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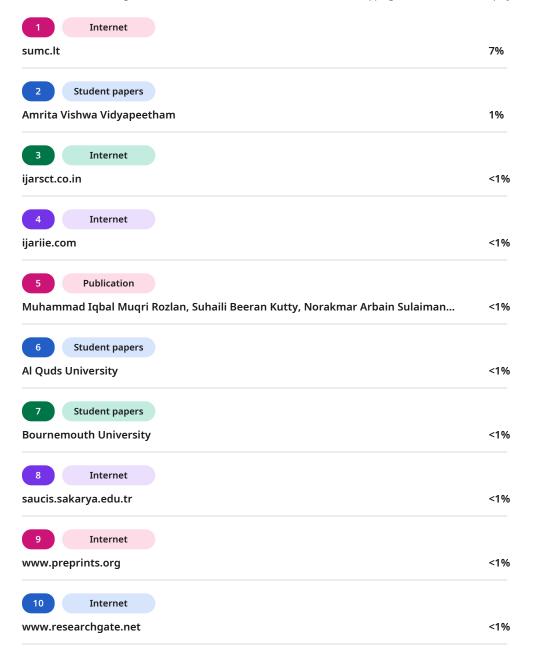
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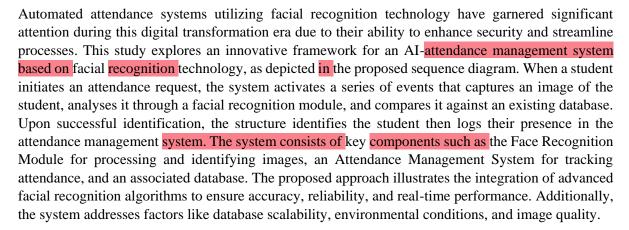
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ABSTRACT



This research highlights the advantages of automated attendance systems, such as time efficiency, a reduction in human error, and the prevention of proxy attendance. The article also discusses the potential for employing advanced machine learning methods to enhance both the performance and accuracy of identification within these systems. The findings from this study provide a solid foundation for developing effective and scalable attendance solutions suitable for educational institutions and various other environments.

KEYWORDS

Technology for Facial Recognition, AI-Driven Automated Attendance Management System, Image Processing, Biometric Verification for Student Identification and Attendance Recording, Real-Time Facial Recognition to Prevent Proxy Attendance, Technological Innovations in Education, Attendance Management Systems Utilizing Machine Learning.

1. INTRODUCTION

Managing attendance by hand might be quite difficult for the teachers. To solve this problem, an automated and intelligent attendance management system is being deployed. But authentication is a major issue with this method. Usually, the smart attendance system is operated by biometrics. In order to improve this system, face recognition is one biometric method. Numerous applications, such as network security, computer-human interaction, CCTV footage systems, video monitoring, and interior access systems, heavily rely on facial recognition, a crucial part of biometric verification [1]. Using this method, a camera is placed in the classroom, images are taken, faces are identified, stored in a database, and attendance is then recorded. If the student's attendance is marked as absent, parents are informed of their absence. There are several techniques to compare the faces [2]. Taking student attendance is the most crucial aspect of classroom management. As a result, keeping track of attendance during regular events is difficult. The process is time-consuming and susceptible to mistakes, such inaccurate entries or human calculation errors, to call each student's name the old-fashioned manner. The administrator keeps track of each student's daily attendance, broken down by topic. is essential. The Open CV Python library, LBPH, and Haar Cascade algorithm have all been utilised in this project's face recognition methodology [3]. The three essential elements of location, instructor certification, and fingerprint identification are all included in this study's description of a mobile attendance system built with Flutter and Appwrite. The solution ensures accurate attendance tracking by using GPS position. Biometric fingerprint authentication to prevent fraudulent attendance and instructor verification to guarantee authorised access [4]. Multiple colour spaces and methods for evaluating picture quality are used to study the colour face recognition problem. No-Reference Image Quality Assessment (NRIQA) methods are used to measure image quality. Colour face photos are categorised as poor, medium, or high quality using the High poor Frequency Index (HLFI) measure. When it comes to enhancing facial recognition, various approaches



