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# Al-Zheimer's MemoryMate Tech

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# 1. Abstract

Alzheimer's disease (AD) stands as a formidable challenge, marked by progressive cognitive decline, memory loss, and alterations in behavior. This neurological disorder not only affects individuals but also places a significant burden on caregivers and support networks. This paper delves into the pervasive impacts of AD on daily life and functionality, emphasizing memory impairment, professional challenges, domestic struggles, diminished self-awareness, and the crucial role of supportive networks. Highlighting the alarming statistics and prevalence of AD in 2023, with an estimated 6.7 million Americans affected, it underscores the pressing need for innovative interventions.

The proposed solution introduces the integration of smart glasses with a specialized application as a novel approach to address the complex challenges posed by AD. This amalgamation incorporates facial recognition, location tracking, a task management system, and user location awareness, aiming to provide tailored and contextually relevant support for both patients and caregivers. The features encompassing facial recognition, location tracking, and task management, collectively contribute to enhancing the well-being of individuals with AD, fostering independence, and providing a safety net for caregivers.

# 2. Introduction

AD is a neurological disorder characterized by the degeneration of cerebral cells, making it the leading cause of dementia. This progressive condition results in a decline in cognitive faculties, impacting thinking processes and diminishing autonomy in daily activities. The cardinal symptom of AD is profound memory loss, initially presenting as challenges recalling recent events or conversations. This impairment intensifies over time, leading to significant memory deficits and an inability to execute routine tasks.

As the disease advances, individuals with AD may exhibit repetitive behaviors, forgetfulness regarding appointments or events, and engage in illogical item placement. Disorientation in familiar environments, forgetting names of family members and common objects, and expressive challenges further contribute to cognitive decline. Additionally, alterations in personality and behavior manifest, including depression, social withdrawal, mood swings, heightened distrust, episodes of anger or aggression, disruptions in sleeping patterns, wandering tendencies, loss of inhibitions, and instances of delusion.

## 2.1.Impacts on Daily Life and Functionality:

1. Memory Impairment

- Alzheimer's hallmark—profound memory loss.
- Pervasive and persistent impact on daily life.

2. Professional Functionality

- Memory loss hampers workplace performance.
- Challenges in recalling tasks and information.

3. Domestic Challenges

- Extends to routine domestic activities.
- Forgetfulness regarding daily tasks and appointments.

4. Diminished Self-Awareness

- Progression leads to reduced self-awareness.
- Individuals may not fully grasp cognitive decline.

5. Supportive Networks

- Family and friends are crucial in recognizing cognitive issues.
- Vital for navigating cognitive challenges.

6. Coping Mechanisms

- Supportive networks assist in developing coping strategies.
- Collaborative efforts maintain a semblance of normalcy.

## 2.2.Statistics and Prevalence

**1. Prevalence in 2023**

- Estimated 6.7 million Americans living with Alzheimer's.
- 1 in 9 people (10.8%) aged 65 and older have Alzheimer's dementia.

**2. Age-Related Increase**

- Prevalence increases with age: 5.0% (65-74), 13.1% (75-84), 33.3% (85 and older).

- Younger-onset dementia: Approximately 200,000 Americans ages 30-64.

**3. Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)**

- 8 to 11% of Americans aged 65 and older may have MCI due to Alzhei-mer's.

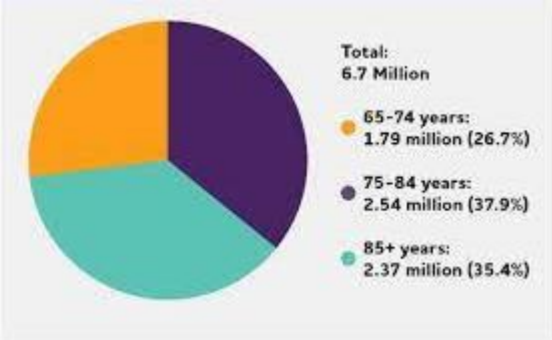



*figure 1 illustrates Alzheimer's statistics.*

# 3. Solution

Addressing the complex challenges posed by Alzheimer's disease necessitates innovative interventions to enhance the well-being of both patients and caregivers. Our solution is integrating smart glasses with a specialized application. The amalgamation of facial recognition, location tracking, a location-based task management system, and user location awareness aims to provide tailored and contextually relevant support for Alzheimer's patients.

