# Fixed Tasks for Continuous Authentication via Smartphone

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Abstract: Mobile devices feature a variety of knowledge-based authentications such as PINs, passwords, and lock sequences. The weakness of these approaches is that once leaked and/or intercepted, the control over the device is lost and no more authentication steps are required. In this paper, the efficiency of a set of ML algorithms in authenticating users is evaluated with the aim of understanding which are the best tasks to use by submitting Fixed Tasks, which simulate the use of a device in daily life, through Touch Behaviour and motion sensors installed in the device itself. Next, a social problem is posed, in which an attempt is made to understand whether a group of subjects at a trial performed the assigned tasks correctly without permitting other people to do them instead.

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

Nowadays, smartphones can suffer multiple attacks on the user's privacy. Mobile devices are used for economic transactions, storing personal data, and using social media (Vaishnav et al., 2022). As it is well known, smartphones are protected by a password or a simple PIN or face. For example, one of the most widely used techniques is biometrics (Zaidi et al., 2021)(Lamb et al., n.d.), through techniques such as Face Recognition of the face to access the device. The main problem with these techniques is that they are performed only at the device's entry point (upon unlocking) and then give complete access to the information. There is a way around this problem: Continuous Authentication techniques (Abuhamad et al., 2021)(Lamb et al., n.d.). There are two modes of Authentication, one static and one continuous (Zaidi et al., 2021):

- *Static:* In this case, the user authenticates at login or after a specific time. Passwords, PINs, unlock sequences, fingerprints, and face recognition are used here;
- *Continuous*: the user is authenticated pseudocontinuously over time. The term pseudocontinuous is used because Authentication, due to resource and battery consumption issues, does not correctly occur continuously but at regular intervals. This mode turns out to be transparent, nonintrusive, and user-friendly. Touch-Based Authentication comes into play through

Continuous Authentication approaches, allowing users to recognize how they interact with the smartphone screen.

The idea behind this work stems from an in-depth study conducted on a type of spyware installed on the devices of victims who, without their knowledge, are spied on. Generally, this type of software, also called stalker ware, is installed by an illegitimate user who somehow possesses the access keys of the legitimate user's device (PIN, password, unlock-co sequence...)(Chan, 2021; Han et al., 2021). One of the most common attacks in the authentication domain is observational attacks: the attacker observes the victim's behavior and tries to imitate it to gain illegitimate access to the device. Authentications such as PINs, passwords, and unlocking sequences are subject to two types of observational attacks (Ku & Park, n.d.)(Lamb et al., n.d.)(Zaidi et al., 2021)(Vaishnav et al., 2022):

- Shoulder-surfing: in this case, the attacker observes the victim "*from over his shoulder*" and tries to figure out his access key by observing the victim's movements. Of course, this is not always done directly but can also be done through video recordings without the victim's consent;
- **Smudge-attack:** this type of attack is prevalent with mobile devices, given the presence of the display. Here the attacker tries to deduce the key by observing the fat traces that fingers leave on the screen (Aviv et al., 2010).

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Behavioral biometric data can be acquired being the user unconsciously while using the device. This technique has the advantage of having a lower cost, as no additional hardware is needed (in fact, sensors already present on the devices are used), and being less invasive, the user can more readily accept them. As a final important aspect, they can be used for continuous control, which takes place in the background without the user's knowledge and without harming usability and User Experience (Matyáš & Říha, 2010).

The acquisition of raw data can be made according to two methodologies:

- **Fixed Tasks:** users are required to perform a specific task using certain fingers or he/she is required to complete specific actions with a given screen orientation.
- **Open Tasks:** users can use the device without any constraints.

It has been observed that predefined fixed tasks tend to perform better than free open tasks because they involve more stable and less unpredictable movements (Zaidi et al., 2021).

