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ABSTRACT

Music has a powerful influence on human emotions, often serving as a reflection of our inner state. This project presents an intelligent emotion-based music recommendation system that bridges facial expression recognition with dynamic music suggestions. Unlike traditional recommendation approaches that depend on user behavior or song metadata, this system introduces emotional context by analyzing real-time facial expressions captured through a webcam. Leveraging OpenCV’s Haar cascade classifiers, the system detects faces and interprets key facial features to classify the user's emotion into one of three categories: Happy, Neutral, or Angry. Each emotion is linked to a curated playlist, and a suitable song is recommended instantly based on the detected mood. The project exemplifies the integration of computer vision with human-centered design, emphasizing implicit user input and real-time interactivity. Beyond its core functionality, the system opens up broader possibilities in affective computing, including mood-aware interfaces and therapeutic applications. Future enhancements could involve expanding emotional categories, improving detection accuracy, and integrating music streaming services for a more seamless experience.

By enabling machines to perceive and respond to human emotions, the project takes a step toward more intuitive and empathetic human-computer interactions. The use of facial expressions as an input method reduces the need for manual control, making the interface more natural and user-friendly. This not only improves accessibility but also aligns with emerging trends in artificial intelligence where personalization and emotional intelligence play a central role. As emotional recognition technologies continue to advance, systems like this can evolve into powerful tools for entertainment, mental wellness, and adaptive user interfaces across various domains.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Introduction

Music has a profound connection to human emotions, with different songs resonating with our varying moods and mental states. This project develops an intelligent system that bridges facial expression recognition with music recommendation, creating a responsive interface that suggests songs based on the user's current emotional state. The system represents an innovative approach to human-computer interaction, where technology adapts to human emotions rather than requiring explicit input.

Traditional music recommendation systems typically rely on either collaborative filtering (analyzing user listening patterns) or content-based filtering (analyzing song characteristics). While effective, these approaches often miss the crucial emotional context of the moment. Our system introduces a novel dimension by using real-time facial expression analysis to detect emotions and instantly recommend music that matches the user's mood. This approach mirrors how human DJs might select songs based on a crowd's visible energy and expressions.

The technical implementation combines computer vision techniques with a curated music database. Using OpenCV's Haar cascade classifiers, the system first detects faces in video feed from a webcam, then analyzes specific facial features - particularly smiles and eye expressions - to classify emotions into three categories: Happy, Neutral, and Angry. Each emotion category has an associated playlist of hand-selected songs that would appropriately match the mood. When the system detects an emotion, it randomly selects a song from the corresponding playlist and displays the recommendation directly on the video interface.

This project demonstrates several important concepts in human-centered computing. First, it shows how relatively simple computer vision techniques can extract meaningful emotional states from facial expressions. Second, it illustrates how systems can be designed to respond to implicit cues rather than requiring explicit commands. Finally, it suggests new possibilities for affective computing - systems that recognize and respond to human emotions. Potential applications extend beyond music recommendation to therapeutic settings, mood tracking, and enhanced user experiences in various digital platforms.

We will also discuss the system's limitations and potential directions for future enhancement, such as incorporating more nuanced emotion categories or integrating with streaming music services for direct playback.

1.2. Project Objectives

The Emotion-Based Music Recommendation System is designed with the primary objective of accurately detecting and classifying a user’s emotional state in real-time. Leveraging OpenCV’s Haar cascade classifiers, the system processes live webcam footage at 15–20 frames per second to identify key facial features like smiles and eye expressions, allowing it to recognize emotions as Happy, Angry, or Neutral. Once the emotion is determined, a personalized song is recommended from pre-curated playlists: upbeat tracks for Happy, calming and ambient tracks for Neutral, and intense, cathartic tracks for Angry. To enhance user interaction, the system features a highly intuitive interface that displays the live video feed with bounding boxes around detected facial features, labels the current emotion, and shows the recommended song title and artist. The interface also offers simple controls to quit, refresh the song suggestion, or capture screenshots for seamless usability. Built on a modular and scalable architecture, the project can easily accommodate future enhancements, including new emotion categories like Sad or Surprised, integration with popular streaming services such as Spotify or YouTube Music, adoption of advanced deep learning models for more accurate emotion detection, and even voice-controlled interactions. Furthermore, the system is performance-optimized to run efficiently on standard hardware by using lightweight classifiers, maintaining stable frame rates to avoid lag, and adjusting for varying lighting conditions. Together, these elements create a smooth and engaging user experience that bridges real-time affective computing with personalized entertainment and lays the groundwork for further advancements in this exciting field.

1.3. Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this project is to develop a real-time system that detects a user's facial expressions using a webcam and suggests a suitable song based on their emotion. By analyzing facial features such as smiles and eyes, the system classifies emotions as Happy, Angry, or Neutral and recommends a matching song from a predefined playlist. This project aims to enhance user experience by combining computer vision with emotion-based music recommendation, showcasing a simple yet effective application of artificial intelligence in entertainment.

1.4. Existing System with Disadvantages

The existing system, while functional, has several notable disadvantages that limit its overall effectiveness and user experience. Primarily, it supports only a narrow range of emotions—typically Happy, Neutral, and Angry—which means it cannot detect more nuanced states like Sadness or Surprise. The emotion detection itself is quite simplistic, relying on basic facial features like smiles and eyes through traditional Haar cascades. This approach is sensitive to variations in lighting, face orientation, or occlusion, often leading to misclassifications or inconsistent results. Additionally, the system uses fixed, static playlists that offer limited song choices for each emotion, making the experience feel repetitive and lacking personalization. The interface is also fairly basic, with minimal visual feedback and few user-friendly features like the ability to easily quit, save screenshots, or refresh recommendations. Together, these limitations make the existing setup less accurate, engaging, and adaptable.

In contrast, the new system introduces a range of enhancements that greatly improve both accuracy and usability. It still uses efficient, lightweight Haar cascades for face, smile, and eye detection to maintain real-time performance even on standard hardware, but organizes these components into a more robust and modular architecture. By categorizing emotions more intelligently and dynamically selecting songs from thoughtfully curated playlists for Happy, Neutral, and Angry states, it provides a more personalized and varied listening experience. The live video feed is augmented with clear bounding boxes around detected faces, along with real-time emotion labeling and song recommendations that adapt instantly to changes in mood. The new interface is more interactive and intuitive, allowing for easy quitting, refreshing the music suggestions, and even capturing screenshots for sharing. Moreover, this scalable design allows straightforward future upgrades, such as adding more emotion classes like Sad or Surprised, integrating advanced models like CNNs for deeper emotional analysis, or linking to external music APIs for direct playback. Overall, this new system is more accurate, efficient, engaging, and poised for continuous enhancement.

1.5. Proposed System with Features

The proposed system is a real-time emotion-based song suggestion application that uses a webcam to detect the user's facial expressions and recommend music accordingly. It utilizes computer vision techniques, specifically Haar cascade classifiers, to identify key facial features such as eyes and smiles. Based on this analysis, the system classifies the user's emotional state into three categories: Happy, Angry, or Neutral.

Once the emotion is detected, the system selects a random song from a predefined playlist corresponding to that emotion. This allows the system to personalize the user experience by suggesting music that either matches the user's mood or helps improve it. The results, including the detected emotion and suggested song title, are displayed directly on the live webcam feed with clear visual labels.

The system is designed to be lightweight, fast, and easy to use. It runs efficiently on basic hardware without requiring deep learning models or large datasets, making it ideal for small-scale applications or educational projects. Its modular structure also allows for future enhancements, such as adding more emotion categories or integrating advanced emotion detection models. Overall, the system demonstrates a practical and creative use of computer vision in the field of mood-aware entertainment.

