Practical Session Progress Discussion

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- 22 participants
- 171 submissions



					Resu	lts			
	User	Entries	Date of Last Entry	Ranking 🔺	Gender (bias) 🔺	Expression (bias)	Ethnicity (bias) 🔺	Age (bias) 🔺	MAE 📥
1	adegaray	7	03/11/22	2.600000	0.131069 (3)	0.222518 (6)	0.038951 (1)	2.070795 (2)	4.299231 (1)
2	QJ	8	03/12/22	6.200000	0.044955 (1)	0.162736 (3)	0.539348 (13)	3.056905 (5)	6.340045 (9)
3	arturxe	1	03/10/22	6.600000	0.520513 (16)	0.198511 (4)	0.263101 (9)	1.803695 (1)	5.763641 (3)
4	Marcos	13	03/10/22	6.600000	0.178582 (5)	0.099530 (1)	0.330383 (10)	4.313029 (12)	5.947065 (5)
5	johnnynunez	40	03/13/22	7.600000	0.210905 (6)	0.350365 (12)	0.116024 (4)	3.700477 (10)	6.103415 (6)
6	arseniyy123	20	03/12/22	8.000000	0.105597 (2)	0.259403 (9)	1.198257 (19)	3.414286 (8)	5.458959 (2)
7	pere_luis	6	03/11/22	8.800000	0.294312 (10)	0.481102 (17)	0.097265 (3)	2.522612 (3)	6.479792 (11)
8	AlvaroLC	3	03/13/22	9.600000	0.714722 (18)	0.140125 (2)	0.654923 (15)	3.225240 (6)	6.220692 (7)
9	inaki_erregue	6	03/10/22	9.600000	0.853547 (20)	0.266028 (10)	0.228667 (7)	3.388354 (7)	5.785490 (4)
10	jha138	7	03/12/22	10.000000	0.411101 (14)	0.206496 (5)	0.082441 (2)	5.907411 (17)	6.663322 (12)
11	Iker	14	03/10/22	10.200000	0.243386 (9)	0.357067 (13)	0.203853 (6)	5.209423 (13)	6.340726 (10)
12	Volokin	7	03/13/22	10.800000	0.508896 (15)	0.403236 (15)	0.462716 (12)	2.663317 (4)	6.319689 (8)
13	ammtomi	4	03/13/22	11.600000	0.242992 (8)	0.722199 (19)	0.259435 (8)	3.543867 (9)	7.070488 (14)
14	mdlt	5	03/13/22	11.600000	0.139774 (4)	0.421380 (16)	0.622958 (14)	3.763480 (11)	6.779570 (13)
15	xavidejuan	5	03/09/22	11.600000	0.323289 (12)	0.230054 (7)	0.141708 (5)	5.466550 (16)	7.466782 (18)
16	lorenzovigo	1	03/08/22	12.800000	0.319109 (11)	0.253672 (8)	0.358137 (11)	5.448703 (15)	9.240306 (19)
17	mertmecit	1	03/13/22	15.000000	0.235272 (7)	0.658474 (18)	0.777892 (16)	6.300268 (18)	7.241075 (16)
18	e1307685	12	03/13/22	15.200000	0.781770 (19)	0.280844 (11)	0.890152 (17)	5.299491 (14)	7.149036 (15)
19	rudiboi	6	03/10/22	16.400000	0.380944 (13)	0.384031 (14)	0.940844 (18)	9.023186 (20)	7.451245 (17)
20	juliojj	1	02/28/22	19.800000	0.628002 (17)	0.819692 (20)	2.447512 (22)	8.988890 (19)	11.141265 (21)
21	aa.dudek5	2	03/10/22	20.600000	2.000426 (21)	1.568660 (21)	1.806945 (20)	13.798619 (21)	10.791063 (20)
22	noahjadallah	2	03/10/22	21.800000	4.417457 (22)	2.949319 (22)	2.223809 (21)	19.004131 (22)	14.001426 (22)

Your feedback is important

- Did you find the problem interesting?
- Is there anything that could be improved/changed in this process?