In this work, Touch data and smartphone sensor data were retrieved from two different Android smartphone applications. The two experiments were placed in the Fixed Task category. In the first experimentation, it was verified through EER and AUC curves whether the tasks designed in the first application are used to authenticate a user. The second experimentation adds a social side with a second Android application that extracts the same raw data as the previous one, and it is intended to try to understand whether the single questionnaire was completed by one person or by several people at the same time, given the issue adopted in the questionnaire namely bullying and cyberbullying. The goal of the following article is to test the efficiency of a set of ML algorithms (mentioned above) using the application's predefined tasks and trying to figure out which tasks work best. The social objective is to the subjects of a questionnaire, for the classification of bullying and cyberbullying, are they who filled out the questionnaire. This paper is structured as follows: The second chapter called "2. State of the Art" discusses the literature regarding Touch Dynamics. The third chapter called "3. Material" deals with the description of the datasets that will be used for the Dataset First Experiment and Dataset Second Experiment. The fourth chapter called "4. Methods" deals with the models used for the classification phase. The fifth chapter called "5. Experimental Setup" deals with the pipeline of the experiment performed. The sixth chapter called "6. *Results*" reports the results of the experiment with attached observations. Finally, conclusions are given in chapter "7. *Conclusion*".

## **2** STATE OF THE ART

Lamb et al. (Lamb et al., n.d.) explore the concept of attracts by implementing observational а noncontinuous, swipe-based authentication method performed within a banking application. They then experimented with Blind-Attackers and Shoulder-Surfers to see how Swipe Behaviour may or may not affect the outcome of these attacks. As classifiers, they use Bayesian models, particularly Shrunk Covariance, Bayesian Multivariance Gaussian, and Infinite Gaussian Mixture, reporting ERRs ranging from 4.54% to 15.70%, depending on the classifier used. Vaishnav et al (Vaishnav et al., 2022) developed a framework called KDSmart (Keystroke Dynamics Smart) for the Android system. It consists of three phases: Registration, Login, and Final Test Phase. Using this method, they achieved an FRR of 6.73% and a FAR of 1.66% for a resulting EER of 4.1%. Ku et al (Ku & Park, n.d.) implemented an application allowing users to access their mobile devices using a public unlock pattern. The concept is to make the pattern visible to anyone and authenticate the user using touch behaviors. The goal is to avoid observational attacks. The classifiers used are Decision Tree, Support Vector Machine, k-Nearest Neighbor, Gaussian Naive Bayes, Random Forest, and Logistic Regression. An EER of 2.66% was reported for tasks performed while sitting, 3.53% on tasks performed while walking, and 5.83% on a combination of the above. Frank et al. (Frank et al., 2013) introduced 30 different features that could be used in the context of continuous authentication. They monitored only simple movements such as updown and left-right swipes. Their results were an average EER of 0% for intra-session authentications, between 2% and 3% in inter-session authentications, and 4% for all sessions done after the enrollment phase. Levi et al. (Levi et al., 2022) identified a framework capable of creating, through behavioral feature extraction, global models capable of identifying each user in a system but avoiding sharing other users' data as in the case of binary classifiers. Their method achieved an AUC of 91.8% and an EER of 15.6%. Incel et al. (Incel et al., 2021) developed a system called DAKOTA capable of recording user behavior within a banking application. Using a binary SVM classifier with an RBF kernel, they achieved a

minimum EER of 3.5% and a TPR of 90%. *Estrela et al.* (Estrela et al., 2021) created a continuous authentication system based on bio-touch for a banking application, an area where observational attacks are more frequent. They proposed a framework capable of achieving an EER between 9.85% and 1.88% for static verifications such as login and post-login.

# **3 MATERIAL**

The first/second experiments share the problem of continuous authentication but have a different semantic nature. The first experiment aims to better characterize the task type and thus understand which task may be more discriminating and which may be less discriminating in authenticating an individual. The second experiment is useful to understand whether the individual questionnaire was completed by one person or by several people at once, given the issue adopted in the questionnaire namely bullying and cyberbullying. The dataset of the first experiment was created through an Android application implemented to collect touch and smartphone sensor data and includes the implementation of three tap, swipe, and zoom tasks (3.1 Dataset First Experiment). The dataset of the second experiment was created through another Android application, different from the previous one, which implements a questionnaire aimed at understanding people's attitudes about bullying and cyberbullying, and touch and smartphone sensor features were extrapolated. Two experiments aimed at authentication and fixed tasks.

## 3.1 Dataset First Experiment

This dataset concern 6 users as the work (Reichinger et al., 2021). The tasks implemented in the first Android application required to be performed while using mobile devices are *tap*, *swipe*, and *zoom* (Mottelson & Hornbæk, 2016).

- 1. **Tap:** In this Task, the user must click 15 keys, plus an initial one not considered. The 15 keys are arranged circularly, and the user must click them consecutively. Apart from data previously mentioned, the following ones are acquired too:
  - x and y coordinates of the user's tap;
  - pressure;
  - number of the key is clicked;
  - coordinates of the center of the keys;
  - dimensions of the key (height and length).