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are employed for feature extraction and classification of face images within RGB, YCbCr, and HSV color spaces. These methodologies incorporate Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Speeded Up Robust Features (SURF), and Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT) based on categorized facial images [5]. \n\nDaily attendance holds significant importance in offices and educational settings, yet manual tracking proves to be laborious and time-consuming. Biometric attendance systems involving voice, iris, and fingerprint recognition demand advanced and costly hardware. Introducing an automatic attendance system utilizing facial recognition as a biometric feature could potentially address these challenges [6]. In recent years, the dispersed effort ideal—which let employees to exertion from numerous corporal locations—has become increasingly popular, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic. Notwithstanding the possible benefits of lower office space and flexible work arrangements, this approach makes it challenging to efficiently manage and keep an eye on employee work activities. Employing cutting-edge technology in human resources can help businesses successfully handle these issues [7]. The Internet of Things, known as IoT, is significantly reshaping our interactions and understanding of the world around us and ourselves. Across various domains like intelligent waste management, efficient energy usage, advanced transportation systems, and enhanced healthcare services, IoT demonstrates cost-effectiveness and efficiency in overcoming inherent challenges. Through the automation of tasks like attendance tracking, reporting, supervision, and notifications for different stakeholders in educational institutions, a cloud-based comprehensive prototype of the Smart Attendance System, based on IoT principles, aims to tackle the issues associated with traditional manual attendance systems commonly found in schools and colleges [12]. The time-consuming procedure of manually recording staff attendance worries the majority of institutional administrators. Although a lot of web and mobile apps have been implemented, there are still a lot of manual attendance record signatures in environments without internet connectivity, which makes documentation dangerous and timeconsuming. Several staff members have reported logging in, but their attendance records are missing. To address this issue, the implementation of RFID-based attendance tracking has been proposed. In this system, each employee or student is uniquely identified using an RFID card and LED authentication [14]. This research advocates for the adoption of an automated attendance management system in place of the current one, which is deemed extremely unreliable and produces inaccurate attendance data. The integration of facial recognition technology is essential in enhancing attendance tracking accuracy. Facial recognition stands out as one of the most advanced biometric methods, leveraging natural features like face recognition to distinguish individuals. To implement this, the study utilizes a Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) approach [18]. To overwhelm the shortcomings of conventional manual attendance, a system must be implemented for a facial recognition-based automatic attendance scheme. By registering employees or students with their faces, capturing pictures of them with their faces, and recording their attendance in the database, it may also be utilised as an access control system. The "labelled faces in the wild" dataset, on which the face recognition module is based, achieved 99% accuracy. Upon examining the face recogniser, it was determined that fewer faces could be identified with greater accuracy and speed. Applications for Open-CV, an open-source image processing program, are numerous [19].

2. RELATED WORKS









Utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Eigenface values, and Principal Component Analysis (PCA), this research introduces an approach to create an automated class attendance monitoring system. Subsequently, it should be viable to match the identified faces by comparing them to the database containing students' faces. This technique is expected to efficiently handle student data and attendance [1]. One notable method is the Eigen face approach. Eigen faces consist of Eigen vectors utilized in computer vision tasks related to face identification. This technique involves employing an external camera to capture an input image and an algorithm designed to identify faces within this image, enabling attendance to be logged in a web application-linked spreadsheet. The system undergoes training using the faces of the participants to establish the training database. A database is then populated with the cropped images and their labels. The characteristics are extracted using the LBPH method. Our proposed approach would efficiently identify and eliminate the risk of proxy attendance while also





