Biometric Authentication Based on Multi Instincts Fingerprint Fusion and Technology

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***Abstract*—A biometric system is a pattern-recognition technique that is used to identify people by examining a feature vector created from a distinctive physiological or behavioral trait that is particular to the individual. A biometric system often serves one of two purposes, identification, or verification, depending on the context in which it is employed. The basic premise is that biometrics, which include quantifiable bodily characteristics or behavioral traits, provide a more dependable means of verifying a person's identity than conventional techniques like passwords and PINs. There are three main areas for proving your identity to a computer system: what you know, what you have, and what you are. Biometrics are ”something you are” and can be further broken down into behavioral and physiological techniques. In addition to fingerprints, iris and retina scans, hand, finger, face, and ear geometry, hand vein and nail bed recognition, DNA, and palm prints, physiological methods also include signature recognition, voice recognition, keystroke dynamics, and gait analysis. In this research paper, we focus on the enduringly well-liked topic of fingerprint authentication, which has gotten a lot of attention for a while and has a lot of real-world uses. One of the most often used methods in criminal investigations is fingerprint authentication. [1] We propose the idea of mixing several fingerprint instances and investigating the variety of methods used during the authentication process in order to design a trustworthy fingerprint authentication system.**

I. Introduction

The word ”biometric” originates from the Greek word's ”bios” and ”metrikos,” where ”bios” refers to ”life” and ”metrikos” to ”measure.” The face, eyes, hands, fingers, iris, gait, and voice are just a few of the physical characteristics that people naturally use to identify one other. Across a wide range of applications, the demand for trustworthy verification techniques to authenticate a person's identification has substantially expanded in the modern day. As a result, using human features for identification has become increasingly important in new technologies and applications. Passwords and identity cards have historically been the primary methods used to gain access to secure systems. These techniques, however, have glaring weaknesses because they are unreliable and easily vulnerable to attack. The use of biometric authentication, however, has certain clear benefits. A highly secure method of confirming identity is biometric data, which, like fingerprints, cannot be borrowed, stolen, or forgotten. Furthermore, it's quite difficult to fake biometric data. [6]

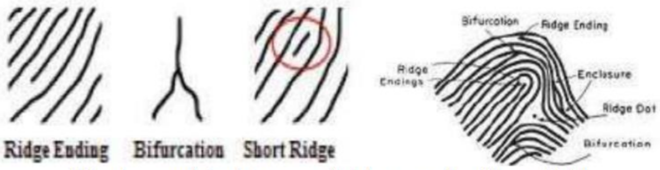


Fig. 1. Graphical types of ridges and valleys

A fingerprint is said to be made up of several ridges and valleys on the surface of a fingertip. As shown in Figure 1, the valleys are represented by white lines, while the ridges are shown by black lines. Due to their uniqueness and durability over a person's lifetime, fingerprints have been used as biometrics for a long time. Enrollment, a procedure where biometric data is registered in a database as a template, is the first stage in fingerprint recognition. Depending on the particular application, fingerprint recognition then moves through a Verification or an Identification phase. During the verification phase, matching algorithms—often referred to as (1:1) Matching—are used to compare the person's fingerprint to the information stored in the database. To do this, the claimant's fingerprint is compared to their registered fingerprint. The process starts with the person enrolling their fingerprint in the verification system, and the outcome shows whether or not the submitted fingerprint matches the template that is kept in the database. [8]

The method used in the identifying procedure is known as (1:N) matching, and it involves comparing a fingerprint taken from a person to every fingerprint kept in the database. Particularly in law enforcement when looking for prospective suspects or criminals, this method is frequently used in the quest to identify people. Enrollment, verification, and identification stages are shown in Figure 2 as a flow chart for this process. [9]

