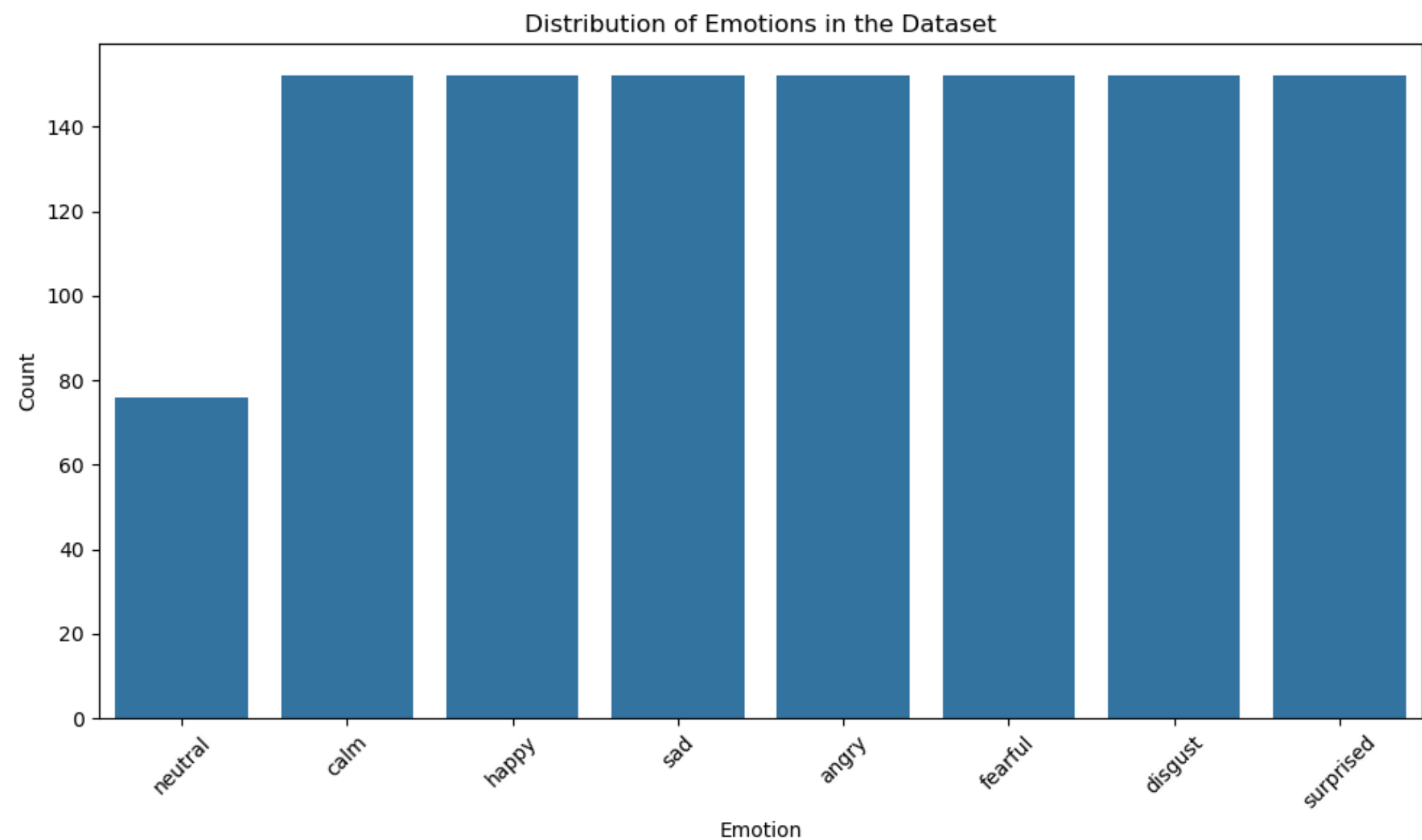


Objective and Dataset

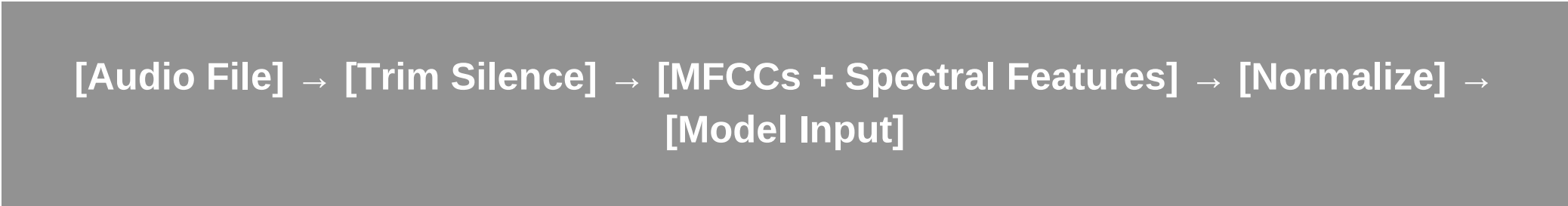
- **Objective:** Recognize emotions from speech audio files by analyzing vocal characteristics and patterns.
- **Dataset:** Dataset (Actor folders, ~19 speakers, 8 emotions)

Attributes	Details
Samples	1140 - audio files
Emotions	8 classes (neutral, happy, sad, angry, fearful, disgust, surprised, calm)
Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 MFCCs + $\Delta/\Delta\Delta$• Spectral descriptors (chroma, ZCR, contrast)• Time-domain features
Class Balance	Upsampled minority classes ("neutral")

Emotion Distribution Bar Chart



Feature Extraction FlowChart



Features & Processing

Final Features

- MFCCs
- MFCC-Delta
- MFCC-Delta-Delta
- Spectral Contrast
- Spectral Centroid
- Spectral Bandwidth
- Spectral Rolloff
- ZCR
- Chroma

Features Preprocessing

- Librosa-based pipeline (trim silence, pre-emphasis, 22.05kHz sample rate)
- **Normalization:** StandardScaler per feature dimension

Code snippet highlight

```
mfcc = librosa.feature.mfcc(y=y, sr=sr, n_mfcc=20)
```

```
features = np.concatenate([mfcc, chroma, spectral_contrast], axis=0)
```

