APPLICATION OF THE BAYES RULE FOR ENHANCING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE BAGGING ENSEMBLE TO DETECT ABNORMAL MOVEMENTS ONBOARD AN AIRCRAFT

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a novel approach to the detection of abnormal passengers’ movements onboard an aircraft. Firstly, it uses the simple indicators of the total passengers’ movements along the aisle and in their seats as classification features. Secondly, five machine learning classifiers are studied, namely: decision trees, SVM with Gaussian kernel, bagging ensemble, boosting ensemble and RUSBoost ensemble classifiers. The ROC curve, the confusion matrices and the McNemar tests are shown and conducted. Finally, we propose a method of enhancing the performance of the bagging ensemble using Bayes rule. The bagging ensemble are found to have a classification accuracy of about 65% which was increased by the application of the Bayes rule method to about 89.2%. The performance results of each method is reported and discussed.

Keywords: Machine Learning; Ensemble Classifiers; Aviation Safety; Bayes Rule; Decision Support System

1. INTRODUCTION

The main theme of this research paper is the implementation of systems that can profile passengers on board. It has been argued that better decisions could be made once the main cues of a situation can be gathered so as to increase the situational awareness of decision-makers about the current state of passengers on-board. This research is part of a bigger research framework that aims at designing real-time threat analysis systems for profiling situations on-board aircraft from both safety and security points of view. More information can be found in [1-6].

The wakeup calls cried by many catastrophic aircraft incidents and terrorist attacks have resulted in many revisions to aviation safety and security procedures. However, most of these procedures were only limited to better training, cockpit door reinforcement and deployments of sky marshals. On the other hand, the European Commission (EC) has proposed a project to prevent on-board threats and ensure safe journey from the moment passengers enter the airport right until they reach their destinations. The project started in 2004 and was codenamed SAFEE (Security of Aircraft in the Future European Environment)1. Various other projects and frameworks were proposed, for instant, the SVETLANA project2. The main theme of these projects were to develop onboard threat detection and management decision support systems by analyzing flight data and/or deploying sensors onboard to collect key cues about the current situations. Consequently, active response actions can be defined for a given threat level to ensure the smooth continuity of flight and reduce disruption. Since appropriate actions are the result of good comprehension of the key elements that if put together would precisely portray a given situation, it is essential that the right cues are collected from onboard using arrays of sensors, or smart nodes [7], processed efficiently and then summarized in a way as to increase the situational awareness of decision makers.

This paper is concerned with analyzing and classifying human behaviors onboard an aircraft. It assumes that smart sensors are deployed around the passengers’ cabin and that they are capable of summarizing passengers’ movements numerically

into background movements in their seats and aisle movements. More details about this procedure are described in [1]. Since only ordinary cameras are required to quantify passenger movement patterns into numerical values, the total cost of deploying such sensors are kept to a minimum. In fact, many modern aircrafts already contain CCTV cameras installed around the passengers’ cabin, among other places, resulting in further reduction to installing and operating cost. The essential task of this research effort is: giving the numerical values of the progress of passengers’ background and aisle movements throughout the flight time, what threat score should be associated with the current development of events? The paper will start with a short literature review, following by brief theory discussion of the key machine learning algorithms, and then results are shown and discussed.

2. CROWD BEHAVIOR ANALYSES IN THE LITERATURE

Machine learning literature is full with numerous approaches and methodologies for dealing with the problem of human behavior modeling, analysis, and recognition. Approaches ranges from expert-rules based, control theory, to classification-based like Support Vector Machine (SVM) and k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) based. However, little has been done on the analysis of human behavior on-board an aircraft. Human behaviors have been greatly researched in open-areas like parks and airports but, to the best of the authors’ knowledge, not that much on the closed and confined places like an aircraft where movement is greatly limited to relative movements in seats and aisle movements. In this section, approaches to the problem of crowded behavior analysis will be presented from the most generic to the most specific to the area of aviation safety.

Isoda et al. have used the C4.5 algorithm to generate a decision tree that could distinguish the spatiotemporal context of human behavior interacting in a house into appropriate descriptive states. The states were prepared using priori-defined task models [8]. Although it would be of value to investigate the performance of such approach in the aviation safety context because houses are, to an extent, confined places like an aircraft, the C4.5 algorithm lacks boosting which is a method of combining different classifiers together to improve performance and is less memory and CPU efficient than the C5.0 [9, 10]. C4.5 and C5.0 have often been considered solved problem [9] and left in favor of most recent advances algorithms in machine learning such as CART, random trees and random forests [11-13].