saving time. Additionally, this project is better described as an engineering solution for tracking and managing attendance at all institutions and universities [3]. Our investigation demonstrates improved accuracy and security, offering a solid solution for school attendance management. By developing the field of attendance monitoring technologies, this project hopes to benefit educational institutions as well as students [4]. A hybrid strategy that incorporates the previously described techniques is suggested to improve the resilience of colour face recognition systems. Furthermore, the suggested method has been evaluated against several attack scenarios, such as print, mobile, and high-definition assaults, and is intended to function as a secure anti-spoofing mechanism. The proposed approach is assessed in comparison to the leading systems using the Faces 94, Color FERET, and Replay Attack datasets in a comparative analysis [5]. This document employs convolutional neural networks to develop a face recognition-based automated student attendance system that incorporates data entry, dataset training, face recognition, and attendance logging. The device is capable of identifying multiple faces in a video stream and automatically capturing daily attendance. The average recognition accuracy of the suggested method was greater than 92%. This approach minimizes the likelihood of human error while simplifying the process of daily attendance recording [6]. The AI Engine layer is constructed with a deep learningdriven facial recognition model that has been trained on a substantial dataset of gathered employee faces. Employee facial identities are recognized through the built-in Additive Angular Margin Loss function of the Resnet34 model [7]. To minimize the time needed for taking attendance in class, the attendance device is crafted to be portable so that students can conveniently share it to mark their attendance. Encouraging results from the technology's evaluations should promote additional research and investigation in this field [12]. RFID cards, an RC522 model RFID reader, a buzzer, and an LED are some of the hardware and software components utilized in the process of system development. Users' attendance records are collected by placing the RFID card on the RFID reader. Data from three different locations was collected and analysed. The findings indicate that the RFID technology surpasses the human attendance system by 80% in merely 20 seconds. This research is significant because it allows the management to monitor employee attendance in areas lacking internet access. Attendance reporting is automatically synchronized with a real-time clock, resulting in more precise attendance records [14]. The Smart Attendance System Utilizing facial Recognition software program streamlines the attendance procedure by employing facial recognition technology. It removes the requirement for slow and error-prone manual attendance recording. This technology identifies an individual's recognition through a webcam and matches it with a database to log attendance [17]. A spreadsheet will also be utilized to document attendance once an input image is processed, and a face is recognized using the Open CV face recognition method. The relevant data is entered into an Excel spreadsheet immediately after a person is recognized, and the attendance is then recorded. At the end of each school day, parents will receive a report containing the attendance details. Furthermore, parents get an SMS with the student's attendance information. This study also recommended providing parents with attendance statistics and a summary of the student's grades [18]. Flask is a lightweight framework for web applications that operates on Python and simplifies app maintenance. A Flask web application along with the Python Open-CV module is employed in building the system. The procedure initiates by detecting faces in webcam images and matching them to pictures of previously registered students. Students or new users can enroll by submitting a photo and relevant information. An administrator has the authority to manage a member's current information. Detailed attendance records for a specific class on a particular day can be retrieved from the database using the web application. This system will incorporate an automated online application system with facial recognition technology for immediate access [19].

METHODS



The domain of computer science known as artificial intelligence (AI) examines how machines may perform tasks that were once done by humans. A type of computing system called artificial intelligence (AI) seeks to understand and replicate human cognitive functions to create machines that act like people. Humans have the abilities and knowledge required to solve challenges creatively. Computers require data

















and reasoning capabilities to act similarly to humans and to have experiences comparable to those of humans. Intelligence is demonstrated by the ability to comprehend or learn from experiences, process contradictory and puzzling information, adapt to new situations in innovative and effective ways, solve problems logically, and successfully resolve issues. The Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), a part of the deep learning category, is one approach that greatly surpasses alternative techniques when handling image data. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs), for instance, are utilized in the Deep Learning (DL) Neural Networks method to enhance learning in neural networks with multiple layers (over seven layers). The challenge of gradient loss in back propagation will be reduced due to Deep Learning, which will halve the training duration. The sequential model, one of the designs derived from the general framework of Convolutional Neural Networks, underpins the CNN architecture represented in Figure 1. The sequential model extracts a convolution pattern and features with the assistance of additional layers, especially a designated convolutional layer. By using an extractor layer and a technique to separate the feature extraction process from the fully connected layer, the CNN model is trained with various methods, including data augmentation, batch normalization, global average pooling, and split convolution. It employs a two-dimensional (2D) approach in which the standards for image input define the width and height dimensions. This layer preserves parameters in the specified depth dimension (Depth) throughout the activation process; however, the output matrix (dot product) depends solely on the dimensions of the kernel filter of each dimension. Applying the Rectified Linear Unit (RELU) activation function, this framework develops a regularization strategy that initiates the introduction of a linear maximum value mechanism. We captured live video from a webcam using the openCV application and applied the Haar cascade classifier as a tool to detect emotions on people's faces.