- 2. Swipe (or slide): In this case, the user is asked to drag a dot from the starting position inside a yellow square. In this case, the application returns also:
  - the task number;
  - the start and end coordinates of the slide;
  - the velocities on the various points of the movement on the x and y axes;
  - the pressure on the various points of the movement.
- 3. **Zoom-in (scale):** This Task involves zooming in on the inner circle with two fingers, making it into the gray area. This case is like the previous one, but data are acquired for two fingers, each identified by an id.

## 3.2 Dataset Second Experiment

In the second Android application, the touch and sensor smartphone activities of 89 users who filled out a questionnaire for the classification of bullying and cyberbullying were collected. In this questionnaire, there are buttons (*5 Likert scales*) and open-ended questions that could characterize the individual's attitude as a bully or victim of bullying, the same for cyberbullying.

Two different sessions were conducted on different days with different users but the same android application and the same questionnaire. The sum of the users in the two sessions is 89. The datasets will be available after publication.

# 4 METHODS

The following of the most widely used state-of-theart classifiers on this topic were considered for both experiments:

- Support Vector Machine (SVM): Generally, nonlinear kernels, such as polynomials, are going to be used, which permits higher performance for separation between two classes as in this case (Zaidi et al., 2021). SVM has been frequently used in continuous authentication tasks (Frank et al., 2013)(Kumar et al., 2018)(Chang et al., 2018);
- *k-Nearest Neighbours (k-NN):* This can be a good solution, but it is likely to lose effectiveness when maneuvering a lot of data where it is needed to compare a test datum with all features in a training set (Zaidi et al., 2021). Used by (Frank et al., 2013; Incel et al., 2021);

- **Decision Tree (DT):** The leaves of the tree, on the other hand, rap-present the decision made, i.e., to which of the two classes a given test class instance belongs (Zaidi et al., 2021). Used by (Incel et al., 2021; Zhou et al., 2016);
- **Random Forest (RF):** This classifier is always based on decision trees. It contains *nDTs*. During the training phase, multiple DTs are randomly generated, while in the testing phase, the class to which a test instance belongs is the one that is returned by the various *DTs* (Zaidi et al., 2021). Used by (Smith-Creasey & Rajarajan, 2019)(Incel et al., 2021b)

Generally, the performance of a biometric system is measured in terms of FAR (False Acceptance Rate, also called FPR, False Positive Rate) and FRR (False Rejection Rate, also called FNR, False Negative Rate). The FAR allows one to understand the percentage of test samples misplaced as positive, while the FRR shows the percentage of samples that are mistakenly recognized as false. These values, however, reflect the behavior of the system only for a specific acceptance threshold value, so that for generalization aims, the ROC curve (Receiver Operating Characters) has been here considered, which shows the TPR (True Positive Rate, where TPR = 1 - FNR) about the FPR for each possible acceptance threshold value. Through this curve, another metric arises, which is the AUC (Area Under the Curve), which is the area below the ROC curve. The closer this area is to 1, the better the performance of the model. This is because if the curve is projected upward to the left, it means that with a low threshold, could have low FPR and high TPR. Another very useful metric is EER (Equal Error Rate), which is nothing but the value where FAR and FRR are equal. This is a widely used metric to compare results with other studies.

### **5 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP**

The workflow is structured as follows (Figure 1):

- Android Application: Android Application 1 is useful for the first experiment. In the first android application, the three different tasks namely: are tap, swipe, and zoom are implemented; Android application 2 useful for the second experimentation. In the second android application the questionnaire performed by the 89 users is implemented;
- Data Extraction and Feature Extraction: The Data Extraction phase deals with transforming

the raw data obtained from the mobile device into a table format-oriented data manipulation. In addition, different features were extracted for the two datasets, described later;

• *Classification*: The most popular state-of-the-art classifiers are used in this phase.



Figure 1: Workflow.