Data Balancing

```
Checking training data balance...
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Class 0: 110.0 samples
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Class 1: 109.0 samples
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Class 2: 109.0 samples
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Class 3: 110.0 samples
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Class 4: 110.0 samples
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Class 5: 55.0 samples
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Class 6: 110.0 samples
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Class 7: 110.0 samples
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```
WARNING: Dataset is imbalanced. Consider resampling or stronger class weights.
```

```
Upsampling all classes to 110 samples
```

```
Balanced dataset shape: (880, 83, 64, 1), (880, 8)
```

```
After balancing:
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Class 0: 110.0 samples
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Class 7: 110.0 samples
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Model: "functional"
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CNN Model Architecture

1. Input Layer

- Shape: 82 (MFCCs + spectral features) × 64 (time steps) × 1 (channel)
- Purpose: Accepts processed audio features as 2D spectrogram-like input.

2. Convolution(Conv2D) Layers:-

- First Conv Layers (32 filters):
 - Scans the "sound picture" with 3×3 magnifying glasses to find small patterns (e.g., sudden pitch changes).
 - Each filter learns to detect different features (like angry shouts vs. calm hums).
- Deeper Conv Layers (64/128 filters):
 - Combine small patterns into bigger ones (e.g., a rising-then-falling tone = surprise).

3. Batch Normalization (BN)

- Keeps volume consistent across all audio clips (like auto-adjusting microphone levels).
- Prevents one loud emotion (e.g., angry) from drowning out others.

4. ReLU Activation

- Turns negative values to zero ("mutes" irrelevant noise).
- Keeps only the noticeable features (e.g., keeps loud spikes, removes background hiss).

5. Max Pooling

- Shrinks the "sound picture" by keeping only the loudest/most noticeable parts every 2×2 area.
- Makes the model focus on important features (like a highlight reel).

6.Dropout

- Randomly ignores 20-40% of detected features during training.