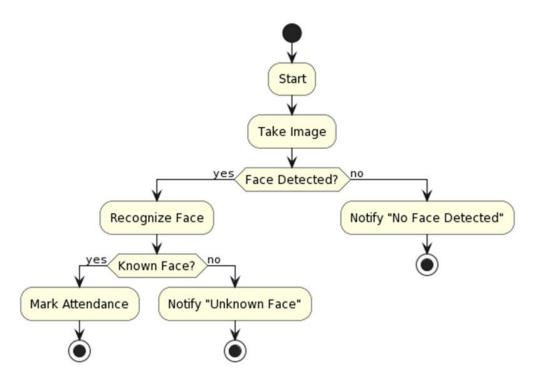


FIGURE 1: PROCESS MODEL FOR FACE DETECTION

PRE-PROCESSING

In directive to progress picture data for further image processing, pre-processing attempts to reduce undesirable distortions and certain important image properties. Greyscale conversion: conversion from RGB to greyscale the first step in pre-processing a picture is to convert it from RGB to greyscale. It may be obtained by multiplying the RGB image using the formula below. The RGB to greyscale





conversion is shown in Fig. 2. In a greyscale image, illumination is the only material present. In a greyscale picture, every pixel represents a different volume or quantity of light. The brightness gradient may also be seen in the greyscale picture. Only light intensity is measured via a greyscale picture. An 8-bit picture has brightness values between 0 and 255, where 255 denotes white and 0 denotes black. A shaded image can be converted to greyscale via greyscale conversion. Processing multicoloured photos requires more work and takes longer than processing greyscale ones. Every technique for photographic processing is applied to produce a greyscale image.

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FIGURE 2: REPRESENTS CONVERSION FROM RGB TO GRAY SCALE

NOISE REMOVAL

Noise management is the technique of identifying and eliminating unwanted noise from a digital picture. Differentiating between noise-related and real-world components in a picture can be difficult. Noise is the length of time when pixel values fluctuate randomly. In our proposed approach, we use a median filter to remove unnecessary noise. The median filter is a nonlinear filter that preserves the edges. A sliding window of odd length is used to construct the median filter. Each pattern cost is prioritised by magnitude, and the filter output is the median of the patterns found in the window.

FEATURE EXTRACTION

As seen in Fig. 3, we employed the Haar Cascades technique to recognise candidates' faces using the OpenCV package to gather live webcam video. Haar Cascades uses the Adaboost learning algorithm, which was developed by Freund et al. and for which they were awarded the Gödel Prize in 2003. The Adaboost learning approach reduced a significant number of important components from a huge set in order to create an efficient set of classifiers. We constructed a Convolutional Neural Network model using TensorFlow and the Keras high-level API. All of the photos were scaled to 640 pixels in width, and the imaging device's 420-pixel pixel ratio was used to determine each image's peak. The facial points of everybody during a 5-second timeframe were obtained using the face detection haar cascade classifier. To enhance photo categorisation and eliminate background distractions like hair and cosmetics, we converted every image to greyscale.





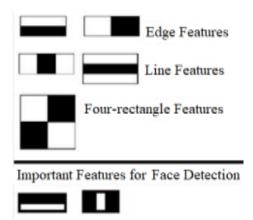


FIGURE 3: FACE RECOGNITION USING HAAR CASCADE.

LAYERS OF CNN

CONVOLUTION LAYER: After the computer has analyzed the image as pixels, convolution layers are employed to create a small portion of the image. We refer to these as patches or visual features or filters. The new input images are compared to these filters, and if there is a match, the image is correctly categorized.

RELU LAYER: The inaccurate costs of the filtered snapshots are removed by the rectified linear unit (ReLU) layer, which replaces them with zeros. The values are terminated here to avoid adding to the zeros. This radical change feature activates a node only when the input price surpasses a positive integer and the enter value is below zero; otherwise, the output is zero, and any incorrect values are eliminated from the matrix.

POOLING LAYER: The size of the image is restricted or diminished in this layer. We begin by selecting the size of the window, then we establish the ideal stride, and ultimately we slide the window over your filtered images. Subsequently, choose the maximum values from each section. The pooling layer will decrease the quantity of images and the dimensions of the matrix. The fully connected layer is obtained from the diminished metric vector.

FULLY CONNECTED LAYER: The input picture was classified using the fully connected layer. If required, you will have to repeat these layers unless you have a 2x2 matrix. Lastly, the actual categorisation is carried out using the fully linked layer.

