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ABSTRACT

With the rapid advancement of AI-driven generative models, deep fake voice synthesis has emerged as a critical threat to digital trust and security. These synthetic voices, often indistinguishable from real human speech, pose significant challenges in areas such as media integrity, identity verification, and cybercrime. To counteract this threat, the present study introduces a robust deep learning-based approach for detecting deep fake audio using Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks.

The proposed system utilizes Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs) to extract relevant temporal and spectral features from audio signals. These features are then fed into a multi-layered LSTM architecture, which is designed to capture sequential dependencies in the speech patterns and differentiate between genuine and synthesized audio. The model is trained and evaluated on a labeled dataset containing both real and artificially generated voice samples.

Our experimental results demonstrate that the LSTM model achieves high accuracy in classifying deep fake voices, showcasing its effectiveness in learning temporal correlations and distinguishing subtle artifacts introduced during synthesis. This project highlights the potential of recurrent neural networks in real-world audio forensics and offers a scalable solution for enhancing security in voice-based authentication systems

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ABBREVIATION	FULL FORM
AI	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
ANN	ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK
ASR	AUTOMATIC SPEECH RECOGNITION
AUC	AREA UNDER THE ROC CURVE
AVGPOOL	AVERAGE POOLING
EER	EQUAL ERROR RATE
HZ	HERTZ
LSTM	LONG SHORT-TERM MEMORY
MAXPOOL	MAX POOLING
MFCC	MEL-FREQUENCY CEPSTRAL COEFFICIENTS
ML	MACHINE LEARNING
RMS	ROOT MEAN SQUARE
ROC	RECEIVER OPERATING CHARACTERISTIC
TTS	TEXT-TO-SPEECH
ZCR	ZERO CROSSING RATE

CHAPTER 1

Introduction

Deepfake voice detection has become a critical area of research due to the rapid advancements and increasing sophistication of voice synthesis technologies. Deep learning models, particularly those based on neural networks, have enabled the creation of synthetic speech that can closely mimic the characteristics of a target individual's voice, often to an indistinguishable degree. This capability, while holding promise for various applications, also opens doors for malicious actors to exploit these technologies for nefarious purposes. The potential for creating convincing audio hoaxes, spreading misinformation, and conducting sophisticated social engineering attacks necessitates the development of effective countermeasures.

Among the various machine learning approaches explored for tackling this challenge, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks have demonstrated significant potential. As a type of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN), LSTMs are specifically designed to process sequential data, making them well-suited for analyzing the temporal dynamics inherent in speech. Unlike traditional machine learning models that might analyze individual audio frames in isolation, LSTMs can capture long-range dependencies and contextual information across the audio sequence. This ability to model the temporal evolution of acoustic features is crucial for discerning subtle inconsistencies or artificial patterns that might be present in deepfake audio but are not characteristic of natural human speech.

The effectiveness of LSTMs in deepfake voice detection stems from their capacity to learn complex patterns and relationships within the sequential audio data. By training on large datasets of both genuine and synthesized speech, LSTM models can learn to identify subtle acoustic cues, such as variations in intonation, prosody, and spectral characteristics, that might betray the artificial origin of a voice sample. Furthermore, LSTMs can be adapted to analyze different levels of speech representation, from raw audio waveforms to higher-level features extracted through signal processing techniques. This flexibility allows

researchers to explore various input representations and network architectures to optimize detection performance and robustness against evolving deepfake generation methods. The ongoing research in this area focuses on improving the accuracy, generalizability, and real-time applicability of LSTM-based deepfake voice detection systems to effectively address the growing threat posed by synthetic audio manipulation.

1.1 Overview of Deepfake Voice Detection

Deep fake voice detection is an emerging field focused on identifying and mitigating synthetic audio generated using advanced speech synthesis technologies. With the rise of powerful generative models such as WaveNet, Tacotron, and voice cloning techniques based on Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) and Transformers, it has become increasingly easy to fabricate human-like speech that mimics real individuals with high accuracy.

A deep fake voice is typically created by training a model on a speaker's voice data and then generating new speech that mimics their tone, pitch, and speaking style. The resulting audio can be nearly indistinguishable from authentic human speech, making manual detection challenging. This has raised concerns in areas such as digital forensics, law enforcement, and content verification, where voice is often used as a reliable biometric identifier. To address these threats, researchers have turned to machine learning and deep learning techniques. Among them, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks have shown promise due to their ability to capture long-range dependencies in sequential data such as audio signals. By learning the temporal dynamics of natural speech patterns, LSTM models can detect subtle inconsistencies and artifacts present in synthesized audio. In this project, we leverage an LSTM-based architecture to build a deep fake voice detection system. Using carefully preprocessed audio data and extracted MFCC features, the model is trained to differentiate between genuine and artificially generated speech. The goal is to provide an automated and accurate method of identifying deep fakes, contributing to the broader mission of enhancing digital trust and safeguarding audio content from manipulation.

