



Unmasking Deepfakes: How a Custom CNN Exposes AI-Generated Faces

Presented by Edric Ma

DEVELOPING CRISIS...

- Rise of AI generated media
- Deep fake images
- Implications of such technology
- What are ways we can combat this issue?

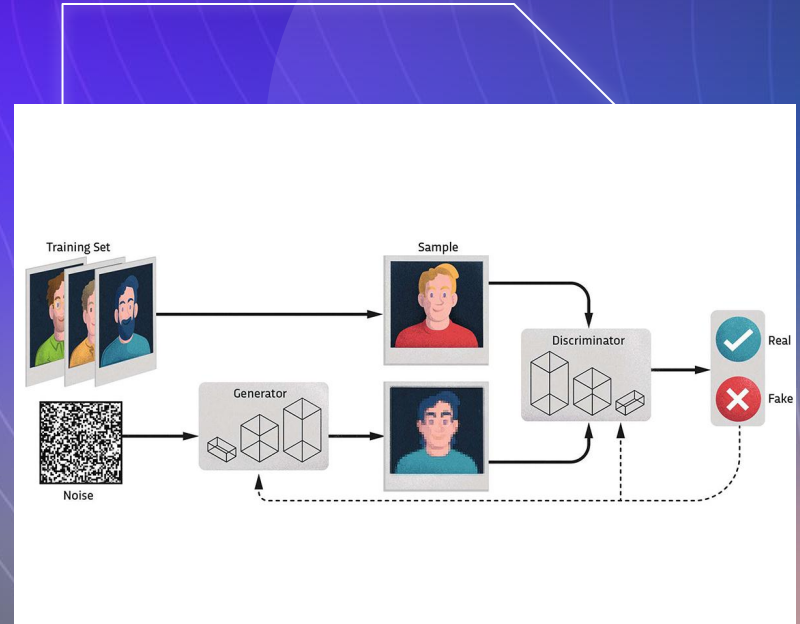


Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

GANs are a class of machine learning models that generate realistic synthetic data (e.g., images, audio) by pitting two neural networks against each other.

• • • • •

Generator vs. Discriminator





Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

A CNN is a machine learning model that analyzes images by detecting patterns like edges and shapes in small sections, then combines them to recognize objects or features.





Technology Limitations

My specifications and applications:

- 2022 Macbook Air (Apple M2 Chip)
- 8GB Memory
- Google Colab (CPU Only)

THE DATASET

70,000 real face images

70,000 fake face images

Real and Fake Face Samples



TESTING ON SUBSETS



.....

01

EfficientNetB0

50M to achieve 50%
validation accuracy

02

EfficientNetB5

8H15M to achieve 54%
validation accuracy

03

Custom CNN

1H45M to achieve 79%
validation accuracy

CUSTOM CNN

3 convolutional layers

Filter Numbers
(32→64→128)

3x3 Kernel Size

Max pooling layer
Batch normalization



Dense layer

256 units

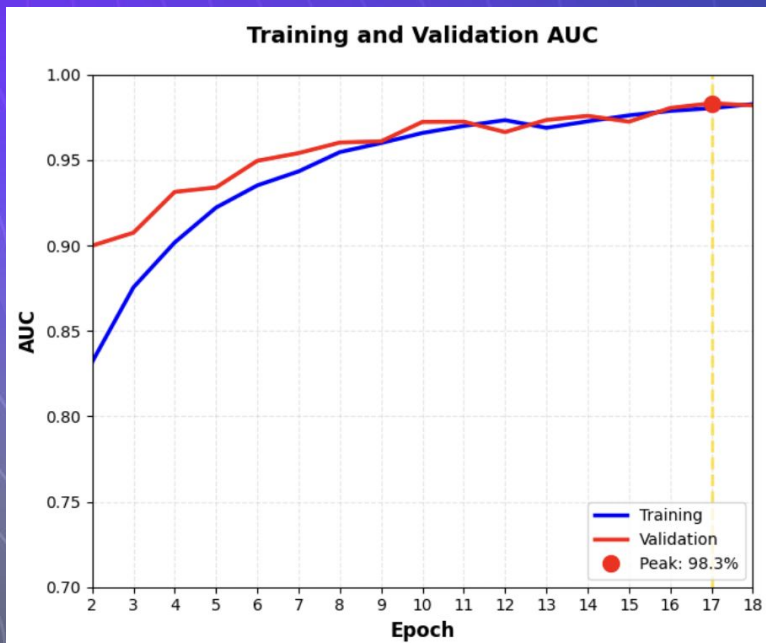
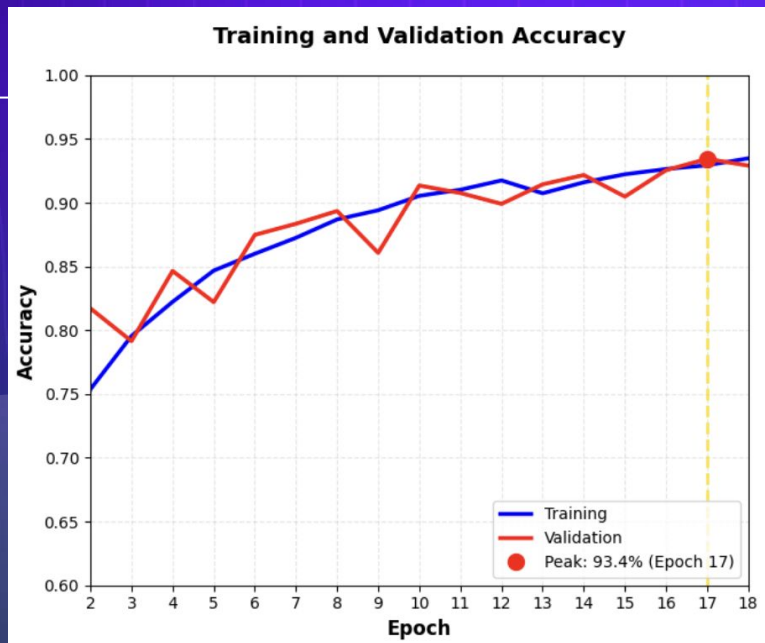


Dropout layer

50%



TRAINING RESULTS



93.1% TEST ACCURACY

Pending Product

UPLOAD

• • • • •

✓ Model loaded successfully!

Choose Files

No file chosen

Cancel upload

Upload a JPEG file
for the model to
classify whether it is
real or fake

RESULT: FAKE

• • • • •

Uploaded Image:



Prediction: FAKE (Confidence: 0.25%)

RESULT: REAL

• • • • •

Uploaded Image:



Prediction: REAL (Confidence: 100.00%)

How Confidence Scores Work:

The model outputs a value between 0 (100% fake) and 1 (100% real)



**THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING!**



External Resources

Media:

- <https://www.sciencefocus.com/future-technology/how-do-machine-learning-gans-work>
- <https://slidesgo.com/theme/korean-ai-agency-pitch-deck#search-ai&position-11&results-1421&rs=search>
- <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/xhlulu/140k-real-and-fake-faces/data>

Additional Research:

- <https://aws.amazon.com/what-is/gan/>
- <https://www.ibm.com/think/topics/convolutional-neural-networks>