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# **Forecasting Behavior in Smart Homes Based on Sleep and Wake Patterns**

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# **Abstract**

**Background—**The goal of this research is to use smart home technology to assist people who are recovering from injuries or coping with disabilities to live independently.

**Objective—**We introduce an algorithm to model and forecast wake and sleep behaviors that are exhibited by the participant. Furthermore, we propose that sleep behavior is impacted by and can be modeled from wake behavior, and vice versa.

**Methods—**This paper describes the Behavior Forecasting (BF) algorithm. BF consists of 1) defining numeric values that reflect sleep and wake behavior, 2) forecasting wake and sleep values from past behavior, 3) analyzing the effect of wake behavior on sleep and vice versa, and 4) improving prediction performance by using both wake and sleep scores.

**Results—**The BF method was evaluated with data collected from 20 smart homes. We found that regardless of the forecasting method utilized, wake behavior and sleep behavior can be modeled with a minimum accuracy of 84%. Additionally, normalizing the wake and sleep scores drastically improves the accuracy to 99%.

**Conclusions—**The results show that we can effectively model wake and sleep behaviors in a smart environment. Furthermore, wake behaviors can be predicted from sleep behaviors and vice versa.

### **Keywords**

Machine learning; smart environments; behavior forecasting; sleep analysis

# **1. Introduction**

Smart home technologies offer a unique opportunity to monitor participants in a noninvasive manner. Recently, smart home technologies have been utilized in health applications. The ultimate goal of this research is to use smart home technology to enable people recovering from injuries or coping with disabilities (i.e., people suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Autism, Down's Syndrome) to live independently. A common concern for caregivers is the ability to be immediately notified and be available should any issues arise, for instance being available when the person is going to experience a 'bad' day. With this in mind, we are interested in monitoring, analyzing, and ultimately predicting the overall behavior of the individual in a smart home environment to determine when such 'bad' days may arise. To do this, we need to design computational approaches to

forecast aspects of the individual's day. In this paper, we accomplish this goal by quantifying daily behavior exhibited by an individual during wake and sleep periods based on data collected from sensors in a smart home.

Getting a good night's sleep is important to all but elusive for many. Problems that occur during sleep are particularly common for individuals who are experiencing stress or are managing chronic health conditions. The relationship between wake behavior and sleep quality has been investigated for years. However, only with the maturing of pervasive computing technologies and machine learning is it possible to quantify sleep quality and quantitatively relate wake behavior to sleep quality. A smart home offers the capability to monitor sleep and wake behavior in naturalistic settings. While a large portion of the smart home research to date has focused on analyzing behavior patterns for health monitoring, much less attention has been given to anticipating or forecasting upcoming behaviors. In the context of sleep monitoring and assistance, both behavior monitoring and forecasting are valuable for anticipating and circumventing sleep difficulties.

Sleep is an important component in our everyday lives, and thus should not be considered just another activity within the smart home. We postulate that behavior during wake periods can affect sleep behavior and vice versa. We also hypothesize that these behaviors can be predicted based on prior wake and sleep patterns. To validate these hypotheses, we analyze data from CASAS smart homes. We evaluate the effectiveness of our forecasting methods with two evaluation metrics, mean absolute error and root mean squared error, which we then normalize to analyze performance when predicting the scores.

In this paper we introduce an algorithmic method, Behavioral Forecasting (BF), in which we forecast wake and sleep behavior using smart home data. Our BF algorithmic method consists of 1) defining numeric values that reflect sleep behavior and numeric values that reflect wake behavior, 2) forecasting the numeric wake and sleep values based on past behavior (independent prediction), 3) analyzing the effect of wake behavior on sleep by using previous wake behavior when forecasting for the next sleep behavior observed, and vice versa (cross prediction), and 4) improving the performance of value prediction using both past wake and past sleep values (joint prediction). We consider this be a univariate forecasting problem, as we are considering how the individual is behaved previously to predict how they we behave in the future. We provide evidence for this approach using data collected in actual smart home testbeds.

# **2. Related Work**

As smart home environments are outfitted with various sensors, there is a greater potential of assistive care for participants with either a cognitive or a physical impairment [1,2]. Assistive healthcare technology that has been researched includes prompting, where the smart home reminds the participant when an action or activity should take place [3,4]. Another aspect of assistive healthcare is to have physical devices in the smart home to provide residents with assistance to complete tasks, such as electric wheelchairs, floor lifts, and robotics in the smart home [5].

There is also a wide range of healthcare monitoring available in a smart home. Physical healthcare monitoring can include fall detection [6,7], where the researchers need to distinguish between a normal action (i.e., sitting) and when the participant is falling. Cognitive health monitoring in a smart home can also be analyzed based on the frequency and quality of activities completed throughout the day [8–10]. A related area to both physical and cognitive monitoring is behavioral monitoring. There has been some research regarding behavior predictions [11], in which the behavior is determined by the usage of the household appliances. In this case, forecasting has been utilized for predicting appliance usage durations to ultimately predict the behavior of the participants. Detecting behavior anomalies in a smart home environment has also been explored [12]; when detecting anomalies, a sequence of the events occurring in each particular room is analyzed based on the start time and duration of typical sequences. Clusters of behavior patterns are created for each room and provide the basis for identifying and predicting anomalies in the home. In both of these cases, research has focused on the older adult population, often with some form of cognitive impairment.

