



Enhancing Fashion Product Recommendations Through CNN-Based Ensemble Learning

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Introduction

Abstract. The exponential growth of e-commerce necessitates personalized recommendation systems, especially in fashion domains, where visual attributes heavily influence consumer preferences. This study introduces an ensemble learning model combining five deep learning architectures MobileNet, DenseNet121, Xception, VGG16, and VGG19 to enhance the performance of fashion product recommendation systems. While individual CNN models demonstrated strong classification capabilities, the ensemble achieved superior results with an accuracy of 98.34%. This paper highlights specific challenges addressed by the ensemble, including computational efficiency and scalability, leveraging advanced techniques like feature aggregation and the Annoy index for fast similarity searches. These contributions underline the transformative potential of CNN-based ensemble learning in revolutionizing online fashion retail.

Personalized Recommendations	Visual Attribute Importance	Deep Learning Advantage
The tailoring of suggestions to individual preferences creates a more engaging shopping experience, resulting in higher conversion rates and customer loyalty.	Utilizing deep learning enables the extraction and prioritization of key visual characteristics such as color, style, and texture, ensuring recommendations align with user aesthetic preferences.	Deep learning models excel at understanding complex patterns in visual data, allowing for improved accuracy and relevance in product recommendations compared to traditional algorithms.



Challenges in Fashion Recommendation

Visual Complexity

Fashion items possess intricate designs and diverse attributes, making it challenging to create algorithms that accurately interpret styles and user preferences.

Dynamic Trends

The fashion industry is subject to rapid changes; accommodating these trends in recommendations requires robust, adaptable models that evolve in real-time.

Cold Start Problem

New users or products present a significant hurdle for recommendation systems, as insufficient initial data can hinder accurate predictions.

Scalability

As product inventories and user bases grow, maintaining performance while delivering relevant recommendations becomes increasingly complex.

Objectives

1 Model Evaluation

various CNN architectures to identify the most effective for fashion item classification and recommendation tasks.

2 Ensemble Development

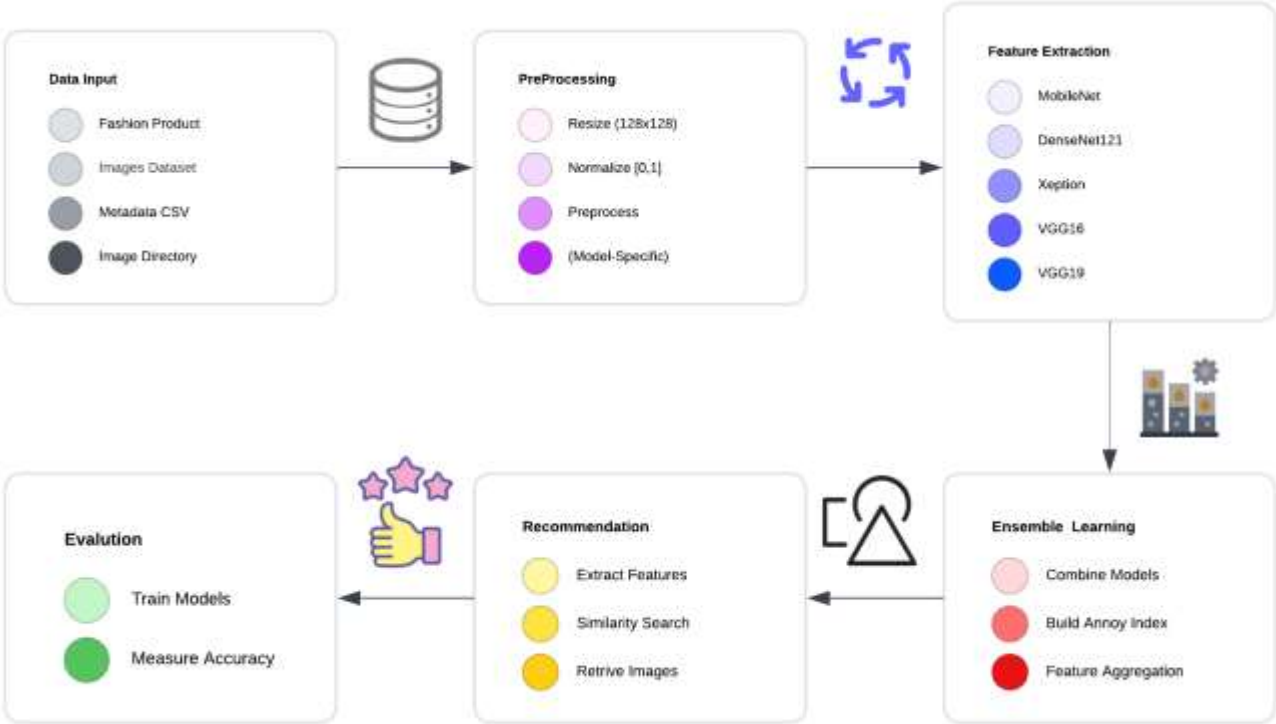
Creating an ensemble model that combines multiple CNN architectures to leverage their distinct strengths, offering a more robust recommendation system.

