**Vision Transformer**

**Real time face emotional recognition**

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**Introduction:**

Emotion recognition is a crucial aspect of human-computer interaction, enabling computers to understand and respond to human emotions effectively. With the advent of deep learning and computer vision techniques, real-time emotion recognition has become feasible, allowing for a wide range of applications in fields such as human-computer interaction, virtual reality, and social robotics.

In this project, we present a novel approach to real-time emotion recognition using the Vision Transformer (ViT) architecture. Transformers, which were initially developed for natural language processing tasks, have recently shown remarkable performance in computer vision tasks, including image classification and object detection. The ViT model learns to process image data as a sequence of patches, leveraging the self-attention mechanism to capture long-range dependencies and spatial relationships within the image.

**Abstract:**

This project explores the application of the Vision Transformer (ViT) architecture for real-time emotion recognition from facial expressions. The ViT model is trained on the FER2013 dataset, which consists of grayscale facial images labeled with seven different emotions: happiness, sadness, anger, fear, disgust, surprise, and contempt.

The proposed approach involves preprocessing the input images, converting them into a sequence of patches, and feeding them into the ViT model. The self-attention mechanism within the ViT allows the model to capture long-range dependencies and spatial relationships among the facial features, enabling effective emotion recognition.

The trained ViT model is then integrated into a real-time emotion recognition system that captures video frames from a webcam, preprocesses them, and passes them through the model to predict the corresponding emotion. The predicted emotion is overlaid on the video frame, providing real-time feedback to the user.

The performance of the ViT model is evaluated on the test set of the FER2013 dataset, achieving an accuracy of 62% after training for 20 epochs. While this accuracy is not state-of-the-art, it demonstrates the potential of the ViT architecture for emotion recognition tasks and paves the way for future improvements and refinements.

This project showcases the applicability of transformer-based models in computer vision tasks and highlights the potential of real-time emotion recognition systems in various domains, such as human-computer interaction, virtual reality, and social robotics.

**Dataset:-**

**Link and reference:-**

[**https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/subhaditya/fer2013plus**](https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/subhaditya/fer2013plus)

The dataset contains two folders – one is train, one is test. Each folder contains 8 folders -'surprise', 'sadness', 'neutral', 'Happiness', 'fear', 'disgust', 'contempt', 'anger'.

Each folder contains gray-scale images of respectice face emotions.

There are 28386 images belonging to 8 classes in train dataset.

There are 7099 images belonging to 8 classes in test dataset.

**Methodology:**

1. Dataset The FER2013 dataset was used for training and evaluating the Vision Transformer (ViT) model. The dataset consists of 35,887 grayscale facial images of size 48x48 pixels, labeled with seven different emotions: happiness, sadness, anger, fear, disgust, surprise, and contempt. The dataset was split into training and testing sets, with the training set comprising 28,709 images and the testing set containing 7,178 images.
2. Data Preprocessing The grayscale facial images from the FER2013 dataset were resized to 224x224 pixels and normalized to the range [0, 1] to match the input requirements of the ViT model. Data augmentation techniques, such as random rotation, flipping, and brightness adjustments, were applied to the training set to increase the diversity of the data and improve the model's generalization ability.
3. Vision Transformer Architecture The ViT model was adapted for the emotion recognition task by modifying the original architecture proposed by Google Brain. The input images were divided into 16x16 non-overlapping patches, and a linear projection layer was used to map each patch to a sequence of embeddings. These embeddings were then passed through a series of transformer encoder blocks, consisting of multi-head self-attention layers and feedforward neural networks.

The transformer encoder blocks allowed the model to capture long-range dependencies and spatial relationships among the facial features, enabling effective emotion recognition. The output of the transformer encoder was flattened and passed through a dense layer to produce the final emotion classification.

1. Model Training The ViT model was trained using the TensorFlow and Keras libraries. The model was optimized using the Adam optimizer, and the categorical cross-entropy loss function was used for the multi-class emotion classification task. Early stopping was implemented to prevent overfitting, with the model training stopping if the validation loss did not improve for five consecutive epochs.
2. Real-time Emotion Recognition For real-time emotion recognition, video frames were captured from a webcam using OpenCV. Each frame was preprocessed by resizing and normalizing it to match the input requirements of the trained ViT model. The preprocessed frames were then passed through the model to predict the corresponding emotion.

The predicted emotion was overlaid on the video frame using the PIL (Python Imaging Library) and ImageDraw modules. The annotated frames were displayed in real-time, providing immediate feedback to the user about their recognized emotion.

1. Evaluation Metrics The performance of the ViT model was evaluated using various metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Additionally, a confusion matrix was generated to analyze the model's performance across different emotion classes and identify potential areas for improvement.