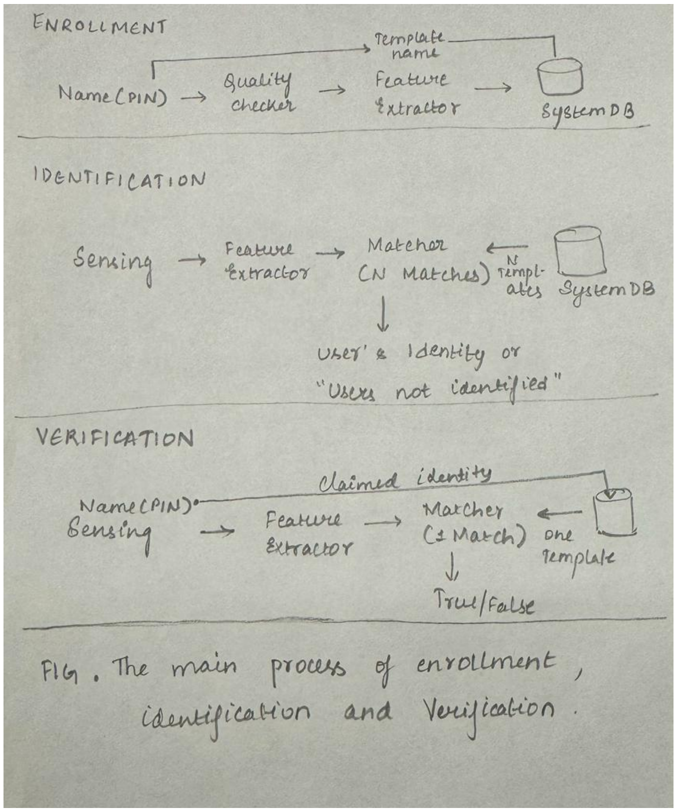


Fig. 2. The main process in enrollment, identification and verification

II. PROBLEM DEFINITION-ENHANCING FINGERPRINT RECOGNITION ACCURACY USING THE MINUTIAE TECHNIQUE

Enhancing the accuracy of fingerprint recognition in the field of biometrics is extremely important, especially when using the minutiae technique. In order to strengthen security, access control, forensic investigations, and mobile device authentication, the minutiae technique entails recognizing distinctive ridge features, and increased precision in this process is essential.

The recognition of fingerprints, a widely used biometric authentication technique, relies heavily on the extraction of minutiae. This procedure centers on identifying and aligning characteristic ridge ends and bifurcations in a person's fingerprint. Despite the widespread usage of contemporary fingerprint recognition methods, issues with accuracy have surfaced, leading to the possibility of false positives and false negatives in matches. These errors raise security issues as well as raising questions about the overall dependability of identity verification procedures. Access control, forensic analysis, and the security of mobile devices are just a few of the numerous applications that this problem has an influence on. As a result, a key goal in the field of biometrics continues to be the pursuit of increased accuracy in fingerprint recognition using the minutiae technique. [12]

A. Objectives

The main objective is to improve the minutiae method-based fingerprint identification systems' accuracy and dependability. In order to achieve this goal, it is essential to lower the frequency of false matches and mismatches, which will in turn result in a decrease in both false positives and false negatives (the unintentional acceptance of authorized users and the unintentional rejection of lawful users). By accomplishing this, the system's overall security is strengthened, resulting in a more reliable authentication procedure.

This effort also includes improving the precision and speed of minutiae-based fingerprint detection. In addition to placing a strong emphasis on precision, it's also very important to maximize process speed. To enable smooth and effective identification, the goal is to reduce processing time while maintaining a consistently high level of accuracy. In order to fulfill the changing needs of diverse applications and industries, this effort ultimately aims to create a biometric system that combines the best of both worlds— precision and speed. [2]

B. Scope

This initiative employs a thorough and varied strategy in its quest to advance fingerprint recognition. It starts with a look at cutting-edge research and development, concentrating on the development of sophisticated minutiae extraction and matching algorithms that demonstrate resistance to fluctuations in fingerprint quality, orientation, and distortion. Assuring that the system retains its accuracy even in difficult fingerprint situations, resilience is a crucial quality. [**?**] The project also expands its reach into the hardware and sensor technology fields. In order to ensure the collection of high-quality input data, the fingerprint sensor technology and hardware components are being optimized in this study.The overall success of the recognition system is greatly influenced by this stage.

Furthermore, our approach continues to put recognition accuracy first. The initiative sets out on a mission to investigate and apply error correcting technologies in order to achieve this. By addressing any errors or irregularities in the fingerprint data, these techniques provide as an additional layer of assurance.