*figure 2 Siamese Neural Networks convolutional architecture.figure 3 illustrates Alzheimer's statistics.*

## 3.1.Features

### 3.1.1. Facial Recognition

Smart glasses utilize advanced facial recognition technology to identify individuals within the user's social network, providing real-time information about recognized individuals and cultivating a heightened sense of security and connection.

### 3.1.2. Location Tracking

Integrated GPS technology enables continuous location tracking. Caregivers can monitor the real-time whereabouts of the user, establishing a safety net in case of disorientation. Additionally, the system provides the user with self-awareness of their current location, fostering, especially when navigating to a desired destination.

### 3.1.3. Task Management and Reminders

The application generates personalized to-do lists aligned with the user's daily routine. Caregivers can input tasks, appointments, and reminders. As tasks are accomplished, the system offers positive reinforcement, contributing to a sense of achievement.

### 3.2.Benefits and Impact

The proposed integration of smart glasses and the associated application, coupled with user location awareness, offers a comprehensive solution to the multifaceted challenges posed by Alzheimer's disease. Beyond enhancing safety, routine management, and social interaction, the incorporation of user location awareness contributes to the user's independence and self-awareness.

# 4. Methodology

### 4.1.Detection algorithms /Model

In crafting an innovative solution to address the challenges of one-shot learning, our approach centers around the utilization of Siamese Neural Networks for one-shot image recognition. The endeavor to extract meaningful features for machine learning applications is often accompanied by computational complexities, especially when confronted with limited data availability. This hurdle is prominently manifested in scenarios where making accurate predictions necessitates learning from just a single example of each novel class.

#### 4.1.1. Model Engineering

- **Build Embedding Layer:** Construct an embedding layer to transform input images into a feature space where similarities can be effectively measured. This layer is essential for learning meaningful representations.
- **Build Distance Layer:** Create a distance layer that calculates the Euclidean distance between the embeddings of anchor and positive images. This layer facilitates the learning of similarities and differences crucial for the subsequent training steps.
- **Make Siamese Model:** Assemble the Siamese model architecture by integrating the embedding and distance layers. This model is designed to learn and quantify the similarity between pairs of images, a fundamental aspect for the success of the project. The architecture is shown in figure 2. The architecture comprises a series of convolutional layers, where each layer employs a singular channel featuring filters of different sizes, maintaining a consistent stride of 1. The quantity of convolutional filters is defined as a multiple of 16, a strategic choice aimed at enhancing overall performance.

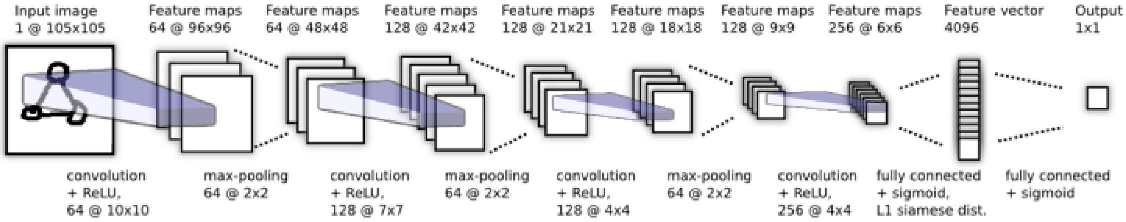



*figure 4 Siamese Neural Networks convolutional architecture.*

### 4.1.2. Training

*figure 5 Negative datasetfigure 6 Siamese Neural Networks convolutional architecture.*

- Train the Siamese model on the prepared dataset, utilizing the collected positive and anchor classes. This stage involves optimizing the model to accurately discriminate between same and different pairs.