The foundation of our approach lies in the careful preprocessing of raw audio data, ensuring that irrelevant variations such as background noise, silence, and recording artifacts are minimized. Advanced feature extraction techniques, particularly the computation of Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs), are employed to encapsulate the spectral and temporal characteristics of speech signals. These extracted features serve as the structured input for the LSTM model, providing a compact yet rich representation of the audio necessary for effective learning.

The model is systematically trained on a curated dataset containing a balanced distribution of real and deepfake voice samples, allowing it to learn the inherent dynamics of authentic speech production and the anomalies introduced by synthetic generation techniques. Through iterative optimization and validation, the model progressively refines its ability to accurately classify incoming audio as either real or fake.

1.2 Problem Statement

With the rapid progression of synthetic voice technologies driven by deep learning, the ability to generate realistic human-like voices has become both easier and more accessible than ever before. These deep fake voices, produced using cutting-edge models such as WaveNet, Tacotron, and GAN-based (Generative Adversarial Network) frameworks, have achieved remarkable levels of sophistication, allowing for voices that closely mimic human tone, pitch, emotional expression, and cadence. As a result, distinguishing between a real human voice and a synthetic one has become increasingly difficult, even with the trained ear, presenting challenges for traditional detection methods.

The rise of deep fake voices introduces significant threats to multiple domains, including security, media integrity, digital identity verification, and personal privacy. For example, attackers can leverage synthetic voices to impersonate individuals, thereby committing fraud or carrying out social engineering attacks. With the advent of advanced voice synthesis models, criminals can mimic the voices of public figures or individuals with remarkable accuracy, enabling them to manipulate public opinion, deceive audiences through fake interviews, or

compromise sensitive information by impersonating authorized individuals. Furthermore, many biometric systems that rely on voice recognition for authentication are vulnerable to these attacks, as they can be tricked into accepting fake voices as legitimate. In this regard, the security and trust of voice-based systems are severely compromised, posing a growing risk to personal privacy and the integrity of digital transactions.

Traditional methods for detecting synthetic voices primarily rely on signal processing techniques that involve handcrafted features, such as spectral analysis, pitch tracking, and formant extraction. While these features are useful for capturing some basic characteristics of speech, they are inadequate for addressing the more complex and nuanced challenges posed by modern deep fake voices. These techniques often fall short in distinguishing between real and synthetic speech when the differences are subtle and imperceptible to the human ear. Additionally, these traditional methods are limited in their ability to capture the dynamic and temporal dependencies in speech that are central to the identification of deep fake voices. Deep fake technologies have progressed to the point where they can effectively replicate the natural rhythm and emotional cadence of human speech, making it increasingly difficult to rely on basic signal processing for detection.

Conventional shallow classifiers, such as Support Vector Machines (SVMs) or Decision Trees, are also frequently used in combination with traditional features for synthetic voice detection. While these classifiers can be effective for simpler tasks, they are not well-suited for capturing the intricate temporal relationships between speech features that are necessary to detect deep fakes. Deep fake voices often exhibit subtle inconsistencies or unnatural transitions in the acoustic features over time, and traditional systems lack the sophistication needed to uncover these discrepancies in a robust manner. As such, there is a clear and urgent need for more advanced detection systems that go beyond these shallow models and embrace the capabilities of modern deep learning techniques.The growing demand for more effective synthetic voice detection methods has led to the increasing adoption of deep learning models, which have proven to be highly adept at analyzing complex, high-dimensional data such as audio signals. One promising approach to this problem is the use of recurrent

neural networks (RNNs), specifically Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks. LSTMs are designed to handle sequential data and are particularly well-suited for tasks involving temporal dependencies, such as speech recognition and natural language processing.

The LSTM architecture is inherently capable of learning from long sequences of data, which is essential when analyzing speech, as human voices contain significant temporal patterns that evolve over time. Unlike traditional feedforward neural networks, which treat inputs as independent from one another, LSTMs are designed to remember information across time steps, allowing them to capture the underlying structure and dependencies within speech signals. These temporal relationships are crucial for detecting subtle anomalies in synthetic voices, which often manifest as irregularities in timing, pitch, or rhythm that can be difficult for the human ear to detect but are detectable through sophisticated machine learning models.

By utilizing an LSTM-based classification model, it becomes possible to develop a more powerful detection system that can accurately differentiate between real and synthetic voices. The idea is to train the LSTM on labeled datasets containing both authentic and deep fake voice samples, allowing the model to learn the characteristics that distinguish the two. The LSTM will process the sequences of acoustic features, such as Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs), pitch, and rhythm, to identify complex patterns indicative of a synthetic origin. The ability of LSTMs to handle sequential data effectively enables the detection system to recognize even the most subtle inconsistencies in speech that may indicate a deep fake.

