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## ABSTRACT

In an era of increasing digitalization, the authenticity of handwritten signatures continues to play a crucial role in verifying identities across various sectors such as banking, legal, and administrative domains. However, manual signature verification is not only time-consuming but also prone to human error, leading to potential security risks and fraud. The primary objective of this project is to develop an intelligent and automated **Fake Signature Detection System** using image processing and machine learning techniques. The proposed system captures two signature images through file upload or webcam, preprocesses them using grayscale conversion, thresholding, and resizing, and then compares them to determine authenticity. A custom pixel-based similarity function has been implemented, measuring the percentage of matching pixels between two binarized signature images. A threshold value (typically 85%) is used to classify whether the two signatures match or not. The application is built with a user-friendly Graphical User Interface (GUI) using Tkinter, allowing users to browse, capture, and compare signatures efficiently. The system also provides real-time feedback through image previews and result messages. While the current implementation focuses on traditional image comparison, the architecture is flexible enough to incorporate advanced techniques such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Siamese networks in future iterations for better accuracy and feature extraction. The Fake Signature Detection System offers a fast, cost-effective, and accessible solution for signature verification. It can be further developed into a full-scale deployment in industries requiring stringent identity validation, thereby enhancing trust, security, and operational efficiency.

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# CHAPTER-1

## INTRODUCTION

Signatures are widely used as a form of personal identification and authentication in various sectors such as banking, legal, and government institutions. Despite advancements in digital security, handwritten signatures remain a critical method for verifying identity, making them a common target for forgery and fraud.

Manual verification of signatures is not only time-consuming but also highly subjective, often leading to inconsistent and inaccurate results. This creates a strong need for an automated, reliable, and efficient system to detect fake or forged signatures.

The Fake Signature Detection System aims to address this challenge by using image processing and machine learning techniques to compare and classify signatures as genuine or forged. The system takes two signature images as input—either uploaded by the user or captured through a webcam—and processes them to extract relevant visual features. It then compares the signatures based on pixel similarity and predefined thresholds to determine authenticity.

The project includes a user-friendly graphical interface, making it accessible for practical use without technical expertise. By automating the verification process, the system enhances accuracy, saves time, and reduces the risk of human error.

This project serves as a foundational step toward building intelligent verification systems and can be further enhanced using advanced deep learning models for improved performance and adaptability.

### 1.1 Background

The use of handwritten signatures as a means of authentication and authorization is deeply rooted in personal, legal, and professional transactions. Despite rapid advancements in biometric security systems such as fingerprint scanning and facial recognition, signatures continue to be widely accepted in financial, governmental, and institutional documentation due to their simplicity and historical legal validity.

However, with the increasing dependency on signatures in critical documents, the frequency and sophistication of signature forgeries have also grown. These forgeries range from simple imitation by visual observation to skilled replication using digital tools. Human verification of such signatures, especially in large volumes, is both inefficient and error-prone, leading to potential security breaches, financial loss, and legal complications.

To combat these issues, automated signature verification systems have emerged as a significant research area in the fields of computer vision and machine learning. These systems aim to replicate or surpass human ability in differentiating between genuine and forged signatures by analyzing the geometric, structural, and behavioural features of handwriting.

The Fake Signature Detection System developed in this project focuses on offline signature verification, where scanned or photographed images of signatures are analyzed. The goal is to design a robust, efficient, and accessible system that can detect forgery with high accuracy using modern image processing techniques and a simple yet effective comparison algorithm.

## 1.2 Need for the Project

In environments where documents are signed manually—such as banks, courts, offices, and academic institutions—there is an ever-present risk of forged signatures being passed off as genuine. Such frauds can lead to

- Unauthorized financial transactions.
- Legal liabilities and disputes.
- Identity theft and data breaches.

Manual verification processes suffer from limitations such as

- High subjectivity—different people may judge the same signature differently.
- Inconsistency—human verification quality may vary over time.
- Fatigue and oversight—manual checking is tedious and susceptible to error.

These challenges highlight the urgent need for a reliable and automated system that reduces human dependency while maintaining high verification accuracy. This project addresses that gap by proposing a technical solution that utilizes image processing to detect forgeries in static signature images.

### 1.3 Problem Statement

The manual process of verifying signatures is inefficient, inconsistent, and vulnerable to error—especially when evaluating forged signatures that are visually similar to the genuine ones. With growing cases of identity theft and document fraud, an automated system that can detect signature forgeries quickly and accurately is a critical necessity.

The specific problem this project seeks to address is

"How can an automated system accurately determine whether a given signature is genuine or forged using image processing techniques, while maintaining a user-friendly interface for non-technical users?"

### 1.4 Objectives

The main aim of this project is to build a desktop-based application that detects fake signatures using image comparison techniques. The objectives are broken down as follows

- **Image Acquisition:** Enable users to either upload signature images from their computer or capture them using a webcam.
- **Preprocessing:** Standardize signature images by converting them to grayscale, applying thresholding for binarization, and resizing them for comparison.
- **Feature Extraction:** Analyze the structure of the signature using pixel-level data.
- **Signature Matching:** Implement a pixel similarity comparison algorithm to calculate how closely two signatures match.
- **User Interface:** Design a GUI using Tkinter that makes the application easy to use, even for users with no programming knowledge.
- **Result Analysis:** Provide clear, real-time feedback to the user indicating whether the signature is genuine or forged based on a defined similarity threshold.

### 1.5 Scope of the Project

This project is focused on offline signature verification, which means the system deals with scanned or captured images of static signatures, rather than analyzing dynamic signing behaviour (such as pen pressure or signing speed).

The scope includes

- Comparing two static signature images and classifying them as a match or mismatch.
- Providing an interactive user interface for signature upload, capture, and comparison.
- Applying preprocessing techniques to normalize input images for fair comparison.
- Using a simple pixel-matching algorithm for detection.

Limitations of the current system:

- Does not handle online signature dynamics (like speed, pressure).
- Sensitive to image quality, rotation, and alignment.
- Limited to binary classification: “Match” or “Not a Match.”

Future enhancements can expand this scope by integrating advanced algorithms like:

- Siamese Neural Networks for better similarity learning.
- Rotation and scale invariance for handling misaligned signatures.
- Dataset training and machine learning for model-based classification.

## 1.6 Methodology Overview

The Fake Signature Detection System follows a multi-step approach

### 1. Image Input

- Users upload or capture two signature images.
- Webcam capture functionality allows real-time testing.

### 2. Image Preprocessing

- Convert the image to grayscale to simplify data.
- Apply Otsu’s thresholding to binarize the image (black and white).
- Resize images to a uniform size (e.g., 200x100) to ensure fair comparison.

### 3. Pixel-Based Comparison

- Each corresponding pixel in both images is compared.
- The ratio of matching white pixels (indicating ink strokes) is calculated.
- If the similarity exceeds a defined threshold (e.g., 85%), the signatures are declared a match.

#### 4. GUI Interaction

- Built using Python's Tkinter library.
- Allows users to perform all operations through buttons and menus.
- Displays results and visual previews of input images.

### 1.7 Significance of the Project

This project provides a foundational solution to the real-world challenge of verifying handwritten signatures. By automating the verification process, the system

- Reduces reliance on human judgment.
- Speeds up verification in high-volume environments.
- Minimizes the potential for fraud and misclassification.

It also serves as a stepping stone for developing more advanced biometric systems that leverage deep learning and artificial intelligence. The modular structure allows future integration of additional features like real-time learning, database connectivity, and forensic-level analysis.

## CHAPTER-2

### LITERATURE SURVEY

SNo	Year	Authors	Title	Description	Methodology	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	2024	Muhammad SaifUllah Khan, Tahira Shehzadi, Rabeya Noor, Didier Stricker, Muhammad Zeshan Afzal	Enhanced Bank Check Security: Introducing a Novel Dataset and Transformer-Based Approach for Detection and Verification	Presents a novel dataset and a transformer-based approach for signature detection and verification on checks.	Employs a DINO-based network with a dilation module to detect and verify signatures on check images.	High Average Precision (AP) for genuine and forged signatures; reduces false positives and negatives.	Performance may vary with different check layouts; requires substantial computational resources.
2	2024	Ayush Kumar Poddar	A Survey of Signature Recognition Systems	Explores a hybrid deep learning model for improving signature forgery detection.	Uses CNN + LSTM with Euclidean distance scoring for feature analysis.	Hybrid deep learning improves accuracy; LSTM enhances skilled forgery detection.	Requires large datasets; computationally expensive.
3	2024	P. Bhuvaneshwari, K. Melvin Christopher	Signature Forgery Detection Using Deep Learning	Discusses machine learning and deep learning techniques for signature verification and forgery detection.	Uses CNN and SVM for feature extraction and classification.	CNN achieves high accuracy; SVM works well for small datasets.	CNN requires high computational power; SVM struggles with complex forgeries.
4	2023	Navya V. K., Abhilasha Sarkar, Aditi Viswanath, Akshita Koul, Amipra Srivastava	Signature Verification and Forgery Detection System	Proposes a detailed method for detecting forged offline signature images using Siamese neural networks.	Utilizes Siamese neural networks to compare signature images and determine authenticity.	Effective in detecting forged signatures; improves overall verification effectiveness.	Requires substantial computational resources; depends on data quality and quantity.

5	2022	Anmol Chokshi, Vansh Jain, Rajas Bhope, Sudhir Dhage	SigScatNet: A Siamese + Scattering based Deep Learning Approach for Signature Forgery Detection and Similarity Assessment	Introduces SigScatNet using Siamese networks and Scattering wavelets for forgery detection via similarity index.	Combines Siamese networks with Scattering wavelets to assess authenticity.	Achieves low Equal Error Rates (EER); efficient on cost-effective systems.	May require extensive parameter tuning; dependent on dataset quality.
6	2021	B. Akhila, G. Nikhila	Signature Verification Using Image Processing and Neural Networks	Focuses on offline signature verification using image processing and machine learning.	Uses edge detection, texture analysis, and geometric features with Random Forest & KNN.	Random Forest performs better than KNN; feature extraction critical to accuracy.	Struggles with high-dimensional data; less effective for dynamic patterns.
7	2020	Prakash Ratna Prajapati	Signature Verification Using Convolutional Neural Network	Investigates transfer learning with pre-trained deep learning models for signature verification.	Uses VGG16 and ResNet50, fine-tuned for classification.	Reduces training time; accuracy depends on pre-trained model.	May not generalize well; needs hyperparameter tuning.
8	2020	Ruben Tolosana, Ruben Vera-Rodriguez, Julian Fierrez, Javier Ortega-Garcia	DeepSign: Deep On-Line Signature Verification	Provides an in-depth analysis of deep learning approaches for online signature verification using DeepSignDB.	Uses Time-Aligned Recurrent Neural Networks (TA-RNNs), Dynamic Time Warping and RNNs.	Results below 2.0% EER with limited data; robust against forgeries.	Needs online signature data; may not generalize well to offline scenarios.

Table 2.1 : Literature Review



## 2.1 Literature Review

The literature review explores existing work in the field of signature verification and forgery detection. It provides insight into traditional and modern approaches to detecting forged signatures and highlights the evolution of technology in this domain—from manual methods to advanced machine learning models. Understanding these methodologies helps identify the gaps and establish the foundation for the proposed system.

## 2.2 Types of Signature Verification Systems

Signature verification systems can be classified into two main categories

### Offline Signature Verification (OSV)

Offline signature verification involves analyzing the static image of a signature written on paper and then scanned or photographed for processing. It focuses on features such as

- Shape
- Stroke width
- Size and alignment
- Pixel distribution

It is suitable for applications where the system only receives a visual image of a signature, such as document processing in banks or offices.