3 Performance Analysis

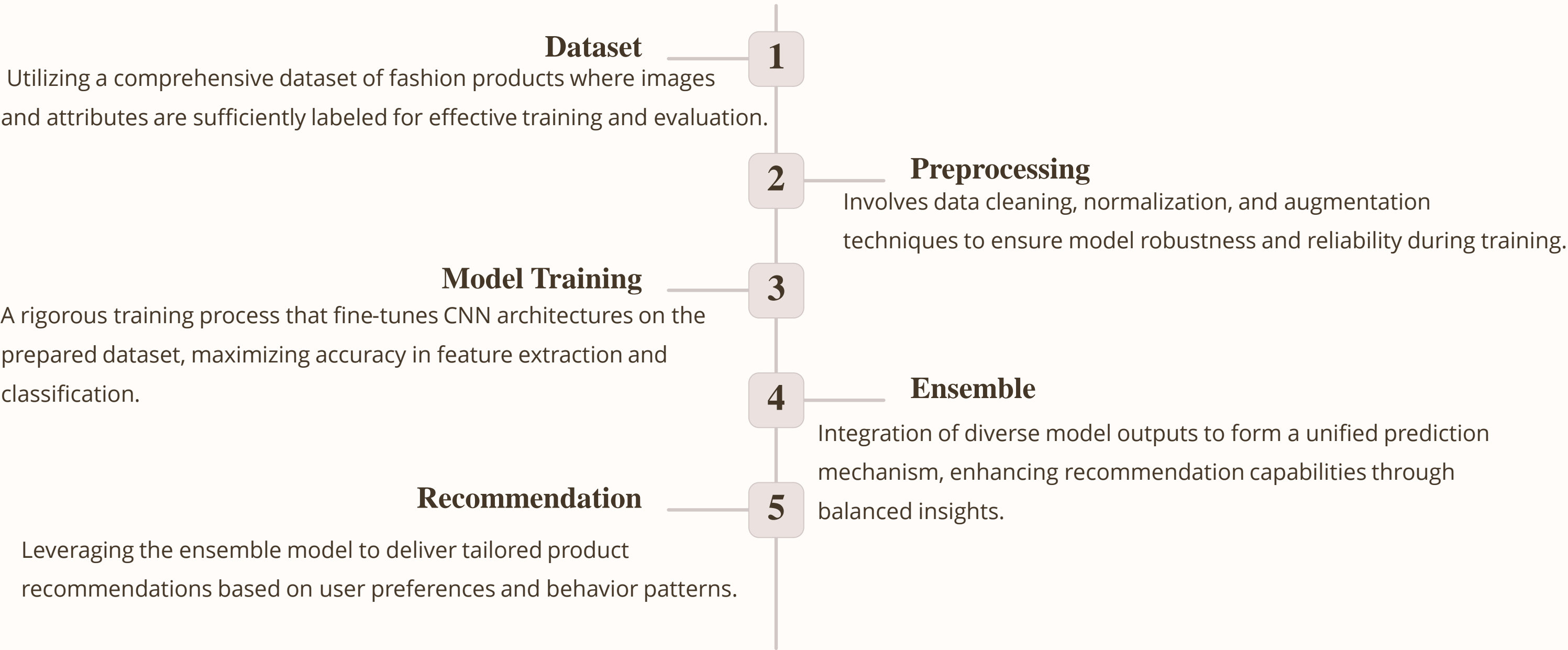
Evaluating accuracy, efficiency, and scalability

4 System Enhancement

Insights for improving fashion recommendations



Methodology



Model Architectures



MobileNet

A lightweight CNN architecture designed for mobile and embedded vision applications, delivering high efficiency and rapid inference times.



Xception

An extension of Inception architecture with depthwise separable convolutions, gaining efficiency and maintaining performance.



