

Beyond Pattern Recognition Face Recognition Systems - Similarity Scoring

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So far, we have seen :

- how to formulate the **Pattern Recognition** problem by means of notions of **Probability/Statistics**,
- many **use cases** (e.g. medical diagnosis tools, computer vision, audio analysis),
- many popular algorithms (e.g. ensemble learning, deep learning, SVM) and that notions of **Optimization** are required to understand them
- that these problems are more **difficult to solve in practice** than to state (cf model selection/assessment)

Pattern Recognition is the **flagship problem** in AI (ML) :

- it is well understood from a **theoretical perspective** (cf Vapnik-Chervonenkis theory)
- the task is **ubiquitous**
- many **reliable softwares** can be used
- **many other tasks** are performed by machines using variants of it (e.g. biometrics, recommending systems).

Today (and during next lab), this will be illustrated by **Face Recognition**

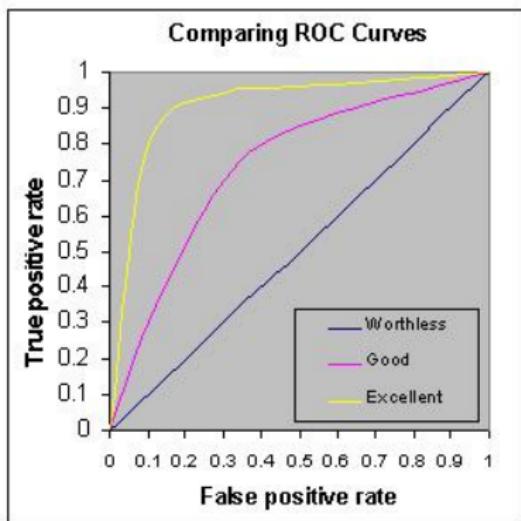
- **Motivation** : many applications of Face Recognition, e.g. access control, identity verification (smartphones), social media ...
- **Threats** : bias with respect to race, gender, age
- **Different causes of bias**, a very hot topic in AI now

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Preliminaries on ROC Analysis

- Same data as in binary classification
- Posterior probability $\eta(x) = \{Y = 1 \mid X = x\}$
- Ordering on \mathbb{R}^d defined through scoring $s : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Goal : build a program $s(x)$ so as rank the elements of \mathbb{R}^d as η :
 $x \preceq x'$ iff $s(x) \leq s(x')$

Scoring and ROC curves



- True Positive rate :

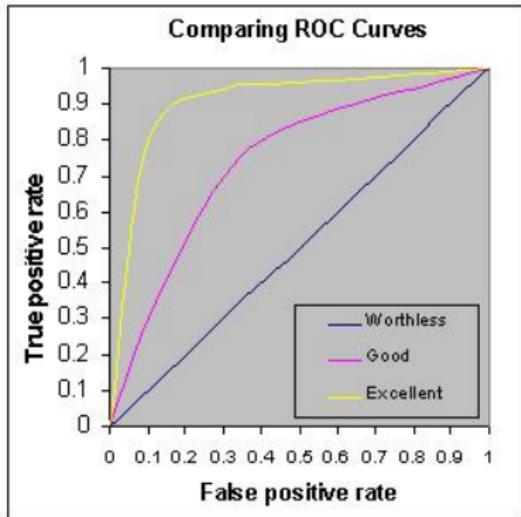
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AUC = Area Under the ROC Curve

The data can be modeled by i.i.d. realizations of a random variable $(X, Y) \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times w \times c} \times \{1, \dots, K\}$ with law \mathbb{P} . Dataset : $(x_i, y_i)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$.

Goal : learn an encoder function $f_\theta : \mathbb{R}^{h \times w \times c} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ that embeds the images in a way to bring same identities closer together.

$Z := f_\theta(X)$ is the *face embedding* of X .

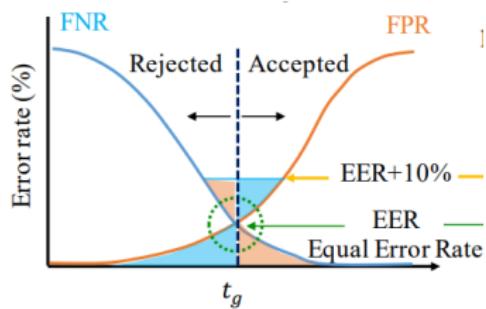
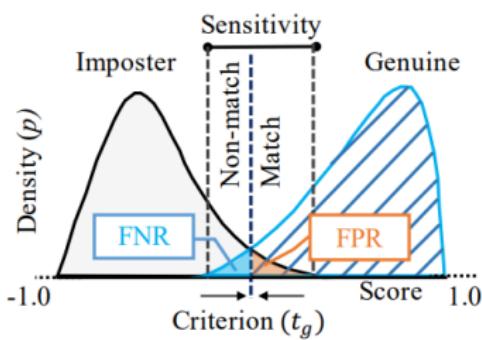
The closeness between two embeddings is usually quantified with the cosine similarity measure $s(z_i, z_j) := z_i^\top z_j / (||z_i|| \cdot ||z_j||)$.

An operating point $t \in [-1, 1]$ (threshold of acceptance) has to be chosen to classify a pair (z_i, z_j) as :

- *genuine* (same identity) if $s(z_i, z_j) \geq t$
- *impostor* (distinct identities) if $s(z_i, z_j) < t$.

Evaluation metrics. Let (X_1, y_1) and (X_2, y_2) be two i.i.d. random variables with law \mathbb{P} . We distinguish between the False Acceptance and False Rejection Rates, respectively defined by :

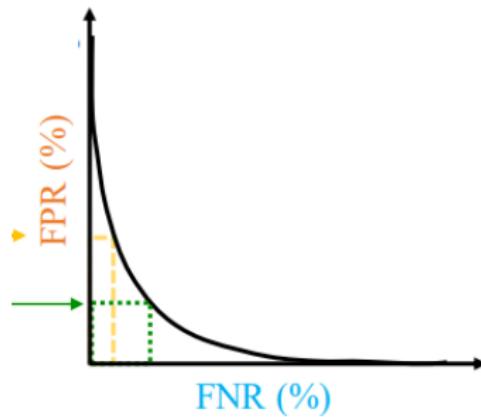
$$\begin{aligned}\text{FAR}(t) &:= \mathbb{P}(s(Z_1, Z_2) \geq t \mid y_1 \neq y_2) \\ \text{FRR}(t) &:= \mathbb{P}(s(Z_1, Z_2) < t \mid y_1 = y_2)\end{aligned}$$



Canonical metric : For $\alpha \in [0, 1]$,

$$\text{FRR@}(\text{FAR} = \alpha) := \text{FRR}(t) \quad \text{with } t \text{ s.t. } \text{FAR}(t) = \alpha.$$

→ ROC/DET curve.



