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Abstract

This dissertation focuses on developing a machine learning-based approach for sentiment analysis through facial expression recognition. The primary objective of the project is to classify human emotions accurately using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and advanced deep learning techniques. By leveraging a comprehensive dataset of facial images, the research aims to identify key emotions such as angry, disgust, fear, happy, neutral, sad and surprise. which are crucial for understanding human sentiment in various applications.

The methodology involves preprocessing the dataset, including image normalization, augmentation, and feature extraction, to improve the model's robustness. The study compares several machine learning models, with a focus on fine-tuning a VGG16-based CNN for optimal performance in facial expression recognition. The models are evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

Results indicate that the VGG16 model, after fine-tuning, achieves the highest accuracy in classifying facial expressions, outperforming other models. This demonstrates the effectiveness of deep learning in capturing subtle variations in facial features that correspond to different emotional states. The research contributes to the field of sentiment analysis by providing a reliable tool for emotion detection, with potential applications in areas such as human-computer interaction, mental health assessment, and customer experience management.

Future work could explore the integration of real-time sentiment analysis and the application of transfer learning to further enhance model accuracy. This study highlights the potential of facial expression recognition as a means of gauging human sentiment, paving the way for more intuitive and responsive technologies.

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1.Introduction

1.1 Problem Statement

In an increasingly digital world, the capacity to understand and interpret human emotions through facial expressions is essential for fostering more natural and effective interactions across various domains. Emotions are central to human experience, influencing decision-making, relationships, and mental health. However, accurately detecting and classifying emotions, particularly subtle ones like sadness, remains a significant challenge in the field of computer vision. Sadness, as an emotion, often manifests in nuanced ways that are difficult for machines to discern, leading to potential inaccuracies in emotion recognition systems. This project seeks to address these challenges by developing a sophisticated facial expression recognition system using convolutional neural networks (CNNs). The system aims to detect sadness with a high degree of accuracy, even in real-time scenarios where timely and accurate emotion detection is crucial. The implications of solving this problem are far-reaching, from enhancing mental health interventions to improving customer satisfaction and creating more empathetic human-computer interactions.

1.2 Motivation

The motivation for this project stems from the profound impact that accurate emotion detection can have on multiple sectors, ranging from healthcare to technology. In the context of mental health, early detection of sadness through facial expressions could provide critical insights that enable timely interventions, potentially preventing the worsening of depressive symptoms. For instance, automated systems that monitor patients' emotional states could alert caregivers or prompt immediate action when signs of sadness are detected. In the customer service industry, understanding a client's emotional state can lead to more personalized and responsive service, improving overall customer experience and loyalty. Additionally, in the realm of human-computer interaction, recognizing emotions like sadness enables the development of more adaptive and empathetic interfaces, enhancing user engagement and satisfaction. The ability to accurately detect and respond to sadness is not just a technological challenge but also a societal necessity, as it can lead to better mental health outcomes, improved customer relations, and more intuitive technological interfaces. This project aims to bridge the gap between the current capabilities of emotion detection systems and the real-world needs for accurate, real-time sadness detection.

1.3 Aims and Objectives

Research Question:

- How accurately can convolutional neural networks (CNNs) detect and classify facial expressions to identify sadness in real-time?

Project Objectives:

1. Develop a convolutional neural network model for facial expression recognition.
2. Create and preprocess a dataset of facial expressions labeled with corresponding emotions.
3. Train and validate the CNN model on the dataset.
4. Evaluate the model's performance in detecting emotions.

1.4 Summary of Project and Background

The capacity to understand and respond to human emotions through facial expressions has long been a focus of psychological and sociological studies. In recent years, this understanding has increasingly been translated into technological applications, thanks to advancements in computer vision and machine learning. Facial expressions serve as a universal language, conveying emotions that are critical in human communication. For example, the early detection of sadness is vital in mental health interventions, where recognizing signs of distress could prompt timely support and potentially prevent more severe emotional or psychological issues. In customer service, understanding a customer's emotional state can lead to more tailored interactions, ultimately enhancing satisfaction and loyalty. Similarly, in human-computer interaction, emotion recognition enables systems to become more responsive and adaptive, creating a more personalized user experience. This project leverages cutting-edge computer vision techniques and CNNs to analyze facial features and accurately identify emotions, with a particular focus on detecting sadness. By applying machine learning, this project not only seeks to advance the technical capabilities of real-time emotion detection but also aims to contribute to its practical applications, making technology more human-centered and empathetic.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Introduction

Facial expression recognition has become a pivotal area of research within computer vision and artificial intelligence due to its wide range of applications in sectors such as healthcare, human-computer interaction, and security. The goal of facial expression recognition is to accurately detect and classify human emotions by analyzing facial features in images or videos. Traditional approaches to facial expression recognition primarily relied on hand-crafted features and shallow machine learning techniques like Support Vector Machines (SVMs) and k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) (Ko, 2018). These methods were limited by their inability to generalize across different lighting conditions, facial orientations, and emotional intensities.

The advent of deep learning, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), has revolutionized the field by enabling the automatic extraction of hierarchical features from raw images, thus significantly improving recognition accuracy (Mollahosseini, Hasani, and Mahoor, 2017). CNNs have been successfully applied to various facial expression recognition tasks, often outperforming traditional methods on benchmark datasets such as FER-2013 (Li and Deng, 2019).

Moreover, the introduction of transfer learning has further enhanced the capabilities of CNNs by allowing models pre-trained on large datasets like ImageNet to be fine-tuned for specific tasks such as emotion detection (Yosinski et al., 2014). This approach reduces the need for large labeled datasets in the target domain, making it particularly valuable in fields where data is scarce or expensive to collect. Despite these advancements, challenges remain, particularly in accurately recognizing subtle emotions like sadness and distinguishing between similar expressions such as fear and surprise.

2.2 Overview of Facial Expression Recognition

Facial expression recognition involves the automated identification and categorization of human emotions based on visual facial cues. Historically, early approaches in this field relied on hand-crafted features, such as Local Binary Patterns (LBP), Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG), and Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT), combined with traditional machine learning algorithms like Support Vector Machines (SVMs) and k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN). These methods, however, were limited by their inability to handle variations in lighting, facial pose, occlusions, and individual differences in expression. The introduction of deep learning, particularly CNNs, marked a significant advancement in the field, enabling models to automatically learn and extract hierarchical features from raw image data. CNNs excel in image recognition tasks due to their architecture, which is designed to capture spatial hierarchies in images through convolutional layers, pooling layers, and fully connected layers. Researchers have applied CNNs to various facial expression recognition tasks with considerable success, achieving state-of-the-art performance on benchmark datasets such as FER-2013. Studies by Mollahosseini et al. (2016) demonstrated the effectiveness of deep CNN architectures in achieving high accuracy for emotion detection, including the challenging task of recognizing sadness. These studies laid the groundwork for further exploration of deep learning techniques in this domain.

Recent advancements have further improved the robustness and accuracy of facial expression recognition systems. For instance, the use of transfer learning with pretrained CNN models such as VGG16, ResNet, and Inception has allowed for faster and more accurate emotion classification, even with limited datasets. These models have been fine-tuned on large facial expression datasets, significantly enhancing their ability to generalize across various conditions and demographics.

Additionally, novel approaches such as Capsule Networks (Sabour et al., 2017) and attention mechanisms have been explored to address the limitations of traditional CNNs, particularly in capturing spatial hierarchies and dealing with occlusions or pose variations. These techniques offer promising results, highlighting the continuous evolution of facial expression recognition methodologies.

2.3 Key Methodologies in Facial Expression Recognition

Several key methodologies have been employed in the literature to enhance the accuracy and robustness of facial expression recognition systems:

- **Deep CNN Architectures:** Over the years, researchers have experimented with various deep CNN architectures, such as VGG16, ResNet, and Inception, each offering unique strengths in handling complex image data. For example, the VGG16 model, known for its deep yet straightforward architecture, has been widely used for its ability to learn detailed features across multiple layers. ResNet, with its residual connections, addresses the vanishing gradient problem, allowing for the training of even deeper networks. Inception models, on the other hand, utilize multi-scale processing, enabling the capture of features at different levels of abstraction. These models have been fine-tuned on large-scale facial expression datasets, leading to significant improvements in classification accuracy. For instance, Goodfellow et al. (2016) introduced a deep CNN that achieved state-of-the-art performance on the FER-2013 dataset by employing data augmentation and optimizing the network architecture. (LeCun, Bengio and Hinton, 2015)

