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**ABSTRACT**

The Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) project aims to develop an intelligent system capable of recognizing human emotions from speech signals. Emotion recognition from speech plays a crucial role in various applications such as human-computer interaction, sentiment analysis and psychological research.

In this project, we leverage machine learning techniques and signal processing methods to analyse speech signals and extract features that capture the emotional content of the speech. The project involves several key steps, including data collection, preprocessing, feature extraction, model training and evaluation.

Utilizing techniques such as Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs), low-pass filtering, and employing machine learning models like Support Vector Machines (SVM), alongside deep learning architectures such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, facilitates emotion classification. The system's objective is to accurately classify emotions such as happiness, sadness, anger, and neutral states from speech signals.

Moreover, the inclusion of a user-friendly interface enhances accessibility and usability, enabling seamless interaction with the system. Through experimentation and rigorous evaluation, the efficacy of the proposed approach in recognizing emotions from speech is demonstrated.

The SER project holds immense potential to contribute to various domains, including human-computer interaction, mental health assessment, and affective computing, thereby augmenting our comprehension and interaction with human emotions.

1. **INTRODUCTION**
   1. **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) project endeavors to develop a sophisticated system capable of accurately detecting and categorizing emotions conveyed through human speech captured in audio recordings. With applications spanning diverse domains such as human-computer interaction, customer service and healthcare, emotion recognition holds significant promise. By integrating machine learning algorithms and advanced signal processing techniques, this project meticulously extracts relevant features from speech signals. These features serve as inputs to train robust models, enabling precise classification of emotions with a high degree of accuracy. With the addition of a user-friendly interface, the system becomes accessible to a wider audience, facilitating seamless interaction and utilization across various contexts. Ultimately, by accurately discerning emotional nuances within spoken language, the system aims to provide invaluable insights, enhance user experiences, and foster improved communication dynamics.

* 1. **PROJECT PLAN**

Our project aims to develop an advanced system for emotion recognition in human speech using machine learning techniques. Similar to human perception of emotions through voice, we are training computers to achieve this capability. Initially, we collect speech recordings and apply noise reduction techniques to ensure clear data. Subsequently, we employ sophisticated algorithms to analyse various aspects of the recordings, such as speech rate and tone, to extract emotional cues. Leveraging this information, our system learns to classify different emotions, including happiness, sadness and neutral. We utilize a range of techniques to train the system effectively. Following training, rigorous testing is conducted to evaluate the system's ability to accurately identify emotions in new recordings. Ultimately, our objective is to enhance the computer's proficiency in understanding emotions in speech, which holds significant potential for applications such as improving the empathetic capabilities of virtual assistants and assisting therapists in better understanding their clients.

**1.3 ABOUT THE ORGANISATION**

Pondicherry University, also known as PU, is a central research university located in Kalapet, Pondicherry in Union Territory of Puducherry, India. It was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The Vice President of India is the Chancellor along with the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry acting as the Chief Rector and the President of India is the Visitor of the university. The university is a collegiate university with its jurisdiction spread over the Union Territory of Puducherry located in TamilNadu (Pondicherry and Karaikal), Kerala (Mahe) and Andhra Pradesh (Yanam) and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The vast jurisdiction over three Union Territories namely gives the university a national character.

1. **PROBLEM DEFINITION & FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS**

**2.1 PROBLEM DEFINITION**

The problem we aim to address is the accurate recognition of emotions conveyed through human speech. Emotions play a crucial role in communication and being able to detect them accurately can enhance various applications, including virtual assistants, customer service systems and mental health monitoring tools. However, recognizing emotions solely based on audio data poses significant challenges due to the complexity and variability of human speech.

**2.2 EXISTING SYSTEM**

Currently, emotion recognition systems primarily rely on manual analysis or basic rule-based approaches, which often lack accuracy and scalability. These systems struggle to capture subtle nuances in speech that convey different emotions. Additionally, they may require extensive human intervention for training and customization, limiting their practicality and efficiency.

**2.3 PROPOSED SYSTEM**

Our system automates speech emotion recognition using Python and machine learning techniques. It begins by preprocessing audio data to remove noise and extract features like MFCCs. These features are then scaled and used to train SVM, LSTM and CNN classifiers for emotion classification. Evaluation metrics and confusion matrices are generated to assess classifier performance. The system aims to provide accurate emotion detection in real-time, with potential applications in human-computer interaction and mental health monitoring.

**MFCC**

MFCC is a feature extraction technique widely used in speech and audio processing. MFCCs are used to represent the spectral characteristics of sound in a way that is well-suited for various machine learning tasks, such as speech recognition and music analysis.

In simpler terms, MFCCs are a set of coefficients that capture the shape of the power spectrum of a sound signal.

In our speech emotion recognition system, we employ three different classifiers: Support Vector Machine (SVM), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), and Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). Each classifier utilizes different techniques for emotion classification and has its own strengths and weaknesses.

1. **Support Vector Machine (SVM):**
   * SVM is a supervised learning model that analyzes data for classification and regression analysis.
   * It works by finding the hyperplane that best separates different classes in the feature space.
   * SVM is effective in high-dimensional spaces and is robust against overfitting.
   * However, it may not perform well with large datasets and complex nonlinear relationships between features.
2. **Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM):**
   * LSTM is a type of recurrent neural network (RNN) architecture designed to model sequential data.
   * It is well-suited for analyzing time-series data and has memory cells that can maintain information over time steps.
   * LSTM is effective in capturing long-term dependencies in sequential data, making it suitable for analyzing audio signals.
   * However, training LSTM models can be computationally expensive and requires careful tuning of hyperparameters.
3. **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN):**
   * CNN is a deep learning model commonly used for image recognition tasks.
   * It consists of convolutional layers that extract spatial features from input data.
   * CNN can be adapted for analysing one-dimensional data like audio signals by treating them as spectrograms or time-frequency representations.
   * While CNN is efficient in learning hierarchical representations from data, it may require larger datasets for training and can be sensitive to variations in input data.

**GRADIO**

Gradio is used as a user interface framework for creating an interactive web-based interface for the Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) system. Gradio simplifies the process of building and deploying machine learning models by providing a high-level interface that allows developers to create user-friendly interfaces with minimal code.

Here's how Gradio is utilized:

1. Interface Creation: Gradio is used to create a user interface that allows users to upload an audio file for emotion recognition.
2. Input Handling: Gradio handles the input of the audio file uploaded by the user.
3. Output Display: Gradio displays the predicted emotion as the output of the SER system.
4. Launching the Interface: Gradio's launch() function is used to start the web-based interface, making it accessible to users via a web browser.

**2.4 FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**2.4.1 TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY**

From a technical standpoint, our project is feasible as it leverages well-established machine learning frameworks and libraries such as TensorFlow, Keras and scikit-learn. These tools provide comprehensive support for building, training, and evaluating complex models for emotion recognition. Additionally, the availability of open-source datasets and pre-trained models further enhances the technical feasibility of our project.

**2.4.2 OPERATIONAL FEASIBILITY**

Operationally, our system can be integrated into various applications and platforms with ease. Once trained, the emotion recognition model can be deployed as a standalone service or integrated into existing systems through APIs. The system's user-friendly interface allows for seamless interaction, making it accessible to both developers and end-users.

**2.4.3 ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY**

Economically, our project offers significant potential for cost savings and efficiency improvements in various domains. By automating the process of emotion recognition, organizations can reduce the need for manual analysis and intervention, leading to lower operational costs and increased productivity. Additionally, the scalability of our system allows for widespread adoption across different industries, further enhancing its economic feasibility.

**3. SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATION**

**3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Processor (CPU)**
   * Dual-core processor or higher.
   * Recommended: Intel Core i5 or Ryzen 5.
2. **Memory (RAM)**
   * Minimum: 4 GB RAM.
   * Recommended: 8 GB RAM or higher for better performance.
3. **Storage Space**
   * At least 3 GB of free disk space for storing datasets, audio files, and project files.
   * Additional space may be required depending on the size of datasets and generated files.

**3.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Operating System**

Windows 10, macOS, or Linux-based operating system.

1. **Python**

Ensure you have Python installed on your system. You can download and install Python from the official Python website <https://www.python.org/downloads/>

1. **Text editor**

Vs code

**3.3 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

**PYTHON LIBRARIES**

**Os**

Used for interacting with the operating system, such as creating directories

**pandas**

For data manipulation and handling Excel files.

**scikit-learn**

For machine learning algorithms and evaluation metrics.

**NumPy**

Essential for numerical computing and handling arrays, used here for processing audio data.

**librosa**

A library for audio and music analysis. It's used for loading audio files and extracting features like MFCCs.

**pydub**

For audio processing and manipulation.

**SciPy**

For signal processing and filtering.