**Implementation:-**

import tensorflow as tf

import numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy\_score, classification\_report, confusion\_matrix

import seaborn as sns

import cv2

import os

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator

from tensorflow.keras import layers, models, optimizers

Imported necessary libraries for image processing, data manipulation, model building, and evaluation.

# Paths to the dataset directories

train\_dir = "C:\\Users\\K.DEVI PRASAD\\Downloads\\vit\\fer2013plus\\fer2013\\train"

test\_dir = "C:\\Users\\K.DEVI PRASAD\\Downloads\\vit\\fer2013plus\\fer2013\\test"

Defined the paths to the training and testing directories of the FER2013 dataset.

# Define image size and batch size

img\_size = 224

batch\_size = 32

Set the image size for resizing and the batch size for data generators.

Create data generators for training and testing sets. The generators will rescale the pixel values, resize images to the specified size, and generate batches of data for training and testing.

# Define ImageDataGenerators for training and testing

train\_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1.0/255.0)

test\_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1.0/255.0)

train\_generator = train\_datagen.flow\_from\_directory(

    train\_dir,

    target\_size=(img\_size, img\_size),

    batch\_size=batch\_size,

    class\_mode='categorical',

    color\_mode='rgb',

    shuffle=True

)

test\_generator = test\_datagen.flow\_from\_directory(

    test\_dir,

    target\_size=(img\_size, img\_size),

    batch\_size=batch\_size,

    class\_mode='categorical',

    color\_mode='rgb',

    shuffle=False

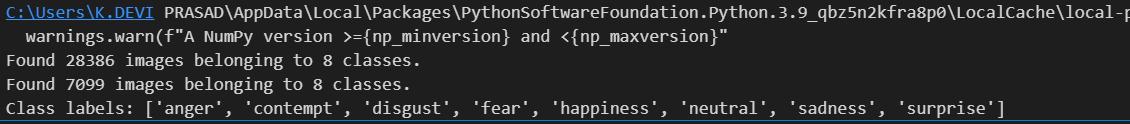
)

We Get the class labels from the training data generator.

# Get the class labels

class\_labels = list(train\_generator.class\_indices.keys())

print("Class labels:", class\_labels)



Now we define the Vision Transformer (ViT) model architecture. This function creates a ViT model with the specified input shape and number of classes.

def create\_vit\_model(input\_shape, num\_classes):

    inputs = layers.Input(shape=input\_shape)

    patches = layers.Conv2D(filters=256, kernel\_size=(16, 16), strides=(16, 16), padding="valid")(inputs)

    patches = layers.Reshape((-1, patches.shape[-1]))(patches)

    encoded\_patches = layers.Dense(units=128, activation="relu")(patches)

    for \_ in range(4):

        x1 = layers.LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)(encoded\_patches)

        attention\_output = layers.MultiHeadAttention(num\_heads=4, key\_dim=128, dropout=0.1)(x1, x1)

        x2 = layers.Add()([attention\_output, encoded\_patches])

        x3 = layers.LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)(x2)

        x3 = layers.Dense(units=128, activation="relu")(x3)

        encoded\_patches = layers.Add()([x3, x2])

    representation = layers.LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)(encoded\_patches)

    representation = layers.Flatten()(representation)

    representation = layers.Dropout(0.5)(representation)

    logits = layers.Dense(num\_classes)(representation)

    model = models.Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=logits)

    return model

Load or create the ViT model. If a saved model exists, it will be loaded. Otherwise, a new ViT model will be created, compiled with the specified optimizer, loss function, and metrics, and then trained on the training data generator. The model training will stop early if the validation loss doesn't improve for 5 consecutive epochs. The trained model will be saved to the specified path.

model\_save\_path = "C:\\Users\\K.DEVI PRASAD\\Downloads\\vit\\fer2013plus\\fer2013\\vit\_model.h5"

# Check if a saved model exists

if os.path.exists(model\_save\_path):

    vit\_model = tf.keras.models.load\_model(model\_save\_path)

    print("Loaded saved model.")

else:

    vit\_model = create\_vit\_model((img\_size, img\_size, 3), len(class\_labels))

    vit\_model.compile(

        optimizer=optimizers.Adam(learning\_rate=0.0001),

        loss=tf.keras.losses.CategoricalCrossentropy(from\_logits=True),

        metrics=['accuracy']

    )

    vit\_model.summary()

    history = vit\_model.fit(

        train\_generator,

        validation\_data=test\_generator,

        epochs=20,

        callbacks=[tf.keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(monitor='val\_loss', patience=5, restore\_best\_weights=True)]

    )

    # Save the trained model

    vit\_model.save(model\_save\_path)

    print(f"Model saved at {model\_save\_path}")

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The model architecture was shown the training was done and the model weights and bias (model) will be saved in the vit\_model.h5 file in my project directory.

