

Covid-19 Human Breathing Monitoring and Assessment Using Memsaccelerometer-Based Digital Analog Converters (Daq) - An Approach Based Onmachinelearning

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Abstract:

The coronavirus-2 virus, which was discovered in 2019, is a serious disease that has the potential to result in both respiratory distress failure and death. Research has been done looking at how the sickness caused by coronavirus-2 affects the respiratory system. The purpose of this study is to create a portable device that is capable of providing accurate and affordable monitoring of respiratory function. Persons infected with COVID-19 as well as healthy individuals have had the hardware installed on their computers. The purpose of the research is to look for anomalies in the set of data that may be used to make estimates on the rate of respiration.

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Introductions:

A significant number of patients are hesitant to self-report their illnesses because of the epidemic phase of COVID-19. Because of this, hospitals and critical care units are suffering from a scarcity of employees and crucial pieces of equipment. In addition to this, it has compelled the creation of innovative strategies for the monitoring of patients remotely. The patient's resting rate may be used as a diagnostic and triage tool, as well as a means of determining whether or not they have COVID-19. Additionally, meeting this requirement is necessary in order to be admitted to the critical care unit. A majority of the time, people who have been afflicted by the COVID-19 respiratory or breathing problem need to have mechanical ventilation in order to prevent further impairment of respiratory muscle degradation, gas exchange, and death [7].

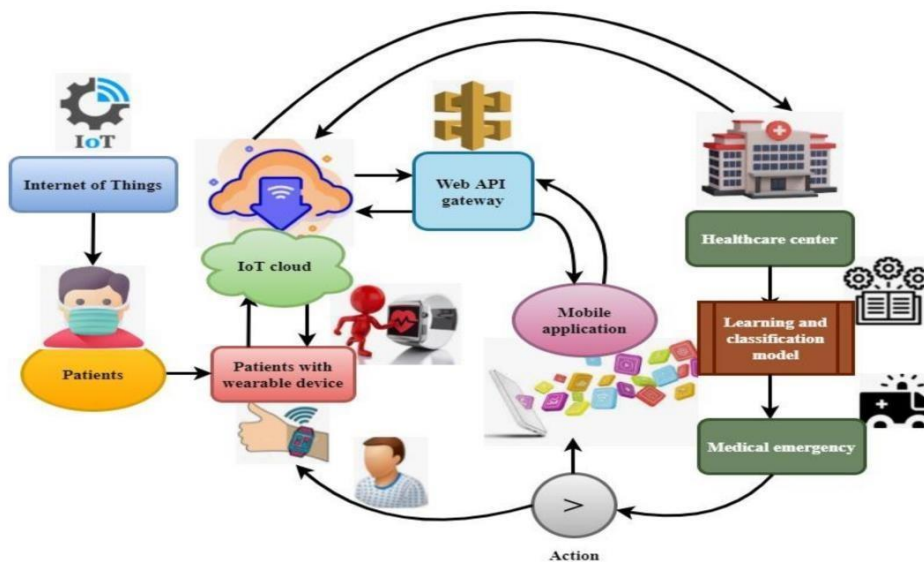


Figure 1: Automated logging of vascular data using several monitoring technologies

Patients diagnosed with COVID-19 have expressed a wish to make use of such equipment in order to get aid with the skills that enable remote R.R. Control. As shown in Figure 1(A), the technology of a smart device equipped with an internal camera is utilized for the tracking of respiratory rate (R.R), which can be caused by vibrations under the chest walls of the respiratory system or in consequential variations under a participant's resting facial interjection. The technology of smart devices equipped with an internal microphone, as shown in Figure 1(B), may be used to capture respiratory sounds, such as a patient's breathing noises. Figure 1(C) is a representation of the constant R.R. monitoring, which uses a mechanized futuristic device to capture the patient's chest wall motions when the patient is experiencing breathing-related concerns. The movements of the chest wall under the blood oxygenation modulation were displayed in Figure 1(D), which was used for transmitting the signals via radio wave transmissions or Wi-Fi signals source and receivers in order to determine R.R. values (no body sensors are needed) [7].

Related Works:

The literature describes a handheld device that can monitor a person's breathing rate by using a microprocessor with low power consumption. The method that the computer employs to detect motion is called motion sensing, and it is driven by a reduced MOSFET. One additional use for the device is long-term monitoring [1-2].

