

Evaluation of Feature Selection Techniques in a Multifrequency Large Amplitude Pulse Voltammetric Electronic Tongue

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Figure 2. Set of 5 MLAPV response signals that characterize a beer sample.



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Principal concepts

- □ Electronic tongue
- □ Feature selection
- □ Filter Method
- Embedded Method
- 5 fold cross validation
- □ Hyperparameter tuning
- □ Accuracy as performance measure



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MLAPV ELECTRONIC TONGUE DATA SET

Label	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Liquid type	Beer	Black tea	Coffee	Cola	Maofeng tea	Medicine	Milk	Oolong tea	Pu er tea	Redwine	Salt	Vinegar	Whitespirit
Samples	19	9	9	6	9	6	9	9	9	8	6	9	6

Figure 1. Dataset distribution

Zhang et al., 2018



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Feature selection



Figure 3. Combination between variance filter and selection from model (diagram)



Materials and methods

Feature selection

• Combination between variance filter, ANOVA filter and selection from model: A similar technique to the previous one is proposed using another intermediate feature selection method, the ANOVA technique as shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4. Combination between variance filter, ANOVA filter and selection from model (diagram)

• Combination between variance filter, ANOVA filter and RFE technique: In this case, the recursive RFE elimination method will be used after applying the variance and ANOVA filters as show in Figure 5. It is expected to reduce the number of features at the RFE input and in this way reduce the processing time and use a small step size, which can help to improve the final performance of the algorithm.



Figure 5. Combination between variance filter, ANOVA filter and RFE technique (diagram)





Accuracy results

Table 1. Best results using variance filter.

Threshold	Classifier	Accuracy
0,0005	Multilayer perceptron(MLPC)	0,8762
0,002	Multilayer perceptron(MLPC)	0,8679
0	Linear SVC	0,8592

 Table 2. Best results using ANOVA F-score

Features	Classifier	Accuracy
5000	Multilayer perceptron(MLPC)	0,9019
6000	Multilayer perceptron(MLPC)	0,8940
3000	Multilayer perceptron(MLPC)	0,8857

Table 3. Best results using 3 estimators and its optimal number of features

Estimator	Step	Classifier	Optimal features	Accuracy
	20	Multilayer perceptron(MLPC)	820	0.9385
Linear SVC	50	Multilayer perceptron(MLPC)	950	0.9035
	50	Linear SVC	950	0.8947



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Optimal number of features



Figure 6. Accuracy vs number of features selected using RFE and LinearSVC as classifier





Feature importance



Figure 7. Feature importance from model using logistic regression



Classifier	Estimator	Threshold	Accuracy
Multilayer perceptron(MLPC) (adjusted)	Logistic Regression	0,4	0,9114
	LinearSVC	0,7	0,8940

Table 4. Best results using selection from model

Table 5. Best results of the combination between the variance filter and selection from model

Classifier	Threshold Selection from model	Accuracy
Multilayer perceptron(MLPC) (adjusted)	0,4 0,6	0.9032 0.9032
Multilayer perceptron(MLPC)	0,2	0.9028

Table 6. Best results of the combination between variance filter, ANOVA filter and selection from model

Classifier	Threshold Selection from model	Threshold variance	Features	Accuracy
Multilayer perceptron(adjusted)	0,5	0,0001	5200	0.9285
	0,4	0,0001	5200	0.9285
	0,3	0,0001	5200	0.9123



Results

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Results

Best confusion matrix

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	Predicted Class												
Actual	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Class													
1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
6	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

Figure 8. Confusion matrix accuracy=93.86%





Combination of variance filter, ANOVA filter and RFE technique

Table 7. Best result of the combination between variance filter , ANOVA filter and RFE technique

Classifier	Threshold variance	Features	Accuracy
Multilayer perceptron(adjusted)	0	6200	0.9032
	0	5200	0.9028
	0	4800	0.8937



Discussion

- The application of the feature selection techniques increases the accuracy of the classification in most cases (initially 81.54% simply using the MLP classifier), as well as reducing the time of algorithm prediction by reducing the number of features in each test instance.
- The two best results obtained were 93.86% using the RFE technique and MLP classifier and 92.85% using combination between variance filter, ANOVA filter and selection from model with an MLP classifier.
- Although in the first case the accuracy is greater, the time required for the selection of features and training is almost 117 times greater.



Conclusions

- The use of this type of method is useful to analyze data from sensor arrays, achieving an increase in the accuracy of the classification of up to about 12%, in addition, machine learning models diminish their training and prediction time by reducing the number of features.
- It is noteworthy that the use of combined feature selection techniques can achieve high precision, achieve a faster model construction and become very stable, compared to the recursive feature elimination RFE method, which, although it is more precise, the last is slow to select the optimal set of features.
- Although the best results are obtained with MLP classifier, several iterations are necessary to obtain the best performance, since the definition of the weights of each feature changes after the construction of each model, therefore, the results vary.



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