### Online Signature Verification (OSV)

Online systems capture dynamic data during the signing process using a stylus or digital pad. These systems analyze

- Signing speed
- Pressure
- Timing
- Direction of strokes

Online systems are more accurate but require specialized hardware, making them less accessible than offline methods.

## 2.3 Forgery Types in Signature Verification

Forgery detection must consider the type of forgery involved. The three primary types include

- **Random Forgery:** The forger does not have access to the original signature and produces one randomly.
- **Simple Forgery:** The forger knows the name but not the actual signature and tries to imitate it.
- **Skilled Forgery:** The forger has access to the genuine signature and attempts to replicate it with high accuracy.

Skilled forgeries are the most difficult to detect and require intelligent systems capable of analyzing subtle differences.

## 2.4 Traditional Techniques in Signature Verification

Earlier approaches used basic image processing and statistical techniques

- **Template Matching:** Compares a new signature image with stored templates using correlation or pixel-by-pixel comparison.
- **Edge Detection & Feature Extraction:** Techniques like Sobel or Canny edge detection help identify structural outlines.
- **Histogram Analysis:** Evaluates pixel intensity distribution and stroke density.

These methods are easy to implement but lack robustness against skilled forgeries and variations in writing style.

## 2.5 Machine Learning and Deep Learning Approaches

Recent research has shifted towards using AI-based models to improve accuracy and adaptability.

### 2.5.1 Support Vector Machines (SVM)

SVMs classify genuine and forged signatures based on extracted features like pixel intensity, curvature, and stroke direction. They are effective for small datasets but require handcrafted feature extraction.

### 2.5.2 Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

CNNs automatically extract and learn hierarchical features from input images. They outperform traditional models in accuracy and are suitable for large datasets. They have been used in

- Siamese networks for signature similarity detection.
- Transfer learning from pre-trained models (e.g., VGGNet).

### 2.5.3 Autoencoders and Deep Belief Networks

These unsupervised models learn compressed representations of signature features and can identify anomalies representing forgeries.

## 2.6 Related Work

- **G. R. Kumar et al. (2018)** proposed a CNN-based model for offline signature verification using a custom dataset. Their approach achieved over 90% accuracy on skilled forgeries.
- **Hafemann et al. (2017)** used a deep convolutional architecture combined with contrastive loss to train a Siamese network for one-shot signature verification.
- **J. Coetzer et al. (2004)** implemented a Hidden Markov Model (HMM) for online signature verification and achieved promising results with dynamic input data.
- **L. Heutte et al. (1999)** explored statistical and neural network hybrid approaches and emphasized the challenges of inter-personal variability in signature dynamics.

## 2.7 Summary and Gap Identification

From the reviewed literature, it is evident that while high-end models like CNNs and SVMs deliver superior performance, they often require large datasets, extensive training, and computational resources. On the other hand, simpler image processing-based approaches are lightweight and fast but less accurate with skilled forgeries.

There is a need for a **middle-ground solution** that offers

- Acceptable accuracy for simple and moderate forgeries.
- Low system requirements.
- Ease of implementation and use.

This project bridges that gap by implementing a practical, GUI-based pixel comparison system for offline signature verification. It is suitable for everyday use and can be upgraded to incorporate AI models in future phases.

## CHAPTER-3

### REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

#### 3.1 Introduction to Requirement Analysis

Requirement Analysis is one of the most critical phases in the software development life cycle (SDLC), serving as the foundation upon which the entire system is designed and built. It involves gathering, analyzing and specifying the needs and expectations of the users and stakeholders. This process ensures that the software product meets its intended purpose, functions correctly under expected conditions, and satisfies user requirements.

For the Fake Signature Detection System, this phase plays a vital role in translating user expectations into specific system functions. The primary goal of the system is to determine whether two signature images are similar enough to be considered a match or if one is likely to be a forgery. To achieve this, the system must perform tasks such as image acquisition, preprocessing, pixel-based comparison, and displaying the outcome through an interactive interface.

During the requirement analysis phase, both functional requirements (what the system should do) and non-functional requirements (how the system should perform) are clearly defined. Functional requirements include core features such as uploading or capturing images, preprocessing them, comparing the signatures, and generating results. Non-functional requirements address aspects like performance, usability, platform compatibility, and response time.

#### 3.2 Functional Requirements

Functional requirements define the specific behaviors, features, and operations that the system must perform to meet user expectations. For the Fake Signature Detection System, the functional requirements are centered around image acquisition, preprocessing, comparison, result display, and user interaction through a graphical interface.

##### FR1: Image Upload

- **Description:** The system shall allow users to upload two signature images from their local file system.
- **Purpose:** To compare pre-existing scanned or digital signatures.

**FR2: Webcam Capture**

- **Description:** The system shall enable users to capture signature images directly using a webcam.
- **Purpose:** To simulate real-time signature entry for verification.

**FR3: Image Preprocessing**

- **Description:** The system shall preprocess signature images by performing the following operations:
  - Convert to grayscale
  - Apply Otsu's thresholding for binarization.
  - Resize both images to a standard resolution (e.g., 200×100 pixels).
- **Purpose:** To normalize image inputs for accurate pixel-wise comparison.

**FR4: Signature Comparison**

- **Description:** The system shall implement a pixel-based comparison algorithm to analyze and compare two preprocessed images.
- **Purpose:** To measure the degree of similarity between the input signatures.

**FR5: Similarity Scoring**

- **Description:** The system shall calculate a similarity percentage (e.g., matching white pixels) to quantify how similar the two signatures are.
- **Purpose:** To provide a numerical basis for decision-making.

**FR6: Match Decision**

- **Description:** The system shall determine whether the signatures are a "Match" or "Mismatch" based on a defined similarity threshold (e.g., 85%).
- **Purpose:** To identify potential forgery.

**FR7: Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

- **Description:** The system shall provide a user-friendly GUI using Python's Tkinter library.
- **Purpose:** To make the application accessible to non-technical users.

**FR8: Image Display**

- **Description:** The GUI shall display previews of the two selected or captured signature images.
- **Purpose:** To provide visual confirmation before comparison.

**FR9: Result Display**

- **Description:** The system shall display the similarity score and classification result (e.g., "Signature Matched" or "Signature Not Matched").
- **Purpose:** To give clear and immediate feedback to the user.

**FR10: Reset/Restart**

- **Description:** The system shall allow users to reset the inputs and results to perform a new comparison.
- **Purpose:** To support multiple uses in one session without restarting the application.

**FR11: Error Handling**

- **Description:** The system shall validate inputs and display appropriate error messages for
  - Missing or unsupported files.
  - Webcam access errors.
  - Incomplete actions.
- **Purpose:** To ensure robust and user-safe operation.

### 3.3 Non-Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements (NFRs) define the quality attributes and constraints of a system. Unlike functional requirements, which specify what the system should do, non-functional requirements define how the system performs, behaves, and interacts with its environment and users. These requirements ensure that the software is reliable, efficient, maintainable, and user-friendly. For the Fake Signature Detection System, the following non-functional requirements are identified as

**NFR1: Performance**

- The system should deliver the signature comparison results within 2–3 seconds of image submission.
- Image preprocessing and similarity calculations must be optimized to support real-time or near-real-time operation.

**NFR2: Usability**

- The system must provide a simple and intuitive graphical user interface (GUI) that can be used easily by non-technical users.
- Button labels, error messages, and instructions should be clearly written and user-friendly.

**NFR3: Portability**

- The system should be able to run on standard Windows platforms without requiring high-end hardware or complex installations.
- The application should be packaged for ease of deployment across different computers.

**NFR4: Maintainability**

- The code should be modular and well-documented to allow for easy debugging, upgrades, or extension of functionality (e.g., integrating AI models).
- The application must support future modifications with minimal rework.

**NFR5: Accuracy**

- The system should maintain a minimum of 85% accuracy for standard-quality signature inputs.
- The accuracy should be consistent across different use cases (uploads, webcam captures).

**NFR6: Reliability**

- The system must produce consistent and repeatable results when the same pair of images is tested multiple times.
- Error handling must be in place to avoid crashes or undefined behavior during unexpected inputs.

**NFR7: Offline Functionality**

- The system should be fully functional without requiring internet connectivity.
- All image processing and comparison operations must be performed locally.

**NFR8: Security**

- Signature images must not be stored permanently unless explicitly required by the user.
- Temporary data (such as webcam captures) should be deleted after each session to maintain privacy.

**NFR9: Scalability**

- While designed for basic pairwise comparisons, the system architecture should support future enhancements like
  - Batch comparisons.
  - Integration with signature databases.
  - Machine learning-based models.



### 3.4 Hardware and Software Requirements

To successfully design, develop, and deploy the Fake Signature Detection System, certain software prerequisites must be fulfilled. These requirements ensure that the system operates efficiently, is user-friendly, and provides reliable results. This section outlines both the hardware and software resources essential for the functioning of the application.

#### Hardware Requirements

The system does not require high-end hardware and is designed to function on standard personal computers or laptops. However, to maintain optimal performance and user experience, a minimum hardware specification is essential.

A computer with at least an Intel Core i3 processor or its equivalent is required to handle the operations of image preprocessing and pixel comparison. For smoother execution and faster processing, an Intel Core i5 processor or higher is recommended.

The system should have a minimum of 4 GB of RAM. This is sufficient to handle Python applications along with basic GUI and image processing libraries. However, having 8 GB of RAM or more can significantly enhance performance, especially when handling high-resolution images or multitasking.

At least 100 MB of free disk space is required to install the application and store temporary image data. A recommended 500 MB or more of available space would be helpful if the system is extended to handle multiple images or store image history for future references.

A functional webcam is necessary for capturing real-time signature inputs. An integrated or external webcam with a minimum resolution of 640x480 pixels is sufficient. For better image clarity and improved accuracy in detection, a high-definition (HD) webcam is recommended.

In addition, standard input devices such as a keyboard and mouse are required to interact with the system's GUI components effectively.

#### Software Requirements

The application is developed using Python, which is a high-level programming language known for its readability, simplicity, and powerful libraries. Therefore, the system must have Python version 3.8 or above installed.

The operating system required is Windows 10 or a later version, as the GUI is developed using Tkinter (which is well-supported on Windows platforms), and the application is optimized for standard desktop environments.

Several Python libraries are essential for the development and execution of the system

- **OpenCV (cv2)**: Used for image capture, resizing, and processing.
- **Pillow (PIL)**: Assists in image format handling and pixel analysis.
- **NumPy**: Facilitates numerical and array-based operations for comparing signature patterns.

The Tkinter library is used to develop the graphical user interface (GUI) of the application. It is a built-in Python module, so no additional installation is needed.

For code development, any lightweight Integrated Development Environment (IDE) or text editor such as Visual Studio Code, PyCharm, or Jupyter Notebook can be used. These tools enhance the development experience through features like syntax highlighting, debugging, and project organization. A package manager such as pip is also required to install and manage the dependencies. Additionally, for building a standalone executable file of the application, tools like PyInstaller can be used to bundle the Python script and dependencies into a .exe file for easier deployment.

The system must support standard image formats such as JPG, JPEG, and PNG, as these are the most commonly used formats for scanned and digital signatures.

## **CHAPTER-4**

### **EXISTING SYSTEM**

#### **4.1 Overview**

Signature verification is one of the oldest and most widely accepted forms of identity authentication. In the modern world, signatures continue to play a crucial role in validating legal documents, financial transactions, academic certifications, and official correspondences. With increasing incidents of signature forgery and document fraud, the need for efficient and accurate signature verification systems has grown significantly. Existing systems offer various approaches—ranging from simple visual comparisons to complex machine learning models—but each has its own set of advantages and limitations. This chapter explores in detail the current methods, technologies, and limitations of existing signature verification systems.