**Keras with TensorFlow backend**

For building and training deep learning models.

**seaborn**

For statistical data visualization based on matplotlib.

**matplotlib**

For creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python.

**StandardScaler**

Used for scaling features to a standard distribution

**Soundfile**

A library for reading and writing audio files, for saving temp audio files

**Tensorflow**

A deep learning framework used for loading and running pre-trained neural network models.

**Gradio**

Provides an easy-to-use interface for building web-based UIs for machine learning models.

Install these libraries using:

**pip install pandas scikit-learn soundfile joblib numpy librosa pydub scipy keras tensorflow seaborn matplotlib gradio**

**DATASET**

(RAVDESS) Ryerson Audio-Visual Database of Emotional Speech and Song is used as dataset for this

**INTERNET**

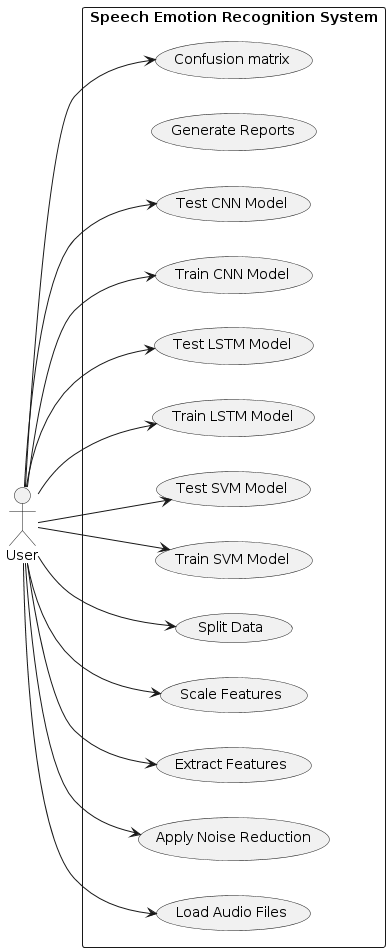
This software will require good internet connection to connect with servers and a good processing system to give best performance

1. **SYSTEM DESIGN**

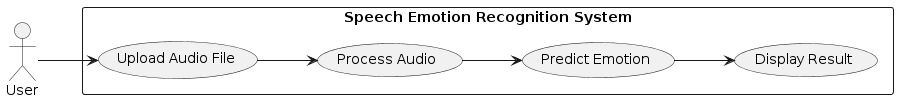
**4.1 MODULE DESCRIPTION**

1. **Data Loading and Preprocessing:**
   * This module handles the loading of audio data from the dataset folder and performs noise reduction to enhance the quality of audio files.
2. **Feature Extraction:**
   * Responsible for extracting relevant features from the audio files using libraries like librosa and pydub.
3. **Feature Scaling:**
   * Scales the extracted features to ensure uniformity and improve model performance during training.
4. **Data Splitting:**
   * Splits the dataset into training and testing subsets for model evaluation.
5. **Audio Classification:**
   * This module comprises three sub-modules:
     + SVM: Utilizes Support Vector Machine classifier for audio classification.
     + LSTM: Implements Long Short-Term Memory neural network for audio classification.
     + CNN: Employs Convolutional Neural Network for audio classification.
6. **Evaluation and Reporting:**
   * Generates classification reports and confusion matrices to evaluate the performance of each classification model.
7. **Implementation and Prediction:**

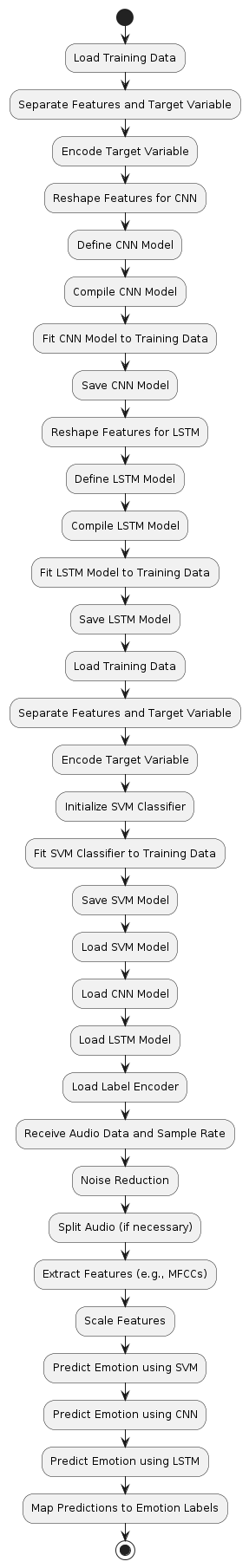
* A small user interface is created to load the audio and predict the emotion.

**4.2 USE CASE DIAGRAM**

This describes the machine learning modules in my project



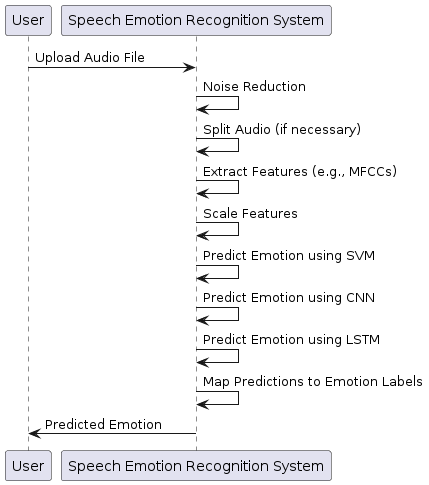
This describes the working of the SER application



**4.3 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM**

This diagram represents the step-by-step process of training and using machine learning models to recognize emotions in speech. It shows how data is prepared, models are trained and predictions are made to identify emotions in audio recordings.

**4.4 SEQUENCE DIAGRAM**



This sequence diagram illustrates the interaction between the user and the Speech Emotion Recognition System. It demonstrates how the system processes uploaded audio, predicts emotions using multiple models and returns the predicted emotion to the user.

1. **IMPLEMENTATION**

**5.1 NOISE REDUCTION**

This module preprocesses audio data by applying a low-pass filter to reduce background noise, improving the quality of audio recordings.

**5.2 FEATURE EXTRACTION**

Extracts relevant features from audio signals, such as Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs), which are used as input for emotion classification.

**5.3 FEATURE SCALING**

Normalizes or scales extracted features to ensure consistency and improve the performance of machine learning models.

**5.4 DATA SPLITTING**

Splits the dataset into training and testing sets to evaluate model performance.

**5.5 CLASSIFIER SELECTION**

Chooses appropriate classifiers such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), or Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for emotion classification.

**5.6 MODEL TRAINING**

Trains the selected classifier using the training data to learn patterns and relationships between input features and emotion labels.

**5.7 MODEL EVALUATION**

Evaluates the trained model's performance using the testing data, calculating metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score.

**5.8 TRAINING MODELS**

Here, three machine learning models (SVM, CNN, LSTM) are trained to recognize emotions from audio data. The training process involves loading training data, separating features and target variables, encoding the target variable, and fitting the models to the training data. Once trained, these models are saved for later use in the SER system.

An ensemble model, also known as a combination model, is a machine learning technique that combines the predictions from multiple individual models to produce a single prediction. In the context of the SER system, an ensemble model could be constructed by combining the predictions from the SVM, CNN, and LSTM models. This ensemble approach often results in improved prediction accuracy and robustness compared to individual models.

**5.9 A SIMPLE USER INTERFACE**

Here, Gradio is employed to construct an interactive interface for the Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) system. The `predict\_emotion` function processes uploaded audio data, applies noise reduction, feature extraction and machine learning models (SVM, CNN, LSTM) for emotion prediction. Input is an audio uploader and output is a text box displaying the predicted emotion. The `gr.Interface` function integrates these components, defining the title and description, while `launch()` initiates the interface, enabling users to upload audio files and obtain emotion predictions seamlessly through a web browser.

**6. SYSTEM TESTING**

**6.1 SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION**

The system implementation involves developing each module of the project according to the design specifications using appropriate programming languages and libraries. Rigorous testing is performed during the implementation phase to identify and resolve any bugs or errors early on.

**6.2 TESTING**

**6.2.1 UNIT TESTING**

Unit testing is conducted for each module individually to ensure that they perform as expected. The correctness of functions and methods within each module is verified, and boundary cases and edge conditions are tested to check for robustness. Testing frameworks like pytest or unittest are used to automate the testing process.

**6.2.2 VALIDATION TESTING**

Validation testing is carried out to validate the system against the user requirements and specifications. The system's adherence to the intended objectives and functionalities is verified, and its accuracy in detecting and classifying emotions from speech recordings is evaluated. The system's performance in terms of accuracy, speed, and resource utilization is also assessed.