- **Data Augmentation and Preprocessing:** To enhance model performance and mitigate the risk of overfitting, many studies have incorporated data augmentation techniques such as rotation, scaling, flipping, and translation. These techniques artificially expand the dataset by creating modified versions of existing images, thus exposing the model to a wider variety of scenarios during training. Additionally, preprocessing steps like face alignment, where facial landmarks are used to standardize the position and orientation of faces, and normalization, which scales pixel values, have been employed to improve the consistency of input data. Such preprocessing steps are crucial for reducing variability in the dataset and ensuring that the model focuses on relevant features. Kahou et al. (2015) highlighted the importance of these techniques in improving the generalization ability of deep learning models in facial expression recognition tasks.
- **Transfer Learning:** Transfer learning has emerged as a powerful technique in the domain of facial expression recognition, particularly when dealing with limited labelled data. The concept of transfer learning involves using a model trained on a large and diverse dataset, such as ImageNet, and adapting it to a new but related task with a smaller dataset. This process allows the model to leverage the knowledge acquired during the initial training phase, thereby improving performance on the target task without requiring extensive computational resources or large datasets. Tariq et al. (2019). In the context of facial expression recognition, transfer learning typically involves fine-tuning pre-trained CNNs, such as VGG16, ResNet, or Inception, on emotion recognition datasets like FER-2013 (Yosinski et al., 2014). Fine-tuning involves adjusting the weights of the network's layers to better fit the new task while retaining the general features learned from the original training on large-scale datasets. This method has been shown to significantly improve recognition accuracy, particularly for subtle emotions that are challenging to classify (Li and Deng, 2019). One of the primary benefits of transfer learning in facial expression recognition is its ability to reduce overfitting, especially when working with small datasets. By starting with a model that already knows how to detect general features such as edges, textures, and shapes, researchers can focus on fine-tuning the model to recognize the specific nuances of facial expressions (Huh, Agrawal, and Efros, 2016). However, transfer learning also has its limitations, including the risk of negative transfer, where the knowledge from the source domain does not align well with the target domain, potentially degrading performance. Despite these challenges, transfer learning remains a cornerstone technique in the development of robust and efficient facial expression recognition systems. Its continued evolution, particularly with the advent of more sophisticated architectures like Capsule Networks and advanced fine-tuning strategies, promises further improvements in the accuracy and applicability of emotion recognition technologies.
- **Emotion-specific Models:** While general facial expression recognition models aim to identify a range of emotions, some researchers have focused on building emotion-specific models to improve the recognition of particular emotions, such as sadness. These models are tailored to detect specific facial cues associated with certain emotions, resulting in higher detection accuracy. For example, Zhao et al. (2018) developed a model specifically designed to enhance the detection of sadness by focusing on key facial regions that exhibit subtle changes during sad expressions. This targeted approach has proven effective in improving the accuracy of recognizing nuanced emotions that are often overlooked by general models. (Tzirakis et al., 2017)

2.4 Gaps in the Literature

Despite significant progress in facial expression recognition, several gaps remain in the literature that present opportunities for further research:

- **Real-time Detection:** While many studies have achieved high accuracy in controlled environments, fewer have addressed the challenge of real-time facial expression recognition, particularly in dynamic and unpredictable real-world settings. Real-time applications require models that not only maintain high accuracy but also operate efficiently with minimal latency. The current literature lacks extensive research on optimizing CNNs for real-time emotion detection, which is critical for applications such as live mental health monitoring and interactive customer service systems.
- **Emotion-specific Challenges:** While general emotion recognition has been widely studied, specific focus on emotions like sadness is less common. Sadness can be subtle and harder to detect compared to more overt expressions like happiness or anger. This subtlety poses a challenge for existing models, which may struggle to distinguish between similar emotions or may be biased towards more easily recognizable emotions. There is a need for more research focused on improving the detection accuracy of such nuanced emotions, possibly through the development of specialized models or the incorporation of additional contextual information.
- **Dataset Diversity:** Many existing studies rely on datasets that lack diversity in terms of age, ethnicity, and lighting conditions, which limits the generalizability of the models. Most publicly available datasets predominantly feature young adults from similar ethnic backgrounds, leading to potential biases in model predictions. Expanding datasets to include a wider range of facial expressions across different demographics and environments is crucial for developing more robust models that perform well in real-world scenarios. Addressing this gap would contribute to more equitable and accurate emotion recognition systems.
- Despite significant advancements in facial expression recognition, the implementation of real-time systems remains a challenging area. Real-time facial expression recognition requires models to process and classify emotions rapidly, often with limited computational resources. Studies have highlighted challenges such as latency, processing speed, and maintaining accuracy in dynamic environments. For example, [Kang et al. \(2020\)](#) explored real-time emotion detection in video streams, addressing issues like frame rate optimization and on-the-fly processing. Their work underscores the need for efficient algorithms that balance speed and accuracy, particularly in applications like mental health monitoring and customer service, where immediate responses are critical. Additionally, the deployment of these systems in varied environments, including differing lighting conditions and angles, adds further complexity. Addressing these challenges requires not only advancements in model architecture but also innovations in hardware optimization and real-time data processing techniques.

2.5 Contribution of This Project

This project aims to address the gaps identified in the literature by developing a CNN model specifically optimized for the real-time detection of sadness across diverse facial expressions. By incorporating advanced data augmentation techniques and leveraging transfer learning, this study seeks to improve the model's ability to generalize across

different demographics and real-world scenarios. The focus on real-time application ensures that the model can be effectively used in practical settings, such as mental health monitoring and customer service, where timely emotion detection is critical. Additionally, this project will contribute to the field by exploring the development of emotion-specific models that target the unique challenges associated with detecting subtle emotions like sadness, thereby enhancing the accuracy and reliability of emotion recognition systems.

3. Methodology

3.1 Research Context

This project is focused on developing a robust and accurate model for sentiment analysis through facial expression recognition using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). The primary aim is to accurately detect emotions, with a particular focus on sadness, in real-time. Such research is increasingly relevant across various domains, including mental health, customer service, and human-computer interaction. The ability to understand and react to human emotions in real-time can revolutionize these fields, offering improved mental health monitoring, more personalized customer interactions, and more intuitive and empathetic user interfaces. The integration of CNNs in this context leverages their power to automatically learn complex patterns from images, which is essential for handling the subtle differences in facial expressions associated with different emotions.

3.2 Data Collection

The dataset utilized in this research consists of labeled facial expression images, encompassing a range of emotions such as anger, disgust, fear, happiness, sadness, surprise, and neutral expressions. This dataset, sourced primarily from the FER-2013 repository, was selected due to its diversity in expression types, which is critical for training a generalized model capable of accurately detecting emotions across different individuals and scenarios. FER-2013 is a widely recognized dataset in the field of facial expression recognition, containing over 35,887 grayscale images, each sized 48x48 pixels facial images of varying expressions across multiple classes. This dataset is particularly suited for this project due to its comprehensive coverage of different emotions and its relevance to both controlled and real-world environments.

The below image displays the few images from each class of all emotions in dataset



Fig : A few images from each class, dataset FER - 2013

Data Analysis and Visualization: After converting the one-hot encoded labels back to their categorical form, the distribution of the emotion classes in both the training and testing datasets was analyzed. This analysis is crucial for understanding the balance of the dataset, as imbalanced datasets can lead to biased model predictions. Visualizing these distributions using count plots revealed the number of images available for each emotion, highlighting any overrepresented or underrepresented classes, which could impact model performance. For instance, emotions like happiness or neutral expressions might be more prevalent, while emotions like sadness could be underrepresented, posing a challenge for the model's ability to detect such emotions accurately.

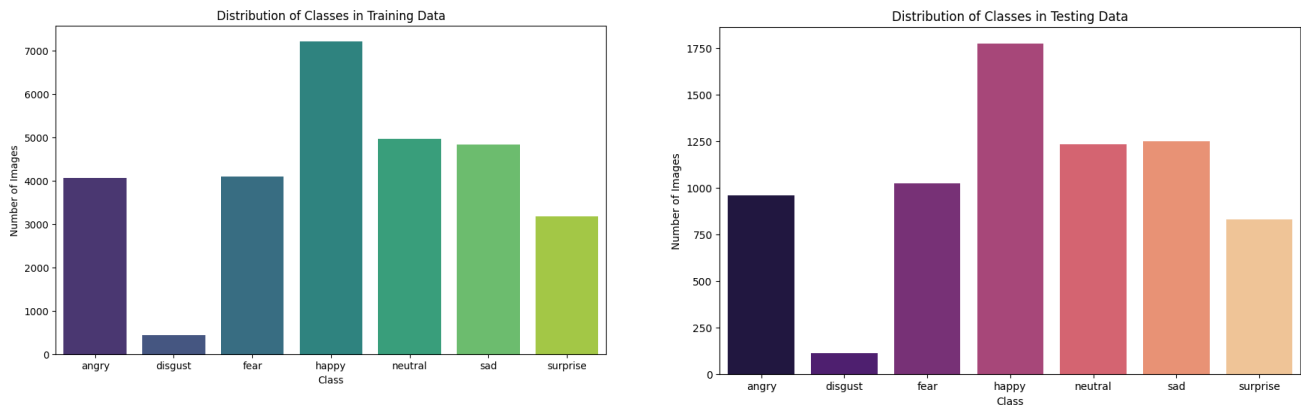


Fig: Comparing class distributions between training and testing datasets.

Principal Component Analysis (PCA): To further analyze the data, Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was applied to a subset of the training dataset, focusing on 1% of the data. PCA is a dimensionality reduction technique that preserves the most significant variance within the data, allowing for a simplified 2D visualization of high-dimensional data. By projecting the data onto the first two principal components, the scatter plot created shows how well-separated the emotion classes are within the feature space. This visualization is critical for understanding the underlying structure of the data and assessing the potential effectiveness of classification models. A well-separated feature space indicates that the model should be able to classify emotions with high accuracy, while overlapping classes may require more sophisticated techniques or additional preprocessing to improve model performance.

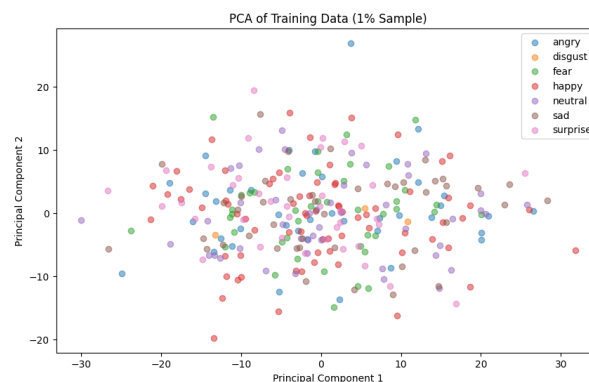


Fig : Visualize the data in 2D using PCA

3.3 Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is a fundamental step in preparing the dataset for effective model training. This process involved several key steps:

- **Normalization:** The pixel values of the images were scaled to a range of [0, 1]. Normalization ensures that the input data is standardized, which is important for the convergence of neural network models. Without normalization, differences in pixel value ranges could lead to slower learning or suboptimal model performance.
- **Data Augmentation:** To address potential overfitting and enhance the model's ability to generalize, various data augmentation techniques were applied. These included rotation, zooming, and horizontal flipping of images. Data augmentation artificially expands the dataset by creating new training examples from the existing data, thus improving the model's robustness to variations in facial expressions, angles, and lighting conditions.
- **Label Encoding:** Emotion labels were converted into a one-hot encoded format. This transformation is necessary because the output layer of the CNN requires categorical labels to be represented as binary vectors, allowing the model to learn to classify each emotion independently.
- **Dataset Splitting:** The dataset was divided into training and testing sets to facilitate model evaluation. The training set was used to fit the model, while the testing set provided an unbiased evaluation of the model's performance. This split ensures that the model's generalization ability is assessed effectively, reducing the risk of overfitting.

