



# AI IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Unit 4 – Computer Vision and Face Recognition



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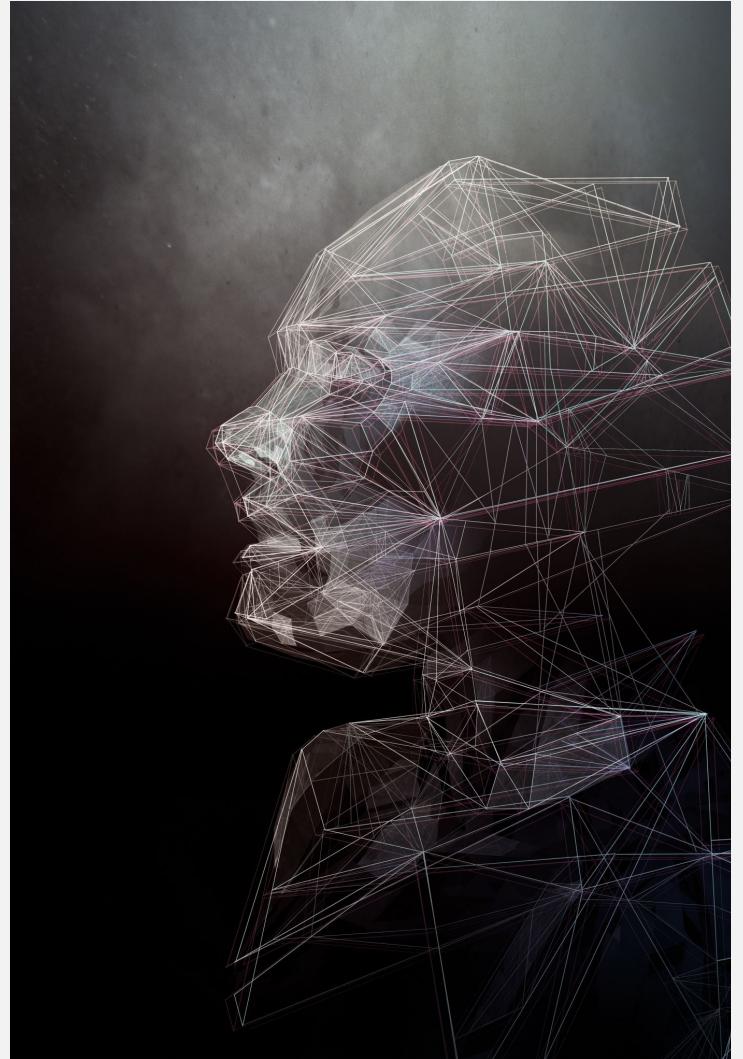


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# OUTLINE

- What is computer vision?
- How does it work?
- Risks and challenges
- Examples from everyday life and research



# COMPUTER VISION

- Machine or computer vision is a scientific field of IT that attempts to algorithmically reproduce the sense of vision using deep learning algorithms.
- To do so CV:
  - Analyses of large volumes of data (digital images, videos) imported from cameras and sensors.
  - Uses machine learning models for processing the images and “understand” what the image depicts, and
  - Uses conditional logic to automate application-specific use cases



## EXAMPLES OF COMPUTER VISION TASKS

**Classification**



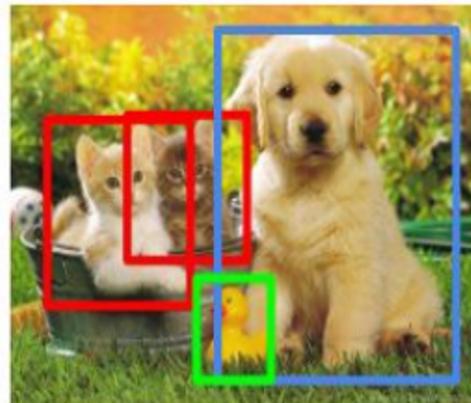
Cat

**Object  
Detection**



Cat

**Image  
Segmentation**



Cat, Cat, Dog,  
Duck

**Image  
Recognition**



Molly, Poppy,  
Fido, Donald



## FIELDS OF APPLICATION

1. **Medical Imaging:** Diagnosis and treatment planning through the analysis of medical images.
2. **Autonomous Vehicles:** Enabling vehicles to perceive and navigate their environment.
3. **Surveillance and Security:** Monitoring and analyzing video feeds for security purposes.
  1. Face ID to access bank accounts
  2. Facial recognition at airports
  3. Identification of criminals
4. **Augmented Reality (AR):** Enhancing real-world views with digital information.
5. **Retail:** Implementing cashier-less checkout and inventory management.
6. **Image tagging:** Convert scanned files to characters (Google Lens)



