

DEPARTMENT OF INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS

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The Department of Intelligent Systems develops new methods and techniques for intelligent computer systems, with applications in the areas of the information society, computer science and informatics, and network communication systems. The main research areas are ambient intelligence, evolutionary computing, data mining, search algorithms, language and speech technologies, decision support, intelligent sensors, distributed supervisory systems and network services. The department collaborates closely with the Faculty of Computer and Information Science of the University of Ljubljana on the joint research program "Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems", led by Prof. Ivan Bratko.

Intelligent systems simulate intelligence so that a typical user seemingly perceives them as truly intelligent. In reality, these systems use complex mechanisms and implement them on digital computers to imitate human behaviour as well as possible, and combine them with raw, exponentially growing, computer power.

Ambient intelligence is a fast-developing research area. It aims at introducing the technology into our everyday environment in a friendly and unobtrusive way, making it usable without any special knowledge. Due to the rapid aging of the population, one of the area's main goals is care for the elderly. The department was developing methods for posture and movement recognition with an emphasis on fall detection. Data from various sensor types were used as inputs. We were also investigating the recognition of common patterns of behaviour in general and the representation of human motion. The purpose of this research is the recognition of unusual events, be it signs of health problems or security threats.

In the area of data mining we dealt with automatic web-genre identification. As part of doctoral research we developed the algorithm SEMEA, designed for text-categorization problems, such as the genre classification of web pages. Its main characteristics are: Semantic representation, Multi-label classification and Evolutionary-Algorithm-based discovery of classification rules. The framework was tested on the web-genre identification domain and its performance was compared to the state-of-the-art algorithms for text categorization. As part of future work, we intend to substitute the bag-of-words representation with the bag-of-concepts representation and introduce the concept generalization-specification genetic operation. We anticipate further improvements with the introduction of these changes.

We study search algorithms for path-finding and other applications. We explained many cases of pathological behaviour of these algorithms, i.e., achieving worse results at a greater search depth. We also identified several factors that influence the benefits of a deeper search.

In the field of speech and language technologies we dealt with speech synthesis, forensic speaker recognition and syntactic parsing. In cooperation with the Amebis company, a new speech synthesizer for Slovene has been developed. In speaker recognition, the influence of the sound quality transmitted over phone lines on the biometric/forensic speaker recognition has been studied. As for syntactic parsing, the first experiments were made using the newly built corpus of Slovene JOS Treebank.

Evolutionary computing is a subfield of computer science concerned with theoretical studies, design and applications of search procedures motivated by biological evolution and known as evolutionary algorithms. Our work in this area includes the development and analysis of evolutionary algorithms for solving problems of engineering design and optimization. It is focused on the design of efficient algorithms for multi-objective optimization problems with conflictive objectives where a set of solutions is of interest to the user. We dealt with the parallelization of our DEMO (Differential Evolution for Multiobjective Optimization) algorithm. Its implementation on a computer cluster was used to study the speedup in solving a test problem of tuning process parameters in a metallurgical production process. The results were presented in a chapter of the edited volume Parallel Computing: Numerics, Applications and Trends, published by Springer.

A significant part of our applied research was devoted to energy efficiency. A preliminary technical and economical evaluation of an alternative energy-supply system based on photovoltaic



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Figure 1: The control panel of the intelligent security system ("PDR" project), where the situation in the surveilled rooms is presented with a live picture, a symbolic-graphical and textual description.

The FP7 project “Confidence” is intended to extend the independent living of the elderly by increasing their security at home and outside. Confidence users will wear a number of tags on their bodies, which will make it possible to detect falls, changes in behaviour that may indicate a disease, and call for help. We were successful in obtaining three additional international projects: “EUSAS”, “CHIRON” and “MIRACLE”.



Figure 2: The 4th Slovenian Innovations Forum, the award for the best innovation among the research organizations for the development of an intelligent security system for the surveillance of personnel and equipment in high-security buildings (“The Commander’s Right Hand” project).