- Quick feedback w.r.t Task 1
- Take the notes into account when delivering Task 2 (and the optional task)



- The code should complement the report
 - The report document should contain all the details required to understand the proposed solution and results.
 - Do not assume I know the model you use "we include a new dropout layer just after the last FC layer"
 - What model?
 - Do not assume I know the training strategy: "we applied training strategy 2"

Imagine you are reporting a procedure that should be reproducible from the provided information



- What most of you did that is not a standard in research
 - Find the best model / hyperparameters <u>base on the evaluation performed on the **Test set.**</u>
 - The search of the best model / hyperparameters should use the train/validation set.
 - Test set should be used only after the model is trained and hyperparameters defined.
- Perform general and high level comments like:
 - Model X obtained overall lower bias score and MAE
 - Be curious!
 - What could explain that?
 - Did you solution addressed the problem well?
 - Could it be related with the fact that you augmented category 1 only?
 - You can go be beyond simple and general explanations.





- Things you could have done before start playing with data augmentation
 - Compare different backbones (VGG vs. Resnet)
 - Compare the same model with/without transfer learning
 - Compare the same model with transfer learning from different datasets (imagenet, faces)
 - Fix the backbone, include new layers or regularizers
 and compare (results, time, etc)
 - Different losses: MSE vs MAE
 - Different optimizers (Adam vs SGD)
 - Computational time vs. number of parameters vs. result

Available models

Model	Size (MB)	Top-1 Accuracy	Top-5 Accuracy	Parameters	Depth	Time (ms) per inference step (CPU)	Time (ms) per inference step (GPU)
Xception	88	79.0%	94.5%	22.9M	81	109.4	8.1
VGG10	528	71.3%	90.1%	138.4M	10	69.5	4.2
VGG19	549	71.3%	90.0%	143.7M	19	84.8	4.4
Franklin 600	200	746.0000	:9K.1PR	786688	1100	1869	46
ResNet50V2	98	76.0%	93.0%	25.6M	103	45.6	4.4
ResNet101	171	76.4%	92.8%	44.7M	209	89.6	5.2
ResNet101V2	171	77.2%	93.8%	44.7M	205	72.7	5.4
ResNet152	232	76.0%	93.1%	50.4M	311	127.4	0.5
ResNet152V2	232	78.0%	94.2%	60.4M	307	107.5	0.0
inceptionV3	92	77.9%	93.7%	23.9M	189	42.2	6.9
InceptionResNetV2	215	80,3%	95.3%	55.9M	449	130.2	10.0
MobileNet	10	70.4%	89.5%	4.3M	55	22.6	3.4
MobileNetV2	14	71.3%	90.1%	3.5M	105	25.9	3.8
DenseNet121	33	75.0%	92.3%	8.1M	242	77.1	5.4
DenseNet169	57	76.2%	93.2%	14.3M	338	96.4	0.3
DenseNet201	80	77.3%	93.6%	20.2M	402	127.2	6.7
NASNetMobile	23	74.4%	91.9%	5.3M	389	27.0	6.7
NASNetLarge	343	82.5%	96.0%	88.9M	533	344.5	20.0
EfficientNetB0	29	77.1%	93.3%	5.3M	132	46.0	4.9
EfficientNetB1	31	79.1%	94.4%	7.9M	180	60.2	5.0
EfficientNetB2	36	80.1%	94.9%	9.2M	186	80.8	0.5
EfficientNetB3	48	81.0%	95.7%	12.3M	210	140.0	8.8
EfficientNetB4	75	82.9%	96.4%	19.5M	258	308.3	15.1
EfficientNetB5	118	83.0%	96.7%	30.6M	312	579.2	25,3
EfficientNetBö	100	84.0%	90.8%	43.3M	360	958.1	40.4
EfficientNetB7	250	84.3%	97.0%	66.7M	438	1578.9	61.6
EfficientNetV2B0	29	0.787	0.943	7,200,312	-		
EfficientNetV2B1	34	0.798	0.950	8,212,124		84	- 6
EfficientNetV2B2	42	0.805	0.951	10,178,374	-		
EfficientNetV2B3	59	0.820	0.958	14,467,622			
EfficientNetV25	88	0.839	0.967	21,612,360		184	- 62
EfficientNetV2M	220	0.853	0.974	54,431,388	-		
EfficientNetV2L	479	0.857	0.975	119,027,848			
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- Totally avoid using the starting kit as it is, and just change some parameters
 - Same model architecture

```
# Using the FC layer before the 'classifier_low_dim' layer as feature vector
fc_512 = model.get_layer('dim_proj').output

# adding a dropout layer to minimize overfiting problems
dp_layer = Dropout(0.5)(fc_512)

# adding a few hidden FC layers to learn hidden representations
fc_128 = Dense(128, activation='relu', name='f_128')(fc_512)
fc_32 = Dense(32, activation='relu', name='f_32')(fc_128)

# Includint an additional FC layer with sigmoid activation, used to regress
the apparent age
output = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid', name='predict')(fc_32)
```



