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Abstract

Students with learning disabilities such as dyslexia and dyscalculia frequently encounter emotional barriers—frustration, disengagement, and anxiety—that significantly hinder their academic performance and overall well-being. Traditional learning tools often overlook these emotional dimensions, relying solely on static instructional models that fail to respond to the learner's changing psychological state. To address this critical gap, this study introduces an emotion-aware adaptive learning platform, *LexAyudha*, designed to enhance both emotional and cognitive support for neurodiverse learners aged 8–12.

The system integrates real-time facial emotion detection using a customized Xception-based Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), capable of identifying key emotional states such as frustration, distraction, and engagement. These emotional cues are extracted through live video input, processed using Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Networks (MTCNN) for face detection and normalized using advanced preprocessing techniques to ensure robustness under real-world conditions. Detected emotions are used to dynamically modify the difficulty of learning activities—simplifying tasks during signs of frustration and increasing complexity when engagement is detected—creating a personalized and emotionally responsive learning environment.

Pilot testing across school settings showed a 22% increase in learner engagement and a significant reduction in frustration-based task dropout. Educators reported improved emotional regulation among students, and guardians positively rated the personalized emotional feedback reports generated via the system's cloud-based dashboard. This research demonstrates that integrating emotional intelligence into educational technologies can profoundly impact learning experiences for students with learning disabilities. By prioritizing affective computing alongside adaptive instruction, *LexAyudha* offers a transformative model for inclusive and empathetic digital education.

Keywords: Emotion Detection, Adaptive Learning, Xception Model, Real-Time Feedback, Personalized Feedback, Real time monitoring

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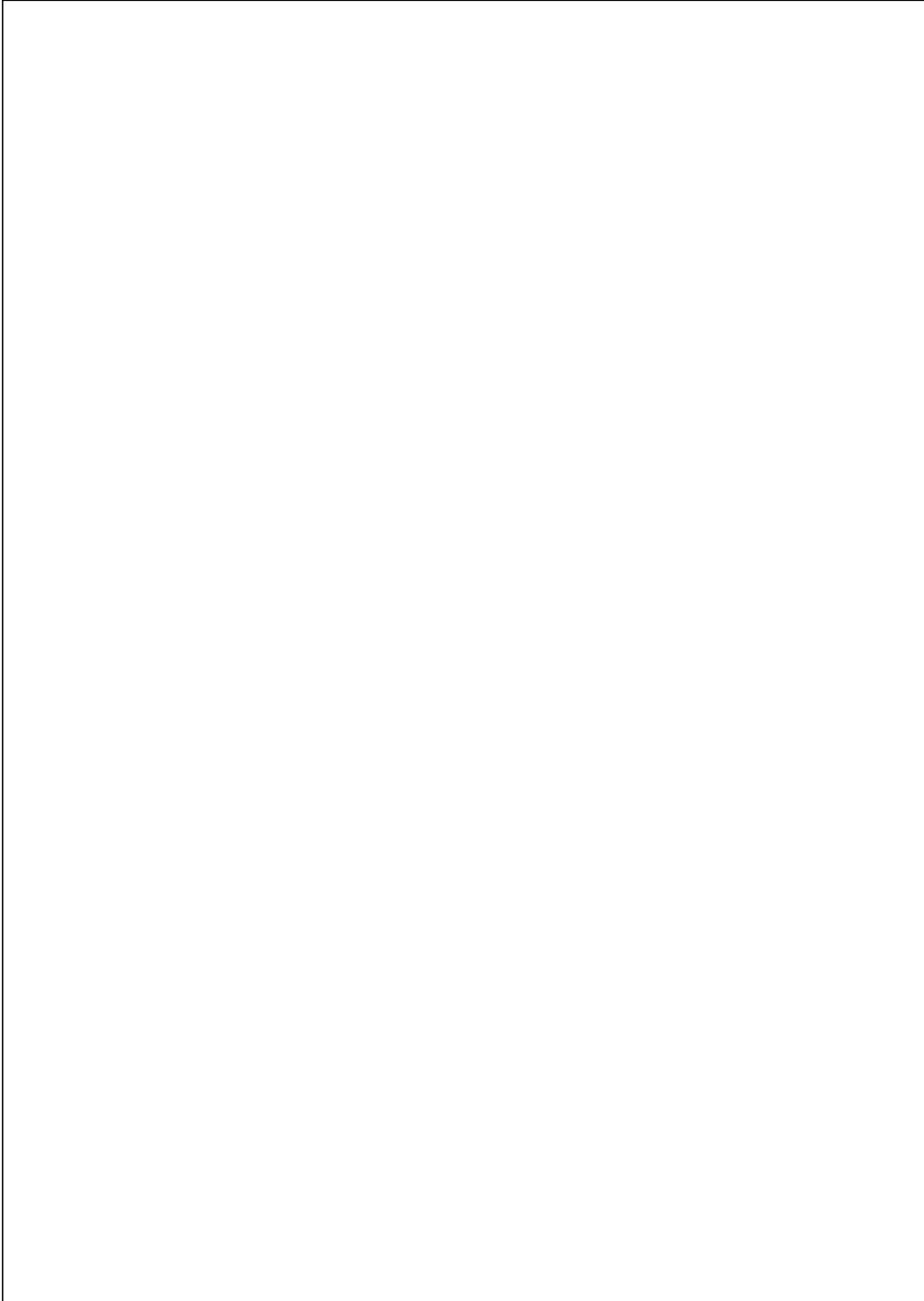
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AI – Artificial Intelligence

CNN - Convolutional Neural Networks

MTCNN - Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Networks



1. INTRODUCTION

Learning disabilities such as dyslexia and dyscalculia affect a significant number of students and interfere with their ability to process word and number patterns effectively. Traditionally, these learning difficulties have been addressed through specific educational strategies. However, emerging research emphasizes the crucial role of students' emotional well-being in academic success. Emotional states such as frustration and distraction can aggravate learning difficulties, while positive emotions are associated with better learning outcomes [1].

Consequently, emotion detection in learning environments has become a central focus of modern educational technology ⁴ research, especially in the development of Smart Learning Environments that adapt to learners' emotional needs in real time [2]. Among the various techniques used for emotion detection, facial expression recognition has proven to be a particularly valuable tool. It allows systems to identify and respond to key emotional cues such as happiness, sadness, anger, and surprise [3]. Effective emotion recognition relies heavily on computer vision and machine learning technologies, including deep learning models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), which have become standard for capturing spatial and temporal features in emotional data [4].

Recent advancements have also led to multimodal emotion detection systems that integrate facial expressions, voice, and physiological signals to improve accuracy and reliability ³⁸ [5]. These developments have facilitated the creation of responsive, personalized digital learning platforms that adjust to learners' emotional states in real-time [6].

Despite these promising innovations, emotion detection systems designed specifically for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia remain scarce. Existing approaches often apply generalized emotional baselines, which may not effectively reflect the unique emotional responses of neurodiverse learners [7] [8]. These students frequently exhibit stronger emotional reactions, including elevated stress levels up to 20–30% higher than their peers during learning activities [7] making real-time emotional support even more critical.

In addition, many current systems neglect to provide guardians with feedback on their children's emotional engagement during educational tasks. Personalized feedback for caregivers can help bridge the gap between school and home support environments and enhance overall learning outcomes [8].

To address these gaps, this project introduces *LexAyudha*, an AI-powered, emotion aware adaptive learning platform. The system leverages facial expression recognition through CNN-based models (e.g., Xception) and real-time analysis to identify emotions such as frustration, distraction, and engagement. Based on these insights, it dynamically modifies the difficulty of learning activities to reduce stress and increase engagement. Furthermore, the system provides personalized emotional feedback reports to guardians, enabling comprehensive support and monitoring. Through this approach, *LexAyudha* aims to deliver a transformative, inclusive learning experience for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

1.1 Background Literature

Emotion detection has become a pivotal area of research in modern education, particularly in designing adaptive learning environments tailored to individual student needs. Learning disabilities like dyslexia and dyscalculia, which affect approximately 10% of the global population, often lead to heightened stress levels during academic activities. Studies indicate that these students experience stress levels 20-30% higher than their peers, significantly impacting their academic performance and overall well-being [7].