### **3. Univariate Quantification of Wake and Sleep Behavior**

The goal of this work is to forecast wake and sleep behavior in order to anticipate potential sleep problems and to understand the relationship between wake and sleep. There are numerous approaches that can be taken to achieve this goal. We choose to draw from time series literature in which statistical forecasting techniques are used to predict the value of a single numeric parameter (e.g., daily temperature, stock market values). Time series forecasting techniques are typically univariate, which means that they forecast values for only a single variable. In order to utilize these techniques we need to compress all of wake behavior into a single numeric parameter and all of sleep behavior into a single numeric parameter.

We note that the wake and sleep values themselves may not be easily interpreted in terms of wake behavior quality or sleep quality. However, if the wake/sleep numbers are reflective of actual behavior then they can be predicted. In addition to creating predictable numeric values, or scores, for wake and sleep behavior, we also want a methodology for scoring that is consistent with the literature on wake and sleep behavior. In this section, we introduce our scoring methods and motivate them based on previous literature as well as information that can be sensed and captured from smart home data.

As we are forecasting wake behavior and sleep behavior, we do not analyze the 24-hour time frame that is commonly accepted as a single day. Instead, we will analyze data in terms of a single cycle. A cycle consists of one wake period and one sleep period. As we are now considering a wake/sleep cycle, we develop a separate wake score and sleep score for that cycle. For the wake score, we utilize smart home sensors and activity recognition to extract activity-based statistics reflecting an individual's behavior during their wake period. With the sleep score, we build upon a common psychology tool for determining sleep quality analysis, Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index, and quantify components of this using smart home sensor data. Once these scores are defined we can use time series techniques to forecast them based on past wake and sleep behavior.

#### **3.1 Sleep Background**

In the majority of smart home research, sleep is viewed as just another activity to recognize and track. However, this is not the most effective use of the sleep data that is being gathered from smart home environments, since sleep plays a fundamental role in a person's overall health and general wellbeing throughout life. In this work, part of our focus is analyzing and ultimately forecasting sleep behavior, this further enables us to potentially identifying sleep problems, which often arise in conjunction with problems that occur during an individual's waking hours. To understand the relationship between sleep and wake behaviors, we review the common components that comprise a single night's sleep and discuss the impact that sleep has on wake behavior. These discussions lay the groundwork for quantitatively reflecting these components in our sleep score.

**Stages of Sleep—**There are two main types of sleep: rapid eye movement (REM) sleep and non-REM sleep. The non-REM sleep can be further broken down into four stages of sleep; together, these can often be referred to as the five stages of sleep. When a person sleeps, he or she cycles through non-REM and REM sleep, spending the majority (approximately 75%) of the time in non-REM sleep. The sleep cycle begins with non-REM sleep. In stage 1, at the initial onset of sleep, people will often believe that they have not actually fallen asleep; if the person is currently in a sleep cycle, then this is the stage in which he or she transitions out of REM sleep. From stage 1, the person then progresses into stage 2 of sleep, in which he or she is no longer aware of the surroundings and his or her breathing and heart rate become regular. As the person transitions into stages 3 and 4 of sleep, these are the deepest and the most restorative stages of sleep. In these stages, blood pressure drops and breathing becomes slower, the person's muscles relax, the blood supply to the muscles increases, and hormones are released, promoting tissue growth and repair. These are also the stages in which energy is restored. After going through the stages of non-REM sleep, we reverse back through the stages to enter into REM sleep. During REM sleep, a person's body is immobile and his or her eyes move (as the name of this stage implies). This is also the stage when the sleeper's brain is active and when dreaming happens. In this stage, energy is provided to the brain and the body to ultimately support wake performance [13]. Figure 1 illustrates the stages of sleep that take place throughout the night [14].

**Sleep Quantity vs. Sleep Quality—Sleep is very subjective; there is no consistent** definition of "normal" sleep across the population. There are two common areas that are evaluated with sleep: sleep quantity and sleep quality. Both sleep quantity and quality have major impacts on mental and physical health. Sleep quantity is the amount of sleep a person gets. Sleep quantity is subjective to an individual; some people may feel rested after only 5 to 6 hours of sleep, whereas other may require 9 to 10 hours of sleep. While in general 6 to 8 hours of sleep is common amount reported by adults, there is no research that supports this is the necessary time frame. Therefore, the amount of sleep required is whatever is needed for that individual to make them feel rested.

The other aspect of sleep assessment, which is often considered more influential, is sleep quality. Sleep quality indicates how well a person sleeps throughout the night. While there are many ways to determine sleep quality, there is not a single standard for evaluating sleep

across the whole population; furthermore, there is not a single standard for evaluating sleep amongst academic disciplines. Measures may include total time asleep, sleep latency, total wake time, sleep efficiency, and sleep disruptions [15]. It is important to note that sleep quality is a more subjective measure than sleep quality, and as such is more difficult to measure. A widely utilized approach is the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index [16], which is a self-report questionnaire that measures how the person feels in the morning as well as any sleep disturbances to determine the overall quality of sleep.

**Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI)—**The PSQI contains 19 self-report questions and 5 additional questions that are rated by either a partner sharing the bed or a roommate. The questions are classified into seven categories that combine to develop the PSQI score. Each category receives a score between 0 and 3; therefore the combined PSQI score has a maximum value of 21, with higher values indicating a worse sleep quality. The seven categories measured are: 1) subjective sleep quality, 2) sleep latency, 3) sleep duration, 4) habitual sleep efficiency, 5) sleep disturbances, 6) use of sleep medications, and 7) daytime dysfunction. These areas were derived from three main sources: 1) a clinical institution with experience in sleep disorders, 2) previous sleep quality questionnaires, and 3) clinical experience during field-testing. Since the PSQI does not limit the self-report questions to highlight just one category in sleep analysis it has become a common tool for measuring sleep. The PSQI has also been shown to provide an acceptable score across multiple participation groups (i.e., insomnia) [17]. Therefore, in this research, we focus on the PSQI sleep analysis when developing sleep scores from the smart home data.