- Just changing the hyperparameters (learning rate, batch size, num of epochs, etc)
- Applying **exactly the same training strategy** (e.g., *new layers + half of the network*)
- Just changing the parameters of data transformation (e.g., filter size of Gaussian blur)

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X_train_augmented.append(cv2.GaussianBlur(X_train[i], (5,5),1.0))
X_train_augmented.append(cv2.GaussianBlur(X_train[i], (7,7),1.0))
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Page limits

- Please, do not exceed the page limit
 - Unfair with those who delivered a 4 pages report
 - Requires more time to evaluate
 - 12 groups



Help the reader (proposed solution and experiments)

- Main points to be detailed in the report before discussing the results
 - Model architecture (backbone? Adaptation?)
 - Training strategy (1 or multiple stages?)
 - Hyperparameters, optimizer and loss?
 - o Data augmentation
 - **Transformations** (flip, rotation, etc) ← "standard, but not in the case of this exercise"
 - Categories (age, gender, etc)
 - Defined **strategy** (randomly, based on data distribution, etc)

- Custom loss (Task 2)
- o Data augmentation & Custom loss (optional exercise), if this will be the case

Optimize your report → avoid redundancy (you have 4pg)

	F	Ranking	Gender bias	Expression bias	Ethnicity bias	Age bias	MAE	
,	/	4.4	0.22	0.43	0.39	3.86	10.5	
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/	/	4.4	0.32	0.25	0.36	5.45	9.24	
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		3.8	0.32	0.23	0.14	5.47	7.47	
	Model	Data	a Aug.	Gender bias	Expressio n bias	Ethnicity bias	Age bias	MAE
	Baseline	А	.ge	0.22	0.43	0.39	3.86	10.5
	Tuned	Α	.ge					
		_		0.32	0.25	0.36	5.45	9.24
	Baseline	Con	nplete	0.02	0.20	0.00		

Help the reader (e.g., highlight best results)

Model	Age bias	Gender bias	Ethnicity bias	Expression bias	MAE
1	9.51	1.33	3.25	1.86	20.09
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3	7.47	0.16	0.76	1.09	9.42
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Which option help us to identify the "best" solution easier?

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Model	Learning rate	Data augmentation	Regularizers	Dropout	Train all layers
1	1e-5	No	No	No	No
2	1e-5	Yes	No	No	No
3	1e-4	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
4	1e-5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Additional information can help and support the analysis.

