



– HRVTool_{1.04} –

An Open-Source Matlab Toolbox for Analyzing Heart Rate Variability

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Matlab Class

- Available at github.com/MarcusVollmer/HRV
- Open Source** (MIT License) – free modification, transparent code
- Programmed for **continuous calculation in sliding windows**

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% Example: HRV analysis of data from PhysioNet.
% Load annotation file from the MIT-BIH Arrhythmia Database.
Ann = rdann('mitdb/100', 'atr');
Fs = 250;
Ann = Ann/Fs;
RR = [NaN; diff(Ann)];

% The RR tachogram shows obvious artifacts:
plot(Ann, RR)

% Filter from artifacts and plot the average heart rate:
RRraw = RR;
RR = HRV.RRfilter(RR, 0.15);
plot(Ann, RR)

% Plot the average heart rate:
plot(Ann, HRV.HR(RRraw, 60)); hold on;
plot(Ann, HRV.HR(RR, 60))

% Corresponding relative RR intervals:
rr = HRV.rrx(RR);
figure
plot(Ann, rr)

% Compute certain HRV measures for continuously for 60
successive RR intervals:
rmsd = HRV.RMSSD(RR, 60);
rrhrv = HRV.rrHRV(RR, 60);
ploty(Ann, rmsd, Ann, rrhrv)
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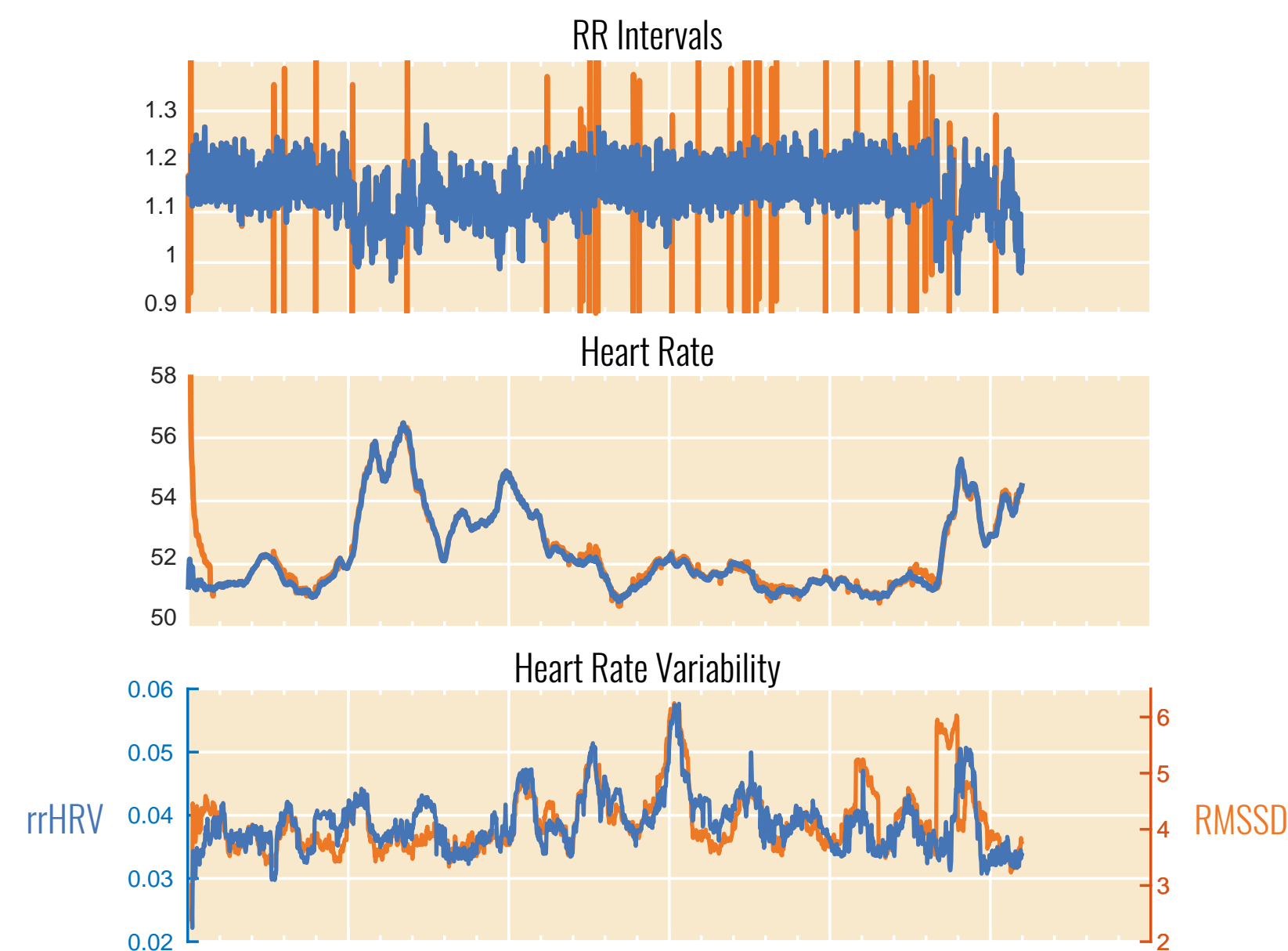