M. R. Ambedkar and S. Prabhu, who are both authors, were the ones who proposed the novel strategy [3]. An EEMD technique is offered in order to separate the essential information about the respiratory system from the ECG signals. This method works particularly effectively with mobile or non-stationary signs. According to the findings of this research, the EEMD approach yields outcomes that are much superior than those achieved utilizing the EMD methodology. The EEMD gadget was able to capture accurate images of the respiratory system. In 97% of cases, the method provides correct results. As a consequence, one conclusion that can be drawn from the findings of the experiment is that EEMD does have a higher operational range than EMD does. In addition, the proposed method [5] was modeled in MATLAB using the R2013 version of the software.

Methodology

There are a few different methods that may be used in order to compute or evaluate the respiration rate. The cheststrap, which is a device that includes impedance-based pneumographic equipment, is the one that is used the majority of the time. The capnograph is a device that is often used in medical settings to detect the rate of breathing. Plethysmography is an additional approach that has been suggested for assessing the rate of respiratory activity.

To compute the displacement of the diaphragm, mechanical equipments such as a force sensor, magnetometer, barometer, gas pressure sensor, and so on are often utilized. An ECG waveform analysis or a photoplethysmogram may be used in order to ascertain the rate of the subject's respiration. However, the accuracy achieved by many of these approaches is relatively average, and some of them even results in motion-induced susceptibility. The topic of telecommunication is the most important and crucial field for treatment employing such technologies for dealing with affected individuals spread across a broad geographic region. This is because telemedicine allows for patients to be treated regardless of their location. Through the use of telemedicine technology, a physician may treat a patient who is located in another region.

In this study, a MEMS accelerometer is used to calculate acceleration in three different directions that are orthogonal to one another (using a non-contact device, such as X, Y, and Z). In addition, the ADXL335 sensor has a Bluetooth device and a triaxial accelerometer integrated into it. These features allow the sensor to control excitations for each situation whenever there is a difficulty in trying to measure accelerations due to the lack of accessibility of a small zone that all three accelerometers cannot reach.

Building a DAQ device:

The recommended gear includes embedded processors, which are utilized to retrieve breathing data from healthy people as well as patients afflicted with COVID-19. The Arduino Microcontroller module was selected because of its small size. It also combines the necessary hardware, which consists of a 433 MHz range wireless transmitter as well as reception, and an accelerometer. A data gathering system is broken down into its component parts and shown in Figure 2. Configuring with the characteristics associated with ADXL335 in order to get a monolithic three-axial accelerometer. Its architecture, which is open-loop, makes it possible to employ a variety of analog and digital signals. Tilt-sensing apps are another possible use for the gadget.

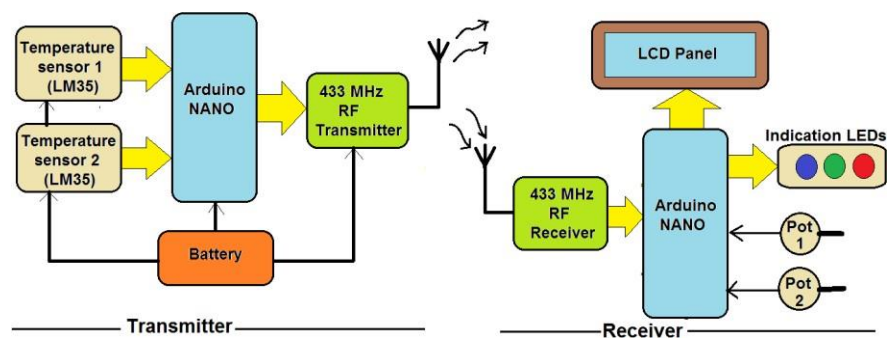


Fig2: WDAQ transmitter and Receiver Block diagram

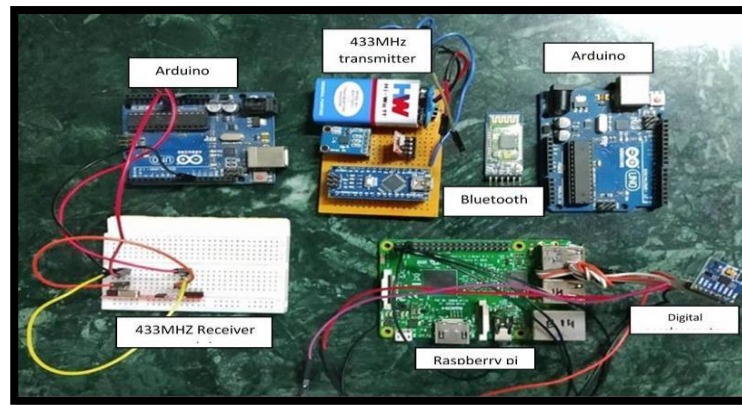


Fig3: WDAQtransmitterandReceiverAssembler

When the ADXL335 accelerometer is connected to the standardized system that is integrated to the fronts of unwell persons, the Microcontroller Board is used for analyzing the sensor data. In addition, the PLXDAQ software is capable of receiving data from the serial display of the Arduino IDE and then sending that data to a local laptop. The CSV files are where the results of the PLXDAQ program's analysis are saved. The project's objective is to combine the two large datasets that are currently accessible. In this case, the first data set contains information on healthy individuals, whereas the subsequent data set focuses on those who have been afflicted. After that, a number of methods are used in order to compare the datasets for the standard and the afflicted populations.[6]