**Impact of Sleep—**Both sleep quantity and quality have major impacts on mental health and physical health. In the case of physical health, sleep maintains the body's circadian rhythm. Circadian rhythms run a large number of biological processes that occur throughout the body during the day including body temperature, sleep-wake cycles, and hormone release [18,19]. Not getting the proper amount and quality of sleep can disturb circadian rhythm which will then throw off biological processes in the body, greatly impacting how a person performs throughout the day.

Furthermore, not only does poor sleep impact circadian rhythm, which in turn influences biological processes throughout the day, but as we saw with the stages of sleep, poor sleep also impacts the restorative stages of the sleep cycle, since the person does not spend as much time in those stages as necessary. It has been shown that poor sleep quality can cause people to be less productive during work [20]. This is in part due to the fact that sleep deficiency can alter brain activity, which immediately affects how a person will think, react, and behave overall. With sleep impacting daily behavior and wellbeing, lack of sleep has repercussions on how people behave throughout the day.

#### **3.2 Defining the Wake/Sleep Cycle**

Since sleep can have a dramatic impact on how a person performs throughout the day, we argue that sleep must be analyzed separately in a smart home, rather than treated as just another activity when monitoring or predicting health and wellbeing. Thus, instead of creating an overall daily score, we create a separate wake score and sleep score that will be

used in our univariate forecasting methods to predict the behavior that the house occupant is experiencing.

To define a single sleep score, we switch from the normal view of a single day (24-hour time frame, often broken into daytime and nighttime) to use the notion of a cycle. We break a smart home participant's routine into wake and sleep periods. This is motivated by the observations that the activities we associate with nighttime, namely sleep, may occur during daytime hours. In the cycle framework, the current cycle ends with the completion of the end-of-cycle sleep activity and the next cycle begins with the first wake activity after the end-of-cycle sleep activity. Since the cycle framework is dependent on the participant's sleeping pattern to determine when the cycle has completed, we are no longer constrained to a 24 hour time frame.

**End-of-Cycle Sleep Activity—**We distinguish between a nap activity and an end-ofcycle sleep activity by taking into consideration two factors: 1) the time since the cycle began and 2) the duration of the sleep activity. To consider the time since the cycle began, we need to determine how long the cycle should be. As previously stated, all organisms have a series of recurring physiological changes that take place during their day; these are called circadian rhythms. In humans, the circadian rhythm is roughly on a 24-hour time frame; furthermore, a well-known circadian rhythm is the sleep-wake cycle [21]. Thus, we still consider roughly a 24-hour time frame. Additionally, studies have shown that adults typically report sleeping between 6 and 8 hours [22–24]. Therefore, we determine that an end-of-cycle sleep activity begins at least 18 hours since their cycle began. The second factor is the duration of the actual sleep activity. Studies show that people report typically sleeping between 6 and 8 hours. However, a long nap can last as long as 1 to 2 hours [25]. We split the difference between the maximum nap time (2 hours) and the minimum sleep time (6 hours), to determine that an end-of-cycle sleep activity duration is there at least 4 hours. Therefore, an end-of-cycle sleep activity occurs at least 18 hours after the individual's cycle began and with a sleep activity has lasted at least 4 hours.

**Changes Caused by Switching to the Cycle Format—**It is worth noting that by proposing to switch from the standard 24-hour time frame to the cycle format we are mainly changing the start and end time of the cycle to correspond to the participant's sleeping patterns. In the 24-hour time frame, the participant's cycle starts and ends at midnight. This becomes problematic when developing a sleep score, as using a set time of day may interrupt a sleep activity, causing the score inaccurate. However, with the cycle framework, the participant's cycle would start with the first activity they complete after waking up from an end-of-cycle sleep activity, and their cycle would end with the completion of the end-ofcycle sleep activity. Since the cycle format is based on the participant's sleeping patterns, we are no longer constrained to a strictly 24-hour time frame. With that being said, the circadian rhythms that run numerous biological processes, including the sleep-wake cycle, are roughly on a 24-hour time frame; so we can still expect to see roughly a 24-hour cycle duration in the cycle format with some minor variations in cycle duration depending on the participant's sleeping patterns. Therefore, the only differences between the 24-hour time frame and the cycle format are the start and end times for the cycle, and the duration of the cycle. Table 1

#### **3.3 Sleep Score**

For our sleep score, we use the PSQI as a reference. It is worth noting that the PSQI asks the participant about their sleep behavior during the previous month, but here we adapt the scores to a daily schedule. We also note that scores are generated based on information collected from the CASAS smart home system [26]. Below, we explain which components of the PSQI were incorporated into the sleep score.

**Component 1: Subjective Sleep Quality—**The subjective sleep quality component is used to understand the participant's perspective of how they have slept, mainly how restful they feel upon waking; it does not take into account the actual amount of time the participant has slept. The CASAS smart home monitors the participants without having any interaction with them, so the participant's perception of how they slept is unknown. Therefore, this component was not included in the sleep score.

**Component 2: Sleep Latency—**The sleep latency component is used to examine how long the participant took to fall asleep after they have gone to bed, in other words how long the participant was in bed before he or she was able to fall asleep. The CASAS smart home is a non-invasive system that uses only ambient sensors on ceilings and doors; it does not provide enough information to determine if an individual has actually fallen asleep compared to just lying awake in bed. Therefore, this component was not included in the sleep score.