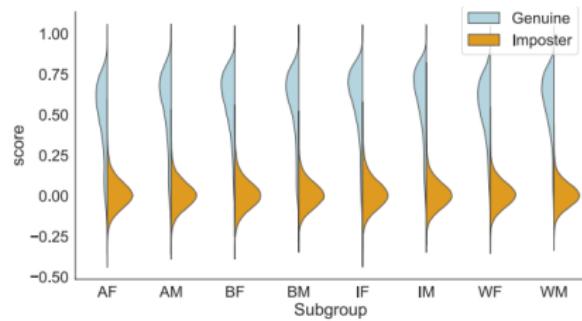
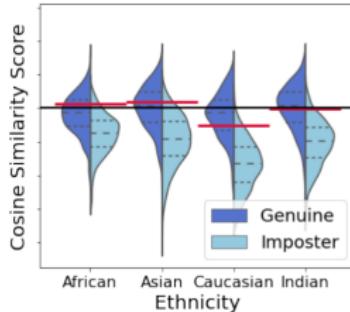
→ In biometrics, we are interested in $\text{FRR@}(\text{FAR} = \alpha)$ for $\alpha = 10^{-i}$ with $i \in \{1, \dots, 6\}$.

Fairness. Discrete sensitive attribute that can take $A > 1$ different values.

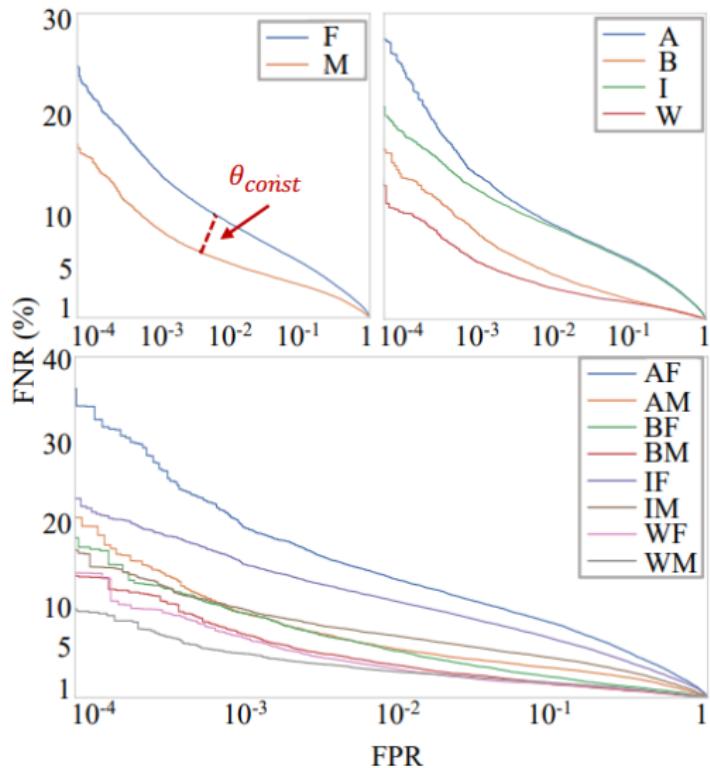
→ random variables (X_i, y_i, a_i) where $a_i \in \mathcal{A} = \{0, 1, \dots, A - 1\}$.

For $a \in \mathcal{A}$:

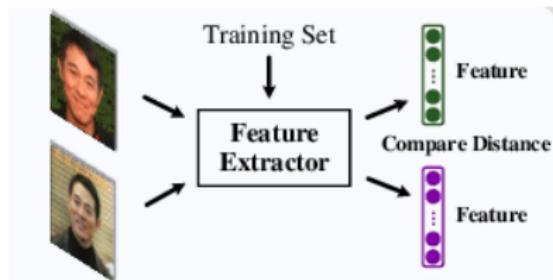
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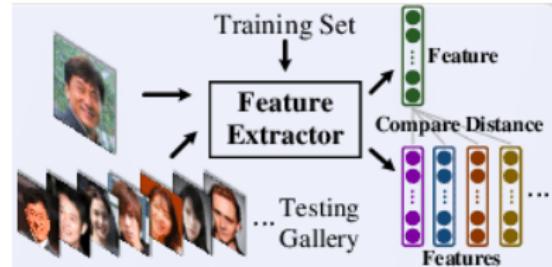
Intra-group ROC curves.



- Face verification :



- Face identification :



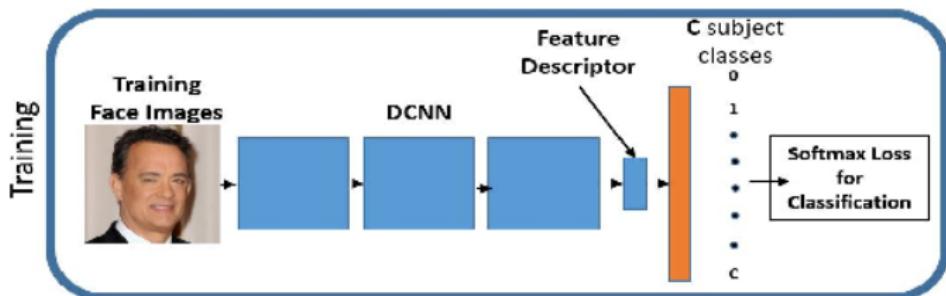


Figure – Workflow of Deep Face Recognition training (crystal loss).

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Loss functions

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- Large-margin loss functions

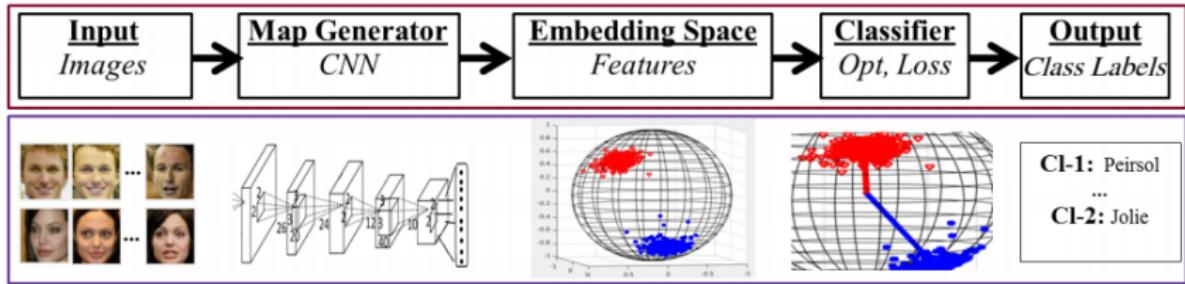


Figure – Workflow of a traditional classifier of faces (**vmf**).

