

Abstract

We applied deep learning techniques using a Recurrent Neural Network to the prediction of the well's drilling states (Drilling/non-Drilling time) based on the measurements collected down-hole and at the top of the well. We used an LSTM network and a softmax output layer. Our work aims to the automation of this identification that is still carried out manually by the drilling engineer during the drilling process.

Introduction

Access to hydrocarbon resources is made possible by the drilling of a well, this activity can become extremely challenging if the well's architecture is complex. The goal of my work is to automate the identification of the well's drilling states (Drilling/non-Drilling time) using sensors data collected during the drilling process. There is different types of sensors at the top and the bottom of the well. Improving the prediction using only the measurements at the top of the well will result in subsequent savings, the safety and integrity of the drilling operations will also be improved.

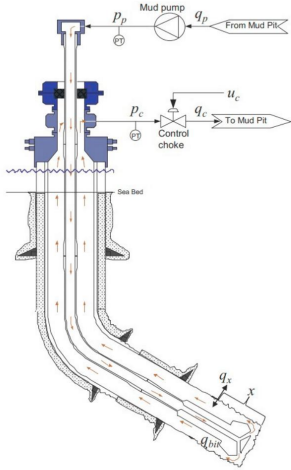


Figure: Schematic of an oil well drilling system [4]

Data

Raw Data:

- Sensors measurements for 25 wells.
- The frequency of the measurements is 100 HZ.
- For each well, the data is organized as a table, where the columns represent the feature and the rows represent time steps of the measurements, the table contains millions of rows due to the high frequency of the measurements.
- A total of 7 out of 25 wells have 130 features and the remaining 18 wells have 68 features

The input data is in the form of time series, they have been smoothed using a sliding window, then were-sampled the new smooth data and applied time to depth conversion. we also shuffled the data and split it in Train/Dev/Test sets.

Input Data The statistics for the input data are:

Set	# of Samples
Train (90%)	3080448
Dev. (5%)	171008
Test. (5%)	171008

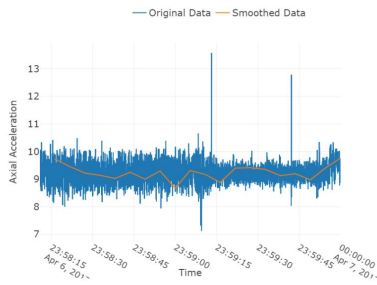


Figure: Comparison between the smoothed and Original data

Drilling	Non-Drilling		
Drilling	Pull Out	Descent	Surface

Figure: Hierarchy of Predicted Properties

Model

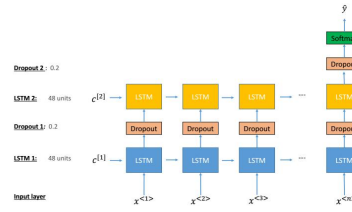


Figure: LSTM architecture

Property	Value
LSTM Network	Base Model
# Nodes layer 1	48
# Nodes layer 2	48
Dropout	0.2
Optimizer	Rmsprop
Model Type	LSTM Stateless
Batch Size	64
Test Split [%]	5
Dev. Split [%]	5
Sliding Window Width	2

Hyper Parameters Tuning

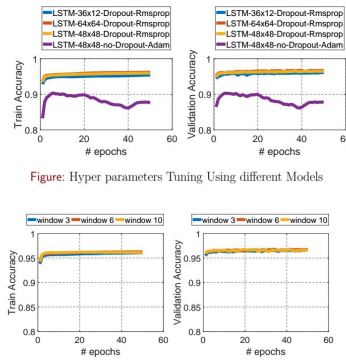


Figure: Hyper parameters Tuning Using different window width

Results

Compared Models:

- **Base Model:** LSTM - 2 Layers (48x48) , with dropout and Rmsprop optimizer
- **Model2:** LSTM - 2 Layers (36x12) , with dropout and Rmsprop optimizer (different parameters)
- **Model3:** LSTM - 2 Layers (64x64) , with dropout and Rmsprop optimizer (different parameters)
- **Model4:** LSTM - 2 Layers (48x48) , no-dropout and Adam optimizer.

Model	Train			Dev		
	Loss	Acc.	F1	Loss	Acc.	F1
Base Model	0.0929	0.9651	0.965	0.0781	0.97	0.9701
Model 2	0.1092	0.9585	0.9586	0.0946	0.9641	0.9641
Model 3	0.0886	0.9666	0.966	0.0748	0.9712	0.9713
Model 4	0.2711	0.8957	0.8959	0.2659	0.8978	0.8965

Best Model- Test Results:

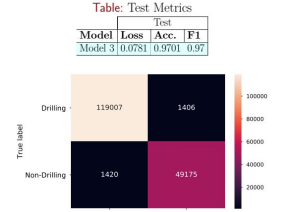


Figure: Confusion Matrix for 2 Class Classification - Test Results

Conclusions

- Very good results for the prediction of Drilling/ non-Drilling states
- Model 3 gives the best results despite requiring the longest time to train, there is a trade off in terms of Training time/ Accuracy to choose between the tow models Model 3 and 1.
- The multiclass classification (Drilling/ Pull out/ Decent/ Surface) has excellent accuracy but suffers from imbalanced data set, further exploration should be done to improve minority classes identification (Pull out/ Decent)
- We plan to use the results of this classification as an input to classify their sub-classes

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