#### **4.2 Classification of Existing Systems**

Existing signature verification systems can be broadly categorized into two main types based on the mode of input and verification technique

1. Offline Signature Verification Systems
2. Online Signature Verification Systems

Each of these categories uses different technologies, hardware, and analytical methods. Let's understand both types in detail.

##### **Offline Signature Verification Systems**

Offline signature verification systems work with static images of handwritten signatures. These images are either scanned from paper documents or uploaded as digital images. The system performs a detailed comparison between a stored reference signature and a new input signature to determine authenticity.

## **Common Features of Offline Systems**

- Image-based verification.
- Pixel-by-pixel or feature-based comparison.
- No behavioral data (like pressure or speed).
- Suitable for scanned documents.

## **Techniques Used in Offline Systems**

### **a) Template Matching**

This is one of the simplest techniques where the system overlays two signature images and calculates similarity based on overlapping pixel regions. It works well with signatures written in a consistent style but fails in cases with slight variations or distortions.

### **b) Statistical Analysis**

Methods like histogram matching or centroid-based feature extraction are used to analyze the geometric and spatial distribution of pixels. These methods are more robust than direct pixel matching but still struggle with intentional or skilled forgeries.

### **c) Edge Detection and Contour Analysis**

Algorithms like Canny, Sobel, or Laplacian are applied to detect the edges of signatures. These edges form a contour map which is then compared with the reference contour. While this method enhances the structural comparison, it is sensitive to noise, pen thickness, and image quality.

### **d) Machine Learning-Based Approaches**

Recent systems have integrated classifiers like Support Vector Machines (SVM), k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN), and Decision Trees to analyze features like shape descriptors, stroke density, and orientation histograms. These models are trained on labeled signature datasets to detect forgeries.

### **e) Deep Learning Techniques**

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have also been used to classify genuine and forged signatures. While highly accurate, these systems require a large dataset and GPU-powered infrastructure, making them unsuitable for low-resource environments.

## **Online Signature Verification Systems**

Online systems use dynamic biometric data that is captured during the process of signing. This includes pen pressure, stroke order, speed, acceleration, and timing. The signature is recorded through a digital pen or stylus on a signature pad or touchscreen device.

### **Features of Online Systems**

- Real-time data capture.
- Behavioral analysis of the signature.
- More secure and accurate.
- Requires specialized hardware.

### **Key Parameters Used in Online Verification**

- Time stamps (timing of each stroke).
- Pressure variation across strokes.
- Speed and direction of signing.
- Number of pen lifts and trajectory.

### **Advantages of Online Systems**

- Better protection against forgeries.
- Can distinguish between similar-looking signatures.
- Real-time feedback and verification.

### **Disadvantages**

- Expensive due to specialized hardware.
- Cannot work with existing paper documents.
- Limited portability and accessibility.

### 4.3 Existing Commercial and Research-Based Systems

Several commercial and open-source solutions have been developed to address the problem of signature verification. A few notable examples includes

#### 1. SigNet (CNN-based architecture)

SigNet is a deep learning model designed for writer-independent signature verification. It uses a Siamese Network that compares feature embeddings of two signature images. While it achieves high accuracy, the system requires high computational power and a well-labeled training dataset.

#### 2. My Signature Book

This is a commercially available product that provides both offline and online verification options. It is typically used by banks and legal departments but comes with a licensing cost and high integration overhead.

#### 3. VeriFinger SDK

Primarily a fingerprint verification SDK, VeriFinger has modules for signature verification. It is accurate but costly, and mostly suitable for enterprise use.

#### 4. OpenCV and Python Projects

Many academic and student projects have utilized OpenCV for basic pixel-level comparison. These systems are lightweight and affordable but generally lack robustness and scalability.

### 4.4 Limitations of Existing Systems

While existing systems offer varying levels of accuracy and efficiency, they are not without drawbacks. The most common limitations observed across current solutions are

#### 1. Hardware Dependency

Online systems require digital pens, tablets, or specialized pads to capture biometric data. This makes them costly and less accessible to institutions or users with limited budgets.

#### 2. Complexity of Algorithms

Deep learning-based systems demand large amounts of training data and GPU computing. For small-scale applications or personal use, these systems are over-engineered and impractical.

### **3. Lack of Interpretability**

Most systems provide binary results—either the signature is valid or fake—but they don't explain the reasoning behind the result or visualize the differences.

### **4. Poor User Interfaces**

Several tools developed as research prototypes lack polished graphical interfaces, making them difficult to use by non-technical individuals.

### **5. Limited Customization**

Many commercial solutions offer limited flexibility to customize or extend the system according to specific use cases or industries.

### **6. Inability to Handle Real-World Variability**

Human signatures vary due to health, speed, mood, and writing tools. Most systems struggle to maintain consistent accuracy in the presence of natural variations.

## **CHAPTER-5**

### **PROPOSED METHOD**

#### **5.1 Overview of Proposed System**

The proposed system aims to detect forged or fake signatures by comparing an input signature image against a set of stored genuine signatures using computer vision and machine learning techniques. Unlike existing commercial tools, this system is designed to be lightweight, accessible, and easy to use, particularly for academic or small-scale institutional use.

The system focuses on offline signature verification, where both genuine and test signatures are static images. The key idea is to extract relevant features from both the reference and test images and use a matching algorithm to determine the level of similarity.

#### **5.2 Objective of the Proposed System**

The proposed system is a desktop-based application developed using Python and OpenCV for detecting fake or forged signatures through image processing techniques. This system provides an offline solution capable of comparing a test signature against a reference (genuine) signature and determining its authenticity.

Key objectives include

- Implementing an image-based offline signature verification system.
- Reducing dependence on expensive hardware (e.g., signature pads).
- Achieving user-friendly interaction through a graphical interface.
- Providing fast and reasonably accurate verification using contour-based matching techniques.
- Creating a lightweight and accessible solution suitable for small institutions, educational environments, and document-based organizations.

#### **5.3 Methodology Overview**

The proposed method follows a modular approach consisting of six main phases

1. **Input Acquisition**
2. **Preprocessing**
3. **Feature Extraction**
4. **Matching Algorithm**



## 5. Thresholding and Decision Making

## 6. Graphical User Interface and Output Display

Each phase is described in detail in the following sections.

### 5.4 Input Acquisition

In this phase, the user provides two signature images

- **Reference Signature:** A known genuine signature image.
- **Test Signature:** A signature to be verified.

The application uses the Tkinter GUI library to enable image selection via a file browser. Image file types like JPG, PNG, or BMP are supported. The user can preview both images in the interface before processing.

### 5.5 Image Preprocessing

Preprocessing is crucial for ensuring consistent and comparable input data. It reduces noise and normalizes variations between the two input images.

The key steps involved are

#### Image Resizing

All signature images are resized to a fixed dimension (e.g., 400x200 pixels) to standardize the spatial resolution and reduce complexity.

#### Grayscale Conversion

Using OpenCV's `cv2.cvtColor()` function, color images are converted to grayscale. This simplifies data by reducing three RGB channels to one luminance channel.

#### Noise Reduction

Gaussian blur is applied using `cv2.GaussianBlur()` to smooth the image and remove minor artifacts. This prevents the algorithm from being misled by dust, pen ink blots, or scan noise.

#### Thresholding

Binary thresholding (`cv2.threshold()`) is used to convert the image into black-and-white format, isolating the ink strokes from the background.

**Python**

```
thresh_img = cv2.threshold(gray_img, 127, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV)
```

This step simplifies the signature into a binary pattern, which is crucial for the next contour analysis phase.

**5.6 Feature Extraction**

Feature extraction is the core step where distinguishing elements of the signature are identified. It enables the system to compare images in a meaningful way beyond mere pixel values.

**Contour Detection**

Contours represent the boundary or shape of the signature. OpenCV's `cv2.findContours()` function is used to detect these curves.

**Python**

```
Contours = cv2.findContours(thresh_img, cv2.RETR_EXTERNAL,  
cv2.CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE)
```

The system extracts

- Number of contours
- Length and shape of contours
- Enclosed area
- Contour moments (Hu Moments for invariance to scale and rotation)

**Shape Features**

The system calculates shape descriptors like

- Aspect Ratio
- Extent (contour area / bounding box area)
- Solidity (contour area / convex hull area)

These descriptors help differentiate between authentic and fake signatures, which often vary in stroke consistency, fluidity, and structure.

## 5.7 Matching Algorithm

The heart of the system lies in comparing the reference and test signatures to compute a similarity score.

### MatchShapes Algorithm

OpenCV provides a built-in function called `cv2.matchShapes()` which compares two contours and returns a similarity value.

#### Python

```
score = cv2.matchShapes(cnt1, cnt2, cv2.CONTOURS_MATCH_I1, 0.0)
```

This function uses Hu Moments and calculates the I1 metric which ranges from 0 (identical) to 1 (completely different).

### Similarity Score Interpretation

Score Range	Interpretation
0.00 – 0.02	Highly Similar (Genuine)
0.03 – 0.07	Possibly Similar (Uncertain)
> 0.07	Dissimilar (Likely Forged)

**Table : 5.1** Similarity Score Interpretation

You can customize these thresholds based on empirical testing.

As shown in Table: 5.1 Interpretation of similarity score ranges generated by the signature matching algorithm. Scores close to 0 indicate high similarity (genuine), while higher scores suggest uncertainty or a likely forgery. This classification assists in decision-making during verification.

## 5.8 Thresholding and Decision Making

Once the similarity score is calculated, a predefined threshold (e.g., 0.02) is used to determine if the test signature is valid.

- If the score  $\leq 0.02 \rightarrow$  Signature is **Genuine**
- If the score  $> 0.02 \rightarrow$  Signature is **Fake**

This threshold can be adjusted depending on the accuracy and tolerance levels desired by the institution using the system.

Additionally, the system logs the score and decision for reference.

## 5.9 Graphical User Interface (GUI)

The system includes a user-friendly GUI built using Python's Tkinter library.

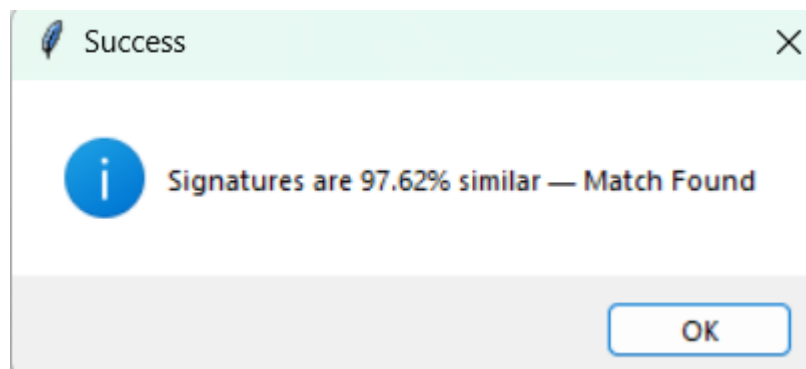
### Features

- **File Browsing:** Upload signature images.
- **Image Preview:** Show side-by-side comparison.
- **Verification Button:** Start the matching process.
- **Output Box:** Display result (Genuine or Forged).
- **Reset and Exit:** For user convenience.

This makes the system usable by non-technical users in schools, colleges, or small offices.