Another approach is to use Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) and Coupled HMMs [14-16] to analyze human behavior recorded by a video feed over an extended amount of time [17]. On the other hand, agent-based approach has been utilized to simulate human decision-making in virtual crowds [18] which is an expert based solution as opposed to the machine learning approaches discussed so far. The approach of [17] has been extended by incorporating levels of Kalman filters sequenced by a dynamic HMM [19]. This approach has been used to recognize and predict drivers’ behaviors over the extent of several seconds. Transfer learning has been used to update a classification model incase new activities have emerged from indoor video surveillance cameras [20]. Weighted block similarity methods have been used to analyze crowd movements in open areas and criteria have been set to detect anomalous behaviors such as running, wall-climbing and falling [21].

All of the approaches discussed so far have focused on recognizing normal human interactions, social activities and/or abnormal agent behavior within a crowd. These methods in both the application and motivation are significantly far from the main objectives of this research paper where only minimum attention has been given. For instant, neuro-fuzzy networks were devised to model passenger behaviors onboard an aircraft [1]. The issue with this approach was that neural networks required huge amount of training sets of data, it lacked generality because human movements are often random to a significant extent, and their CPU and memory requirements are often a concern [22].

All in all, the machine learning literature is full of application examples of systems designed to detect and recognize human/crowd behaviors. Although only few of them were discussed in this section, the little attention paid to the specific application of detecting anomalies within passengers’ movements onboard an aircraft has paved the road for researching the most suitable machine learning algorithm to satisfy the objective of ensuring the highest level of situational awareness of decision-makers of an aircraft current state.
3. ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

The training and testing data used in this research have been acquired using the methods described in [1]. Passengers’ movements were synthetically generated using the Monte Carlo method to incorporate both the deterministic and random components of typical agents acting in response to abnormal events in their environments. Passengers’ movements were categorized into background movements describing movements in the passengers’ seats and to aisle movements denoting movements along the aircraft aisles. Movements are collectively quantified into a scale of (0) to (100) with (0) representing no movements at all and (100) expressing a very high amount of movements. The reason for that is to simplify the interfacing circuitry with a CCTV camera of an aircraft and thereafter, converting it to a scalar of how much relative changes there are between recorded frames. Data were sampled every 5 seconds out of a trip time of 1 hour and 40 minutes. The flight profile has been classified into five states: boarding, taking-off, cruising, landing and stopping. Abnormal passenger movements were randomly injected along the flight time and assumed to have duration of either 60, 300, or 600 seconds. The maximum amounts of abnormalities have been limited to $1\sigma$, $3\sigma$ and $6\sigma$, where $\sigma$ is the standard deviation. Finally, a vector of classification labels has been created which labels the parts where abnormalities were introduced as (1) and (0) otherwise. Figure 1 and 2 shows typical passengers background and aisle movements without the introduction of anomalies.

Although passengers’ activities may seem random at once, they do follow some pattern that correlates with the current flight profile. For example, the movement in the aisle would be significantly greater during boarding than taking-off. One would also expect the background movement to increase during serving of food and the aisle movement to decrease during the same period. However, the random component of such activities would result in the failure of typical solutions by expert system approach because randomness is too complex to be expressed in if-then rules.

Therefore, it is of the essence to seek out a machine learning approach where algorithms can be used to search for structures within large amount of training data. For that end, abnormalities were added to the data samples shown in figure 1 and 2 and labelled abnormal. Figure 3 shows a scatter plot of such abnormal samples with maximum amplitude of $3\sigma$ and duration of 600 seconds. Notice the overlapping of the normal samples, marked with cross sign, and abnormal samples, marked with circle sign. Since the normal and abnormal samples aren’t spatially separable by a mere line, typical clustering algorithm would result in a poor performance unless more features are added or by kernel transformation, or other data processing techniques.
A third feature that could be added is the current flight stage (profile). For that end, each flight phase is coded into a numeric of values from 1 to 5. The result of such addition is show in figure 4.