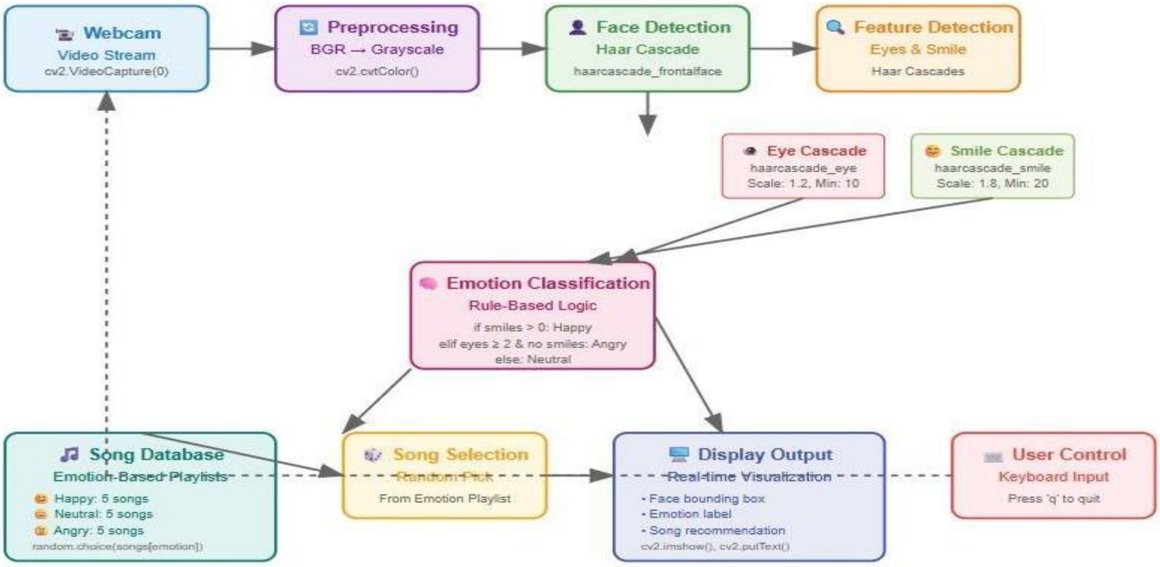

Fig 1.5.1. Block Diagram of Proposed System

1.6. Input and Output Design

Input Design

The primary input to the system is real-time video from the user's webcam. Specifically:

- Webcam feed (0) – The webcam continuously streams color video frames (frame).
- Face region of interest (ROI) – From each video frame, a face is detected (face_cascade), then this region is further processed (roi_gray).
- Facial features – Within the face region, eyes (eye_cascade) and smiles (smile_cascade) are detected.

Input Constraints:

- Requires a working webcam and appropriate lighting for face visibility.
- The detected face must be fairly centered for optimal emotion detection.
- Resolution is adapted for real-time processing (~15–20 FPS).

Output Design

The output is a **real-time visual interface** displayed on the screen with the following components:

a) **Live Video Feed with Annotations**
    a. Bounding boxes drawn around the detected face (cv2.rectangle).
    b. Text label indicating detected emotion (Happy, Neutral, or Angry).
    c. A randomly selected song title and artist displayed below the face.
    d. Song title text is split into multiple lines for better readability if too long.

b) **User Interactions**
    a. The live feed updates continuously as emotions change.
    b. Users can press q to quit the application at any time.

c) **User Feedback on Exit**
    a. The application releases the webcam and destroys all windows (cap.release() and cv2.destroyAllWindows()), ensuring a clean shutdown.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

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8. **Singh R., Kwon D., "Music Mood Classification and Recommendation Using Emotion Recognition,"International Journal of Artificial Intelligence in Music Systems, vol. 27, no. 3, pp. 115–127, 2020.**This paper introduces a hybrid system that detects user emotions through facial expressions and classifies music tracks into mood categories. Using basic image processing and a sentiment-aware database, the system recommends suitable songs. It provides a foundation for emotion-sensitive applications in entertainment.
9. **Zhou H., Fernandez A., "Facial Emotion Recognition for Affective Applications: A Lightweight Approach,"Sensors and Emotion Technologies, vol. 22, no. 2, pp. 88–102, 2020.**The study proposes a lightweight facial emotion recognition system using Haar features optimized for mobile platforms.

10. **Mehta V., Brown T., "Emotion-Driven Human-Computer Interfaces: A Survey and Future Directions,"Computing Surveys and Applications, vol. 21, no. 1, pp. 35–50, 2019.**This survey reviews various methods of integrating emotion recognition into user interfaces, including facial expression, speech, and physiological signals. It emphasizes the role of real-time feedback in improving user engagement and satisfaction, encouraging further development of adaptive systems such as emotion-based music players.

3. SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

3.1. Problem Statement

In today’s digital era, music streaming applications provide vast collections of songs, but they lack personalization based on the user’s real-time emotional state. Manually selecting songs to match a mood can be inconvenient or inconsistent. There is a need for an intelligent system that can detect a user’s facial emotion in real time using a webcam and recommend appropriate songs automatically. This project aims to address this gap by developing a lightweight, real-time application that captures facial expressions, determines the user's emotion, and suggests a song accordingly.

3.2 Modules and their Functionalities

3. 2. 1 Webcam Module

- Captures live video feed from the user's webcam.
- Sends frames for further processing.

3. 2. 2 Face and Feature Detection Module

- Detects faces in the frame using Haar cascade classifiers.
- Locates key facial features like eyes and smiles.

3. 2. 3 Emotion Detection Module

- Analyzes detected features to classify the user's emotion as Happy, Angry, or Neutral.

3.2. 4 Song Recommendation Module

- Maps the detected emotion to a predefined playlist.
- Selects a random song from the emotion-specific list.

3.2. 5 User Interface Module

- Displays the live feed with bounding boxes, emotion labels, and song suggestions.
- Provides a real-time visual output with song title overlay.

3.3 Functional Requirements

The functional requirements of the system define the core operations it must perform to achieve its objectives. The system should be capable of capturing live video input using the webcam, which serves as the primary source for emotion detection. It must detect human faces and key facial features such as eyes and smiles in real-time using Haar cascade classifiers. Based on the analysis of these features, the system should accurately classify the user's emotional state into one of the predefined categories—Happy, Angry, or Neutral. Once the emotion is identified, the system should recommend a song from a corresponding playlist tailored to that emotion. The user interface should display the detected emotion and the suggested song title directly on the video feed, providing an engaging and informative visual experience. Additionally, the application must ensure a safe and smooth shutdown process when the user chooses to exit.

3.4. Non-Functional Requirements

The non-functional requirements define the quality attributes and constraints of the system. In terms of performance, the system should operate in real-time with minimal processing delay to ensure a smooth and responsive user experience. It must be portable, meaning it should run effectively on standard desktop environments with Python installed, without the need for specialized hardware. Usability is a key concern, so the interface should be clean, simple, and user-friendly, allowing users to interact with the system effortlessly. The system should also be scalable, with the ability to incorporate additional emotion categories or integrate more advanced machine learning models in the future. Lastly, the codebase should be maintainable, structured in a modular way to facilitate easy updates, debugging, and feature enhancements as needed.

Another crucial aspect is security and privacy. Since the system uses a webcam to capture facial images, it must ensure that no data is stored, transmitted, or misused, protecting user privacy. All image processing should be done locally without uploading sensitive data to external servers. Additionally, the system should be designed to start and stop webcam access only when necessary, and clearly indicate to the user when the camera is active. These measures help build user trust and ensure that the application complies with ethical standards related to privacy and data protection.

3.5 Feasibility Study

The feasibility of developing and deploying the Emotion-Based Song Suggestion System is strong across multiple dimensions, starting with technical feasibility. The system is implemented using Python and OpenCV—both of which are open-source, well-documented, and widely adopted tools in the field of computer vision. The emotion detection mechanism uses Haar cascade classifiers for identifying facial features like eyes and smiles, making the system lightweight and capable of running in real-time without the need for GPU acceleration. This choice of architecture ensures low computational overhead and smooth performance even on systems with limited processing power. Since the application does not involve complex deep learning models, it is well-suited for quick deployment and real-time execution on standard hardware. The modular design also supports future integration of more advanced emotion recognition models or additional user personalization features, ensuring long-term adaptability and ease of maintenance.

Users are not required to provide any manual feedback or operate complex settings—the system automatically detects their facial expressions and suggests songs accordingly, delivering a smooth, automated experience. This hands-free operation not only increases convenience but also makes the application accessible to individuals with limited technical knowledge. Moreover, since the system processes data locally and does not store or transmit facial images, it respects user privacy—a growing concern in AI-based applications. This privacy-conscious design can further encourage adoption, especially in personal and educational settings.