**6.2.3 FUNCTIONAL TESTING**

Functional testing is performed to validate the end-to-end functionality of the system. Each feature and functionality is tested to ensure they work as intended, and scenario-based testing is conducted to simulate real-world usage scenarios. The integration of different modules and components within the system is verified, and any discrepancies or deviations from the expected behavior are identified and addressed accordingly.

In the context of the Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) project, each module, including audio preprocessing, feature extraction, model training, and prediction, undergoes thorough testing to ensure the system's accuracy and reliability in recognizing emotions from speech recordings. The validation testing ensures that the system meets the specified requirements and delivers the expected functionalities, while functional testing verifies the seamless operation of all system components in various usage scenarios.

**7. CONCLUSION**

Based on the accuracy results of different models, SVM (Support Vector Machine) has proven to be the most accurate classifier for our speech emotion recognition task, with an accuracy of 0.75, compared to LSTM's 0.25 and CNN's 0.5. This high accuracy indicates that SVM effectively separates different emotional states in the feature space and performs well on our dataset. Given its superior performance, I have developed a robust Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) system that solely leverages the SVM model.

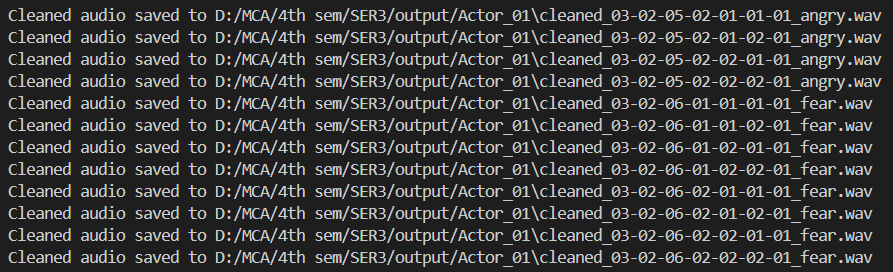
Implemented using the SVM model, this system aims to improve the accuracy and reliability of emotion detection from audio signals. The SVM model's high accuracy ensures that it effectively captures and distinguishes the emotional nuances present in speech.

To conclude, the SVM model has proven to be effective in enhancing the accuracy of speech emotion recognition. The Gradio interface makes the system user-friendly and accessible, allowing users to easily interact with the model and obtain emotion predictions. This project demonstrates the potential of using advanced machine learning techniques for real-world applications in emotion detection from audio signals.

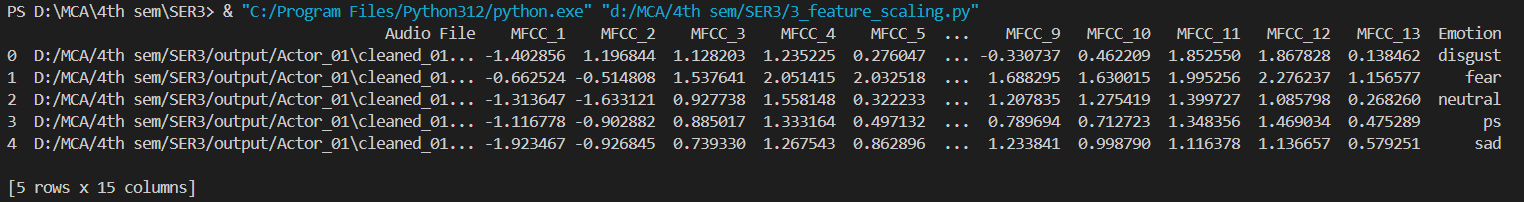
**7.1 FUTURE ENHANCEMENT**

For future enhancements, the Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) project could explore real-time emotion recognition capabilities, integrating multimodal inputs such as facial expressions with speech analysis. Additionally, incorporating adaptive learning algorithms to personalize emotion detection for individual users would enhance accuracy and user engagement. Emotion generation techniques could be explored to enable the system to respond empathetically. Cross-cultural emotion recognition models could be developed to ensure applicability across diverse populations. Furthermore, integrating privacy-preserving techniques and continuous monitoring mechanisms would bolster user trust and data security. These enhancements aim to elevate the system's effectiveness, applicability and user experience in various domains.

**APPENDIX I: SCREENSHOTS**

**CLEANED AUDIO SAVED IN ACTOR\_01**

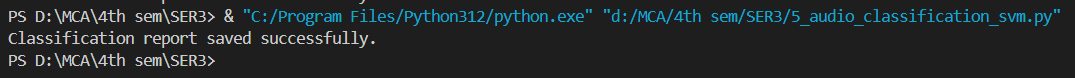
Here the cleaned audio files are stored in the output folder

**FEATURE SCALING**

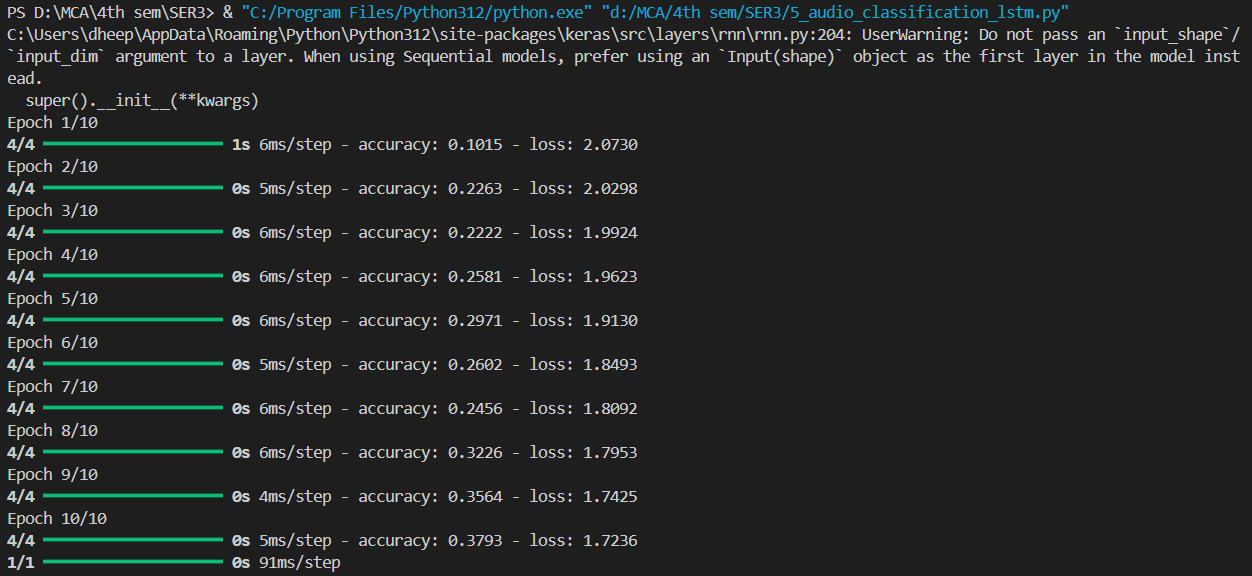
Here after feature scaling is done the scaled output files are stored in the output folder

**DATA SPLITTING**

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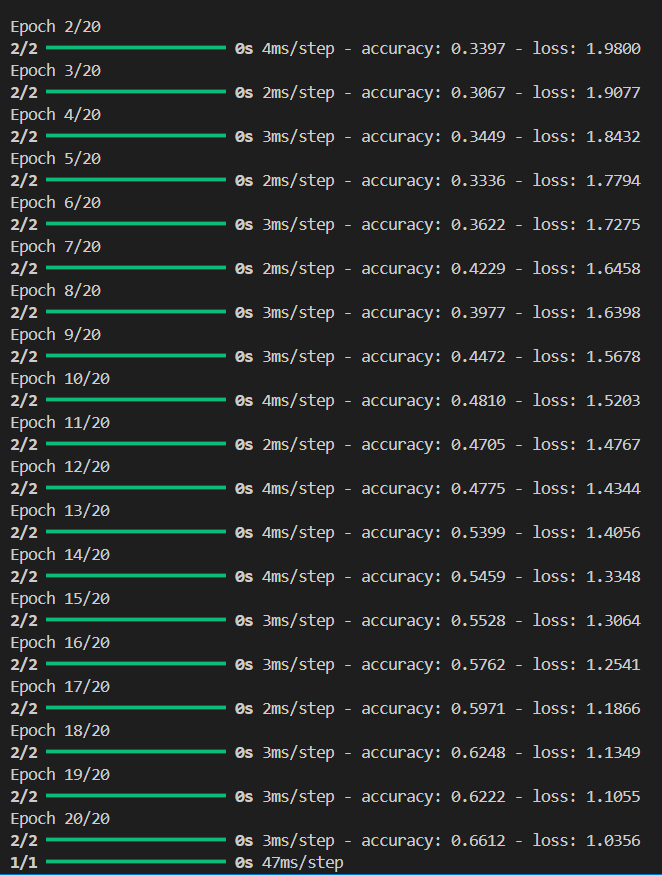
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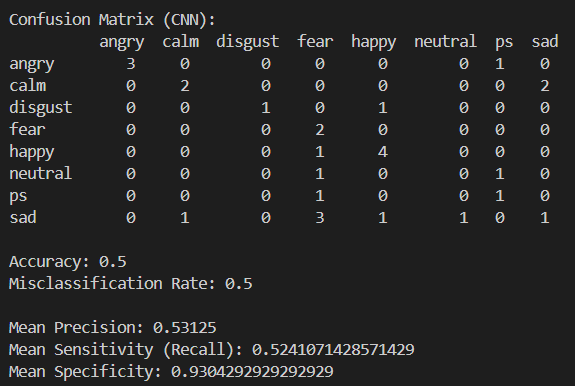
**AUDIO CLASSIFICATION LSTM**