Model	Learning rate (initial)	Batch size	Epochs	# images	Gender bias	Expressio n bias	Ethnicity bias	Age bias	MAE
A_s1	3E-05	16	50	9560	0.55	3.11	3.68	13.74	16.12
A_s2	1E-05	16	30	10710	0.09	0.58	1.01	5.73	8.24
A_s3	1E-05	16	3	10710	0.41	0.60	1.7	4.46	7.84
B_s1	3E-05	16	50	9560	0.12	1.77	1.45	8.46	11.68
B_s2	1E-05	12	50	8590	0.17	0.25	1.10	6.52	8.97
B_s3	1E-05	12	21	6885	0.41	0.63	0.88	5.19	6.77
C_s1	3E-05	16	50	9560	1.17	2.64	2.41	14.74	15.51
C_s2	1E-05	12	50	8590	0.30	0.75	0.95	6.04	8.40
C_s3	1E-05	12	50	6885	0.18	0.10	0.33	4.31	5.95

All together + extensive set of experiments

Data augm.	Learning rate	Batch size	Loss function	Gender bias	Expression bias	Ethnicity bias	Age bias	MAE
E	1e-5	32 - 16	MSE	0.994277	0.401712	0.140987	2.711542	6.257771
1	1e-5	64 - 16	MSE	0.438000	0.537266	1.082621	2.969890	6.348123
I	1e-5	64 - 32	MSE	0.359906	0.461378	0.848432	6.928862	7.937758
L	1e-4	64 - 32	MSE	0.246278	0.434221	0.870553	7.132548	7.913878
II	1e-5	32 - 16	MSE	0.508897	0.403237	0.462716	2.663317	6.319689
II	1e-5	32 - 16	MAE	0.714722	0.140125	0.654923	3.225239	6.220692
II	1e-5	64 - 32	MSE	0.067334	0.322087	0.606145	5.052895	7.252613
11	1e-4	32 - 16	MSE	0.686798	0.362448	0.566761	3.598495	6.071322
II	1e-4	32 - 16	MAE	0.681565	0.653679	0.996174	3.846475	6.805394

In your opinion, what is the best model?

All together + extensive set of experiments

Bias	Pre-trained	Α	В	С
Age bias (Ba)	8,98889	7,34068	5,69922	4,44693
Gender bias (Bg)	0,62800	1,12575	0,12704	0,13599
Ethnicity bias (Be)	2,44751	1,73011	0,33787	0,67792
Face Expression bias (Bf)	0,81969	0,43297	0,66389	1,14408

Best vs. Worst results

Model	Learning rate	Training strategy	Gender bias	Expression bias	Ethnicity bias	Age bias	MAE
X	1e-5	2	0.509502	1.384053	1.063591	8.491639	7.507680
Y	1e-5	2	0.105597	0.259403	1.198257	3.414286	5.458959
Z	1e-4	2	0.293883	0.436619	0.855126	4.192811	6.455369
L	1e-5	2	0.590356	0.446444	0.692233	6.787660	5.285532

Additional information **could** support the analysis.

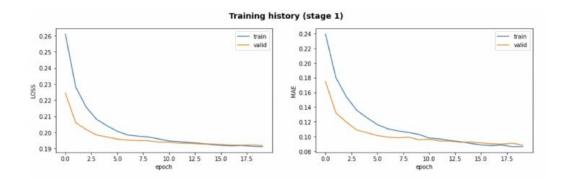
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	1	1e-5	No	No	No	No
Ī	2	1e-5	Yes	No	No	No
Ī	3	1e-4	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	4	1e-5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Method	MAE	Age bias	Gender Bias	Ethnicity Blas	Face expression bias
Connected methods small dataset: flip, blur and translation	16.40483976	4.374016125996907	0.35525894	0.8886521657307943	0.664334774017334
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Method	MAE	Age bias	Gender Bias	Ethnicity Bias	Face expression bias
Basic whole dataset model (4k observations) with no data augmentation	13.77970156	4.298641204833984	0.1668024	0.5610771179199219	1.2939891815185547
Totally augumented dataset (4k)	13.54146676	6.9638926188151045	0.42714214	0.5652459462483724	0.6126677195231119
"Half-augmented" model (2k real photos+ 2k augmented)	13.59614196	6.295828501383464	0.5167999	1.237823486328125	1.2830932935078938
Basik 2k model with no augumented data	15.35284666	5.085680643717448	0.47130203	1.5034319559733074	1.035815715789795