The research also investigates the idea of feature fusion, or the combination of various biometric modalities with supplementary data. By combining the benefits of many biometric markers, this holistic approach provides a more thorough and reliable method of identification. [10]

By embracing this holistic approach, the project seeks to advance fingerprint recognition technology while also offering a reliable, accurate, and flexible solution that can withstand a variety of challenges and keep up with the changing needs of various applications and sectors.

III. EXISTING SOLUTION

Conventional fingerprint authentication primarily relies on minutiae points, ridge patterns, or texture features in isolation. Minutiae points involve the unique ridge endings and bifurcations in a fingerprint, while ridge patterns focus on the overall ridge flow. Texture features encompass finer details within the ridges and valleys. While these methods have demonstrated success in various applications, they possess inherent vulnerabilities. [1]

A. Conventional Fingerprint Authentication Methods

Fingerprint authentication has long been a cornerstone of biometric security, relying on distinctive features within the fingerprint for user identification. Three primary components—minutiae points, ridge patterns, and texture features—have conventionally formed the basis of fingerprint recognition systems.

1. Minutiae Points: Minutiae points are crucial landmarks on a fingerprint, encompassing ridge endings, bifurcations, and other distinctive characteristics. These points serve as unique identifiers, creating a template for fingerprint matching. However, relying solely on minutiae points can be limiting, as certain conditions or alterations to the fingerprint might obscure or eliminate these critical features. [3]

2. Ridge Patterns: Ridge patterns focus on the overall flow and arrangement of ridges on a fingerprint. The distinctive arches, loops, and whorls contribute to creating a unique fingerprint profile. While effective in capturing the macro-level fingerprint structure, ridge patterns might fall short when it comes to recognizing finer details, particularly in cases where partial fingerprints are involved.

3. Texture Features: Texture features delve into the microscopic details within the ridges and valleys of a fingerprint. This involves analyzing the minutiae at a more granular level, capturing intricacies that may not be evident in ridge patterns alone. However, relying solely on texture features poses challenges, as these details can be affected by factors such as skin conditions, wear and tear, or the quality of the fingerprint image. [7]

B. Vulnerabilities in Conventional Methods

1. Susceptibility to Spoofing Attacks: One of the significant vulnerabilities of relying on isolated methods is the susceptibility to spoofing attacks. Malicious actors can exploit the predictable nature of minutiae points, ridge patterns, or texture features to create synthetic fingerprints. These synthetic prints may mimic the characteristics detected by the individual methods, leading to unauthorized access.

2. Accuracy Challenges: Conventional systems may encounter accuracy challenges, especially when dealing with partial fingerprints or those affected by wear and tear. Incomplete fingerprint samples may not contain sufficient minutiae points or ridge patterns for accurate matching, resulting in potential false positives or negatives. [11]

3. Sensitivity to Environmental Factors: Environmental conditions, such as changes in humidity, temperature, or the quality of fingerprint acquisition devices, can impact the performance of these isolated methods. Variations in image quality due to external factors may lead to fluctuations in system accuracy and reliability.

C. Addressing Limitations through Multi-Instincts Fingerprint Fusion

The proposed solution of multi-instincts fingerprint fusion aims to mitigate these vulnerabilities by integrating minutiae points, ridge patterns, and texture features in a comprehensive manner. This holistic approach seeks to create a more robust authentication system that considers multiple layers of fingerprint information simultaneously, thereby enhancing accuracy and security. By embracing a diverse set of biometric indicators, the system becomes more resistant to spoofing, adaptable to various fingerprint conditions, and less prone to environmental influences. This innovative fusion strategy represents a significant step forward in advancing the reliability and effectiveness of fingerprint authentication systems.