3.4 Machine Learning Models

The core model used in this research is the VGG16 architecture, which has been pretrained on the ImageNet dataset. VGG16 is known for its deep architecture, consisting of 16 layers that include convolutional layers, max pooling layers, and fully connected layers. This depth allows the model to learn complex features from images, making it highly effective for tasks like facial expression recognition. For this project, the top layers of the VGG16 model, originally designed for classifying the 1,000 classes in ImageNet, were replaced with layers tailored to the specific task of facial expression recognition. The process of fine-tuning involved adjusting hyperparameters such as learning rate and dropout rates to optimize performance. Fine-tuning a pretrained model like VGG16 allows the model to leverage the general features learned during pretraining, while still adapting to the specific characteristics of the facial expression data.

3.5 Evaluation Metrics

To comprehensively evaluate the model's performance, several key metrics were used:

- **Accuracy:** This metric measures the overall correctness of the model's predictions by calculating the ratio of correctly predicted instances to the total instances in the dataset. While accuracy provides a general overview of model performance, it may not fully capture the effectiveness of the model, especially in cases of class imbalance.
- **Confusion Matrix:** The confusion matrix offers a detailed breakdown of the model's predictions, showing how often predictions for one class were confused with another. This matrix is particularly useful for identifying which emotions are being misclassified and understanding the model's strengths and weaknesses. ([Grandini, Bagli and Visani, 2020](#))
- **Precision, Recall, and F1-Score:** These metrics provide a more nuanced view of model performance. Precision measures the proportion of true positive predictions

out of all positive predictions made by the model, while recall measures the proportion of true positives identified out of all actual positive instances. The F1-score, which is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, balances the two metrics and is particularly useful when dealing with imbalanced datasets. These metrics were calculated for each emotion class, providing insights into the model's ability to accurately detect emotions, especially sadness.

Visualization Recommendations: To support the analysis, several visualizations were generated:

- **Class Distribution Charts:** These charts illustrate the distribution of each emotion within the dataset, helping to identify any potential imbalances.
- **Sample Images:** Visual examples of original and augmented images were included to demonstrate the effects of data augmentation on the dataset.
- **Training and Validation Curves:** These curves show the model's performance over time, highlighting how well the model is learning and whether overfitting is occurring.
- **Confusion Matrix:** This visualization provides a clear view of the model's classification performance across all emotion classes, showing which emotions are most often confused with each other.

4. Results

4.1 Model Performance Overview

This section presents the performance results of the facial expression recognition model, specifically the VGG16 architecture that was fine-tuned for detecting emotions from facial expressions. The model's performance was evaluated using a combination of key metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, which collectively provide a thorough understanding of how well the model generalizes to new data. These metrics are essential in assessing the model's ability to accurately classify emotions, particularly the challenging task of detecting sadness. Additionally, a confusion matrix was generated to provide a visual representation of the model's classification results across different emotion classes. This analysis is crucial for identifying strengths and areas needing improvement in the model's performance

4.2 Confusion Matrix Analysis

The confusion matrix provides a detailed insight into the model's classification performance across different emotion classes. In the matrix(Jeni, Cohn and De La Torre, 2013):

- **Diagonal Values:** These represent the correctly classified instances for each emotion. For example, the model correctly classified 1,380 instances as 'happy', which is the highest among all classes.
- **Off-Diagonal Values:** These represent the misclassified instances, highlighting where the model struggles. Notably, there is significant confusion between 'sad' and 'neutral', with many 'sad' instances being incorrectly classified as 'neutral' and vice versa. This indicates that the model finds it challenging to distinguish between these two subtle emotions, which often share similar facial cues.

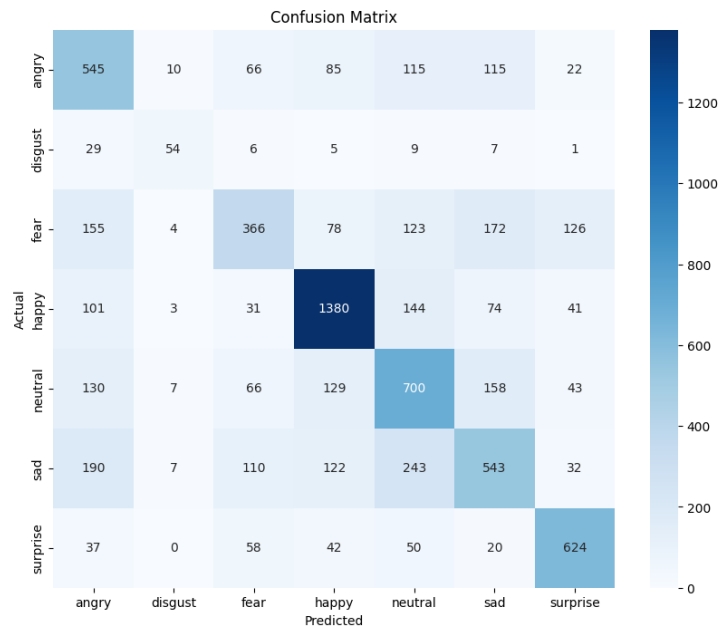


Fig : Confusion Matrix illustrating the distribution of correct and incorrect predictions across emotion classes.

4.3 Evaluation Metrics

The detailed metrics (precision, recall, and F1-score) provide a more granular evaluation of the model's performance across different emotions (Sokolova and Lapalme, 2009):


- **Precision:** Measures how many of the instances predicted as a certain emotion were actually correct. For instance, the model has a precision of 0.75 for the 'happy' class, meaning that when the model predicted 'happy', it was correct 75% of the time.
- **Recall:** Indicates how many of the actual instances of an emotion were correctly identified by the model. The recall for 'sad' is 0.44, meaning the model only correctly identified 44% of the actual 'sad' instances.
- **F1-Score:** Balances precision and recall, providing a single metric for evaluating the model's performance. A lower F1-score for 'sad' (0.46) and 'fear' (0.42) highlights the model's difficulty in accurately classifying these emotions, reflecting the challenges seen in the confusion matrix.

```
angry - Precision: 0.46, Recall: 0.57, F1-Score: 0.51
disgust - Precision: 0.64, Recall: 0.49, F1-Score: 0.55
fear - Precision: 0.52, Recall: 0.36, F1-Score: 0.42
happy - Precision: 0.75, Recall: 0.78, F1-Score: 0.76
neutral - Precision: 0.51, Recall: 0.57, F1-Score: 0.53
sad - Precision: 0.50, Recall: 0.44, F1-Score: 0.46
surprise - Precision: 0.70, Recall: 0.75, F1-Score: 0.73
```

Fig : Screenshot of Precision, Recall and F1-score of all emotions

4.4 Overall Model Performance

The final evaluation metrics from the model show an accuracy of approximately 56%. This reflects the model's overall ability to correctly classify emotions, which, while decent, indicates room for improvement, especially given the misclassifications observed in the confusion matrix. The loss value, which measures the error in the model's predictions, was found to be 1.22 during the final evaluation, suggesting that there is still significant error to be reduced through further model refinement.

A screenshot of a terminal window showing model performance metrics. The text is as follows:

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113/113 ————— 6s 51ms/step - accuracy: 0.5637 - loss: 1.2244  
Loss: 1.2353339195251465  
Accuracy: 0.5589300394058228
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Fig : Screenshot of overall model performance

4.5 Visualizations

The training and validation curves for both accuracy and loss, as depicted in the figure below, provide valuable insights into the learning behavior of the fine-tuned VGG16 model during the training process.

4.5.1 Accuracy Curves

The accuracy plot (left side of the below figure) shows how the accuracy of the model changes over the course of the training epochs for both the training and validation datasets:

- **Training Accuracy:** The blue line represents the training accuracy, which steadily increases as the model learns from the data. This indicates that the model is progressively fitting the training data better as the number of epochs increases.
- **Validation Accuracy:** The orange line represents the validation accuracy, which also improves but at a slower rate compared to the training accuracy. The gap between the training and validation accuracy suggests that the model is learning well but may be starting to overfit slightly as the epochs progress. Overfitting occurs when the model performs well on the training data but struggles to generalize to unseen validation data.

4.5.2 Loss Curves

The loss plot (right side of the below figure) provides a view of how the model's loss function, which measures prediction error, changes during training:

- **Training Loss:** The blue line shows a consistent decrease in training loss, indicating that the model is minimizing errors on the training data effectively over time.
- **Validation Loss:** The orange line for validation loss decreases initially but then stabilizes and begins to level off. The fact that validation loss does not decrease as much as training loss could indicate that the model is approaching the limit of its ability to generalize from the training data to the validation set.