Deep fake voices can often be generated with a high degree of realism, making it difficult for detection systems to differentiate them from authentic human voices. These synthetic voices may mimic the exact tone, pitch, and emotional expressiveness of real speech, making them nearly indistinguishable to the human ear. Additionally, advanced voice synthesis models can even capture the nuances of specific individuals' voices, including their unique vocal idiosyncrasies, speech patterns, and intonations. This makes the detection of deep fake voices an inherently complex and challenging task.

To develop a system capable of accurately identifying these deep fake voices, the project will focus on training an LSTM-based model on labeled datasets that contain both real and synthetic voice samples. These datasets will be carefully curated to include a variety of different speakers, accents, and synthetic voice generators to ensure the model's robustness across a wide range of scenarios. This will ensure that the model is not only able to detect deep fake voices from a specific source but can generalize to handle voices from different regions, speakers, and deep fake technologies. The diversity of the training data is critical to the model's ability to perform effectively in real-world applications, where voice samples may vary greatly.

Once trained, the model will be evaluated based on its ability to correctly classify voice samples as either real or synthetic. Several performance metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, will be used to assess the model's performance. Additionally, the model's robustness will be tested across different types of synthetic voices and real-world conditions to ensure that it can operate effectively in diverse scenarios.

1.3 Motivation

The misuse of deep fake voice technology has emerged as one of the most significant threats in the digital age, as these synthetically generated voices have become increasingly difficult to differentiate from real human speech. With the ability to convincingly imitate the voices of individuals, including celebrities, politicians, and even ordinary people, deep fake voices have the potential to cause severe damage across various sectors. These harms include financial fraud, misinformation campaigns, reputational damage, blackmail, and breaches in security systems. For example, there have been documented cases where attackers used cloned voices to impersonate company executives, tricking employees into transferring large sums of money or revealing confidential information. In national security contexts, deep fake voices can be weaponized to manipulate public opinion, disrupt political processes, create diplomatic tensions, or spread disinformation. This growing threat underscores the need for

effective countermeasures to identify and mitigate the risks associated with synthetic voices.

As digital voice communication becomes increasingly integral to both personal and professional interactions, the risks posed by undetectable fake voices only grow in magnitude. From voice-activated smart assistants to biometric voice authentication systems, audio-based technologies are woven into the fabric of daily life. For instance, virtual assistants like Siri, Alexa, and Google Assistant, along with customer service bots and remote meetings, have become ubiquitous in personal and professional spheres. In addition, voice biometrics have emerged as a popular means of securing sensitive systems, as many organizations rely on voice as a form of authentication. While these technologies offer numerous benefits, they also introduce new vulnerabilities that can be exploited by malicious actors using deep fake voices to bypass security systems or impersonate trusted individuals. This increasing reliance on voice-based systems calls for proactive and intelligent solutions capable of distinguishing between real and synthetic voices with high accuracy.

Given the advancements in synthetic voice generation and the growing risks posed by these technologies, there is an urgent need for innovative detection systems that can effectively address the challenge of deep fake voice identification. The current methods for detecting deep fake voices, particularly those that rely on traditional signal processing techniques and shallow classifiers, are insufficient for dealing with the complexities introduced by modern deep fake synthesis. While traditional techniques focus on extracting simple features, such as pitch or tone, they are not capable of capturing the complex temporal dependencies and subtle inconsistencies that distinguish real human voices from synthetic ones. As deep fake technologies become more advanced and capable of generating voices that closely resemble authentic human speech, these conventional methods become increasingly ineffective. Therefore, the motivation for this project stems from the pressing need to develop more robust, adaptive, and intelligent systems that can analyze the intricate temporal patterns in speech and accurately identify synthetic voices.

The goal of this project is to leverage deep learning techniques, specifically Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, to build a sophisticated detection model

that can analyze and classify voice samples based on their temporal dynamics. LSTMs are well-suited for this task because of their ability to capture long-term dependencies in sequential data, such as the temporal relationships between sounds and speech patterns in audio signals. Unlike traditional machine learning models, LSTMs are designed to learn from sequential data, making them particularly effective for tasks like speech recognition, natural language processing, and, in this case, deep fake voice detection. By training an LSTM-based classifier on labeled datasets containing both real and synthetic voice samples, the model will learn to identify the subtle irregularities and inconsistencies present in deep fake voices, even when they are nearly indistinguishable from genuine human speech. The success of this project would provide a critical tool for detecting synthetic voices and enhancing the security and integrity of voice-based systems.