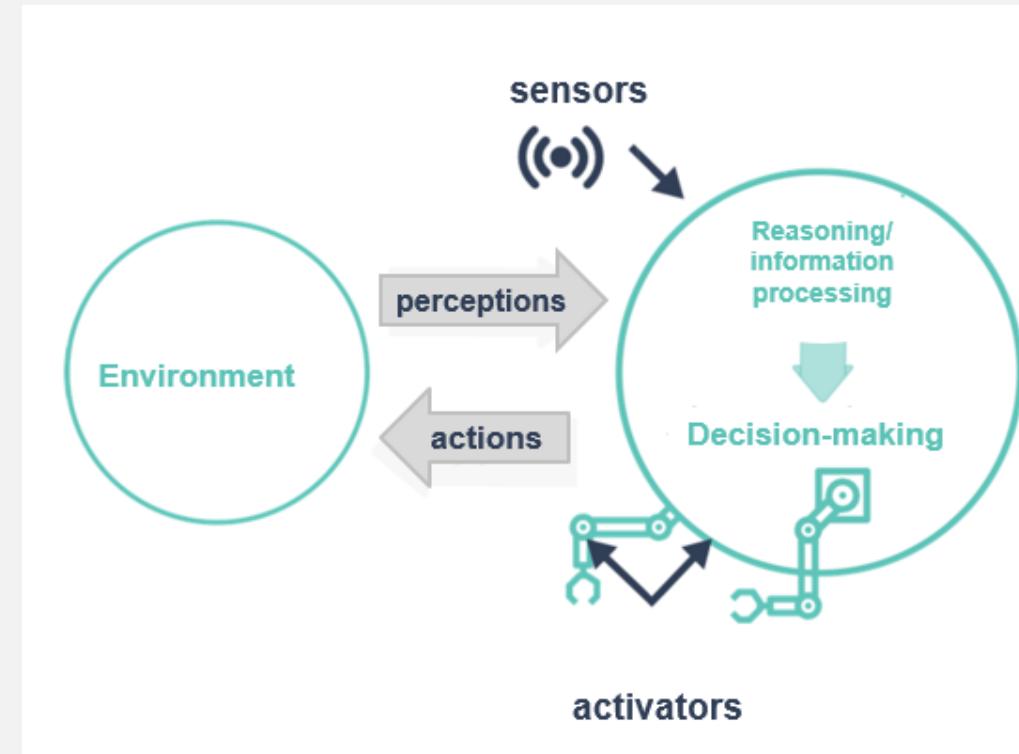


# HOW DOES IT WORK?



# BASIC FUNCTIONS OF AI SYSTEMS

- **Perception** of their environment
- **Interpretation** of data
- **Processing** information gained
- Determine the best **action/decision** in service of their goal