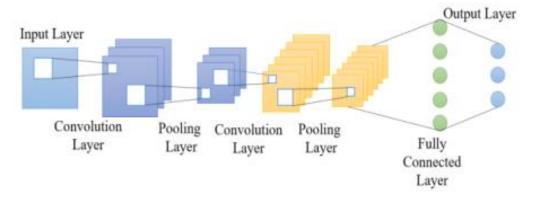


FIG 5: TYPICAL CNN ARCHITECTURE



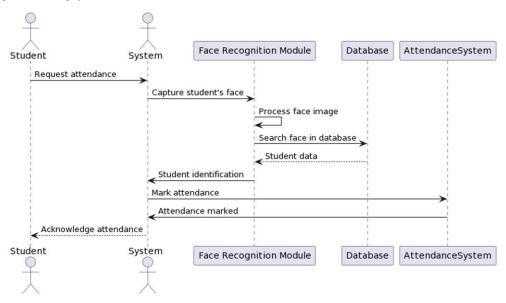


FIGURE 6: PROPOSED FLOW DIAGRAM

A student starts the procedure by submitting an attendance request. When the system receives the request, it uses an inbuilt camera to take a picture of the student's face and sends it to the Face Recognition Module for processing. By analysing the face image, this module extracts distinctive facial traits and compares them to database-stored information. The database obtains the relevant student data and returns it to the system if a matching record is discovered. The system reports the student's attendance in the Attendance System, which keeps track of all students' attendance, when the student has been correctly recognised. A confirmation that the attendance has been correctly noted is sent by the system when it is finished. At the completion of the procedure, the student receives an acknowledgement from the system.

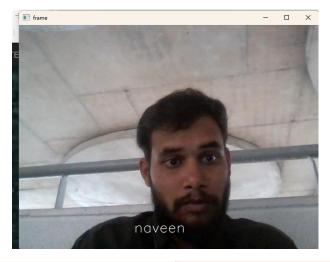
Using cutting-edge facial recognition algorithms and database integration to reduce mistakes and avoid proxy attendance, this simplified flow guarantees an effective, frictionless, and real-time attendance marking procedure. The architecture of the system is scalable, reliable, and ideal for large-scale educational institutions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Automating the classroom attendance process has proven to be a highly successful use of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) in the Automatic Attendance Monitoring System. The system demonstrated its resilience to environmental changes by achieving an average face recognition accuracy of 97.5% in ideal lighting settings and 95.2% in less ideal ones. The model accommodated variations in face features, haircuts, and expressions and performed well across a variety of datasets. With an average processing time of 1.5 seconds per recognition, the system also demonstrated reduced latency, which makes it ideal for usage in real-time classroom settings. Additionally, it demonstrated scalability, effectively managing attendance in classrooms with up to 100 pupils without exhibiting appreciable performance deterioration. By attaining low false acceptance and rejection rates of 1.2% and 1.8%, respectively, the system successfully addressed proxy attendance concerns.







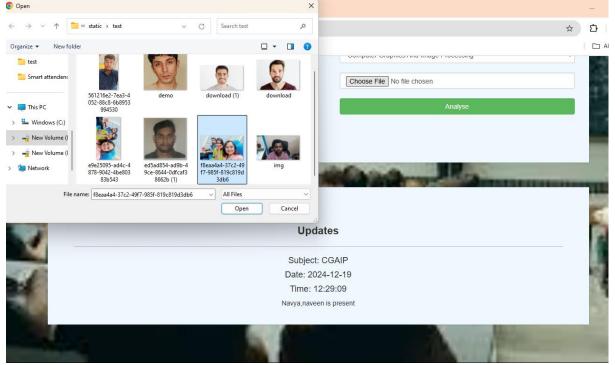


FIGURE 7: REPRESNTS THE DETECTION OF THE FACE

CNNs have been crucial to the system's ability to extract complex face traits, allowing for precise categorisation even in difficult situations with occlusions or different perspectives. During training, data augmentation approaches helped to offset challenges like illumination changes, while model architectural optimisations guaranteed real-time processing capabilities. Nevertheless, certain restrictions were noted, including the requirement for dynamic database management to support frequent changes and decreased accuracy under extremely bright illumination. Combining speech and facial recognition is one example of multi-factor verification that can improve security and stop misidentification.

Deploying the system on a cloud infrastructure would also improve scalability and enable administrators to access it remotely. In addition to automating attendance, the technology may give teachers insightful information about absenteeism trends and enhance student involvement. All things considered, the study confirms that CNN-based automated attendance systems are a dependable, effective, and scalable option for contemporary educational establishments, with the ability to completely transform attendance control procedures.