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{modified}} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \frac{e^{\kappa} \mu_{y_i}^\top x_i}{\sum_{k=1}^C e^{\kappa} \mu_k^\top x_i} \quad \|x_i\|_2 = \|\mu_k\|_2 = 1$$

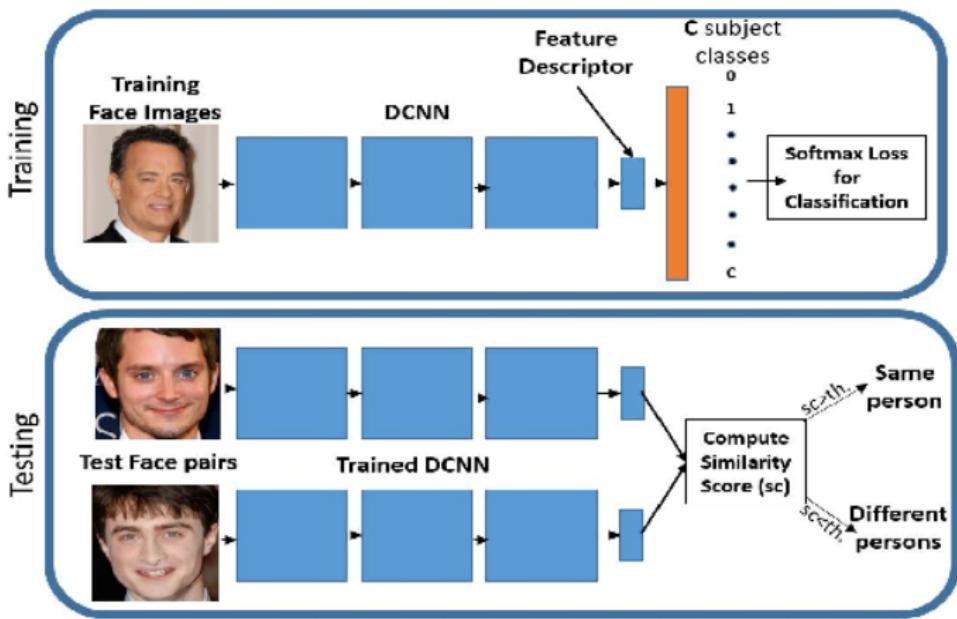


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$$\text{Similarity score : } s(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{f}_j) = \frac{\mathbf{f}_i^\top \mathbf{f}_j}{\|\mathbf{f}_i\|_2 \|\mathbf{f}_j\|_2} = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}_j = \cos(\theta_{i,j})$$

Evaluation step

- Testing set of n face images \rightarrow score matrix $\mathcal{S} = (s(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{f}_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$
- 2 types of scores : $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathcal{S}_{i,j} \mid y_i = y_j, i \neq j\}$ (genuines)
 $\mathcal{I} = \{\mathcal{S}_{i,j} \mid y_i \neq y_j\}$ (impostors)

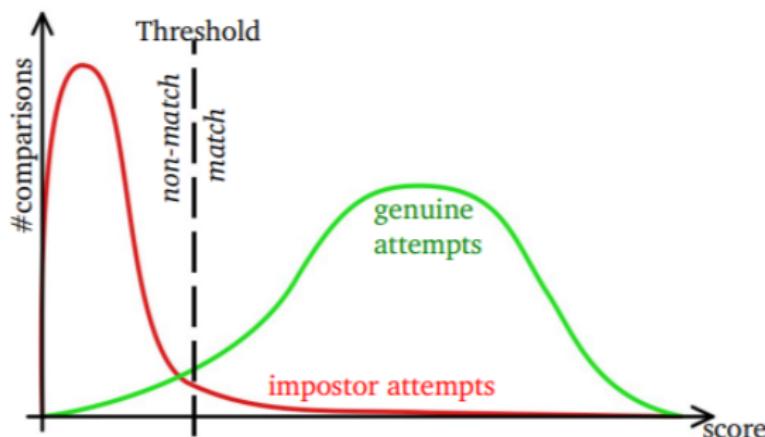


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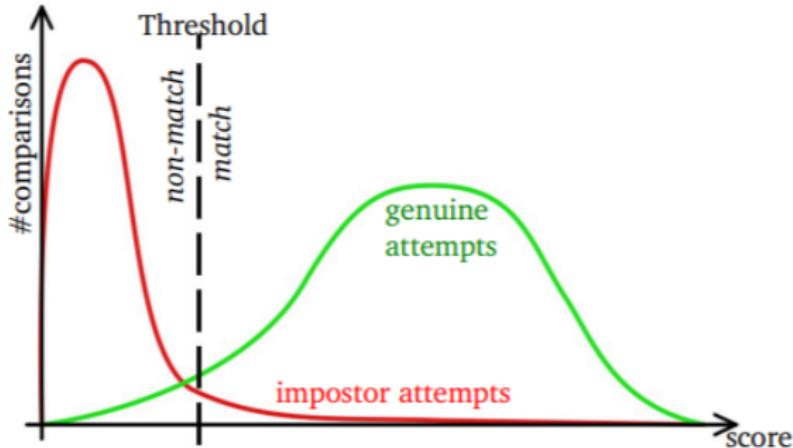


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- FRR@ $\text{FAR}=\alpha$: $\text{FRR}(t_\alpha)$ with t_α s.t. $\text{FAR}(t_\alpha) = \alpha$
- DET curve : $\text{FRR}@\text{FAR}=\alpha$ for $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

DET/ROC curve

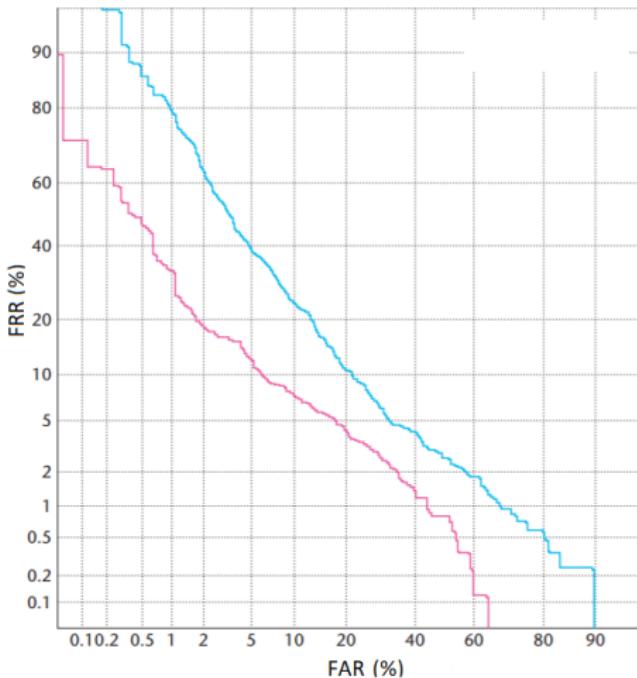


Figure – Two typical DET curves (**det_example**).