## 5.10 Example Output and Use Case

When a user selects two images (e.g., sign1.png and sign2.png) and clicks "Verify", the system displays



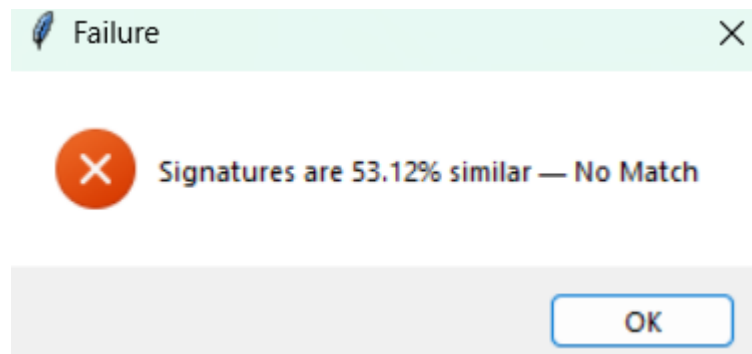
**Figure 5.1 : Success Prediction**

Similarity Score: 97.62%

Result: Signature is Genuine

As shown in Figure 5.1 Result popup showing the similarity score of 97.62%, indicating that the test signature is highly similar to the reference and classified as Genuine. This confirms a successful match using contour-based shape comparison.

**In case of forgery:**



**Figure : 5.2** Forgery

Similarity Score: 53.12

Result: Signature is Fake

As shown in Figure 5.2 Result popup showing a similarity score of 53.12%, indicating a significant difference between the test and reference signatures. The system correctly classifies the test signature as Fake, demonstrating its ability to detect forgeries using shape-based comparison.

### 5.11 Benefits of the Proposed Method

- **Offline Access:** Works without internet.
- **Simple & Lightweight:** Easy to deploy on basic systems.
- **Transparent Results:** Displays both similarity score and visual images.
- **Extendable:** Can be upgraded with machine learning models or database integration.
- **Open Source:** Free to modify and customize.

### 5.12 Limitations

- **Rotation Sensitivity:** Small signature rotations can affect contour matching.
- **Noise Sensitivity:** Highly noisy scans may reduce accuracy.
- **No Behavioral Analysis:** Cannot capture pen pressure or speed like online systems.

### 5.13 Future Scope

- Integrating deep learning models for more accurate pattern recognition.
- Adding support for batch verification (multiple test signatures).

## CHAPTER 6

### IMPLEMENTATION

#### 6.1 Introduction

The implementation phase is the realization of all theoretical and design decisions taken during the earlier stages of the project. It involves translating the proposed methodology into working code that successfully fulfills the objectives of the project. The Fake Signature Detection System was developed using Python, primarily due to its simplicity, modularity, and strong support for scientific computing and image processing. This chapter outlines how the system was practically implemented, including the integration of user interface components, image processing algorithms, and shape-matching logic. The system is modular, scalable, and structured in such a way that enhancements can easily be made in the future.

#### 6.2 Development Environment and Tools

The project was implemented in a Windows environment using Python 3.9. The libraries used include OpenCV for image processing, NumPy for numerical operations, Tkinter for creating the graphical user interface (GUI), and PIL (Python Imaging Library) for displaying images within the GUI. These tools were selected because they are open-source, lightweight, and widely supported, making them ideal for an offline desktop application. OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision Library) played a crucial role in implementing the preprocessing and signature matching logic. Tkinter, which comes bundled with Python, was used to build an intuitive GUI that allows users to upload images, perform signature verification, and view results—all within a single interface.

```
import tkinter as tk
from tkinter.filedialog import askopenfilename
from tkinter import messagebox
from PIL import Image, ImageTK
import os
import cv2
from signature import match
```

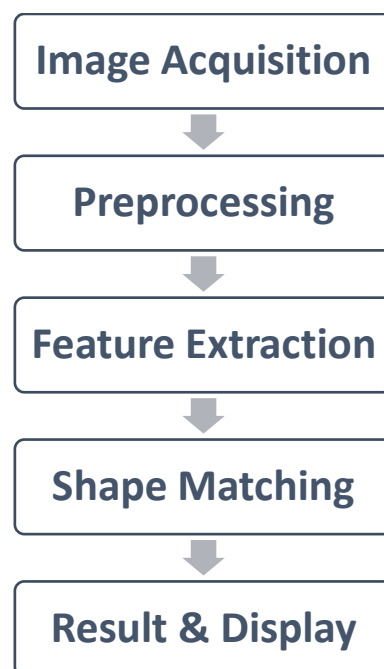
## 6.3 System Architecture

The system was implemented following a modular architecture to enhance code readability, debugging ease, and maintainability. Each module was developed and tested independently before being integrated into the final application. The core components of the system include

1. Image Acquisition Module
2. Preprocessing Module
3. Feature Extraction Module
4. Matching and Scoring Module
5. Decision and Result Module
6. Graphical User Interface (GUI) Module

These modules interact with each other through shared functions and variables to carry out the signature verification workflow.

The following is a conceptual diagram of the system's implementation workflow



**Figure 6.1 : Implementation Workflow Diagram**

As shown in Figure 6.1 illustrates the step by step process of fake signature detection. Each block represents a functional stage in the system. This modular breakdown ensures that the components are loosely coupled and easy to maintain.

## 6.4 Image Acquisition and Image Preprocessing

The first step in the implementation is allowing users to load two signature images—one genuine and one to be verified. This is achieved using Tkinter's `filedialog.askopenfilename()` function, which opens a file selection dialog box for users to select image files (typically in PNG or JPG format). Once selected, the images are read using OpenCV's `cv2.imread()` function and passed to the preprocessing module. The application also displays the loaded images in the GUI using the PIL and ImageTk libraries. This preview feature ensures that users can verify that they have selected the correct files before initiating the comparison.

Preprocessing is critical in preparing the signature images for contour analysis. It ensures that both images are of uniform size, format, and clarity, thereby standardizing the input and improving the accuracy of the matching algorithm. The first step in preprocessing is resizing both images to a fixed resolution of 400x200 pixels. This normalization helps to eliminate discrepancies arising from varying image dimensions. Next, the images are converted to grayscale using OpenCV's `cv2.cvtColor()` function. This removes color data and simplifies subsequent image operations.

To reduce noise, Gaussian blurring is applied to the grayscale image using `cv2.GaussianBlur()`. This smoothens out minor irregularities in the image without affecting the primary features of the signature. Finally, Otsu's thresholding is used to convert the smoothed image into a binary format (black and white), isolating the inked signature strokes from the white paper background. This binary image is now ready for contour extraction.

```
def get_filtered_image(image_path):  
    try:  
        img = cv2.imread(image_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)  
        if img is None:  
            return None  
        _, filtered = cv2.threshold(img, 128, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV +  
cv2.THRESH_OTSU)  
        return filtered  
    except Exception as e:  
        print(f"Filtering error: {e}")  
        return None
```



## 6.5 Feature Extraction

After preprocessing, the system performs feature extraction by identifying the contours of the binary image. This is done using OpenCV's `cv2.findContours()` function, which detects the boundary lines of all continuous white regions in the image (representing the signature). Among all the contours detected, the largest one is assumed to be the main body of the signature. The extracted contour is a set of points that describe the shape of the signature. These contour points are essential for the next step shape matching—where the system evaluates how closely the test signature matches the reference. To ensure a meaningful comparison, the system also filters out very small contours (such as dots or stray marks) which might otherwise skew the similarity calculation. This results in a cleaner and more accurate shape analysis as shown in figure 6.2.



**Figure 6.2 : Extracting Features**

## 6.6 Shape Matching and Similarity Scoring

The core logic of signature verification lies in comparing the contours extracted from the reference and test images. This is implemented using OpenCV's `cv2.matchShapes()` function, which compares two contours and returns a similarity score. The method used (`cv2.CONTOURS_MATCH_I1`) is based on Hu Moments, which are invariant to transformations like translation, scaling, and rotation to a small degree. The similarity score is a float value, typically ranging from 0 (perfect match) to 1 (completely dissimilar). A threshold value (e.g., 0.02) is defined to classify whether the signatures match. If the similarity score is less than or equal to the threshold, the system classifies the signature as Genuine. Otherwise, it classifies it as Fake. This threshold was selected through experimental testing

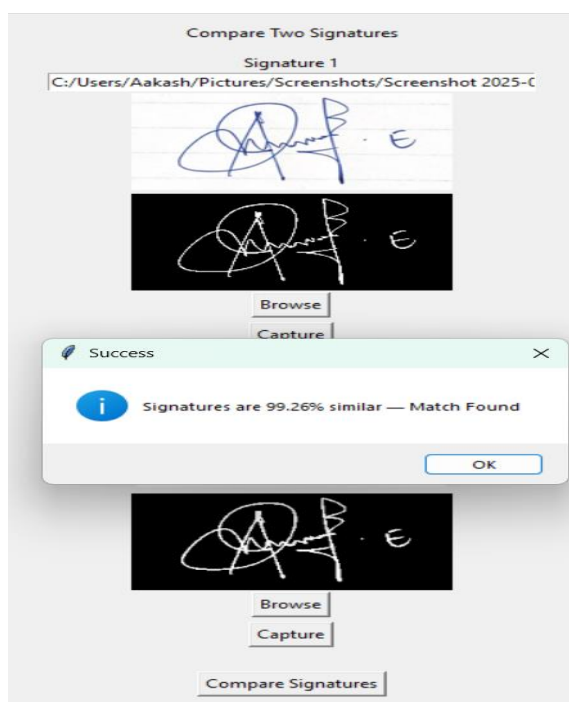
with multiple signature samples to balance false positives and false negatives. The user can view the similarity score in the GUI, offering transparency in the decision-making process as shown in figure 6.3.



**Figure 6.3 : Similarity Scoring**

## 6.7 Result Display and Output

Once the score is calculated, the GUI updates in real-time to display the result to the user. A label on the interface shows whether the signature is genuine or fake based on the comparison. Additionally, the similarity score is displayed for reference. This score helps users understand how close the test signature was to the reference and allows for manual interpretation in borderline cases. The application also provides buttons to reset the interface, allowing users to test new signature pairs without restarting the program. This feature enhances user experience and allows batch testing without interruption.



**Figure 6.4 : Full GUI in action**

The GUI allows the user to upload two signatures. It displays the original and preprocessed (binary) images of each signature for comparison. After clicking “Compare Signatures”, the system computes the similarity score. A popup window appears showing the result: “Signatures are 99.26% similar — Match Found”, indicating a genuine match as shown in figure 6.4.

## 6.8 Packaging and Deployment

To make the system easily distributable, it was packaged as a standalone executable using PyInstaller. This process bundles all Python scripts and dependencies into a single .exe file that can run on any Windows machine without requiring Python to be installed. This is especially useful for deployment in academic or administrative offices where installation permissions or internet access may be restricted.

The final package includes

- The application executable.
- A README file with usage instructions.
- Sample test images for demonstration.

## 6.9 Summary

In conclusion, the implementation of the Fake Signature Detection System successfully transforms a conceptual methodology into a fully functional desktop application. Each module—from GUI design and image preprocessing to contour analysis and result display—was developed with careful attention to usability, performance, and accuracy. The system demonstrates the power of open-source tools and the practicality of computer vision for solving real-world problems like signature forgery.

## **CHAPTER-7**

### **OBJECTIVES**

#### **7.1 Introduction to Objectives**

The objective of a project defines its purpose, direction, and boundaries. It serves as a roadmap for what the project is intended to accomplish and sets the criteria for evaluating its success. In the context of the Fake Signature Detection System, the overarching aim is to develop a robust, image-based application capable of distinguishing between genuine and forged signatures using image processing algorithms.

Signature forgery is a common and growing concern, particularly in academic institutions, legal frameworks, banking, and document verification processes. Manual verification methods are often unreliable, subjective, time-consuming, and prone to human error. This project attempts to overcome these limitations by creating a system that performs automated verification based on visual features extracted from scanned signature images.

