Biometric Authentication

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The work describes three methods how to authenticate users by their biometric identifiers. Keystroke dynamics (the typing rhythm of a written password) is used as the biometric identifier. Three machine learning algorithms are implemented: neural network, k-nearest neighbor algorithm and Bayesian classifier. All three algorithms are compared with respect to the ability to learn, prediction accuracy, safety and the suitability for a real-world application.

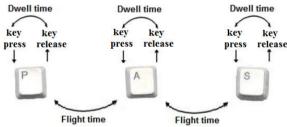
Introduction and implementation

Motivation:

- The usage of computer technology still grows, so does computer threats
- High computer performance can be used for machine learning algorithms to ensure computer security by recognizing biometric identifiers of the user

Idea:

- Use user's keystroke pattern as a biometric identifier
- Two representations for each key: dwell time, flight time
- Implement and compare three mentioned machine learning algorithms
- Verify the reliability of algorithms by "uknown" users



Preliminaries:

- Approximately 1 200 keystroke pattern samples of 3 users for learning and testing
- Approximately 450 more keystroke pattern samples of 10 "uknown" users for verification

Implementation goals:

- Neural networks: to find optimal network structure
- K-nearest neighbor: to find optimal euclidean threshold distance
- Bayesian classifier: test and compare Gaussian, multinomic and Bernoulli Bayesian classifier

Main sources:

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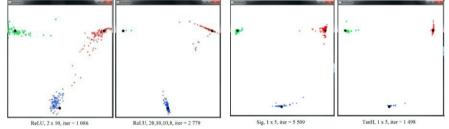
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Results

Classification of 3 "known" users:

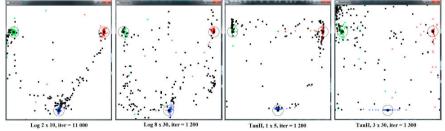
- Circa 100 neural network structures were tested. Logarithmic and hyperbolic tangent multilayer network was chosen as optimal
- Bayesian classifier not suitable for this solution
- K-nearest neighbor algorithm provided the best results of all algorithms

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Veryfication of algorithms by "uknown" users:

• Neural network wrongly authenticated 5 – 20% "uknown users"



• The best result is given by k-nearest neighbor algorithm after finding optimal euclidean threshold distance

Possible development:

• Evaluating keystroke dynamic in realtime on most used patterns, e.g. "the", "pro", "for", "tro", "dear", "hello"

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