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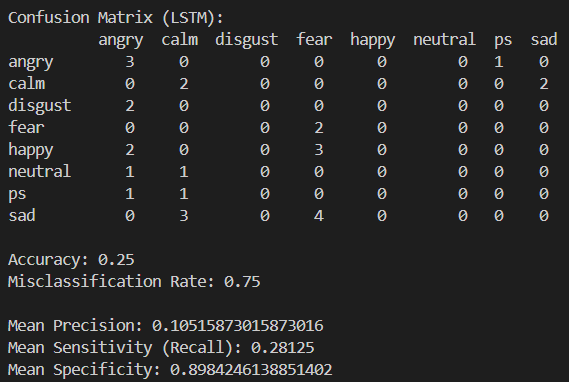
**AUDIO CLASSIFICATION CNN**

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Here audio classification is done using CNN classifier

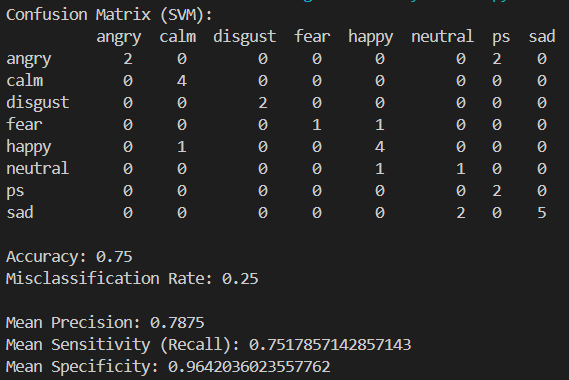
**CONFUSION MATRIX CNN**

Here a confusion matrix is created using CNN classifier

**CONFUSION MATRIX LSTM**

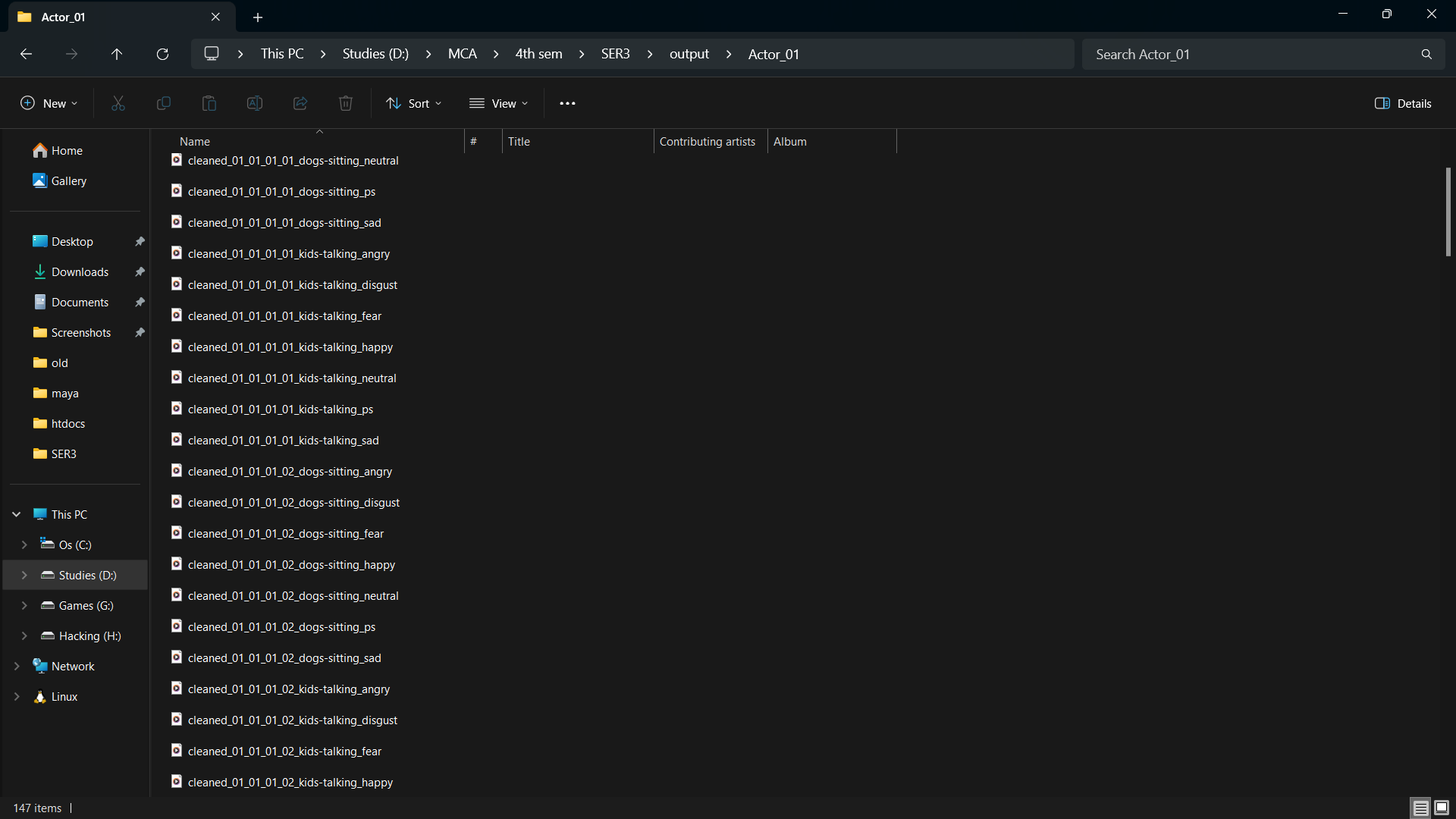
Here a confusion matrix is created using LSTM classifier

**CONFUSION MATRIX SVM**

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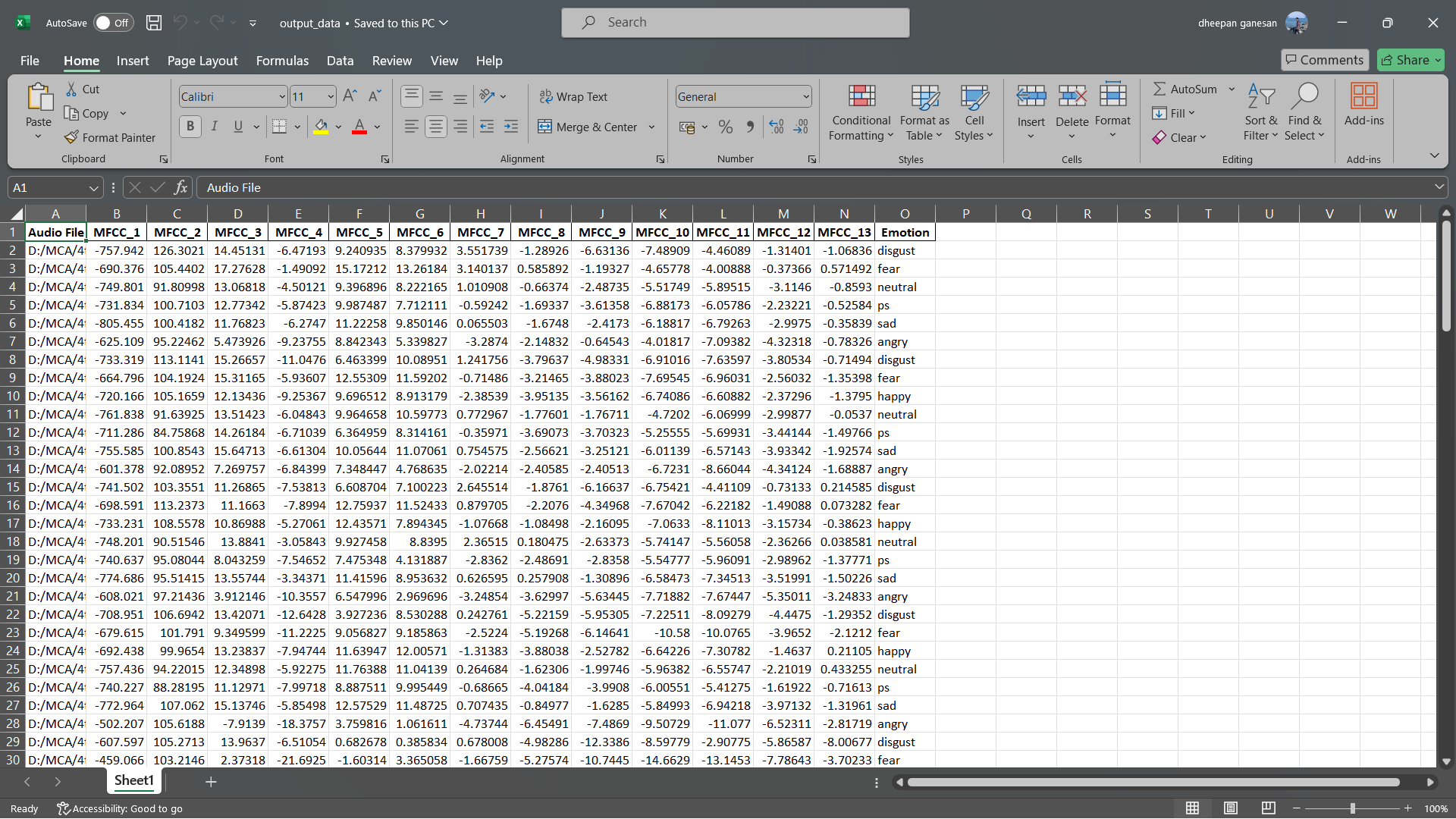
Here a confusion matrix is created using a SVM classifier

