Mobile User Authentication with Deep Learning

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Project Overview

- Achieve user authentication by analyzing Wifi channel state information (CSI)
 - 1. Segment CSI data into activities
 - 2. Generate time and frequency plots
 - 3. Create model to recognize user behavior and identity



Data Segmentation

- Input: Wifi signals of users conducting an activity
- Variation in the data signifies human activity
- Rolling variance used to detect the start and end of activities
- Output: Two second time window of human activity





Unsegmented Raw Data

2-Second Activity Window



Different Users & Activities Produce Different Patterns for CNN to Identify

Data Segmentation and Spectrograms

- Data differentiated through activity and user
- Displayed through spectrograms; displays of frequency spectrums in heat map format
- Example: Spectrogram of User 1 squatting, data from Antenna 1 Subcarrier 1



Spectrogram Usefulness

- Spectrograms can help differentiate user actions
- Example: User 1 Squatting vs User 1 Sitting
 - Difference is subtle but the left part of the squatting spectrogram is notably different



Spectrogram Usefulness Part 2

- More importantly, it can differentiate between people
- Example: User 1 Sitting vs User 2 Sitting
 - Difference is the concentration of higher-energy frequencies



Deep Learning Model

- Learns from time plots and spectrograms
- CNN model chosen for its effectiveness on image data
 - Extracts increasingly complex features from image



Final Model Architecture

- Dual-input CNN model used to classify users/activities
 - 5 users
 - 3 activities
- Achieved 70% activity recognition and 60% user recognition accuracy





- behavioral characteristics captured by the CSI measurements in WiFi signals.
- An environment-independent system, was designed with the help of an unsupervised domain adaptation strategy to remove the location and environment-specific information entangled in CSI measurements to build an environment independent model for user identification and
- The system has the capability of authenticating users through daily behaviors under various scales of location variations and environmental

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