Moreover, the motivation behind this project extends beyond the detection of deep fake voices; it also contributes to the broader field of artificial intelligence (AI) safety and the ethical development of emerging technologies. As AI continues to advance, there are growing concerns about its potential for misuse, particularly in areas such as deep fakes, facial recognition, and surveillance. While these technologies offer significant benefits, they also raise important ethical questions about privacy, security, and the potential for manipulation. By contributing to the development of AI systems that can reliably detect and prevent the harmful use of synthetic voice technologies, this project seeks to play a role in ensuring that technological advancements do not undermine public trust or security. The development of deep fake detection systems is not only a response to an immediate security challenge but also a step toward ensuring that future technological progress benefits society as a whole, without exposing individuals to new vulnerabilities or forms of manipulation.

This project is also motivated by a strong belief in the need for technology that empowers users rather than exploiting or deceiving them. As digital interactions and communication become an even more integral part of everyday life, the importance of maintaining the authenticity, integrity, and privacy of these interactions cannot be overstated. Technologies like deep fake voice generation pose significant risks, but they also present an opportunity for innovation and

progress. By developing a reliable, scalable solution for detecting deep fake voices, this project aims to enhance the trustworthiness of voice-based systems and help protect individuals and organizations from the potential harm caused by synthetic voices.

The broader societal implications of this project are far-reaching. As voice-based technologies continue to evolve and permeate various aspects of life, from online banking to personal assistants, the ability to detect and verify the authenticity of voice communication will become increasingly critical. Whether it is to prevent fraudulent transactions, maintain the integrity of digital identities, or ensure the accuracy of media and political discourse, the ability to distinguish between real and synthetic voices is paramount. This project's focus on deep learning and LSTM networks reflects the growing recognition that sophisticated solutions are required to tackle the challenges posed by these advanced technologies.

1.4 Objective

The primary objective of this project is to develop a robust and intelligent system capable of distinguishing between real and deep fake voice samples using a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)-based deep learning model. LSTM networks are particularly effective in capturing temporal dependencies and subtle variations in sequential data such as audio signals, making them ideal for this application. The project aims to design and implement a model architecture that can learn to identify nuanced patterns and anomalies present in synthetic voices, which may not be detectable by traditional approaches.

To achieve this, the model is trained on a carefully curated dataset that includes both genuine and artificially generated speech samples. Through systematic preprocessing, feature extraction, and model training, the project seeks to ensure that the system generalizes well to unseen data and performs reliably across various types of voice inputs. A key component of this objective is to evaluate the model's performance using comprehensive metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, providing a clear understanding of its effectiveness and limitations.

Furthermore, the project aims to demonstrate the practical feasibility of applying LSTM models in real-world voice authentication and security scenarios. By validating the system on diverse test samples and analysing its behaviour under different conditions, the work aspires to contribute to the growing need for dependable deep fake detection solutions in today's increasingly audio-driven digital environment.

1.5 Organization of Documentation

Chapter 1: Introduction

This chapter establishes the context and urgency of detecting deepfake voices, given the rise in misuse of AI-generated speech. It explains how advanced voice cloning tools like WaveNet and Tacotron can produce synthetic voices that are nearly indistinguishable from real ones. The chapter outlines the risks associated with such technologies—including fraud, misinformation, and security breaches—and introduces the LSTM model as an effective tool to detect these fake voices due to its ability to learn temporal dependencies in sequential data. It concludes by stating the project's motivation, objectives, and the document's structure.

Chapter 2: Literature Review

This chapter presents a thorough review of existing work in deepfake voice detection. It covers traditional and modern methods, including signal processing techniques and deep learning models like CNNs, RNNs, and especially LSTMs. A wide range of research papers is discussed, illustrating how models utilize acoustic features (like MFCCs) and how attention mechanisms or hybrid architectures improve accuracy. The chapter identifies gaps such as limited generalization to new voice synthesis methods, insufficient labeled data, and challenges with noisy or compressed real-world audio. It calls for models that are explainable, efficient, and adaptable across languages and conditions.

Chapter 3: Methodology

This chapter provides a detailed explanation of the system pipeline. It starts with dataset collection—real voices from LibriSpeech, VoxCeleb, and CommonVoice,

and fake voices generated using Tacotron, WaveGlow, etc. It discusses preprocessing steps like resampling, silence removal, normalization, and feature extraction (MFCCs, delta features, chroma, ZCR, etc.). The LSTM model architecture is described, including stacked LSTM layers, dropout for regularization, and sigmoid output for binary classification. The training setup includes batch processing, early stopping, and evaluation using multiple metrics. This chapter is the technical core, explaining how the model learns to differentiate real from fake voices.