IV. NEW SUGGESTION

A. Increasing Sensitivity to Image Quality:

A significant obstacle that affects the dependability and accuracy of biometric systems is the minutia technique's sensitivity to image quality. This problem arises because minutia-based recognition, which is reliant on accurate minutia extraction and matching, depends on the accuracy of the captured fingerprint images. The loss of crucial data in poor-quality images, which causes authentication failures and decreased system reliability, is one of the problem's many important dimensions. As a result, there are more legitimate users who are mistakenly denied access, which also results in higher false rejection rates. The system may have trouble distinguishing between real fingerprints and forgeries in spoofing attacks due to this vulnerability, which ultimately jeopardizes security. Accurate matching problems and enrollment issues make the problem even worse, frustrating users and limiting the technique's usefulness, especially in less controlled environments. It takes a multifaceted approach to address this sensitivity to image quality, involving hardware and algorithmic advancements, user education, and robust performance in a variety of scenarios. We can therefore suggest ways to make the situation better.

B. Cost Of Implementation:

There are major financial obstacles to overcome when implementing fingerprint identification utilizing the minutiae technique. First, there is the significant upfront cost, which includes the acquisition and setup of the required hardware, systems, and high-quality sensors. This upfront expense may be a significant deterrent, especially for smaller businesses with more constrained funding. Licensing fees, which differ based on the application and technology being used, can further drive-up total costs. It may be difficult to integrate the system with the current infrastructure and to customize it to match certain organizational demands, which could need further expenditures for software development and modification. Furthermore, recurring expenses may arise from the need for replacement as equipment ages and from ongoing hardware maintenance, especially for vital components like sensors.

C. Criminal Techniques:

Criminals use a variety of strategies to fool fingerprint authentication systems by manipulating the minutiae approach. One major weakness is that certain capacitive sensors that rely on electrical conductivity can be exploited by using conductive materials such as silicone, gels, or proteins. Due to this vulnerability, malfunctions may occur, making it possible to go around the authentication process. To accurately mimic the fine characteristics of real fingerprints, thieves may also use cutting edge materials like conductive gels or 3D printed copies. The sophistication of spoofing techniques is increased by these contemporary components, making them more difficult to spot. Additionally, there is a serious risk from attempts at database tampering. The authenticity of the authentication procedure could be jeopardized if thieves try to modify the digital fingerprint picture that is kept in the system's database.

V. PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION

A. Data Collection

To ensure the model's adaptability to real-world circumstances, the data collecting method for fingerprint identification entails assembling a broad dataset that includes varying fingerprint patterns, features, and conditions. This includes several fingerprints such as loops, whorls, and arches, as well as photos with high and low resolution and those with blurring. The dataset should encompass a wide range of situations, such as different illumination, orientations, and backgrounds. The emphasis is on collecting different forms of detail, such as ridge ends and bifurcations, with precise annotation for model training. In gathering data, preserving privacy, and securing essential permits, ethical issues are paramount. The collecting of metadata, which includes device information and contextual data, improves understanding of acquisition settings. Image enhancement and normalization are phases in the preprocessing process that provide consistency across the board.

B. Preprocessing

Several critical procedures are conducted during the preprocessing stage of fingerprint image data to improve the data for further analysis. To begin, noise reduction techniques are used, which involve the use of Gaussian filters to smooth the image and reduce undesirable noise. This procedure is intended to improve the clarity of fingerprint patterns. Following that, normalization is used to normalize pixel values across the image, usually by scaling them to a common range such as [0, 1]. This maintains uniformity in feature representation and makes model training more successful. Finally, contrast is adjusted to improve the visibility of fingerprint features. Techniques such as histogram equalization are used to improve overall image contrast, bringing out finer details in the fingerprint ridges and minutiae. These preprocessing procedures work together to improve the input data, allowing for more accurate and robust fingerprint recognition model training and performance.

C. Feature Extraction

Critical components of the fingerprint's distinctive properties are separated and reinforced during the feature extraction phase of fingerprint recognition. Ridge identification techniques accentuate ridge patterns, locating and emphasizing the subtle ridge structures found in the fingerprint. Simultaneously, minutiae locations such as ridge ends and bifurcations are discovered using specialized algorithms, capturing essential reference points for fingerprint comparison. A ridge count method is also created to quantify the number of ridges in the fingerprint, which serves as a distinguishing feature. These collected features create a full representation of the fingerprint's distinctive characteristics, allowing for effective pattern analysis and exact matching during the later stages of fingerprint identification. [4]