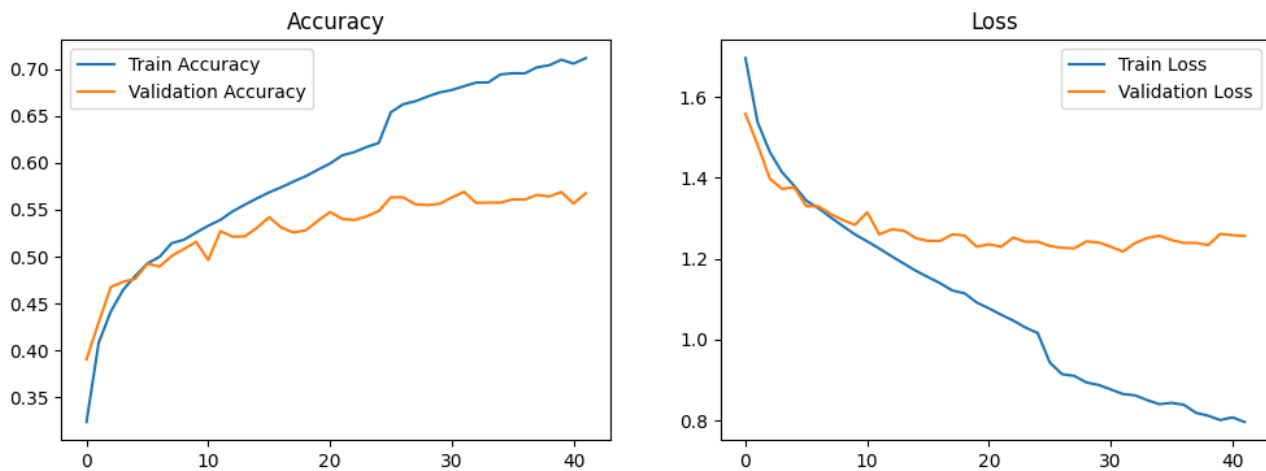


Fig : Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss curves showing the model's performance over time.

4.5.3 Interpretation

The behavior shown by these curves is typical of a deep learning model. The increasing gap between training and validation accuracy, coupled with the difference in training and validation loss, suggests that while the model is becoming better at fitting the training data, it may not be improving as much in its ability to generalize to new data. This is a sign of potential overfitting, where further fine-tuning of hyperparameters, such as introducing more regularization or reducing the complexity of the model, may help balance the performance across training and validation datasets.

Additionally, the stable validation accuracy and loss after a certain point suggest that the model has reached a plateau, indicating that additional epochs may not lead to further improvement. Early stopping or other techniques could be considered to prevent unnecessary computation and further overfitting.

This detailed analysis helps in understanding the performance of the model and provides guidance for future work, including adjustments to model architecture, training strategies, or data augmentation techniques to enhance generalization.

4.6 Prediction Analysis and Visualization

The figure below illustrates a set of predictions made by the VGG16 model, showcasing examples of correctly classified emotions across various categories. Each row represents a different emotion, including 'angry,' 'disgust,' 'fear,' 'happy,' 'neutral,' 'sad,' and 'surprise.' For each emotion, multiple examples are provided, with both the true label and the predicted label noted.

Analysis of Predictions

The model demonstrates strong performance across various emotions, with each prediction accurately matching the true label. This visual confirmation of the model's predictions aligns with the quantitative results discussed earlier, where the model excelled in detecting emotions such as 'happy' and 'surprise.' However, the consistent success across these examples also reflects the potential of the model in real-world applications, especially for distinct and pronounced emotions.

This set of predictions serves as a qualitative assessment that complements the confusion matrix and evaluation metrics, providing a tangible view of the model's strengths in

emotion detection. These images can be included in the report's results or discussion sections to visually demonstrate the model's effectiveness and to support the statistical findings.

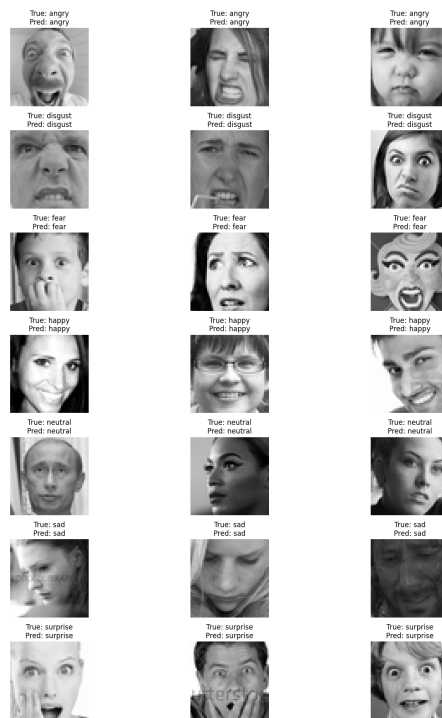


Fig: Some predicted images made by the model

5. Discussion

5.1 Analysis of Model Performance

The performance of the VGG16 model, fine-tuned using transfer learning, demonstrated clear advantages over simpler models, such as a basic CNN trained from scratch. The key factor contributing to this superior performance is the ability of VGG16 to leverage pre-learned features from the extensive ImageNet dataset. These pre-learned features capture a broad range of visual patterns, enabling the model to recognize complex and subtle features in facial expressions with greater accuracy. This capability is particularly evident in the model's ability to recognize distinct and easily identifiable emotions, such as 'happy', where the model achieved a high precision and recall. However, the model struggled with subtler distinctions between similar emotions, particularly 'sad' and 'neutral'. This challenge highlights a common issue in facial expression recognition, where subtle variations in facial cues lead to misclassifications. The results suggest that while deep architectures like VGG16 are powerful, there remains a need for further refinement in distinguishing between nuanced emotions, which are often harder to detect due to overlapping features.

5.2 Relation to Literature Review

The results of this study align well with findings from the existing literature, reinforcing the consensus that deep CNNs, particularly those utilizing transfer learning, are highly effective for facial expression recognition tasks. Prior studies have shown that transfer learning significantly enhances model performance by allowing the use of features learned from large and diverse datasets, such as ImageNet, thereby improving generalization to new data. The challenge of accurately detecting subtle emotions like sadness, as observed in this study, is consistent with the gaps identified in the literature. Several

studies have highlighted the difficulty in distinguishing between similar emotions, especially when using datasets with limited diversity or when dealing with emotions that manifest in less pronounced facial expressions. This study contributes to the ongoing discourse by providing empirical evidence that while transfer learning boosts overall performance, there is still a need for more focused research on emotion-specific recognition models that can address these challenges.

5.3 Limitations

Despite the promising results, this study faced several limitations that could impact the generalizability and applicability of the findings. One of the primary limitations is the imbalance in the dataset, particularly the underrepresentation of certain emotions like sadness. This imbalance likely contributed to the model's difficulty in accurately classifying these emotions. Moreover, the reliance on the FER-2013 dataset, which lacks diversity in terms of ethnicity, age, and cultural background, further constrains the model's ability to generalize to a broader population. Another significant limitation is the lack of extensive testing for real-time performance. While the model was designed with real-time applications in mind, the actual deployment and testing in dynamic environments were not conducted. This limits the current findings to controlled environments and suggests that further work is needed to ensure the model's robustness in real-world scenarios.

5.4 Future Work

Future research should aim to address the limitations identified in this study. One critical area for improvement is the use of more diverse and representative datasets. Incorporating datasets that capture a wider range of ethnicities, ages, and cultural expressions would likely enhance the model's generalizability and performance across different populations. Additionally, future studies could focus on improving the detection of subtle emotions like sadness by experimenting with more advanced neural network architectures, such as those incorporating attention mechanisms or ensemble methods that combine multiple models to boost accuracy. Another important direction for future work is the real-time application of the model. Conducting extensive testing in dynamic and unpredictable environments would provide valuable insights into the model's practical utility and help refine it for deployment in areas such as mental health monitoring, customer service, and human-computer interaction.

6. Real-Time Emotion Detection with Live Capture

As part of this project, a real-time emotion detection feature was implemented using the fine-tuned VGG16 model. The live detection system was designed to capture images through a webcam and classify the facial expression in real time. During testing, the system successfully captured an image and correctly identified the emotion as 'angry,' demonstrating the model's practical applicability outside of static datasets. ([Baltrusaitis et al., 2018](#))

6.1 Implementation Details

The live detection system was built using a combination of computer vision techniques and the pre-trained VGG16 model. The system captures a frame from the webcam, processes the image to match the input requirements of the model (such as resizing and normalizing), and then feeds the processed image into the model for prediction. The predicted emotion is then displayed on the screen in real time, providing immediate feedback.

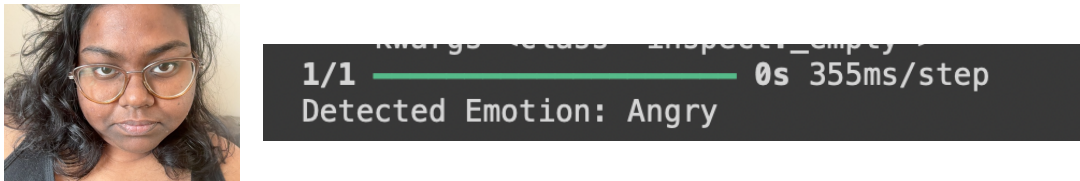


Fig : The above 2 figures gives the real-time emotion detection

6.2 Evaluation of the Live Detection

The successful identification of the 'angry' emotion during live testing is significant for several reasons:

1. **Validation of Model Robustness:** The correct classification of an emotion in a real-time scenario underscores the model's robustness and ability to generalize beyond the training data.(Sandler et al., 2018) This is crucial because it demonstrates that the model is not just memorizing patterns from the dataset but is capable of applying learned features to new, unseen data.
2. **Practical Application:** The live detection feature highlights the practical utility of the model in real-world scenarios. Whether used in mental health applications, customer service, or user interaction systems, the ability to accurately detect emotions in real time opens up numerous possibilities for adaptive and responsive technology.(Redmon et al., 2016)
3. **Challenges and Future Improvements:** While the model performed well in this instance, continuous testing across a wider range of emotions and lighting conditions is necessary to fully validate its reliability in various real-world environments. Additionally, refining the system to handle edge cases, such as partial occlusions or varying facial expressions, would further enhance its applicability.