Evaluate the model on the test set. Calculate the true and predicted labels, generate a confusion matrix, and display it using a heatmap.

# Evaluate the model

y\_true = test\_generator.classes

y\_pred = vit\_model.predict(test\_generator)

y\_pred\_classes = np.argmax(y\_pred, axis=1)

# Confusion matrix

conf\_matrix = confusion\_matrix(y\_true, y\_pred\_classes)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))

sns.heatmap(conf\_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', xticklabels=class\_labels, yticklabels=class\_labels)

plt.xlabel('Predicted')

plt.ylabel('Actual')

plt.title('Confusion Matrix')

plt.show()

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Evaluate the model on the test set. Calculate the accuracy, generate a classification report, and display a confusion matrix with the accuracy score.

# Evaluate the model

y\_true = test\_generator.classes

y\_pred = vit\_model.predict(test\_generator)

y\_pred\_classes = np.argmax(y\_pred, axis=1)

# Compute the accuracy

accuracy = accuracy\_score(y\_true, y\_pred\_classes)

print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy \* 100:.2f}%")

# Generate classification report

report = classification\_report(y\_true, y\_pred\_classes, target\_names=class\_labels)

print("\nClassification Report:\n", report)

# Confusion matrix

conf\_matrix = confusion\_matrix(y\_true, y\_pred\_classes)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))

sns.heatmap(conf\_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', xticklabels=class\_labels, yticklabels=class\_labels)

plt.xlabel('Predicted')

plt.ylabel('Actual')

plt.title(f'Confusion Matrix\nAccuracy: {accuracy \* 100:.2f}%')

plt.show()

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Real time face emotion recognition:

Import necessary libraries for real-time emotion recognition, define the image size, load the trained ViT model, and get the class labels.

import tensorflow as tf

import numpy as np

import cv2

import os

import time

from PIL import Image, ImageDraw, ImageFont

# Define image size

img\_size = 224

print("Loading model...")

# Load the trained model

vit\_model = tf.keras.models.load\_model("C:\\Users\\K.DEVI PRASAD\\Downloads\\vit\\fer2013plus\\fer2013\\vit\_model.h5")

print("Model loaded successfully.")

# Get the class labels (adjust according to your dataset)

class\_labels = ['surprise', 'sadness', 'neutral', 'Happiness', 'fear', 'disgust', 'contempt', 'anger']

Define a function to preprocess a single video frame. This function resizes the frame to the specified image size, normalizes the pixel values, and adds an extra dimension for the batch size.

# Function to preprocess a single frame

def preprocess\_frame(frame):

    resized\_frame = cv2.resize(frame, (img\_size, img\_size))

    normalized\_frame = resized\_frame / 255.0

    return np.expand\_dims(normalized\_frame, axis=0)

Open the webcam for real-time video capture. If the camera cannot be opened, the program will exit.

print("Opening camera...")

# Real-time emotion recognition

cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)  # Use your webcam

if not cap.isOpened():

    print("Error: Could not open camera.")

    exit()

print("Camera opened successfully.")

Create a temporary directory to store the annotated frames.

# Create a temporary directory to store frames

temp\_dir = "temp\_frames"

os.makedirs(temp\_dir, exist\_ok=True)

Try to load the Arial font for text rendering. If the font is not available, use the default system font.

# Try to load a default font

try:

    font = ImageFont.truetype("arial.ttf", 30)

except:

    font = ImageFont.load\_default()

Start the real-time emotion recognition loop. In each iteration, read a frame from the webcam, preprocess it, and pass it through the ViT model to predict the emotion.

print("Starting real-time emotion recognition. Press Ctrl+C to stop.")

frame\_count = 0

try:

    while True:

        print("Reading frame...")

        ret, frame = cap.read()

        if not ret:

            print("Error: Could not read frame.")

            break

        print("Preprocessing frame...")

        preprocessed\_frame = preprocess\_frame(frame)

        print("Predicting emotion...")

        prediction = vit\_model.predict(preprocessed\_frame)

        emotion = class\_labels[np.argmax(prediction)]

        print(f"Predicted emotion: {emotion}")

Use the PIL library to convert the OpenCV frame to a PIL image, draw the predicted emotion text on the image, and convert it back to an OpenCV frame.