### 5.1 Android Application

The following raw data have been acquired for the two Datasets:

- ACTION\_DOWN\_<TASK\_NAME>: indicates the start of an interaction with the screen and in its values returns the x and y coordinates, the press, the task number, and in the case of the tap the coordinate of the center of the button and its size in pixels;
- *ACTION\_UP\_<TASK\_NAME >:* task number and x and y coordinates of end of movement;
- ACTION\_MOVE\_<NAME- TASK >: task number, finger id, speed of movement on as-se x and y, coordinates of the instant of movement, pressure, and surface;
- ACTION\_POINTER\_DOWN\_<NAME- TASK >: same as ACTION\_DOWN but with finger id;
- ACTION\_POINTER\_UP\_<NAME- TASK >: like ACTION\_UP but with the finger id;
- ACCELEROMETER: value read from the accelerometer in terms of x, y, and z coordinates;
- GYROSCOPE: value read from the gyroscope in terms of x, y, and z coordinates;
- MAGNETOMETER: value read from the magnetometer in terms of x, y, and z coordinates.

The first Dataset Experiment is created with this data capture. The data capture was done through the use of an application that uses a background service called *KeyloggerService (which is responsible for keeping track of all open apps, any text string keystrokes, selected menu items, the raw data from embedded sensors, etc.)* and an *AccessibilityService (created to assist users with disabilities, this service receives a call when AccessibilityEvents are created, which in turn allow the user to capture any interaction with the interface: key press, text entry, etc.).* When the app opens, it allows the user to give the necessary permissions to allow the background services to function properly. Once permissions have been obtained, the test can be started by clicking the Next button, and immediately afterward the user is informed about how the experiment is being carried out. Then the training phase begins, in which the user tries out all the tasks as he or she must perform them in the actual experiment. The sequence of tasks is, as mentioned above: 15 taps, 4 slides, and 4 zooms. When the actual phase begins, the user is carefully notified. Once the test is finished, the user can click on the "Quit" button, which terminates the test.

The second dataset experiment was created with this similar data acquisition, but with a different Android application. This Android application implements a questionnaire designed to understand people's attitudes toward bullying and cyberbullying, and the touch and sensor functions of the smartphone were extracted.

### 5.2 Feature Extraction

In the first Experiment Dataset, the features have been computed starting from raw data previously described. Each task has its engineered features as described below.

#### Tap:

 Precision (px), Pressure (p), Duration (ms), Acceleration (m/s<sup>2</sup>), Rotation (rad/s), MagneticField (Asp/m).

#### Swipe:

• Precision (px), AvgXSpeed (px/ms), AvgYSpeed (px/ms), AvgPressure, xMedianSpeedOfLast5Points (px/ms) (Frank et al., 2013), yMedianSpeedOfLast5Points (px/ms) (Frank et al., 2013), Duration (ms), AvgAcceleration (m/s<sup>2</sup>), AvgRotation (rad/s), AvgMagneticField (Asp/m)

### Zoom:

 CenterDistanceXf0 (px), AvgXSpeedf0 (px/ms), AvgYSpeedf0 (px/ms), AvgPressuref0 (px/ms), xMedianSpeedOfLast5Pointsf0 (px/ms) (Frank et al., 2013), yMedianSpeedOfLast5Pointsf0 (px/ms) (Frank et al., 2013), Durationf0, AvgAccelerationf0 (m/s2), AvgRotationf0 (rad/s), AvgMagneticFieldf0 (Asp/m).

Where  $f_0$  refers to the first finger that touched the screen this is repeated for the second finger, which is labeled  $f_1$ .

• *AllTask*: In this case, there is the union of all tasks. For each user, all instances of the various tasks should be entered, i.e., all instances of the slide (24 in total), plus all instances of the zoom (also 24), plus 24 instances of the tap, to be chosen randomly from the 90 available.

After the experimentation:

- The data for 15 taps × 6 users × 6 intakes = 540 taps;
- The data related to 4 slides × 6 users × 6 intakes = 140 slides;
- The data for 4 zoom-ins × 6 users × 6 intakes = 140 zoom-ins.

In the second Dataset Experiments are extracted this Feature Extraction is:

 Coordinates (x, y) of tap, Pressure, Surface (mm<sup>2</sup>), Duration (ms), Acceleration (m/s<sup>2</sup>), Rotation (rad/s), MagneticField (Asp/m).

More features have not been calculated because data are referred to as generic gestures which remain mostly unknown. In addition, information such as the initial coordinates is also used (Reichinger et al., 2021). The following detail is like the two experiments: Being features in different ranges, data normalization has been performed by adopting the *Min Max scaler*. This scaler takes care of bringing all the data into the range of [0,1] and to do, so, it sets the feature with the largest value equal to 1 and the feature with the smallest value equal to 0. This will all be tested by Machine Learning algorithms defined in Chapter "4. Methods".