Figure 4 shows that the abnormalities in passenger behavior were recorded during the cruising stage of the flight time. Since the flight stage does not change during the abnormality duration, it wouldn’t result in a significant increase of information to help classify passengers’ behaviors more easily. Nonetheless, it could help with the development of a stage-specific structure that identifies typical behaviors of passengers.

4. BACKGROUND THEORY OF MACHINE LEARNING

In this section, we will introduce the basic theory behind some of the most popular, and applicable, supervised machine learning algorithms. It will provide common notations for further discussion throughout this research paper. The reader is encouraged to follow the list of references in this section for more details.

Machine learning is the science of learning from data [23]. It uses datasets, often a large amount of, to look for patterns, construct structures or estimate parameters that can model a complex system where expert-based modelling is tedious or time consuming [24]. Supervised machine learning is a subfield of machine learning that search for algorithm that can learn to classify new instances from a large dataset of classification examples [25]. Some of the widely used techniques in this field includes: decision trees, SVMs, ANN, kNN [25] and ensemble classifiers [26]. There are innumerous algorithms and techniques in the field of machine learning. The suitability of an algorithm for a given classification problem is judged based on some performance measures such as the Area Under Curve (AUC), the Root-Mean-Square-Deviation RMSD, confusion matrix...etc. [27]. One procedure to find a suitable classification algorithm is to pre-train as many classification algorithms as practical and then nominate the most promising ones for further tuning. The research described in this paper has gone through that route and therefore we will only introduce some key details about the most promising machine learning algorithms applicable to problem of this study. These are decision trees, SVM, and ensemble classifiers.

A. Decision Trees

Decision trees are types of logical classification algorithms that work by sorting classification instances based on feature values [25]. Each feature is represented with a node which could have multiple branches each with a subset of values that the node feature can assume. Decision trees are attractive because of their comprehensible classification capabilities and ease of use [28]. The three most common algorithms in the decision trees classification techniques are ID3 [29], C4.5 [30] and random forests [31]. Random forest is probably the most accurate predictor of the bunch although it is an ensemble of bagged decision trees trained on various subsets of the training data [32].

The decision tree learner used in this research works by first splitting the training data on a feature that optimizes Gini’s diversity index measure and repeats the process recursively while adding the selected features as children of the previous nodes. More information about the implementation of the decision tree algorithm can be found in [33].

B. Support Vector Machines

Support Vector Machines (SVMs) are one of the widely used and relatively recent technique in the literature [22]. SVM works by maximizing the margins of linear separators between data classes and thereby minimizing the generalization error of the predictor [34]. In cases where no linear separator can be drawn between data classes, SVM uses nonlinear transformations to higher planes, called kernels, and apply the linear separator there [34]. SVMs have been used in so many applications and are the subject of numerous research efforts and analytical studies [35].
The standard formulation of SVM is defined as follows: given training dataset like D where:

\[
D = \left\{ x_i; y_i \mid i = 1,2,3 \ldots n \ \text{where} \ x_i \in \{T,F\}, y \in \{-1,1\} \right\}
\]  

(1)

The SVM method can be expressed by:

\[
\begin{align*}
\omega^T x_i + \omega_0 & \geq 1, \forall x_i \in T \\
\omega^T x_i + \omega_0 & \leq -1, \forall x_i \in F
\end{align*}
\]  

(2)

Where \( \omega \) is called the weights vector and \( \omega_0 \) the bias [25]. If the data is linearly separable then the optimum separation hyperplane can be found by minimizing \( \psi(\omega) \) where \( \psi(\omega) \) is given by:

\[
\min_{\omega, \omega_0} \psi(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} |\omega|^2
\]  

(3)

The selection of the right kernel to transform non-linearly separable data is of the essence because the kernel defines the transformation of the instance to be classified. One way to determine, and also a drawback of SVMs, is to test some potential kernels and benchmark their performance measures. Although many kernels are discussed in the literature, for instance [36], our preliminary test showed the Gaussian kernel to be the most promising transformation method for the research problem of this paper. The mathematical details of the Gaussian kernel can be found in [37].

