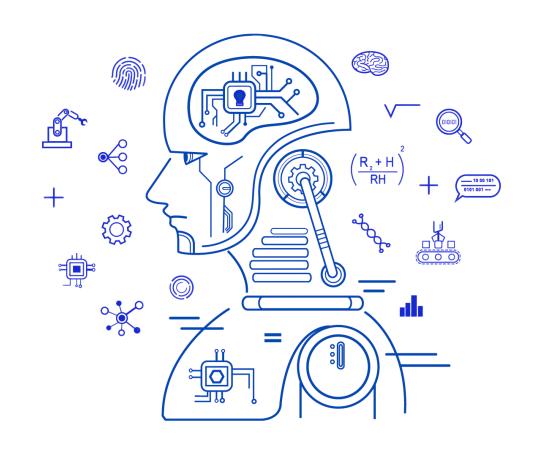


TEAM PROJECT (E7)

Unveiling architectural design insights from digital layouts using ML



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Major lessons that we learnt while working on image data and the different methods and skills that we acquired in the process

PROBLEM STATEMENT

- The company has turned their building layouts into digital images, each being 640x480 pixels. They have 1183 such images
- Our goal is to group similar designs together using data science methods to group similar designs into families
- Designs will also be sorted into Low, Medium, and High Complexity categories, making it easier to manage and compare them
- The company plans to predict building layout that is similar to specified dimensions and complexity preferences, speeding up the design process

SOLUTION SUMMARY

- Identify key features using OpenCV for image processing
- Performed PCA to determine the most relevant features
- Used these features to categorize the layouts into six families based on similarities using Gaussian Mixture Algorithm
- The second approach for clustering was DBSCAN clustering for grouping layout into families
- Applied K-means clustering to analyze complexity by grouping the layouts into clusters of High, Medium and Low complexity
- Observing the families, we identified the need for symmetry and curvature analysis to enhance classification
- Employed a custom similarity search algorithm to suggest designs based on input features

FEATURE ENGINEERING

We used OpenCV library and image processing methods to extract following features:

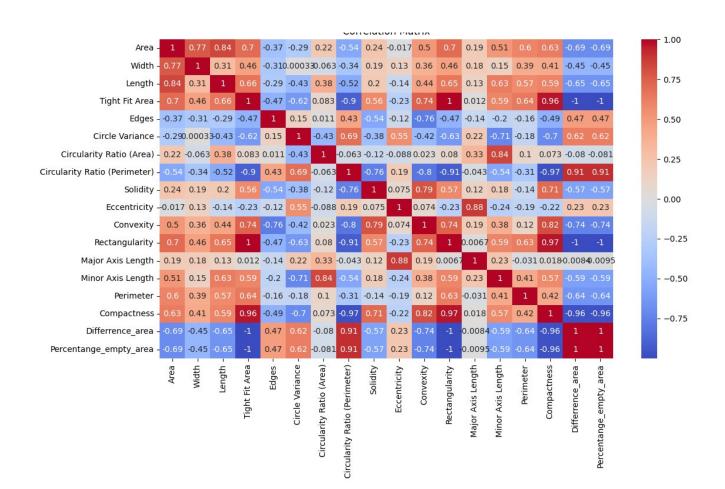
- Area of layout
- Area of border box
- No. of edges
- Circle Variance
- Circularity Ratio (Area)
- Circularity Ratio (Perimeter)
- Solidity
- Eccentricity

- Convexity
- Rectangularity
- Major Axis Length
- Minor Axis Length
- Perimeter
- Compactness factor
- Difference in area
- Percentange of empty area

EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

The Exploratory Data analysis of features gave following results:

- There were no missing values found, ie: No blank images
- Many images were detected to be duplicate, hence its copies were dropped from our data. A total of 173 images were removed
- High correlation between box fit area and compactness and between area difference and compactness
- There were very less outliers in the extracted features
- High positive correlation of box area with percentage filled area and area difference



EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

The Exploratory Data analysis of features gave following results:

- The no. of edges are between 4 to 12, 75% of layouts have less than 7 edges
- The box area of all layouts is almost similar
- The percentage empty area is less than 50% for all the layers
- High positive correlation of box area with percentage filled area and area difference

FEATURE ENGINEERING

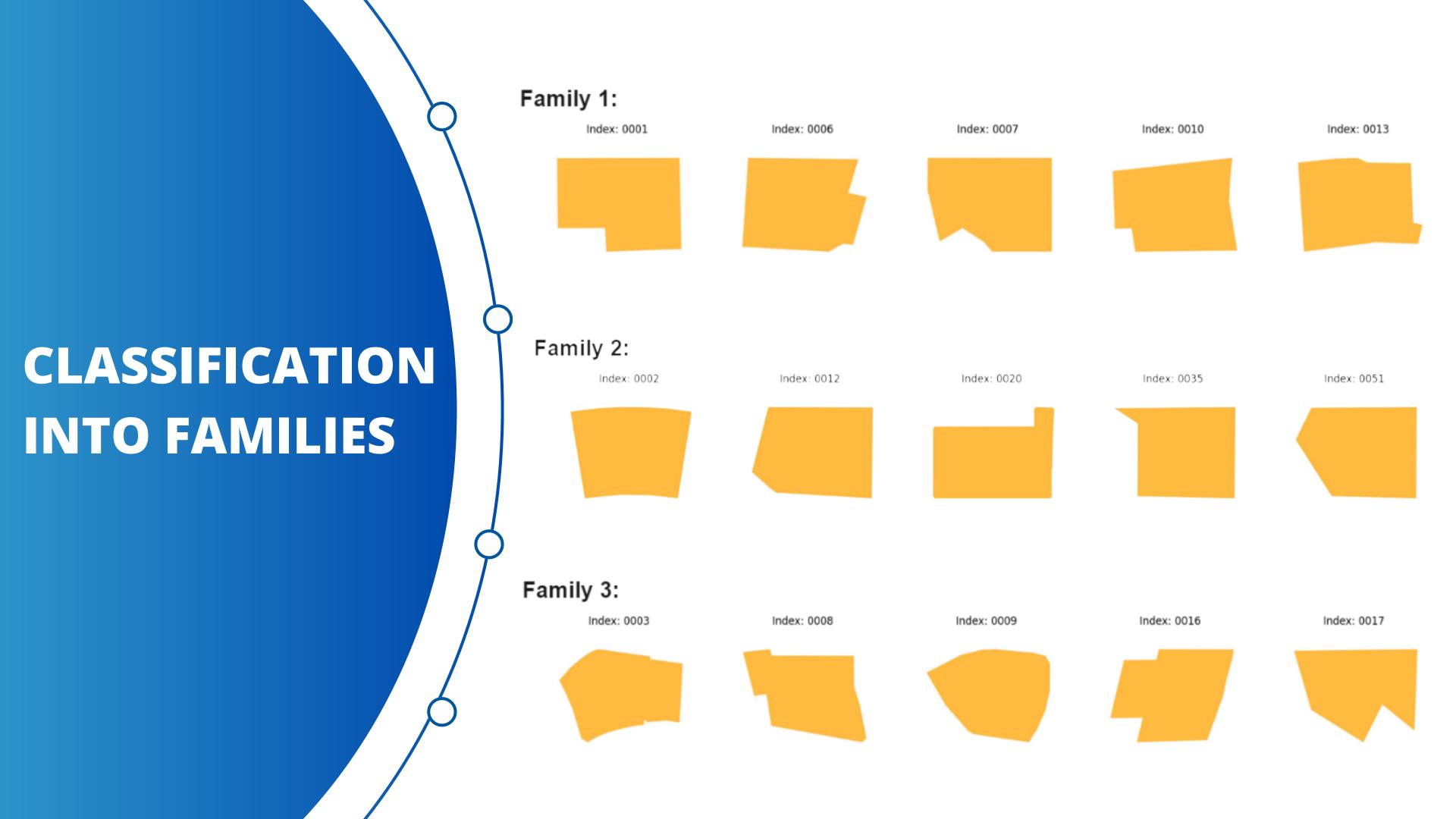
Upon performing principle component analysis, the following features were found to be most influential and relevant:

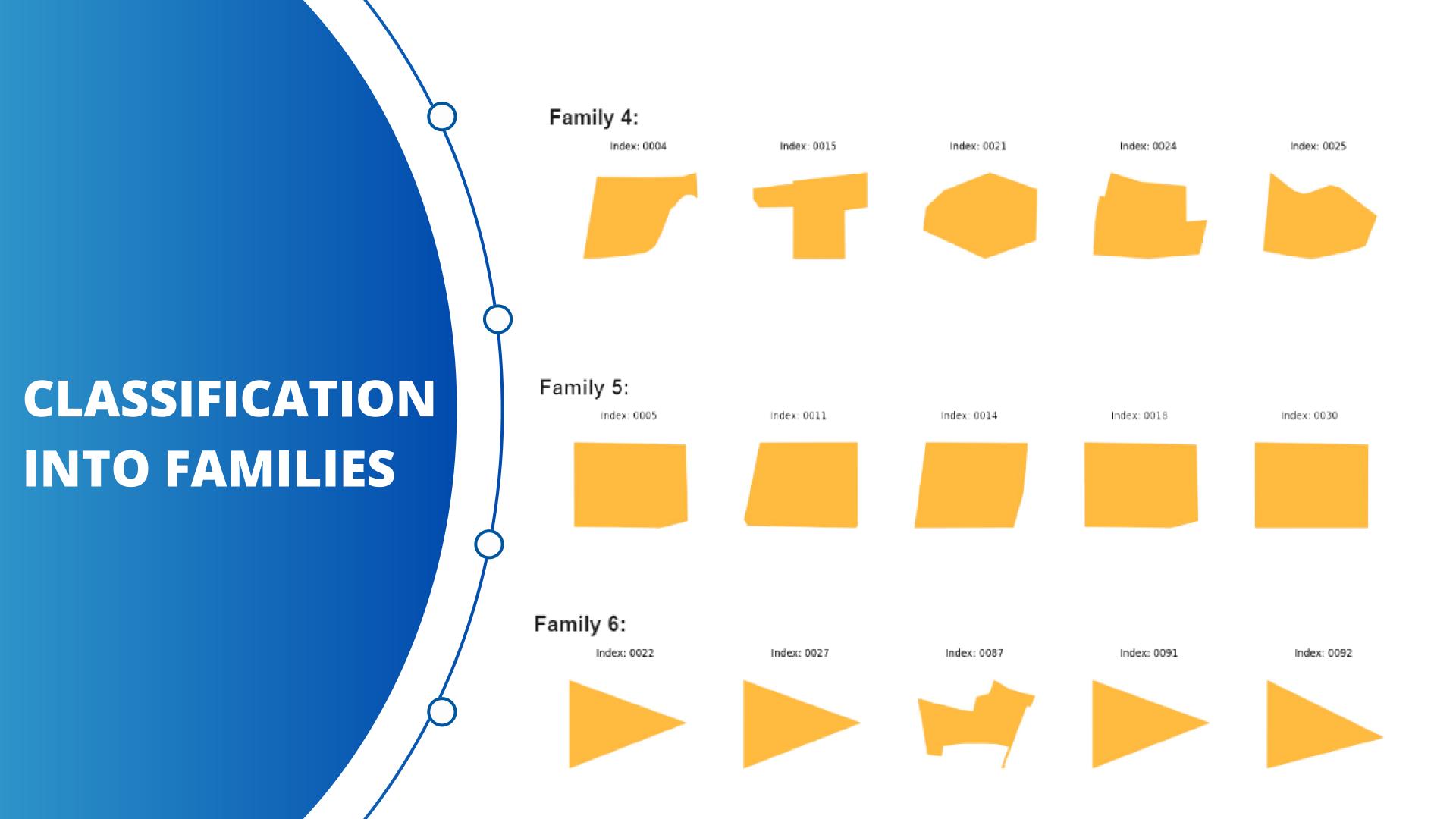
- Image area
- Difference of area
- Number of edges
- Compactness factor