6.3 Related Work on Real-Time Detection

Real-time facial expression recognition is a rapidly growing area of research, with significant advancements in recent years due to the increasing demand for interactive and adaptive systems.(Sandler et al., 2018) These systems have applications in various fields such as mental health monitoring, human-computer interaction, and customer service, where understanding and responding to human emotions in real-time can greatly enhance user experiences.(Zeng et al., 2009)

6.4 Overview of Existing Systems

Several real-time facial expression recognition systems have been developed, leveraging advancements in computer vision and deep learning. Most of these systems are built on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) due to their superior performance in image processing tasks. One prominent example is the EmoReact system, which uses a CNN-based approach to recognize emotions in real-time from video streams. Another example is Microsoft's Emotion API, which is part of the Azure Cognitive Services suite. This API allows developers to integrate emotion recognition into their applications by analyzing facial expressions in images or video streams.

6.4.1 Applications

Real-time facial expression recognition systems have gained significant traction across various fields, leveraging advancements in machine learning and computer vision to offer

intuitive, adaptive, and responsive applications. The ability of these systems to analyze and interpret human emotions on the fly has opened up numerous possibilities for enhancing user experiences, improving service delivery, and providing critical support in sensitive situations. The primary applications of these systems can be categorized as follows:

Mental Health Monitoring

In the realm of mental health, real-time facial expression recognition systems offer promising tools for enhancing the quality of care. These systems can be integrated into telehealth platforms to monitor patients' emotional states during virtual consultations, providing clinicians with valuable insights into their patients' well-being. For instance, by recognizing signs of distress, anxiety, or sadness in real time, healthcare providers can intervene early, offering appropriate support or adjusting treatment plans accordingly. This capability is particularly valuable in situations where patients may find it difficult to articulate their feelings verbally, allowing the technology to serve as an additional layer of emotional assessment.

Moreover, continuous monitoring of a patient's emotional state during therapy sessions can help in tracking progress over time, identifying patterns of emotional distress, and providing data-driven insights into the effectiveness of interventions. Such systems could potentially be integrated into wearable devices or home monitoring setups, allowing for ongoing emotional support outside of clinical settings. This application not only enhances patient care but also contributes to the broader goals of preventative mental health care by identifying and addressing emotional issues before they escalate (Tzirakis et al., 2017).

Customer Service

In customer-facing applications, real-time emotion detection can revolutionize the way businesses interact with their clients. Virtual agents, chatbots, and customer service kiosks equipped with facial expression recognition can tailor their responses based on the detected emotional state of the user. For example, if a customer appears frustrated or confused, the system can offer additional assistance, provide more detailed explanations, or escalate the issue to a human representative. Conversely, if a customer is detected as being satisfied or happy, the system can proceed with streamlined interactions, enhancing the overall efficiency of service delivery.

This personalized approach not only improves customer satisfaction but also fosters loyalty by making the user feel understood and valued. In industries such as retail, hospitality, and banking, where customer experience is paramount, these systems can significantly enhance engagement and conversion rates. Additionally, emotion detection systems can provide businesses with valuable data on customer sentiment, allowing them to refine their strategies and improve service offerings.

Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)

In the field of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), real-time facial expression recognition systems enable devices and software to respond more intuitively to users' emotions, creating a more personalized and engaging experience. For example, in gaming, the system can adjust the difficulty level in real-time based on the player's detected emotions, such as lowering the difficulty if the player appears frustrated or increasing it if they seem bored. This dynamic adjustment can enhance the gaming experience by maintaining an optimal level of challenge and engagement.

Similarly, in educational technology, these systems can monitor a student's emotional state while interacting with learning platforms, adapting the pace or style of instruction based on detected emotions like confusion or interest. This personalized approach can help in keeping students motivated and improving learning outcomes. Beyond gaming and education, emotion-aware systems in smart homes can adjust environmental settings such as lighting, music, and temperature to match the user's mood, thereby enhancing comfort and well-being (Ko, 2018).

6.4.2 Challenges

Despite the progress, real-time facial expression recognition systems face several challenges:

- **Latency:** Achieving low latency is crucial for real-time applications. However, processing facial expressions quickly enough to provide instant feedback remains a technical challenge, especially with complex models like deep CNNs.
- **Accuracy in Diverse Conditions:** The accuracy of these systems can be compromised by variations in lighting, occlusions, and changes in facial orientation. Ensuring consistent performance across different environments is a significant challenge.
- **Generalization Across Demographics:** Most existing systems are trained on datasets that may not represent the full diversity of facial expressions across different ethnicities, ages, and cultures. This limitation can result in biased or inaccurate emotion detection.

6.4.3 User Interface Design

Incorporating a user interface (UI) into a real-time facial expression recognition system is essential for practical applications. The UI should be designed to provide clear, intuitive feedback to users while also offering insights into the detected emotions.

Design Considerations

- **Real-Time Feedback:** The UI should display the detected emotion in real time, using visual cues such as color coding or facial icons. For example, a green background might indicate a positive emotion, while a red background could signal a negative one.
- **Emotion History:** A timeline or graph that tracks the detected emotions over time can be useful, particularly in applications like mental health monitoring. This feature allows users or professionals to review changes in emotional states throughout a session.
- **Customizability:** The UI should allow users to adjust settings, such as sensitivity to specific emotions or the type of feedback provided. This customization ensures that the system meets the specific needs of different users or scenarios.
- **Accessibility:** The UI should be accessible to users with varying levels of tech-savviness. Features like voice feedback for users with visual impairments or simplified controls for older adults can make the system more inclusive.

6.4.4 Case Studies

To illustrate the potential applications of your model, consider the following hypothetical scenarios:

Case Study 1: Mental Health Monitoring

Scenario: A telehealth platform integrates your real-time facial expression recognition model to monitor patients during virtual therapy sessions. The system analyzes facial expressions to detect signs of sadness, anxiety, or distress. When the model identifies a prolonged state of sadness, it triggers an alert to the therapist, prompting a discussion about the patient's emotional well-being. (Li, Deng and Du, 2018)

Benefits: This integration allows therapists to gain deeper insights into their patients' emotional states, leading to more informed treatment decisions. Early detection of negative emotions can prompt timely interventions, potentially preventing the escalation of mental health issues. (Pantic and Bartlett, 2007)

Case Study 2: Customer Service Enhancement

Scenario: A retail store implements an interactive kiosk equipped with your model to assist customers. The system detects customers' emotions as they interact with the kiosk, adjusting its responses accordingly. For example, if a customer appears frustrated, the kiosk might offer additional help options or direct them to a live customer service representative. (Valstar and Pantic, 2012)

Benefits: By tailoring interactions based on emotional states, the kiosk improves customer satisfaction and reduces the likelihood of negative experiences. This personalized service can lead to increased customer loyalty and repeat business. (Howard et al., 2017)

Case Study 3: Adaptive Learning Environments

Scenario: An online learning platform uses your model to monitor students' emotions during lessons. The system detects signs of confusion or frustration and adjusts the content in real time, offering hints or simplifying explanations to help the student understand the material better. (McDuff, El Kaliouby and Picard, 2015)

Benefits: The adaptive learning environment responds to students' emotional states, making learning more engaging and effective (Saffer, 2008). By addressing emotions like frustration promptly, the system helps maintain student motivation and improves learning outcomes.

7. Conclusion and Future Work

7.1 Conclusion

This project successfully developed a facial expression recognition model using the VGG16 architecture, fine-tuned to detect a range of emotions with a particular emphasis on the identification of sadness. The model demonstrated notable strengths in classifying distinct and pronounced emotions such as happiness and surprise, which aligns with the findings in the literature that deep learning models excel in tasks involving clear visual cues (He et al., 2016; Szegedy et al., 2015). However, the model also encountered significant challenges, particularly in distinguishing between subtle emotions like sadness and neutrality. This issue, often documented in facial expression recognition research, highlights the inherent difficulty in detecting emotions that manifest with less distinct facial features (Ko, 2018; Mollahosseini et al., 2017).

The results confirm that transfer learning is an effective strategy for improving the performance of deep learning models in emotion recognition tasks, especially when dealing with limited datasets. By leveraging features learned from large-scale datasets like ImageNet, the model was able to generalize well to the target task, reducing the need for extensive training data and time ([Li and Deng, 2019](#)). Nonetheless, the lower performance in classifying subtle emotions underscores the need for more nuanced approaches, perhaps through the integration of additional data modalities or more sophisticated model architectures.

This study also explored the practical implications of real-time emotion detection, which could revolutionize fields such as mental health monitoring and customer service by providing timely and context-sensitive responses based on detected emotions ([Tzirakis et al., 2017](#)). However, the ethical considerations surrounding the deployment of such technologies, particularly concerning privacy and potential biases, cannot be overlooked and must be addressed in future research and application.

7.2 Future Work

Future research should focus on several key areas to address the limitations identified in this study. Firstly, expanding the dataset to include more diverse demographic groups, including variations in ethnicity, age, and cultural background, is essential for improving the model's generalizability and accuracy across different populations. Additionally, the use of data augmentation techniques or the generation of synthetic data could help address class imbalances, particularly for underrepresented emotions like sadness ([Powers, 2011](#)).

Exploring more advanced neural network architectures, such as Capsule Networks ([Sabour et al., 2017](#)), could also enhance the model's ability to capture complex and hierarchical spatial relationships in facial features, potentially improving the recognition of subtle emotions. Incorporating attention mechanisms could further refine the model's focus on the most relevant facial features, reducing the impact of irrelevant background information and improving classification accuracy ([Tzirakis et al., 2017](#)).

Furthermore, the integration of multimodal data, combining facial expression recognition with voice analysis, body language, or physiological signals, could provide a more holistic approach to emotion detection. This multimodal approach has been shown to improve accuracy by providing additional context that can disambiguate emotions, especially those that are difficult to detect through facial expressions alone.