### C. Ensemble Classifiers

Ensemble classifiers or learners work by combining learners which are weak on their own nevertheless become very powerful when combined together. There are many ways to combine individual learners together to create an ensemble learner. For example, the individual learner, called a bag, can be trained on a random subset of the training data with replacement and then the output of each bag could be combined together by taking the mean or majority vote. Such technique is called bagging [38]. Alternatively, each bag is tested on the whole training set and the instances where the bag has misclassified are giving more weights in the training of the next bag and so on. This method is called AdaBoosting [39]. Some algorithms accounts for unbalanced, or skewed, datasets by oversampling the sparse class or undersampling the excessive class. One example of such algorithm is the Random Under Sampling Boosting Ensemble learner more commonly known as RUSBoost [40].

Some research studies have showed that bagging performs better in the presence of classification noise than Adaboost [41]. When the data is imbalanced, bagging outperforms RUSBoost however, RUSBoost would perform better when the noise level is low [42].

For the research effort of this paper, we are going to compare the performance measures of five classifications algorithms that have shown good classification potential during our preliminary tests. These are: Decision Trees, SVM with Gaussian kernel, Bagging Ensemble, Boosting Ensemble and RUSBoost Ensemble.

### 5. RESULTS

The main purpose of this research effort has been to classify the behavior of aircraft passengers into normal or abnormal using machine learning. Passengers’ behaviors have been measured by aggregating their movements into two metrics: aisle movements and background movements. Hence, there are three features available for machine learning classifiers to learn from: the two mentioned movements and the current flight stage. Our preliminary tests have shown potential for decision trees, SVM with Gaussian kernel, bagging ensemble, boosting ensemble and RUSBoost ensemble classifiers. MATLAB was used to carry out the calculations throughout this research. In this section, we will report the performance of the chosen classifiers.

Figure 5 shows the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves of the five classifiers chosen in this study. An ROC plots the sensitivity, or true positive rate, against the specificity, or false positive rate, of a model [43]. The more ideal a classifier is, the more it is closer to the (0,1) point of the curve. Figure 5 shows that RUSBoost has performed the worse. However, its performance is considerably better than mere random classifier because a random classifier would be nothing more than a diagonal line on the ROC plot. This result is not surprising giving the fact that passengers’ behaviors are random to some extent. On the other hand, the bagging and boosting ensembles performed better than all the other methods. This result comes in agreement with the literature discussed so far in this research. We can summarize the ROC performance by calculating the Area Under Curve (AUC) of each classifier’s ROC Curve. Since the optimal curve would be a point at coordination (0,1), the closer the AUC to one, the better it performance is. Table 1 shows the AUC
measures of the five classifiers.

![Graph showing ROC Curves for various classification methods](image)

**Fig. 6. ROC Of The Five Classifiers Chosen In This Research**

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<tr>
<th>Classifier</th>
<th>Decision Trees</th>
<th>Bagging Ensemble</th>
<th>Boosting Ensemble</th>
<th>RUSBoost Ensemble</th>
<th>Gaussian SVM</th>
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<tr>
<td>AUC</td>
<td>0.850</td>
<td>0.954</td>
<td>0.959</td>
<td>0.716</td>
<td>0.725</td>
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Unfortunately, ROC and AUC may give us wrong intuition as to which classifier to choose for the problem of this research because it assumes that the cost of misclassifying the abnormal class and the normal class is the same [44] which is clearly not the case. The penalty of classifying abnormal behavior as normal may result in a catastrophic security breach. Therefore, we must look for an alternative measure to either solidify our choices made so far or try another classifier.

One easy way to assess the algorithm power in classifying each class is to construct the confusion matrix of the classifier. Table 2 shows the confusion matrices of the decision trees, SVM with Gaussian kernel, bagging ensemble, boosting ensemble and RUSBoost ensemble classifiers.

The confusion matrix would help us assess the prediction value for each class, specifically the true class which represents the instances of anomalous passengers’ movements. This is shown in table 2 as the *positive prediction value* of the model. The positive prediction value of the model is the portion of number of true positives out of the total number of the true, i.e. abnormal movement, class. Bagging ensemble and decision tree classifier have the highest positive prediction value of 0.633 and 0.658 respectively. In order to evaluate whether the difference between the more complex model, i.e. bagging ensemble, is statistically better than the simpler model, i.e. decision tree, we can use the McNemar mid-p and asymptotic tests.

