic Seizure Onset and Offset

There have been only three studies using online accessible database.

- Shoeb et al. [SKS⁺11] applied signal **energies** and **SVM** to detect seizure termination. Only one offset was missed, and an average absolute latency of 10.30 ± 5.50 seconds.
- Orosco et al. [OCDL16] used relative energy computed from stationary wavelet transform coefficients with LDA and ANN. The method using LDA obtained 92.60% GDR and 0.3 FPR/h. Ranges of latencies were wide, 42.40 seconds for onset and 84.40 seconds for offset.
- Chandel et al. [CUFK19] employed statistics-based features extracted from orthonormal triadic wavelet transform coefficients. On average, using LDA obtained 100% GDR, 4.02 FPR/h. Ranges of onset and offset latencies were 19.67 and 58.67 seconds, respectively.

Missing Gap

There are only a few studies in this topic. Existing approaches still suffer from having

- Large latency ranges
- High FPR/h
- Heuristic approach in onset-offset detection

Problem Statement

- Classifier detecting seizures based on EEG epochs
- Onset-offset detector identifying a seizure occurrence in long EEG from outputs of the classifier



Classifier

Consider $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ be a set of samples (x_i, y_i) drawn from a joint probability distribution $f_{xy}(x, y)$ where $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$. A classifier h, also called a hypothesis, in a hypothesis space \mathcal{H} is a function that tries to map x_i to its label y_i . To evaluate the classifier, the *true risk*, or the expectation of a loss function L, is theoretically used:

$$R_{\text{true}}(h) = \mathbf{E}[L(h(x), y)] = \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f_{xy}(x, y) L(h(x), y).$$
(1)

In practice, the classifier is evaluated via empirical risk:

$$R_{\rm emp}(h) = \sum_{(x,y)\in\mathcal{D}} P(x,y)L(h(x),y) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(x,y)\in\mathcal{D}} L(h(x),y), \qquad (2)$$

where P(x, y) is the hypothetical joint probability.

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Classifier

The goal is to find the optimal hypothesis $h^* \in \mathcal{H}$ such that

$$h^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} R_{\mathrm{emp}}(h).$$
 (3)

Example of ${\mathcal H}$

- Linear classifier
- Polynomial classifier
- Neural network
- Support vector machine

Onset-offset detector

The onset-offset detector is a function g transforming output vector z to vector of predicted class \hat{y} .



Research Methodology

- Review literature on data collection, pre-processing, feature extraction, classification and onset-offset detection.
- Propose epoch-based seizure detection method and technique to determine the onset and offset.
- Collect data from online database.
- Train a classifier on EEG epochs and verify the trained model on an unseen record from the same subject.
- Determine onset and offset from epoch-based classification results and compare the results of the onset-offset detection and of the classification.
- Conclude the detection performance, limitations, and future work.

Proposed Method

- Classification
- Onset-offset detection
- Evaluation



Classification

• Design blocks of layers in CNN stacked deeply for feature extraction.



 Use filter factorization technique to reduce a number of parameter [SVI⁺16].



Onset-offset detection

• Cover all detected epochs by a window of size 2*l* + 1 centered at the epoch.



Onset-offset detection

- Group *p* adjacent touching or overlapping windows into one and neglect the others.
- Onset and offset are the beginning and ending epochs of the event.



(c) Results of the onset-offset detector. The onset and offset are the first and last epoch of the predicted event.

Evaluation

- Evaluate classification performance of each patient independently
- Apply leave-one-record-out for validation
- Green records for training, and the blue one for testing



Evaluation

Performance Metrics

Epoch-based

- Sensitivity (Sen) = (TP)/(TP + FN) \times 100%
- $F_1 = (2TP)/(2TP + FN + FP) \times 100\%$

Event-based

- False positive rate per hour (FPR/h) = FP per hour
- Good detection rate (GDR) = percent of detected event

Time-based

- Onset and offset latencies
- Absolute onset and offset latencies

Experiment

Goal

- Compare improvement of using onset-offset detector from classifier.
- Compare performances with other studies.

Data

• CHB-MIT Scalp EEG database [GAG⁺00]

Expected results

- Improve Sen, F_1
- Reduce FPR/h
- Maintain GDR

Data Description

- All records from CHB-MIT Scalp EEG database, containing 24 cases (chb01-chb24), were used. See more details in Appendix.
- Chosen channels were FP1-F7, F7-T7, T7-P7, P7-O1, FP1-F3, F3-T3, T3-P3, P3-O1, FP2-F4, F4-C4, C4-P4, P4-O2, FP2-F8, F8-T8, T8-P8, P8-O2, FZ-CZ, and CZ-PZ.
- The model input was one-second multi-channel EEG epoch represented as 18×256 dimensional matrix.
- This database is publicly and freely downloaded from PhysioNet (https://physionet.org/physiobank/database/chbmit/).