Bias in Face Recognition

- Testing phase of Face Recognition is a binary classification with 2 input images ($\hat{Y} = 0 \rightarrow$ no match, $\hat{Y} = 1 \rightarrow$ match)
- Demographic parity :
 $\mathbb{P}(\hat{Y}|A = a) = \mathbb{P}(\hat{Y}|A = a')$
- Equal Opportunity :
 $\mathbb{P}(\hat{Y} = 1|Y = 1, A = a) = \mathbb{P}(\hat{Y} = 1|Y = 1, A = a')$
→ Equality of TPR (or equivalently FNR)
- Equalized Odds :
 $\mathbb{P}(\hat{Y} = 1|Y = y, A = a) = \mathbb{P}(\hat{Y} = 1|Y = y, A = a')$
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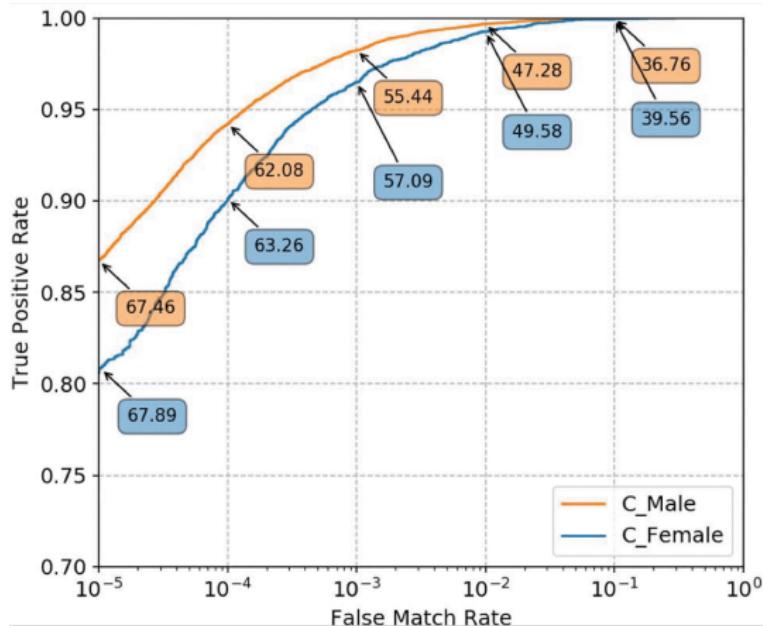


Figure – ROC curves with male/female breakdown (vggface2).

Reference group

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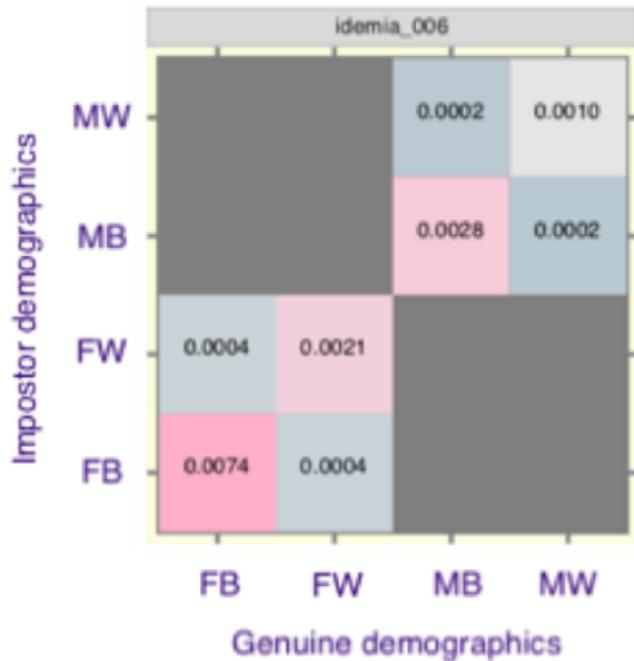


Figure – $\text{FAR}_g @ \text{FAR}_{\text{MW}} = 10^{-3}$ (**nist_report_2020**).

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Other bias metrics

- Difference in accuracy
- $|\Delta \text{TAR}_g @ \text{FAR}=\alpha| = |\text{TAR}_F @ \text{FAR}=\alpha - \text{TAR}_M @ \text{FAR}=\alpha|$
(agenda_gan_gender)
- $\text{MAD}(\text{TAR}) = \mathbb{E}[\text{TAR}_g @ \text{FAR}=\alpha] - \mathbb{E}[\text{TAR}_g @ \text{FAR}=\alpha]$
(comparison_level_race_bias)
- $\frac{\max_g \text{FAR}_g(t)}{\min_g \text{FAR}_g(t)}$
- $\frac{\max_g \text{FRR}_g(t)}{\min_g \text{FRR}_g(t)}$ (**nist_pres_demographics**)
→ 'Fairness - utility' tradeoff

Framework

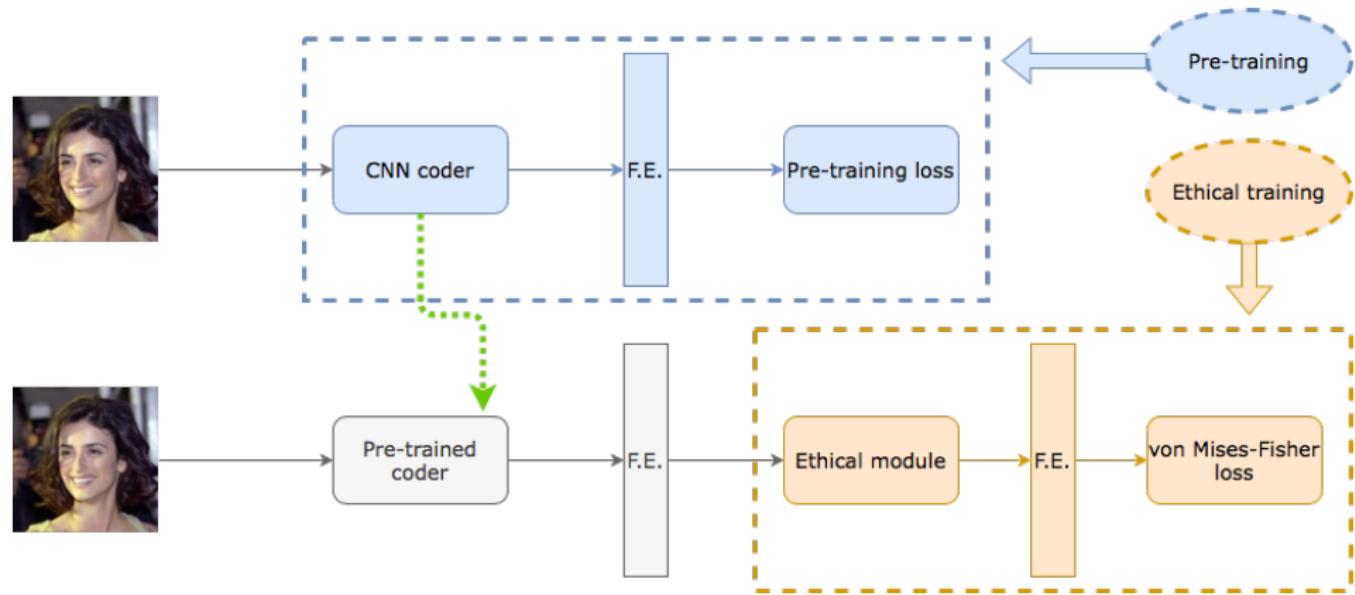


Figure – Proposed approach to reduce gender bias (F.E. = Face Embedding).