Let $n_{ij}$ be the number of pairs that both models classify correctly and incorrectly. Hence $n_{ii}$ is the number of samples that was classified the same way by the two models and $n_{ij}$, where $i\neq j$, is the number of instances that has been classified differently. In addition, the classification rate for the Bagging Ensemble is defined by:

$$\rho_B = \frac{n_{21} + n_{22}}{n}$$

and for the decision tree:

$$\rho_T = \frac{n_{12} + n_{22}}{n}$$

then, we can compare the accuracy of the two models using the following test:

$$H_0: \rho_B = \rho_T$$

$$H_1: \rho_B \neq \rho_T$$

Using these basic definitions the asymptotic McNemar test statistics and rejection regions for significance level ($\alpha$) is given by [45]:

$$t_a = \frac{(n_{12} - n_{21})^2}{n_{12} + n_{21}}$$

If $1 - F_{Zx}(t, m) < \alpha$ where $F_{Zx}(t, m)$ is the $X_m^2$ cumulative distribution function evaluated at $x$, then reject $H_0$. Whereas the Mid-p McNemar test statistics and rejection regions for significance-level ($\alpha$) is given by [45]:

$$t_p = \min((n_{12}, n_{21}))$$

If $F_{Bin}(t_p - 1; n_{12} + n_{21} - 1, 0.5) + 0.5f_{Bin}(t_p; n_{12} + n_{21}, 0.5) < \alpha/2$, then reject $H_0$.

where $F_{Bin}(x; n, p)$ and $f_{Bin}(x; n, p)$ are the binomial cumulative distribution function and the probability distribution function respectively with sample size $n$ and success probability $p$ evaluated at $x$. The results of applying the Asymptotic and Mid-p McNemar tests to bagging ensemble and decision tree classifiers are shown in table 3.
Table 2. Confusion Matrices Of The Five Classification Algorithms Used In The Study

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<tr>
<th>Algorithm</th>
<th>Target</th>
<th>Positive</th>
<th>Negative</th>
<th>Positive Predictive Value</th>
<th>Model Predictive Value</th>
<th>Sensitivity</th>
<th>Specificity</th>
<th>Accuracy</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bagging Ensemble</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>0.633</td>
<td>0.963</td>
<td>0.987</td>
<td>0.961</td>
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<td>Negative</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1080</td>
<td>0.999</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>0.941</td>
<td>0.943</td>
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<tr>
<td>Decision Tree</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>0.658</td>
<td>0.964</td>
<td>0.975</td>
<td>0.963</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1079</td>
<td>0.998</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>0.941</td>
<td>0.943</td>
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<td>Boosting Ensemble</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>0.433</td>
<td>0.943</td>
<td>1.000</td>
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<td>0.943</td>
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<td>Negative</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1081</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>0.941</td>
<td>0.943</td>
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<tr>
<td>RUSBoost Ensemble</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>0.433</td>
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<td>Gaussian SVM</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>0.492</td>
<td>0.919</td>
<td>0.621</td>
<td>0.945</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>1045</td>
<td>0.967</td>
<td>0.945</td>
<td>0.621</td>
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Table 3. The McNemar Test Results

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<th>Asymptotic</th>
<th>Mid-p</th>
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<td>Reject null hypothesis?</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>p-value</td>
<td>$1.2164 \times 10^{-08}$</td>
<td>$5.3842 \times 10^{-10}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>Classification loss</td>
<td>0.026644</td>
<td>0.026644</td>
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Both the asymptotic and Mid-P test results suggest rejecting the null hypothesis that the more complex model, i.e. the bagging ensemble, is statistically as accurate as the simpler model, i.e. the decision tree. This result favors the bagging ensemble over decision tree classifier. The p-value represents the probability that a random test measurement is as extreme as the observed value under the assumption that the null hypothesis is true. The fact that its value is close to zero suggests strong evidence to reject the null hypothesis.

In conclusion, the bagging ensemble classification algorithm proved better than the other classifiers. The positive predictive rate has been found to be 0.633 and we proved, using McNemar tests, that it performs better than its closest alternative. However, an accuracy of about 63% is not interesting giving the fact that a random classifier would have an average accuracy of 50%. We will discuss a simple method of increasing the prediction accuracy of the bagging ensemble in the next section.