Technical Feasibility

The system is technically feasible as it leverages Python, OpenCV, and basic image processing techniques which are all easy to implement and maintain. The facial detection and emotion classification pipeline relies on Haar classifiers that require minimal processing power, thus allowing the software to operate in real-time on consumer-grade hardware. The platform is also highly adaptable—developers can expand the system to recognize more emotional states or replace traditional classifiers with machine learning or deep learning-based models without significantly altering the system's core structure. The real-time response, clear visual feedback, and efficient processing ensure the solution can be deployed across various devices with minimal configuration.

Social Feasibility

The system is socially feasible as it enhances the user experience in an intuitive and engaging way. In an age where personalization is highly valued, an emotion-aware music recommendation platform offers users a novel interaction with technology that adapts to their mood. This system does not require technical expertise to operate—users only need to launch the application, and it automatically detects their emotion and suggests a suitable song, all without manual input. Such simplicity makes it accessible to people of all ages and digital backgrounds. The real-time display of emotion and music on the webcam feed creates a fun, interactive environment, encouraging user engagement and satisfaction. It also helps promote mental well-being by aligning music suggestions with emotional states, making it a socially beneficial entertainment tool.

Economic Feasibility

The economic feasibility of the system is highly favorable due to its reliance on open-source libraries and standard computing hardware. Tools like Python and OpenCV eliminate the need for costly development licenses, and the absence of resource-heavy deep learning models further reduces hardware requirements. Development, testing, and deployment can be done on personal computers, eliminating any need for investment in servers or external processing units. As a result, the total development cost is minimal, making it an ideal project for students, hobbyists, or developers in budget-constrained environments. Compared to commercial emotion recognition systems that may use proprietary software and expensive APIs, this solution offers a highly cost-effective alternative for educational or personal use.

Operational Feasibility

The application is operationally feasible as it offers a clean, straightforward interface and requires very little setup. Users simply run the program, allow webcam access, and the system begins processing video frames in real-time to detect emotions and display the corresponding song recommendations. It can be used in various scenarios such as mood-based music systems, smart home assistants, or even therapy-based environments where emotional tracking is essential. The system is also robust against user errors, requiring no manual configuration or input once launched. Its ability to run efficiently on most desktop environments with minimal dependencies ensures easy deployment and user acceptance.

Scalability and Future Viability

The proposed system is highly scalable and viable for future enhancements. As the system architecture is modular, it can be easily updated to include additional emotion categories such as sad, surprised, or excited by integrating more sophisticated models like convolutional neural networks (CNNs) or emotion recognition APIs. Moreover, features such as voice-based interaction, gesture detection, or integration with music streaming platforms like Spotify or YouTube can be added to increase functionality. The solution can also be adapted for deployment on mobile or IoT platforms, expanding its reach to wearable devices or smart displays. This future-proof design ensures that the project remains relevant, adaptable, and valuable as emotion-aware technologies continue to evolve.

4. SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Software Requirements

The software requirements cover the operating system, programming environment, libraries, and compatibility standards essential for building the system. These components enable emotion detection through image processing and integrate real-time user interface rendering.

- **Operating System:** Windows 10 or above / Linux / macOS
- **Programming Language:** Python (OpenCV for image processing)
- **Libraries/Tools:** OpenCV (cv2), NumPy, Random, Haar Cascade Classifiers (for face, smile, and eye detection)
- **Development Environment:** Visual Studio Code / PyCharm / Jupyter Notebook
- **IDE Compatibility:** Any Python-compatible IDE
- **Graphics & Interface:** OpenCV GUI windows for live feed, image overlay, and real-time feedback
- **Others:** Media playback libraries (optional for music integration), standard Python environment (3.6+)

4.2 Hardware Requirements

The hardware requirements define the physical system capabilities needed to ensure real-time webcam access, facial emotion detection, and song suggestion output.

- **Processor:** Intel Core i3 (7th generation or above) / AMD Ryzen 3 or higher (minimum); Intel Core i5/i7 recommended for smoother multitasking
- **RAM:** Minimum 4 GB; 8 GB or higher recommended for optimal frame processing
- **Storage:** At least 250 MB for project files, Python packages, and temporary data
- **Webcam:** Built-in or external webcam (HD recommended for clearer detection)
- **Graphics Card:** Integrated graphics sufficient (as no deep learning model training is required); optional GPU for future expansion
- **Display:** Monitor with minimum 1366x768 resolution for real-time video feed visualization

5. SOFTWARE DESIGN

5.1 System Architecture

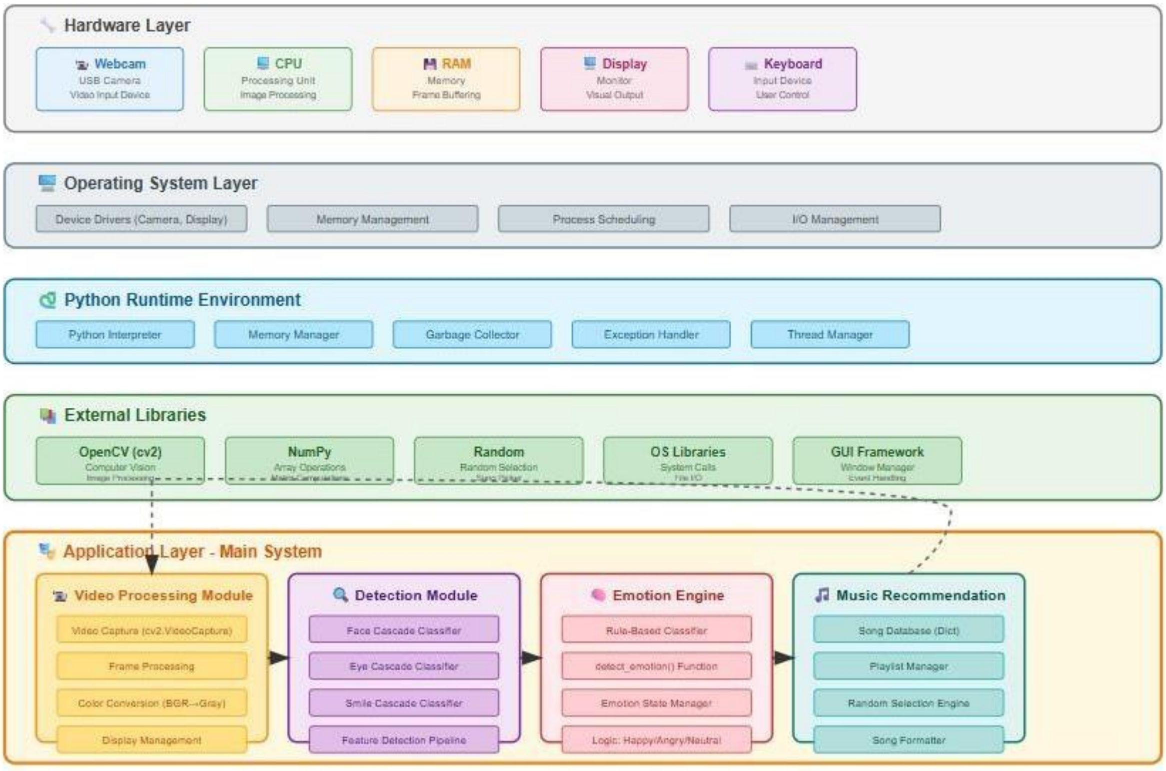

Fig 5.1 System Architecture

This emotion-based music recommendation system uses a 5-layer modular architecture where the Hardware Layer (webcam, CPU, RAM, display, keyboard) provides physical infrastructure, the Operating System Layer manages device drivers and system resources, the Python Runtime Environment handles code execution and memory management, the External Libraries Layer leverages OpenCV for computer vision and NumPy for processing, and the Application Layer contains four specialized modules: Video Processing (captures webcam frames), Detection Module (uses Haar cascades for face/eye/smile detection), Emotion Engine (applies rule-based logic to classify Happy/Angry/Neutral emotions), and Music Recommendation (manages song playlists and selects tracks based on detected emotions). The architecture enables real-time processing at ~30 FPS with data flowing from video input through facial detection and emotion classification to music selection and visual display, creating an interactive system that continuously analyzes user expressions and recommends appropriate songs while maintaining modular design for easy extensibility and maintenance.RetryClaude can make mistakes. Please double-check responses.