# FACE RECOGNITION STEPS



Face  
Detection



Feature  
Extraction



Face  
Matching

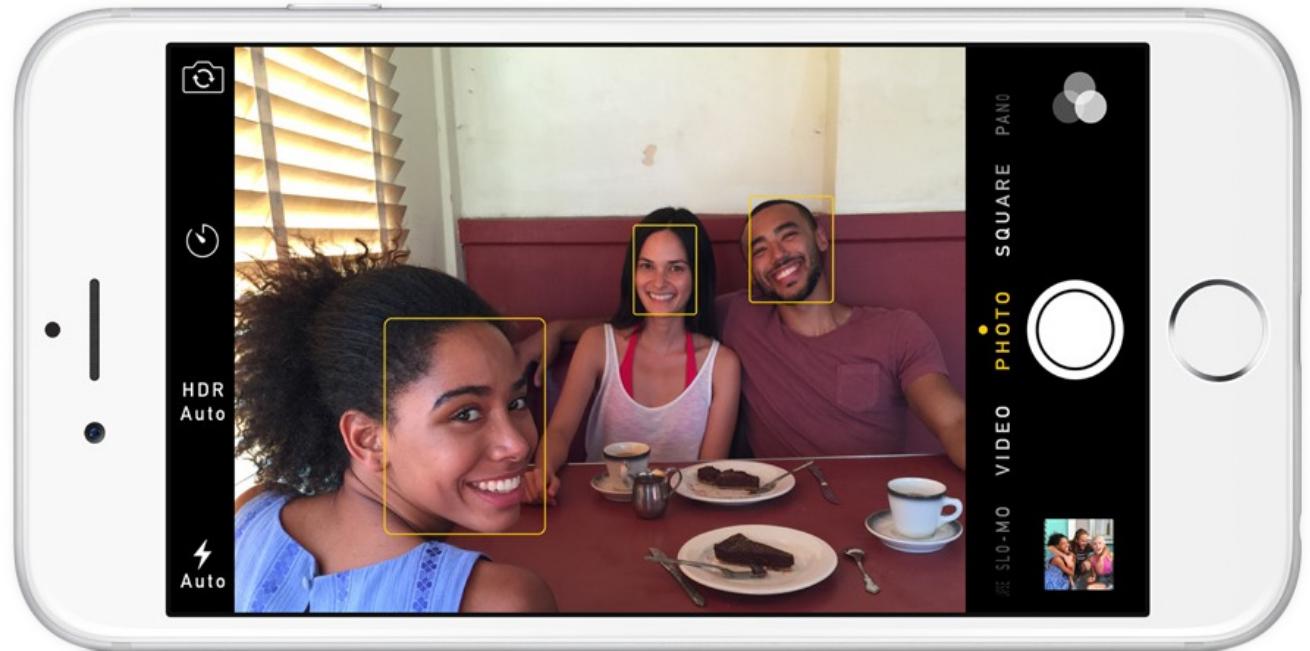


Recognition



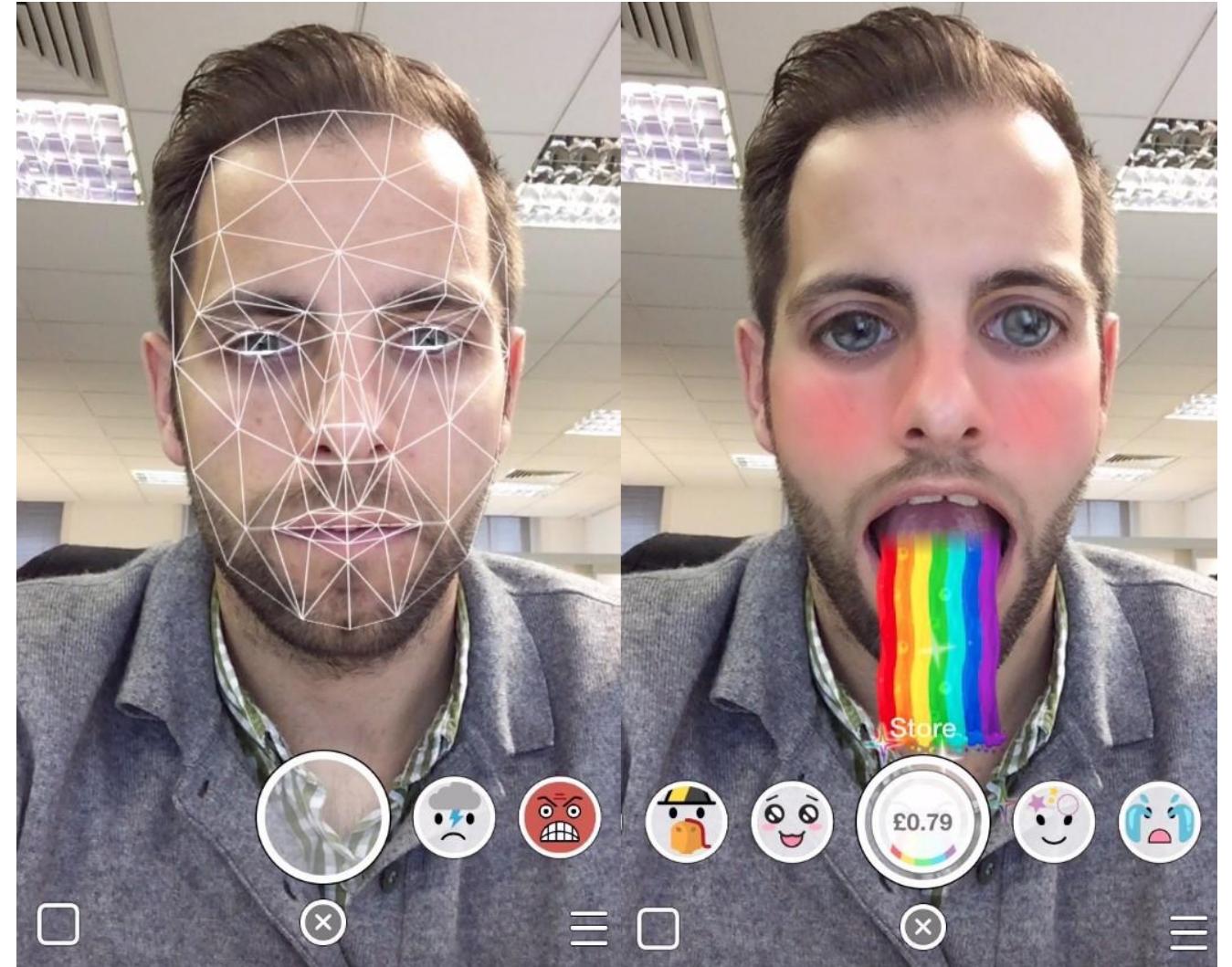
# STEP I FACE DETECTION

The system recognize  
the image



## STEP 2 FEATURE EXTRACION

The system discover  
the patterns



## STEP 3&4 FACE MATCHING AND RECOGNITION

The system associates the image with a tag or other similar images

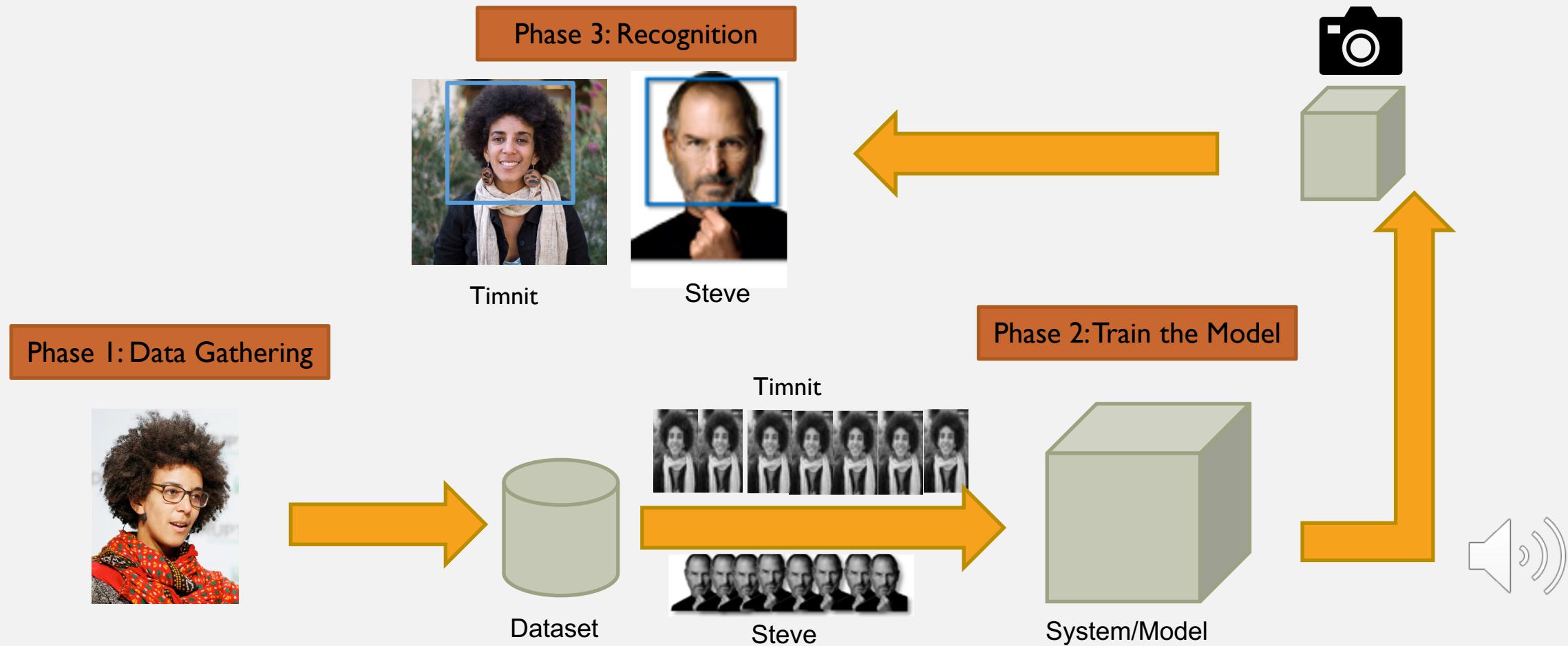


# COMPUTER VISION VS MACHINE LEARNING

- Techniques for programming algorithms to "learn" from past experiences/data.
- Using machine learning methods to train computer vision systems.
  - **Deep Learning**



# HOW IS A FACE RECOGNITION MODEL CREATED?





## POTENTIAL RISK AND CHALLENGES

- 1. Privacy Concerns:** Invasive use of facial recognition in public spaces.
- 2. Consent Issues:** Lack of informed consent for facial recognition usage.