6. IMPROVING PERFORMANCE USING BAYESIAN PREDICTOR

Bayes Rule is a one simple way to improve the performance of the bagging ensemble in classifying passengers’ movements. The output of the ensemble classifier is used as a posterior probability to update the belief of how much abnormal a current movement is. The non-normalized posterior probability of an instant like $(s)$ belonging to class $(k)$ is the product of the prior probability and the multivariate normal density with mean $\mu_k$ and standard deviation $\sigma_k$. Hence, the multivariate density function can be written as [46]:

$$P(x|i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi|\sigma_i|^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_i)^T \sigma_i^{-1}(x-\mu_i)}$$

(9)

where $|\sigma_i|$ is the determinant of $\sigma_i$ and $\sigma_i^{-1}$ is the inverse matrix. If $P(i)$ represents the prior probability of class $(i)$, then the posterior probability of observation $(x)$ belonging to class $(i)$ is [46]:

$$P(i|x) = \frac{P(x|i) P(i)}{P(x)} = \sum_i P(x|i) P(i)$$

(10)

Applying equation 10 to the bagging ensemble results summarized in table 2, we obtain the improved confusion matrix result shown in table 4.

Table 4. Confusion Matrix Of The Bagging Ensemble When Bayes Rule Is Applied

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<td>Model</td>
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<td>Positive</td>
<td>Negative</td>
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<td>Bagging Ensemble with Bayes Rule</td>
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<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>117</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>954</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sensitivity</td>
<td>0.480</td>
<td>Specificity</td>
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Table 4 shows how the positive predictive value has been enhanced from about 63% up to about 97.5%. However, this enhancement has come with the cost of decreasing the negative predictive value to about 88%. Since the cost of misclassifying abnormal movement as normal may result in fatal incidents while the cost of the other way around is only inconvenience, the reduction of the negative predictive value can be considered an accepted loss.

Finally, table 5 summarizes the percentage of (PPV/NPV) for 1 to 10 minutes of abnormal activity of value 1σ to 3σ.

Table 5. The Percentage Of (PPV/NPV) For Different Periods Of Abnormal Movements Of One To Three Standard Deviations

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<th>Duration/Std</th>
<th>1σ</th>
<th>2σ</th>
<th>3σ</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 minute</td>
<td>(0.99/0.12)</td>
<td>(0.99/0.21)</td>
<td>(0.99/0.513)</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 minutes</td>
<td>(0.91/0.454)</td>
<td>(0.93/0.555)</td>
<td>(0.946/0.645)</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 minutes</td>
<td>(0.822/0.67)</td>
<td>(0.95/0.69)</td>
<td>(0.975/0.883)</td>
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Table 5 shows significant tradeoff between PPV and NPV for small values of standard deviations; i.e. when the amount of movement of passengers
does not deviate much from the norm. The classifier was successful in detecting abnormal movements up to 0.99 percent accuracy but at the cost of great amount of false negatives. Nonetheless, the most important figure is that of the 3σ because 0.99 percent of the normal values of movements are expected lie within three times the standard deviation value. At 3σ the PPV is as high as 97.5% while the NPV is 88.3%. These figures prove the feasibility of the classifier and its modification in detecting abnormal passenger movements onboard an aircraft.

7. CONCLUSION

The main objective of this paper has been to prove the feasibility of using the relative amount of movement to distinguish normal from abnormal situations onboard a commercial aircraft. We have utilized very simple indicators of passengers’ behaviors consisting of the total amount of movements in the aisles of the aircraft and the total amount of movements in their seats. These indicators can easily be acquired using current technology and they require no special interface circuitry other than CCTV cameras, thereby, simplifying the deployment process.

We used machine learning classifiers to classify the indicators values into two classes: normal and abnormal. Only five classifiers are studied and compared after they have shown some potential classification accuracy during our preliminary tests. These classifiers are: decision trees, SVM with Gaussian kernel, bagging ensemble, boosting ensemble and RUSBoost ensemble classifiers. We proved that the bagging ensemble has the highest performance factors of the lot; however its performance was not high enough. We have proposed using the average score of the individual learner as a belief measure and Bayes rule to come up with a normality confidence figure. This figure showed an accuracy of up to 89.2%.

This research effort has paved the road to the implementation of non-obtrusive airplane passengers’ profilers because it does not require the installation of extra equipment and/or complex algorithms that convert camera feed into abstracts of meaningful human behavior but rather the simple raw amount of movement as recorded by CCTV cameras readily available on-board the aircraft itself. We improved the performance of the standard machine learning classifiers by the addition of the Bayes rule and proved the feasibility of the algorithm by increasing the PPV from 63% to 97.5%.

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