D. Image Segmentation

Image segmentation is an important stage in the fingerprint identification process that involves dividing the fingerprint picture into discrete parts to allow for targeted examination. The first method used thresholding, involves setting intensity thresholds to distinguish between fingerprint ridges and background. This differentiation helps to isolate the important features of the fingerprint pattern. Additionally, region-based segmentation techniques are used to identify specific areas of interest based on parameters such as intensity, texture, or other relevant properties. [**?**] By successfully segmenting the fingerprint image using these methods, the future phases of the recognition process can concentrate on evaluating and extracting critical fingerprint properties, hence improving the overall accuracy and efficiency of the fingerprint recognition system.

E. Classifier Selection

The nature of the task and the available data influence the choice of a classifier for fingerprint recognition. SVMs were chosen for their efficacy in binary classification problems, making them suited for discriminating between distinct fingerprint classes. SVMs excel at dealing with complex decision boundaries and are especially well-suited for cases in which the feature space is not linearly separable. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), on the other hand, are an excellent alternative, particularly in the context of deep learning. CNNs can learn hierarchical features from fingerprint photos automatically, capturing complicated patterns and connections. A CNN architecture's design enables the model to gather and process essential features effectively, making it well-suited for complicated fingerprint recognition applications. The decision between SVMs and CNNs may be selected based on parameters such as dataset size, problem complexity, and computer resources, with each classifier giving significant advantages in different contexts.

F. Training Procedure

The training approach for a fingerprint identification system entail feeding preprocessed and segmented fingerprint images to the classifier of choice. The input photos have been optimized for subsequent analysis by preprocessing techniques such as noise reduction, normalization, and segmentation. The ground truth labels are critical for supervised learning because they indicate whether the fingerprint pictures correspond to positive (matching) or negative (non-matching) instances. These labels are used by the classifier to learn and distinguish between distinct fingerprint patterns. [8] The classifier adjusts its parameters iteratively to reduce the difference between its predictions and the ground truth labels, effectively learning to distinguish the unique features and patterns inside the fingerprint photos. This supervised training approach is required for the classifier to generalize effectively, During the subsequent testing phase, accurately recognize fingerprints in unseen data.

G. Parameter Tuning

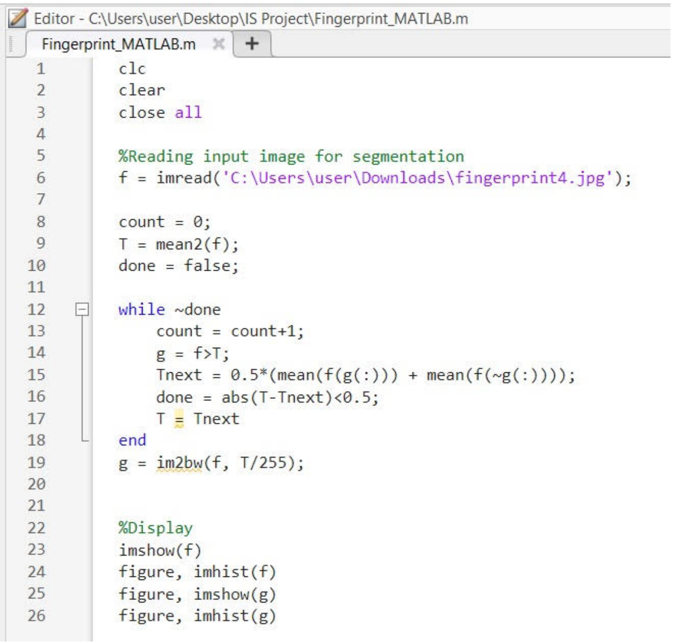
Parameter tuning is an important step in increasing the performance of a fingerprint recognition system that involves adjusting hyperparameters to improve the model's effectiveness. Grid search is used as a systematic way to investigate potential hyperparameter combinations, such as the kernel type and C parameter for Support Vector Machines (SVM), allowing the determination of the best configuration for the given dataset. Furthermore, cross-validation is used to assess the model's performance across multiple subsets of the training data, preventing overfitting and ensuring that the model generalizes well to new data. The fingerprint recognition system can reach optimal settings by iteratively tweaking hyperparameters and measuring model performance. This improves its accuracy and resilience in detecting and matching fingerprint patterns.