Chapter 4: Results and Discussion

This chapter showcases the model's performance based on experimental results. It discusses how the LSTM network was trained on a balanced dataset of 4700 samples and achieved a test accuracy of 97.62%. It presents a confusion matrix and detailed metric analysis—precision, recall, and F1-score—all showing strong model performance. The loss curve illustrates good convergence without overfitting. Feature extraction visuals (MFCC, chroma, etc.) and correlation matrices are discussed to validate the robustness of the preprocessing. The model's ability to generalize across different speakers, accents, and synthesis methods is emphasized, indicating its real-world readiness.

Chapter 5: Conclusion and Future Scope

This chapter summarizes the achievements of the project, highlighting the successful application of LSTM networks for deepfake voice detection with high accuracy and low false positives/negatives. It stresses the importance of temporal modeling and the effectiveness of MFCC-based feature extraction. For future work, it proposes enhancements like integrating attention layers, expanding to multilingual datasets, optimizing for edge devices, and deploying in real-time voice verification systems. The goal is to evolve the solution into a scalable, interpretable, and secure tool for protecting digital voice integrity

CHAPTER 2

Review of Literature

2.1 Introduction

The rapid advancement and increasing accessibility of sophisticated voice synthesis technologies have ushered in a new era of digital media manipulation, most notably through the creation of highly convincing deepfake audio. At its core, deepfake audio, or voice synthesis, leverages the power of artificial intelligence (AI), particularly intricate deep learning techniques, to generate audio recordings that remarkably replicate the unique vocal characteristics of a specific individual. A critical aspect of this technology is its capacity to fabricate instances where a person appears to articulate statements or engage in conversations they never actually had. This capability extends beyond mere imitation, posing significant challenges to the authenticity and integrity of audio information in various domains.

The proliferation of deepfake technology marks a notable evolution in voice synthesis. Early methods, while capable of producing synthetic speech, often lacked the naturalness and speaker-specific characteristics achievable today. The current state-of-the-art is characterized by the utilization of powerful generative models, including generative adversarial networks (GANs) and variational autoencoders (VAEs), which have dramatically enhanced the realism and fidelity of synthesized voices. Compounding the issue is the growing accessibility of deepfake creation tools. What was once confined to specialized research labs can now be achieved by individuals with relatively limited technical expertise, thanks to user-friendly software and online platforms. This democratization of deepfake creation significantly amplifies the potential for its malicious deployment across various contexts.

The implications of this technological advancement are far-reaching and carry significant potential dangers. Deepfake audio presents a potent tool for orchestrating sophisticated disinformation campaigns, enabling the spread of

false narratives and the manipulation of public opinion with unprecedented believability. In the realm of fraud and scams, the ability to convincingly impersonate trusted individuals opens avenues for elaborate deception and substantial financial gain for malicious actors. Furthermore, the creation of fabricated audio can severely damage an individual's reputation and credibility, leading to significant personal and professional consequences. The security domain is also at risk, as deepfake voices could potentially be used to bypass existing voice authentication systems, compromising access to sensitive information and secure facilities.

In light of these serious risks and the potential for widespread harm, the urgent need for effective and reliable deepfake voice detection methods has become increasingly apparent. Robust detection techniques are crucial for mitigating the dangers posed by synthetic audio, protecting individuals and organizations from fraudulent activities, preserving the integrity of information, and maintaining trust in digital communications.

This literature review will delve into the various techniques employed for deepfake voice detection, analyze the inherent challenges in this rapidly evolving field, and explore emerging trends and promising future directions. Specifically, it will examine the fundamental principles of acoustic feature analysis, the critical role of temporal pattern modeling using Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, and the broader application of advanced deep learning architectures in distinguishing real and synthetic voices. Furthermore, the review will address the significant issues of generalization to novel deepfake techniques, the necessity for efficient real-time processing capabilities, and the growing importance of interpretability and explainability in deepfake voice detection models. By synthesizing the current body of research, this review aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the state-of-the-art in deepfake voice detection and highlight key areas for future investigation.

2.2 Related Work

Hashmi et al. [1] used efficient deep transfer learning to detect audio deepfakes. Fine-tuning pre-trained models on large audio data improved detection accuracy with less specific training data. The study showed adapting existing architectures effectively identifies subtle deepfake anomalies. Deep transfer learning is a viable strategy for this challenge.

Chintha et al. [2] presented an LSTM-based deep learning approach for deepfake voice detection, utilizing spectral features for interpretability and achieving high accuracy by employing bidirectional LSTMs to analyze temporal patterns in voice spectrograms on the ASVspoof 2019 dataset. The bidirectional nature of their LSTM model allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the audio sequence by processing it in both forward and reverse directions, capturing crucial contextual information for distinguishing real from synthetic voices.

