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Introduction

• Intracranial pressure (ICP) signals present macro-patterns potentially useful for diagnosis and classification of different neurological disease categories.
• ICP signals contain artefacts; e.g. very high and short physiologically impossible spikes. These reduce the accuracy of pattern recognition techniques, hindering clinical use of ICP.
• Previous methods for spikes removal assume signal stationarity. However, the ICP signal is non-linear and non-stationary (mean and variance change over time).

Methods: Empirical Mode Decomposition

1. Break down signal into sixteen components known as intrinsic mode functions (IMFs) via empirical mode decomposition (EMD) [2].

The first four IMFs (IMFs1-4) are chosen because their peaks locations align with the location of peaks in the ICP signal, highlighted with the purple boxes as examples.

2. Sum IMFs1-4 to enhance spike events, enabling a more robust artefact duration estimation.

If detection is only based on IMF1 the widths of the spikes will be underestimated.

Objective

To investigate the performance of empirical mode decomposition (EMD) based techniques for spikes removal in raw ICP signals.

Methods: peak identification

Thresholding for peak identification [1]: ICP segment considered a peak if found by IMFs and outside [\(-P_{th}, P_{th}\)], where:

\[ P_{th} = \sigma \sqrt{2 \log(L)} \]
\[ \sigma = \text{MAD} \]

\[ \text{MAD} = \text{Me}(|\text{IMF}_{1-4}| - \text{Me}(\text{IMF}_{1-4})) \]

\[ \text{Me} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^{L} |\text{IMF}_{i}| \]

\[ L \text{ : number of IMF samples} \]

Results

A new methodology based on EMD can be used for removal of unphysiological spikes in clinical ICP signals, which is essential for correct patient evaluation and diagnosis in the clinical practice.

• Calculation of detected peaks’ slew rates for spikes characterization.
• Methodology validation with visual spike identification as gold standard.

Conclusion

Ongoing research

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