- 3. Security Risks:** Potential misuse, such as unauthorized access to systems or identity theft.
- 4. Accuracy and Bias:** Biases in algorithms leading to inaccurate or discriminatory results.

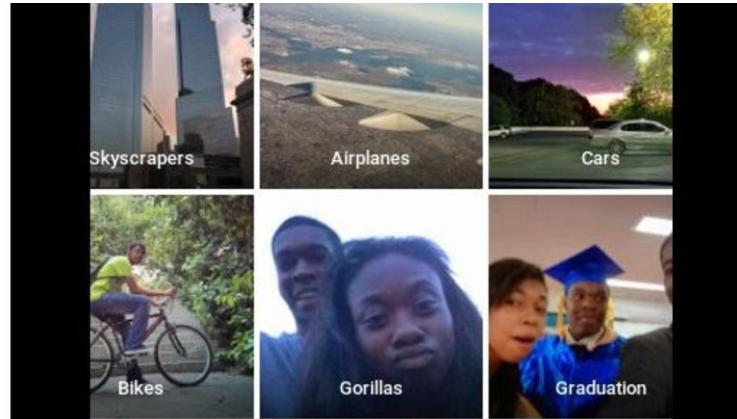


## Google's solution to accidental algorithmic racism: ban gorillas

Google's 'immediate action' over AI labelling of black people as gorillas was simply to block the word, along with chimpanzee and monkey, reports suggest



▲ A silverback high mountain gorilla, which you'll no longer be able to label satisfactorily on Google Photos.  
Photograph: Thomas Mukoya/Reuters



BBC NEWS

diri noir avec banan @jackyalcine · Jun 29  
Google Photos, y'all [REDACTED] My friend's not a gorilla.

# COMPUTER VISION AND BIAS





# FACE PAY – PAYING AT THE METRO STATION (RUSSIA)





# EXAMPLES FROM RESEARCH



# GENDER AND SOCIAL CONTEXT



**Source:** Barlas, P., Kyriakou, K., Guest, O., Kleanthous, S., & Otterbacher, J. (2021). To "See" is to Stereotype: Image Tagging Algorithms, Gender Recognition, and the Accuracy Fairness Trade-off. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 4(CSCW3), 1-31. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3432931>





## CONTEXT AFFECT TAGS

Image tagging tools identified more male/female features (tags) in images where the background reflected a stereotypically female/male social context.



- hair
- face
- t-shirt
- handsome
- ...



- car
- face
- **man**
- shop
- ...





## TAGS CHANGE MORE FOR SOME SOCIAL GROUPS

Descriptions of images depicting specific groups - **women, Black, Asian** - changed more than others.



- hair
- face
- man
- handsome
- ...



- hair
- face
- man **shop**
- handsome
- ...



- hair
- face
- man
- eyes
- ...