Training set of pre-trained model

2M images, 90k labelled identities

Gender statistics :

- Number of images : 60% F, 40% M
- Number of identities : 35% F, 65% M

Genders are determined with a classifier.

Ethical module

Input : feature vectors of dimension 256

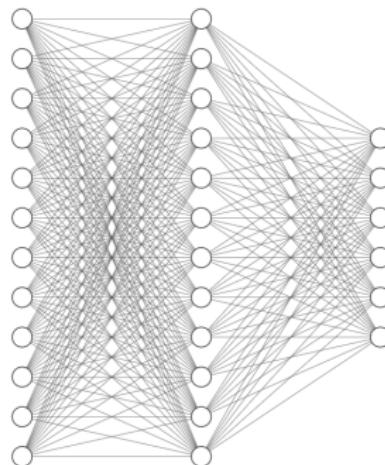


Figure – Toy model MLP : 256 units, 256 units, ReLU activation, d units.

Output : feature vectors $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow$ classified with von Mises-Fisher loss

von Mises-Fisher distribution

Density function : $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\|\mathbf{x}_i\|_2 = 1$

$$V_d(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \kappa) = C_d(\kappa) e^{\kappa} \boldsymbol{\mu}^\top \mathbf{x}_i \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|\boldsymbol{\mu}\|_2 = 1$$

$$= C_d(\kappa) e^{\kappa} \cos(\theta)$$

$$C_d(\kappa) = \frac{\kappa^{\frac{d}{2}-1}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} I_{\frac{d}{2}-1}(\kappa)}$$

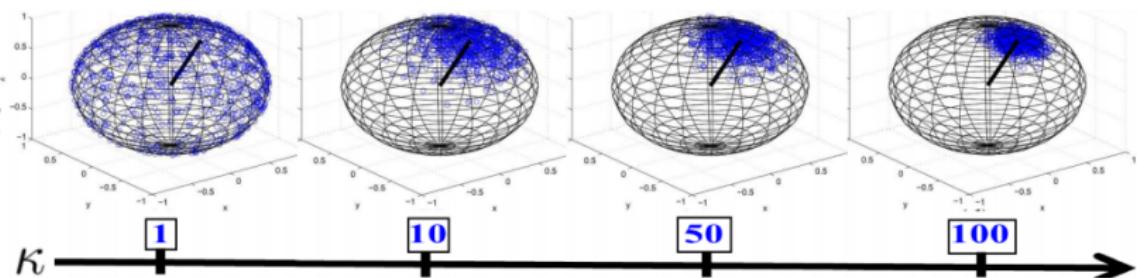
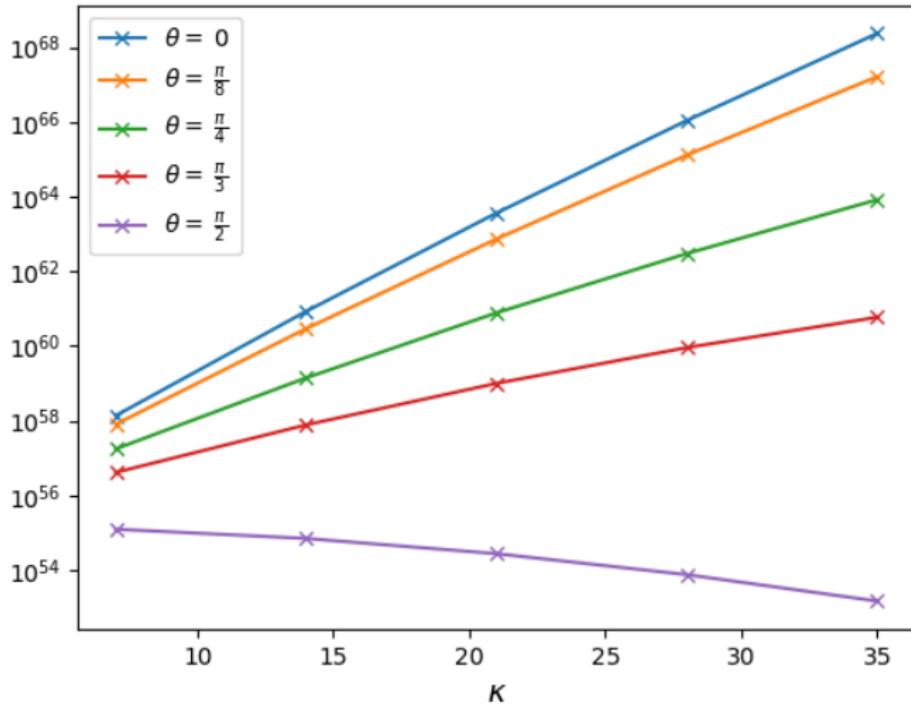


Figure – Samples from vMF distribution, $d = 3$ (vmf).

→ Constrained gaussian

Likelihood of von Mises-Fisher distribution

$$C_d(\kappa) e^{\kappa \cos(\theta)}, \quad d = 128$$



vMF mixture model

Mixture model with C classes : $\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\mu}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\|\mathbf{x}_i\|_2 = \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_j\|_2 = 1$

$$g_d(\mathbf{x}_i | \Theta_C) = \sum_{j=1}^C \pi_j V_d(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \kappa_j) \quad \Theta_C = \{(\pi_j, \boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \kappa_j)\}_{1 \leq j \leq C}$$