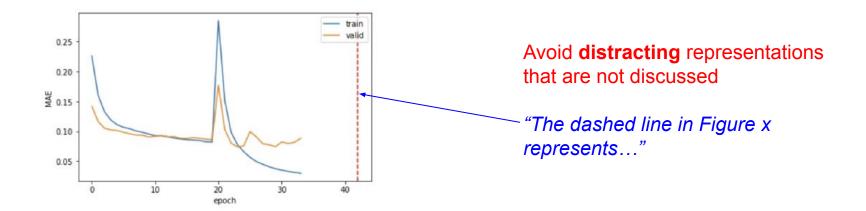


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"As it can be seen in Figure x..."



Simple yet effective solutions

Model	1 st Stage	2 nd Stage	Gender bias	Expression bias	Ethnicity bias	Age bias	MAE
M1	No DA	No DA	0.6280	0.8197	2.4475	8.9889	11.1413
M2	No DA	Small DA	0.5132	0.8045	1.3245	8.0390	9.8163
МЗ	Full DA	Full DA	0.3442	0.3673	0.4700	2.2580	4.1436
M4	Full DA	No DA	0.1310	0.2225	0.0389	2.0707	4.2992
M5	Full DA	No DA	0.2550	0.0923	1.0313	2.0837	4.3221

Data augmentation when having less parameters to train (backbone is frozen)

Go deep to provide better explanations

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	
Age Bias	9.51	6.43	7.47	2.52	
Group 1 MAE	14.04	14.05	12.40	7.08	
Group 2 MAE	19.18	9.24	5.94	5.29	Should you go deeper?
Group 3 MAE	23.00	14.54	10.97	7.39	
Group 4 MAE	31.80	21.95	20.41	10.23	Group n
Gender Bias	1.33	0.16	0.16	0.29	Oloup II
Female MAE	20.73	12.23	9.33	6.62	Famala Mala
Male MAE	19.40	12.39	9.50	6.32	Female Male
Ethnicity Bias	3.25	1.53	0.76	0.09	
Asian MAE	15.65	10.21	8.36	6.52	•
Afroamerican MAE	15.81	10.52	8.90	6.38	Asian Afro-Am Cauc
Caucasian MAE	20.54	12.51	9.51	6.47	\sim
Expression Bias	1.86	0.34	1.09	0.48	
Happy MAE	20.84	12.56	9.56	6.67	
S. Happy MAE	20.88	12.11	9.17	6.66	Happy S. Happy Neutral
Neutral MAE	19.38	12.18	9.16	6.21	παρρή Ο. παρρή πεαιταί
Other MAE	17.65	12.66	11.23	5.96	

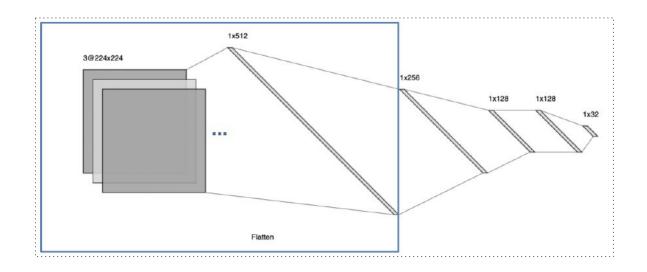
It is up to you. But why not?

