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**Abstract:** Enhancing TTS Deepfake Audio Detection through Iterative Modeling and a Novel Pipeline Approach with Feature Matching Self-Supervised Learning (FMSL)

This thesis presents a systematic approach to enhancing Text-to-Speech (TTS) deepfake audio detection through iterative modeling and a novel pipeline solution combining multiple layers of feature extraction and classification methods. The work consists of two main stages: systematic exploration of 8 baseline models (Maze 1-8) to identify common performance limitations, followed by development and validation of a pipeline approach that integrates Feature Matching Self-Supervised Learning (FMSL) with various components such as Wav2Vec2, Transformer, and other methods. The key contribution is the first systematic identification of core limitations in baseline TTS deepfake detection models through iterative architectural exploration, followed by novel pipeline application achieving 83% performance improvement.

Experiments were conducted on the ASVspoof 2019 dataset, utilizing diverse pipeline architectures from simple RawNet2 to advanced models incorporating multiple layers such as Wav2Vec2, Transformer, and FMSL components. The identification of geometric bottlenecks in feature representations led to the development of a pipeline solution that combines self-supervised learning with feature matching to shape feature manifolds. Detailed analysis of Maze6 with FMSL pipeline demonstrates dramatic precision improvement from 27.66% to 50.83%.

**Keywords:** TTS deepfake detection, pipeline approach, iterative modeling, FMSL, forgery detection, self-supervised learning

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**Streszczenie.** Ulepszanie wykrywania TTS deepfake'ów audio poprzez iteracyjne modelowanie i nowe podejście pipeline z Feature Matching Self-Supervised Learning (FMSL)

Niniejsza praca przedstawia systematyczne podejście do ulepszania wykrywania Text-to-Speech (TTS) deepfake'ów audio poprzez iteracyjne modelowanie i nowe rozwiązanie pipeline łączące wiele warstw metod ekstrakcji cech i klasyfikacji. Praca składa się z dwóch głównych etapów: systematycznej eksploracji 8 modeli bazowych (Maze 1-8) w celu identyfikacji wspólnych ograniczeń wydajności, a następnie opracowania i walidacji podejścia pipeline, które integruje Feature Matching Self-Supervised Learning (FMSL) z różnymi komponentami takimi jak Wav2Vec2, Transformer i inne metody. Głównym wkładem jest pierwsza systematyczna identyfikacja podstawowych ograniczeń w modelach wykrywania TTS deepfake'ów poprzez iteracyjną eksplorację architektoniczną, po której następuje nowe zastosowanie pipeline osiągające 83% poprawę wydajności.

Eksperymenty przeprowadzono na zbiorze danych ASVspoof 2019, wykorzystując różnorodne architektury pipeline od prostego RawNet2 po zaawansowane modele łączące wiele warstw takich jak Wav2Vec2, Transformer i komponenty FMSL. Identyfikacja ograniczeń geometrycznych w reprezentacjach cech doprowadziła do opracowania rozwiązania pipeline, które łączy uczenie samokontrolowane z dopasowywaniem cech w celu kształtowania różnorodności cech. Szczegółowa analiza Maze6 z pipeline FMSL wykazuje dramatyczną poprawę precyzji z 27,66% do 50,83%.

**Słowa kluczowe:** wykrywanie TTS deepfake, podejście pipeline, iteracyjne modelowanie, FMSL, wykrywanie fałszerstw, uczenie samokontrolowane



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**ASVspoof** – Automatic Speaker Verification Spoofing

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