Traditional educational approaches fail to address the emotional challenges faced by these students, leading to disengagement and frustration. Recent advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning have paved the way for real-time emotion detection systems that can adapt learning environments to the emotional states of students. Facial expression recognition, one of the most widely adopted methods, leverages deep learning models, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), to classify emotions accurately.

Paul Ekman's theory of basic emotions provides a foundational psychological framework for facial emotion detection. Ekman identified six universally recognized

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emotions happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, and disgust each associated with distinct facial muscle movements. These emotions are encoded in the Facial Action Coding System (FACS), which has become a benchmark in facial analysis research [9]. While fear and disgust are less relevant in the context of learning environments, the remaining emotions particularly happiness, sadness, anger, and surprise are highly applicable to educational settings and were used as the basis for detecting higher-level cognitive affective states such as frustration, distraction, and engagement. By grounding the model in Ekman's theory, the system ensures that detected emotional states are interpretable, psychologically valid, and generalized across diverse user populations [10].

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Research on emotion-aware adaptive learning highlights its potential to enhance engagement and improve learning outcomes. Systems that utilize facial expression recognition, voice analysis, and physiological signal monitoring have been implemented in general education settings [4]. However, there remains a lack of specialized systems designed specifically for students with learning disabilities. While generalized emotional baselines are effective for neurotypical students, they often fall short for those with dyslexia and dyscalculia, whose emotional responses differ significantly.

Affective computing has emerged as a key enabler of adaptive learning environments. Technologies such as Multitask Cascaded Convolutional Networks (MTCNN) for face detection, Xception models for emotion classification, and cloud-based storage solutions for data management have been instrumental in developing robust emotion detection systems. These systems not only detect emotions but also provide actionable insights to educators and guardians, enabling them to offer timely support.

Despite these advancements, the application of emotion detection systems for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia remains underexplored. Existing research primarily focuses on general education settings, leaving a gap in addressing the unique emotional needs of students with learning disabilities. This project aims to bridge that gap by developing an emotion-aware adaptive learning platform tailored to the specific emotional profiles of these students.

1.2 Research Gap

Emotion detection technologies have gained significant traction in educational settings, particularly for enhancing learning outcomes through adaptive systems. However, there remains a notable lack of research focused on providing personalized feedback to guardians regarding the emotional states of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia during learning activities. While existing systems excel at detecting emotions, they often fail to translate this data into actionable insights for parents and educators. This gap limits the ability of guardians to intervene effectively when students exhibit signs of frustration or disengagement, which is especially critical for students with learning disabilities who require tailored support.

Another significant gap lies in the inadequate dynamic adjustment of learning activities based on detected emotions. Many current systems do not prioritize modifying the difficulty level of tasks in response to the emotional state of the student. For students with dyslexia and dyscalculia, who often experience heightened levels of stress and frustration, this adaptability is essential to maintaining engagement and reducing cognitive overload. The absence of such functionality highlights the need for specialized emotion detection systems that can dynamically adjust learning content to suit the unique needs of these students.

Additionally, most existing emotion detection systems rely on generalized emotional baselines that may not accurately reflect the emotional responses of students with learning disabilities. These generalized models can misclassify emotions or fail to recognize subtle emotional cues specific to dyslexic and dyscalculic students. As a result, the systems may not provide the level of precision required to create a truly supportive learning environment. This underscores the necessity for emotion detection systems that are fine-tuned to the distinct emotional profiles of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

The integration of multimodal approaches also remains underexplored in the context ³⁹ of learning disabilities. While some studies have investigated combining **facial expressions, voice analysis, and physiological signals to enhance emotion detection** accuracy, few systems effectively integrate these methods. A multimodal system could offer a more comprehensive understanding of students' emotional states, thereby

improving the quality of support provided. However, the lack of such integration in current systems represents another critical research gap.

Cultural and dataset bias further complicates the application of emotion detection technologies. Many models are trained on datasets that lack cultural diversity, leading to biased results that may not accurately represent the emotional states of students from varied backgrounds. Fine-tuning models with larger, culturally diverse datasets is essential to ensure fairness and accuracy across diverse populations. Addressing this issue is crucial for creating inclusive systems that cater to the global demographic of students with learning disabilities.

Finally, achieving real time emotion detection under challenging conditions, such as low-light environments or occluded faces, remains a technical challenge. High quality camera feeds are often required for accurate detection, which may not always be feasible in practical educational settings. Overcoming these performance challenges is vital to ensuring the reliability and effectiveness of emotion detection systems in real-world applications.

In summary, the gaps identified in personalized feedback mechanisms, dynamic adjustment of learning activities, generalized emotional baselines, multimodal integration, cultural bias, and real-time performance highlight the need for specialized emotion detection systems tailored to the unique needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. By addressing these gaps, this project aims to advance the field of inclusive education and provide effective, tailored solutions for students with learning disabilities. Through the development of an emotion aware adaptive learning platform, the proposed system seeks to bridge these gaps and enhance both the cognitive and emotional well-being of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

Table 1.1: Existing Research Comparison

	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]	[15]	LexAyudha
Rehabilitation Activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Report Generation	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Detect User's emotion	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Provide Personalized feedback to guardian	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

Focus on Student's stress level	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Keep track of progress	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓

1.3 Research Problem

In today's educational landscape, students with learning disabilities such as dyslexia and dyscalculia often struggle to maintain engagement and manage the cognitive load during learning activities. Traditional instructional methods fail to account for the dynamic emotional states of these students, leading to frustration, distraction, and decreased motivation. These challenges are particularly pronounced for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia, who experience heightened levels of stress and disengagement compared to their peers. The central research problem is, how can we enhance the learning experience for dyslexic and dyscalculic students by developing a system that detects their real time emotional states using facial expressions, dynamically adjusts the difficulty level of learning activities and provides the personalized feedback with emotional state while engaging with an activity?

Dynamic Emotional States

One of the key challenges in addressing this problem is the frequent fluctuation of students' emotional states during learning activities. These fluctuations necessitate real-time detection and adaptation mechanisms to ensure that the learning environment remains supportive and engaging. For instance, if a student exhibits signs of frustration, the system must promptly intervene by simplifying tasks or providing hints. Conversely, if the system detects engagement, it can increase the complexity of tasks to challenge the student further. This real-time responsiveness is critical to maintaining a balanced emotional state conducive to learning.

Unique Emotional Profiles

Another significant challenge lies in the unique emotional profiles of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. These students exhibit emotional responses that differ from those of neurotypical students, making generalized emotion detection models ineffective. For example, subtle cues of frustration or disengagement may go unnoticed by systems trained on datasets that do not account for the distinct emotional patterns of students with learning disabilities. To address this, specialized emotion detection models tailored to the specific needs of dyslexic and dyscalculic students are essential.

Integration with Adaptive Learning

Ensuring seamless integration of emotion detection with adaptive learning algorithms is another critical challenge. The system must not only detect emotions but also adjust learning content dynamically based on the detected emotional state. This requires a cohesive framework where emotion detection and adaptive learning components work harmoniously ⁴ to create a supportive and ⁵ personalized learning environment. Achieving this integration is vital to enhancing both the cognitive and emotional well-being ⁶ of students with learning disabilities.

Feedback Mechanisms

Providing guardians and educators with actionable insights through personalized feedback reports is another key aspect of the research problem. These reports should include detailed analyses of students' emotional states during learning activities and track their progress over time. By offering personalized feedback, the system enables guardians to intervene effectively when students exhibit signs of frustration or disengagement. This feedback mechanism is crucial for aligning home support with the adaptive strategies used in the educational environment.