An intelligent system for communication in natural language is being developed. The user enters a question into the web page and the program retrieves answers, presenting them to the user in natural language.



Figure 3: Intelligent virtual assistant provides information about the Department of Intelligent Systems at the Jožef Stefan Institute (the web page dis.ijs.si).

modules was performed to find trade-offs between its reliability and costs. In addition, we implemented a new algorithm for energy-flow optimization in the distribution network that is a building block of an e-service that is under development in a collaboration with the INEA company and other academic and industrial partners. Finally, we participated in the submission of a European FP7 project proposal in the area of Information and Communication Technologies for Energy Efficiency entitled “Micro-Request-Based Aggregation, Forecasting and Scheduling of Energy Demand, Supply and Distribution (MIRACLE)”. The project was approved and will be carried out in the period 2010–2012.

Research in the field of agent modelling was presented in the book *Handbook of Ambient Intelligence and Smart Environments* published by Springer. With partners, we have prepared a successful proposal for the EUSAS project (European Defence Agency). Methods for multi-agent modelling of asymmetric conflicts will be developed during this project.

In the European FP7 project called “Confidence”, we intend to extend the independent living of the elderly by increasing their security at home and outside. Confidence users will wear a number of tags on their bodies. The locations of the tags will be detected by radio sensors; from these locations, body posture and movement will be reconstructed. This will make it possible to detect falls, which are one of the main reasons for nursing-home admission. Changes in behaviour that may indicate a disease or a similar problem will also be detected.

In collaboration with the Faculty of Electrical Engineering of the University of Ljubljana and the company Špica International, we have successfully finished the “Commanders Right Hand” project, which was a part of the Targeted Research Project financed by the goal research program Science for Security and Peace 2006–2010. The result of the project is a working prototype of an intelligent security system for high-security buildings. It received the award for the best innovation among the research organizations at the 4th Slovenian Innovations Forum. The advanced security is achieved with a real-time location system, computer-vision methods and artificial intelligence methods. The system learns the normal behaviour patterns of an employee, recognizes the unusual behaviour, such as thefts, sabotages, staff negligence and insubordination, in real-time. It informs the supervisor with an alarm message in natural language, a graphical explanation and video recordings. Besides the unusual behaviour, the system also recognizes forbidden events, such as the entrance of an unauthorized person. The prototype learns and adapts automatically to new situations.

During the “Intelligent Home Telekom” project, we upgraded a universal virtual interface for interactive user communications. We improved the performance and the visual outlook. An important advantage of the interface is its adaptability. This was demonstrated by adapting the system to the needs of the various partners. We started the “Universal Interface for Intelligent Home” project, where we began to develop an interface for managing home entertainment centres.

A traditional activity of the Department of Intelligent Systems is the organization of the International Multiconference Information Society. In October 2009, the 12th multiconference was held in Ljubljana, consisting of eleven independent conferences.

Some outstanding publications in the past three years

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Awards and appointments

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2. The Award for outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of the Information Society, Ljubljana, 13. 10. 2009, Program and Organizing Committee of the Information Society Multiconference 2009. Award Recipient: prof. dr. Vladislav Rajkovič

Organization of conferences, congress and meetings

1. 14th Workshop on Nature-Inspired Algorithms, Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, 29. 5. 2009
2. 12th. International Multiconference Information Society IS 2009; independent conferences:
 - Intelligent Systems,
 - Collaboration, Software and Services in Information Society,
 - Data Mining and Data Warehouses,
 - Education in Information Society,
 - Facing Demographic Challenges in Europe,
 - Cognitive Sciences,
 - Robotics,
 - Cognitronics - workshop,
 - MONDILEX Fifth Open Workshop “Research Infrastructure for Digital Lexicography”
 - The Second Mini Conference on Theoretical Computer Science 2009,
 - Increasing Interests for Higher Education in Science and Technology, Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, 12.–16. 10. 2009