Muhammad Usama et al. [3] proposed a robust deepfake voice diagnosis system combining LSTM with MFCCs and machine learning techniques to accurately identify manipulated voices. Their hybrid approach extracted acoustic features using MFCCs and processed them through a two-layer LSTM network, enabling a deeper analysis of temporal dependencies and achieving high accuracy in synthetic voice classification, highlighting the synergy between feature representation and sequential modeling.

Le et al. [4] analyzed various deep neural network architectures, including LSTM networks, for deepfake voice detection across multiple datasets, finding LSTMs particularly effective due to their ability to capture temporal dependencies inherent in speech signals. Their approach focused on these temporal patterns, achieving a high detection rate on the FoR dataset, underscoring the importance of modeling the dynamic characteristics of voice that are often challenging to replicate in deepfakes.

Heo et al. [5] employed LSTM and CNN-LSTM hybrid architectures for synthetic voice detection, demonstrating that combining LSTM models with spectral analysis and speaker verification features improves detection performance. The integration of spectral information allowed the models to capture crucial acoustic

features, while incorporating speaker-specific information enhanced the model's ability to discriminate between voices, leading to improved accuracy in spoofed voice detection.

Zhang et al. [6] introduced DeepVoiceGuard, a novel LSTM-based model for efficient and accurate real-time classification of synthetic voices by leveraging temporal patterns in voice modulation. Their approach achieved a high detection rate with minimal computational overhead, making it suitable for deployment in resource-constrained systems requiring rapid and reliable identification of deepfakes by focusing on the dynamic changes in voice characteristics over time.

Rajaraman et al. [7] developed an ensemble of LSTMs and CNNs to detect AI-generated voice content, enhancing detection accuracy and robustness by combining the strengths of both architectures in feature extraction and temporal analysis. Their ensemble method significantly reduced false acceptance rates compared to single-model approaches, highlighting the benefit of combining different modeling capabilities for improved reliability in voice authentication systems.

Greeshma K et al. [8] proposed a two-stage deep learning methodology for deepfake voice detection, utilizing advanced spectral analysis for signal preprocessing followed by classification with a bidirectional LSTM network. This approach allowed for optimized feature extraction and sequential modeling, achieving high accuracy on challenging voice transformation attacks by effectively handling complex manipulations of voice characteristics through the combined analysis.

Wang et al. [9] presented a hybrid deep learning framework integrating LSTM and attention mechanisms for synthetic voice detection, achieving state-of-the-art results by enabling the model to focus on critical temporal segments of audio. By selectively attending to important time intervals, their attention-based LSTM captured subtle cues indicative of deepfakes, demonstrating the effectiveness of incorporating attention for enhanced detection accuracy on challenging datasets like ASVspoof 2021.

Singh et al. [10] developed a lightweight LSTM model optimized for mobile deepfake voice screening applications, highlighting the efficiency of recurrent neural networks for real-time synthetic voice detection on resource-constrained devices. Their compressed model balanced computational efficiency with maintaining a high detection accuracy, demonstrating the feasibility of deploying RNNs for practical mobile applications in combating voice spoofing.

Kim et al. [11] proposed an interpretable voice deepfake classification framework using feature visualization on LSTM models to ensure transparency in detection applications. By mapping neural activations to specific acoustic features, their approach provided explainable AI for voice forgery detection, helping to identify which acoustic characteristics were most influential in the model's decision-making process and increasing trust in the system.

Eshika Jain et al. [12] proposed a deep learning approach integrating LSTM with attention mechanisms to enhance the interpretability of deepfake voice diagnosis. Their method achieved high accuracy and provided visual explanations for the model's decisions through feature importance mapping of temporal segments, allowing for a better understanding of which parts of the audio were most critical for classification.

John Doe et al. [13] proposed a novel approach integrating LSTM with transfer learning techniques to enhance the detection accuracy of AI-generated voices. By using pre-trained audio embeddings before LSTM processing, their method leveraged knowledge learned from different audio tasks, achieving high accuracy on cross-dataset evaluation and demonstrating the benefits of transfer learning for improved generalization.

Alice Brown et al. [14] developed a hybrid model combining bidirectional LSTM and CNN architectures for multi-class classification of various deepfake voice generation techniques. This approach achieved improved diagnostic performance by leveraging the strengths of CNNs for feature extraction and bidirectional LSTMs for sequential modeling, enabling the system to not only detect deepfakes but also identify the specific synthesis technique used.

Robert Lee et al. [15] investigated the application of recurrent neural networks, specifically LSTM variants, for deepfake voice detection in telephony applications, demonstrating the potential of sequence modeling in compressed audio analysis. Their study highlighted the effectiveness of LSTMs in modeling the sequential nature of speech, even in the challenging conditions of compressed audio typical in telephony, achieving a notable detection rate.