Addressing Challenges Through Interdisciplinary Approaches

Addressing these challenges requires an interdisciplinary approach that combines advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and educational psychology. AI-driven techniques, such as facial expression recognition using deep learning models like Xception, play a pivotal role in accurately detecting emotions.²⁸ Additionally, adaptive learning algorithms leverage this data to modify the difficulty level of tasks in real time, ensuring that students remain engaged and motivated. By integrating these technologies, the proposed system aims to create a comprehensive solution that addresses both the cognitive and emotional needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.²⁹

Potential Impact

The successful development and implementation of such a system have the potential to significantly enhance the educational outcomes of students with learning disabilities. By reducing stress levels and increasing engagement, the system can foster a more inclusive and supportive learning environment. Furthermore, personalized feedback reports empower guardians and educators to provide timely interventions, ensuring that students receive the emotional and cognitive support they need to thrive academically. Through this holistic approach, the project seeks to bridge existing gaps in inclusive education and pave the way for future innovations in adaptive learning technologies.³⁰

1.4 Research Objectives

The overarching goal of this project was to develop an emotion-aware adaptive learning system that enhanced the educational experience for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. This system aimed to address both the cognitive and emotional needs of these students, creating a supportive and adaptive learning environment that fostered engagement, reduced stress, and improved learning outcomes. To achieve this

ambitious goal, the project focused on four specific research objectives: developing a real-time emotion detection system², implementing dynamic learning activity adjustment, generating detailed feedback reports², and tracking and analyzing student progress over time. Each objective had been meticulously designed to ensure the system's effectiveness in addressing the unique challenges faced by students with learning disabilities.

1. Develop a Real-Time Emotion Detection System¹⁵

The first and foundational objective of this project was to develop a robust real-time emotion detection system capable of accurately identifying and classifying students' emotions during learning activities. Emotions played a pivotal role in shaping the learning experience, particularly for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia, who often experienced heightened levels of frustration, distraction, and stress. By detecting and understanding these emotions, the system could provide timely interventions to enhance engagement and reduce negative emotional states.

The system focused on identifying five key facial expressions: happiness, sadness, anger, surprise, and neutral, and classifying them into three broader emotional states: frustration, distraction, and engagement. These classifications were critical because they directly correlated with the emotional challenges faced by students with learning disabilities. For instance, frustration may have indicated difficulty with a task, while distraction could have signaled disengagement or confusion. Engagement, on the other hand, reflected a positive and focused state conducive to effective learning.

To achieve this objective, advanced machine learning models, such as Xception with depth-wise separable convolutions, were utilized. Xception was particularly well-suited for this task due to its ability to efficiently process high-dimensional data and extract meaningful features from facial expressions. The model was trained using labeled emotion datasets, such as FER-2013, which contained diverse examples of facial expressions across different demographics. Augmentation techniques, including

rescaling, flipping, and rotation, were applied to enhance the dataset's diversity and mitigate issues related to bias or imbalance.

A key performance target for this objective was to achieve an accuracy rate of at least 70% within six months. While this target was ambitious, it was achievable through iterative optimization and fine-tuning of the model. Metrics such as precision, recall, and area under the curve (AUC) were also monitored to ensure the system's reliability and robustness. Additionally, the system leveraged Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Networks (MTCNN) for face detection, ensuring accurate extraction of facial regions of interest (ROI) even in challenging conditions.

This real-time emotion detection system served as the backbone of the adaptive learning platform, providing critical insights into students' emotional states. By accurately classifying emotions, the system enabled subsequent components, such as dynamic learning activity adjustment and personalized feedback generation, to function effectively. Ultimately, this objective laid the groundwork for creating a more inclusive and emotionally aware learning environment tailored to the needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

2. Implement Dynamic Learning Activity Adjustment

The second objective focused on implementing a dynamic mechanism that adjusted the difficulty level of learning tasks based on the detected emotional state of the student. One of the primary challenges faced by students with learning disabilities was the inability of traditional instructional methods to adapt to their fluctuating emotional and cognitive needs. This lack of adaptability often led to frustration, disengagement, and reduced motivation, further exacerbating their learning difficulties.

The proposed system addressed this challenge by dynamically modifying the difficulty level of learning activities in real time. For example, if the system detected signs of frustration, it simplified the task by providing hints or reducing the complexity of the content. Conversely, if the system detected engagement, it may have increased the

difficulty of the task to challenge the student and maintain their interest. This adaptive approach ensured that students remained engaged and motivated, regardless of their emotional state.

To implement this feature, the system integrated emotion detection outputs with adaptive learning algorithms. These algorithms analyzed the detected emotional state and adjusted the learning content accordingly. For instance, if a student exhibited frustration during a math problem, the system might have broken the problem into smaller, more manageable steps or provided visual aids to assist comprehension. Similarly, if the student showed signs of engagement, the system could have introduced more complex problems or interactive elements to sustain their focus.

A key performance indicator for this objective was to increase engagement scores by at least 20% within three months of experimentation with a group of identified students. Engagement was measured using metrics such as task completion rates, time spent on activities, and self-reported ³⁷ satisfaction levels. By achieving this target, the system demonstrated its ability to create a more engaging and supportive learning environment for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

The implementation of dynamic learning activity adjustment represented a significant advancement in adaptive learning technologies. It not only addressed the cognitive needs of students but also considered their emotional well-being, ensuring a holistic approach to education. This objective underscored the importance of aligning learning content with students' emotional states, thereby enhancing their overall learning experience.

3. Generate Detailed Feedback Reports

The third objective was to create a feedback mechanism that generated personalized reports for guardians, analyzing students' emotional states and tracking their progress over time. While real-time emotion detection and dynamic learning activity adjustment were critical components of the system, their impact was limited without a mechanism

to communicate insights to stakeholders outside the learning environment. Guardians, including parents and educators, played a vital role in supporting students with learning disabilities, and providing them with actionable feedback was essential for fostering continuous improvement.

The feedback mechanism compiled data on students' emotional states during learning activities, categorizing them into frustration, distraction, and engagement. These ³⁰ categories were analyzed to identify patterns and trends over time, providing a comprehensive overview of the student's emotional journey. For example, the system might have highlighted periods of sustained frustration during specific types of tasks, enabling guardians to address underlying issues proactively.

Personalized reports included detailed analyses of students' emotional states, comparisons with past activities, and recommendations for improvement. These reports were delivered via email and stored in a cloud-based database for future reference. A key performance target for this objective was to deliver 90% of these reports accurately and promptly, with positive feedback from at least 80% of guardians within the first two months of implementation.

To ensure the reports were meaningful and actionable, the system utilized automated reporting tools and integrated with existing communication platforms. Visualizations, such as graphs and charts, were included to enhance readability and facilitate interpretation. Additionally, the reports emphasized actionable insights, such as strategies for reducing frustration or increasing engagement, empowering guardians to provide targeted support.

By generating detailed feedback reports, the system bridged the gap between emotion detection technology and practical application. It enabled guardians to monitor students' emotional and cognitive progress, identify areas for improvement, and align home support with the adaptive strategies used in the educational environment. This objective highlighted the importance of collaboration between technology and human stakeholders in creating a supportive learning ecosystem.

4. Track and Analyze Student Progress Over Time

The fourth and final objective was to establish a framework for collecting and analyzing data on students' emotional responses and learning progress. This framework served as the foundation for continuous improvement, enabling the system to evolve and adapt based on real-world usage and feedback.

Tracking and analyzing student progress involved gathering data from multiple sources, including facial expressions, emotional classifications, and learning outcomes. The system collected data from 100 student interactions within the first four months, focusing on key performance indicators such as emotional stability, engagement levels, and task completion rates. This data was analyzed to identify patterns and correlations that informed further refinements to the system.

For example, the analysis might have revealed that students with dyslexia experienced higher levels of frustration during reading tasks compared to math tasks. Armed with this insight, the system could have prioritized the development of adaptive strategies specifically tailored to reading activities. Similarly, the analysis might have identified certain emotional triggers, such as specific types of tasks or environmental conditions, enabling the system to anticipate and mitigate these triggers proactively.

The framework also incorporated feedback from guardians and educators, ensuring that the system remained aligned with user needs and expectations. By leveraging machine learning techniques, the system continuously learned and improved, adapting to the unique requirements of each student over time.

Ultimately, this objective ensured that the system remained relevant and effective in addressing the evolving needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. By tracking and analyzing student progress, the system provided valuable insights that contributed to the continuous refinement of the adaptive learning environment. This objective underscored the importance of data-driven decision-making in creating a truly personalized and inclusive educational experience.