**Component 3: Sleep Duration—**The sleep duration component is used to examine how long the participant actually slept throughout the night. As we previously stated, from the information gathered from the CASAS smart home we do not have a way to determine when the participant has actually fallen asleep compared to just staying in bed. However, we use a form of sleep duration to include this component in the sleep score. We use the total time in an automatically recognized sleep activity as the duration. For the scoring, the PSQI bins the sleep duration into four categories (over 7 hours, between 6 and 7 hours, between 5 and 6 hours, and under 5 hours of sleep) and scores are based off the bin the duration falls into. There can be minor variations of actual sleep duration (within an hour) while maintaining the same duration score for this component. The bins for sleep duration and the associated scores for this component are summarized in Table 2.

**Component 4: Habitual Sleep Efficiency—For this habitual sleep efficiency** component, the PSQI considers the ratio of how long the participant slept and the number of hours they person spent in bed. The number of hours spent in bed is different than the sleep latency examined in component 2, since the time spent in bed does not just consider the amount of time it took to fall asleep, but also includes any time the participant wakes up during the night. This would highlight if a participant wakes often during the night and how long it took the participant to go back to sleep.

Before we explain how to incorporate a version of habitual sleep efficiency, it is important to understand how we consider whether two activity instances are part of the same activity occurrence compared to being two separate occurrences of the same activity. When we detect an instance of an activity, we first check if the same activity has taken place recently (within the previous five activities). If the same activity has taken place recently, we determine that there are two separate occurrences of the activity if there is more than 30 minutes between the two activities instances. If there is 30 minutes or less between the activity instances, then we consider the two activity instances to be part of the same activity occurrence. This allows us to determine any interruptions that take place during activities.

To incorporate a version of the habitual sleep efficiency, we must slightly adapt the ratio to use the information gathered by the CASAS smart home. Therefore to determine the habitual sleep efficiency we consider the ratio of the amount of time the participant was in the sleep activity not including any interruptions that took place and the total amount of the participant was in the sleep activity including any interruption time. The adapted equation for habitual sleep efficiency is defined as follows:

> duration in sleep axtivity without interruption  $\times$  100 total duration in sleep activity including interruptions

This is the equation we use to compute part of the sleep score. Again, the PSQI bins the habitual sleep efficiency into four categories (over 85, between 75 and 85, between 65 and 74, and under 65) and scores are based off the bin the duration falls into. There can be minor variations of actual habitual sleep efficiency value (within roughly 10 points) while maintaining the same habitual sleep effiency score for this component. The bins for habitual sleep efficiency and the associated scores for this component are summarized in Table 2.

**Component 5: Sleep Disturbances—**The sleep disturbances component is used to determine any factors that might impact a participant's sleep. The PSQI evaluates eight factors that might impact the participants sleep: 1) waking in the middle of the night or early morning, 2) having to get up to use the bathroom, 3) cannot breathe comfortably, 4) cough or snore loudly, 5) feel too cold, 6) feel too hot, 7) have bad dreams, and 8) have any pain.

The CASAS smart home is a non-invasive system that uses only ambient sensors on ceilings and doors; therefore, five of the questions in this section cannot be evaluated. Specifically, whether the participant is waking in the middle of the night or early morning cannot be evaluated as the CASAS smart home cannot distinguish whether the participant is asleep or simply in bed. We cannot evaluate whether the participant cannot breathe comfortably, cough or snore loudly as there is no way to record any sounds in the CASAS smart home. Finally, whether the participant has bad dreams, or having any pain cannot be evaluated, as there is no way for the participant to interact with the CASAS smart home.

That leaves three remaining questions that can be evaluated by the information gathered from the CASAS smart home. We can determine how often the participant has to get up to use the bathroom during the sleep activity, by the information gathered. However, we expand

this to include any interruptions during sleep activity. To determine the number of interruptions that occurred during a sleep activity, we measure how often the participants gets out of bed during the sleep activity for any reason (i.e., getting out of bed to use the bathroom, checking something in another part of the house). Keeping with the format the PSQI uses, we binned the number of sleep interruptions into four categories (0 interruptions, 1 interruption, 2 interruptions, and 3 or more interruptions) and scores are based off the bin the sleep interruption falls into. The bins for sleep interruptions and the associated scores for this part of the sleep disturbances component are summarized in Table 2.

The final disturbance category that can potentially be evaluated is whether the participant is too cold or too hot. We can only potentially monitor temperature disturbances depending upon where the temperature sensors are located and whether they have any correlation to the statistics kept for the sleep activity. To determine whether we can include temperature disturbances, we correlate sensor-based temperature data with the sleep measures of duration, interruptions, and habitual sleep efficiency. If a strong correlation ( $r > 0.5$ ) is found between temperature data and one or more of these measures, then that temperature sensor is included in the sleep disturbance component, if there are more than one sensor with a strong correlation we choose the temperature sensor with the strongest correlation. If there is not a strong correlation found, temperature disturbances are not included in this component.

If temperature disturbances are included in this component, we need to determine what the room temperature range should be during a sleep activity. Similar to how sleep is subjective to the individual, the room temperature is also dependent on whatever temperature is comfortable for that particular person. While temperature is based on individual preference, it has been found that lower temperatures, approximately 65°F [27], are considered ideal for sleeping. While various ranges have been presented, we focus on the range that is widely accepted and used with common sleep sensors currently on the market; we consider the room temperature range from 65°F to 72°F [28]. To evaluate temperature disturbances we consider the average, high, and low temperatures found throughout the sleep activity. To determine the whether the participant is too cold, we check whether the average, high, or low temperature are below 65°F. Similarly, to determine where the participant is too hot, we check whether the average, high, or low temperature is above 72°F. The sleep disturbances component is summarized in Table 2.