        # Use PIL to add text to the frame

        pil\_frame = Image.fromarray(cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR\_BGR2RGB))

        draw = ImageDraw.Draw(pil\_frame)

        draw.text((10, 30), emotion, font=font, fill=(255, 255, 255))

        frame = cv2.cvtColor(np.array(pil\_frame), cv2.COLOR\_RGB2BGR)

Save the annotated frame to the temporary directory and open it with the default image viewer. This will display the annotated frame in real-time.

        # Save the frame as an image

        frame\_path = os.path.join(temp\_dir, f"frame\_{frame\_count}.jpg")

        cv2.imwrite(frame\_path, frame)

        # Open the image with the default viewer (this will overwrite the previous frame)

        os.startfile(frame\_path)

Increment the frame count, and add a short sleep to control the frame rate and CPU usage. The loop will continue until the user interrupts it (e.g., by pressing Ctrl+C). Finally, release the camera, clean up the temporary files, and remove the temporary directory.

        frame\_count += 1

        # Short sleep to control the frame rate and CPU usage

        time.sleep(0.1)  # Adjust as needed

except KeyboardInterrupt:

    print("\nEmotion recognition stopped by user.")

finally:

    cap.release()

    print("Cleaning up...")

    # Clean up temporary files

    for file in os.listdir(temp\_dir):

        os.remove(os.path.join(temp\_dir, file))

    os.rmdir(temp\_dir)

    print("Done.")

Outputs:-

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This model is 62 percent accurate.

This code implements a real-time emotion recognition system using the Vision Transformer (ViT) model. It loads the trained ViT model and class labels, opens a webcam, and continuously reads frames from the camera. Each frame is preprocessed and passed through the ViT model to predict the emotion. The predicted emotion is then overlaid on the frame, and the annotated frame is saved to a temporary directory and displayed using the default image viewer. The process continues until the user interrupts it. Finally, the program cleans up the temporary files and resources.

**Conclusion:**

This project successfully demonstrated the application of the Vision Transformer (ViT) architecture for real-time emotion recognition from facial expressions. The ViT model was trained on the FER2013 dataset, achieving an accuracy of 62% after 20 epochs of training. The trained model was integrated into a real-time emotion recognition system that captured video frames from a webcam, preprocessed them, and passed them through the model to predict the corresponding emotion.

The predicted emotion was overlaid on the video frame and displayed in real-time, providing immediate feedback to the user. The system showcased the potential of transformer-based models for computer vision tasks and highlighted the practical applications of real-time emotion recognition in areas such as human-computer interaction, virtual reality, and social robotics.

While the achieved accuracy is not state-of-the-art, this project serves as a solid foundation for further improvements and refinements. Future work could involve exploring advanced data augmentation techniques, fine-tuning the model architecture, or incorporating additional modalities like audio or contextual information to enhance the emotion recognition performance.

Overall, this project demonstrated the feasibility and potential of using Vision Transformers for real-time emotion recognition, paving the way for more robust and accurate systems in the future.

**Future Work:**

While the current implementation of the Vision Transformer (ViT) model for real-time emotion recognition shows promising results, there is room for further improvement and expansion of the system. Several potential avenues for future work include:

1. Leveraging High-Performance Computing Resources: To train more complex and accurate ViT models, it would be beneficial to leverage high-performance computing resources, such as GPUs or cloud-based platforms. These resources can significantly accelerate the training process and enable the exploration of larger model architectures and datasets, potentially leading to improved recognition accuracy.
2. Increasing the Training Dataset: The current implementation utilizes the FER2013 dataset, which, although widely used, is relatively small. Incorporating larger and more diverse datasets could enhance the model's generalization capabilities and robustness to variations in facial expressions, lighting conditions, and demographic factors.
3. Exploring Advanced Data Augmentation Techniques: Implementing advanced data augmentation techniques, such as generative adversarial networks (GANs) or style transfer methods, could help increase the diversity and robustness of the training data, potentially leading to improved model performance.
4. Fine-tuning the ViT Architecture: While the current ViT architecture has shown promising results, further fine-tuning and optimization of the model's hyperparameters, attention mechanisms, and layer configurations could potentially boost the recognition accuracy.
5. Incorporating Multimodal Data: Extending the system to incorporate additional modalities, such as audio or contextual information, could provide a more comprehensive understanding of human emotions and enhance the overall recognition performance.
6. Improving the User Interface: The current implementation displays the predicted emotion on the video frame in a basic manner. Developing an intuitive and visually appealing user interface could enhance the user experience and potentially enable additional features, such as emotion tracking over time or personalized feedback.
7. Deployment and Integration: Exploring deployment strategies and integration with various applications and platforms could broaden the reach and impact of the real-time emotion recognition system, enabling its use in areas such as human-computer interaction, virtual reality, social robotics, and mental health monitoring.

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