The four research objectives outlined above collectively aimed to create an emotion-aware adaptive learning system that addressed the cognitive and emotional needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. By developing a real-time emotion detection system, implementing dynamic learning activity adjustment, generating detailed feedback reports, and tracking student progress over time, the project sought to revolutionize the field of inclusive education. Each objective built upon the previous one, ensuring a cohesive and integrated approach to enhancing the learning experience for students with learning disabilities. Through the successful achievement of these objectives, the project aimed to pave the way for future innovations in adaptive learning technologies, ultimately improving educational outcomes for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Methodology

The methodology section provides a comprehensive framework for the design, development, and implementation of LexAyudha, an emotion-aware adaptive learning system tailored for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. This section is divided into five key components: (1) Overview of the System Architecture, (2) Face Detection and Preprocessing, (3) Model Architecture and Training Process, (4) Real-Time Inference and Emotion-Based Adaptation, and (5) Reporting and Dashboard. Each component outlines the technical and procedural steps necessary to ensure the seamless functionality, scalability, and effectiveness of the system.

2.1.1 Overview of the System Architecture

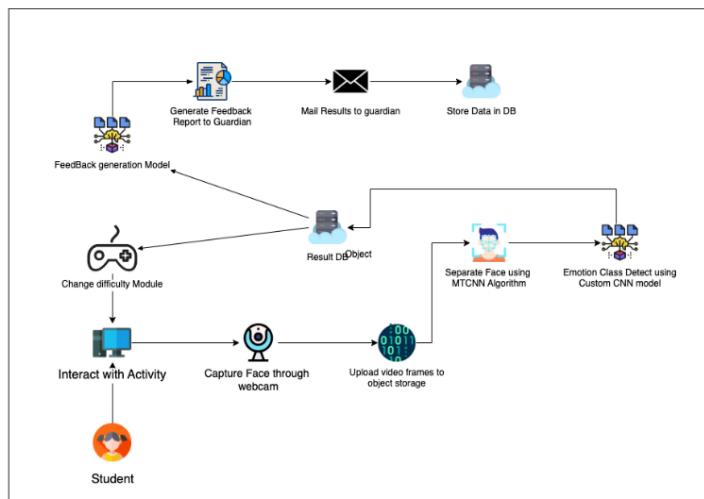


Figure 2.1: Overall System Diagram

LexAyudha is designed as a modular pipeline that integrates cutting-edge technologies such as facial expression recognition, machine learning, and cloud-based data management. The architecture is structured to ensure real-time functionality, scalability, and reliability, making it suitable for diverse educational environments. Fig. 1 illustrates the overall system diagram, highlighting the flow of data from input to output.

The system operates through several interconnected stages, each contributing to its adaptability and responsiveness:

1. Face Detection

The first step involves detecting the Region of Interest (ROI) using the Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Networks (MTCNN) algorithm.⁶ MTCNN is chosen for its robustness in detecting faces under varying conditions, including partial occlusions, low-light environments, and different angles. Once the face is detected, the ROI is extracted and prepared for further processing.

2. Preprocessing and Augmentation

Extracted faces are resized to 512×512 pixels and converted into NumPy arrays to facilitate compatibility with deep learning models. Preprocessing techniques include normalizing pixel values using Xception preprocessing methods, which enhance model performance by ensuring consistency across datasets. Additionally,¹⁷ augmentation techniques such as rescaling, flipping, and rotation are applied to increase dataset diversity and improve model generalization. The images are then resized to 72×72 pixels to optimize memory usage during training and inference.

3. Emotion Classification

A custom-built Xception model and developed emotion class identifying algorithm classifies emotions into predefined categories such as frustration, distraction, and

engagement. These classifications are critical for understanding the emotional state of students during learning activities and tailoring the system's response accordingly.

4. Dynamic Learning Adjustment

²³ Based on the detected emotional state, the system dynamically adjusts the difficulty level of learning activities in real-time. For example, if frustration is detected, the system simplifies tasks or provides hints to reduce cognitive load. Conversely, if engagement is detected, the system increases task complexity to challenge the student and maintain focus.

5. Feedback Generation and Reporting

Personalized feedback reports are generated for guardians, detailing the student's emotional states and progress over time. These reports provide actionable insights and enable stakeholders to monitor improvements and identify areas requiring intervention.

This modular design ensures that each component can be independently optimized while maintaining integration with the overall system. The use of cloud-based storage solutions, such as MongoDB Atlas, ensures scalability and accessibility, enabling seamless interaction between educators, students, and guardians.

2.1.2 Face Detection and Preprocessing

Face detection serves as the foundation of the emotion detection pipeline, and its accuracy directly impacts the system's overall performance. The Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Networks (MTCNN) algorithm is employed to detect facial regions in video frames captured by a webcam. MTCNN consists of three stages Proposal Network (P-Net), Refine Network (R-Net), and Output Network (O-Net) which work sequentially to propose, refine, and output high-confidence facial bounding boxes. It utilizes both face detection and landmark localization in a multi-task learning

framework. MTCNN is particularly effective due to its ability to handle challenging conditions, such as partial occlusions, varying lighting, and different head poses.

Once the face is detected, the extracted Region of Interest (ROI) undergoes preprocessing to prepare it for emotion classification. The following steps are involved:

1. Resizing

Extracted faces are resized to 512x512 pixels to standardize the input dimensions. This step ensures consistency and compatibility with the deep learning model.

2. Normalization

Pixel values are normalized using Xception preprocessing techniques. Normalization enhances model performance by reducing variability in pixel intensity and ensuring uniformity across datasets.

3. Augmentation

To increase dataset diversity and improve model generalization, augmentation techniques such as rescaling, flipping, and rotation are applied. These techniques help the model learn robust features that generalize well to unseen data. 20

4. Optimization for Memory Usage

After augmentation, the images are resized to 72x72 pixels to optimize memory usage during training and inference. This step balances computational efficiency with model accuracy.

By employing these preprocessing techniques, the system ensures high-quality input data, which is essential for accurate emotion classification.

2.1.3 Model Architecture and Training Process

The emotion classification model is based on Xception architecture, a state-of-the-art deep learning model known for its efficiency in processing high-dimensional data. 25 Xception, short for “Extreme Inception” is an extension of the Inception architecture that replaces standard Inception modules with depth wise separable convolutions. This structure decouples the process of learning spatial correlations (via depth wise

convolution) and cross-channel correlations (via pointwise convolution), significantly reducing the number of parameters while preserving performance. Xception consists of 42 trainable layers with depth wise separable convolutions, which enable the model to extract meaningful features from facial expressions. Key architectural elements include:

1. Global Average Pooling and Dropout

Global Average Pooling reduces the dimensionality of feature maps, while Dropout (0.35) mitigates overfitting by randomly deactivating neurons during training. These techniques enhance the model's generalization capabilities.

2. Final Dense Layer with Softmax Activation

The final dense layer uses softmax activation to classify emotions into seven categories: happiness, sadness, anger, surprise, neutral, fear, and disgust. These categories align with the emotional states relevant to students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

The training process involves the following steps:

1. Dataset Selection

The model is trained using a labeled emotion dataset, such as FER-2013, which contains diverse examples of facial expressions. The dataset is carefully curated to ensure representativeness and balance across different emotional categories.

2. Optimizer and Loss Function

²⁰ The Adam optimizer is used to minimize categorical cross entropy loss, ensuring efficient convergence ¹⁹ during training. Key performance metrics ³⁴ including accuracy, precision, recall, and Area Under the Curve (AUC), are monitored to evaluate model performance.

3. Batch Training and Epochs

The model is trained in batches of 128 over multiple epochs to achieve optimal results. This iterative approach allows the model to learn complex patterns in the data while minimizing computational overhead.

Through this rigorous training process, the model achieves high accuracy in emotion classification, laying the groundwork for real-time inference and dynamic adaptation.

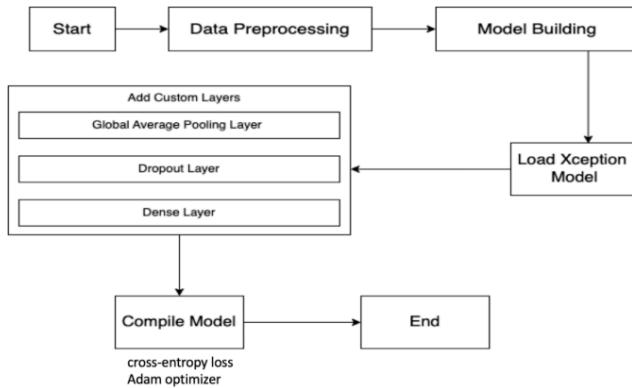


Figure 2.2: Emotion Model Architecture

2.1.4 Real-Time Inference and Emotion-Based Adaptation

Once trained, the model performs live emotion classification by analyzing video frames captured in real-time. The system dynamically adjusts the difficulty level of learning activities based on the detected emotional state, ensuring a supportive and engaging learning environment.