**Component 6: Use of Sleep Medication—**The use of sleep medication component is used to evaluate whether the participant requires addition help (medications) to get to sleep or stay asleep. The CASAS smart home can determine when medication is being taken; however, it is not able to distinguish what the medication is that is being taken. Therefore, we did not include this component in developing the sleep score.

**Component 7: Daytime Dysfunction—**The daytime dysfunction component is used to evaluate whether the participant is have difficulties with daytime performance. In particular this component evaluates whether the participant has trouble staying awake while they are: 1) driving, 2) eating a meal, or 3) during social activities; it also evaluates whether the participant has trouble keeping enthusiasm to complete tasks throughout the day. Similar to component 1, the CASAS smart home has no way to interact with participant, to determine

the how they are feeling throughout the day. Additionally, as the CASAS smart home uses ambient sensors in the home, it has no way of monitoring participants once they leave the home. Therefore, this component was not included when developing the sleep score.

**Combining Components to Develop the Sleep Score—**Table 2 summarizes the equations used in each of the components as well as how each of the components calculated the sub-scores. The sub-scores from component 3 (sleep duration), component 4 (habitual sleep efficiency), and component 5 (sleep disturbances) are summed to create a single sleep measure for a given sleep activity. The individual sleep scores are combined to develop the overall sleep score for that wake/sleep cycle.

#### **3.4 Wake Score**

Unlike sleep scoring, there is no single theory or measure that is commonly used to assess the quality of wake behavior or to quantify it. In this paper, we are not attempting to quantify the quality of wake behavior. We are defining a single numeric value that is reflective of the activity-based sensed behavior for the purpose of studying the correlation between wake behavior (and changes in wake behavior) and sleep behavior (and changes in sleep behavior). Because our wake score is built upon information that can be detected by CASAS smart home sensors and labeled by activity recognition software, our wake score is the combination of the activities seen throughout the wake period in the cycle. Each activity that is seen in the cycle is scored individually (i.e., if the Eat activity takes place three times a day, there will be three Eat scores). Our activities score is built from three activity-centric components: the time since the same activity last occurred, activity performance statistics, and activity level statistics.

**Time Since Last Activity—**Time since last activity occurred statistic is the amount of time that elapsed between when the current activity was started and when the same or related activity was previously performed. A related activity is defined as the activity itself or a subset of the same activity with a slightly different label, for instance, the Eat activity is related to Eat as well as to Eat Breakfast, Eat Lunch, and Eat Dinner.

**Activity Performance Statistics—**We consider two activity performance statistics. The first activity performance statistic we consider is the time the participant took to perform that activity; specifically, we evaluate the duration of the activity without including any interruptions. The second activity performance statistic we consider is the number of interruptions that occurred during the activity; for this statistic we are evaluating the number of times the activity was stopped to do a different activity, before completing the activity.

**Activity Level Statistics—**We consider two activity level statistics for each activity. The first activity level statistic we consider is the extent to which the occupant is moving around during the activity. This is not a measure of how much the occupant walked around the room, but rather a measure of how often the occupant set off the overhead sensors while completing this activity. The second activity level statistic we consider is the amount of time the participant was actually working to complete the activity compared to how much time

the entire activity took to complete. We evaluate this statistic by computing the ratio of the time spent in the activity to the total time it took to complete the activity

**Combining Components to Compute the Activity Scores—**The activity score incorporates the three main components: the time since the activity last occurred (TSL); the activity performance statistics (APS), which are the duration and the number of interruptions; and the activity level statistics (ALS), which are the amount of movement during activity, and the ratio of the time spent doing the activity and the total time it took to complete the activity. The activities are scored as follows:

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activity\ score = TSL + \frac{\sum APS + \sum 0.5 * ALS}{|APS| + |ALS|}
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**Combining Activity Scores to Develop Wake Score—**To develop the overall wake score, the individual activity scores are summed. It is worth noting that a higher score or a lower score is not better, the wake score is simply a score that represents the behavior pattern exhibited during that particular cycle.

A troublesome activity that takes place throughout the day is the 'Other' activity. The 'Other' activity is assigned when the activity does not fall into a predefined category. As this is such a widely used activity label, we put a weight of 0.1 on all the 'Other' activities so the overall score is not over-fitted to the 'Other' activity category.

#### **3.5 Wake and Sleep Score Summary**

Since the sleep score follows the PSQI method, lower sleep scores indicate better quality of sleep. However, with the wake score, a higher score or a lower score is not better, the wake score is simply a score that represents the behavior pattern exhibited during that particular cycle.

It is important to note that creating the wake score for that cycle, the individual activity scores were simply summed; similarly creating the sleep score for that cycle, the individual sleep activity scores were summed. This is not the only way to create the wake and sleep scores for the cycle; this is simply one way to accomplish it. The focus of this paper is on creating scores that reflect wake and sleep behavior and designing techniques to forecast these scores.

#### **3.6 Normalizing Wake and Sleep Score**

Since there are large differences in possible wake score values and possible sleep score values, normalized scores are analyzed as well. By normalizing the scores, all wake scores and sleep scores were converted to a value between 0 and 1. A generalized equation for normalizing a score is:

 $score - min(score)$ normalized score= $max(score) - min(score)$ 

Normalizing both the wake and the sleep scores puts the two scores on the same scale. This is useful for comparing any errors that were found when forecasting the different scores, and will illustrate which scoring type has more difficulty modeling.