Model Description

- Hyperparameters were tuned by reducing the model size while the model still gave high GDR on the case chb24.
- Activation function: ReLU.
- Optimizer: ADADELTA [Zei12]
- Loss function: binary cross entropy.
- The mini-batch size: 100 epochs
- Stopping criteria: 100 iterations.
- An epoch was denoted as seizure when seizure probability was higher than 0.5.
- We selected *l* = 2 and *p* = 3 to cover the smallest seizure.



Before/After = before/after onset-offset detection.



• Sen significantly increased

Preliminary Results

Before/After = before/after onset-offset detection.



• Like Sen, F_1 remarkably improved

Preliminary Results

Before/After = before/after onset-offset detection.



• FPR/h after onset-offset detection considerably reduced

Before/After = before/after onset-offset detection.



GDR in some cases decreased

		Our work	[OCDL16]	[CUFK19]
Onset latency	Min	-2	-28.00	-10.00
	Max	20	14.40	9.67
Offset latency	Min	-62.8	-24.20	-6.00
	Max	-0.20	60.20	52.67
Absolute onset latency	Mean	6.12	-	-
	Min	0.43	-	-
	Max	20	-	-
Absolute offset latency	Mean	13.95	-	-
	Min	0.33	-	-
	Max	62.8	-	-

- Even though cancellation of latency in other work occurs, the ranges of our work are comparable to that of others.
- Our results are more reasonable and applicable in practice.

Conclusion

- In this work, we used all records from the CHB-MIT Scalp EEG database to develop patient-specific seizure detection method.
- We designed the method based on deep learning techniques to detect seizures based on small epoch and heuristic approach to determine onset and offset.
- \bullet Onset-offset detector potentially reduced FPR/h and significantly Sen and $\mathrm{F}_{1}.$
- Ranges of latencies from our method were comparable with others even though others personally selected data set.

Limitation and Future Work

Limitations

- When CNN cannot perform well enough, the onset-offset detector also cannot improve the performance significantly.
- The onset-offset detector is heuristic, not adaptive.

Future work

- Explore or design another epoch-based classifier that
 - Deals with imbalance data.
- Propose an onset-offset detection based on machine learning that
 - Takes imbalance properties into account.
- Analyze performance of onset-offset detection.

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Convolutional Neural NetworksCHB-MIT Scalp EEG database

Convolutional Neural Networks

- Inspired by the mammal visual system
- Gaining popularity from image detection and speech recognition [LBH15], *e.g.*, VGG16 [SZ15], InceptionNet [SVI⁺16], ResNet [HZRS16]
- Mainly consisting of convolutional, activation, pooling, and fully-connected layers
- Optionally adding batch-normalization [IS15] and dropout [SHK⁺14] layers

Convolutional Layer

- Extract features by convolution operation of input and filter
- Example: vertical edge detection
- Train the filter weights by optimization



Activation Layer

• Transform input to output with nonlinear function



Pooling Layer

• Down-sampling input by appropriate approach: average and max



Batch Normalization Layer

- Normalizing each feature map at each mini-batch [IS15]
- Consider a mini-batch $\mathcal{B} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ Input : x over a mini-batch \mathcal{B} Parameter : γ, β Output : $\{y_i = \gamma x_i + \beta\}$ 1 $\mu_{\mathcal{B}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} x_i$ // mean of mini-batch 2 $\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} (x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}})^2$ // variance of mini-batch 3 $\hat{x}_i \leftarrow \frac{x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 + \epsilon}}$ // normalization 4 $y_i \leftarrow \gamma x_i + \beta$ // scale and shift

Dropout Layer

• Randomly and temporarily deleting neurons from the layer [SHK⁺14]



(a) Standard neural network.

(b) After employing dropout.

Fully-Connected Layer

• Every neuron is connected to all neurons in the adjacent layers.



CHB-MIT Scalp EEG database

Cases	Number of records	Total duration (sec)	Number of seizures	Total seizure duration (sec)
chb01	42	145,988	7	449
chb02	36	126,959	3	175
chb03	38	136,806	7	409
chb04	42	561,834	4	382
chb05	39	140,410	5	563
chb06	18	240,246	10	163
chb07	19	241,388	3	328
chb08	20	72,023	5	924
chb09	19	244,338	4	280
chb10	25	180,084	7	454
chb11	35	123,257	3	809
chb12	24	85,300	40	1,515
chb13	33	118,800	12	547
chb14	26	93,600	8	177
chb15	40	144,036	20	2,012
chb16	19	68,400	10	94
chb17	21	75,624	3	296
chb18	36	128,285	6	323
chb19	30	107,746	3	239
chb20	29	99,366	8	302
chb21	33	118,189	4	203
chb22	31	111,611	3	207
chb23	9	95,610	7	431
chb24	22	76,640	16	527
sum	686	3,536,540	198	11,809