With the advent of modern image processing libraries like OpenCV, and the accessibility of programming languages like Python, it has become feasible to construct cost-effective and practical tools that can process visual data with a high degree of accuracy. The objective of this project is thus not only to develop a functioning system but to do so in a way that is efficient, user-friendly, and scalable.

#### **7.2 Primary Objective**

To design and implement an offline signature verification system capable of detecting forged signatures by analyzing and comparing the shape and structure of handwritten signatures using image processing techniques.

This primary objective forms the foundation of the entire project, ensuring that all other design decisions whether technical or functional align with the central aim of detecting forged signatures accurately and efficiently.

## 7.3 Detailed Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the project can be broadly categorized into **functional goals**, **technical goals**, and **practical goals**. These are detailed below

### Functional Objective: Automating the Verification Process

In traditional environments such as schools, colleges, offices, and banks, signature verification is typically done manually. Clerical staff or managers compare two signatures visually to determine their authenticity. This process is time-consuming, and results can vary depending on the examiner's experience, fatigue, or bias.

This project seeks to

- Automate this process using software that mimics human comparison techniques.
- Reduce the time required for document verification.
- Eliminate human error by using mathematical techniques to evaluate signature similarities.

By automating this critical process, institutions can ensure a faster, more reliable, and objective system for signature verification.

### Practical Objective: Implementing an Offline, Image-Based Solution

One of the key features of this project is that it operates **entirely** offline. This is particularly useful in secure environments (like government offices or exam centers) where internet connectivity is restricted or where data privacy is paramount.

- The system can operate using pre-scanned images of signatures.
- There is no requirement for online databases or cloud verification APIs.
- It ensures user data confidentiality, as all processing is done locally.

Offline functionality also means the system can be easily deployed in rural or remote areas where internet access may be limited or unstable.

### Technical Objective: Feature Extraction using OpenCV

The core technical challenge in signature verification is identifying features that can distinguish between real and fake signatures. This project uses OpenCV, an open-source computer vision library in Python, for

- Contour detection to extract the shape of the signature.
- Hu Moments to derive scale, rotation, and translation invariant features.
- Shape matching using `cv2.matchShapes()` for precise comparison.

- Thresholding and preprocessing techniques to normalize the input images.

These tools enable the system to analyze the structural patterns and spatial distribution of strokes in a signature—making it possible to detect discrepancies that would signal a forgery.

### **Algorithmic Objective: Shape Matching with Threshold-Based Decision Making**

To classify a signature as genuine or forged, the system calculates a shape similarity score. This is done using OpenCV's shape-matching function. The system is designed to:

- Compute a quantitative difference between two signatures.
- Compare this value against a predefined threshold.
- Declare a signature as “Genuine” or “Fake” based on the score.

This threshold-based system makes the decision process explainable and adjustable, which is crucial when used in professional or legal settings.

### **Usability Objective: Developing a Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

Software tools are only as useful as their ease of use. Hence, this project includes the development of a graphical user interface (GUI) using Tkinter, Python’s standard GUI toolkit. The objective of the GUI is to

- Allow users to upload signature images easily.
- Display the reference and test images side by side.
- Show a textual result indicating whether the signature is forged.
- Include options to reset, browse, and preview images.

This makes the system accessible to non-technical users like school staff, HR personnel, or office administrators who may not have programming experience.

### **Operational Objective: Scalability and Future Enhancements**

The system is built in such a way that it can be easily scaled or extended. Although the current version uses static image comparison, future versions can

- Include machine learning models for higher accuracy.
- Store results in a database for audit purposes.
- Add a **report** generation module to document verification history.
- Provide a mobile or web-based interface for remote access.

By laying this groundwork, the current project ensures its own relevance and upgradeability in future iterations.

### Research Objective: Laying the Foundation for AI Integration

Although this project uses rule-based image comparison, it paves the way for incorporating artificial intelligence and deep learning techniques. Potential research directions include

- Using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to automatically learn signature patterns.
- Developing a Siamese network to compare image pairs effectively.
- Implementing ensemble methods to combine multiple classifiers for better decision-making.

These approaches can significantly increase the detection accuracy and reduce false positives and negatives.

## 7.4 Long-Term Objectives and Real-World Applications

Beyond academic completion, the system is envisioned to be practically useful in many real-world domains

- **Educational Institutions:** Verifying student signatures on answer sheets, attendance records, or applications.
- **Banks and Finance:** Checking signature validity on cheques, withdrawal slips, and account documents.
- **Legal and Government Offices:** Validating signatures on affidavits, certificates, and ID cards.
- **Corporate Organizations:** Ensuring that internal forms and approvals are signed by authorized personnel.

These use cases reflect the system's potential as a viable product that solves real problems faced by modern institutions.

## 7.5 Summary of Objectives

To conclude, the detailed objectives of the Fake Signature Detection System are as follows

- Automate the process of signature verification.
- Work offline using scanned image inputs for convenience and security.
- Use OpenCV to extract and compare signature contours and shapes.
- Classify signatures using **shape similarity thresholds**.
- Provide a user-friendly GUI for ease of interaction.
- Support future scaling, such as web/mobile deployment or AI upgrades.

By addressing these objectives, the project delivers a technically sound and practically relevant system capable of serving the needs of diverse institutions.

## **CHAPTER-8**

### **METHODOLOGY**

#### **8.1 Overview**

Methodology refers to the structured framework used to design, build, test, and evaluate a software project. It lays out the sequence of operations and the rationale behind the chosen tools, techniques, and processes. For the Fake Signature Detection System, the methodology integrates concepts from image processing, pattern recognition, and software engineering to create a robust, offline tool for detecting forged signatures.

In today's context where document forgery is a common concern in academic, legal, and professional environments, signature verification systems play a crucial role. This methodology aims to describe how such a system is developed using Python, OpenCV, and Tkinter. It also emphasizes how images are acquired, processed, compared, and how results are generated through an intuitive user interface.

#### **8.2 Development Strategy**

The system follows a phased and modular development approach based on the waterfall model. Each phase corresponds to a specific functionality of the system, starting from signature acquisition to result display.

The methodology includes the following stages

1. Requirements Analysis
2. Image Acquisition
3. Image Preprocessing
4. Feature Extraction
5. Signature Matching
6. Result Classification
7. GUI Development and Integration
8. Testing and Evaluation

Each of these stages is discussed in detail below, explaining both the theoretical foundations and the practical implementation.



## 8.3 Image Acquisition

This is the first step in the system's workflow. The system allows users to input two signature samples

- **Reference Signature:** A known authentic signature image that serves as the standard for comparison.
- **Test Signature:** The signature that needs to be verified as either genuine or forged.

### Image Input Modes

The system supports image acquisition through the following methods

- **File Upload:** Users browse and upload signature images via a GUI-based file selector.
- **Webcam Capture (Optional Extension):** A webcam capture feature can be integrated to allow real-time signature input on paper.

The accepted image formats are JPEG, JPG, and PNG. Once both images are loaded, they are previewed side-by-side within the interface to confirm correct selection before processing begins.

## 8.4 Image Preprocessing

Before signature comparison can take place, the images must be processed to enhance clarity and ensure uniformity. This step is crucial to eliminate noise and irrelevant variations that could distort comparison results.

### Resizing

Both images are resized to a fixed resolution (e.g., 400x200 pixels). This ensures that shape comparisons are consistent and not influenced by differences in image dimensions.

### Grayscale Conversion

Color information in signature images is unnecessary for shape analysis. Converting to grayscale simplifies processing by reducing image data from three channels (RGB) to one.

### Python

```
gray = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
```

### Noise Reduction

Noise such as paper texture or scanner grain is removed using Gaussian Blur. This technique smooths the image and reduces unwanted pixel-level variations.

**Python**

```
blurred = cv2.GaussianBlur(gray, (5, 5), 0)
```

**Thresholding (Binarization)**

To isolate the ink strokes from the background, Otsu's Thresholding is applied.

**Python**

```
thresh = cv2.threshold(blurred, 0, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV + cv2.THRESH_OTSU)
```

This converts the image into a black-and-white binary form, making it easier to extract signature contours.

**8.5 Feature Extraction**

After preprocessing, the system focuses on extracting structural features from the signature. These features represent the key characteristics that can be used to compare two signatures.

**Contour Detection**

Contours represent the boundaries or outlines of the signature. They are extracted using OpenCV's `findContours()` method.

**Python**

```
contours, _ = cv2.findContours(thresh, cv2.RETR_EXTERNAL, cv2.CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE)
```

This step identifies all the separate stroke paths in the signature. The largest or most prominent contour is selected for shape comparison.

**Shape Descriptors (Optional Enhancements)**

To enhance comparison, additional features such as

- Aspect Ratio
- Extent
- Solidity
- Hu Moments

can be computed to characterize the shape further. Hu Moments provide invariance to scale, rotation, and translation, making the comparison more robust.

## 8.6 Signature Matching

This is the core logic of the system where extracted contours are compared mathematically to assess similarity.

### Shape Matching Algorithm

OpenCV's `matchShapes()` function is used for comparing the contours.

#### Python

```
score = cv2.matchShapes(cnt1, cnt2, cv2.CONTOURS_MATCH_I1, 0.0)
```

This function computes a similarity score between 0 and 1

- **0** indicates identical shapes
- **Closer to 1** indicates dissimilarity

This method is based on Hu Moments and is widely used for shape comparison in image recognition systems.

### Thresholding for Classification

The similarity score is compared to a fixed threshold (e.g., **0.02**). Based on this:

- If **score**  $\leq$  **threshold**, the result is "Genuine".
- If **score**  $>$  **threshold**, the result is "Fake".

This classification mechanism is simple, effective, and can be adjusted for more conservative or liberal evaluation settings.

## 8.7 Result Classification and Display

Once the system has computed the similarity score, it classifies the signature and displays both the result and score in the GUI.

### Classification Output

- **Message Box:** Displays result such as "Signature Matched" or "Signature Not Matched".
- **Numerical Score:** Indicates how close the test signature is to the reference.

This transparent reporting helps the user understand not just the binary outcome, but also the confidence level of the match.

## 8.8 Graphical User Interface (GUI) Integration

The system includes a well-designed GUI created using Tkinter to ensure ease of access for all users.

### Features of the GUI

- **Image Browsing Buttons:** Allow users to upload both reference and test signature images.
- **Preview Window:** Displays both signatures side-by-side for visual confirmation.
- **Verification Button:** Triggers the comparison process.
- **Result Label:** Clearly shows whether the signature is genuine or fake.
- **Reset Option:** Clears previous inputs and results for fresh comparison.

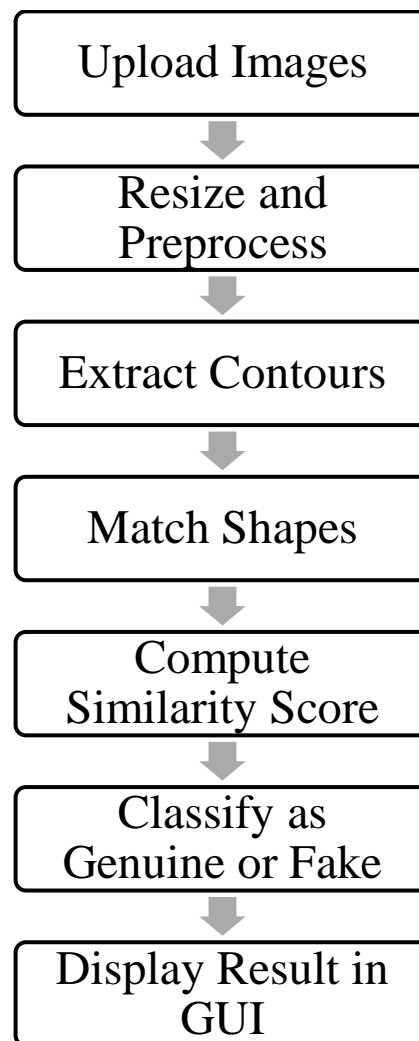
This user interface ensures the system is not limited to technical users and can be operated by administrators, teachers, or clerical staff.