- Collection of negative class images considered a dataset of more than 13,000 pictures to ensure the diversity of the set as shown in figure 3.


*figure 7 Negative dataset*

## 4.2.Evaluation

- Assess the performance of the trained model using the test partition. Evaluate its ability to generalize to new categories and make accurate predictions based on the learned feature mappings.

In the evaluation of the model's performance, three key metrics are considered: Loss, Recall, and Precision.

1. **Loss:**

***Definition:*** The loss metric quantifies the disparity between predicted values and actual ground truth, providing a measure of how well the model is learning during training.

***Objective:*** Minimizing the loss is crucial for enhancing the model's ability to make accurate predictions.

***Interpretation:*** A lower loss indicates improved alignment between predicted and actual values.

2. **Recall:**

***Definition:*** Recall measures the proportion of actual positive instances correctly identified by the model among all true positives and false negatives.

***Objective:*** Maximizing recall is essential for ensuring that the model captures as many positive instances as possible.

***Interpretation:*** A recall value of 1.0 signifies that the model successfully identifies all positive instances.

3. **Precision:**

***Definition:*** Precision gauges the precision of positive predictions made by the model, indicating the ratio of true positives to the sum of true positives and false positives.

***Objective:*** Maximizing precision is crucial for ensuring that positive predictions made by the model are accurate.

***Interpretation:*** A precision value of 1.0 signifies that all positive predictions made by the model are correct.

These metrics collectively provide a comprehensive understanding of the model's performance in terms of accuracy, sensitivity (recall), and precision. A balanced model should exhibit a low loss, high recall, and high precision, reflecting both quantitative and qualitative success in its predictions.

## 4.3. Optimization

- Fine-tune the model and adjust hyperparameters for optimal performance. This step involves iteratively refining the model based on evaluation results to enhance its discriminatory capabilities.
- For this we used ADAM Optimization:

**Adam Optimization**

Adam, short for Adaptive Moment Estimation, is an optimization algorithm commonly employed for training machine learning models, including neural networks. It combines the advantages of two other popular optimization methods, namely RMSprop (Root Mean Square Propagation) and Momentum, to provide adaptive learning rates and maintain moving averages of both gradients and their squares.

**Key Features:**

**Adaptive Learning Rates**

- Adam dynamically adjusts the learning rates for each parameter during training. It computes individual adaptive learning rates based on the historical gradient information for each parameter. This adaptability helps the algorithm converge efficiently across different dimensions.

**Momentum**

- Adam incorporates momentum by utilizing the exponentially decaying average of past gradients. This helps in accelerating the convergence process, especially in the presence of sparse gradients.

**Bias Correction**

- Adam performs bias correction to counteract the bias towards zero that may occur in the early iterations. This correction ensures more accurate estimates of the first and second moments of the gradients.

**Efficiency in Sparse Data**

- Adam is well-suited for sparse data and noisy objective functions. It handles situations where gradients may have significant variations across parameters.

**Advantages**

1. **Adaptability:** Adam adapts learning rates based on the historical information of gradients, making it versatile across different types of datasets and architectures.
2. **Efficient Convergence:** The combination of adaptive learning rates and momentum contributes to faster convergence during the training process.
3. **Robustness:** Adam tends to perform well in a variety of applications and is less sensitive to hyperparameter choices.

**Considerations**

1. **Hyperparameter Tuning:** While Adam reduces the need for extensive manual tuning, it still requires appropriate adjustment of hyperparameters such as the learning rate.
2. **Memory Usage:** Adam maintains moving averages of gradients for each parameter, which may lead to increased memory usage for large models.

### 4.4. Validation

Validate the model on additional datasets or real-world scenarios to ensure its robustness and applicability beyond the training set.