Table 1: Table of available methods in HRV.m

Name	Description
SDSD	Standard deviation of successive differences
SDNN	Standard deviation of NN intervals
RMSSD	Root mean square of successive differences
pNNx	Probability of intervals greater x ms or smaller $-x$ ms
pNN50	Probability of intervals greater 50 ms or smaller -50 ms
triangular_val	Compute Triangular Index and TINN
TRI	Triangular index from the interval histogram
TINN	TINN, performing Triangular Interpolation
DFA	Detrended Fluctuation Analysis
CD	Correlation Dimension
ApEn	Approximate Entropy
fft_val_fun	Spectral analysis of an IBI sequence (LF, HF, ratio)
fft_val	Continuous spectral analysis in a windowed approach (LF, HF, ratio)
returnmap_val	Results of the Poincaré plot (SD1, SD2, ratio)
HR	Average heart rate
rrx	Relative RR intervals
rrHRV	HRV based on relative RR intervals
RRfilter	Remove artifacts from RR sequences using rrx
pattern	Recognition of patterns and regularities in data

Intuitive User Interface

- Available at marcusvollmer.github.io/HRV/ or MatlabCentral
- Open Source** (MIT License) – free modification, transparent code
- Hard-coded** (no use of GUIDE/App Designer)
- No additional toolboxes required**
Signal Processing Toolbox recommended

Annotations for the UI:

- Normalize y-axis
- Easy navigation
- Actual period SS:SS or HH:MM:SS - HH:MM:SS
- Skip 5 periods
- Name of the time period
- Quick footprint to compare
- Numbering of coordinates
- Visual modifications
- Want some real time animation?
- Speed factor
- Absolute/relative RR intervals
- Show density of data spread
- Enable/disable information
- Get rid of outliers
- Easy-to-use annotation editing
- Browse to pair of RR intervals
- Fast removal of outliers
- Rolling window overlap
- Adjustable number of beats for rolling window
- Browse to named period
- Computational expensive methods
- Show/hide lines

Batch Processing

```
% Set the path to your working directory
path = 'C:\Users\yourpath';
% Set your output file
outfile = 'results.xlsx';

% Settings for automated beat detection
load('qrs_settings.mat')
s = 1; % s=1 for human ECG settings
Fs = 256; % Set your sampling frequency
Beat_min = qrs_settings.Beat_min(s);
Beat_max = qrs_settings.Beat_max(s);
wl_tma = ceil(qrs_settings.wl_tma(s)*Fs);
wl_we = ceil(qrs_settings.wl_we(s)*Fs);
```

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for id = 1:n % Loop recordings
% Import ECG - use an appropriate import function
sig_waveform = loadwaveform(id);

% Heart beat detection
Ann = singleqrs(sig_waveform, Fs, 'downsampling',
d_fs, 'Beat_min', Beat_min, 'Beat_max', Beat_max,
'wl_tma', wl_tma, 'wl_we', wl_we);
Ann = Ann/Fs;

% RR intervals and filtering of artifacts
RR = diff(Ann);
RR_filt = HRV.RRfilter(RR, 20);
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% Computation of local HRV measures
RR_loc = RR_filt;

rrHRV_loc = HRV.rrHRV(RR_loc, 0);
SDNN_loc = HRV.SDNN(RR_loc, 0) * 1000;
RMSSD_loc = HRV.RMSSD(RR_loc, 0) * 1000;
pNN50_loc = HRV.pNN50(RR_loc, 0) * 100;
HR_loc = HRV.HR(RR_loc, 0);

% Save results in an Excel spreadsheet
Column = calc_xls_idx(i+2);
xlRange_HR = ([Column num2str(id+3)]);
xlRange_SDNN = ([Column num2str(id+4)]);
xlRange_RMSSD = ([Column num2str(id+5)]);
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xlRange_pNN50 = ([Column num2str(id+6)]);
xlRange_rrHRV = ([Column num2str(id+7)]);
xlwrite([path filesep outfile], rrHRV_loc,
[xlRange_rrHRV ': ' xlRange_rrHRV]);
xlwrite([path filesep outfile], SDNN_loc,
[xlRange_SDNN ': ' xlRange_SDNN]);
xlwrite([path filesep outfile], RMSSD_loc,
[xlRange_RMSSD ': ' xlRange_RMSSD]);
xlwrite([path filesep outfile], pNN50_loc,
[xlRange_pNN50 ': ' xlRange_pNN50]);
xlwrite([path filesep outfile], HR_loc,
[xlRange_HR ': ' xlRange_HR]);
end
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