## **4. Forecasting Methods**

The overall hypothesis of this work is that we can predict behavior using novel independent, cross-component, and joint prediction techniques. Forecasting for both wake behavior and sleep behavior is a univariate forecasting problem, since we are using past behaviors to predict future behavior. Therefore, we consider our Behavior Forecasting (BF) approach in which sensor event data is used to create scores that illustrate the behaviors of the participant while the participant is awake and asleep; ultimately the scores will be used predict the next behavior in the sequence. Our BF approach is illustrated in Figure 2.

We use the BF approach to predict the next wake behavior and the next sleep behavior in the sequence. To do this, features are extracted from the sensor event data. These features are input to an activity recognizer, in which the sequence of sensor events is classified into activity categories. With activities labeled, statistics for the individual activities (i.e., duration, interruption count, sensor event count) are computed and the individual activities are scored. The individual activity is scored with the wake scoring method if the activities take place while the participant is awake (i.e., Cook, Eat, Work), or with the sleep scoring method otherwise (i.e., Nap, Sleep). The wake behavior score for that cycle is the sum of the individual activity scores for the activities that take place while the participant is awake; the sleep behavior score for that cycle is the sum of the individual sleep activity scores that take place.

The wake scores and the sleep scores are used for forecasting; each data point corresponds to one cycle. To model and test the forecasting method we utilized a sliding window validation approach, in which a window is moved through entire the dataset. A window consists of t training points, which is the training set, and one test data point. Each training point has a fixed lag length of  $i$ , where  $i$  is the number of previous cycle scores, as illustrated in Figure 3. As we move through the dataset, we create a model with the training set and predict the next value after the training set, or predict the test data point. After the prediction is made, the window is moved forward one data point. This is repeated until the training window has run through the entire dataset. The only data points that are not predicted are the data points in the initial training window.

Since we are considering both wake behaviors and sleep behaviors, we expand the possible forecasting methods to utilize the behavioral data that we have. Thus, we are interested in exploring three different types forecasting methods for this research: (1) an independent forecasting approach, (2) a cross forecasting approach, and (3) a joint forecasting approach. The forecasting approaches are illustrated in Figure 2. As we are predicting for both wake

scores and sleep scores we perform a total of six different forecasting methods. For the independent forecasting problem, we are interested in determining whether the scores created are a valid representation of the behaviors exhibited such that we can accurately predict for the next score. In independent forecasting, previous wake scores are used to predict the next wake score and previous sleep scores used to predict the next sleep score. For the cross forecasting problem, we are interested in whether we can get enough information from sleep patterns to predict how the participant is going to perform during the next wake period, and vice versa. In the cross forecasting, the previous sleep scores are used to predict the next wake score, and the previous wake scores are used to predict the next sleep score. For the joint forecasting problem, we are interested in determining whether adding all the behavioral score information to the model will increase the accuracies when predicting for the next score. In joint forecasting, both the previous wake scores and the previous sleep scores are used together to predict the next wake score and/or the next sleep score.

# **5. CASAS Smart Home Data**

For all the experiments presented in this research, we used data that was collected in actual smart home systems deployed in communities. The data was collected by the CASAS smart home system, developed at Washington State University, which was then installed in the participant's home. We analyze data collected from 20 single resident CASAS smart home test beds.

Each of the smart homes used in this research have least one bedroom, a kitchen, a dining area, a living area, and at least one bathroom. All of the CASAS smart homes have different sizes and layouts, yet they all include the standard sensor setup; a sample CASAS smart home layout is illustrated in Figure 4. There are four sensor types that contribute to the CASAS smart home system: 1) narrow-field motion sensors, these sensors have a limited view of only a few feet and are placed on the ceiling. The motion sensor reports an ON label when motion is detected, followed by an OFF label when the movement stops. 2) Wide-field motion sensors, these are an overall area sensor that are usually placed on the walls to determine whether there has been movement in the room. The wide-field motion sensors can only detect motion in the room, not where the participant is. 3) Door sensors, these sensors use a magnetic switch to determine whether the doors are opened or closed. 4) Temperature sensors, these sensors create an event when the temperature changes.

As the participants are going through their daily routines, when any of the sensors are triggered a sensor event is created and that event is then recorded into the database. The recorded sensor events are then run through an activity recognition method (either through an automated activity recognition software or through human annotation) to label the sequence of sensor events. A sample sensor data is provided in Table 3.

#### **5.1 Activity Labeling**

Sensor events are mapped to activity labels using activity recognition. The activity recognition algorithm learns a general mapping based on training data labeled with ground truth activity labels. These ground truth activity labels are provided for one month of data in

each home using human annotation. Human annotators reference the participant's floor plan with a sensor layout and interview the participants to determine their daily routines. To ensure consistency, multiple people are used to annotate activities for the CASAS smart home sites; the inter-annotator agreement is  $\kappa = 0.80$  for the data used in this research.

The activity recognition utilized by the CASAS smart home system is AR [29,30]. AR recognizes activities of daily living including cooking, working, and sleeping, from the sensor data collected from the smart homes. Table 4 shows the activity labels distinguished by AR that were used in this research and which activities are related.

## **6. Methods**

#### **6.1 Machine Learning Algorithms**

In our BF algorithm, the goal is to predict the next wake score or sleep score. Because the scores are continuous values, this can be viewed as a regression problem. We evaluate a wide range of well known and commonly used machine learning methods to see which method work best with the data collected from the smart homes. We evaluated methods from four common types of machine learning methods: 1) linear methods (specifically linear regression and logistic regression), 2) non-linear methods (support vector machine, with radial basis function kernel), 3) decision trees (regression tree), and 4) ensemble methods (random forest), for a total of five tested machine learning algorithms.