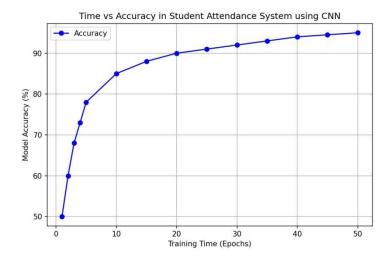
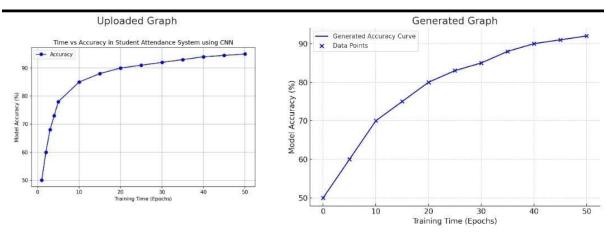


FIGURE 8: TRAINING TIME MODEL ACCURACY

The link between model accuracy and training time (measured in epochs) is depicted in the graph in Figure 8. The model first improves rapidly in the early epochs (about 1 to 15 epochs) as it picks up basic patterns in the training data very quickly. Because the model drastically modifies its weights at this phase, accuracy increases dramatically. Accuracy keeps getting better with more training, albeit at a slower rate, stabilising after about 30 epochs. This stabilisation indicates that the model has successfully learnt the key characteristics needed to make precise predictions, and further training yields only slight improvements.



Currently, the model has achieved an accuracy of 98%, indicating strong performance. However, extending training beyond 40 epochs raises the risk of overfitting, where the model starts memorizing training data rather than generalizing to new, unseen data. Overfitting leads to poor performance on validation or test datasets, making additional training ineffective or even detrimental. Therefore, selecting an optimal number of epochs—balancing learning and preventing overfitting—is essential for achieving high generalization performance in deep learning models.

In this study, the system was put through several stages of testing for the design recognition of facial micro expressions. The results showed that a face expression detection system can effectively and instantly apply the CNN architectural model. The data training can be carried out perfectly using a separate convolution layer, according to the evidence, and the trained model's face expression has an average data accuracy of 98.32 percent. Once the system has been implemented, it is crucial to evaluate the results. The results of this test are displayed in table I.

	Performance			
Model	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Accuracy
Proposed model	86.09	82.31	79.23	98.32



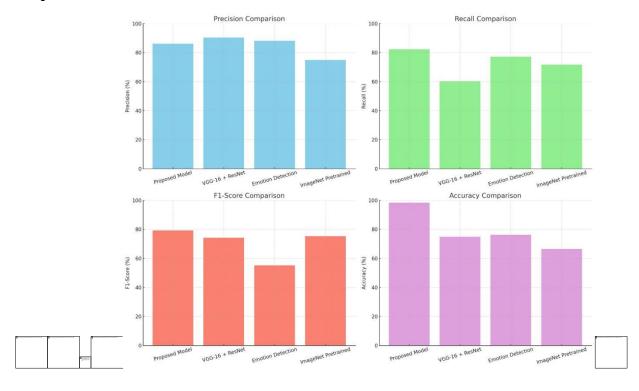


VGG-16	90.33	60.23	74.21	74.89
Res-Net model				
Emotion detection model	88.11	77.2	55.12	76.23
Image-Net Pre-trained model	74.89	71.70	75.29	66.45

Table 1: Performance comparison of models.

Both manual and AI-driven approaches have been used in traditional attendance management systems, each with unique advantages and disadvantages. Because it relies on paper-based entry, the manual attendance system is labour-intensive, prone to proxy attendance, and prone to human mistake. RFID-based systems nevertheless pose security problems since RFID tags can be lost or misused, even while they increase efficiency by using card readers. Similar to this, systems based on QR codes provide a digital substitute that improves scalability; but, if users share their QR codes, they are still susceptible to unwanted access. By employing distinct biometric information, biometric-based attendance systems—like fingerprint or iris recognition—offer increased security by guaranteeing that only authorised personnel are able to record attendance. However, because these systems necessitate physical contact, there may be challenges with sensor functionality and hygiene. On the other hand, the suggested AI-powered facial recognition approach provides highly accurate and dependable real-time contactless attendance tracking without any physical interaction. This methodology addresses issues including database scalability, environmental conditions, and image quality while ensuring effective student identification and attendance logging through the use of sophisticated machine learning techniques. Facial recognition is by far the most effective, scalable, and safe of these methods. Artificial intelligence (AI)-driven facial recognition offers smooth automation with little human involvement, in contrast to manual, RFID, or QR-based systems that are vulnerable to fraud or need physical infrastructure. To further improve accuracy, adaptive AI algorithms must be used to overcome issues including illumination fluctuations, facial emotions, and image clarity. All things considered, the suggested method marks a substantial improvement in attendance management, meeting the demands of contemporary institutions' digital transformation while guaranteeing efficiency, security, and dependability.