Important parameters need to be discussed

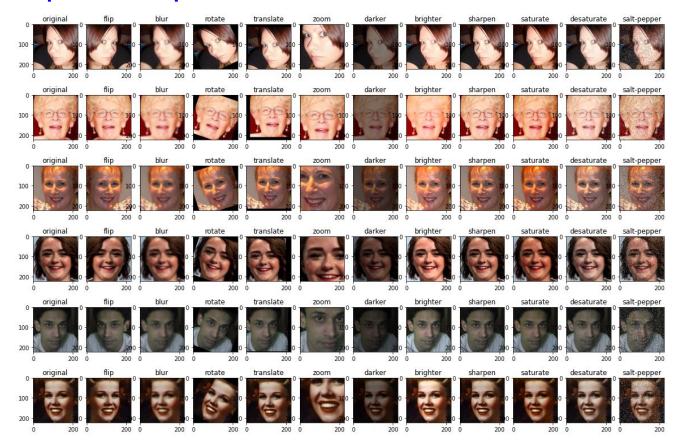
Strategy	Age	Factor
By age intervals	(40,60)	0.8
By age metadata	Metadata	Factor
	Other	0.8
	Asian	0.7
	Afroamerican	1
By Subsets	Age Interval	Factor
Asian	(0,20)	0.9
Asian	(40,100)	0.9
Afroamerican	(0,100)	1
Caucasian	(10,20)	0.2
Caucasian	(60,100)	0.2

Ex:

 parameters were empirically defined based on data distribution;



Graphical illustration of the proposed model



In your opinion, what else could be done here to increase variability?



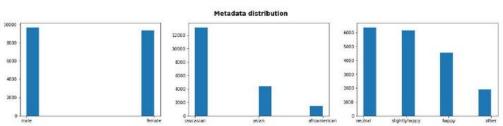
+ random (horizontal) flip would increase variability

Data augmentation 1:

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Metadata distribution

Data augmentation 2:

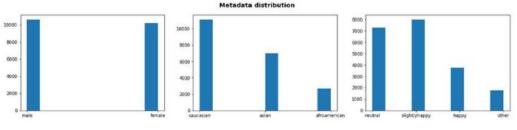


What do you "miss" here?

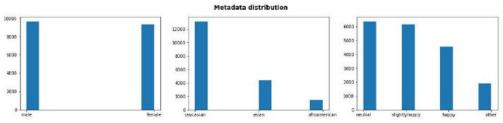
Original distribution \rightarrow



Data augmentation 1:



Data augmentation 2:



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```
mae: 0.0762 - val loss: 0.1937 - val mae: 0.0955
Epoch 6/50
255/255 [============= ] - 17s 68ms/step - loss: 0.1882
- mae: 0.0719 - val loss: 0.1936 - val mae: 0.0941
Epoch 7/50
255/255 [============= ] - 17s 68ms/step - loss: 0.1875
- mae: 0.0690 - val loss: 0.1934 - val mae: 0.0936
Epoch 8/50
255/255 [============ ] - 15s 60ms/step - loss: 0.1866
- mae: 0.0642 - val loss: 0.1936 - val mae: 0.0942
Epoch 9/50
- mae: 0.0609 - val loss: 0.1941 - val mae: 0.0954
Epoch 10/50
- mae: 0.0567 - val loss: 0.1932 - val mae: 0.0931
Epoch 11/50
- mae: 0.0551 - val loss: 0.1935 - val mae: 0.0938
Epoch 12/50
255/255 [============= ] - 16s 61ms/step - loss: 0.1842
- mae: 0.0520 - val loss: 0.1942 - val mae: 0.0961
Epoch 13/50
- mae: 0.0488 - val loss: 0.1942 - val mae: 0.0956
Epoch 14/50
- mae: 0.0474 - val loss: 0.1946 - val mae: 0.0964
Epoch 15/50
- mae: 0.0460 - val loss: 0.1938 - val mae: 0.0949
Epoch 15: early stopping
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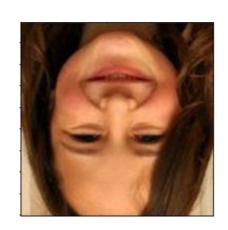
Avoid showing training history in the report document.