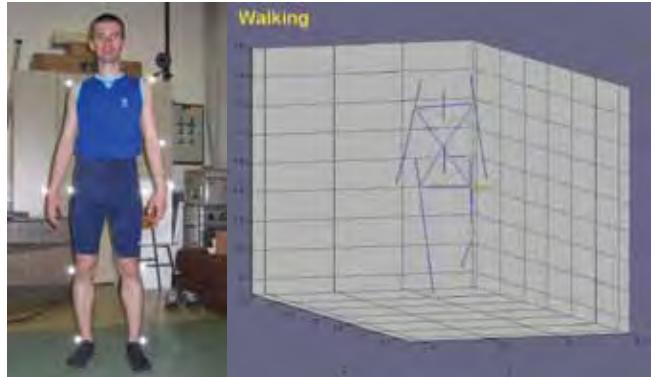


Figure 4: Placement of tags on the body (a) and visualization of tags on the computer screen (b) of the system for prolonging the independence of elderly, which we develop in the FP7 project “Confidence” and other research studies in the field of ambient intelligence. Methods, which we develop, automatically in real-time detect falls and other health-related changes in the behaviour of the elderly, using the locations of tags on the body.

During the “Commanders Right Hand” project, which was a part of the Targeted Research Project Science for Security and Peace 2006-2010, we developed an intelligent system for the control of the movement of personnel and equipment in high-security buildings. The project received the award for the best innovation among the research organizations at the 4th Slovenian Innovations Forum.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

1. Ubiquitous Care System to Support Independent Living
CONFIDENCE
7. FP, 214986
EC: Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Técnicas de Guipúzcoa, San Sebastián, Spain
Prof. Matjaž Gams, Prof. Leon Zlajpah
2. Intelligent Information System for Health Laboratory Service: I-LAB
E-contents and E-services
3211-09-000535
Marko Lotrič, LOTRIČ d.o.o., Selca, Slovenia
Dr. Mitja Lustrek
3. Universal Interface for Intelligent Home: UVID
E-contents and E-services
3211-09-000524
Tone Stanovnik, Podjetje Špica International d.o.o., Ljubljana-Črnuče, Slovenia
Prof. Matjaž Gams
4. Multiobjective Optimization of Technological Processes
BI-FI/09-007
Dr. Erkki Laitinen, University of Oulu, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Oulu, Finland
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5. New Methods for Automatic Identification Based on Intelligent Devices and Intelligent Agents – IntelliDAM
BI-RO/08-09/0015
Dr. (PhD. Eng.) Vlad Madalin Stefan, Faculty of Automatic Control and Computer Science, University Politehnica, Bucharest, Romania
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R & D GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

1. Forensic speaker identification
Dr. Tomaž Šef
2. Research of intelligent home telekom
Prof. Matjaž Gams
3. AvID: audiovisual speaker identification and emotion detection for secure communications
Dr. Tomaž Šef
4. Commander's right hand
Prof. Matjaž Gams

RESEARCH PROGRAM

1. Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems
Prof. Matjaž Gams

NEW CONTRACTS

1. An optimization algorithm for relieving the energy transmission grid
INEA, d. o. o.
Prof. Bogdan Filipič
2. Investigation, development and implementation of a database to keep records of wall painting fragments
Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia, Restoration Center
Prof. Bogdan Filipič

VISITORS FROM ABROAD

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6. Prof. dr. Erkki Laitinen, University of Oulu, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Finland, 6.-10. 9. 2009
7. Dr. Madalin Stefan Vlad, Politehnica University of Bucharest, Faculty of Automatic Control and Computer Science, Bucharest, Romania, 14.-16. 10. 2009
8. Dr. Maria Corduneanu, Politehnica University of Bucharest, Faculty of Automatic Control and Computer Science, Bucharest, Romania, 14.-16. 10. 2009
9. Mircea Stan, Versita, Warsaw, Poland, 8. 12. 2009

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