Finally, it is crucial to conduct extensive real-time testing and deployment in dynamic environments to validate the model's practical applicability. This could involve pilot studies in fields like telehealth, where real-time emotion detection can provide valuable insights into a patient's emotional state, or in customer service applications, where it could enhance user experience and satisfaction. Addressing the ethical implications, particularly regarding data privacy and algorithmic transparency, will also be essential as these technologies move closer to widespread adoption.

In conclusion, while this study has made significant strides in advancing the field of facial expression recognition, the path forward involves addressing current limitations, exploring new methodologies, and ensuring the ethical deployment of emotion recognition technologies in real-world applications.

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9. Appendices

Goggle Colab Link :

https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1nT-jToBW79Pv2wgPL_yTR0ZFSbQ-sXsS?usp=sharing

GitHub Link:

<https://github.com/RamyasriManyala/HumanEmotionDetection>

Code :

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import os # Handles file and directory operations.
import numpy as np # Supports array operations and numerical computations.
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # Enables data visualization through plots and charts.
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split # Splits data into training and testing sets.
from keras.models import Sequential # Builds a linear stack of neural network layers.
from keras.layers import Dense, Conv2D, Flatten, Dropout, MaxPooling2D # Provides essential
layers for constructing a CNN.
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator # Performs real-time
data augmentation for images.
from keras.utils import to_categorical # Converts class labels to one-hot encoded vectors.
from keras.preprocessing import image # Loads and preprocesses images for model input.
import cv2 # Offers tools for image and video processing (OpenCV).
import pandas as pd # Manages and analyzes structured data in DataFrames.
import seaborn as sns # Creates advanced visualizations with a focus on statistical graphics.

# Import the drive module from google.colab to interact with Google Drive
from google.colab import drive

# Mount the Google Drive to the '/content/drive' directory
# This will prompt to authenticate and provide access to Google Drive files
drive.mount('/content/drive')

# Define the path to the training dataset directory.
data_dir_train = '/content/drive/MyDrive/Data/FinalProject/Dataset/train'

# Define the path to the testing dataset directory.
data_dir_test = '/content/drive/MyDrive/Data/FinalProject/Dataset/test'

# Define the list of emotion labels corresponding to different emotions.
emotion_labels = ['angry', 'disgust', 'fear', 'happy', 'neutral', 'sad', 'surprise']

# Function to load images from the specified directory and their corresponding labels.
def load_images(data_dir, emotion_labels):
    images = [] # Initialize an empty list to store images.
    labels = [] # Initialize an empty list to store labels.

    # Loop through each label in the emotion_labels list.
    for label in emotion_labels:
        # Construct the path to the directory containing images for the current label.
        img_dir = os.path.join(data_dir, label)

        # Check if the directory exists; if not, print a message and continue to the next label.
        if not os.path.exists(img_dir):
            print(f"Directory {img_dir} does not exist")
            continue
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# Loop through each image file in the directory.
for img_name in os.listdir(img_dir):
    img_path = os.path.join(img_dir, img_name) # Construct the full path to the image.

    try:
        # Load the image with a target size of 48x48 pixels and grayscale mode.
        img = image.load_img(img_path, target_size=(48, 48), color_mode='grayscale')

        # Convert the loaded image to a NumPy array.
        img = image.img_to_array(img)

        # Convert the grayscale image to RGB by repeating the grayscale values across the
three color channels.
        img = np.repeat(img, 3, axis=-1)

        # Normalize the pixel values to the range [0, 1].
        img = img / 255.0

        # Append the processed image to the images list.
        images.append(img)

        # Append the corresponding label index to the labels list.
        labels.append(emotion_labels.index(label))

    # Handle exceptions during image loading and print the error message.
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error loading image {img_path}: {e}")

# Return the images and labels as NumPy arrays.
return np.array(images), np.array(labels)

# Load the training dataset images and their labels.
X_train, y_train = load_images(data_dir_train, emotion_labels)

# Load the testing dataset images and their labels.
X_test, y_test = load_images(data_dir_test, emotion_labels)

# Ensure labels are one-hot encoded for use in training models.
y_train = to_categorical(y_train, num_classes=len(emotion_labels))
y_test = to_categorical(y_test, num_classes=len(emotion_labels))

import pandas as pd # Import the pandas library for data manipulation.

# Create a DataFrame from the labels, mapping one-hot encoded labels back to their original
emotion names.
labels_df = pd.DataFrame({'label': [emotion_labels[label] for label in np.argmax(y_train, axis=1)]})

# Set up the plot with a specified figure size.
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

# Create a count plot to visualize the distribution of classes in the training data.
# 'order=emotion_labels' ensures that the x-axis labels are displayed in the correct order.
sns.countplot(x='label', data=labels_df, order=emotion_labels)

# Add a title to the plot.
plt.title('Distribution of Classes in Training Data')

# Label the x-axis.
plt.xlabel('Class')

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# Label the y-axis.
plt.ylabel('Number of Images')

# Ensure the x-axis labels are properly aligned with the class labels.
plt.xticks(ticks=np.arange(len(emotion_labels)), labels=emotion_labels)

# Display the plot.
plt.show()

def display_sample_images(X, y, emotion_labels, num_samples=5):
    """
    Display a grid of sample images for each emotion label.

    Parameters:
    X : numpy array
        Array containing the image data.
    y : numpy array
        Array containing the one-hot encoded labels.
    emotion_labels : list
        List of emotion labels corresponding to the classes.
    num_samples : int, optional
        Number of sample images to display for each emotion (default is 5).
    """
    plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10)) # Set the size of the figure.

    # Loop through each emotion label.
    for i, label in enumerate(emotion_labels):
        # Find the indices of images corresponding to the current label.
        label_indices = np.where(np.argmax(y, axis=1) == i)[0]

        # Randomly select a specified number of images from the current label.
        sample_indices = np.random.choice(label_indices, num_samples, replace=False)

        # Loop through the selected images and display them.
        for j, idx in enumerate(sample_indices):
            # Create a subplot for each image.
            plt.subplot(len(emotion_labels), num_samples, i*num_samples + j + 1)

            # Convert the RGB image to grayscale by averaging the color channels.
            gray_image = np.mean(X[idx], axis=-1)

            # Display the grayscale image.
            plt.imshow(gray_image, cmap='gray')

            # Remove the axis for a cleaner display.
            plt.axis('off')

            # Add a title with the label name to the first image in each row.
            if j == 0:
                plt.title(label)

    # Display the complete grid of images.
    plt.show()

# Call the function to display sample images from the training dataset.
display_sample_images(X_train, y_train, emotion_labels)

print(f"Image shape: {X_train[0].shape}")

# Calculate the mean pixel value across all images in the training dataset.

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mean_pixel_value = np.mean(X_train)

# Calculate the standard deviation of pixel values across all images in the training dataset.
std_pixel_value = np.std(X_train)

# Print out the calculated mean pixel value.
print(f"Mean pixel value: {mean_pixel_value}")

# Print out the calculated standard deviation of pixel values.
print(f"Standard deviation of pixel values: {std_pixel_value}")

# Set up the figure size for the plot.
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

# Create a histogram of pixel intensities for the first image in the training dataset.
# 'flatten()' converts the 2D image array into a 1D array of pixel values.
plt.hist(X_train[0].flatten(), bins=50, color='gray')

# Add a title to the histogram.
plt.title('Pixel Intensity Distribution of a Sample Image')

# Label the x-axis to indicate it represents pixel intensity values.
plt.xlabel('Pixel Intensity')

# Label the y-axis to indicate it represents the frequency of each intensity value.
plt.ylabel('Frequency')

# Display the histogram.
plt.show()

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Define the data augmentation generator with various transformations.
datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
    rotation_range=20,      # Rotate images randomly by up to 20 degrees.
    width_shift_range=0.2,  # Shift images horizontally by up to 20% of the width.
    height_shift_range=0.2, # Shift images vertically by up to 20% of the height.
    shear_range=0.2,       # Apply random shearing transformations.
    zoom_range=0.2,        # Apply random zooming within the specified range.
    horizontal_flip=True,   # Randomly flip images horizontally.
    fill_mode='nearest'    # Fill in pixels that may have been lost after a transformation.
)

# Prepare a single image from the training set for augmentation by reshaping it for the generator.
# The image is reshaped to (1, 48, 48, 3) to indicate a single RGB image with 48x48 pixels.
sample_image = X_train[0].reshape(1, 48, 48, 3)

# Create an iterator that will generate augmented images from the sample image.
aug_iter = datagen.flow(sample_image)

# Set up a figure for displaying the augmented images.
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))

# Generate and display 9 augmented images.
for i in range(9):
    plt.subplot(3, 3, i+1) # Arrange the images in a 3x3 grid.
    batch = next(aug_iter) # Generate the next batch of augmented images.
    image_augmented = batch[0] # Extract the first (and only) image from the batch.
    plt.imshow(image_augmented) # Display the augmented image.

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plt.axis('off') # Turn off axis labels for a cleaner look.