- Prevents over-reliance on any single clue (e.g., not just using "loudness" to detect anger).

7.Residual(Skip) Connection

- Provides a shortcut for the original sound features to bypass some layers.
- Ensures the model doesn't "forget" basic info (like whether the speaker is male/female).

8.Global Average Pooling

- Averages all features into one summary number per pattern.
- Simpler and less prone to errors than flattening.

9.Dense(Fully Connected)Layers

- First Dense (256 neurons):
 - Combines all detected patterns ("high pitch + fast tempo + shaky voice = fear").
- Second Dense (128 neurons):
 - Refines the decision with fewer but more precise connections.

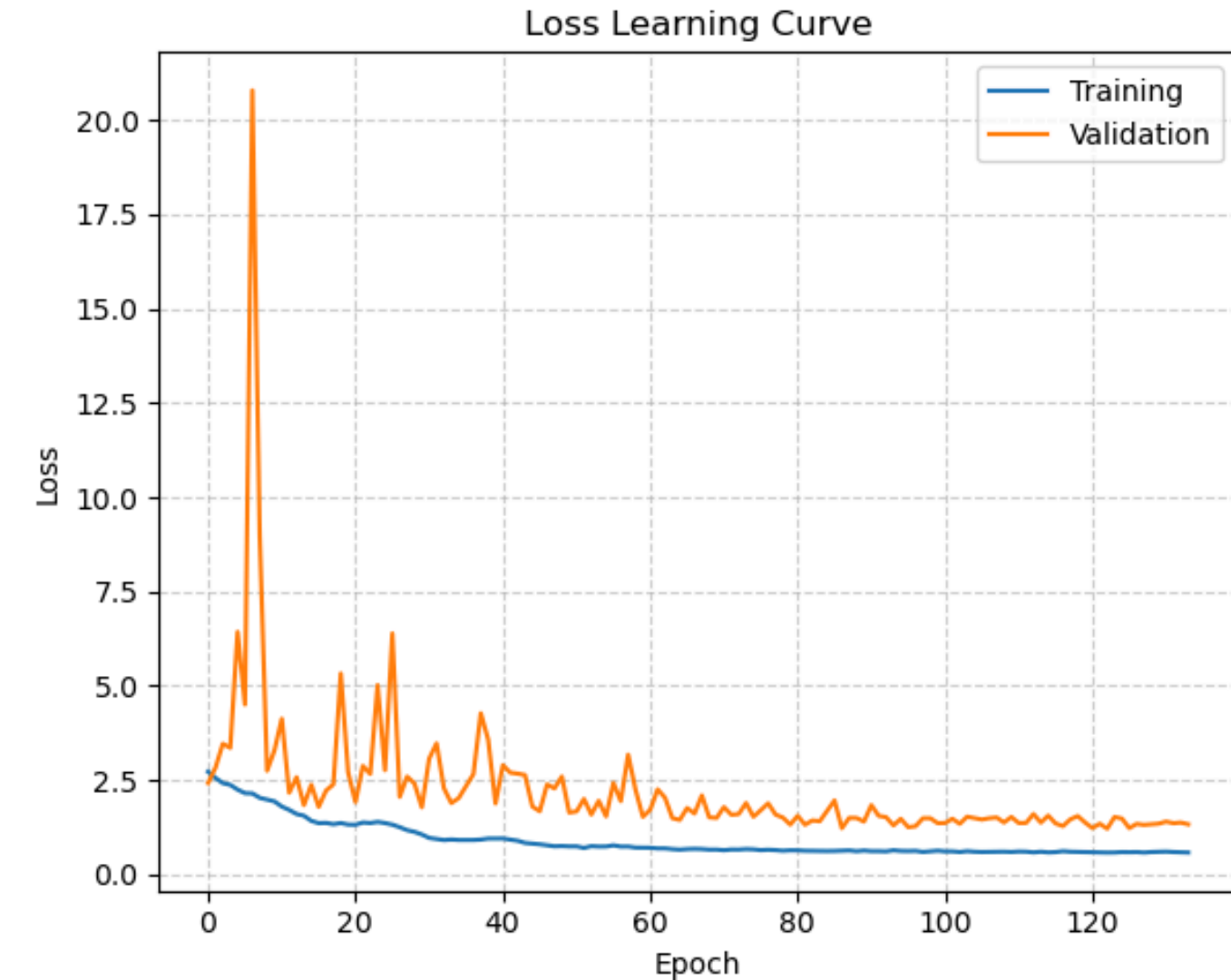
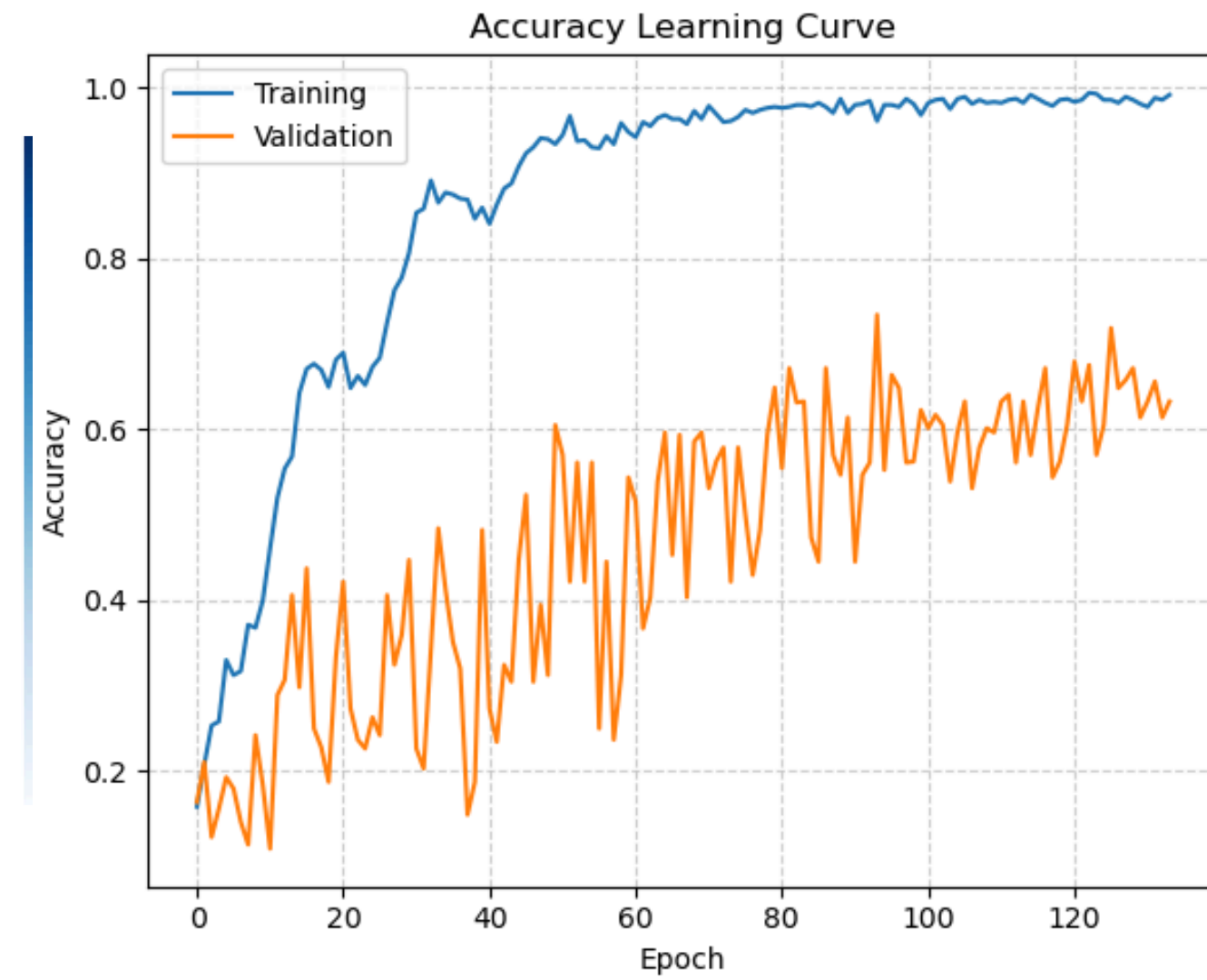
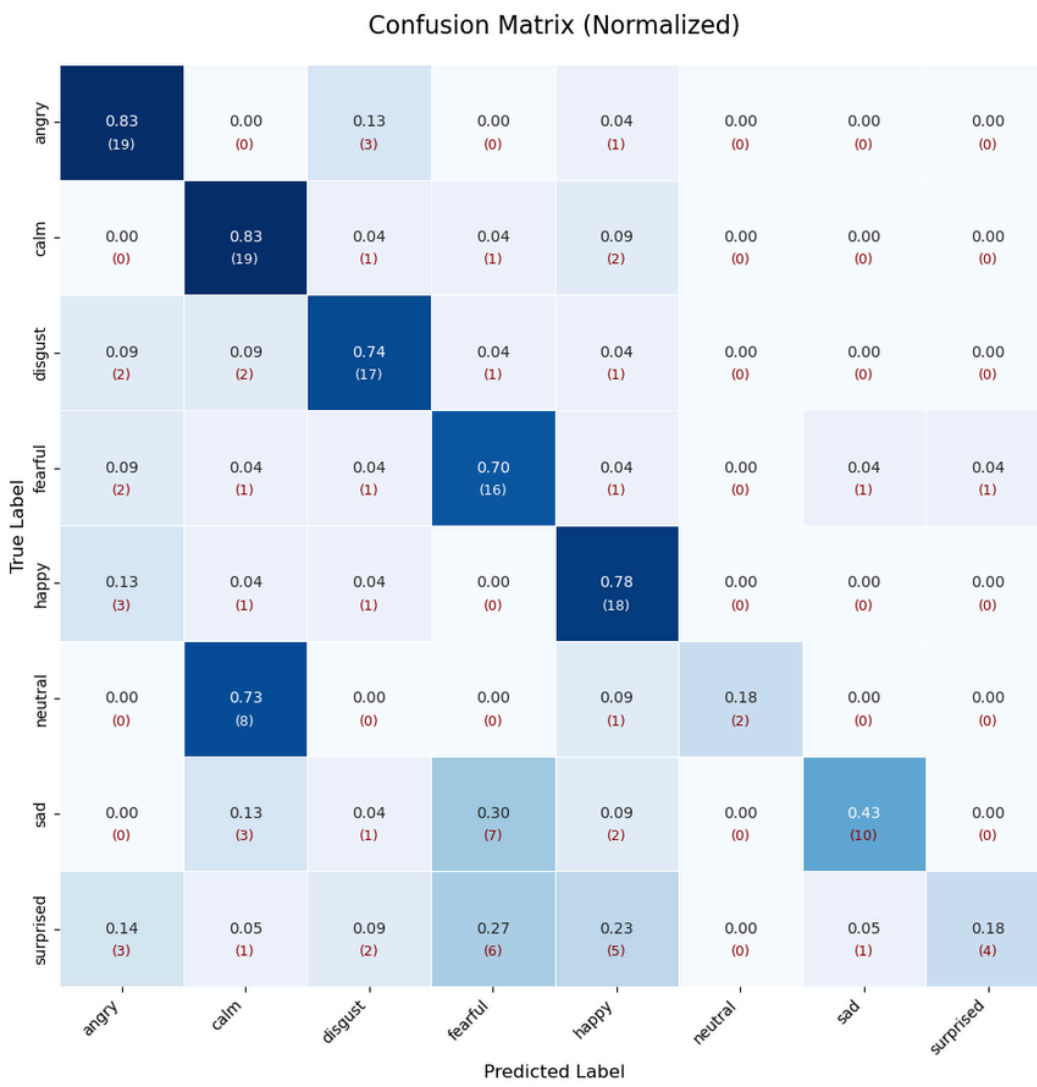
10.Softmax Output

- Converts scores into probabilities (e.g., 85% angry, 10% happy, 5% neutral).
- Ensures all probabilities add up to 100%.

Why This Works for Emotions?

1. **Early Layers:** Detect sound ingredients (pitch, tone).
2. **Middle Layers:** Recognize combinations (shouting = anger, trembling = fear).
3. **Final Layers:** Weigh all clues to pick the dominant emotion.

Performance



The validation accuracy of our model is 71.88%