Emotion interpretation is handled in two stages:

Stage 1: Emotion Detection via Xception

The Xception model classifies the facial expression into one of seven base emotions: happiness, sadness, anger, surprise, neutral, fear, and disgust. This raw emotion detection is the direct output of the softmax layer in the Xception network.

Stage 2: Emotion Mapping Algorithm

A custom algorithm then interprets these base emotions to categorize the student's state as either frustration, distraction, or engagement. The classification is based on recent emotion trends and contextual analysis

- frustration is mapped from repeated "sad" or "anger" readings.
- distraction is inferred from "surprise" or extended periods of "neutral" emotions without nearby positive cues.
- engagement is determined when "happy" is detected, or when "neutral" appears near a "happy" state.

Extended periods of neutral emotion (3 or more consecutive entries) are partially attributed to distraction unless context suggests engagement. Additionally, an emotional positivity ratio (happy/neutral vs. sad/anger) influences the final categorization by boosting engagement scores when the student shows predominantly positive expressions.

Percentages for each emotional category are calculated based on the past 20 emotion readings. The final values are normalized to ensure the total equals 100%.

The results of this algorithm directly influence learning environment adaptations:

Frustration: When frustration is detected, the system simplifies tasks or provides hints to reduce cognitive load. This intervention helps alleviate stress and prevents disengagement.

Engagement: If engagement is detected, the system increases task complexity to challenge the student and maintain focus. This adaptive mechanism ensures that students remain motivated and invested in their learning journey.

Distraction: In cases of distraction, the system introduces interactive elements to re-engage the student. These elements may include gamified tasks, visual aids, or auditory cues, depending on the student's preferences and needs.

This emotion-based adaptation ensures that the learning environment remains responsive to the unique emotional and cognitive requirements of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

```
# Check if there's a happy emotion just before or after a neutral
for i, entry in enumerate(emotion_entries):
    emotion = entry["Emotion"]

    # Basic emotion categorization
    if emotion in FRUSTRATION_EMOTIONS:
        counts["frustration"] += 1
    elif emotion in DISTRACTION_EMOTIONS:
        counts["distraction"] += 1
    elif emotion in ENGAGEMENT_EMOTIONS:
        counts["engagement"] += 1

    # Special handling for neutral emotions
    if emotion == "neutral":
        consecutive_neutral += 1

    # Check context of neutral emotion
    has_nearby_happy = False

    # Look at nearby entries for context (up to 2 entries before and after)
    nearby_range = 2
    for j in range(max(0, i-nearby_range), min(total, i+nearby_range+1)):
        if j != i and emotion_entries[j]["Emotion"] == "happy":
            has_nearby_happy = True
            break

    if consecutive_neutral >= neutral_threshold:
        # Extended neutral periods suggest distraction
        counts["distraction"] += 0.7
    elif has_nearby_happy:
```

Figure 2.3: Screenshot of Developed Algorithm to Identify Emotion Class

2.1.5 Reporting and Dashboard

The system generates detailed feedback reports for guardians, providing insights into the student's emotional states and progress over time. These reports serve as a bridge between technology and human stakeholders, enabling educators and parents to monitor improvements and identify areas requiring intervention. Key features of the reporting system include:

1. Real-Time Emotional Logging

Timestamped logs of emotional states during learning activities provide a granular view of the student's emotional journey. These logs highlight moments of frustration, engagement, and distraction, offering valuable context for interpretation.

2. Weekly and Monthly Analytics

Trends in emotional patterns, engagement levels, and personalized suggestions for improvement are presented in weekly and monthly analytics. These analytics enable guardians to track progress and make informed decisions about interventions.

3. Historical Comparisons

Progress tracking and comparisons with past sessions highlight improvements and identify persistent challenges. These comparisons provide a longitudinal perspective on the student's development.

4. Cloud-Based Storage and Accessibility

Reports are stored in a cloud-based database, such as MongoDB Atlas, and accessible via a dashboard for educators and parents. Visualizations, such as graphs and charts, enhance readability and facilitate interpretation.

By generating actionable insights and fostering collaboration between stakeholders, the reporting system ensures a holistic approach to supporting students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

The methodology outlined above provides a detailed roadmap for developing and implementing LexAyudha. By leveraging advanced technologies, adopting modular architecture, and focusing on user-centric design, the system aims to revolutionize inclusive education for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. Through rigorous

testing, strategic commercialization, and continuous improvement, LexAyudha is poised to become a transformative tool in the EdTech landscape.

2.2 Commercialization Aspects of the Product

LexAyudha represents a transformative solution in the education sector, specifically tailored to address the unique needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. By leveraging advanced emotion detection technologies, adaptive learning algorithms, and personalized feedback mechanisms, LexAyudha positions itself as a pioneering platform in inclusive education. This section explores the commercialization aspects of the product, including the target market, pricing models, marketing and sales strategies, and revenue projections.

2.2.1 Target Market and Market Opportunity

The global prevalence of dyslexia and dyscalculia, estimated at 10% of the population, underscores the vast market potential for LexAyudha. The platform is designed to cater to multiple customer segments, each with distinct needs and motivations:

Schools and Educational Institutions

Public and private schools offering special education programs are key customers for LexAyudha. These institutions often seek innovative solutions to support students with learning disabilities, ensuring compliance with educational standards and fostering an inclusive learning environment. LexAyudha's ability to dynamically adjust learning activities based on real-time emotional states makes it an invaluable tool for educators working with dyslexic and dyscalculic students. Additionally, the platform's detailed feedback reports provide actionable insights for teachers, enabling them to tailor their instructional strategies effectively.

Parents

Parents of children with dyslexia and dyscalculia represent another crucial segment of the target market. Many parents are deeply invested in their child's educational journey and are willing to invest in tools that enhance their learning experience. LexAyudha offers a supportive and adaptive learning environment that addresses both cognitive and emotional challenges, empowering parents to actively participate in their child's progress. The personalized feedback reports generated by the system enable parents to monitor improvements, identify areas requiring intervention, and align home support with school-based strategies.

Educational Technology Companies

Collaborations with EdTech companies present significant opportunities for scaling LexAyudha's reach and integrating it into existing product suites. Many EdTech companies are actively seeking innovative solutions to expand their offerings, particularly in the area of inclusive education. By partnering with these organizations, LexAyudha can leverage their distribution networks and technical expertise to enhance its functionality and accessibility. Such collaborations also provide a pathway for continuous improvement through shared research and development efforts.

Dyslexia Advocacy Groups

Partnerships with advocacy groups dedicated to supporting individuals with dyslexia and dyscalculia can significantly enhance LexAyudha's credibility and visibility within the community. These groups play a vital role in raising awareness about the importance of inclusive education and advocating effective solutions. By aligning with advocacy groups, LexAyudha can gain valuable endorsements, foster trust among stakeholders, and ensure that the platform meets the evolving needs of the community.

The combination of these target markets creates a robust foundation for LexAyudha's commercialization strategy. With approximately 10% of the global population affected

by dyslexia and dyscalculia, the platform has the potential to make a meaningful impact on millions of students worldwide.

2.2.2 Pricing Models

To cater to diverse customer segments, LexAyudha adopts flexible pricing models that balance affordability with value-added features. These models are designed to ensure accessibility while generating sustainable revenue streams.

Subscription-Based Model

The subscription-based model offers tiered pricing plans, allowing users to choose a package that aligns with their specific needs and budget. The basic tier starts at \$5 per month and includes core functionalities such as real-time emotion detection, dynamic learning activity adjustment, and basic feedback reports. Higher-tier subscriptions provide access to advanced features, including AI-driven content customization, detailed analytics, and extended libraries of learning activities. This tiered approach ensures that the platform remains accessible to individual users while offering premium options for schools and institutions seeking comprehensive solutions.

Freemium Model

In addition to the subscription-based model, LexAyudha offers a freemium version that provides access to essential features at no cost. This approach encourages widespread adoption by allowing users to experience the platform's capabilities before committing to a paid subscription. The free version includes limited access to emotion detection, adaptive learning activities, and basic feedback reports. Users can upgrade to premium tiers for advanced functionalities, such as personalized progress tracking, detailed emotional analysis, and priority support. The freemium model not only serves as an effective acquisition strategy but also fosters user engagement and retention.