Implementation:

The circuit for the ADXL335 accelerometer is simple, and it does not involve the use of any complicated components or wiring. It allows for a direct connection to an Arduino. The following is a list of the procedures that need to be taken in order to attach an Arduino Uno to an ADXL335 accelerometer: Connect the 5V pin of Arduino to the VCC pin, the GND pin to the ground pin, and the analogue pins of Arduino to the data outputs along the axis of X, Y, and Z in the order of A0, A1, and A2. Additionally, the X, Y, and Z axes create an equal voltage that represents the analogue value, and they are associated with the calculation of acceleration that is done using the ADXL335. The analog-to-digital converter, or ADC, may be used by microcontrollers to transform voltages into digital signals that can subsequently be processed. Both the transmitter and receiver for the Bluetooth modules 433MHz R.F. are included into the Arduino [10]. Utilize the software known as the Parallax Data Acquisition Tool (PLX-DAQ) package to establish a connection between Excel and the Arduino. It is possible to connect to it inside the Microsoft Excel platform in the form of a free add-on service. Aged eight and eleven years old combined installation of Arduino's software and hardware is required before it is possible to connect Arduino to Excel. This is a prerequisite for linking Arduino to Excel (IDE). After the code for the Arduino has been uploaded, go to the spreadsheet icon on the PLX-DAQ. After that, choose the Arduino interface from the drop-down menu, identify it in the box labeled Download Data, and click on the Link button. The subsequent step will include the incorporation of an insight into the understanding of the charting of real-time execution.

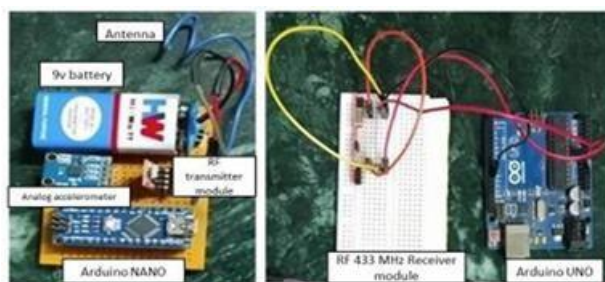


Fig4:DAQTransmitterandReceiverModule

It is important to make use of a mobile application, which will be positioned over the belly, in order to collect the data from the accelerometer sensor. Additionally, the application permits recording from many sensors at once. When integrated in Figure 6, it offers a comprehensive perspective of the numerous operations that are carried out by these sensors.