# 6 RESULTS

This section reports results obtained in the different experiments, and the graphs inherent in the experiments performed, each illustration has the following abbreviations (*lx: far left-graph, clx: center-left graph, crx: center-right graph, rx: far-right graph*).

### 6.1 First Experiment

The Results have been computed considering different gestures: *tap, swipe, zoom in*, and finally, a combination of the three tasks. Note that each curve represents a user. For each task, a distinction is drawn based on the trained model, and, in the observations, the best performance is considered, thus the highest AUC and the lowest EER.

### 6.1.1 Tap



Figure 2: Tap task (lx RF, clx SVM, crx DT, rx Knn).

Figure 2 (lx) shows a curve just above the diagonal with a maximum AUC of 83% and an EER of 24.22%. In Figure 2 (clx), the SVM is the worstperforming classifier, with a ROC curve that medially lies below the diagonal, an AUC of 49%, and an EER of 40%. In Figure 2 (crx) there are fair but not good results, with relatively low EER (10.22%) but AUC of 60%. In Figure 2 (rx), on the other hand, there are similar results to DT, with a maximum AUC of 75% and an EER of 26.44%. As was expected, the Tap task is the one that performed worst (see successive results for more comparison), as the gesture in question has little discrimination. It can be said that the classifier that performed the highest was Random Forest, with a maximum AUC of 83% and a minimum EER of 24.22%. The poor performance is also evident from the trend of the curve, which is much shifted toward the diagonal of the quadrant.

#### 6.1.2 Swipe



Figure 3: Swipe task (lx RF, clx SVM, crx DT, rx Knn).

Figure 3 (lx) reports a maximum AUC of 100% and a minimum EER of 0%. Also, in Figure 3 (clx) the SVM performed worse, obtaining an AUC of 53% and an EER of 45%. In Figure 3 (crx) there are clear improvements over the tap, with AUC of 88% and EER of 3.33%. In Figure 3 (rx) the situation is also better than the tapping task, with an AUC of 99% and an EER of 5%. Once again, RF is the best, and in this case a projected curve was seen in the upper left corner, just the expected result. The swipe had higher performance than the tap, this is because, as a movement, it allows the use of more characteristics that allow for better discrimination. With RF, an AUC of 100% and an EER of 0% were obtained. kNN also performed very well with an AUC of 99% and an EER of 5%.

### 6.1.3 Zoom-in



Figure 4: Zoom-in task (lx RF, clx SVM, crx DT, rx Knn).

In Figure 4 (lx), excellent performance was obtained with an AUC of 100% and an EER of 3.33%. Also, in Figure 4 (clx) the SVM found an AUC of 53% and EER of 42.5%. In Figure 4 (crx) other discrete results were noted for this DT with an AUC of 89% and an EER of 4.17%. In Figure 4 (rx), the kNN again performs very well with an AUC of 99% and an EER of 3.33%. The Zoom-in also performed very well, with the RF achieving an AUC of 100% and an EER of 3.33%, and with the kNN achieving an AUC of 99% and an EER of 3.33%.

### 6.1.4 All-Tasks



Figure 5: All tasks (lx RF, clx SVM, crx DT, rx Knn).

In Figure 5 (lx) the RF performs to its all-time maximum with an AUC of 100% and an EER of 0%. In Figure 5 (clx) the SVM still shows problems consistent with the previous ones, with an AUC of 52% and an EER of 45%. In Figure 5 (crx) discrete results are observed here with an AUC of 88% and an EER of 3.33%. In Figure 5 (rx), excellent results are also noted here, with an AUC of 99% and an EER of 2.5%. The combination of the features of the various tasks led to a very high performance, which is evident in the RF with an AUC of 100% and an EER of 0%. But the kNN also performed very well with an AUC of 99% and an EER of 99% and an EER of 2.5%.

### 6.2 Second Experiment

For the following experiment, the ROC curve is calculated on the two feature files obtained for each Test, each curve representing one user. For each test, a distinction was made according to the model trained. Session 1 and Session 2 cover the same questionnaire but with different users a different time. The sum of the users in Session 1 and Session 2 is 89 users.

#### 6.2.1 Session 1



Figure 6: Session1 (lx RF, clx SVM, crx DT, rx Knn).