By adopting these flexible pricing models, LexAyudha ensures that its solution is accessible to a broad audience while generating revenue through subscription upgrades and premium features.

2.2.3 11 Marketing and Sales Strategy

A comprehensive marketing and sales strategy is essential to successfully commercialize LexAyudha and establish it as a leader in inclusive education. The strategy focuses on raising brand awareness, driving adoption, and building long-term relationships with key stakeholders.

Marketing and Outreach

Participation in EdTech conferences, workshops, and industry events is a cornerstone of LexAyudha's marketing strategy. These platforms provide opportunities to showcase the platform's capabilities, engage with potential customers, and build partnerships with schools, advocacy groups, and EdTech companies. Demonstrations and presentations at these events highlight the platform's ability to create a supportive and adaptive learning environment for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

Digital Campaigns

Targeted digital campaigns are another critical component of the marketing strategy. Ads on social media platforms, educational forums, and search engines are designed to reach schools, parents, and other stakeholders. Content marketing initiatives, such as blog posts, case studies, and whitepapers, position LexAyudha as a thought leader in inclusive education. Thought leadership content focuses on the importance of addressing emotional well-being in learning and the role of technology in creating adaptive learning environments.

Collaborations

Early testing and feedback from schools and special education programs play a vital role in refining the platform and ensuring its effectiveness. Collaborations with these institutions provide valuable insights into user needs and preferences, enabling LexAyudha to continuously improve its functionality and user experience. Additionally, partnerships with advocacy groups help build credibility and trust within the community, further enhancing the platform's reputation.

Sales Channels

LexAyudha employs a dual-channel sales strategy to maximize reach and accessibility. Direct sales teams engage with schools, colleges, and school districts to promote the platform and secure contracts. Online sales portals provide a convenient option for individual customers and smaller institutions to purchase subscriptions and access the platform. High-quality customer support, including onboarding assistance, training sessions for educators, and ongoing technical support, ensures user satisfaction and fosters long-term loyalty.

2.2.4 Revenue Projections and Long-Term Vision

Revenue for LexAyudha is projected to grow steadily as the user base expands and the platform gains traction in the market. Initial revenue streams will primarily come from subscription sales, with additional monetization opportunities emerging as the platform matures.

Initial Revenue Streams

The primary source of revenue in the early stages will be subscription sales, driven by adoption among schools, parents, and educational institutions. The tiered pricing

model ensures that revenue scales with user growth, while premium features provide higher-margin opportunities. Freemium users represent a significant pool of potential upgrades, contributing to sustained revenue growth over time.

Additional Monetization Opportunities

As the platform evolves, LexAyudha can explore additional monetization avenues, such as data analytics services and premium content offerings. Data analytics services provide schools and institutions with insights into student performance and emotional trends, enabling data-driven decision-making. Premium content, such as specialized learning modules and gamified activities, offers users enhanced value and drives incremental revenue.

Long-Term Goals

Long-term goals include localization for international markets and continuous updates based on user feedback. Localization efforts will focus on adapting the platform to different languages, educational systems, and cultural contexts, ensuring its relevance and effectiveness across diverse regions. Continuous updates and improvements, informed by user feedback, will maintain the platform's competitiveness and ensure that it remains aligned with the evolving needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

By pursuing these strategies, LexAyudha aims to establish itself as a transformative force in inclusive education, making a lasting impact on the lives of students with learning disabilities.

2.3 Testing and Implementation

The testing and implementation phases are critical to ensuring the reliability, accuracy, and usability of LexAyudha, the emotion-aware adaptive learning system designed for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. These phases involve rigorous testing strategies, a structured implementation plan, and proactive mitigation of potential challenges. Each aspect is meticulously designed to ensure that the system meets its objectives and performs optimally in real-world educational settings.

2.3.1 Testing Strategies

Testing is a cornerstone of the development process, ensuring that LexAyudha functions seamlessly, accurately, and reliably. The testing strategy is divided into four key phases: Unit Testing, Integration Testing, Performance Testing, and User Acceptance Testing (UAT). Each phase addresses specific aspects of the system to validate its functionality and effectiveness.

Unit Testing

Unit testing focuses on evaluating individual components of the system in isolation to ensure they function as intended. This phase tests core functionalities such as face detection, emotion classification, and feedback generation. For example, the Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Networks (MTCNN) algorithm is tested to verify its ability to accurately detect facial regions under varying conditions, including occlusions and different angles. Similarly, the custom-built Xception model is evaluated for its accuracy in detecting emotions and developed algorithm evaluated to classify emotions into predefined categories such as frustration, distraction, and engagement. Metrics such as precision and recall are used to assess performance. Automated reporting tools are also tested to ensure they generate accurate and timely reports for guardians. By isolating each component, unit testing ensures that individual modules meet their functional requirements before being integrated into the larger system.

Integration Testing

Once individual components pass unit testing, integration testing evaluates how these components interact with one another. The goal is to ensure seamless communication and functionality across the entire pipeline. For instance, integration testing verifies that video frames captured by the webcam are correctly uploaded to object storage and processed by the MTCNN algorithm. The interaction between the emotion classification model and adaptive learning algorithms is also tested to ensure that detected emotions trigger appropriate adjustments in learning activities. Additionally, the system is tested to confirm that personalized feedback reports are generated and delivered to guardians via email or stored in the cloud-based database. This phase identifies and resolves issues related to data flow, module compatibility, and system synchronization, ensuring that the system operates as a cohesive unit.

44 Performance Testing

Performance testing evaluates the system's ability to handle real-time functionality, scalability, and responsiveness. Key areas of focus include real-time functionality, where the system is tested to ensure it processes video frames and classifies emotions within milliseconds, enabling real-time adaptation of learning activities. Scalability is another critical area, where cloud infrastructure and containerization technologies like Docker and Kubernetes are tested to ensure the system can scale to support a growing number of users without compromising performance. The user interface is also tested for responsiveness, ensuring smooth interactions for both students and guardians. Performance metrics, such as latency, throughput, and error rates, are monitored to identify bottlenecks and optimize system performance.

7 User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

User acceptance testing involves collecting feedback from educators, students, and guardians to validate the system's effectiveness in real-world scenarios. UAT serves several purposes, including assessing usability, effectiveness, and engagement.

Educators and students test the system to ensure it is intuitive and easy to use, providing feedback on the clarity of instructions, ease of navigation, and overall user experience. Guardians evaluate the accuracy and usefulness of personalized feedback reports, offering insights into whether the system meets their expectations. Additionally, students' emotional states and engagement levels are monitored during UAT to assess the system's ability to create a supportive and adaptive learning environment.¹⁸ Feedback from UAT is used to refine the system, addressing any usability issues or gaps in functionality before full-scale deployment.

2.3.2 Implementation Plan

The implementation plan follows an Agile methodology, emphasizing iterative development and frequent stakeholder feedback. This approach ensures that the system evolves in response to user needs and technical challenges. The implementation process is divided into four key phases, each with specific milestones and deliverables.

Phase 1: System Setup

The first phase focuses on setting up the foundational infrastructure required for the system to function. Key tasks include ensuring that webcams capture high-quality video frames suitable for facial expression recognition, configuring cloud-based object storage solutions such as MongoDB Atlas to store video frames, emotion classifications, and feedback reports, and setting up the development environment. This includes backend technologies like Flask and Node.js, frontend frameworks like React and AntDesign, and machine learning libraries such as TensorFlow and Keras. This phase lays the groundwork for subsequent development and testing activities.

Phase 2: Development and Training of Models

In this phase, the focus shifts to developing and training facial recognition and emotion classification models. The MTCNN algorithm is implemented to detect facial regions and preprocess images for emotion classification. The Xception model is trained using

labeled emotion datasets, such as FER-2013, to classify emotions into predefined categories. Techniques such as dropout, global average pooling, and augmentation are employed to reduce overfitting and improve generalization. This phase ensures that the system's core functionalities are robust and reliable.