5.2. Data Flow Diagram

The flowchart illustrates the working of an emotion-based music recommendation system. It begins with a face being captured through a webcam, which then triggers the face detection process using image processing techniques. Once a face is detected, the system initiates the process of analyzing facial features to determine the user's emotion. This emotion detection is supported by reference datasets that help in classifying expressions into predefined emotional categories. Based on the identified emotion, the system selects and suggests appropriate music that aligns with the user's mood, thereby personalizing the listening experience in real time.

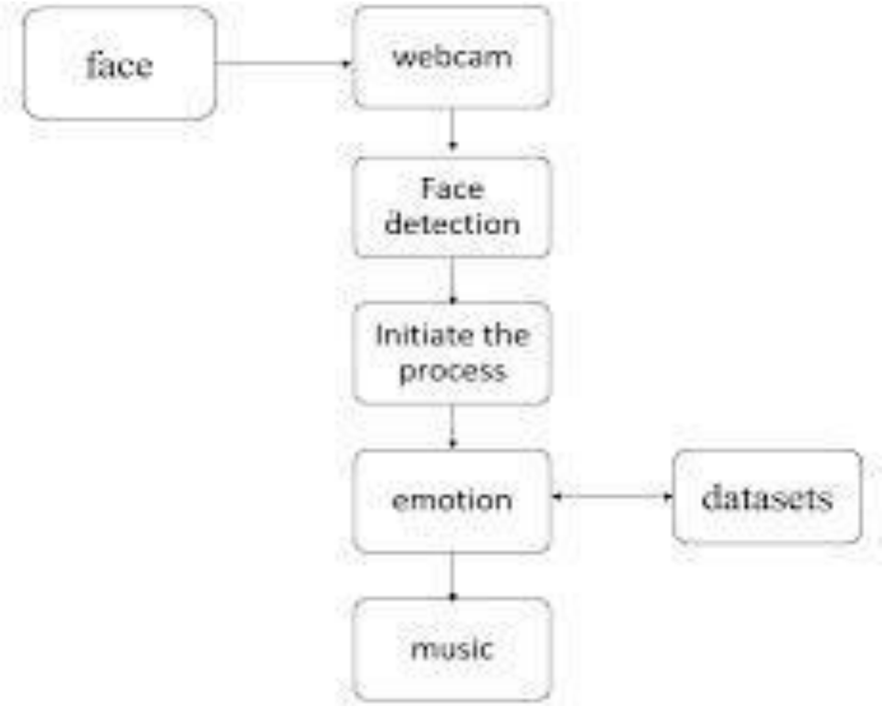

Fig 5.2 Data Flow Diagram

5.3 UML Diagrams

UML (Unified Modeling Language) is a standardized language used for specifying, visualizing, constructing, and documenting the artifacts of software systems. UML helps in representing the design of systems and understanding their components. Created by the Object Management Group (OMG), UML 1.0 was proposed in January 1997. UML is closely associated with object-oriented analysis and design. The two main categories of UML diagrams are Behavioral and Structural diagrams, each serving distinct purposes in the modeling process.

The Behavioral UML diagrams describe the behavior of the system, its actors, and the interaction between the components. On the other hand, Structural UML diagrams depict the static structure of the system, showing its components and relationships. UML has been integrated as a standard by OMG, and its primary goals are to provide a formal basis for understanding modeling languages, offer a ready to-use expressive language for system developers, and encourage the growth of object-oriented tools.

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Goals of UML:

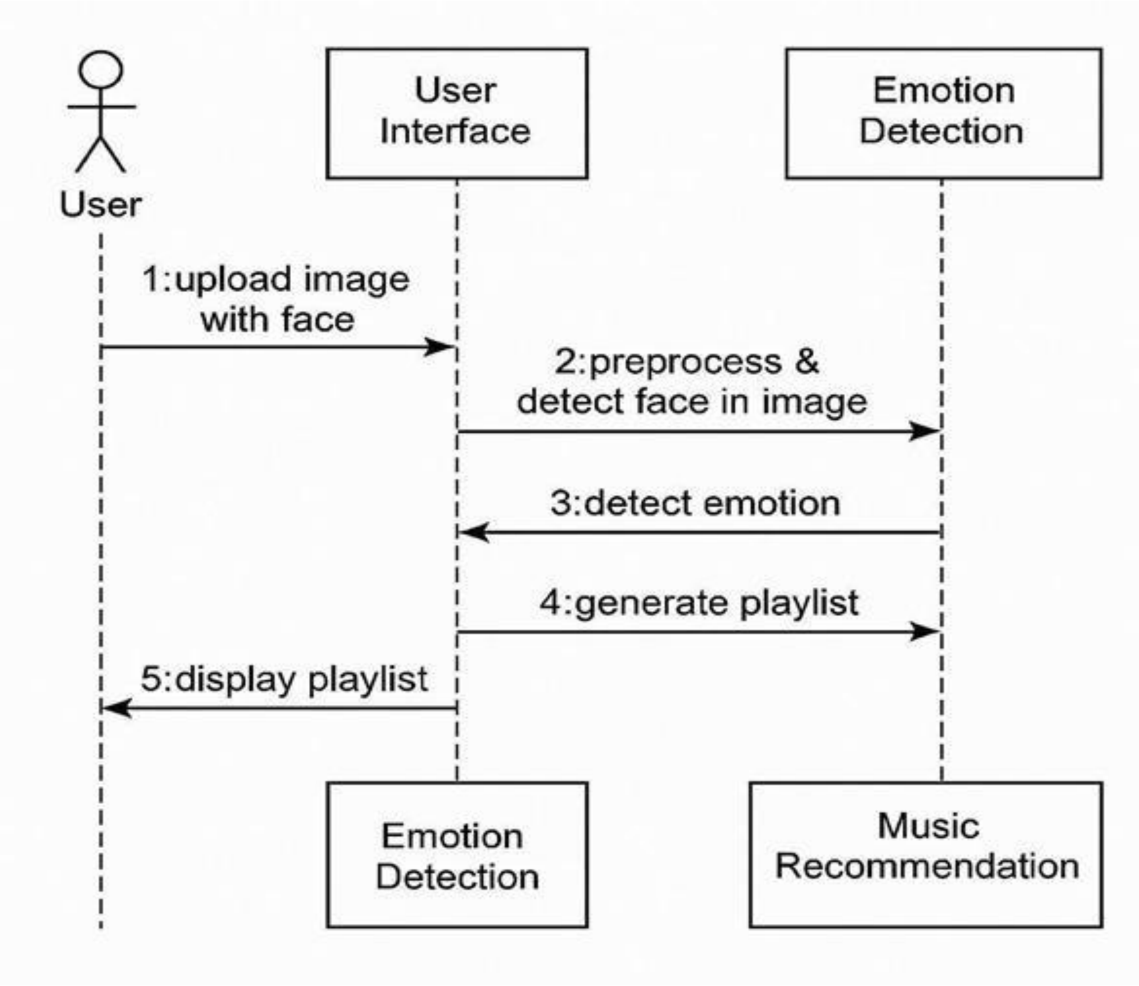
- Provide an expressive visual modeling language for developing and exchanging meaningful models.
- Establish a formal basis for understanding the modeling language.
- Encourage the growth of object-oriented tools.
- Integrate best practices into system development.

Types of UML Diagrams:

- Sequence Diagram
- Use Case Diagram
- Activity Diagram
- Class Diagram

5.3.1 Sequence Diagram

This sequence diagram outlines the interaction between the user and different system components—User Interface, Emotion Detection, and Music Recommendation. The process begins when the user uploads an image with a visible face (Step 1). The User Interface receives the image and sends it to the Emotion Detection module to preprocess and detect the face (Step 2). Once the face is detected, the module proceeds to analyze facial features and determine the user's emotion (Step 3). The detected emotion is then passed to the Music Recommendation module, which generates a playlist based on the emotional category (Step 4). Finally, the User Interface displays the emotion and the suggested playlist back to the user (Step 5). This diagram effectively models the real-time flow of data and function calls, ensuring clarity in system design and communication between modules.