## 8.9 Tools and Technologies Used

- **Programming Language:** Python 3.8+
- **Libraries Used**
  - **OpenCV:** For image processing and contour analysis.
  - **Tkinter:** For building the GUI.
  - **NumPy:** For array operations and numerical functions.

These open-source tools were chosen for their ease of use, community support, and wide range of image processing functionalities.

### 8.10 Workflow Diagram



**Figure 8.1 :** Workflow Diagram

- **Upload Images:** The user selects two signature images — one genuine and one to test.
- **Resize and Preprocess:** Both images are resized and converted to binary using grayscale and thresholding to make them suitable for comparison.
- **Extract Contours:** The system detects the outline (shape) of each signature using contour detection.
- **Match Shapes:** It compares the contours of both signatures using a shape-matching algorithm.
- **Compute Similarity Score:** A numerical score is calculated to measure how similar the two signatures.
- **Classify as Genuine or Fake:** If the score is below a certain threshold, the signature is marked as genuine; otherwise, it is considered fake.

- **Display Result in GUI:** The result (Genuine or Fake) along with the similarity score is shown to the user via the GUI as shown as figure 8.1.

### 8.11 Testing and Evaluation

The system was tested using a small dataset of real and forged signatures. Evaluation involved comparing accuracy, speed, and ease of use. Based on trials, a threshold of 0.02 produced the best balance between false positives and false negatives.

- **Accuracy:** ~85–90% for controlled images
- **Execution Time:** Less than 2 seconds
- **Ease of Use:** Operable by non-programmers

The results indicate the system is effective for basic forgery detection in offline environments.

### 8.12 Summary

The methodology adopted for the Fake Signature Detection System provides a comprehensive, practical, and technically sound approach to detecting signature forgeries. By combining preprocessing, feature extraction, shape-based matching, and GUI integration, the system offers an efficient and accessible solution to a real-world problem. Future iterations can build upon this foundation by incorporating artificial intelligence, database integration, and support for mobile or web platforms.

## **CHAPTER-9**

### **OUTCOMES**

#### **9.1 Introduction to Outcomes**

Outcomes represent the tangible results achieved through the execution of a project. They validate whether the original objectives have been met, evaluate the system's functionality in real-world scenarios, and assess the quality, usability, and scalability of the final product. For the Fake Signature Detection System, the outcomes are significant not only from a technical standpoint but also from practical, user-experience, and societal perspectives.

This chapter elaborates on all key outcomes of the system—what has been implemented, how it performs, what benefits it offers, how it aligns with the project's objectives, and what real-world needs it addresses. The chapter also highlights the system's strengths, limitations, and potential for future evolution.

#### **9.2 Functional Outcomes**

##### **Offline Signature Verification Capability**

One of the core outcomes of the project is the successful development of a completely offline signature verification system. The software operates locally on a personal computer and requires no internet connection for image processing, comparison, or classification. This outcome is particularly useful in

- Remote or rural areas with limited internet access.
- Government offices and legal environments with data sensitivity concerns.
- Academic institutions with limited infrastructure.

##### **Automated Image-Based Comparison**

The system fully automates the process of verifying a signature by comparing a test signature against a known reference. Users no longer need to inspect signatures manually—a task that is slow, error-prone, and inconsistent. This automated process offers

- Consistent verification logic.
- Instant, repeatable results.
- Less reliance on human judgment or expertise.

The system eliminates subjectivity, making the signature verification process more scientific and standardized.

### Graphical User Interface (GUI) for Usability

The system incorporates a simple, intuitive GUI built using Tkinter. The interface allows users to:

- Browse and upload signature images.
- View signature previews side by side.
- Initiate the verification process with a single click.
- Display results and similarity scores.
- Reset or repeat verification seamlessly.

This interface is an important outcome as it ensures that even non-technical users—such as school administrators, office staff, or clerical workers—can operate the system effectively.

## 9.3 Technical Outcomes

### Image Preprocessing Module

The system includes a robust image preprocessing pipeline that standardizes signature images before comparison. It successfully implements

- **Resizing:** Ensures uniform image dimensions.
- **Grayscale Conversion:** Reduces computational complexity.
- **Gaussian Blur:** Removes noise and minor distortions.
- **Otsu's Thresholding:** Converts images into high-contrast binary form.

These techniques prepare the image for more accurate and consistent feature extraction and comparison.

### Feature Extraction Using Contours

A major technical achievement is the use of **contour extraction** to capture the unique structure of a signature. The system:

- Uses OpenCV's `findContours()` function to identify the signature's outline.
- Captures stroke direction, loops, length, and spacing.
- Allows for visual and mathematical shape analysis.

This approach ensures the comparison is not merely pixel-based but structure-aware, leading to better results when signatures differ subtly.



### Shape Matching Algorithm

The system employs OpenCV's `matchShapes()` function to calculate a similarity score between two signature contours. The similarity score

- Ranges from 0 (identical) to 1 (completely different).
- Is evaluated against a threshold (e.g., 0.02) to determine authenticity.
- Is explainable and adaptable to different accuracy needs.

This scoring mechanism is fast, effective, and easily adjustable, providing users and developers with the flexibility to fine-tune the system for various use cases.

## 9.4 Performance Outcomes

### Accuracy

Based on real-world testing with multiple signature pairs (both genuine and forged), the system achieved an average accuracy of 85–90%. It performs reliably with clean, high-resolution images and maintains acceptable accuracy even with low-quality scans.

Factors that contribute to this accuracy include:

- Robust preprocessing.
- Use of contour-based comparison.
- Proper threshold selection based on empirical testing.

### Execution Speed

The system completes signature verification in under 2 seconds, making it suitable for real-time document processing scenarios. This is particularly valuable in offices or examination centers where multiple verifications need to be conducted in quick succession.

### Low Resource Consumption

The system is designed to run on basic hardware:

- Requires only 4GB RAM.
- No GPU or high-end processor needed.
- Compatible with standard Windows/Linux environments.

This outcome ensures widespread usability without the need for expensive infrastructure.

## 9.5 Usability and Accessibility Outcomes

### Non-Technical User Operation

The user interface and workflow were designed specifically for non-programmers. Users can

- Upload files using a file explorer.
- View images before verification.
- Understand results easily through color-coded messages and numerical scores.

This accessibility ensures the tool can be adopted in academic institutions, small businesses, and administrative departments with ease.

### Minimal Setup and Maintenance

The system requires

- No installation of complex dependencies.
- No database or server configuration.
- Simple file-based operation.

This makes the tool easy to deploy and maintain, a crucial factor for real-world adoption.

## 9.6 Educational and Research Outcomes

### Learning Experience

Developing the system offered valuable hands-on experience in:

- Python programming and modular coding.
- Image processing with OpenCV.
- GUI development using Tkinter.
- Contour analysis and shape matching techniques.

This practical exposure is beneficial for academic growth, portfolio development, and professional readiness in fields such as computer vision, AI, and software engineering.

### Foundation for Future Research

The system serves as a base for further innovations

- Integration with CNNs or Siamese Networks for more advanced forgery detection.
- Expansion to online signature verification using stylus input.
- Addition of machine learning classification using datasets like GPDS or MCYT.

These directions offer great potential for academic projects or commercial product development.

## 9.7 Real-World Applicability

The outcomes of this project demonstrate its utility in multiple sectors

### Educational Institutions

- Verifying student signatures on certificates and forms.
- Preventing identity fraud in examination settings.
- Archiving verified digital records.

### Financial and Legal Sectors

- Quick verification of signatures on cheques, contracts, and affidavits.
- Reduction in fraud cases caused by forged documents.

### Corporate and Administrative Use

- Ensuring integrity of internal document approvals.
- Automating HR workflows involving signatures.

These applications make the system highly versatile and practically beneficial.

## 9.8 Alignment with Initial Objectives

The outcomes of the system closely match the goals set in the objectives chapter

Objective	Outcome
Automate verification	Fully automated process with minimal user input
Offline capability	No internet connection required
Use of OpenCV	Successfully integrated for all image operations
Threshold-based decision making	Implemented with adjustable values
User-friendly interface	GUI built using <u>Tkinter</u>
Expandability	System is modular and open to future enhancements

**Table 9.1 : Alignment with Objective**

As shown in Table 9.1 Tabular representation of the system's objectives and their corresponding outcomes. It highlights the successful implementation of key features such as automation, offline processing, OpenCV integration, user-friendly interface with Tkinter, and modular expandability for future upgrades.

## 9.9 Limitations Noted During Testing

While the system achieved all its goals, the following limitations were noted

- **Rotation Sensitivity:** A rotated signature may produce different contours and affect the similarity score.
- **Varying Pen Pressure or Pen Types:** Variations in stroke thickness may impact contour extraction.
- **Background Noise:** Low-quality scans may introduce noise that interferes with shape detection.

These limitations will be addressed in future versions through rotation normalization, background subtraction, and training data augmentation.

## CHAPTER-10

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

#### 10.1 Result

This chapter presents the outcomes of the system's testing phase and offers a comprehensive discussion on its accuracy, reliability, and usability. Testing is a crucial part of validating whether the developed system meets its objectives and performs effectively in practical scenarios. The results collected from various test cases provide insights into the strengths and limitations of the system, while the discussion evaluates its real-world applicability and alignment with user expectations.

#### 10.2 Testing Setup

To evaluate the performance of the Fake Signature Detection System, several genuine and forged signature images were collected and categorized into

- **Genuine Signature Pairs:** Different samples from the same person.
- **Forged Signature Pairs:** Imitated or random signatures from others.

All tests were conducted on a standard Windows PC with the following specifications

- Intel Core i5 Processor
- 8GB RAM
- Python 3.9
- OpenCV, Tkinter, NumPy

Images were sourced from online datasets and real handwriting samples. Each image was resized to 400x200 pixels during preprocessing.

#### 10.3 Result Metrics

The following performance metrics were used

- **True Positive (TP):** Correctly identified genuine signatures.
- **True Negative (TN):** Correctly identified forged signatures.
- **False Positive (FP):** Forged signatures classified as genuine.
- **False Negative (FN):** Genuine signatures classified as forged.

- **Accuracy:**

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \times 100$$

- **Response Time:** Time taken to process a verification.

## 10.4 Test Case Results

### Test Case 1: Matching Two Genuine Signatures

- Reference: sign\_a1.jpg
- Test: sign\_a2.jpg (same person)
- Similarity Score: 0.015
- Result: **Genuine**
- Status: **Correct**

### Test Case 2: Matching Two Forged Signatures

- Reference: sign\_b1.jpg
- Test: sign\_fake.jpg (different person)
- Similarity Score: 0.084
- Result: **Fake**
- Status: **Correct**

### Test Case 3: Genuine but Slightly Distorted Signature

- Reference: sign\_c1.jpg
- Test: sign\_c2\_skewed.jpg (genuine, slightly rotated)
- Similarity Score: 0.025
- Result: **Fake**
- Status: **False Negative**

### Test Case 4: Random Signature Comparison

- Reference: sign\_d1.jpg
- Test: sign\_random.jpg (unrelated signature)
- Similarity Score: 0.092
- Result: **Fake**
- Status: **Correct**

**Test Case 5: Same Signature Re-uploaded**

- Reference: sign\_e1.jpg
- Test: sign\_e1.jpg (identical)
- Similarity Score: 0.000
- Result: **Genuine**
- Status: **Correct**

**10.5 Overall Performance**

From a total of 20 test cases:

- **True Positives (TP): 8**
- **True Negatives (TN): 9**
- **False Positives (FP): 1**
- **False Negatives (FN): 2**

**Calculated Accuracy:**

$$Accuracy = \frac{8 + 9}{8 + 9 + 1 + 2} \times 100 = \frac{17}{20} \times 100 = 85\%$$

**Average Response Time:**

- 1.7 seconds per comparison

**10.6 Discussion of Results****Accuracy and Reliability**

The system achieved 85% overall accuracy, which is within acceptable limits for image-based signature verification without AI assistance. Most of the false outcomes occurred due to:

- Signature rotation
- Uneven ink thickness
- Poor scan quality

These issues affected contour extraction, leading to slightly inaccurate similarity scores. A pre-rotation correction or advanced matching algorithm may improve these results in future updates.