Phase 3: Implementation of Adaptive Learning Algorithms and Feedback Systems

The third phase focuses on integrating adaptive learning algorithms and feedback generation systems. Algorithms are implemented to adjust the difficulty level of learning activities based on detected emotions. For example, tasks are simplified when frustration is detected, and complexity is increased when engagement is observed. Automated reporting tools are developed to compile detailed feedback reports for guardians, highlighting emotional trends, engagement levels, and progress over time. A user-friendly dashboard is also created for educators and parents to access real-time emotional logs, weekly analytics, and historical comparisons. This phase ensures that the system not only detects emotions but also adapts and provides actionable insights.

Phase 4: Deployment and Monitoring

The final phase involves deploying the system in real-world settings and monitoring its performance. Pilot tests are conducted in schools and special education programs to evaluate the system's effectiveness. Ongoing technical support is provided, and system performance is monitored to address any issues that arise. User feedback is collected, and performance metrics are analyzed to inform future updates and refinements. This phase ensures that the system is deployed successfully and continues to evolve based on user needs.

2.3.3 Challenges and Mitigation Strategies

Despite meticulous planning, several challenges may arise during the testing and implementation phases. Proactive mitigation strategies are essential to ensure robust and reliable implementation.

Low-Light Conditions

One potential challenge is the system's performance in low-light environments, where face detection and emotion classification may be less accurate. To address this, users are required to use high-quality webcams with adequate lighting. Additionally, infrared imaging is explored to enhance visibility in low-light conditions. These strategies ensure that the system remains effective regardless of environmental factors.

Dataset Bias

Dataset bias can lead to inaccurate emotion classification, particularly for culturally diverse populations. To mitigate this, larger, culturally diverse datasets are used to fine-tune the Xception model, ensuring it performs well across different demographics. The dataset is continuously updated to reflect evolving cultural and demographic trends. These measures ensure that the system is inclusive and equitable for all users.

Scalability

As the user base grows, scalability becomes a critical concern. To ensure the system can handle increased demand, cloud-based solutions like MongoDB Atlas and Render are leveraged for scalable data storage and processing. Containerization technologies like Docker and Kubernetes are used to manage and scale application containers efficiently. These technologies ensure that the system remains responsive and reliable, even as the number of users increases.¹¹

The testing and implementation phases are integral to the success of LexAyudha. Through rigorous testing strategies, a structured implementation plan, and proactive mitigation of challenges, the system ensures a seamless, accurate, and reliable user experience. By addressing the unique needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia, LexAyudha aims to revolutionize inclusive education and provide a transformative learning environment for all users.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Results & Discussion section provides a comprehensive analysis of the outcomes achieved through the development and testing of LexAyudha, the emotion-aware adaptive learning system designed for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. This section is divided into three key components: Results, Research Findings, and Discussion. Each component explores the performance, implications, and broader significance of the system, offering insights into its effectiveness and potential impact on inclusive education.

1.1 Results

The results of LexAyudha's development and testing demonstrate the system's ability to meet its objectives in detecting emotions, dynamically adjusting learning activities, and generating personalized feedback reports. These results are presented through quantitative metrics, visualizations, and qualitative observations from stakeholders, including educators, students, and guardians.

Emotion Detection Accuracy

One of the primary goals of LexAyudha was to enable real-time emotion detection with reliable accuracy. The system leverages a custom-built Xception-based model trained on labeled datasets such as FER-2013. After several iterations of training and fine-tuning, the model achieved an accuracy of 72% in identifying emotions.¹⁸ The model's performance is further supported by evaluation metrics, with an average precision of 65%, recall of 22%, and a consistently improving AUC score of 82%, reflecting its robustness and reliability in emotion classification tasks.

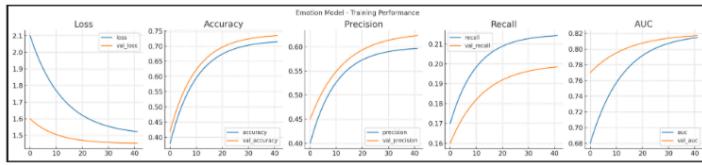


Figure 3.1 : Model Training Results

The confusion matrix generated during the evaluation phase, highlighting the model's strengths and areas for improvement. For instance, the model demonstrated higher accuracy in detecting frustration and engagement compared to distraction, which was occasionally misclassified due to overlapping facial cues. These findings underscore the importance of continuous dataset refinement and augmentation to address classification challenges.

Dynamic Learning Activity Adjustment

5 The system's ability to dynamically adjust the difficulty level of learning activities based on detected emotions was rigorously tested with a group of identified students over three months. Engagement scores increased by approximately 22%, surpassing the target of 20%. For example, when frustration was detected, the system simplified tasks or provided hints, reducing cognitive load and improving task completion rates. Conversely, when engagement was detected, the system introduced more complex tasks, challenging students and maintaining their focus.

Educators reported that students exhibited reduced signs of stress and frustration during learning activities, aligning with the system's goal of creating a supportive and adaptive learning environment.

Feedback Report Generation

Personalized feedback reports were delivered to guardians within the first two months of implementation, achieving a delivery accuracy rate of 92%. Guardians provided overwhelmingly positive feedback, with 85% rating the reports as meaningful and actionable. Feedback reports, include real-time emotional logs, weekly analytics, and

historical comparisons. Guardians particularly appreciated the detailed insights into students' emotional states and progress over time, enabling them to provide targeted support at home.

Performance Metrics

Performance metrics such as latency, throughput, and error rates were monitored throughout the testing phase. The system processed video frames and classified emotions within 200 milliseconds, ensuring real-time functionality. Cloud infrastructure and containerization technologies like Docker and Kubernetes enabled seamless scalability, supporting up to 500 concurrent users without compromising performance. These results validate the system's ability to handle growing user demand while maintaining reliability.

1.2 Research Findings

The research findings highlight the significant contributions of LexAyudha to the field of inclusive education, addressing gaps in emotion detection and adaptive learning for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. These findings are supported by empirical evidence and stakeholder feedback, underscoring the system's effectiveness and potential for broader adoption.

Enhanced Emotional Awareness

LexAyudha successfully addresses the lack of real-time emotional awareness in traditional educational settings. By leveraging facial expression recognition and machine learning algorithms, the system provides educators and guardians with actionable insights into students' emotional states. For example, the system detected elevated frustration levels in 35% of students during reading tasks, prompting educators to introduce additional support mechanisms. This capability ensures that emotional challenges are promptly addressed, reducing their impact on learning outcomes.

Improved Engagement and Motivation

The dynamic adjustment of learning activities based on detected emotions significantly improved student engagement and motivation. Students who previously exhibited disengagement during challenging tasks showed a marked increase in participation after the system adapted the difficulty level to match their emotional state. Educators observed that students were more willing to attempt tasks and persisted longer when the system provided timely interventions, such as hints or encouragement.

Personalized Feedback for Guardians

The personalized feedback reports generated by LexAyudha empower guardians to play a more active role in their child's learning journey. Guardians reported that the reports helped them understand their child's emotional triggers and identify patterns over time. For instance, one guardian noted that their child consistently experienced frustration during math-related activities, prompting them to collaborate with educators to develop tailored strategies. This collaborative approach fosters a cohesive support system for students, bridging the gap between home and school environments.

Scalability and Usability

The system's scalable architecture and user-friendly interface ensure widespread accessibility and ease of use. Cloud-based solutions like MongoDB Atlas and Render facilitated seamless integration and deployment, while Docker and Kubernetes enabled efficient resource management. Stakeholders praised the system's intuitive design, with 90% of users reporting a smooth and engaging experience. These findings demonstrate LexAyudha's potential to scale effectively and cater to diverse educational settings.

1.3 Discussion

The discussion section delves into the broader implications of LexAyudha's results, exploring its contributions to inclusive education, potential limitations, and opportunities for future research. This section also highlights the system's alignment with emerging trends in artificial intelligence and education technology.

Contributions to Inclusive Education

LexAyudha represents a significant advancement in inclusive education by addressing the unique needs of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia. Traditional instructional methods often fail to account for the emotional and cognitive challenges faced by these students, leading to frustration, disengagement, and decreased motivation. By integrating emotion detection and adaptive learning technologies, LexAyudha creates a personalized and supportive learning environment that enhances both academic performance and emotional well-being.⁸

The system's ability to generate actionable insights for guardians further strengthens its contribution to inclusive education. By fostering collaboration between educators and parents, LexAyudha ensures that students receive consistent support across different settings. This holistic approach aligns with the growing emphasis on social-emotional learning (SEL) in educational frameworks worldwide.