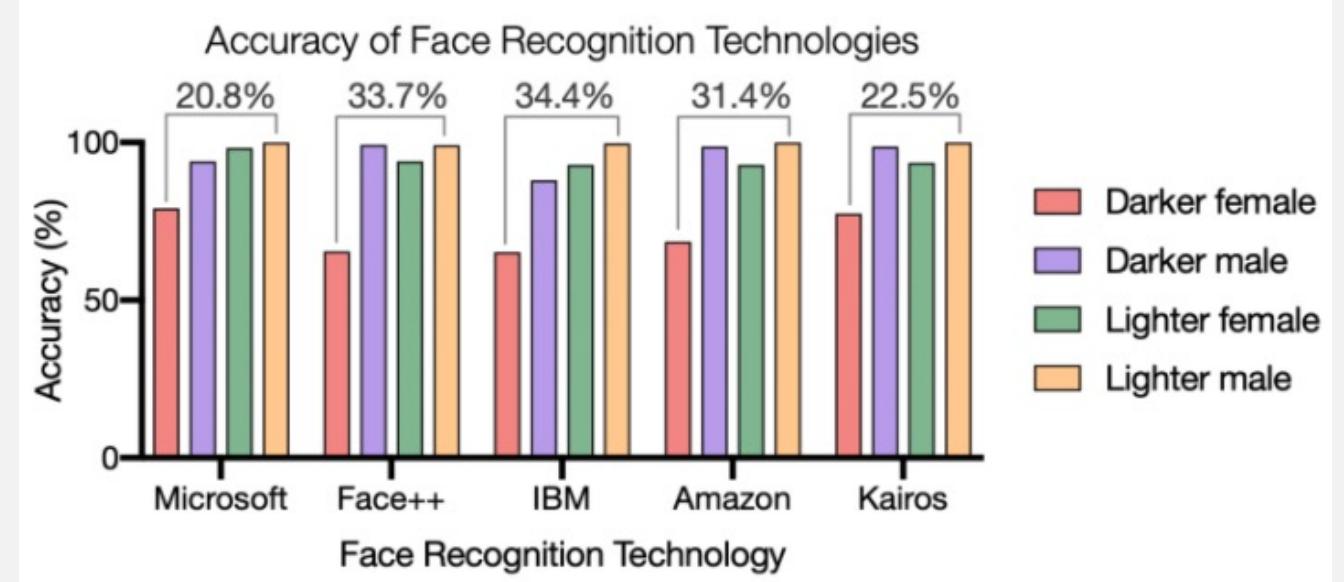


- hair **clothing**
- face **smile**
- man **shop**
- eyes
- ...



# COMPUTER VISION AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

- In recent years various researches have shown that the leading facial recognition algorithms have different accuracy rates for different demographic groups.



Source: <https://sitn.hms.harvard.edu/flash/2020/racial-discrimination-in-face-recognition-technology/>



# TAGS ARE RELATED TO ATTRACTIVENESS



Black Woman, 29.8 years

Attractive: 5.08

Babyface: 1.76

Feminine: 5.63

Masculine: 1.52

Nose length: 250

Nose width: 268

Lip thickness: 162

Clarifai: woman, Afro, dread-lock, cute

Microsoft: hairpiece, clothing, wear, smile

Watson: person, woman, female

Imagga: afro, attractive, pretty, model

Latino Man, 35.5 years

Attractive: 1.54

Babyface: 2.21

Feminine: 1.17

Masculine: 4.71

Nose length: 182

Nose width: 230

Lip thickness: 104

Clarifai: man, casual, cool, friendly

Microsoft: person, necktie, wearing, shirt

Watson: stubble, coonskin cap, afro hair style

Imagga: man, face, male, person, creation

White Woman, 24.9 years

Attractive: 3.11

Babyface: 1.99

Feminine: 3.86

Masculine: 3.01

Nose length: 251

Nose width: 188

Lip thickness: 65

Clarifai: face, man, casual, eye

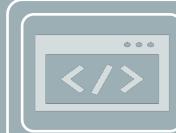
Microsoft: man, looking, shirt, wearing

Watson: person, pompadour hairstyle, skin

Imagga: person, face, man, male, handsome



## LINKS AND CONTACTS



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