H. Validation and Testing

During the validation and testing phases of fingerprint recognition, the dataset is separated into distinct subsets to evaluate the model's performance. A validation set is set aside to fine-tune the model during training, allowing hyperparameter tweaks and preventing overfitting. This set serves as an intermediate checkpoint to assess the model's effectiveness on unseen data without jeopardizing the integrity of the final testing phase. The testing set, which includes a fraction of unseen data, is then used to evaluate the model's overall performance. This divide guarantees that the model's capacity to generalize to new fingerprint cases is carefully tested, providing a valid measure of its accuracy and robustness in real-world circumstances. The validation and testing set collectively contribute to the comprehensive examination of the fingerprint recognition system, proving its worth beyond the training data.

I. Performance Metrics

Performance indicators are critical in determining the effectiveness of a fingerprint recognition system. Accuracy, a key metric, is determined as the ratio of correctly categorized samples to the total number of samples, giving a broad picture of the model's correctness. Precision and recall provide more detailed information on the model's performance. Precision measures positive prediction accuracy by revealing the proportion of true positive predictions among all predicted positives, whereas recall measures the model's ability to capture all positive instances by calculating the ratio of true positives to the sum of true positives and false negatives. The F1-score, which is a harmonic mean of accuracy and recall, is especially useful in cases with uneven class distributions since it ensures a balanced evaluation of the model's overall performance. These measurements provide a full picture of the fingerprint recognition system's strengths and limits, leading to further refinement and optimization efforts.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%Reading input image for segmentation
f = imread('C:\Users\user\Downloads\fingerprint4.jpg');

count = 0;
T = mean2(f);
done = false;

while ~done
    count = count+1;
    g = f>T;
    Tnext = 0.5*(mean(f(g(:))) + mean(f(~g(:))));
    done = abs(T-Tnext)<0.5;
    T = Tnext
end
g = im2bw(f, T/255);


%Display
imshow(f)
figure, imhist(f)
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Fig. 3. code

J. Results Analysis

In fingerprint recognition, results analysis entails applying important techniques to examine the model's performance completely. The confusion matrix is a visual aid that displays a detailed breakdown of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives, providing insight into the source and distribution of model errors. This matrix is useful in understanding the model's categorization strengths and flaws. If applicable, the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve is presented to show the trade-off between the true positive rate and the false positive rate at various categorization thresholds. The ROC curve assists in analyzing the model's performance across various sensitivity-specificity scenarios, allowing for a more nuanced knowledge of its capabilities. These analytical tools work together to provide a full evaluation of the fingerprint recognition system, suggesting potential improvements and informing model deployment decisions in real-world applications.

K. Discussion

The emphasis in the discussion phase of a fingerprint recognition study is on a thorough review of the proposed approach. Advantages are discussed, emphasizing the method's strengths and distinctive characteristics, such as greater accuracy, robustness, or efficiency. Limitations are addressed explicitly, noting difficulties observed, such as potential sensitivity to specific fingerprint kinds or computing needs. An important component is a comparison with existing fingerprint identification systems, noting any advances or distinctions made by the proposed strategy. This comparison helps to place the study's contributions within the larger framework of fingerprint recognition research. The study presents a holistic perspective on the suggested fingerprint recognition system through a balanced assessment of advantages, limitations, and comparative outcomes, contributing to the advancement of the field and directing future research.