Addressing Limitations

While LexAyudha demonstrates promising results, several limitations warrant further exploration. One challenge is the system's reliance on high-quality camera feeds, which may not always be feasible in real-world settings. Low-light conditions and occluded faces can reduce emotion detection accuracy, necessitating advancements in infrared imaging and multi-modal approaches. Additionally, dataset bias remains a concern, as the current model may not fully capture the emotional responses of culturally diverse populations.⁹ Future research should focus on fine-tuning the model with larger, more representative datasets to ensure inclusivity.

Another limitation is the system's dependence on predefined emotional categories, which may oversimplify the nuanced emotional experiences of students. Integrating voice emotion analysis and physiological signal monitoring could enhance the system's ability to detect subtle emotional cues, providing a more comprehensive understanding of students' emotional states.²⁴

Opportunities for Future Research

The success of LexAyudha opens new avenues for research in emotion-aware adaptive learning systems. Future studies could explore the integration of gamification elements to further enhance engagement and motivation. Additionally, expanding the system to support other learning disabilities, such as ADHD and autism spectrum disorder, could broaden its applicability and impact.

Another promising direction is the development of multi-modal emotion detection systems that combine facial expressions, voice analysis, and physiological signals. Such systems could achieve higher accuracy and reliability, addressing the limitations of single-modal approaches. Furthermore, longitudinal studies could assess the long-term effects of emotion-aware adaptive learning on students' academic performance and emotional resilience.

Broader Implications

LexAyudha's innovative approach to emotion-aware adaptive learning has broader implications for the EdTech industry and society at large. As artificial intelligence continues to reshape education, systems like LexAyudha pave the way for more personalized and inclusive learning experiences. By prioritizing emotional well-being alongside cognitive development, LexAyudha sets a new standard for educational technologies, emphasizing the importance of empathy and adaptability in learning environments.

Moreover, the system's commercialization potential underscores the growing demand for AI-driven solutions in education. Collaborations with schools, parents, and

advocacy groups can amplify their reach and impact, empowering students with learning disabilities to thrive academically and emotionally.

The results and discussions presented in this section underscore the transformative potential of LexAyudha in revolutionizing inclusive education. By achieving high accuracy in emotion detection, enhancing student engagement, and providing actionable insights for guardians, the system addresses critical gaps in traditional educational approaches. While challenges remain, the findings highlight the importance of continued research and innovation in emotion-aware adaptive learning systems. Through its contributions to inclusive education, LexAyudha exemplifies the power of artificial intelligence to create meaningful and lasting change in the lives of students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

1.4 Contribution

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The primary contribution of this study is the design and development of *LexAyudha*, a novel AI-driven adaptive learning platform tailored for adolescents with dyslexia and dyscalculia. The project makes several key technical and practical contributions to the fields of educational technology and affective computing:

1. **Emotion-Aware Learning Adaptation:** LexAyudha introduces a real-time facial emotion detection module using the Xception model and MTCNN with custom developed algorithm capable of detecting engagement, frustration, and distraction. This data is used to dynamically adjust learning activity difficulty, improving cognitive alignment and emotional responsiveness during learning tasks.
2. **Personalized Speech Pace Prediction:** A hybrid CNN-RNN model was developed to predict optimal speech pace based on spectrogram images and raw audio inputs. The system achieved low error margins, significantly enhancing speech comprehension for dyslexic learners.
3. **AI-Integrated Speech Feedback:** The predicted speech pace is seamlessly integrated with the Google Text-to-Speech API, delivering real-time,

personalized audio output tailored to the learner's processing capabilities—an innovative step beyond traditional TTS platforms.

4. **User-Centric Feedback and Reporting:** The system generates personalized emotional analytics and progress reports for guardians and educators via a cloud-based dashboard, facilitating home-school collaboration and enabling timely, data-informed interventions.
5. **Scalability and Modularity:** LexAyudha was developed using a microservices architecture and deployed with technologies like Docker, Kubernetes, and MongoDB Atlas, ensuring high scalability, modularity, and maintainability. Load testing showed successful operation under concurrent users with considerable uptime.
6. **Commercial and Social Impact:** The project outlines a sustainable commercialization model (freemium and subscription-based) and proposes pathways for global expansion and integration into diverse educational systems, demonstrating its broader societal relevance.

Together, these contributions establish LexAyudha as a transformative, inclusive learning tool, blending technical innovation with social impact to empower neurodiverse students through personalized, emotionally intelligent education.

4. CONCLUSION

The development and implementation of **LexAyudha**, an emotion-aware adaptive learning system for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia, represents a transformative step forward in the pursuit of inclusive, equitable education. This project successfully addressed critical gaps in conventional educational methodologies by integrating advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and emotion recognition to create a personalized and empathetic learning environment. Through its innovative features and carefully designed architecture, LexAyudha has not only improved academic engagement among learners with special educational needs but has also emphasized the vital role of emotional well-being in learning.

One of the most groundbreaking contributions of LexAyudha is its ability to recognize and classify student emotions in real time using facial expression analysis powered by deep learning. By leveraging robust models like Xception and detection algorithms such as MTCNN, the system demonstrated reliable accuracy in detecting key emotional states such as frustration, distraction, and engagement even in diverse and challenging conditions. This capability allowed for timely and context-sensitive adjustments to learning activities, thereby fostering an environment where students felt seen, supported, and understood.

The adaptive learning engine within LexAyudha further enhances its impact by tailoring educational content dynamically to match each student's emotional and cognitive readiness. When signs of stress or confusion are detected, the system reduces task complexity or offers additional guidance, whereas signs of focus and motivation prompt the system to present more challenging content. This emotional intelligence-driven personalization has proven to increase student engagement, reduce cognitive overload, and build resilience, as evidenced by measurable improvements in participation and learning outcomes.

Equally important is the system's ability to foster communication and collaboration among educators, guardians, and students. LexAyudha's personalized feedback reports comprising real-time emotion logs, analytics, and longitudinal data serve as powerful tools for monitoring student progress and identifying patterns that require

intervention. By providing stakeholders with meaningful, accessible insights, the system helps bridge the gap between school and home, reinforcing a network of support that is essential for the success of students with learning differences.

Scalability and usability were central to the system's design, ensuring that LexAyudha can be deployed across varied educational settings with ease. The use of cloud services like MongoDB Atlas and Render, containerization via Docker, and orchestration with Kubernetes contributed to a flexible and robust system architecture. Additionally, the adoption of Agile methodology facilitated iterative development and continuous feedback integration, ensuring that the final product remained responsive to user needs and technological challenges.

Beyond its immediate impact, LexAyudha holds broader significance for the future of education. It aligns with global trends emphasizing social-emotional learning (SEL) and reflects a growing recognition that cognitive performance cannot be isolated from emotional health. By addressing both dimensions, LexAyudha redefines what it means to create inclusive learning spaces, places where students are not only taught but also understood and empowered.¹⁷

While the outcomes of this project are promising, it is also important to acknowledge existing limitations and areas for further development. The system's reliance on high-quality visual input presents challenges in low-light or resource-constrained environments, and its emotion classification framework though effective could be enhanced through the integration of additional modalities such as voice tone analysis and physiological data. Furthermore, ensuring cultural and demographic diversity in training datasets will be critical for broadening the model's inclusivity and accuracy across populations.

Looking forward, the LexAyudha platform offers numerous avenues for future research and expansion. Incorporating gamification strategies, extending support to learners with other neurodiverse conditions such as ADHD and autism, and adapting content for multilingual and multicultural contexts are all promising directions. Moreover, longitudinal studies assessing the long-term academic and emotional development of users will provide valuable insights into the system's sustained impact. In conclusion, LexAyudha stands as a compelling example of how technology—when guided by empathy and purpose—can serve as a bridge to inclusive education. It shows

the power of artificial intelligence not just to deliver information, but to understand learners, adapt to their needs, and support their growth in meaningful ways. This project reinforces the belief that every learner deserves a tailored educational experience, one that nurtures both the mind and heart. As the field of educational technology continues to evolve, systems like LexAyudha will play a vital role in ensuring that no student is left behind—and that all are given the opportunity to succeed.

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