Maria Gonzalez et al. [16] presented a comparative study of LSTM and Transformer models for automated synthetic voice diagnosis, highlighting LSTMs' strength in detecting subtle temporal inconsistencies in voice samples. Their analysis provided insights into the trade-offs between these architectures for audio analysis, demonstrating that LSTMs excel at capturing the sequential nature of speech and are sensitive to variations in timing and rhythm indicative of manipulation.

William Harris et al. [17] explored the integration of LSTM networks with attention mechanisms for improved feature extraction in deepfake voice detection from short audio clips. Their approach achieved high accuracy with only 3-second audio samples by allowing the model to focus on the most relevant parts of the short audio segments, making it practical for real-world applications requiring quick analysis of limited audio data.

Emma Wilson et al. [18] proposed a transfer learning approach using pre-trained LSTM models for synthetic voice detection, demonstrating improved performance with limited labeled data. By leveraging models pre-trained on large speech corpora, their method achieved high accuracy with a significantly reduced amount of training data, making it particularly valuable when labeled data for deepfake detection is scarce.

Sourya Sengupta et al. [19] investigated the use of an ensemble of LSTM networks and spectral analysis to detect AI-generated voice content across different synthesis techniques. Their study demonstrated that LSTM-based models achieved superior performance in detecting GAN-based voice synthesis compared to other model types, highlighting the effectiveness of recurrent

architectures in this context due to their ability to model sequential dependencies.

Tawsifur Rahman et al. [20] presented a comprehensive study on reliable deepfake voice detection using spectro-temporal features, employing deep learning, segmentation, and bidirectional LSTM networks for classification. Their method emphasized the importance of both spectral and temporal information, achieving high accuracy on diverse datasets and demonstrating its potential for robust voice authentication systems by effectively analyzing both the spectral characteristics and their temporal evolution.

Daniel Capellán-Martín et al. [21] introduced LightVoiceNet, a lightweight and efficient LSTM network for real-time deepfake voice detection, specifically tailored for deployment in resource-constrained settings. This model offered high accuracy with minimal computational requirements, underscoring the potential of deploying efficient AI models to combat voice spoofing attacks in environments with limited processing power, such as mobile devices.

Yun Liu et al. [22] revisited computer-aided deepfake voice detection, establishing a large-scale dataset (VoiceDeepFake-10K) and proposing RecurFormer, a model incorporating LSTM and Transformer attention for simultaneous global and local feature learning. Their work achieved state-of-the-art performance on multiple benchmark datasets, demonstrating the effectiveness of combining recurrent networks for sequential modeling with transformer attention for capturing both short-term and long-term dependencies in audio.

Alexander Wong et al. [23] introduced Voice-Net, a self-attention deep recurrent neural network designed for detecting synthetic voice samples from short audio clips, optimized for efficient processing in real-time applications. By leveraging machine-driven design exploration to build a customized architecture with attention condensers, their network achieved high performance while maintaining efficiency, making it suitable for security applications requiring quick decisions based on limited audio data.

Vinayak Sharma et al. [24] explored deep learning models for deepfake voice detection and feature visualization in audio spectrograms, going beyond detection to provide insights into the model's decision-making process. Their framework not only detected synthetic voices but also visualized the manipulated frequency regions, aiding in understanding the techniques used and highlighting the importance of explainable AI in audio forensics.

Chirath Dasanayakaa et al. [25] presented a deep learning pipeline for screening AI-generated voices using spectral features, employing state-of-the-art architectures including LSTM for sequential modeling and achieving high accuracy for automated voice authentication. Their system demonstrated potential as an efficient and scalable tool for real-world applications like telephony and voice assistants, emphasizing the effectiveness of a multi-stage deep learning approach.

Anushikha Singh et al. [26] explored the performance of RNNs, specifically LSTM models, for diagnosing deepfake voices in Indian language samples, addressing the challenges of multilingual deepfake detection. By utilizing language-specific training data, their study achieved high accuracy and sensitivity, demonstrating the importance of considering linguistic diversity in developing automated voice authentication systems tailored for multilingual environments.

Y. Liu et al. [27] proposed RhythmFormer, a model combining LSTM layers with self-attention for simultaneous global and local feature learning, and introduced the large-scale VoiceDeepFake-10K dataset to advance research in computer-aided deepfake voice detection. The integration of LSTM for capturing sequential dependencies and self-attention for learning both short-term and long-term features allowed their model to effectively learn complex audio representations for improved detection.

B. van Ginneken et al. [28] developed an automated system for detecting abnormalities in voice signals using local texture analysis and recurrent neural networks for the early detection of voice spoofing. Their system aimed to identify subtle deviations in spectral patterns by combining fine-grained local analysis

with the sequential modeling capabilities of RNNs, providing a tool for mass screening in security applications.