DenseNet

Utilizes dense connections between layers to facilitate feature reuse, resulting in enhanced accuracy with fewer parameters needed for training.



VGG16/VGG19

Deep architectures known for their uniform structure and effectiveness in image recognition tasks, widely adopted in various applications including fashion.

Fashion Item Recommendation Process

Recommendation Generation

The system retrieves similar items from the dataset and presents them as recommendations.

Ensemble Learning

The outputs of all models are combined through softmax averaging.

Model Selection

Five CNN models are used to classify the input.

Data Preprocessing

Image is resized to 128x128 pixels and normalized for better model input.

User Upload

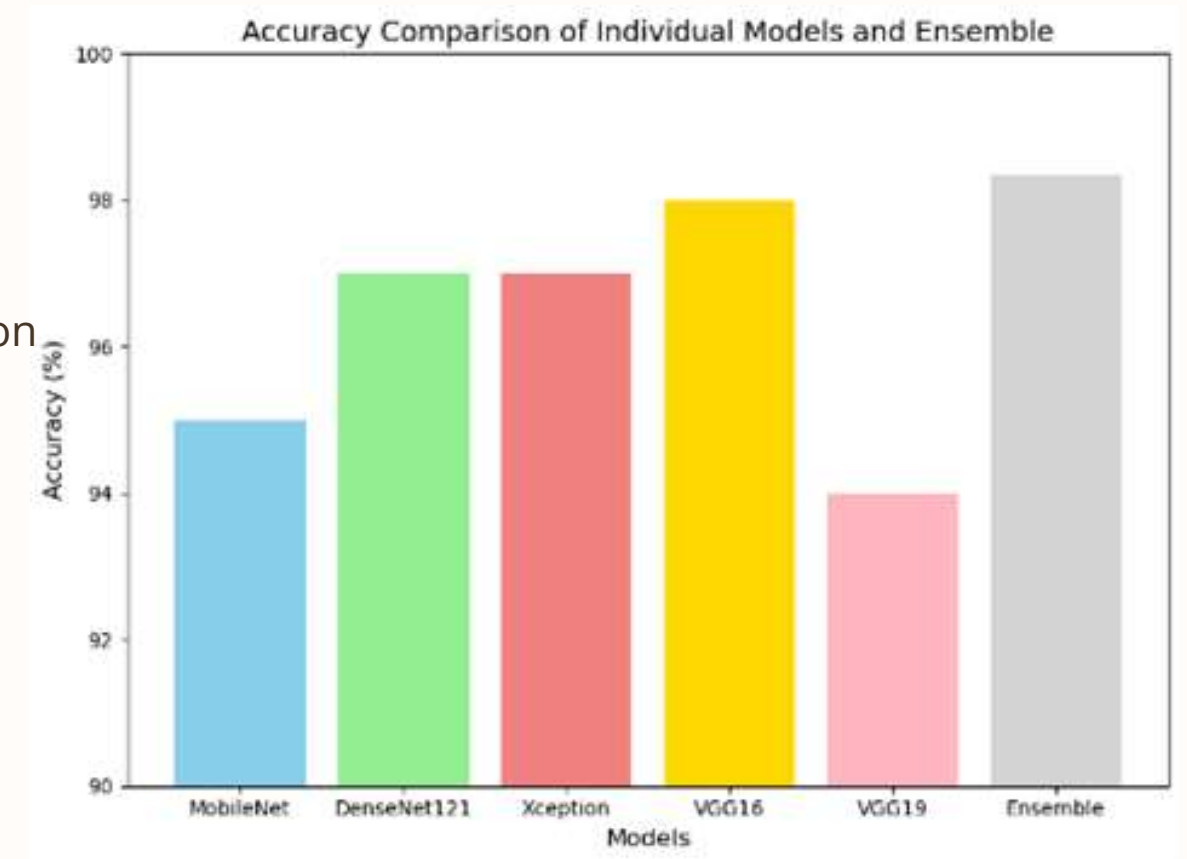
Users upload an image of the fashion item they are interested in.



