Artificial and Robotics conference 2019- Emotionally intelligent AI systems for children with autism spectrum disorder

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Emotion regulation in people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is challenging for family, caretakers and people around them due to extreme behavior patterns such as aggression, self-injury, defiance and outbursts. Understanding the underlying emotional states of the children can help care takers, parents, teachers and other concerned persons to intervene and formulate personalized preventive and reactive strategies. A number of wearable devices like smart watches and smart belts are used for monitoring the health and related parameters. Researchers in Human Computer Interaction (HCI) have used these devices to identify the hidden emotional state of the user by acquiring physiological data (Electrocardiogram (ECG), Electromyogram (EMG) etc.,) as well as visible behavioral information (posture, gesture, activity levels etc.,) to predict the emotional state of the user. This research aims to develop an AI device that would predict the internal state of children suffering from Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) using the Heart Rate Variability (HRV) signals derived Electrocardiogram signals (ECG). Data is collected corresponding to the positive and negative valance of children with ASD and controls. Results indicate higher order statistical features to significantly demarcate the positive and negative states of children with ASD. Validating the results and embedding the algorithm into wearable AI devices can help in identifying the internal component of the child’s behavior and provide personalized care.

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Introduction: Chemical imbalance range issue (ASD) is a formative issue characterized by hindrances in friendly association and correspondence and the nearness of limited interests and ceaseless deportments (RRB). The Centers for Disease Control and Obviation (CDC) right now gauges that a normal of 1 of every 68 youngsters from different US people group has an ASD, a generous increment from predecessor reports. It is generally acknowledged that both hereditary and non-hereditary components are related with the improvement of ASD though particular hereditary systems have been found for just 10–25 % of all kids with an ASD Geschwind and neither hereditary nor non-hereditary instruments are surely known. The quest for ASD chance factors that could prompt preventive measures or treatment choices has hence become a national research need.

Methods: Participant Ascertainment
SEED is a case–control study directed in six examination destinations over the United States: California, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, and endorsed by Institutional Review Boards (IRB) at each site. Qualified youngsters were conceived between September 1, 2003 and August 31, 2006 (30–68 months old enough), dwelled in one of the six examination catchment territories during childbirth and the hour of first contact by SEED study staff, and lived with a learned guardian who was able to convey orally in English (or in California and Colorado, in English or Spanish). A three-pronged procedure was intended to learn the SEED test: kids in the POP gathering were distinguished from an arbitrary example of birth endorsements from state indispensable records, kids with potential ASD and DD were recognized in each investigation territory from different instructive and wellbeing suppliers who determine and serve youngsters to have a scope of formative incapacities including ASD, and kids with a potential ASD analysis were additionally alluded by families or doctors. A nitty gritty depiction of the SEED qualification measures, ascertainment strategies, enlistment techniques, and information assort-
Data Collection Procedures

Supplemental information on phenotypic characteristics and ASD symptoms and demeanors was obtained via parent report on the Child Demeanor Checklist, Gregarious Responsiveness Scale and a structured interview that accumulated information on demographics and a range of developmental, medical, and psychiatric conditions. Parents were provided with a preparation guide afore the interview so they could accumulate information to truncate recall inequitableness. The categorical question used to assess developmental, medical, and psychiatric conditions was “Now I will ask you about some developmental information a medico or health care provider may have told you about your child. Please note that a health care provider at the child’s school such as a child psychologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or school nurse should withal be considered an eligible health care professional in answering these questions; however, the child’s educators should not be considered health care providers. Has a medico or health care provider ever told you that your child had or has any of the conditions in the preparation guide? The interviewer would then read a list of conditions to the parent but did not provide a definition of each condition for the parent. Ergo, these conditions represent parent-reported conditions that were presumably diagnosed any time afore the interview but were not habituated to ascertain children for the study. Likewise, symptoms of these conditions may overlap with or reflect ASD symptoms in the Children.

Final Study Classification

The SEED final relegation algorithm was predicated on best practice guidelines, review of the literature, clinical experience, and a desire to engender a uniform method of characterizing ASD symptoms in immensely colossal cohorts of children. Final relegations were predicated on the results of the ADI-R and ADOS, with conscientious consideration of the child’s overall developmental level. The SEED relegation algorithm consequently considered ASD symptoms pertinent to both the 4th and 5th editions of the diagnostic and statistical manual of phrenic disorders (American Psychiatric Sodality 1994, 2013). Briefly, children relegated as ASD were those who met ASD criteria on both the ADOS and ADI-R or who met ASD criteria on the ADOS and one of three alternate criteria on the ADI-R (i.e., met criteria on the convivial domain and was within two points on the communicative domain, met criteria on the communication domain, met criteria on the communicative domain and was within two points on the gregarious domain, or met criteria on the convivial domain and had two points noted on the behavioral domain).