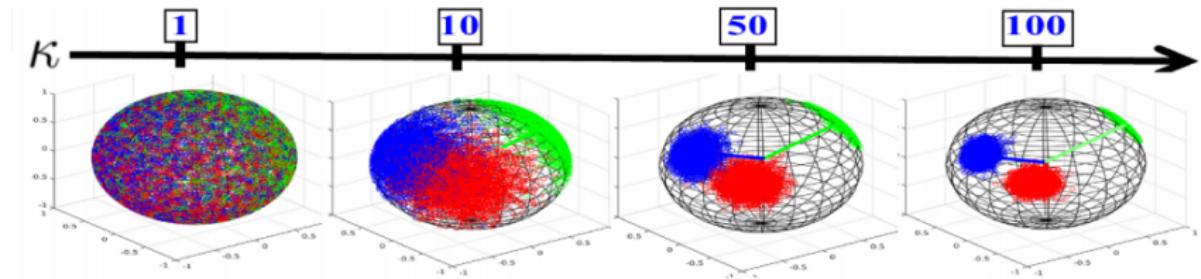


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- Generalization of the modified softmax loss :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{modified}} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \frac{e^\kappa \mu_{y_i}^\top \mathbf{x}_i}{\sum_{k=1}^C e^\kappa \mu_k^\top \mathbf{x}_i}$$

Visualization after training

Training data : $N = 400$ images, $C = 20$ IDs, 50% F, 50% M

All parameters from toy model MLP + $(\{\mu_j\})_{1 \leq j \leq c}$ learned

$$\kappa_j = \kappa \text{ fixed for } j = 1 \dots C, \quad d = 3$$

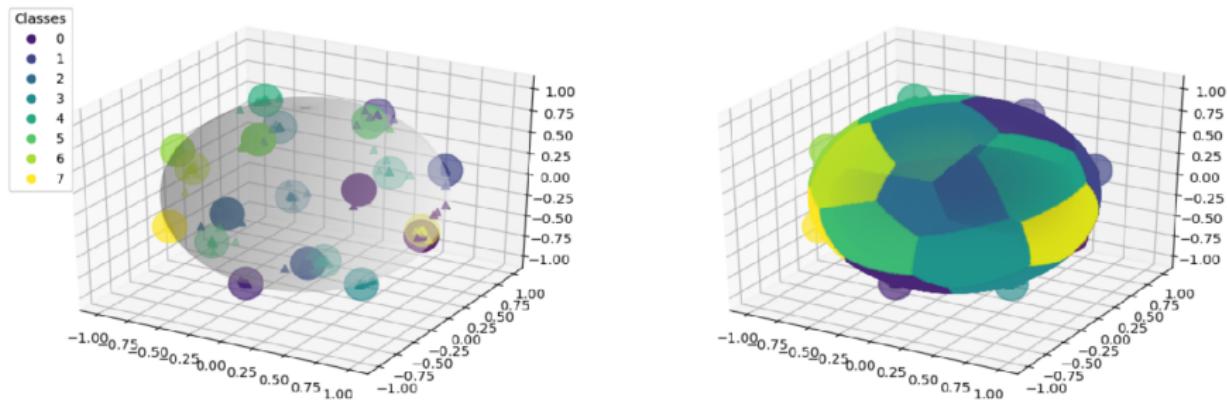


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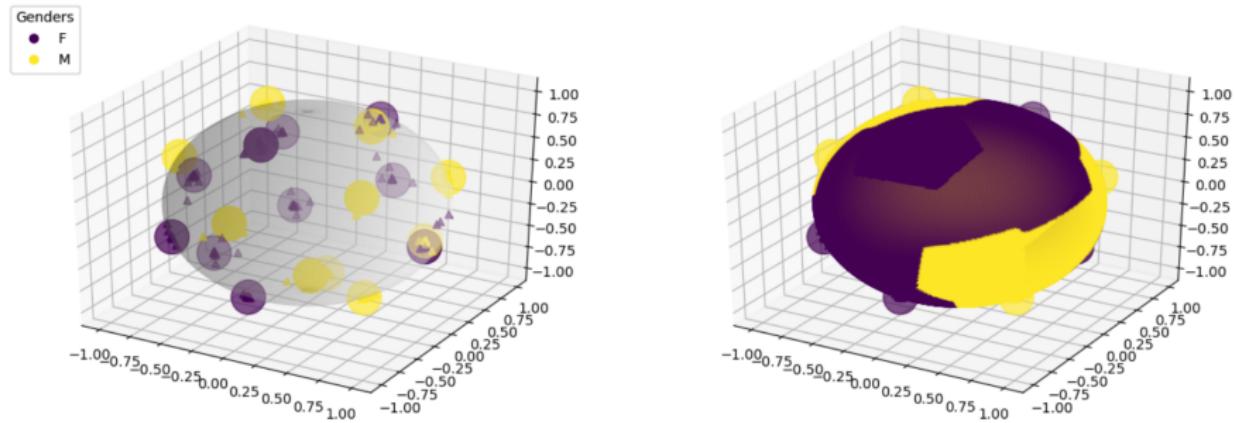


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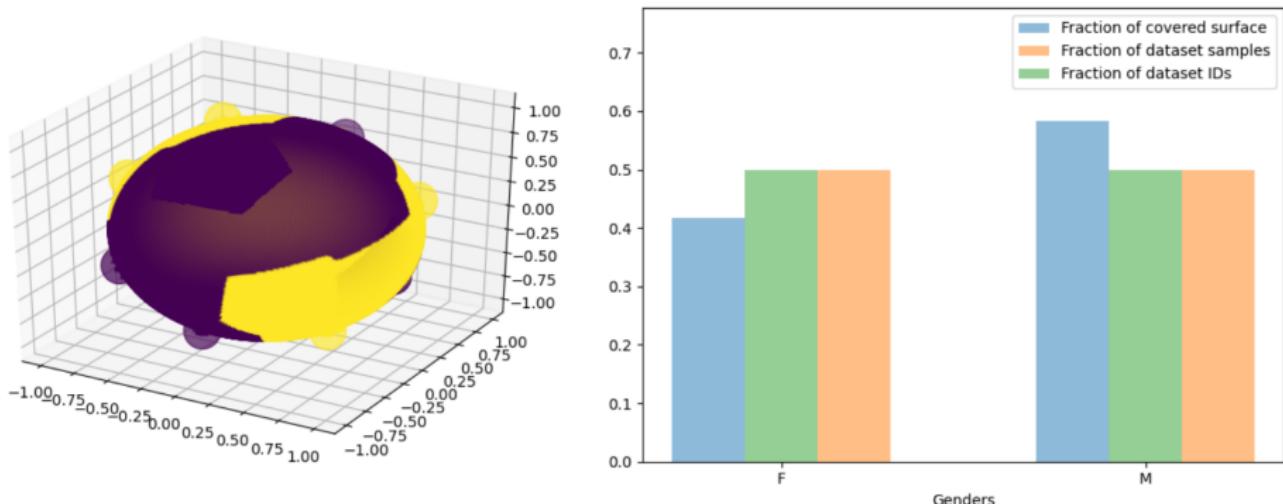


Figure – Hypersphere and covered surface by each gender after a few training epochs.