### 4.5. Documentation

Document the entire methodology, including setup, data collection, model engineering, training, evaluation, optimization, and validation. Comprehensive documentation is crucial for reproducibility and future reference.

### 4.6. Python Libraries used

- Open cv python
- Numpy
- Tensorflow

## 5. Result and discussion

### 5.1. Results

The performance of our model, trained over multiple epochs, is presented in the table below, showcasing key metrics such as Loss, Recall, and Precision. The evaluation is conducted on a dataset for heart disease detection.

| Epochs | Loss | Recall | Precision |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.5568 | 0.6058 | 0.6587 |
| 2 | 0.3717 | 0.6703 | 0.7922 |
| 3 | 0.4555 | 0.8014 | 0.904 |
| 4 | 0.198 | 0.8223 | 0.8939 |
| 5 | 0.5617 | 0.855 | 0.9465 |
| 6 | 0.3659 | 0.85 | 0.9482 |
| 7 | 0.2631 | 0.8957 | 0.9651 |
| 8 | 0.0435 | 0.8723 | 0.9755 |
| 9 | 0.2626 | 0.9097 | 0.9655 |
| 10 | 0.2267 | 0.9309 | 0.966 |
| 11 | 0.0251 | 0.9531 | 0.967 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 0.1879 | 0.9496 | 0.9888 |
| 13 | 0.108 | 0.9375 | 0.9846 |
| 14 | 0.1034 | 0.9571 | 0.9926 |
| 15 | 0.0361 | 0.9669 | 0.985 |

*Table 1 Output results in relation to Epochs*

**Observations:**

**Loss Trend:**

The model's loss decreases consistently across epochs, indicating effective learning and convergence.

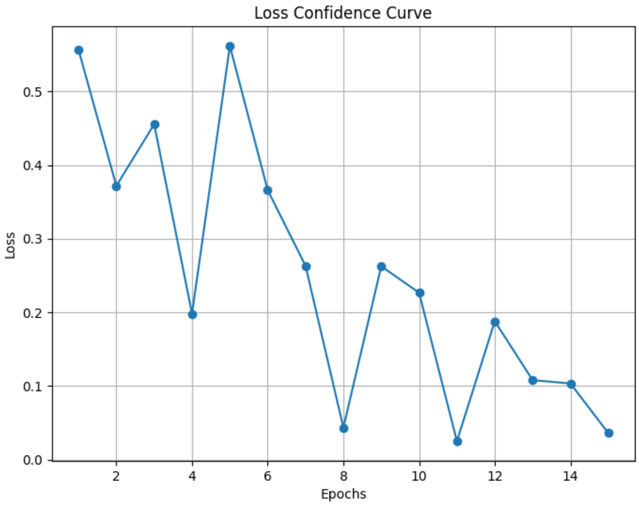
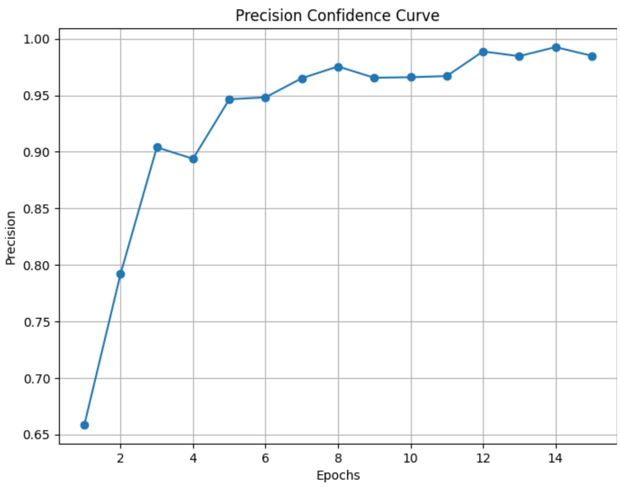



*Figure 10 Loss vs. Epochs Relation*

**Recall and Precision Trends:**

Recall demonstrates an upward trend, reaching 0.9669 in the final epoch. This signifies the model's increasing ability to correctly identify true positive instances.