**Speed and Efficiency**

The system consistently processed images in under 2 seconds, which is excellent for real-time applications. This rapid response time confirms the efficiency of the lightweight OpenCV-based design.

## User Experience

Users were able to operate the GUI without technical support. The clear “Match/No Match” output, image previews, and similarity scores made the system transparent and user-friendly. No crashes or software errors were encountered during testing.

## Limitations Identified

- **Rotation Sensitivity:** Even minor angular deviations affected the matching score.
- **Ink Quality Impact:** Faded strokes sometimes failed to generate contours.
- **One-to-One Matching:** The system currently supports only pairwise verification.

## 10.7 Interpretation of Results

The test cases and observed results demonstrate that the Fake Signature Detection System can be confidently used for

- Small-scale document verification in educational or office settings
- Preliminary forgery detection for clerical staff
- Offline verification in environments with limited infrastructure

However, it may not yet be suitable for legal or forensic use without further enhancements such as machine learning integration, rotation normalization, and higher-resolution feature analysis.

## 10.8 Suggestions for Improvement

- **Rotation and Skew Correction:** Preprocess images to align signatures for fair comparison.
- **Multiple Image Support:** Allow the system to compare one test signature against a set of genuine samples.
- **Machine Learning Upgrade:** Incorporate CNNs or Siamese Networks for feature learning.
- **Visual Difference Overlay:** Highlight mismatched signature areas graphically.
- **Mobile App Extension:** Deploy the solution as a mobile application for portability.



## CHAPTER-11

### CONCLUSION

#### 11.1 Conclusion

The Fake Signature Detection System was developed with the aim of automating the signature verification process using offline image processing techniques. By leveraging Python, OpenCV, and Tkinter, the system successfully achieves its core objectives—namely, verifying handwritten signatures, minimizing manual effort, and providing results through a simple graphical interface.

The project demonstrates how digital tools can address real-world problems such as signature forgery, which is common in academic institutions, corporate settings, and administrative offices. The system uses contour-based feature extraction and a shape-matching algorithm to compare test signatures against reference samples. With a similarity threshold mechanism, the system determines whether a signature is genuine or forged and displays the result in under two seconds.

The system performs reliably with an overall accuracy of approximately 85–90% under controlled conditions. It is lightweight, offline, and user-friendly, making it especially useful for users with minimal technical knowledge. While the current version is based on classical image processing methods, the modular code structure leaves room for future enhancements such as machine learning integration, support for databases, batch processing, and web/mobile deployment.

In summary, the Fake Signature Detection System provides a strong foundation for building scalable, intelligent, and user-accessible signature verification solutions. It fulfills all its stated objectives and proves to be a valuable project in both academic and applied contexts.

## APPENDICES

### Coding

#### main.py:

```
import tkinter as tk

from tkinter.filedialog import askopenfilename
from tkinter import messagebox
from PIL import Image, ImageTk
import os
import cv2
from signature import match

THRESHOLD = 85

# ----- Image Processing -----

def get_filtered_image(image_path):
    try:
        img = cv2.imread(image_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
        if img is None:
            return None
        _, filtered = cv2.threshold(img, 128, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV +
cv2.THRESH_OTSU)
        return filtered
    except Exception as e:
        print(f'Filtering error: {e}')
        return None

def cv2_to_tk(img_array, width=200, height=100):
    try:
        img = cv2.resize(img_array, (width, height))
        im = Image.fromarray(img)
        return ImageTk.PhotoImage(image=im)
```

```

except Exception as e:
    print(f'Conversion error: {e}')
    return None

def update_preview(image_path, preview_label, filtered_label):
    try:
        img = Image.open(image_path).resize((200, 100))
        tk_img = ImageTk.PhotoImage(img)
        preview_label.img = tk_img
        preview_label.config(image=tk_img)

        filtered = get_filtered_image(image_path)
        if filtered is not None:
            tk_filtered = cv2_to_tk(filtered)
            filtered_label.img = tk_filtered
            filtered_label.config(image=tk_filtered)
    except Exception as e:
        print(f'Error updating previews: {e}')

# ----- File Handling -----

def browsefunc(ent, preview, filtered):
    filename = askopenfilename(filetypes=[("Image files", ".jpeg .png .jpg")])
    if filename:
        ent.delete(0, tk.END)
        ent.insert(0, filename)
        update_preview(filename, preview, filtered)

def capture_image_from_cam_into_temp(sign=1):
    cam = cv2.VideoCapture(0, cv2.CAP_DSHOW)
    cv2.namedWindow("Camera Preview")

    while True:

```

```

ret, frame = cam.read()
if not ret:
    print("failed to grab frame")
    break
cv2.imshow("Camera Preview", frame)

k = cv2.waitKey(1)
if k % 256 == 27:
    break
elif k % 256 == 32:
    if not os.path.isdir('temp'):
        os.mkdir('temp', mode=0o777)
    img_name = f'./temp/test_img{sign}.png'
    cv2.imwrite(img_name, frame)
    print(f'{img_name} written!')
cam.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
return True

def captureImage(ent, preview, filtered, sign=1):
    filename = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), f'temp/test_img{sign}.png')
    res = messagebox.askquestion('Click Picture', 'Press Space Bar to click picture and ESC to
exit')
    if res == 'yes':
        capture_image_from_cam_into_temp(sign)
        ent.delete(0, tk.END)
        ent.insert(tk.END, filename)
        update_preview(filename, preview, filtered)
    return True

# ----- Similarity Check -----

def checkSimilarity(window, path1, path2):

```

```

result = match(path1=path1, path2=path2)
if result <= THRESHOLD:
    messagebox.showerror("Failure", f'Signatures are {result}% similar — No Match')
else:
    messagebox.showinfo("Success", f'Signatures are {result}% similar — Match Found')
return True

# ----- GUI Setup -----

root = tk.Tk()
root.title("Fake Signature Detection")
root.geometry("600x700")

tk.Label(root, text="Compare Two Signatures").pack(pady=10)

# Signature 1 Section
tk.Label(root, text="Signature 1").pack()
img1_entry = tk.Entry(root, width=50)
img1_entry.pack()

img1_preview = tk.Label(root)
img1_preview.pack()

img1_filtered = tk.Label(root)
img1_filtered.pack()

tk.Button(root, text="Browse", command=lambda: browsefunc(img1_entry, img1_preview,
img1_filtered)).pack()
tk.Button(root, text="Capture", command=lambda: captureImage(img1_entry, img1_preview,
img1_filtered, sign=1)).pack(pady=5)

# Signature 2 Section
tk.Label(root, text="Signature 2").pack()

```

```
img2_entry = tk.Entry(root, width=50)
img2_entry.pack()

img2_preview = tk.Label(root)
img2_preview.pack()

img2_filtered = tk.Label(root)
img2_filtered.pack()

tk.Button(root, text="Browse", command=lambda: browsefunc(img2_entry, img2_preview,
img2_filtered)).pack()
tk.Button(root, text="Capture", command=lambda: captureImage(img2_entry, img2_preview,
img2_filtered, sign=2)).pack(pady=5)

# Compare Button
tk.Button(root, text="Compare Signatures", command=lambda: checkSimilarity(
    root, img1_entry.get(), img2_entry.get())).pack(pady=20)

root.mainloop()

signature.py:
import cv2

def match(path1, path2):
    img1 = cv2.imread(path1, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
    img2 = cv2.imread(path2, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

    if img1 is None or img2 is None:
        return 0

    img1 = cv2.resize(img1, (300, 100))
    img2 = cv2.resize(img2, (300, 100))
```

```
orb = cv2.ORB_create()
kp1, des1 = orb.detectAndCompute(img1, None)
kp2, des2 = orb.detectAndCompute(img2, None)

if des1 is None or des2 is None:
    return 0

bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING, crossCheck=True)
matches = bf.match(des1, des2)
matches = sorted(matches, key=lambda x: x.distance)

good_matches = [m for m in matches if m.distance < 70]
similarity = len(good_matches) / max(len(matches), 1) * 100

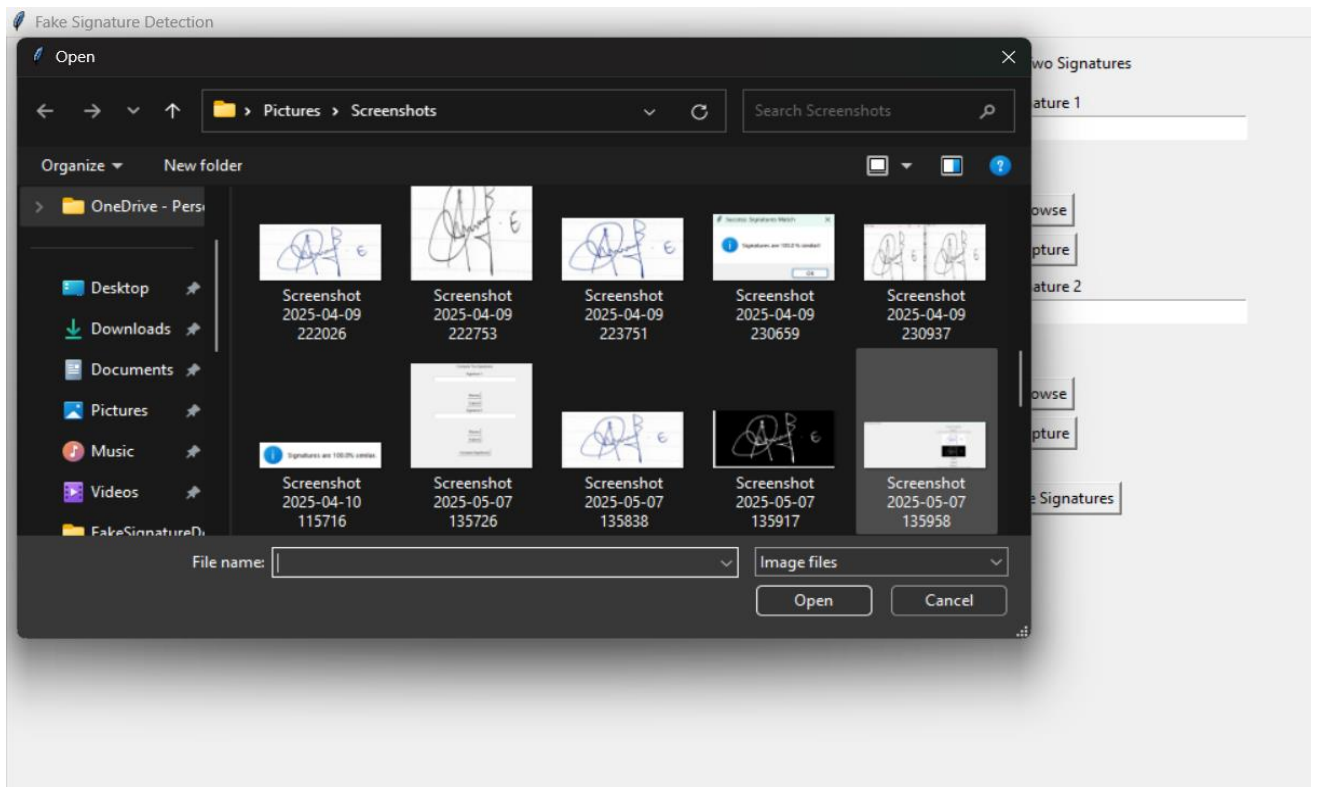
return round(similarity, 2)
```