Data

Datasets	Images	Identities	Images/identity	Gender prop.
Training sets	120k	20k	6	γ
Validation sets	20k	20k	1	γ
Testing set	7k	1k	7	$\gamma_{\text{test}} = 0.5$

Table – Datasets used to train, monitor and test our proposed ethical module. For a given dataset, each identity has exactly the same number of face images.

All parameters from ethical module + $(\{\mu_j\})_{1 \leq j \leq c}$ learned

$$d = 256$$

Performance of trained model

$\gamma = 0.5, \kappa = 10, 100$ epochs

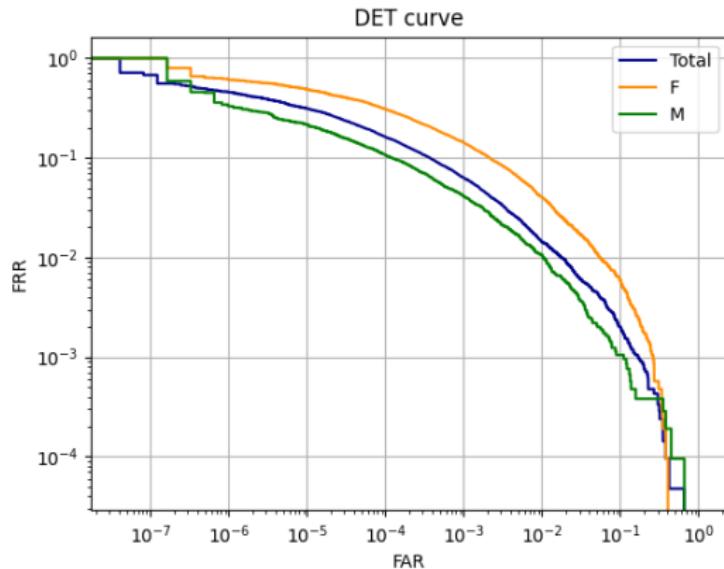


Figure – DET curve of a model trained on gender-balanced training set.

Performance baseline

Baseline = without 'ethical training'

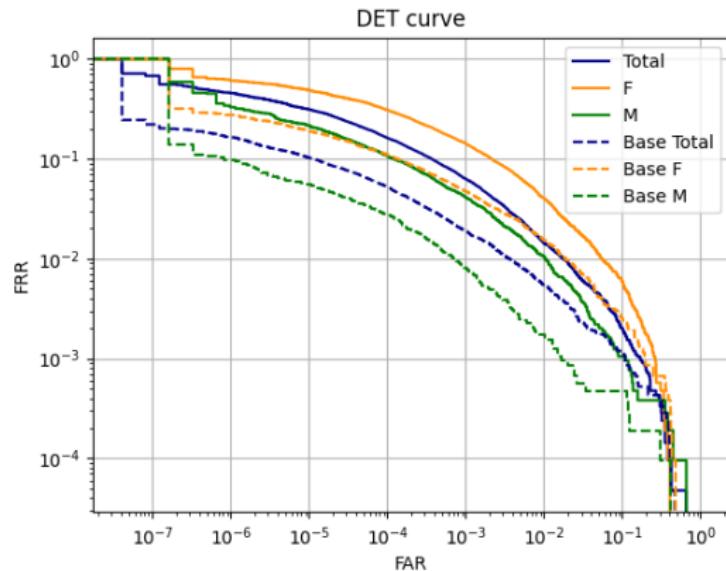


Figure – DET curve of a model trained on gender-balanced training set.

Gender bias from dataset

$\kappa = 10, 100$ epochs

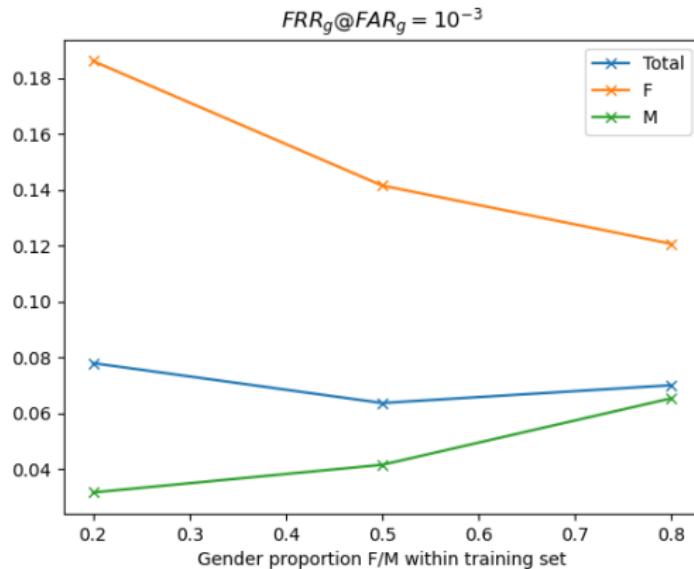


Figure – $FRR_g @ FAR_g = 10^{-3}$ as function of γ , w.r.t. test data.

2 concentration parameters

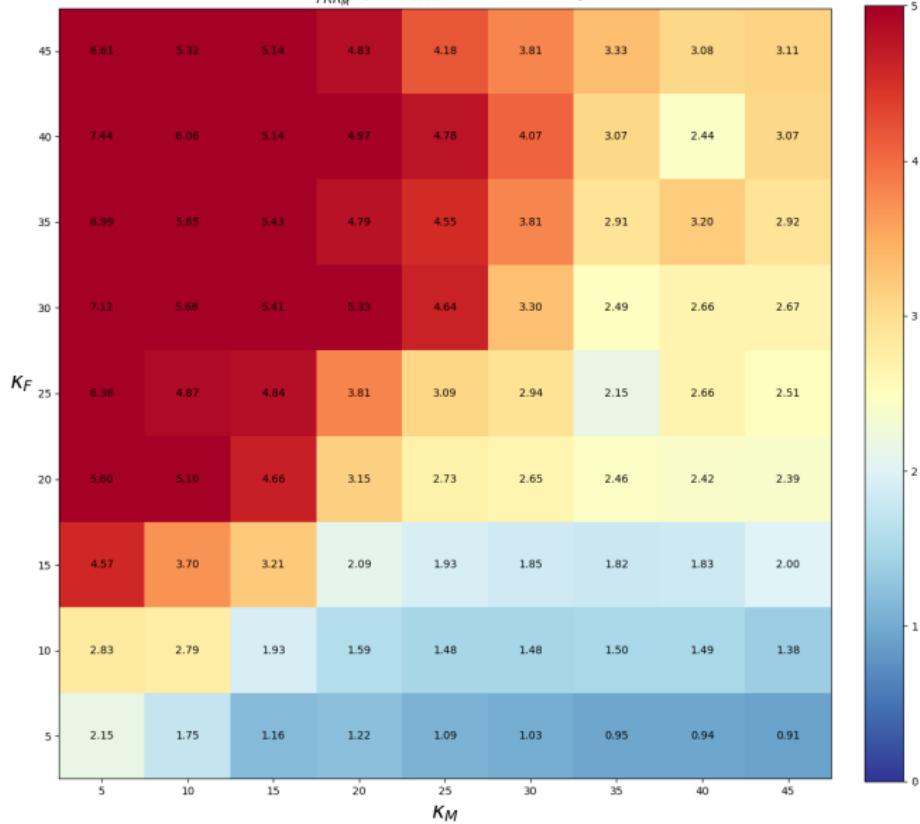
- Gender of k -th identity : $g_k \in \{F, M\}$
- vMF loss for gender bias reduction :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{vMF_gender}}(\Theta_C) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \left[\frac{C_d(\kappa_{g_{y_i}}) e^{\kappa_{g_{y_i}} \mu_{y_i}^\top x_i}}{\sum_{k=1}^C C_d(\kappa_{g_k}) e^{\kappa_{g_k} \mu_k^\top x_i}} \right]$$