- Not attractive
- Use of space

Unexpected transformations for the problem at hand



original



vertical flip



wide angle rotation

Divide to conquer

Attribute-based analysis

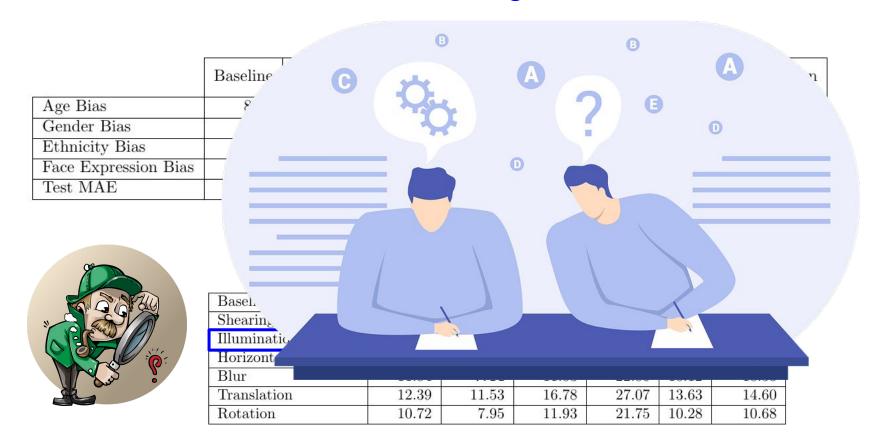
	Baseline	Shearing & Cropping	Illumination Changes	Horizontal Flip	Blur	Translation	Rotation
Age Bias	8.99	7.20	6.19	8.13	7.84	8.50	7.10
Gender Bias	0.63	0.61	0.33	0.34	0.44	0.98	0.40
Ethnicity Bias	2.45	0.84	1.00	0.98	1.09	1.40	0.74
Face Expression Bias	0.82	0.39	0.41	0.34	0.30	0.41	0.33
Test MAE	11.14	10.33	10.04	10.36	10.33	14.10	10.47





	Age Analysis					Gender Analysis		
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Male	Female		
Baseline	11.29	8.09	12.66	25.62	10.84	11.47		
Shearing & Cropping	11.09	7.58	11.44	22.71	10.04	10.65		
Illumination Changes	11.24	7.76	10.50	20.08	9.84	10.25		
Horizontal Flip	9.79	7.65	12.47	23.02	10.19	10.53		
Blur	11.84	7.44	11.03	22.86	10.12	10.56		
Translation	12.39	11.53	16.78	27.07	13.63	14.60		
Rotation	10.72	7.95	11.93	21.75	10.28	10.68		

We cannot fine-tune our model using the Test set

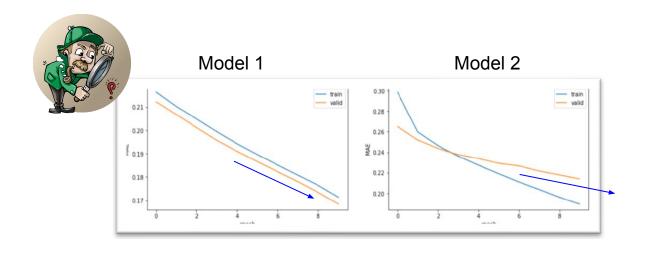


Very interesting finding

• "We had a model with an <u>age bias</u> of 4.88 (almost half of the baseline) but a <u>Test MAE</u> of 17.76 (MAE baseline = 11.14) which showed us that we can decrease the age bias by predicting the age equally bad for each subgroup."

What could be a possible limitation (or weak point), taking into account our average ranking metric?

Be curious and investigate any possible source of problem



- Unusual behavior (left)
- Trained for very few epochs (inconclusive).
- Both models were still learning.

Revisit Task 2 & the optional exercise

- Task 2
 - CUSTOM LOSS
 - WITHOUT data augmentation
 - Which give you better results, data augmentation or custom loss?
 - Baseline (starting-kit) vs. Task 1 vs. Task 2

Do not wait for the last week to start playing with Task 2

- Optional exercise
 - Exploit your creativity as much as you can
 - Which give you better results, data augmentation or custom loss or all together?
 - Baseline (starting-kit) vs. Task 1 vs. Task 2 vs. "Task 3"

Deadlines:

- Task 2: Apr-1st Apr-3rd
- **Optional:** Apr-10