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5.3.2 Use Case Diagram

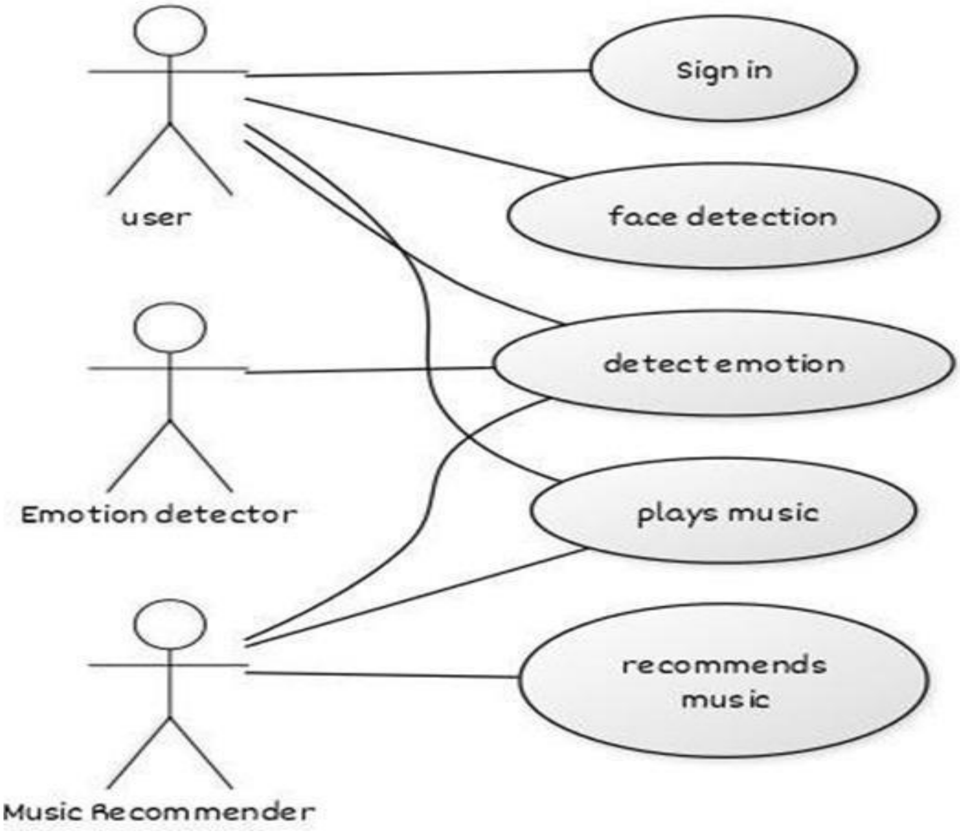

Fig 5.3.2 Use case Diagram

The diagram shown is a Use Case Diagram for the Emotion-Based Song Suggestion System, illustrating the interactions between different actors and the system functionalities. The primary actor is the User, who performs actions such as signing in, face detection, and detecting emotion. Once the emotion is identified, the system can recommend music and subsequently play music for the user. The Emotion Detector acts as a secondary actor that supports the emotion detection process, while the Music Recommender is responsible for suggesting appropriate songs based on the identified emotional state. Each oval represents a use case or system functionality, and the lines connecting them to actors indicate which component or user is involved in each task. This diagram effectively outlines the overall functional flow and the responsibilities of each component in the system.

5.3.3 Activity Diagram

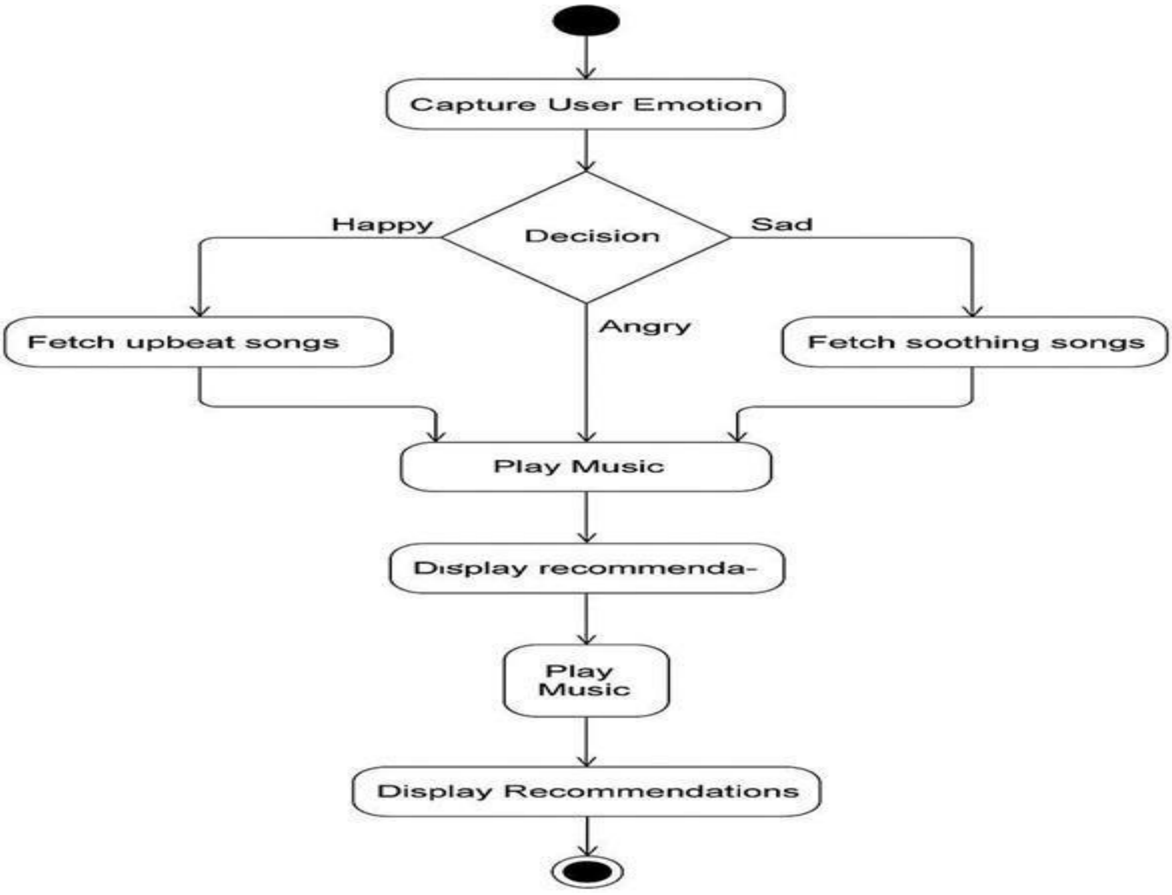

Fig 5.3.3 Activity Diagram

The image depicts an activity diagram representing the workflow of an Emotion-Based Music Recommendation System. The process begins by capturing the user's emotion, which is the initial step after the system is activated. Based on the detected emotion—Happy, Sad, or Angry—the system makes a decision and proceeds to fetch appropriate songs. If the user is happy, the system fetches upbeat songs; if sad, it retrieves soothing songs; and if angry, it also selects music accordingly, possibly energetic or calming depending on design. Once the songs are fetched, the system proceeds to play music and then display recommendations related to the user's emotion. The activity flow continues with another play music step, reinforcing the interactive nature, and ends with a final display of personalized song recommendations. This diagram clearly outlines the dynamic and emotion-responsive behavior of the system, emphasizing a smooth and adaptive user experience.