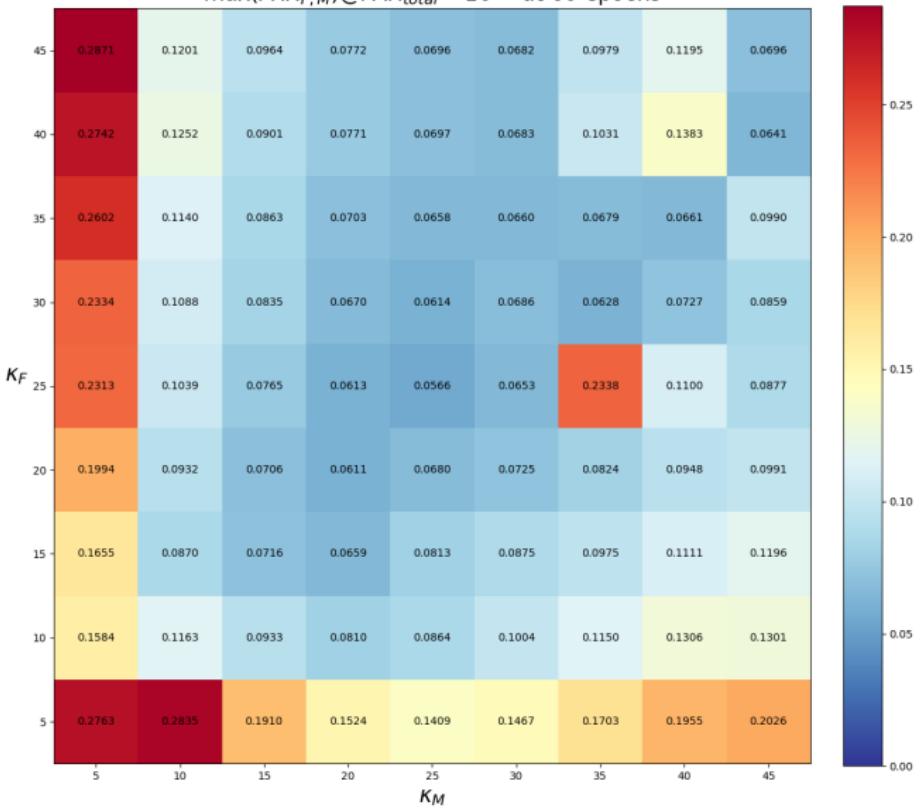
$$\rightarrow \kappa_F, \kappa_M$$

- Biased dataset : $\gamma = 0.2$

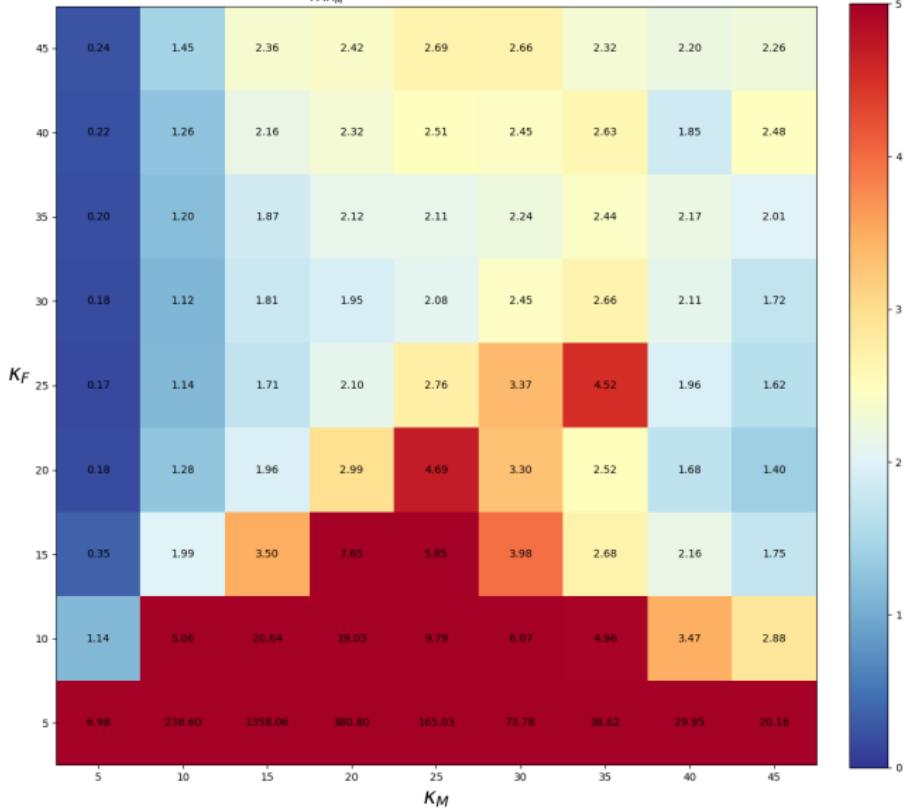
Ratio $\frac{FRR_F}{FRR_M}$ @ $FAR_{total} = 10^{-3}$ at 60 epochs



$\max(FRR_{F, M}) @ FAR_{total} = 10^{-3}$ at 60 epochs



Ratio $\frac{FAR_F}{FAR_M}$ @ $FAR_{total} = 10^{-3}$ at 60 epochs



Conclusion

- Gender bias reduction, in terms of both FAR and FRR, for any pre-trained model
- To reach performance baseline, train with more data (nb of images fixed / ID ?)
- Link between gender bias and proportion of covered surface by each gender on hypersphere ?
- Can be adapted for more than 2 groups.

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$\max(FAR_{F,M}) @ FAR_{total} = 10^{-3}$ at 60 epochs

