

# Alcoholism Detection via Wavelet Energy and Logistic Regression

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**Abstract**—In this study, we proposed an application of alcoholism detection via wavelet energy and logistic regression. We collected data sets of 70 volunteers who signed up through advertising, among which 35 were with alcoholism and the rest were healthy. We first used wavelet energy (WN) to extract brain images features. Then, we employed logistic regression (LR) as the classification tool. Finally, we used 5-fold stratified cross validation to verify classifier performance. Our method achieves a sensitivity of  $84.00 \pm 3.86\%$ , a specificity of  $84.86 \pm 3.03\%$ , and an accuracy of  $84.43 \pm 1.42\%$ . Our method gives better performance than HWT and ANN-GA.

**Keywords**—alcoholism; wavelet energy; logistic regression; detection; identification

## I. INTRODUCTION

Alcoholism, commonly known as drunkenness, is the effect of excessive consumption of alcohol on the central nervous system [1]. Alcohol mainly damages the central nervous system of the human body, which makes the function of the nervous system disorganized and suppressed, and the serious intoxication can lead to the death of the central inhibition and paralysis of the respiratory circulation center [2, 3]. Considering the disadvantages of traditional detection, we need a more advanced method to detect. Nowadays, image processing methods [4-6] are commonly and widely used in disease identification.

In the advance of our research, we found that there are many papers have discussed the algorithms of alcoholism detection. Lv (2018) [7] used convolutional neural network (CNN) with stochastic pooling. Hou (2017) [8] employed Hu moment invariants and predator-prey adaptive-inertia chaotic particle swarm optimization. Ahmadi, Pei (2017) [9] proposed EEG signals and functional brain network features extraction. Lima (2018) [10] used Haar wavelet transform (HWT) to identify alcoholism. Dil, Ghaedi (2016) [11] presented an artificial neural network genetic algorithm (ANN-GA).

In our study, we collected data from brain magnetic resonance imaging [12-18]. We proposed the method of Wavelet Energy (WN) to extract the feature from brain images. It can extract the brain image features and make the brain image classification more accurate. The wavelet energy of each wavelet sub-band is used to measure the discriminating potential brain image from the obtained texture features by implementing wavelet packet-based texture classification.

Then, logistic regression (LR) [19] was used to identify the

brain image of alcoholism. Linear regression and logistic regression are relatively basic and frequently used contents in machine learning. Linear regression is mainly used to solve the problem of continuous value prediction. Logistic regression is used to solve the problem of classification, and the probability of output belongs to a certain category.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### A. Materials

In total 70 volunteers were enrolled by advertisements. 35 are with alcoholism and the rest are healthy. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) [20-23] was performed over each subject. The method we proposed in this paper includes the following steps as shown in Figure 1.

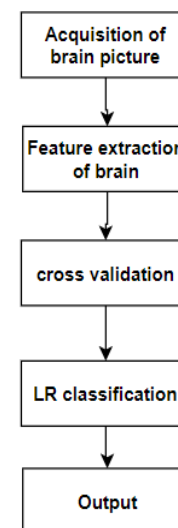


FIGURE 1. DIAGRAM OF OUR METHOD

Alcoholism is a very troublesome disease. Its symptoms are mainly nausea and vomiting, dizziness, and headaches. Severe patients can cause respiratory depression, liver damage, and gastric ulcers.

### B. Feature Extraction

If the original data is regarded as a two-dimensional discrete data after an image sampling, then the decomposition of the two-dimensional discrete wavelet transform (2D-DWT) [24] can be regarded as a filtering process as shown in Figure 2, that is, filtering the horizontal direction first, then filtering the vertical direction, and obtaining four different frequency bands

$A_j, H_j, V_j$  and  $D_j$ , where  $A_j$  is the low frequency and  $H_j, V_j, D_j$  are the high frequency components on the horizontal, vertical, and diagonal.