**APPENDIX II: OUTPUTS**

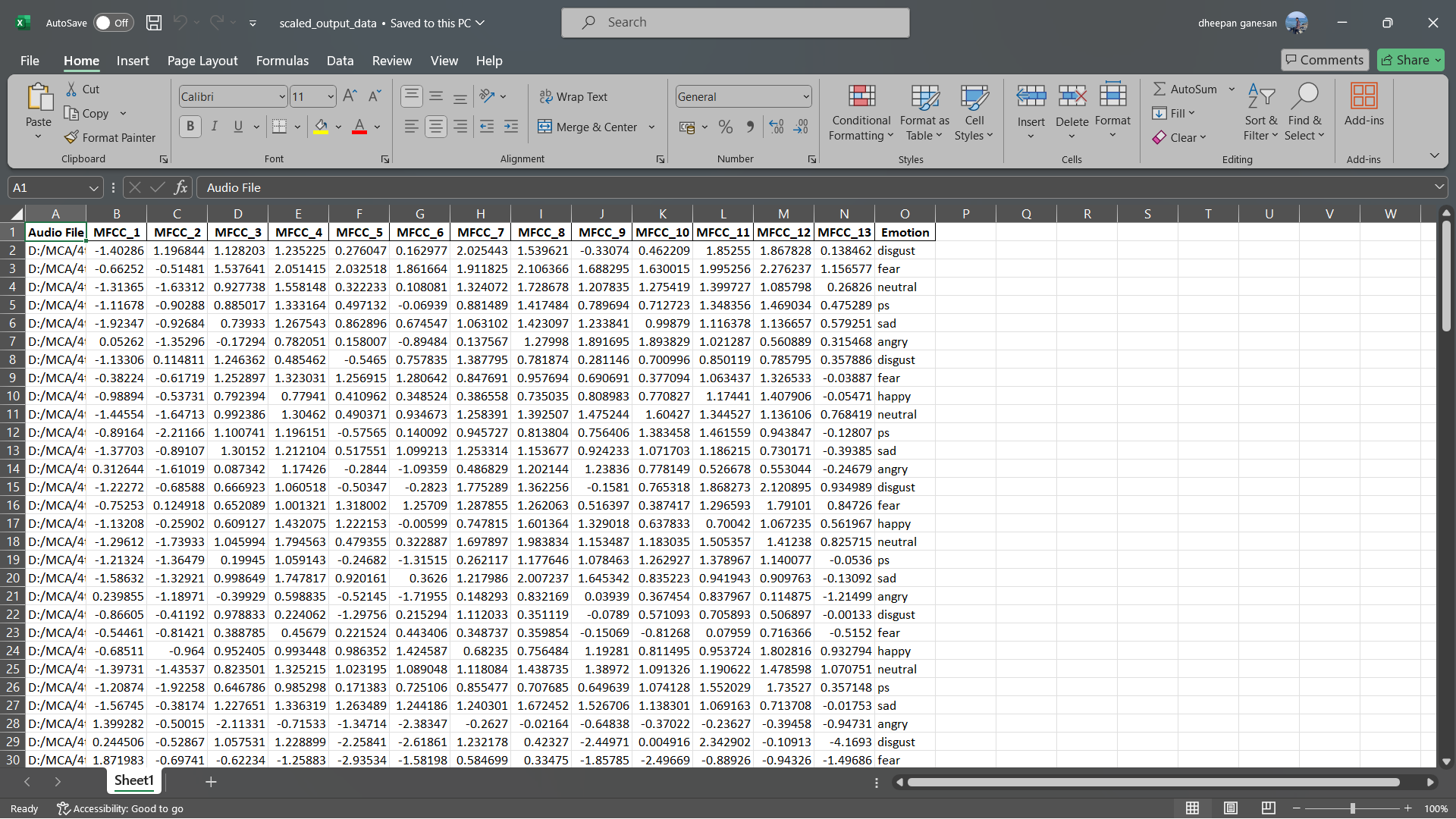
**CLEANED AUDIO IS SAVED IN AUDIO\_01 FOLDER**

Noise filtering is done and the output is stored as cleaned audio in the audio\_01 folder