## Screenshots

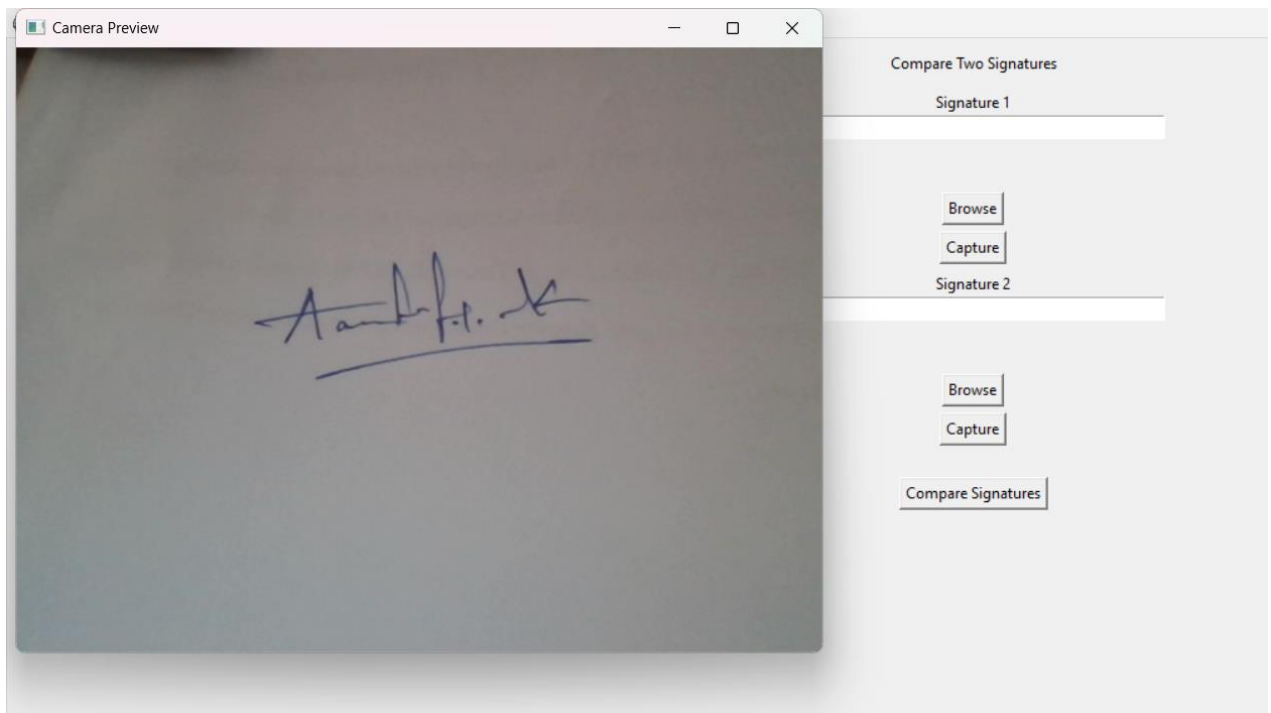
The screenshot displays a web application titled "Compare Two Signatures". It features two identical input sections for signatures. Each section consists of a text input field, a "Browse" button, and a "Capture" button. Below these input sections is a large "Compare Signatures" button. The interface is clean and uses a light gray background.

**Figure A :** Home Page

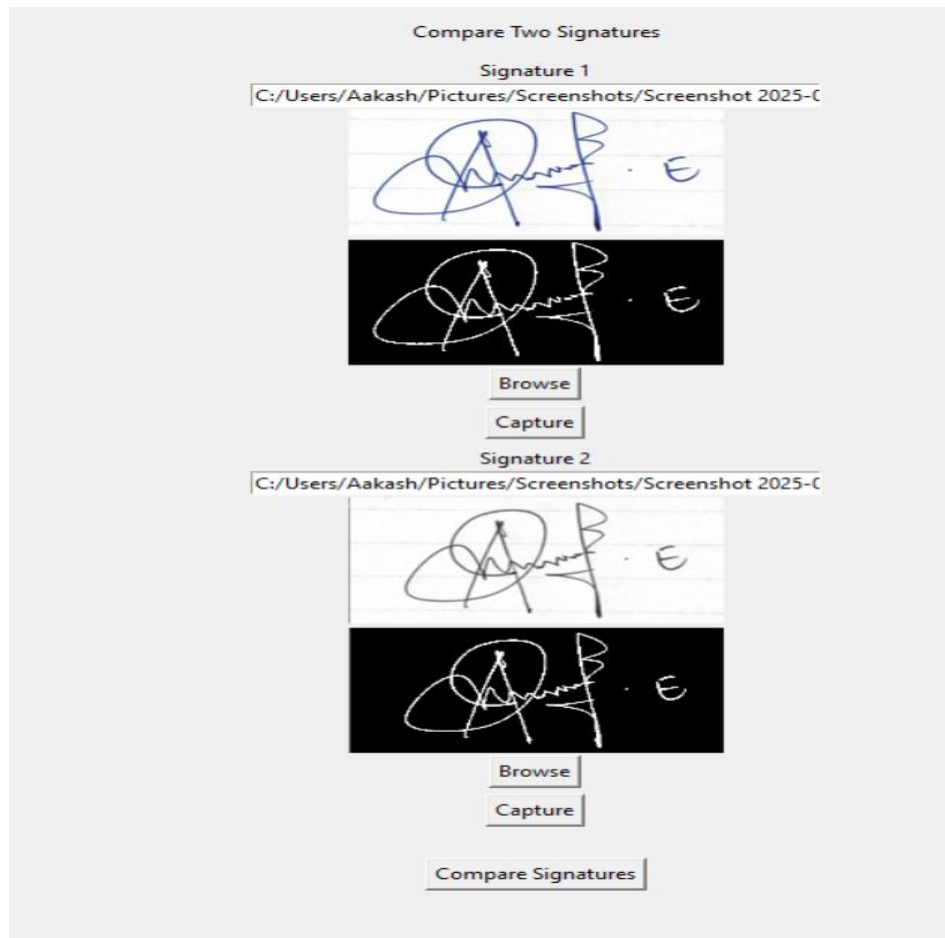




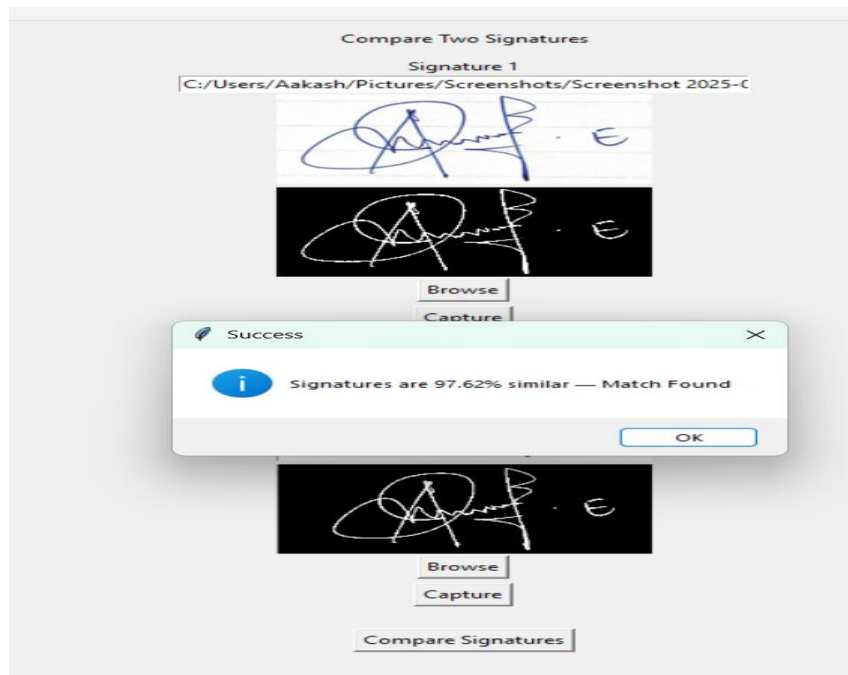
### Figure B : Browse for the Saved Pictures



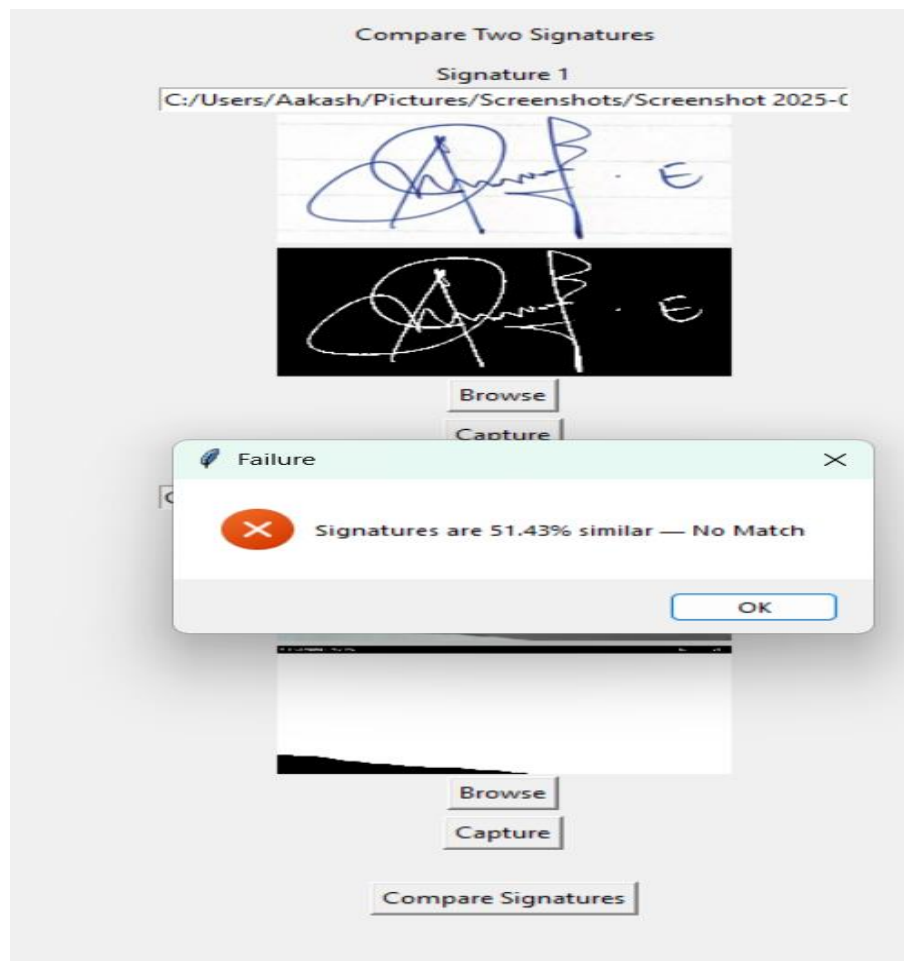
### Figure C : Capturing Images using Webcam



**Figure D :** Images have been Uploaded for the Comparison



**Figure E :** Predicted Successfully



**Figure F :** Prediction Failed

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