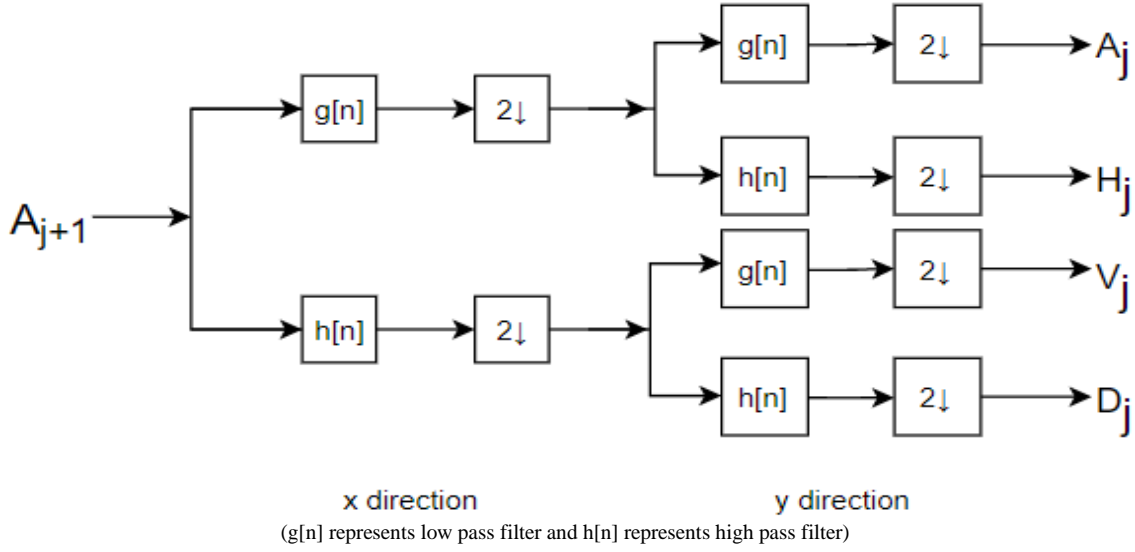


FIGURE II. THE 2D DISCRETE WAVELET TRANSFORM

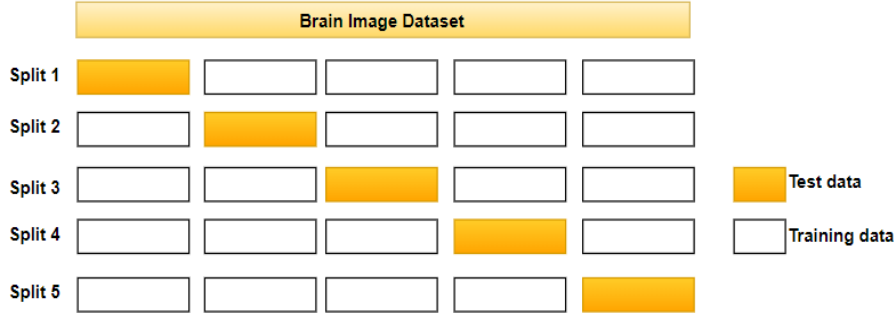


FIGURE III. THE FIVE-FOLD STRATIFIED CROSS VALIDATION

Many features can be extracted from the wavelet coefficients [25-27]. A simple and effective method for feature extraction from wavelet coefficients is the wavelet energy (WN) [28] of detail images. The WE in horizontal, vertical and diagonal directions of high frequency at  $i$ -th level can be, respectively, defined as:

$$E_i(H_j) = \sum_x \sum_y (H_j(x, y))^2 \quad (1)$$

$$E_i(V_j) = \sum_x \sum_y (V_j(x, y))^2 \quad (2)$$

$$E_i(D_j) = \sum_x \sum_y (D_j(x, y))^2 \quad (3)$$

where  $E$  represents the wavelet-energy. These energies reflect the strength of the images' details in different directions.

### C. Logistic Regression

Logistic regression is a classical method in statistics, which is very closely related to classification. It is commonly used in the last layer of convolutional neural network [29-32]. Hence, we chose logistic regression as a classifier. As we all know, the formula of linear regression [33] is as follows:

$$z = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_n x_n = \theta^T x \quad (4)$$

where  $x$  is the input sample and  $\theta$  is a parameter. For logical regression, its idea is also based on linear regression, and its formula is as follows:

$$h_\theta(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}} \quad (5)$$

where  $h_\theta(X)$  is the value predicted by the parameters  $\theta$  and  $x$ .

### D. Stratified Cross Validation

We used a 5-fold stratified cross validation, and each fold contains 7 alcoholism brains and 7 healthy control brains. The usage of stratified 5-fold is similar to 5-fold, but it is stratified sampling to ensure that the proportion of different types of samples in the training set and test set is the same as that in the original data set [34-36]. As in Figure 3, each fold has the same class distribution as the original dataset.

### III. EXPERIMENT AND RESULTS

#### A. Cross Validation Result

The experiment was performed by in-house software, and run on the platform of Matlab 2014a. All the parameters were tuned and secured by trial-and-error method. We report the sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy of all runs in Table 1. As is shown, the sensitivity of our method is  $84.00 \pm 3.86$ , the specificity is  $84.86 \pm 3.03$ , and the accuracy is  $84.43 \pm 1.42$ .

TABLE I. PERFORMANCE OF PROPOSED METHOD

Run	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy
1	80.00	88.57	84.29
2	85.71	88.57	87.14
3	77.14	88.57	82.86
4	85.71	85.71	85.71
5	82.86	82.86	82.86
6	85.71	82.86	84.29
7	91.43	80.00	85.71
8	82.86	85.71	84.29
9	85.71	82.86	84.29
10	82.86	82.86	82.86
Average	$84.00 \pm 3.86$	$84.86 \pm 3.03$	$84.43 \pm 1.42$

#### B. Algorithm Comparison

We compared our method with HWT [10] and ANN-GA [11]. The performances were performed over our dataset, and the results are presented in Table 2. Figure 4 shows the comparison plot. Our WN-LR method yields the greatest sensitivity, specificity and accuracy.