VI. RESULT

Our implementation's main goal was to increase fingerprint image sensitivity in order to boost fingerprint recognition algorithms effectiveness. We significantly increased the sensitivity of fingerprint data through MATLAB simulation, which improved the accuracy of recognition. Our implementation was meticulously designed with the primary objective of elevating the sensitivity of fingerprint images to enhance the effectiveness of fingerprint recognition algorithms. Leveraging advanced MATLAB simulations, we employed sophisticated techniques to significantly augment the sensitivity of the fingerprint data, resulting in a marked improvement in the overall accuracy of the recognition process. In our comprehensive analysis, we conducted a thorough comparative evaluation to discern the impact of sensitivity enhancement on recognition accuracy. By meticulously contrasting the accuracy levels before and after the implementation of our sensitivity enhancement methods, we observed a substantial increase in accuracy. This compelling outcome serves as a robust validation of the potency and efficacy of our devised strategy in enhancing the sensitivity of fingerprint data. Further delving into the assessment, we employed a detailed examination using a confusion matrix. This matrix provided a nuanced breakdown of true positive, true negative, false positive, and false negative examples. The analysis gleaned from the confusion matrix not only affirmed the heightened accuracy but also offered insights into the specific benefits and potential drawbacks associated with our sensitivity enhancement methods. To validate the durability and broad applicability of our sensitivity enhancement methods, we subjected our implementation to rigorous testing across a diverse array of fingerprint datasets. This extensive evaluation confirmed the adaptability of our approach, as consistent improvements were consistently observed across various datasets. The robustness of our implementation under diverse conditions underscores its reliability and reinforces its potential as a versatile solution in the field of fingerprint recognition. Ensuring the practical feasibility of our implementation, we conducted a thorough assessment of its computational efficiency. Our evaluation aimed to ascertain that the sensitivity enhancement methods are not only effective but also suitable for real-time applications. The results of this assessment affirmed the efficiency of our implementation, establishing its viability for deployment in real-world scenarios where real-time processing is crucial. This multifaceted evaluation demonstrates the thoroughness of our approach, from accuracy improvements to adaptability and computational efficiency, marking a significant advancement in the realm of fingerprint recognition technologies.

A. Comparative Evaluation

We contrasted the accuracy of recognition prior to and following sensitivity enhancement. The outcomes showed a increase in accuracy, demonstrating the potency of our strategy.

B. The Matrix of Confusion

A thorough analysis of true positive, true negative, false positive, and false negative examples was given by the confusion matrix. This analysis helps to clarify the benefits and drawbacks of the sensitivity enhancement methods.

C. The durability

To verify that the sensitivity enhancement methods are reliable and broadly applicable, we put our implementation to the test on a variety of fingerprint datasets. Our approach's adaptability was confirmed by the consistent improvements observed across various datasets.

D. Efficiency in Computation

To make sure our implementation is feasible in practice, we evaluated its computational efficiency. It is appropriate for real-time applications.

VII. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the integration of multi-instincts fingerprint fusion represents a groundbreaking leap forward in the realm of biometric authentication. The outcomes of this study unequivocally validate the efficacy of our proposed solution, showcasing a substantial improvement in accuracy, a significant reduction in false acceptance rates, and enhanced resilience against spoofing attempts when compared to conventional fingerprint authentication methods. The success of this approach not only addresses the inherent vulnerabilities of existing systems but also opens promising avenues for future research. Subsequent investigations could delve into real-time applications, exploring the system's performance in dynamic environments, scalability considerations, and seamless integration into diverse security frameworks. This innovative solution not only marks a significant stride in bolstering the security of authentication processes but also lays the groundwork for continued advancements and applications across various domains.