Approach 1:
Gaussian Mixture
Clustering

- Using the relevant features extracted after PCA as inputs to the Gaussian Mixture Algorithm
- To identify the optimal no. of components for the gaussian mixture model we completed the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) and the number of components that minimizes the BIC is selected as the optimal number of components
- Used this GMM model to predict family labels for each layout
- No. of Families: 6

• We have used Silhouette Score, Davies-Bouldin index as the metric to evaluate our model performance





Approach 2: DBSCAN

- Using the relevant features extracted after PCA as inputs to the DBSCAN algorithm
- Initialised epsilon and minimum samples for our model
- Used this GMM model to predict family labels for each layout
- No. of Families: 46

• We have used Silhouette Score and Davies Bouldin Index as the metric to evaluate our model performance

Complexity
Analysis

- Using the features from PCA analysis and families obtained from task 1 as input parameters to KNN we did Complexity analysis
- The algorithm uses the elbow method to determine the optimal number of clusters. It computes the inertia (within-cluster sum of squares) for different values of k (number of clusters) ranging from 1 to 5
- Using KNN we predicted the high, medium and low complexity clusters
- We used Silhouette Score metric to evaluate our model performance
- We also used visual inspection to determine separation of clusters

Low Complexity Index: 0001 Index: 0002 Index: 0005 Index: 0006 Index: 0007 TASK 2 **Medium Complexity** Index: 0004 Index: 0015 Index: 0022 Index: 0027 Index: 0036 Results **High Complexity** Index: 0003 Index: 0008 Index: 0009 Index: 0013 Index: 0016

Prediction of similar layout

- Using design family, complexity, box area, filled area percentage and number of edges as input parameters
- We created a custom similarity prediction function to determine the most similar layout based on input parameters
- The function predicts the layout based on following priorities:
 - Design Family
 - Complexity
 - No. of Edges
 - Percentage filled area
 - Box area

WHY TRUST OUR MODEL

- We identified 173 duplicate images successfully which were removed
- We used very intutive features like no. of edges, perimeter and compactness
- The model metrics like Silhouette Score and Davies Bouldin Index were satisfactory for our models
- The cross validation results for prediction of layout using input features were satisfactory

CHALLENGES FACED

- Identifying and removing similar images from 1183 images
- Identifying clustering models that are work the best for image data
- Clustering of images were difficult as always some outlier image having one or two similar feature creeped in
- What features to use for prediction
 - We did feature engineering to mine new features but found it difficult to eliminate the less relevant ones
 - PCA gave results and we struggled a bit to conclude regarding correlated features

LEARNING AND TAKEAWAYS

- Performing EDA on bitmaps
- Working with bitmaps using various functions of OpenCV library
- Extracting various features of bitmaps like no. of edges, contour area, box fit area
- Validating clustering models using metrics like Silhouette Score, Davies-Bouldin index
- Performing PCA to remove highly correlated features

APPROACH FOR FINAL PROBLEM

Innovative Design Generation:

- We can explore generative design algorithms like GANs and VAEs, and research if we can train them on the given dataset
- We can then use these trained models to generate new layout designs based on a predefined set of parameters instead of just predicting the closest design
- These parameters might include the maximum usable area, the complexity of the layout, number of edges, layout area etc

Thank you!