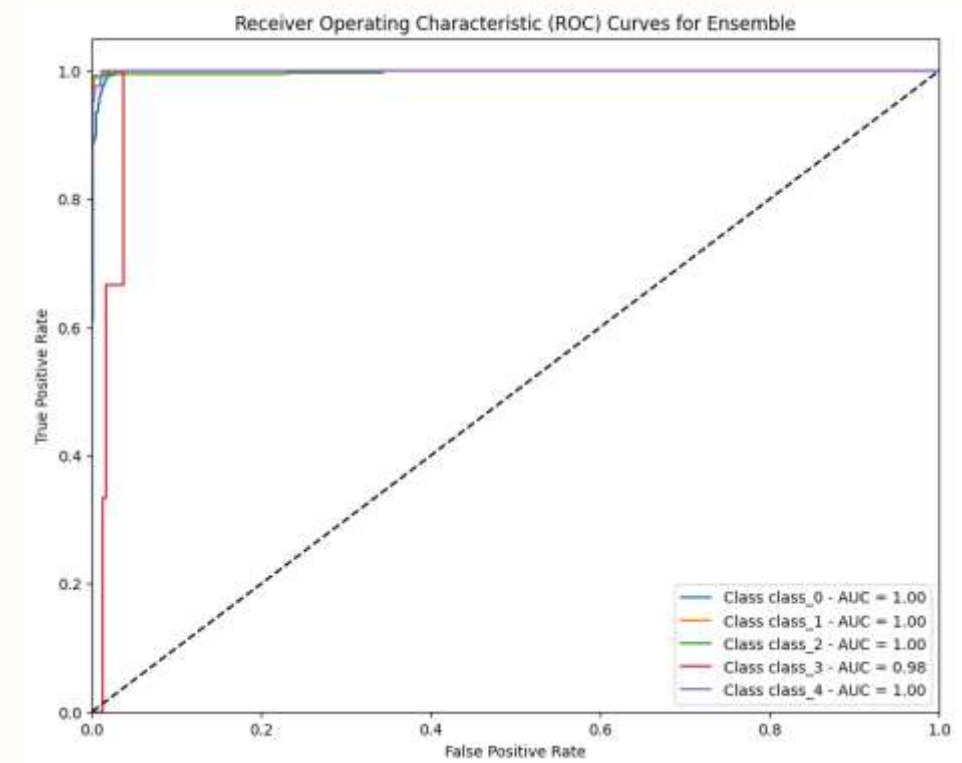
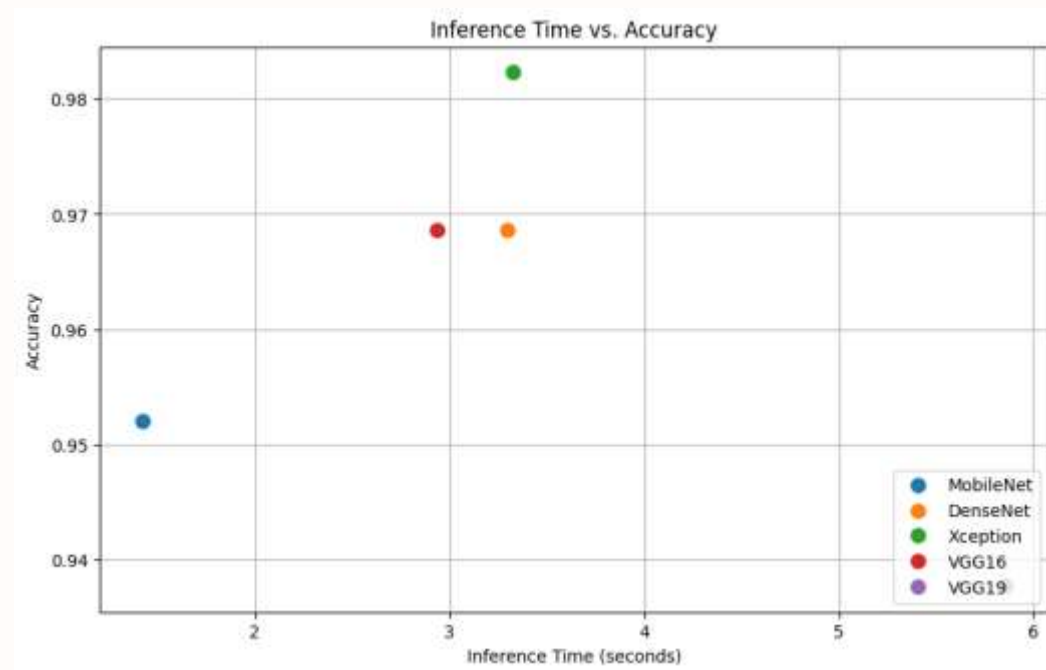
Results

Models

- **MobileNet:** Achieves impressive accuracy while maintaining computational efficiency, making it ideal for real-time applications.
- **DenseNet:** Shows superior accuracy thanks to its architecture, augmenting performance without significantly increasing parameters.
- **Xception:** Demonstrates high accuracy rates, thanks to innovative convolution operations that optimize learning.
- **VGG16:** Traditionally strong in accuracy but may encounter challenges with resource limitations in extensive datasets.
- **VGG19:** Similar to VGG16 but offers slight improvements in accuracy through its deeper architecture.