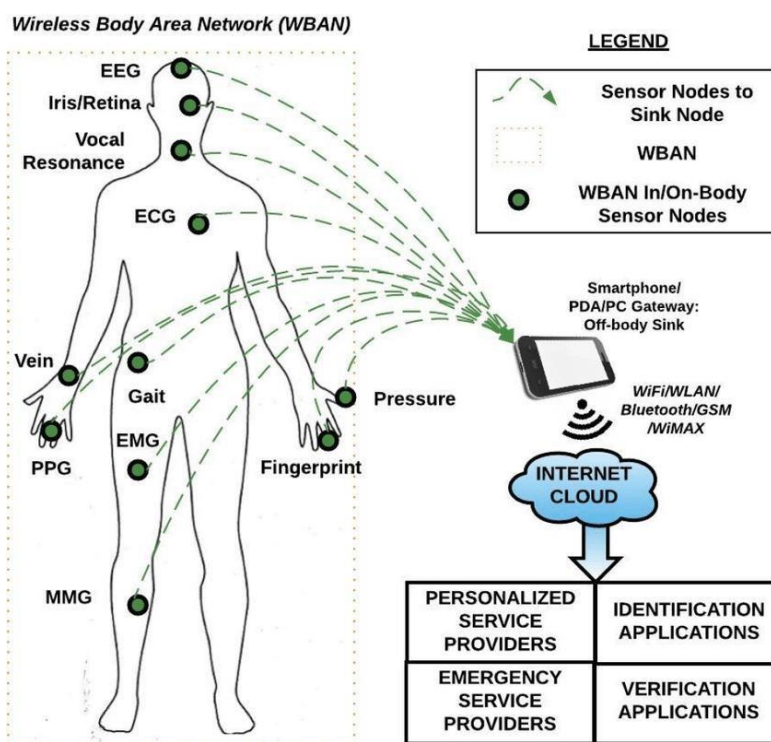


Fig5:Mapping in real time of the Tx and Rx modules

Utilization of sensor data is very necessary in order to construct a system that is capable of determining their irregularities that are present in the data. The use of unsupervised learning strategies would be the solution to this problem given that the data being used is both real-time and natural. Moreover, the data that is provided does not have labels attached to it. The purpose of this project is to develop a strategy for determining if the results include any peculiarities or not. In the event that an irregularity is found, the study will define the health state of the individual whose data is being researched. On the target data, the project makes use of a One-Class SVM analysis approach. When compared with data that has not been labeled, the performance of an algorithm that does not get supervision is much enhanced. Finding the judgment surface across the data is accomplished via the use of the one-class approach.

ResultsDiscussions:

A three-axis accelerometer and a microprocessor incorporated onto a single circuit are used to gather and analyzerespiration data. After then, an analysis using a method known as machine learning may be performed on the data inordertofindaberrantpatterns.

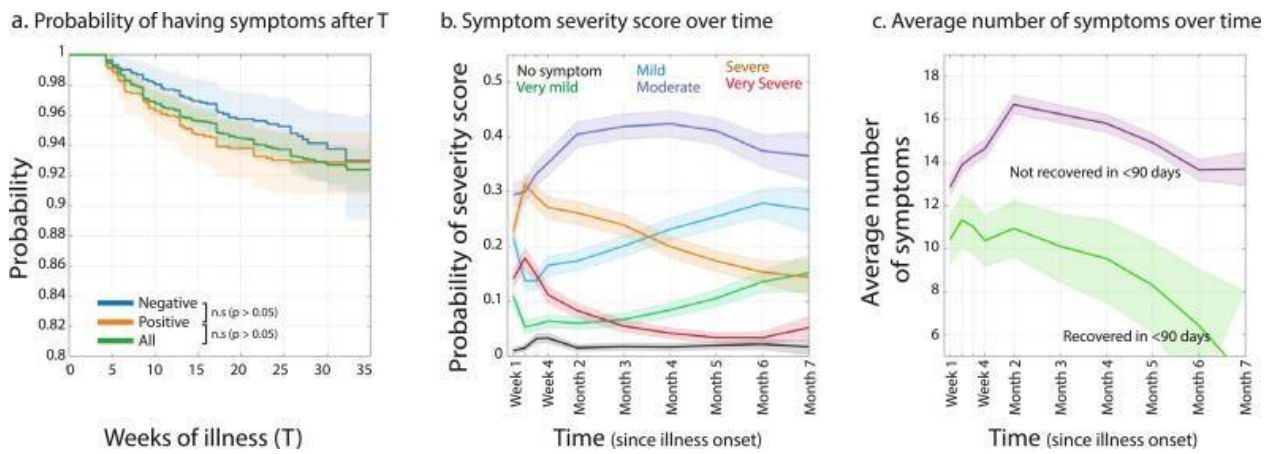


Fig 6:Normalindividualand Covid patientdataalongallthreeaxes(X,Y &Z)