**FEATURES EXTRACTED AND SAVED AS OUTPUT\_DATA.XLSX**

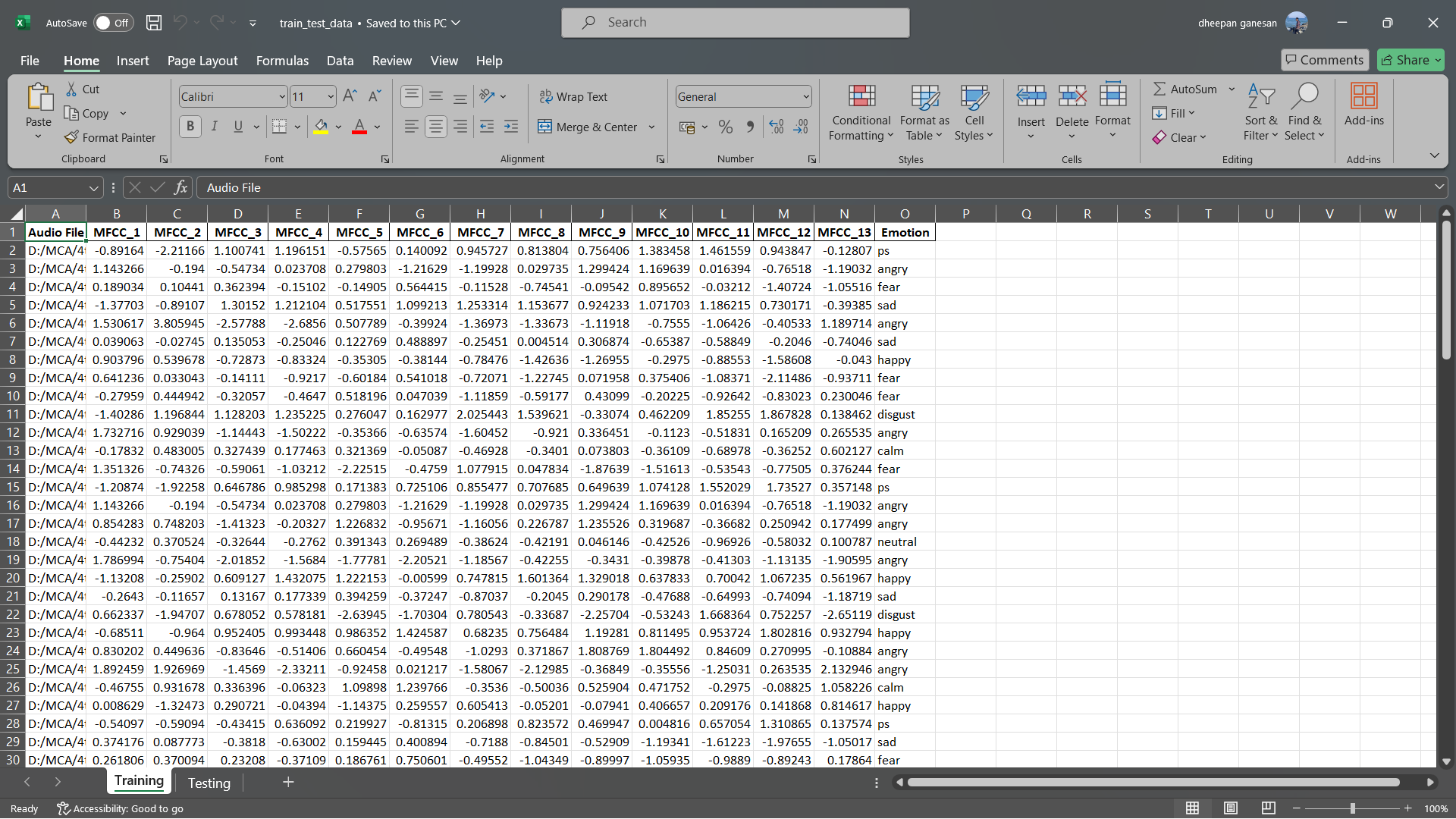
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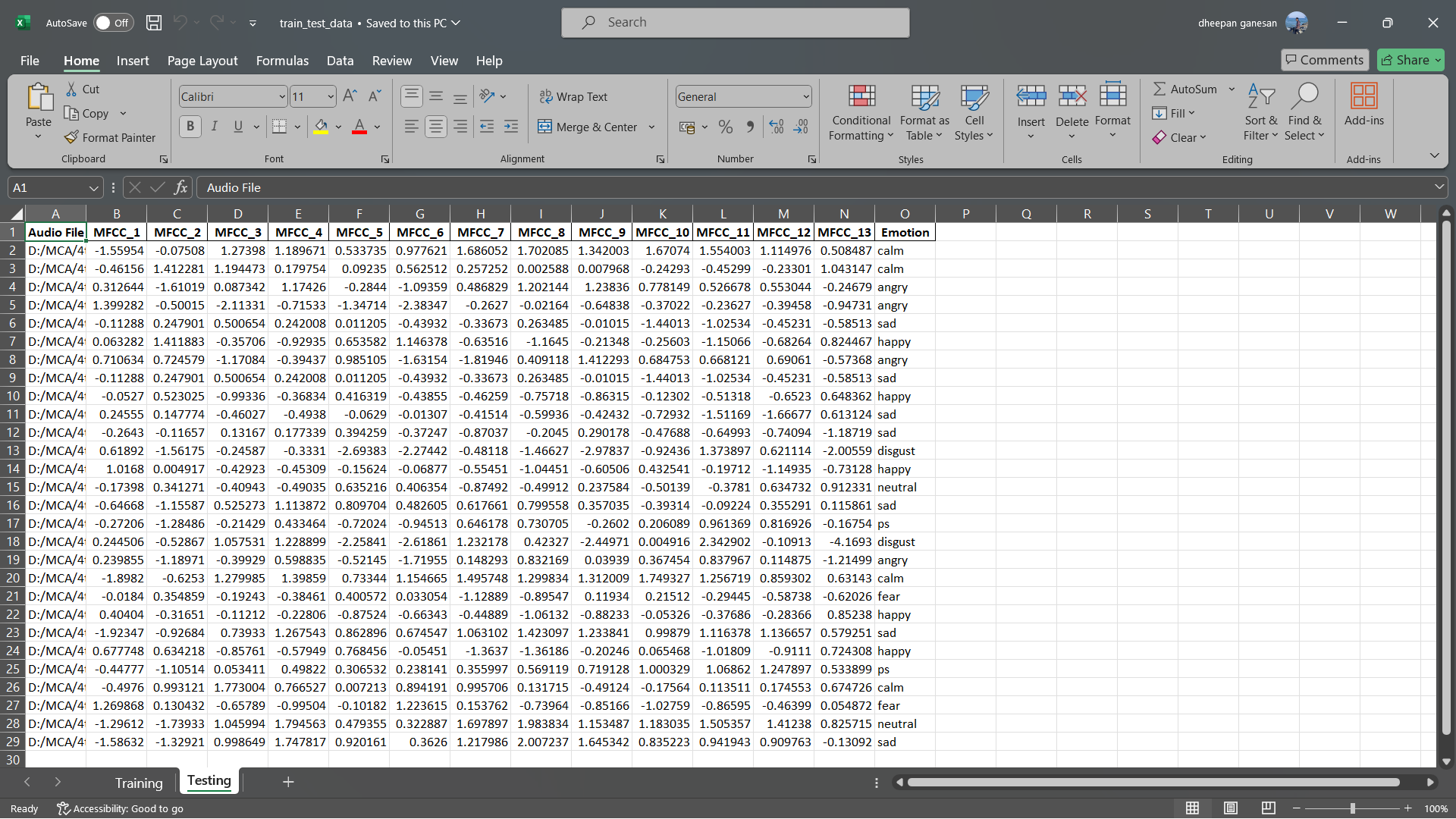
**FEATURE SCALING DONE AND SAVED AS SCALED\_OUTPUT\_DATA.XLSX**

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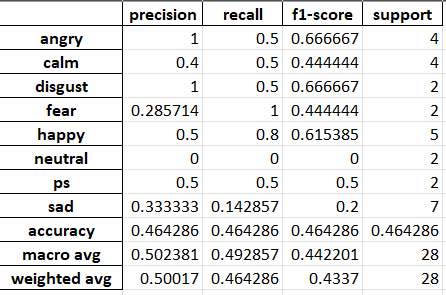
**DATA SPLITTING**

**TRAINING DATASET**

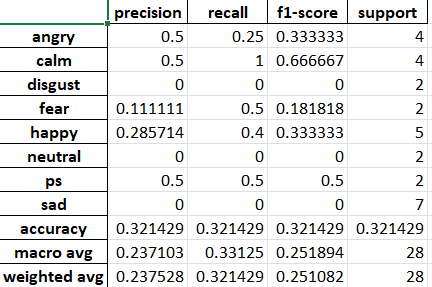
In data splitting the scaled data is splitted into training phase and stored as training sheet in train\_test\_data.xlsx file

**TESTING DATASET**

In data splitting the scaled data is splitted into testing phase and stored as testing sheet in train\_test\_data.xlsx file