5.3.4 Class Diagram

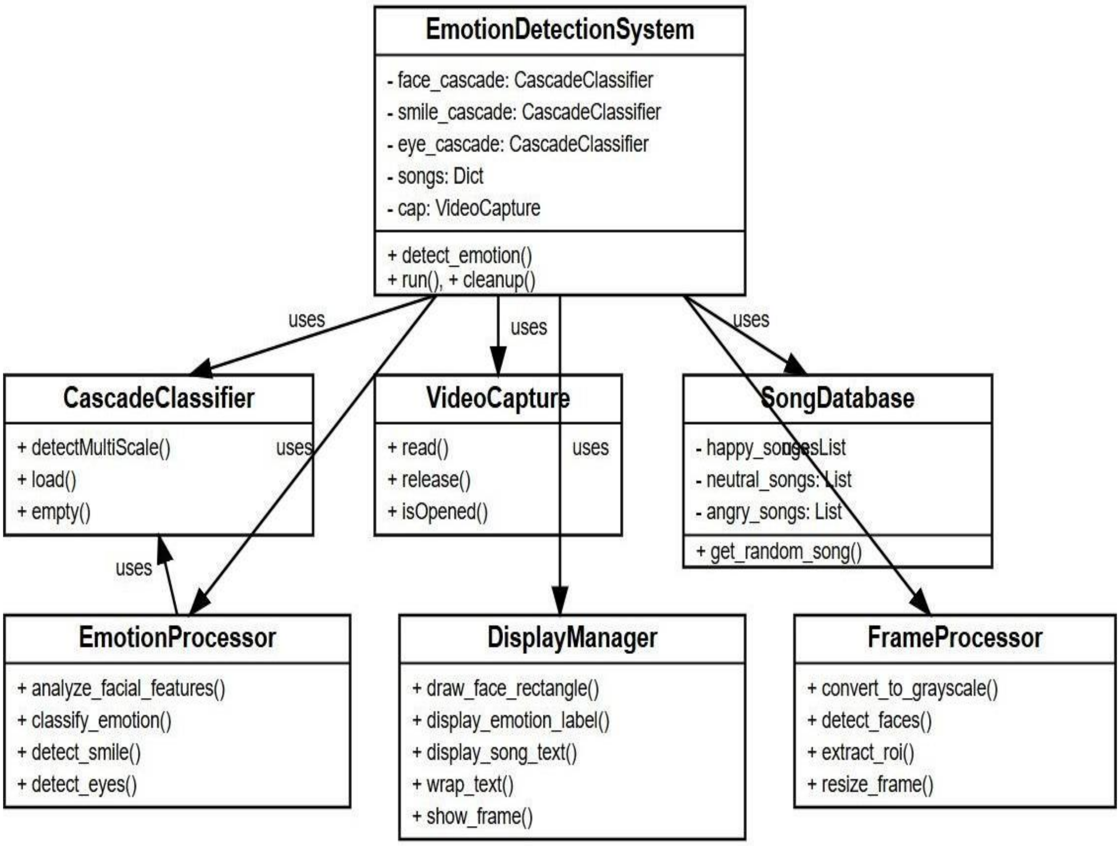

Fig 5.3.4 Class Diagram

The image is a Class Diagram that represents the structure and relationships of classes in the Emotion-Based Song Suggestion System. At the center is the EmotionDetectionSystem class, which serves as the core controller managing the system's functionality. It uses multiple components such as CascadeClassifier for facial feature detection (face, eyes, smile), VideoCapture for handling webcam input, SongDatabase for storing categorized songs, FrameProcessor for handling video frame conversions and region extractions, EmotionProcessor for analyzing facial features and classifying emotion, and DisplayManager for rendering visual outputs like emotion labels and song titles on the video frame. Each class has its own defined methods and attributes—for instance, EmotionProcessor provides methods to detect smiles and classify emotions, while SongDatabase contains song lists for different emotions and a method to return random suggestions. This diagram clearly demonstrates the modularity, data flow, and class responsibilities within the application, making it easier to understand, maintain, and extend the system.