Ensemble accuracy: The integration of individual model predictions provides the highest accuracy, leveraging the strengths of each architecture effectively 98.34%.



Ensemble accuracy: 98.34%. ROC curves and AUC scores show ensemble efficiency. A model with a curve that hugs the **top-left corner** is highly effective.

MobileNet

Fastest inference (1.42s),
95% accuracy

DenseNet

Balanced performance
(2.94s), 97% accuracy

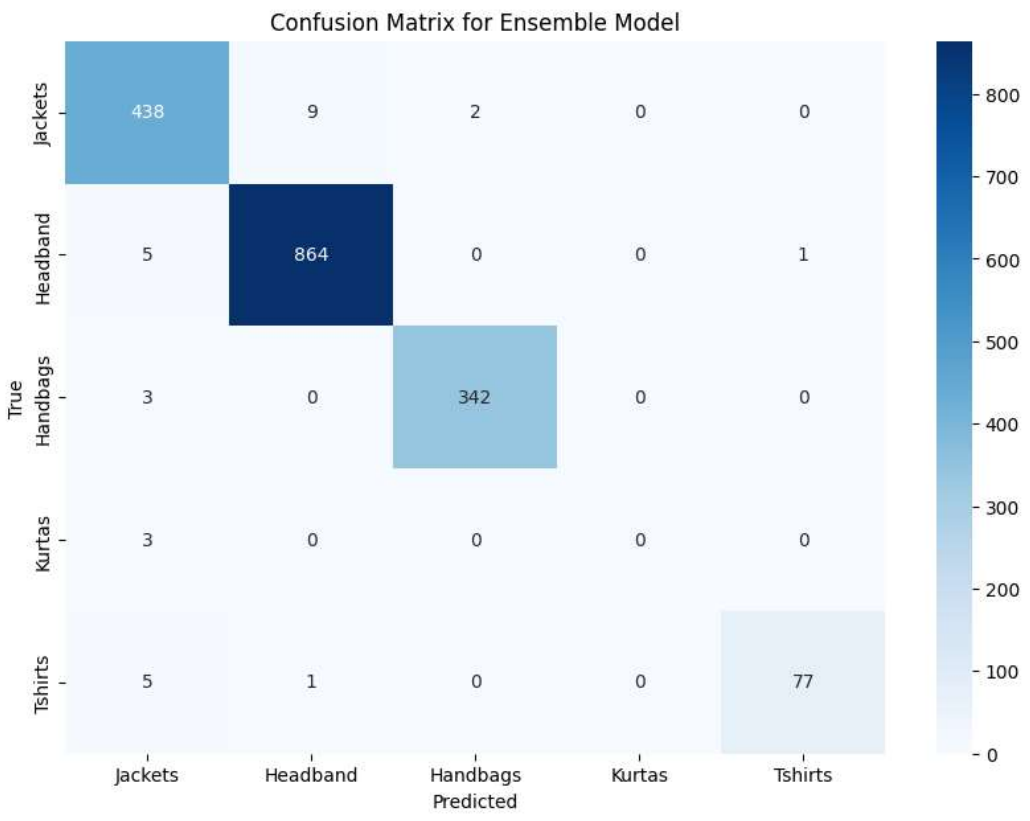
Xception

High accuracy (3.11s), 97%
accuracy

VGG16/VGG19

High accuracy (4.87s), 93%
accuracy

Visual Demonstration



Confusion Matrix

Total Correct Predictions: 1721, Total Incorrect Predictions: 29



Recommended Items

This recommended items are generated by Ensemble model

Conclusion and Future Work

1

Enhanced Recommendations

Our work successfully advances fashion product recommendations, delivering personalized and contextually relevant options for users.

2

Scalable Solution

The ensemble model approach presents a scalable framework, adaptable to varying product inventories and user bases without sacrificing performance.

3

Future Work

Future research aims to integrate user feedback mechanisms, improving model adaptability in dynamic fashion trends and expanding dataset diversity.