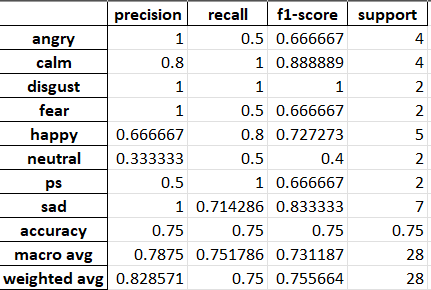
**CLASSIFY REPORT CNN**

This is the performance analysis report of the CNN classifier

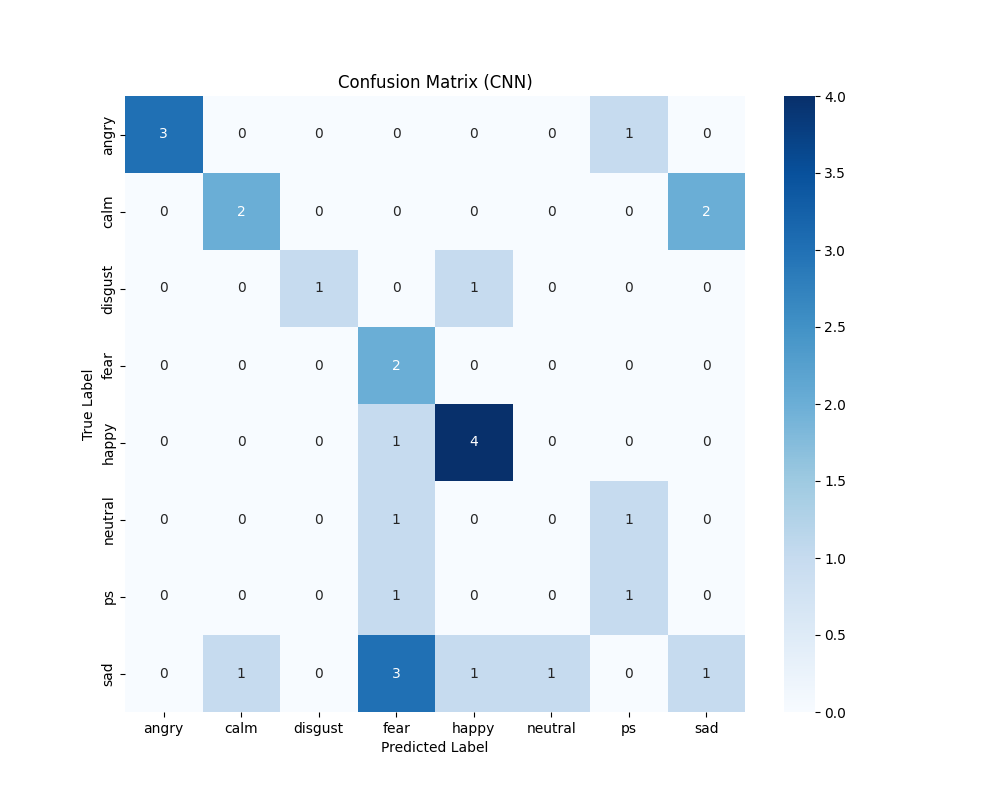
**CLASSIFY REPORT LSTM**

This is the performance analysis report of the LSTM classifier

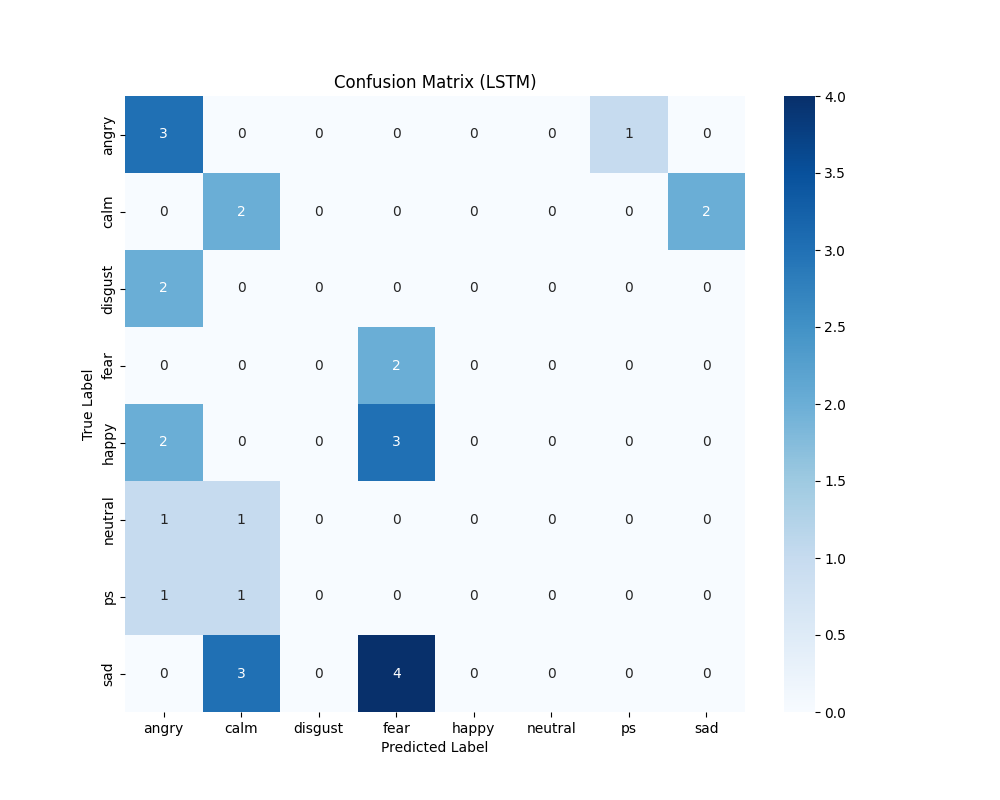
**CLASSIFY REPORT SVM**



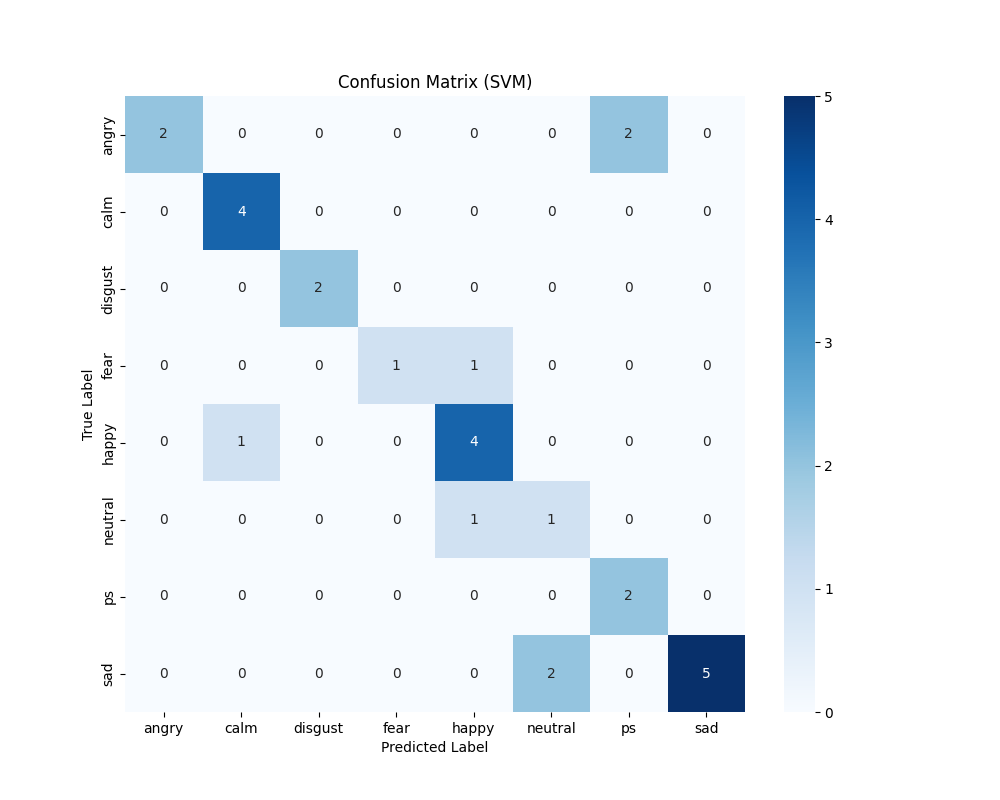
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**CONFUSION MATRIX CNN**

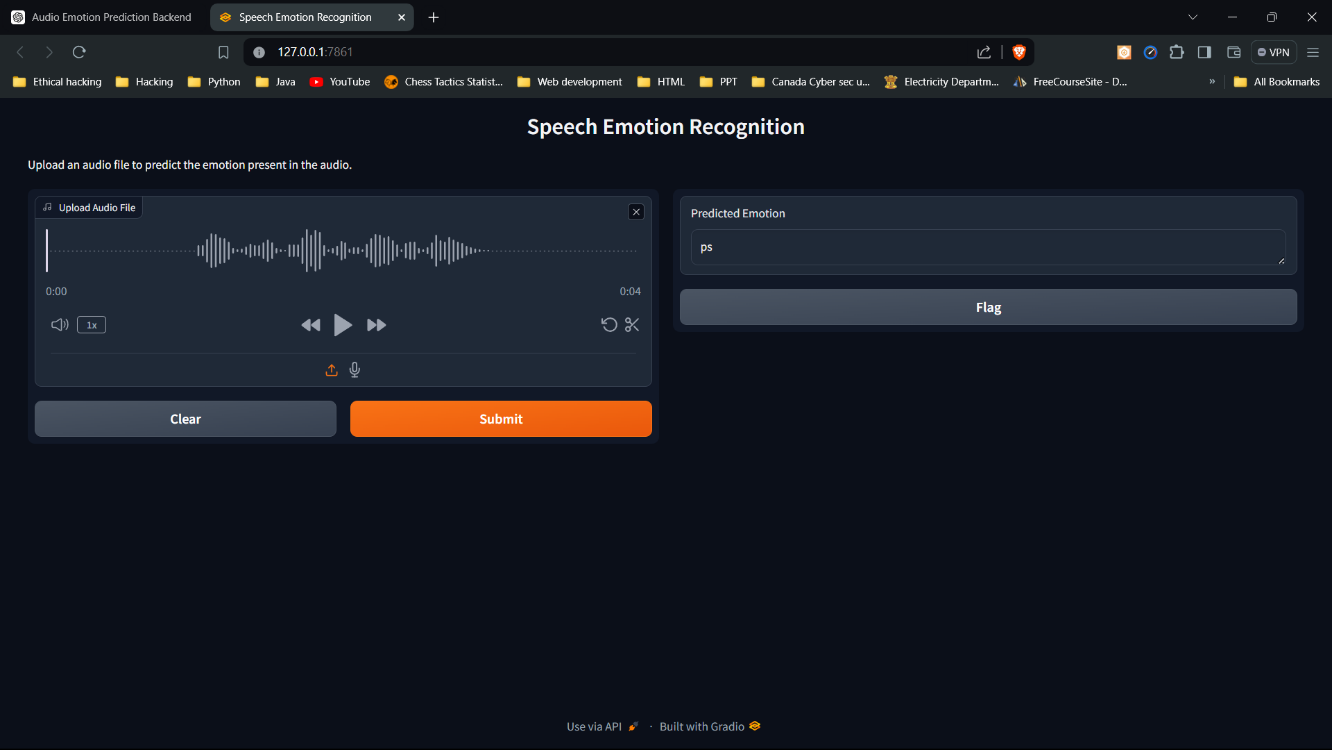
This is the confusion matrix generated using CNN classifier