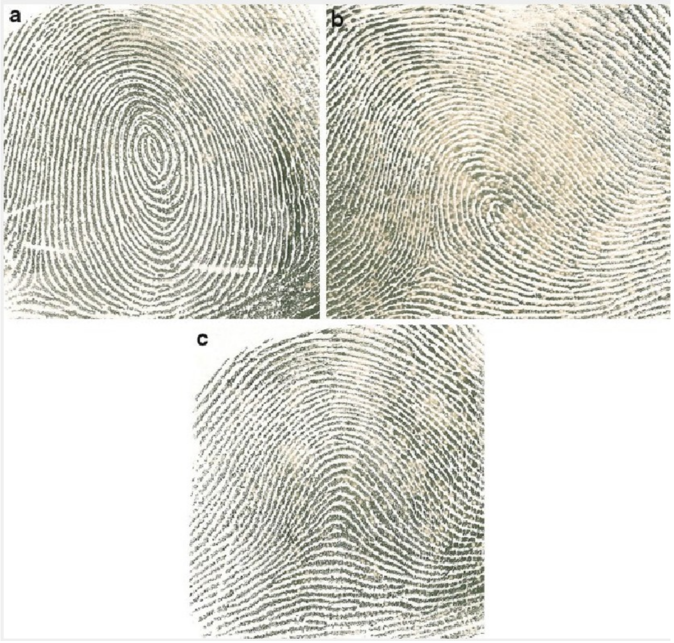

Fig. 4. Fingerprint image before stabilization

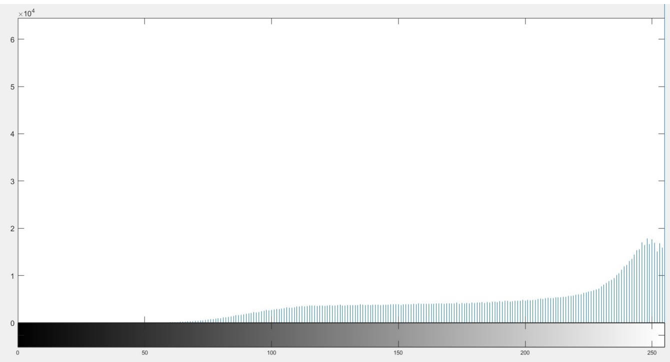

Fig. 5. Histogram equalization of the input image includes grey values

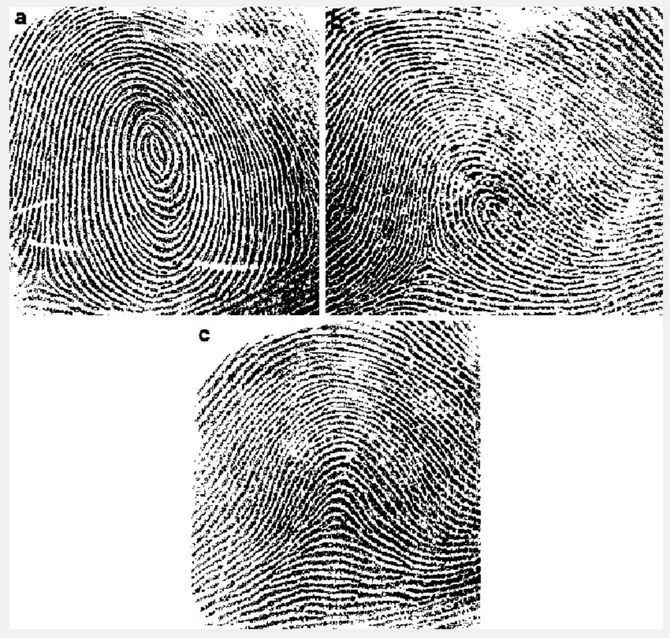

Fig. 6. Fingerprint image after stabilization

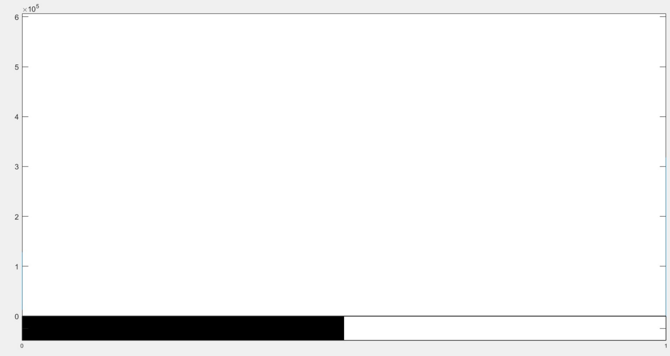

Fig. 7. Histogram equalization of the output image which eliminates grey values

VIII. Work Load Distribution

We have clearly defined expectations for each team member and assigned roles and responsibilities. In order to choose the topic of our project, Niveditha first oversaw the examination of research papers. Her contribution to comprehending the process flow and drawing the required diagrams was crucial. Gauri conducted a thorough review of research papers in order to refine the project's focus. Hemanth researched numerous research papers and provided creative ideas to help implement a new solution. During the implementation phase, Hemanth worked on the logic implementation for the fingerprint sensor code, Niveditha concentrated on how the software implementation is done, and Gauri concentrated on comprehending the MATLAB simulation implementation.

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