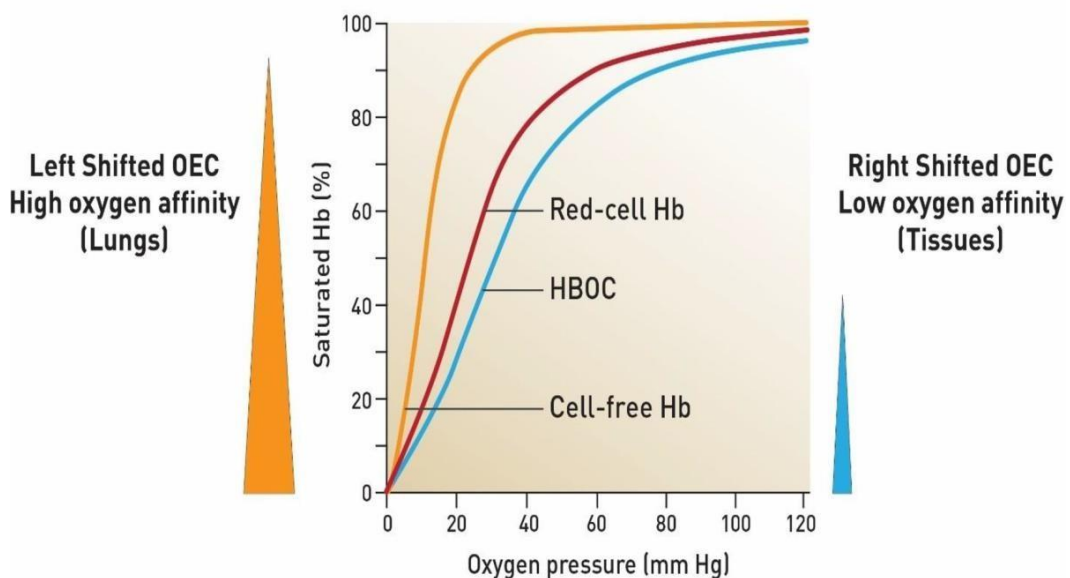


Fig7:Informationgathered fromCovid patients'sensorsintheexistenceandabsenceofoxygen

It is necessary to compare the data from an accelerometer with the data from the intended hardware of a mobilephonein ordertovalidatethefunctioningofboth thesensorandtheindividualbeingtracked.Inaddition,theisticalanalysis reveals that the data along the x-axis have achieved a higher quality than those along the other axes. Thiswas discovered.

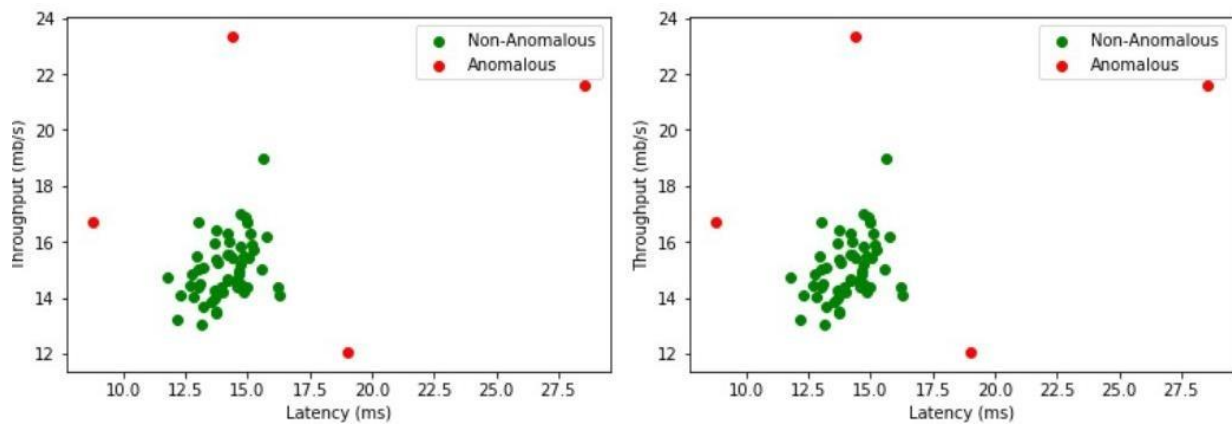


Fig8: Analyzing discrepancies between two datasets using scatter plot

The one-class support vector machine (SVM) approach is a popular paradigm for coughing data analysis. Python is the programming language that is used to construct an anomaly detection method that is data-driven and learns from its experiences. It creates graph plots that include red lines to show departures from the norm. This project is to make use of the concept of telemedicine in order to develop an online application that enables a patient and a physician to have a consultation over the internet [4]. It is clear that each individual patient must allow their own account inside the framework of the online web application in order to access their report and the prescription that their doctor has given them. Then, after the patient has been chosen, the administrator who is holding the patient's information directs the network program with recorded reports to the doctor, who then downloads the medication to the patient's computer. As a consequence of this, real-time data monitoring provides medical professionals with an aid in accurately identifying patients prior to the deterioration of their conditions [8, 9].

Conclusions:

It is anticipated that the use of precision remote patient monitoring will play a significant role in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic era. This device may assist reduce the amount of time that COVID-19 patients spend in isolation and increase the level of medical treatment that is accessible to them. Using data collected in real time from patients' blood, the purpose of this project is to devise a strategy for lowering the risk of infections occurring in hospitals. Additionally, the construction of reliable diagnostic and prognostic models would be made possible via the use of this technology. The data also suggested that remote R.R. monitoring is very useful for identifying COVID-19 occurrences as well as other important aspects. Nevertheless, the appropriate instruments and methods must be used to accomplish this objective.

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