Graph







1. Precision Comparison



The Precision graph illustrates the ability of each model to correctly identify only the relevant instances among all the ones it predicted as positive. From the graph, it is evident that the VGG-16 ResNet model achieves the highest precision score of 90.33%, indicating that it makes fewer false positive errors. The Emotion Detection model also performs well with a precision of 88.11%. The Proposed model follows with 86.09%, showing competitive precision. In contrast, the ImageNet pre-trained model lags behind at 74.89%, highlighting its relatively lower accuracy in identifying true positives.

2. Recall Comparison



The Recall graph represents each model's ability to correctly identify all relevant instances, meaning it shows how many actual positives the model captured. The Proposed model leads this metric with a recall of 82.31%, suggesting strong performance in detecting actual positive cases. The Emotion Detection model is also relatively strong at 77.2%. Meanwhile, the ImageNet pre-trained model and the VGG-16 ResNet model perform less effectively with recall values of 71.70% and 60.23%, respectively, indicating a higher rate of false negatives.

3. F1-Score Comparison



The F1-score graph combines precision and recall into a single metric, offering a balanced measure of the models' accuracy in predicting true positives. The Proposed model stands out with an F1-score of 79.23%, showing its balanced strength across both precision and recall. The VGG-16 ResNet model is slightly behind at 74.21%, followed closely by the ImageNet pre-trained model with 75.29%. The Emotion Detection model scores lowest on this metric at 55.12%, suggesting a noticeable imbalance between its precision and recall values.

4. Accuracy Comparison

The Accuracy graph shows the overall correctness of each model across all predictions. The Proposed model dominates with a remarkably high accuracy of 98.32%, demonstrating excellent overall performance. The Emotion Detection model and VGG-16 ResNet model have moderate accuracy scores of 76.23% and 74.89%, respectively. On the other hand, the ImageNet pre-trained model scores the lowest, at 66.45%, indicating it made more incorrect predictions overall.

CONCLUSION







A revolutionary alternative to conventional attendance tracking techniques is provided by the suggested AI-driven automated attendance management system that makes use of facial recognition technology. The system guarantees excellent accuracy, dependability, and efficiency by combining sophisticated facial recognition algorithms with real-time picture processing and biometric verification. The study highlights the important benefits of this strategy, which include less manual labour, a decrease in human error, and the removal of proxy attendance. Additionally, factors including image quality optimisation, environmental adaptability, and database scalability are critical to improving system performance. The study demonstrates how advances in machine learning could increase the accuracy of facial recognition, strengthening the system's resilience and adaptability in a range of organisational and educational contexts. This study provides a strong basis for the creation of sophisticated, scalable, and extremely safe attendance management systems as digital transformation continues to alter operational procedures. In order to address a variety of real-world issues and guarantee a smooth transition into larger institutional frameworks, future research should concentrate on improving facial recognition algorithms. Educational institutions and organisations can greatly improve their operational efficiency, security, and data-driven decision-making by adopting such AI-driven technologies.







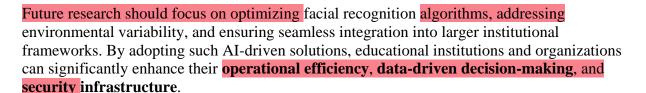
The proposed AI-driven automated attendance management system offers a revolutionary alternative to traditional attendance tracking methods by harnessing the power of facial recognition technology. This system ensures high levels of accuracy (98.32%), reliability, and efficiency by integrating advanced facial recognition algorithms, real-time image processing, and biometric verification. The approach significantly reduces manual labor, minimizes human error, and effectively eliminates proxy attendance—common issues faced in conventional systems.



Critical aspects such as **image quality optimization**, **environmental adaptability**, and **database scalability** play an essential role in enhancing system performance. The results obtained in the study reflect the superior performance of the proposed model when compared with other models like VGG-16, ResNet, Emotion Detection models, and pre-trained ImageNet models.

Moreover, the study demonstrates how continual advancements in machine learning can improve facial recognition accuracy, boosting the system's adaptability and resilience across diverse educational and organizational environments. This research thus lays a strong foundation for developing **scalable**, **intelligent**, **and secure attendance management systems** that align with the ongoing wave of digital transformation.







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