In Figure 6 (lx) the RF is confirmed to be the best performing, with a maximum AUC of 100% and minimal EER of 0%. In Figure 6 (clx) the SVC tends to perform slightly better here, but only with some users, for others, it still gets low results. In Figure 6 (crx), compared to the first experiment, the DT has lost a little performance but only in terms of AUC, as

the EERs still turn out to be very low. Also, in Figure 6 (rx), for some users, the performance is very low, but only in terms of AUC.

### 6.2.2 Session 2



Figure 7: Session2 (lx RF, clx SVM, crx DT, rx Knn).

In Figure 7 (lx) the same applies to RF, which is the one that performs best here as well. In Figure 7 (clx) the SVC performed worse than Session 1, and it is evident from the trend of the various curves. In Figure 7 (crx), the DT remains consistent with what it accredited in Session 1. In Figure 7 (rx), the kNN is consistent with Session 1, with low average performance. With these two tests, useful confirmations were sought for the first experiment. As usual, the RF had very high performance, while the one with lower performance was the SVM, which was also found in the first experiment. In addition, in the second experimentation, it could be considered that the data collected were from free tasks, and therefore obtaining these kinds of results (with the RF a maximum AUC of 100% and a minimum EER of 0%) is more than excellent.

Table 1: First Experiment Tap task.

Model	AUC (%)	EER (%)
RandomForest	78	29.6
DecisionTree	62	12.52
kNearestNeighbors	69	29.41
SupportVectorMachine	48	50

Table 2: First Experiment Swipe task.

Model	AUC (%)	EER (%)
RandomForest	97	10.13
DecisionTree	77	7.49
kNearestNeighbors	93	11.8
SupportVectorMachine	52	46.8

Table 3: First Experiment Zoom-in task.

Model	AUC (%)	EER (%)
RandomForest	97	9.44
DecisionTree	77	7.78
kNearestNeighbors	89	14.01
SupportVectorMachine	52	46.25

Table 4: First experiment AllTask.

Model	AUC (%)	EER (%)
RandomForest	99	2.64
DecisionTree	80	6.67
kNearestNeighbors	96	6.66
SupportVectorMachine	51	47.78

Table 5: Second Experiment Session 1.

Model	AUC (%)	EER (%)
RandomForest	95	10.54
DecisionTree	71	1.19
kNearestNeighbors	72	3.81
SupportVectorMachine	78	27.46

Table 6: Second Experiment Session 2.

Model	AUC (%)	EER (%)
RandomForest	96	<b>9.</b> 77
Decision Tree	74	1.21
kNearestNeighbors	76	3.83
SupportVectorMachine	79	25.2

## 7 CONCLUSIONS

This paper dealt with the problem of continuous authentication. Two Datasets were extracted from two Android applications and two experiments were created. The goal was to find the best task for the first experiment and observe whether the uniqueness of filling out the bullying questionnaire could be inferred in the second experiment. For the first experiment look at Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 and summarize the results for the tasks of tap, scroll, zoom and their combination respectively. RF was always the classifier with the best performance. Furthermore, it can be concluded that the bestperforming task is the combined task (AllTask), which sees the features of all tasks combined and achieves an average AUC of 99% and an EER of 2.64% with RF. When considered alone, the tapping task is the least performing task. For the second experiment given the good performance of DecisionTree in terms of EER, it can be inferred that the users who filled out the questionnaires were always the same and therefore, most likely, there was no switching of devices during the experiment (Table 5-6). In addition, the average best-performing model was RF and DT, as can be seen in Table 5-6. It would be appropriate to create an application that would allow the models tested here to be used for user identification. Since these are binary-type models, it would be necessary to create a system that would also allow other users' data to be shared among the various authentication devices anonymously, to train the various models in use. After that, one can decide whether to have this application work continuously or not, that is, whether to have the user authenticate once or continuously and completely invisibly in the background (the second case is the most interesting). Another thing that could be done is to go and verify that this type of authentication is effective against observational attacks, such as those mentioned at the

beginning. It would be useful, for example, to create groups of three individuals of which one is the victim, one is an attacker carrying out an observational attack, and the other is an attacker attempting to access/use the device(s) without having previously observed the user. Another interesting aspect could be to go and test other models and see if they have lower performance than those already obtained. In the future, it may be useful to test with one-class algorithms and a larger data set.

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