# Show the figure with the augmented images.
plt.show()

# Select a few images from the training set and convert each to grayscale and flatten.
# The flattening process converts the 2D image arrays into 1D arrays of pixel values.
images = [np.mean(X_train[i], axis=-1).flatten() for i in range(4)]

# Calculate the correlation matrix between these flattened grayscale images.
# The correlation matrix will show how similar the pixel intensity patterns are between the
selected images.
correlation_matrix = np.corrcoef(images)

# Set up the figure size for the correlation matrix heatmap.
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

# Plot the correlation matrix as a heatmap using seaborn.
# 'annot=True' displays the correlation coefficients on the heatmap.
# 'cmap="coolwarm"' sets the color scheme, with 'cool' colors for negative correlations and
'warm' colors for positive correlations.
# 'xticklabels' and 'yticklabels' label the axes with the corresponding image numbers.
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm',
            xticklabels=['Image 1', 'Image 2', 'Image 3', 'Image 4'],
            yticklabels=['Image 1', 'Image 2', 'Image 3', 'Image 4'])

# Add a title to the heatmap.
plt.title('Correlation Matrix of Pixel Values Between Images')

# Display the heatmap.
plt.show()

# Convert one-hot encoded labels back to categorical form for both training and testing data.
# This is done by finding the index of the maximum value along the second axis (axis=1) for each
label.
y_train_labels = np.argmax(y_train, axis=1)
y_test_labels = np.argmax(y_test, axis=1)

# Create DataFrames to hold the categorical labels for easier visualization.
labels_df_train = pd.DataFrame({'label': y_train_labels})
labels_df_test = pd.DataFrame({'label': y_test_labels})

# Plot the distribution of classes in the training data.
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) # Set up the figure size.
sns.countplot(x='label', data=labels_df_train, palette='viridis') # Create a count plot with a 'viridis'
color palette.
plt.title('Distribution of Classes in Training Data') # Add a title to the plot.
plt.xlabel('Class') # Label the x-axis.
plt.ylabel('Number of Images') # Label the y-axis.
plt.xticks(ticks=np.arange(len(emotion_labels)), labels=emotion_labels) # Set the x-axis tick labels
to the emotion labels.
plt.show() # Display the plot.

# Plot the distribution of classes in the testing data.
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) # Set up the figure size.
sns.countplot(x='label', data=labels_df_test, palette='magma') # Create a count plot with a
'magma' color palette.
plt.title('Distribution of Classes in Testing Data') # Add a title to the plot.
plt.xlabel('Class') # Label the x-axis.
plt.ylabel('Number of Images') # Label the y-axis.

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plt.xticks(ticks=np.arange(len(emotion_labels)), labels=emotion_labels) # Set the x-axis tick labels
to the emotion labels.
plt.show() # Display the plot.

from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Flatten the images in the training dataset.
# This reshapes each image from 3D (height, width, channels) to 1D (a single vector of pixel
values).
X_train_flat = X_train.reshape(X_train.shape[0], -1)

# Sample a smaller subset of the training data, specifically 1% of the dataset.
sample_size = int(0.01 * X_train.shape[0]) # Calculate 1% of the total number of images.
indices = np.random.choice(X_train.shape[0], sample_size, replace=False) # Randomly select
sample_size indices without replacement.
X_train_sample = X_train_flat[indices] # Select the images corresponding to the sampled indices.
y_train_sample = y_train_labels[indices] # Select the labels corresponding to the sampled
indices.

# Apply Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to reduce the dimensionality of the sampled data to
2 components.
pca = PCA(n_components=2)
X_pca = pca.fit_transform(X_train_sample)

# Plot the results of the PCA.
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) # Set up the figure size.

# Loop through each emotion label and plot the corresponding points in the PCA-transformed
space.
for i, label in enumerate(emotion_labels):
    indices = np.where(y_train_sample == i)[0] # Find the indices of the samples belonging to the
current label.
    plt.scatter(X_pca[indices, 0], X_pca[indices, 1], label=label, alpha=0.5) # Plot the points with
some transparency (alpha=0.5).

# Add a title to the plot.
plt.title('PCA of Training Data (1% Sample)')

# Label the x-axis and y-axis to indicate the principal components.
plt.xlabel('Principal Component 1')
plt.ylabel('Principal Component 2')

# Add a legend to the plot to identify the emotion labels.
plt.legend()

# Display the plot.
plt.show()

import cv2 # Import the OpenCV library for image processing.

def calculate_average_image(images):
    """
    Calculate the average image from a set of images.

    Parameters:
    images : numpy array
        Array containing the images.

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Returns:

numpy array

The average image.

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```
return np.mean(images, axis=0) # Compute the mean of the images along the first axis.
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# Set up the figure for displaying the average images of each class.
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plt.figure(figsize=(15, 5))
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```
# Loop through each emotion label.
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for i, label in enumerate(emotion_labels):
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# Find the indices of the images corresponding to the current label.
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indices = np.where(y_train_labels == i)[0]
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Skip this label if there are no images associated with it.

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if len(indices) == 0:
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print(f"Skipping class '{label}' due to no images.")
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continue

```
# Calculate the average image for the current label.
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avg_image = calculate_average_image(X_train[indices])
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# Convert the average image to grayscale by averaging the color channels.
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avg_image_gray = np.mean(avg_image, axis=-1)
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# Normalize the grayscale image to the range [0, 1].
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avg_image_gray = (avg_image_gray - np.min(avg_image_gray)) / (np.max(avg_image_gray) -
np.min(avg_image_gray))
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Enhance the contrast of the image using contrast stretching with OpenCV's normalize function.

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avg_image_gray = cv2.normalize(avg_image_gray, None, alpha=0, beta=1,
norm_type=cv2.NORM_MINMAX)
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# Plot the average image in the current subplot.
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plt.subplot(1, len(emotion_labels), i + 1)
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plt.imshow(avg_image_gray, cmap='gray') # Display the image in grayscale.
```

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plt.axis('off') # Turn off axis labels for a cleaner look.
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```
plt.title(label) # Add the label as the title of the subplot.
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# Add a title for the entire figure.
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plt.suptitle("Average Image for Each Class")
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# Display the figure with all the average images.
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plt.show()
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from sklearn.utils import class_weight # Import the class_weight module from sklearn to handle
class imbalance.
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# Calculate class weights to handle imbalanced classes in the dataset.
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# 'class_weight="balanced"' ensures that the class weights are inversely proportional to the class frequencies.
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'classes=np.unique(np.argmax(y_train, axis=1))' provides the unique class labels in the training data.

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# 'y=np.argmax(y_train, axis=1)' converts the one-hot encoded labels back to categorical form.
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# Convert the class weights array to a dictionary where the keys are class labels and values are
the corresponding weights.
class_weights = dict(enumerate(class_weights))

from tensorflow.keras.applications import VGG16 # Import the VGG16 model from Keras
applications.
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam # Import the Adam optimizer from Keras.

# Load the VGG16 model pre-trained on the ImageNet dataset, excluding the fully connected
layers at the top.
# 'include_top=False' means the model is loaded without the top fully connected layers, allowing
us to add our own.
# 'input_shape=(48, 48, 3)' specifies the input size for the model, matching the dimensions of our
dataset.
vgg16 = VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_shape=(48, 48, 3))

# Fine-tune only the last few layers of the VGG16 model.
# Loop through the layers of VGG16, setting the 'trainable' attribute to False for all but the last
four layers.
for layer in vgg16.layers[:-4]: # Only the last four layers will remain trainable.
    layer.trainable = False # Freeze the layers, so their weights are not updated during training.

from keras.callbacks import ReduceLROnPlateau, EarlyStopping # Import callbacks for learning
rate adjustment and early stopping.
from tensorflow.keras.applications import VGG16 # Import the VGG16 model from Keras
applications.
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam # Import the Adam optimizer from Keras.

# Load the VGG16 model pre-trained on ImageNet without the top fully connected layers.
vgg16 = VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_shape=(48, 48, 3))

# Fine-tune the last few layers of the VGG16 model.
# Freeze all layers except for the last four by setting 'trainable' to False.
for layer in vgg16.layers[:-4]:
    layer.trainable = False

# Create a Sequential model and add the VGG16 base model.
model = Sequential()
model.add(vgg16)

# Add a Flatten layer to convert the 3D feature maps to 1D feature vectors.
model.add(Flatten())

# Add a fully connected Dense layer with 256 units and ReLU activation.
model.add(Dense(256, activation='relu'))

# Add a Dropout layer with a dropout rate of 0.5 to prevent overfitting.
model.add(Dropout(0.5))

# Add a final Dense layer with the number of units equal to the number of emotion classes and
softmax activation for multi-class classification.
model.add(Dense(len(emotion_labels), activation='softmax'))

# Compile the model with the Adam optimizer, using a low learning rate, categorical cross-entropy
loss, and accuracy as a metric.
model.compile(optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=0.0001), loss='categorical_crossentropy',
metrics=['accuracy'])

# Set up data augmentation using ImageDataGenerator to artificially increase the diversity of the
training data.

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datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
    rotation_range=30,      # Randomly rotate images by up to 30 degrees.
    zoom_range=0.2,        # Randomly zoom into images by up to 20%.
    width_shift_range=0.1,  # Randomly shift images horizontally by up to 10% of the width.
    height_shift_range=0.1, # Randomly shift images vertically by up to 10% of the height.
    horizontal_flip=True,   # Randomly flip images horizontally.
    fill_mode='nearest'     # Fill any missing pixels after transformations using the nearest pixels.
)

# Create generators for training and validation data with a batch size of 64.
train_generator = datagen.flow(X_train, y_train, batch_size=64)
validation_generator = datagen.flow(X_test, y_test, batch_size=64)

# Set up callbacks for training:
reduce_lr = ReduceLROnPlateau(monitor='val_loss', factor=0.2, patience=5, min_lr=0.00001)
# Reduce the learning rate by a factor of 0.2 if the validation loss doesn't improve for 5 epochs,
with a minimum learning rate of 0.00001.

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True)
# Stop training early if the validation loss doesn't improve for 10 epochs, and restore the model
weights from the best epoch.

# Train the model using the training generator and validate using the validation generator.
# The training process will run for up to 50 epochs, with callbacks for learning rate reduction and
early stopping.
history = model.fit(
    train_generator,
    validation_data=validation_generator,
    epochs=50,
    callbacks=[reduce_lr, early_stopping]
)

# Save the model
model.save('emotion_detection_model_vgg16.h5')

# Evaluate the model on the validation data using the validation generator.
# This returns the loss and accuracy metrics on the validation set.
loss, accuracy = model.evaluate(validation_generator)

# Print the loss value to see how well the model is performing on the validation set.
print(f'Loss: {loss}')

# Print the accuracy value to see the percentage of correctly classified images on the validation
set.
print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy}')

# Plot the training and validation accuracy and loss over the epochs.

# Set up the figure with two subplots, side by side.
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

# Plot the training and validation accuracy on the first subplot.
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy') # Plot training accuracy.
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation Accuracy') # Plot validation accuracy.
plt.legend() # Display a legend to distinguish between training and validation accuracy.
plt.title('Accuracy') # Add a title to the accuracy plot.