6. CODING AND IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Source Code

```
import cv2

import random

# Load Haar cascades

face_cascade = cv2.CascadeClassifier(cv2.data.haarcascades +
'haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml')

smile_cascade = cv2.CascadeClassifier(cv2.data.haarcascades + 'haarcascade_smile.xml')

eye_cascade = cv2.CascadeClassifier(cv2.data.haarcascades + 'haarcascade_eye.xml')

# Emotion-wise song playlists

songs = {

    "Happy": [

        "Happy - Pharrell Williams",

        "Walking on Sunshine - Katrina & The Waves",

        "Can't Stop the Feeling - Justin Timberlake",

        "I Wanna Dance with Somebody - Whitney Houston",

        "Good Vibrations - The Beach Boys"

    ],

    "Neutral": [

        "Holland, 1945 - Neutral Milk Hotel",

        "Neutral - Instrumental Mix (Undertale)",

        "Science Documentary - Lexin_Music",

        "Nice And Soft - Nazar Rybak",

        "Waiting In The Wings - Primalhousemusic"
    ],
    "Angry": [
        "Angry Too - Lola Blanc",
        "You Oughta Know - Alanis Morissette",
        "Smells Like Teen Spirit - Nirvana",
        "In The End - Linkin Park",
        "The Rolling Stones - Angry"
    ]
}
# Detect emotion based on smile and eyes
def detect_emotion(roi_gray):
    smiles = smile_cascade.detectMultiScale(roi_gray, scaleFactor=1.8, minNeighbors=20)
    eyes = eye_cascade.detectMultiScale(roi_gray, scaleFactor=1.2, minNeighbors=10)
    if len(smiles) > 0:
        return "Happy"
    elif len(eyes) >= 2 and len(smiles) == 0:
        return "Angry"
    else:
        return "Neutral"
# Start webcam
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
print("🟢 Webcam started. Press 'q' to quit...")
while True:
    ret, frame = cap.read()
    if not ret:
        break
    gray = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
    faces = face_cascade.detectMultiScale(gray, 1.3, 5)
    for (x, y, w, h) in faces:
        roi_gray = gray[y:y+h, x:x+w]
        # Detect emotion and get a random song
        emotion = detect_emotion(roi_gray)
        song = random.choice(songs[emotion])
        # Draw face rectangle
        cv2.rectangle(frame, (x, y), (x+w, y+h), (255, 0, 0), 2)
        # Show emotion label
        cv2.putText(frame, f"Emotion: {emotion}", (x, y - 10),
cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_DUPLEX, 0.8, (0, 255, 0), 2)
        # Wrap long song title text across lines
        song_lines = [song[i:i+30] for i in range(0, len(song), 30)]
        for i, line in enumerate(song_lines):
            cv2.putText(frame, line, (x, y+h + 25 + i*20), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX,
0.6, (0, 255, 255), 2)
    cv2.imshow('    Emotion Detection & ♪    Song Suggestion', frame)
    # Exit on pressing 'q'
    if cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF == ord('q'):
        break
cap.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

6.2 Implementation

6.2.1 System Overview

The implementation of the Emotion Detection and Music Recommendation System involves integrating a real-time webcam feed with a deep learning-based emotion recognition model to detect the user's facial expression and recommend songs accordingly. The system leverages the FER (Facial Expression Recognition) model for emotion analysis and uses OpenCV for capturing and displaying the video stream. Based on the detected emotion, the system automatically suggests a song by opening a corresponding YouTube link in the web browser.

Back-end Implementation

The back-end is built entirely in Python and serves as the core of the system. It performs image capture, emotion detection, and automated song playback. It processes frames in real-time and analyzes facial expressions using a deep learning model to provide accurate emotion-based recommendations.

Key components include:

Webcam Integration: Captures real-time video input using OpenCV and detects faces in each frame.

FER Emotion Detection: Utilizes the pre-trained FER (Facial Expression Recognition) model to identify dominant emotions such as happy, angry, neutral, sad, fear, disgust, and surprise.

Emotion Mapping Logic: Maps each detected emotion to a predefined playlist. Each playlist contains a list of relevant song URLs.

Song Recommendation and Playback: Automatically selects a random song from the corresponding emotion playlist and opens it in the system’s default web browser using the webbrowser module.

Security Measures

To ensure a safe and secure experience:

The application processes only webcam input and does not store or transmit any user data.

The system uses hardcoded and validated YouTube URLs to avoid security risks from dynamic content or external APIs.

Conclusion

This implementation delivers a practical and engaging solution that combines real-time facial emotion recognition with dynamic music recommendations. It allows users to receive instant feedback and music suggestions that align with their emotional state. The use of a deep learning model for emotion detection enhances accuracy, while the integration of Python tools ensures an efficient and secure runtime environment suitable for personal or educational use.

7. SYSTEM TESTING

The purpose of system testing is to uncover any faults, bugs, or weaknesses in the software by systematically evaluating each part of the system under different conditions. It ensures that the application performs as intended and satisfies the functional requirements. For the Emotion Detection and Music Recommendation System, comprehensive testing was conducted at various levels including unit testing, integration testing, system testing, white box testing, black box testing, and user acceptance testing to ensure the system's stability, accuracy, and responsiveness.

7.1 Types of Tests

Unit Testing:

Unit testing was performed on the core components of the system to validate their individual functionality in isolation. This included testing functions responsible for detecting emotions using the FER model, selecting appropriate songs based on detected emotions, and opening YouTube links via the web browser. Sample test inputs included frames from the webcam feed representing various emotional expressions such as happy, angry, and sad, as well as blank or invalid frames with no visible face. The outputs were verified to ensure that correct emotions were identified and corresponding songs were selected without errors. Each function such as detect_emotions(), emotion classification logic using max(emotions, key=emotions.get), and the YouTube link launcher using webbrowser.open() was tested under both normal and abnormal scenarios to confirm proper behavior and error handling.

Integration Testing:

Integration testing focused on evaluating how well the individual modules worked together in a continuous workflow. This included verifying the interoperability between the webcam input, FER emotion detection, emotion-to-song mapping, and browser-based song playback. The integration tests confirmed that when a user’s face is detected in the webcam, the system accurately identifies the emotion and triggers the appropriate response—launching a song in the web browser. Valid scenarios tested included clear expressions with consistent lighting, while edge cases such as rapid face movement or multiple faces in the frame were used to observe system resilience. The results confirmed that all modules communicated correctly and the system pipeline—from capturing video to playing songs—worked seamlessly.

System Testing:

System testing was conducted to validate the complete functionality of the integrated application. The system was tested under real-world scenarios to ensure that it performs as expected in a live environment. This included checking whether the webcam initializes properly, faces are detected in real-time, emotions are accurately classified, and corresponding songs are recommended and played. Scenarios tested included users with different facial expressions, varying lighting conditions, and background distractions. The system consistently responded by correctly displaying the detected emotion on the video feed and opening a matching song in the browser. Performance testing also confirmed that the frame processing was smooth and responsive, with minimal delays between emotion detection and music recommendation.

White Box Testing:

White box testing involved analyzing the internal structure and logic of the application's source code. This included reviewing logic branches, loops, and function calls involved in emotion detection and music playback. Functions such as emotion scoring, logic for avoiding repeated recommendations, and real-time video annotation were carefully inspected to ensure they function as intended. This testing ensured that edge cases such as detecting the same emotion repeatedly or handling absence of face data were managed appropriately at the code level. It also confirmed that the code was modular, readable, and included proper error handling to prevent application crashes.

Black Box Testing:

Black box testing focused on the system's behavior without knowledge of the internal code. The application was used from an end-user's perspective to verify that it provided appropriate responses to various types of input. Users interacted with the system through the webcam, and their facial expressions were used as the sole input to trigger emotion detection and song recommendation. Valid expressions resulted in the correct emotion label being displayed and a suitable song being launched, while invalid scenarios such as no face or poor lighting were gracefully handled without any system failures. This validated that the system met user expectations and delivered the correct outputs consistently.

Acceptance Testing:

User Acceptance Testing (UAT) was conducted by allowing several sample users to interact with the application and provide feedback. Users with no prior technical background were able to use the system by simply sitting in front of the webcam and displaying various expressions. They evaluated the accuracy of emotion detection, relevance of the song recommendations, and overall ease of use. The results indicated high user satisfaction, with all users confirming that the interface was simple, the predictions were accurate, and the music suggestions were enjoyable and contextually relevant. No defects were reported during acceptance testing, and the system was deemed ready for deployment in a user-friendly environment.

7.2 Test Cases

S NO	TEST CASE	EXPECTED RESULT	RESULT	REMARKS (IF FAILS)
1	Webcam Initialization	Webcam starts and displays live video feed	Pass	Ensure webcam is connected and accessible.
2	Face Detection	Face is detected and a bounding box is drawn	Pass	Check lighting and camera angle; face must be clearly visible.
3	Emotion Detection	Correct emotion is displayed above the face	Pass	FER model accuracy may vary with expression clarity or lighting.
4	Song Recommendation Based on Emotion	A matching song is selected and opened in the browser	Pass	Ensure valid YouTube URLs; check browser configuration and permissions.
5	Emotion Change Handling	New emotion triggers a new song suggestion	Pass	May not trigger if the same emotion persists; user should change expression clearly.
6	No Face in Frame	System handles no-face condition gracefully without crashing	Pass	System should skip processing when no face is detected.
7	Multiple Faces in Frame	Detects and processes the primary face for emotion detection	Pass	May select the first detected face; prioritization logic can be improved.

8	Browser Playback	YouTube link opens automatically in the system’s default web browser	Pass	Browser must be installed and support `webbrowser` module functionality.
9	Real-time Frame Processing	Frames are processed continuously without significant lag	Pass	Low-performance systems may experience delay; consider resolution adjustments.
10	Repeat Emotion Detection Suppression	Same emotion does not repeatedly trigger the same song	Pass	Emotion change logic should prevent repeated song triggers.

Table 7.2 : Test Cases

8. Output Screens

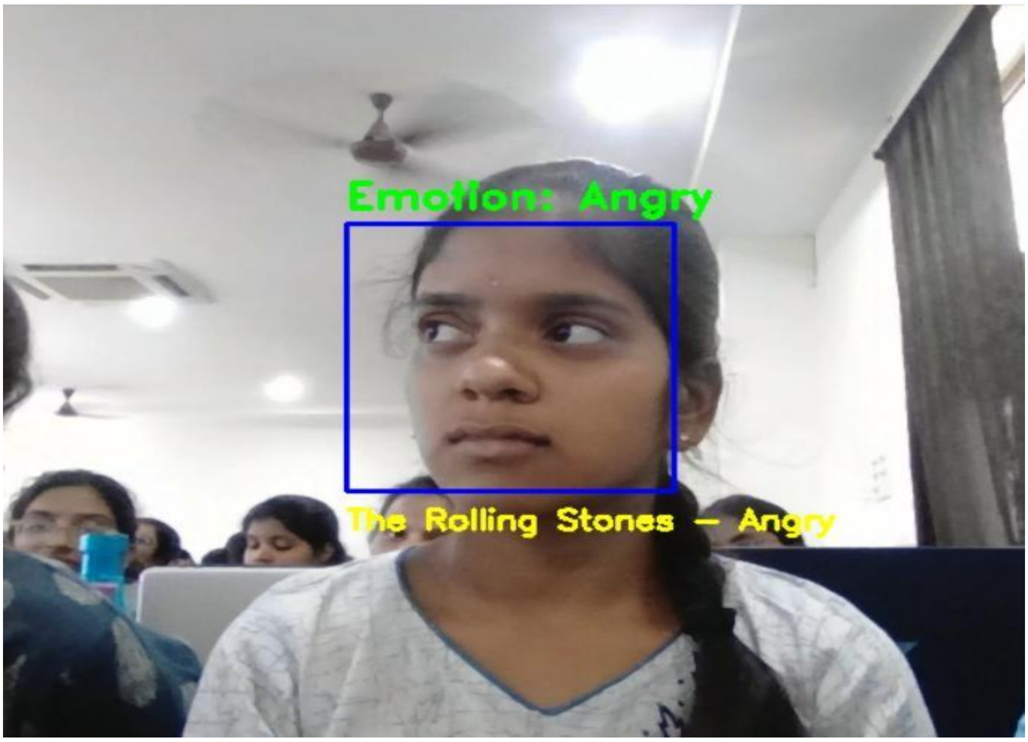

Fig 8.1 Output Screen-1

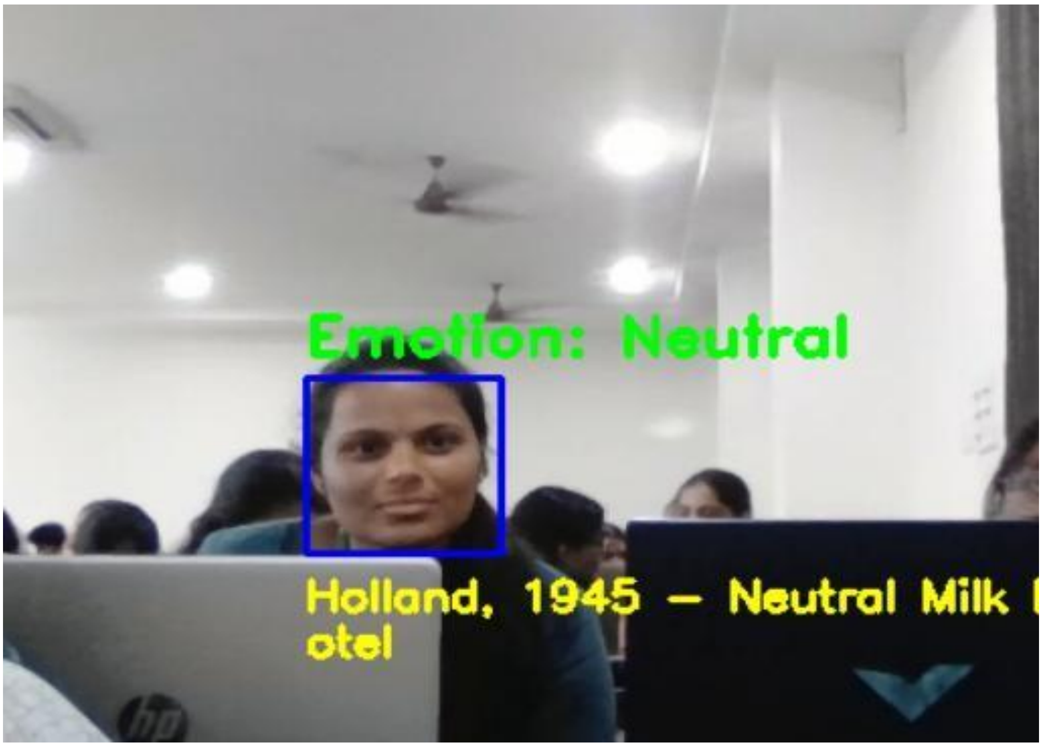

Fig 8.2-Output Screen-2

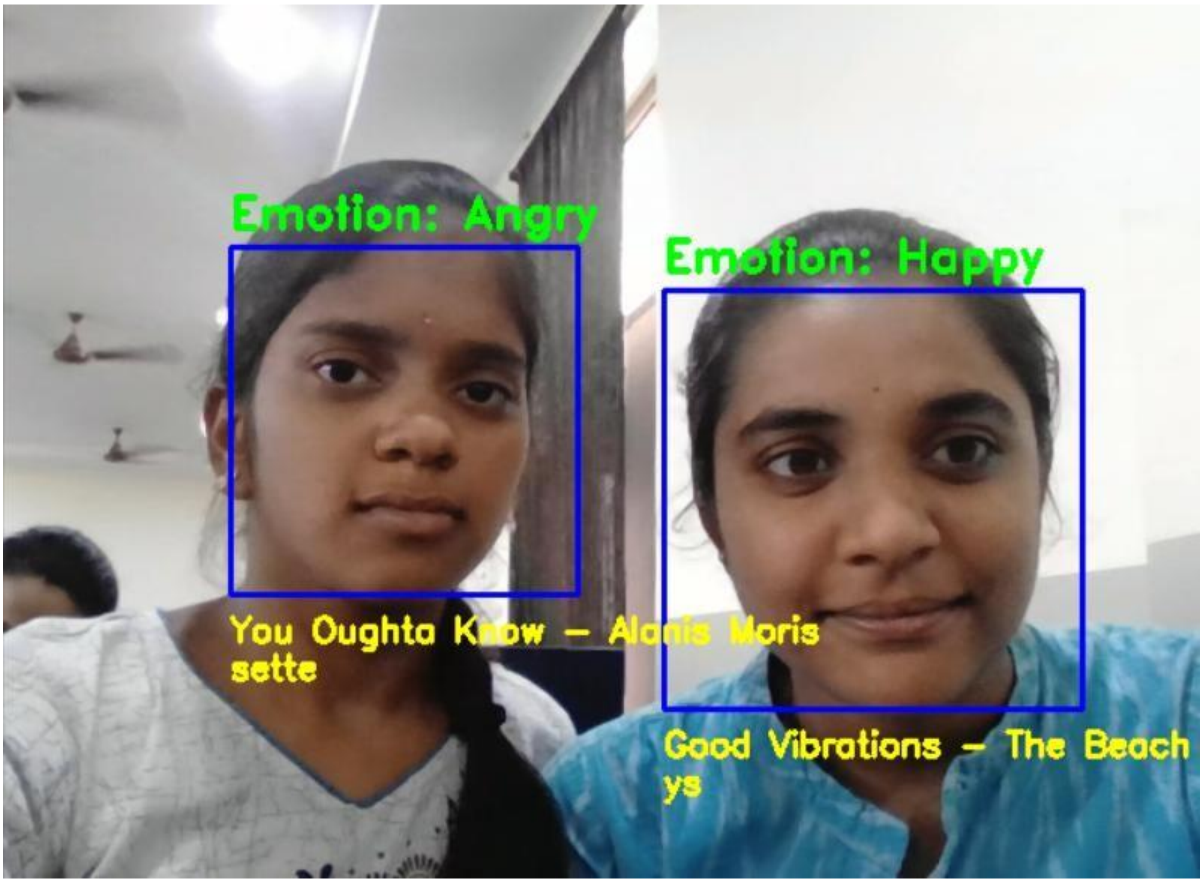

Fig 8.3 Output Screen-3

9. CONCLUSION

The Emotion Detection and Music Recommendation System provides an intelligent and interactive solution that blends computer vision, deep learning, and multimedia recommendation in real time. By using a webcam feed to analyze facial expressions and recognize emotions, the system dynamically recommends music that aligns with the user's mood, enhancing user experience and engagement.

Through the use of the FER (Facial Expression Recognition) model and OpenCV, the system achieves reliable emotion detection, even in real-time settings. The integration of a song recommendation mechanism based on detected emotions adds a personalized layer of interactivity. Testing confirmed the system's robustness, usability, and accuracy, making it suitable for both personal entertainment and experimental applications in affective computing.

This project successfully demonstrates how artificial intelligence can be applied in human-centered design, offering mood-based services that respond intuitively to user input. With potential improvements such as emotion history tracking, more diverse music playlists, and mobile app integration, this system can be extended into a full-scale emotional intelligence platform in the future.

Extensive testing has validated the system’s accuracy, stability, and responsiveness. Unit, integration, and system-level tests confirmed that the emotion detection and recommendation modules work seamlessly in unison. The system also gracefully handles various edge cases, such as multiple faces in the frame or lack of visible expressions, without crashing or misbehaving. Users who participated in the acceptance testing found the system easy to use, intuitive, and responsive.

In conclusion, the Emotion Detection and Music Recommendation System effectively demonstrates the potential of AI in creating intelligent, real-time, user-centric applications. It fulfils its intended objectives by combining facial emotion recognition with music suggestions to deliver a dynamic and engaging user experience. This system showcases how artificial intelligence can contribute meaningfully to everyday interactions, offering practical and enjoyable use cases through emotional responsiveness.

10. FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

The current version of the Emotion Detection and Music Recommendation System provides a functional and engaging platform for real-time emotion-based music suggestions. However, there are several avenues for enhancement that can significantly improve its capabilities, accuracy, and overall user experience.

One potential improvement is the expansion of emotion categories. At present, the system classifies only a limited set of emotions such as Happy, Angry, and Neutral. By incorporating a wider range of emotional states like Sad, Fear, Disgust, and Surprise, the system can offer a more comprehensive emotional analysis and a richer set of responses. This would make the recommendations more personalized and emotionally accurate.

Another valuable enhancement would be the integration of dynamic music recommendations through APIs such as Spotify or the YouTube Data API. This would allow the system to suggest songs based on current trends, genres, or even user listening history, replacing the current static playlist with a more diverse and up-to-date selection. Personalized user profiles could also be introduced to learn from the user’s past emotions and music preferences, enabling a more tailored experience.

Logging emotional data over time could serve as a mood tracking feature, allowing users to reflect on their emotional patterns and states across days or weeks. This could be especially beneficial in wellness applications, helping individuals monitor their mental and emotional well-being. Additionally, implementing cross-platform compatibility by developing mobile and web-based versions of the system would make it more accessible and convenient for users across different devices.

For improved accuracy, multimodal emotion detection could be employed by combining facial analysis with other inputs such as voice tone, speech sentiment, or even physiological data from wearable devices. This would allow the system to better understand complex emotional states and reduce the chances of misclassification

Lastly, incorporating real-time emotion feedback—such as visual effects, animated icons, or short tones—based on detected emotions can make the system more interactive and enjoyable. These enhancements collectively represent the next steps in evolving the system into a more intelligent, adaptive, and user-centric emotional AI platform.

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