#### **6.2 Performance Measures**

We validate our approach to wake and sleep score prediction using two evaluation measures: mean absolute error and the root mean squared error. For all equations used,  $y_i$  are the ground truth values that we are comparing all the predictions against,  $\hat{y}_t$  are the predicted values, and  $N$  is the number of instances being evaluated; each instance for evaluation contains the pair of predicted value and ground truth value,  $\{y_i, \hat{y}_i\}$ .

The first evaluation measure that we utilize is the mean absolute error (MAE). MAE computes the average of the absolute value difference between the predicted value and the observed value. MAE is defined as:

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MAE = \frac{\sum |y_i - \hat{y}_i|}{N}
$$

MAE measures the average scale of errors without considering the direction of the error (negative or positive error). As only the difference is taken between the predicted value and the ground truth value, all the examples maintain an equal weight; therefore, MAE simply measures the accuracy of the prediction. We also explored a normalized MAE (NMAE), using the maximum score value found in that particular house, defined as:

$$
NMAE = \frac{MAE}{max(y_i)}
$$

Another common evaluation measure that we utilize is the root mean squared error (RMSE). RMSE is defined as:

RMSE=
$$
\sqrt{\frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{y}_t)^2}{N}}
$$

Since the difference between the predicted value and the ground truth value is being squared, RMSE also is indifferent to the direction of the error (whether the error is negative or positive), and measures the average magnitude of the error providing an emphasis on the higher errors. In other words, RMSE will uncover and highlight when to find if any large errors occurred. We explored a normalized RMSE (NRMSE), using the maximum score value found in that particular house, defined as:

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NRMSE = \frac{RMSE}{max(y_i)}
$$

For both MAE and RMSE (as well as NMAE and NRMSE), the best possible score is zero, meaning there was no error, in our data. Additionally, there is no upper bound on these errors. Using the normalized scores, NMAE and NRMSE, shows the percentage of the error; therefore, the smaller the percentage the better our methods performed.

#### **6.3 Sliding Window Validation**

As we are forecasting for wake scores and sleep scores, using a standard cross validation methods is not feasible. This is due to the fact that the wake and sleep scores have a degree of dependence on how the occupants behaved the previous cycles. With that in mind, we use an approach similar to leave-one-out cross validation. We used a sliding window validation method. In this approach, we choose a fixed training set size and test on a single data point. The training set starts at the beginning of the dataset and is tested on the next data point after the training set. The window is then shifted forward one data point in order to preform predictions for the next point. This is continued until the sliding window has moved through the whole dataset. In this method, the only data points that are not used for testing are the data points in the initial training set.

# **7. Forecasting**

#### **7.1 Day Elimination Criteria**

Before running the forecasting methods, we need to consider any elimination criteria for the cycles. Because we define a cycle framework there is the potential that the cycles are shorter than or longer than the standard 24-hours since we are using the participant's sleeping patterns to indicate a change of cycle. However, the participant will still have roughly a 24 hour time frame for wake/sleep cycles because of their circadian rhythms. Therefore, we remove cycles that have fewer than 20 hours and we removed cycles that have more than 26

hours. Table 5 shows an example of the cycles duration times before removal and after removal.

#### **7.2 Results**

Table 6 shows the results for forecasting original wake scores (left side) and normalized wake scores (right side) and Table 7 shows the results for forecasting original sleep scores (left side) and normalized sleep scores (right side). While there were five machine learning algorithms explored, the results in Tables 6 and 7 show the machine learning algorithm that performed the best for that particular house.

In all the methods used for forecasting both original wake scores and original sleep scores, the maximum NMAE error was 14%, representing 86% accuracy. A noticeable result found was the differences in accuracies when forecasting for wake and sleep scores; forecasting for wake scores provided higher accuracies.

When forecasting for the original wake scores, with the independent method there was only one house that yielded more than 10% error; for both the cross method and joint no house yielded a greater than 10% error. When forecasting for the original sleep scores, with the independent method there were no houses with a greater than 10% error; however, when using both the cross method and the joint method there were 8 houses with error greater than 10%. Therefore, when forecasting for both wake and sleep scores, the majority of the results produce less than 10% error, or a greater than 90% accuracy.

When normalizing the scores, a couple of interesting points arose. First, we found that the accuracies were drastically improved; again, using the original scores, the top error rate was 14%, with the error rate typically falling below 10%; after normalizing the error was at most 1%, or 99% accuracy.

The other main difference from using the original scores to normalizing the scores was the machine learning method that performed the best. With the original scores, for both wake scores and sleep scores we found that predominantly SVM was out performing the other methods. However, with the normalized scores, for the wake score we found that mainly the random forest algorithm performed better. As for the normalized sleep scores, we found that mainly the logistic algorithm performed the best.

We observe that the independent forecasting method yields better accuracies in general over the other forecasting methods; this is especially true when forecasting sleep scores. This was expected since BF used previous behaviors for the same period to predict the next behavior.

The results for the cross forecasting methods showed that the accuracies were only a few percent different then the accuracies for the independent forecasting method. This is a promising result, since it shows that wake behavior can be modeled from previous sleep behavior and that sleep behavior can be modeled from previous wake behavior, with an acceptable accuracy.

In the case of joint forecasting, the accuracies were only a few percent different then the accuracies for the independent forecasting method; additionally, the results for the joint

forecasting methods were very close (if not the same) to the results for the cross forecasting methods. This shows that adding all the behavior score information from the cycle does not improve the accuracies or have much of an effect compared to using just one cycle period.