TABLE II. ALGORITHM COMPARISON

Approach	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy
HWT [10]	$81.71 \pm 4.51$	$81.43 \pm 4.52$	$81.57 \pm 2.18$
ANN-GA [11]	$76.00 \pm 3.07$	$77.14 \pm 5.22$	$76.57 \pm 1.54$
WN-LR (Our)	$84.00 \pm 3.86$	$84.86 \pm 3.03$	$84.43 \pm 1.42$

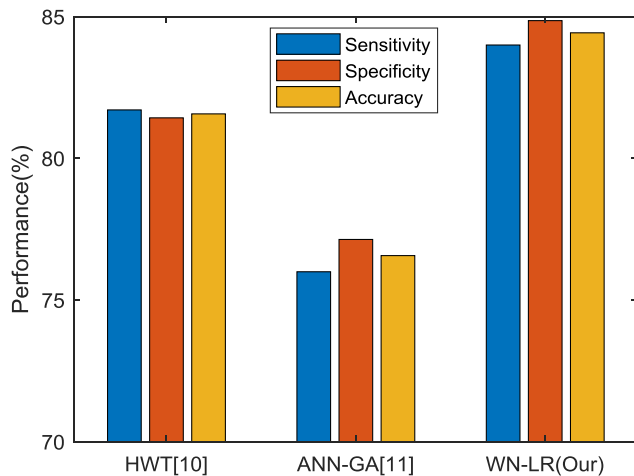


FIGURE IV. ALGORITHM COMPARISON

#### C. Decomposition Level Comparison

Our previous method used a decomposition level ( $L$ ) of 2. Now we compared using decomposition levels of 1, 3, and 4. The results are listed in Table 3. We can find the performance achieved the best at the condition where  $L = 2$ . Figure 5 shows there is a significant increase from  $L = 1$  to  $L = 2$ , and then gradually decrease from  $L = 2$  to  $L = 4$ .

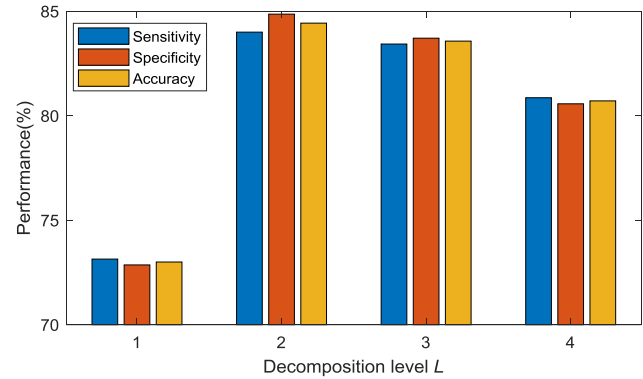


FIGURE V. DECOMPOSITION LEVEL COMPARISON

### IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we proposed a new approach for automatic alcoholism detection of brain images using WE and LR. The results showed that the proposed method gave better performance than HWT and ANN-GA. However, our method also has some shortcomings as follows: (i) our dataset is small. (ii) We did not use the most popular deep learning method.

In the future, we may focus on following regards: (i) we shall either collect more brain images or use data augmentation techniques. (ii) Some advanced pattern recognition techniques may be used, such as convolutional neural network(CNN).

TABLE III. COMPARISON OF DECOMPOSITION LEVELS

Run	L = 1			L = 2			L = 3			L = 4		
	Sen	Spc	Acc	Sen	Spc	Acc	Sen	Spc	Acc	Sen	Spc	Acc
1	77.14	71.43	74.29	80.00	88.57	84.29	85.71	82.86	84.29	82.86	80.00	81.43
2	74.29	71.43	72.86	85.71	88.57	87.14	85.71	80.00	82.86	77.14	85.71	81.43
3	68.57	80.00	74.29	77.14	88.57	82.86	85.71	77.14	81.43	80.00	82.86	81.43
4	65.71	80.00	72.86	85.71	85.71	85.71	80.00	91.43	85.71	80.00	77.14	78.57
5	74.29	68.57	71.43	82.86	82.86	82.86	85.71	80.00	82.86	77.14	88.57	82.86
6	74.29	74.29	74.29	85.71	82.86	84.29	85.71	80.00	82.86	85.71	77.14	81.43
7	71.43	74.29	72.86	91.43	80.00	85.71	82.86	85.71	84.29	82.86	80.00	81.43
8	74.29	71.43	72.86	82.86	85.71	84.29	85.71	82.86	84.29	77.14	85.71	81.43
9	77.14	68.57	72.86	85.71	82.86	84.29	77.14	91.43	84.29	80.00	77.14	78.57
10	74.29	68.57	71.43	82.86	82.86	82.86	80.00	85.71	82.86	85.71	77.14	78.57
Average	73.14	72.86	73.00	84.00	84.86	84.43	83.43	83.71	83.57	80.86	80.57	80.71
	± 3.61	± 4.31	± 1.05	± 3.86	± 3.03	± 1.42	± 3.24	± 4.87	± 1.21	± 3.31	± 5.18	± 1.54

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