**CONFUSION MATRIX LSTM**

This is the confusion matrix generated using LSTM classifier

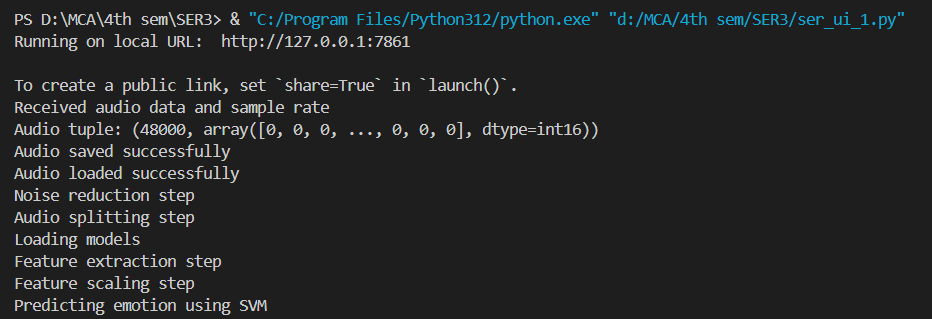
**CONFUSION MATRIX SVM**

This is the confusion matrix generated using SVM classifier

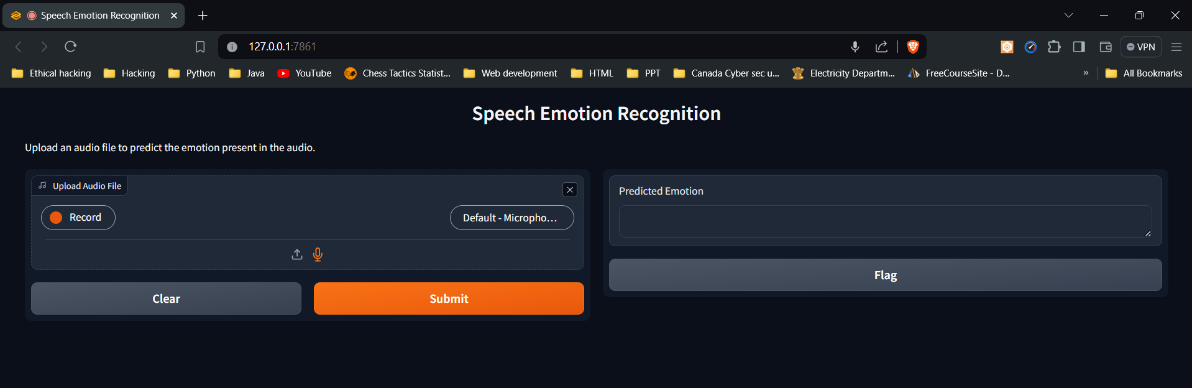
**SER UI**

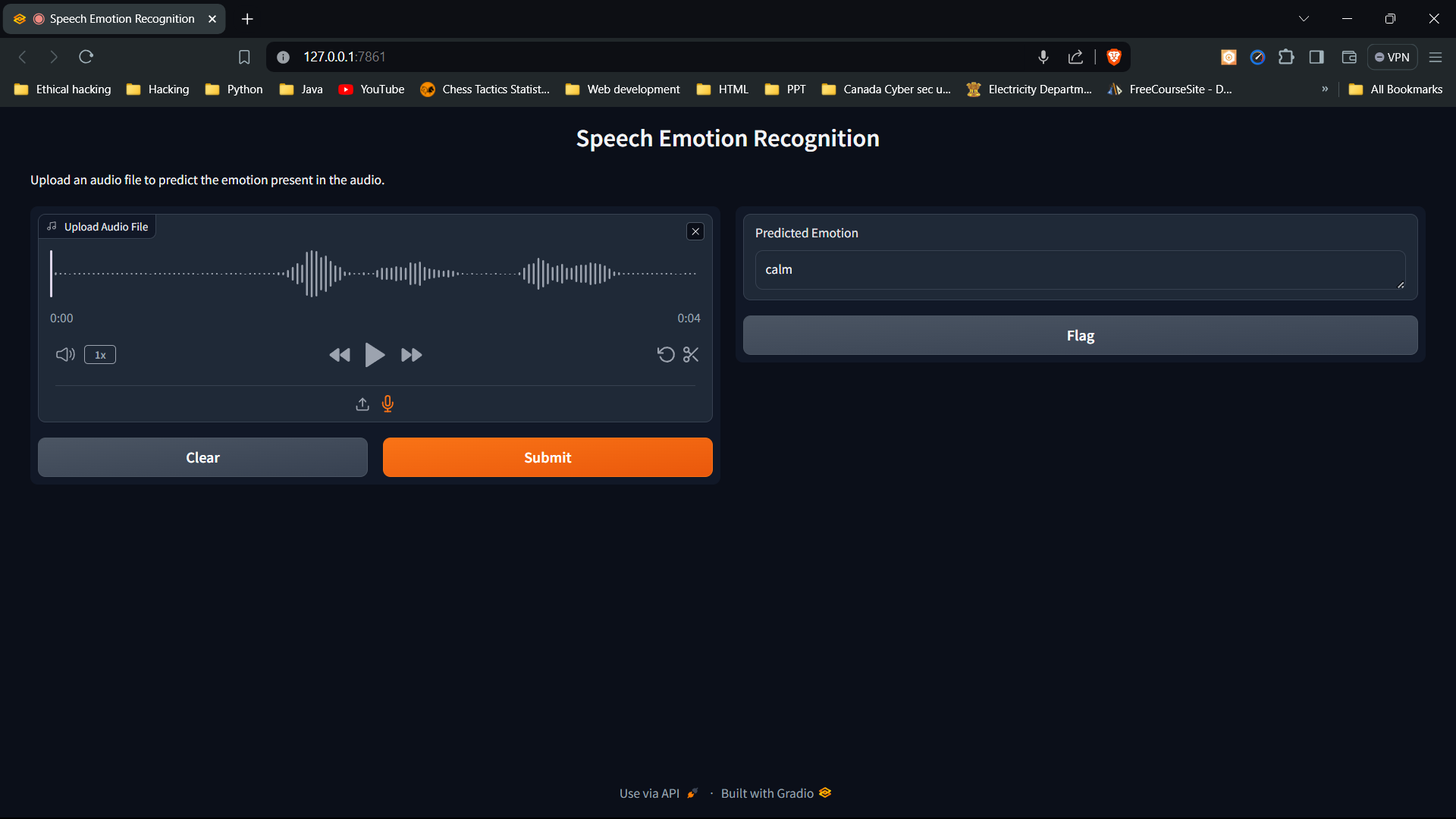
A simple application to load a audio file and predict the emotion of the speaker using SVM classifier.

**OUTPUT TERMINAL**

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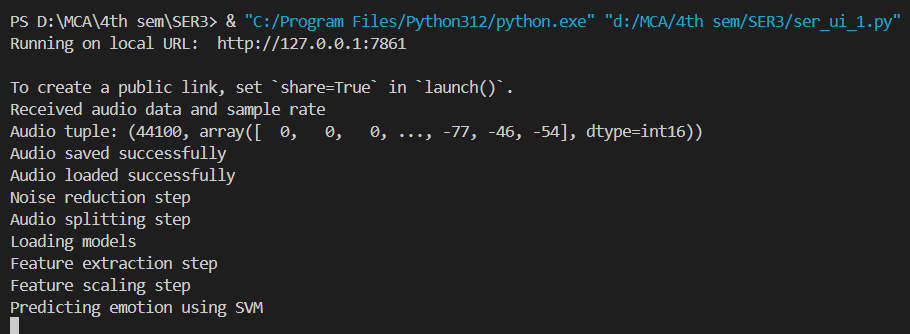
These things happen in the background when a audio file is loaded and asked to predict

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A simple application to record a audio file and predict the emotion of the speaker using SVM classifier.

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