### **8. Conclusions**

Sleep plays an important role in a person's overall health and wellbeing, thus it is essential to analyze a person's sleep patterns in a smart home as part of an overall wellbeing assessment. Using our BF approach we found that regardless of the forecasting method that is utilized, we can effectively model wake behavior and sleep behavior within a smart home environment. We also found that normalizing the wake scores and sleep scores before applying the forecasting methods drastically improved the accuracies of our methods. As the results for the joint forecasting methods were only slightly different than the results for the independent forecasting methods, we found that adding all the behavior score information into the forecasting models did not provide enough information to make a significant difference in accuracy. However, the results from cross forecasting methods are promising since it shows that wake behavior can be modeled from previous sleep behavior and that sleep behavior can be modeled from previous wake behavior, with an acceptable accuracy. This provides the opportunity to explore the relationship between wake behavior and sleep behavior, which will be explored as the research continues.

Before forecasting was performed cycle elimination criteria was applied and, as a result, there were numerous cycles that were removed from each house. Therefore, we need to reconsider some of the elimination criteria to ensure that more cycles are included. As stated previously, the cycle had to span between 20 hours and 26 hours for the cycle duration to be evaluated, otherwise the cycle was removed. These situations could occur, for instance, when the sensors stop working, the house occupants do not complete the cycle in the house, or the house occupant simply wakes up earlier than usual or goes to sleep later than usual. In the case of malfunctioning sensors, we will continue to simply remove the cycles because they are not representative of how the occupants are behaving. However, when the occupant is not completing the cycle in the house, the main way to rectify this is to not require a complete wake/sleep cycle. For instance, if the occupant has left the house, it would be useful to consider a potential end-of-cycle leave activity. This is an option that will be explored as the research continues.

In this work we used single resident CASAS smart home test beds. It would be interesting to expand this work to include multiple resident smart home test beds. To evaluate wake/sleep scores for multiple residents, we first have to apply activity recognition to incorporate multiple residents when the CASAS smart home only uses ambient sensors. To determine which resident the activity is associated with, there are several approaches that can be utilized. One approach involves creating a library of actions for each of the residents, then learning a model of how the individual resident's perform that activity [31]. Once the model has been learned, we can evaluate not only wake/sleep scores for individual residents, but evaluate any correlations between wake/sleep scores between the residents.

In the BF approach, individual wake activity scores were summed to create the wake score for the cycle; similarly, the individual sleep activity scores were summed to make the sleep score. Validation of this and other possible scoring methods is a direction for continued research.

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#### **Figure 2.**

Behavior Forecasting (BF) approach framework. WISO: wake scores input and sleep score output. SIWO: sleep score input and wake scores output.



#### **Figure 3.**

Training set and testing set example. Since the framework is the same regardless of the score we are forecasting for (either wake score or sleep score), we use  $O = \{o_1, o_2, ..., o_N\}$  to represent the scores.



#### **Figure 4.**

An example CASAS smart home floor plan and sensor layout. The example layout has a bedroom, a kitchen, a dining area, a living area, and two bathrooms. This layout also illustrated where the sensors are located in this particular smart home layout.

#### **Table 1**

An example cycle computation based on the start date and time of a wake event and the end date and time of the corresponding sleep event.



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**Table 2**

Formulas used in calculating the sleep score. Formulas used in calculating the sleep score.



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# **Table 3**

Sample labeled sensor events from the CASAS smart home system. Each event contains the date and time the event was created, the location of the sensor Sample labeled sensor events from the CASAS smart home system. Each event contains the date and time the event was created, the location of the sensor and which sensor generated the event, and the message that was sent. Activity labels are generated using activity recognition and are applied to the sensor and which sensor generated the event, and the message that was sent. Activity labels are generated using activity recognition and are applied to the sensor event.



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#### **Table 4**

All possible activity labels and categories of related activities.



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# **Table 5**

Sample cycles from a smart home testbed. The left side of the table shows all the cycles (before any remove has taken place). The grey text on the right Sample cycles from a smart home testbed. The left side of the table shows all the cycles (before any remove has taken place). The grey text on the right side of the table shows the cycles that have been removed, and the black text indicates cycles that remain. side of the table shows the cycles that have been removed, and the black text indicates cycles that remain.



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# **Table 6**

A summary of the top forecasting methods used with each house to forecast the wake scores. Each house shows the machine learning algorithm that performed the best and the corresponding NMAE and A summary of the top forecasting methods used with each house to forecast the wake scores. Each house shows the machine learning algorithm that performed the best and the corresponding NMAE and NRMSE for each forecasting method. If the NMAE error was less than 2% we highlighted with blue, and if the NMAE error was between 2-4% we highlighted with yellow. NRMSE for each forecasting method. If the NMAE error was less than 2% we highlighted with blue, and if the NMAE error was between 2-4% we highlighted with yellow.



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# **Table 7**

A summary of the top forecasting methods used with each house to forecast the sleep scores. Each house shows the machine learning algorithm that performed the best and the corresponding NMAE and A summary of the top forecasting methods used with each house to forecast the sleep scores. Each house shows the machine learning algorithm that performed the best and the corresponding NMAE and NRMSE for each forecasting method. If the NMAE error was less than 2% we highlighted with blue, and if the NMAE error was between 2-4% we highlighted with yellow. NRMSE for each forecasting method. If the NMAE error was less than 2% we highlighted with blue, and if the NMAE error was between 2-4% we highlighted with yellow.