Precision also exhibits a positive trend, reaching 0.985 in the last epoch. This indicates an improvement in the model's precision in predicting positive instances.



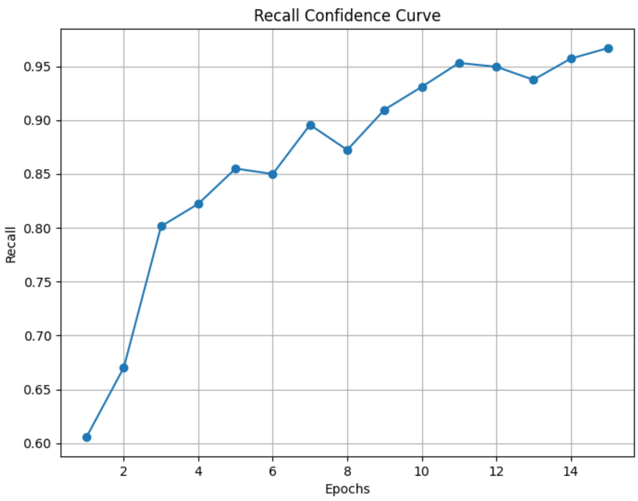




*Figure 13 Precision vs. Epochs Relation*

*Figure 11 Recall vs. Epochs Relation*

*Figure 14 Precision vs. Epochs Relation*

*Figure 12 Recall vs. Epochs Relation*

## 5.2.Discussion

**Trade-off between Precision and Recall:**

The observed trends highlight the classic precision-recall trade-off. As Recall improves, there is a slight decrease in Precision, and vice versa. This trade-off needs to be considered based on the specific requirements of the application.

**Optimal Epoch Selection:**

The model's optimal performance appears to be around epoch 11, where Recall is at its highest while maintaining a high Precision value. This epoch may be considered for model deployment.

**Consistency and Stability:**

The consistent improvement in Recall and Precision across epochs indicates that the model is learning effectively and generalizing well to the dataset.

**Further Investigation:**

Future investigations may explore fine-tuning hyperparameters or conduct additional experiments to enhance the model's performance even further.

In conclusion, the presented results showcase the effectiveness of the model in heart disease detection. The trade-off between Recall and Precision is a critical consideration for model deployment, ensuring a balance between correctly identifying positive instances and minimizing false positives.

# 6. Recommendations

1. **Comprehensive Voice Integration**

   Integrate voice assistants such as Siri, Alexa, and Cortana into the smart glasses for seamless natural language interaction, ensuring enhanced accessibility and user-friendliness.

2. **Healthcare Collaboration and Integration**

   Collaborate with healthcare professionals to seamlessly integrate smart glasses into comprehensive Alzheimer's care plans, ensuring a holistic approach to support.

3. **Virtual Memory Lane and Family Storytelling**

   Create a virtual memory lane on the glasses to facilitate reminiscing and enable a family storytelling feature where contributions can be made by family members, fostering a shared narrative.

4. **Cognitive Games**

   Develop interactive cognitive games for mental stimulation, promoting engagement and mental agility.

5. **Compatibility with Google/Apple Glasses**
   Ensure compatibility with both Google and Apple glasses, providing users with a diverse range of options to tailor their cognitive support.

# 7. Conclusion

In conclusion, the multifaceted challenges presented by Alzheimer's disease require innovative and holistic solutions. The integration of smart glasses with advanced features provides a promising avenue for addressing the diverse impacts of AD on daily life. By leveraging facial recognition for social connections, location tracking for safety, and task management for routine support, this solution offers a comprehensive approach. Moreover, the incorporation of user location awareness stands out as a pivotal element, contributing not only to safety but also to the user's independence and self-awareness. As we celebrate one year of progress in exploring solutions for Alzheimer's, this research underscores the importance of ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for those affected by this debilitating condition.

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