# Plot the training and validation loss on the second subplot.
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)

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plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Train Loss') # Plot training loss.
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation Loss') # Plot validation loss.
plt.legend() # Display a legend to distinguish between training and validation loss.
plt.title('Loss') # Add a title to the loss plot.

# Display the plots.
plt.show()

# Use the trained model to make predictions on the test data.
predictions = model.predict(X_test)

# Convert the predicted probabilities to class labels by taking the index of the maximum value in
each prediction.
predicted_classes = np.argmax(predictions, axis=1)

# Convert the true one-hot encoded labels of the test data back to categorical form by taking the
index of the maximum value in each label.
true_classes = np.argmax(y_test, axis=1)

from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix # Import the confusion_matrix function from
sklearn.
import seaborn as sns # Import seaborn for easier visualization of the confusion matrix.
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # Import matplotlib for plotting.

# Calculate the confusion matrix to compare the predicted classes with the true classes.
cm = confusion_matrix(true_classes, predicted_classes)

# Set up the figure for displaying the confusion matrix.
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))

# Plot the confusion matrix as a heatmap.
# 'annot=True' adds the count annotations on the heatmap.
# 'fmt="d"' ensures that the annotations are displayed as integers.
# 'cmap="Blues"' sets the color scheme for the heatmap.
# 'xticklabels' and 'yticklabels' set the labels on the x and y axes to the emotion labels.
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', xticklabels=emotion_labels,
yticklabels=emotion_labels)

# Label the x-axis as 'Predicted'.
plt.xlabel('Predicted')

# Label the y-axis as 'Actual'.
plt.ylabel('Actual')

# Add a title to the confusion matrix.
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')

# Display the plot.
plt.show()

from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score, f1_score # Import metrics for model
evaluation.

# Calculate the precision for each class.
# 'average=None' returns the precision for each class separately rather than averaging them.
precision = precision_score(true_classes, predicted_classes, average=None)

# Calculate the recall for each class.
recall = recall_score(true_classes, predicted_classes, average=None)

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# Calculate the F1-score for each class.
f1 = f1_score(true_classes, predicted_classes, average=None)

# Print the precision, recall, and F1-score for each emotion class.
for idx, label in enumerate(emotion_labels):
    print(f"{label} - Precision: {precision[idx]:.2f}, Recall: {recall[idx]:.2f}, F1-Score: {f1[idx]:.2f}")
    # .2f formats the values to two decimal places for readability.

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def plot_predictions(images, true_labels, predicted_labels, emotion_labels,
                    num_images_per_class=3):
    """
    Plots a grid of images with their true and predicted labels, displaying num_images_per_class
    images per emotion.

    Parameters:
    - images: Array of images.
    - true_labels: Array of true labels corresponding to the images.
    - predicted_labels: Array of predicted labels corresponding to the images.
    - emotion_labels: List of emotion label names.
    - num_images_per_class: Number of images to display per emotion class.
    """

    # Initialize the plot
    plt.figure(figsize=(15, len(emotion_labels) * 2.5))

    for i, label in enumerate(emotion_labels):
        # Find indices of images belonging to the current emotion label
        indices = np.where((true_labels == i) & (predicted_labels == i))[0]
        if len(indices) >= num_images_per_class:
            selected_indices = np.random.choice(indices, num_images_per_class, replace=False)
        else:
            selected_indices = indices # Use all available images if fewer than required

        for j, idx in enumerate(selected_indices):
            plt.subplot(len(emotion_labels), num_images_per_class, i * num_images_per_class + j + 1)
            plt.imshow(images[idx].reshape(48, 48, 3))
            plt.title(f"True: {label}\nPred: {emotion_labels[predicted_labels[idx]]}")
            plt.axis('off')

    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

# Assuming the following variables are already defined:
# - X_test: Test images.
# - true_classes: True labels for the test images.
# - predicted_classes: Predicted labels from the model.
# - emotion_labels: List of emotion label names.

plot_predictions(X_test, true_classes, predicted_classes, emotion_labels,
                num_images_per_class=3)

# Save the entire model (architecture + weights)
model.save('emotion_detection_model_vgg16_full.h5')

from IPython.display import display, Javascript
from google.colab.output import eval_js
from base64 import b64decode

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from PIL import Image as PILImage
import numpy as np
from keras.preprocessing.image import img_to_array
from keras.models import load_model
import os

def take_photo(filename='photo.jpg', quality=0.8):
    js = Javascript("""
        async function takePhoto(quality) {
            const div = document.createElement('div');
            const capture = document.createElement('button');
            capture.textContent = 'Capture';
            div.appendChild(capture);

            const video = document.createElement('video');
            video.style.display = 'block';
            const stream = await navigator.mediaDevices.getUserMedia({video: true});

            document.body.appendChild(div);
            div.appendChild(video);
            video.srcObject = stream;
            await video.play();

            google.colab.output.setIframeHeight(document.documentElement.scrollHeight, true);

            await new Promise((resolve) => capture.onclick = resolve);

            const canvas = document.createElement('canvas');
            canvas.width = video.videoWidth;
            canvas.height = video.videoHeight;
            canvas.getContext('2d').drawImage(video, 0, 0);
            stream.getVideoTracks()[0].stop();
            div.remove();
            return canvas.toDataURL('image/jpeg', quality);
        }
    """)
    display(js)
    data = eval_js('takePhoto({})'.format(quality))
    binary = b64decode(data.split(',')[1])
    with open(filename, 'wb') as f:
        f.write(binary)
    return os.path.abspath(filename)

try:
    # Capture an image from the webcam using the take_photo function.
    filename = take_photo()
    print('Saved to {}'.format(filename)) # Print the filename where the image is saved.

    # Display the captured image.
    display(PILImage.open(filename))

    # Load the pre-trained emotion detection model.
    model = load_model('emotion_detection_model_vgg16_full.h5')

    # Define the emotion labels corresponding to the model's output classes.
    emotion_labels = ['Angry', 'Disgust', 'Fear', 'Happy', 'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Surprise']

    # Preprocess the captured image for model prediction.
    image = PILImage.open(filename) # Open the saved image.
    image = image.convert('RGB') # Ensure the image is in RGB format.

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    image = image.resize((48, 48)) # Resize the image to match the input size expected by the
    model.
    image = img_to_array(image) # Convert the image to a NumPy array.
    image = np.expand_dims(image, axis=0) # Add an extra dimension to match the model's input
    shape (batch size, height, width, channels).
    image = image / 255.0 # Normalize the image pixel values to the range [0, 1].

    # Predict the emotion using the pre-trained model.
    prediction = model.predict(image)

    # Determine the emotion label with the highest prediction probability.
    emotion = emotion_labels[np.argmax(prediction)]

    # Print the detected emotion.
    print(f'Detected Emotion: {emotion}')

except Exception as err:
    # Handle any errors that occur during the process and print the error message.
    print(str(err))

from tensorflow.keras.applications import VGG16
from keras.layers import Input, Flatten, Dense, Dropout
from keras.models import Model
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam

# Clear the session to avoid any contamination
from keras import backend as K
K.clear_session()

# Define the input shape
input_shape = (48, 48, 3)

# Input layer
input_layer = Input(shape=input_shape)

# Load the VGG16 model without the top classification layer
vgg16_base = VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_tensor=input_layer)

# Fine-tune the last few layers
for layer in vgg16_base.layers[:-4]:
    layer.trainable = False

# Add custom layers on top of the VGG16 base
x = Flatten()(vgg16_base.output)
x = Dense(256, activation='relu')(x)
x = Dropout(0.5)(x)
output_layer = Dense(7, activation='softmax')(x) # Assuming 7 emotion classes

# Create the model
model = Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=output_layer)

# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=0.0001), loss='categorical_crossentropy',
metrics=['accuracy'])

# Print the model summary
try:
    model.summary()
except ValueError as e:
    print("Error during model summary:", e)

```



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from keras.models import load_model # Import the function to load a pre-trained Keras model.
from keras.preprocessing.image import img_to_array # Import the function to convert an image
to a NumPy array.
from PIL import Image as PILImage # Import the Image class from the PIL library for image
processing.
import numpy as np # Import NumPy for numerical operations.

# Load the pre-trained emotion detection model.
try:
    model = load_model('emotion_detection_model_vgg16_full.h5') # Load the model from the
specified file.
    model.summary() # Print the model summary to verify that the model has been loaded
correctly.
except Exception as e:
    print("Error loading model:", e) # Print an error message if the model fails to load.

# Define the emotion labels corresponding to the output classes of the model.
emotion_labels = ['Angry', 'Disgust', 'Fear', 'Happy', 'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Surprise']

# Load and preprocess the image for prediction.
image_path = '/content/photo.jpg' # Specify the path to the image file.
image = PILImage.open(image_path) # Open the image using PIL.
image = image.convert('RGB') # Convert the image to RGB format.
image = image.resize((48, 48)) # Resize the image to match the input size expected by the model
(48x48 pixels).
image = img_to_array(image) # Convert the image to a NumPy array.
image = np.expand_dims(image, axis=0) # Add an extra dimension to match the model's input
shape (batch size, height, width, channels).
image = image / 255.0 # Normalize the image pixel values to the range [0, 1].

# Predict the emotion using the pre-trained model.
try:
    prediction = model.predict(image) # Perform the prediction.
    emotion = emotion_labels[np.argmax(prediction)] # Determine the emotion label with the
highest prediction probability.
    print(f'Detected Emotion: {emotion}') # Print the detected emotion.
except Exception as e:
    print("Error during prediction:", e) # Print an error message if there is an issue during
prediction.

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