Overview

Analysing biological signals such as electrocardiogram and electroencephalogram has become very important with modern healthcare striving to provide cost effective point-of-care diagnosis and personalised treatment. Furthermore, fast computing power in recent years has made much of the more complex analysis methodologies possible.

The aim of this course is to provide attendees with a fundamental understanding of signal processing techniques and classification algorithms for analysing biological signals. The course will allow the attendee to demonstrate understanding of basic principles of digital signals; awareness of physiology and characteristics of different biological signals; describe and apply pre- and post-processing techniques, such as conditioning, filtering, feature extraction, classification and statistical validation techniques for biological signals and solve practical biological signal analysis problems using the industry standard software, MATLAB.

Simpler approaches will be followed in the delivery of the course. Mathematics will be used only where necessary and when used (and where possible), numerical examples that are suitable for paper and pencil approach will be given. There will plenty of illustrations (‘picture speaks thousand words’) to aid the attendee in understanding the signal analysis methods and the results of applying the methods. Several examples of recently studied real life biological signal analysis applications will also be discussed.

The main strength of the course is that it will discuss all four related sections to biological signal analysis: signal preprocessing, feature extraction, classification algorithms and statistical validation methods.
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| Course Contents | 1. Introduction to biological signal analysis  
2. Discrete-time signals and systems  
3. Introduction to Matlab with exercises  
4. Spectral analysis  
5. Signal conditioning  
6. Digital filtering  
7. Matlab exercises: introducing ECG signals, reducing noise from ECG signals, analysing ECG spectral content and filtering  
8. Feature extraction  
9. Classification  
10. Matlab exercises: feature extraction, classification of EEG signals  
11. Mini group project: Attendees to work on real world problem solving exercise involving ECG signal |
| Host Institute | NITK Surathkal, Mangalore (http://nitk.ac.in/) |
| Max. No.of Participants | Limited to 50 |
| You Should Attend if... | Final year undergraduates and graduates students in any field with interest in biological signal analysis (and related areas like digital signal processing) are the main target audiences. But the course will also be useful for the researchers in both industry and academia, especially those from non-technical background who would be interested in analysing biological signals - the course does not assume any prior signal processing knowledge and MATLAB is used throughout the course to minimise programming time and difficulty and concentrate on the analysis, which is the focus of this course. |
| Course Registration Fee |  
- **Participants from abroad:** US $500  
- **Industry/ Research Organizations:** Rs. 10,000/-  
- **Academic Institutions:** Rs. 5,000/-  

The above fee includes all instructional materials, computer use and internet facility. The participants will not be given any TA/DA and boarding / lodging support. Participant can bring their laptop for effective utilization of course delivery.
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