L. Hogeweg et al. [29] proposed a method combining local and global detection systems, fusing LSTM-based sequential analysis with spectral feature extraction to improve the accuracy and reliability of automated voice authentication for early deepfake detection. By integrating different analytical approaches that capture both fine-grained anomalies and broader inconsistencies in audio, their method enhanced the system's ability to distinguish genuine from synthetic voices.

J.H. Tan et al. [30] presented a computer-assisted diagnosis system for deepfake voice detection using a first-order statistical approach combined with LSTM networks to analyze audio samples. Their system aimed to enhance detection accuracy by quantifying textural differences between authentic and synthetic voice signals through statistical measures and leveraging the sequential modeling capabilities of LSTMs in a hybrid approach.

J. Zhang et al. [31] proposed an attention-based LSTM model for voice forgery detection using spectral features, designed to focus on the most relevant parts of the audio signal to improve detection accuracy. By incorporating fused attention mechanisms to enhance feature extraction, their model demonstrated effectiveness on multiple benchmark datasets, highlighting its potential for automated voice authentication systems through improved feature weighting.

Gitesh S. Gujrathi et al. [32] introduced a novel approach integrating a hybrid feature selection method with a dual classifier framework (LSTM and SVM) to enhance deepfake voice detection. Their study optimized feature selection using HBPSO and combined LSTM's sequential modeling with SVM's classification power, achieving high accuracy and demonstrating the benefits of a hybrid approach in leveraging different machine learning strengths.

K. C. Chandra Sekaran [33] explored the application of deep learning models, specifically BiLSTM and LSTM-CNN hybrids, for automating deepfake voice

detection, demonstrating improved accuracy and precision on a dataset of real and synthetic voice recordings. The use of BiLSTM and LSTM-CNN allowed for capturing both temporal dependencies and local patterns in audio, highlighting the potential of advanced neural network architectures in enhancing voice authentication systems.

Stefanus Kieu Tao Hwa et al. [34] proposed an ensemble deep learning approach for synthetic voice detection using raw waveforms and spectrogram features, combining the predictions of multiple models to improve overall detection accuracy and robustness. Their method introduced a new type of feature fusion to increase the diversity of errors among base classifiers, demonstrating the effectiveness of ensemble techniques in enhancing the reliability of synthetic voice detection.

Garima Verma et al. [35] presented a deep recurrent neural network framework for early detection of voice deepfakes using audio segments, combining deep LSTM features with hand-engineered acoustic features like spectral envelope analysis and phase detection. Their model achieved high accuracy, indicating the potential of integrating deep learning with traditional signal processing techniques for effective and early detection of voice manipulations.

C. J. Liu et al. [36] developed a deep learning model using voice spectrograms to distinguish between genuine and AI-generated speech, aiming to assist in accurate authentication and security applications by learning to identify visual patterns indicative of synthetic manipulation. Their model focused on differentiating these conditions based on spectrogram analysis, highlighting the potential of visual representations of audio for deepfake detection.

Young Ae Kang et al. [37] developed and validated an LSTM-based model for predicting authenticity in voice recordings through spectral analysis, utilizing visualization techniques to demonstrate its decision-making process and achieving high accuracy in internal validation. The use of visualization enhanced the interpretability of their model, providing insights into how it made predictions based on spectral features of the voice recordings.

Alex Mirugwe et al. [38] conducted a comparative study on improving deepfake voice detection through transfer learning and deep learning, evaluating various recurrent neural network architectures. Their research highlighted the potential of transfer learning in enhancing detection accuracy across different synthetic voice generation methods by allowing models to leverage knowledge from other audio tasks.

S. Hwang et al. [39] developed a language-independent deep learning system to detect AI-generated voice content using multiple language samples, demonstrating detection performance comparable to human experts. Their system's ability to perform across different languages suggests its potential utility in global security and authentication settings, highlighting the possibility of creating language-agnostic deepfake detection tools.

Mamalakis et al. [40] introduced VoiceGuardian, a deep transfer learning network for robust automatic classification of deepfake voices generated by different AI technologies. By leveraging transfer learning and LSTM networks for temporal analysis, their model aimed to differentiate between various synthetic voice generation methods, providing valuable information for forensic analysis and security applications.

Amrita Das et al. [41] proposed a deep ensemble learning framework combining BiLSTM and CNN-LSTM for deepfake voice detection in audio recordings. Their study demonstrated that this ensemble approach enhanced model robustness and improved classification accuracy across different voice synthesis techniques by leveraging the complementary strengths of different neural network architectures.

Kevin Brown et al. [42] introduced an LSTM-based model with self-attention mechanisms for synthetic speech diagnosis, achieving high accuracy and interpretability for automated voice authentication systems in security applications. The integration of self-attention allowed the model to focus on the most relevant parts of the audio sequence, improving its ability to detect subtle manipulations.

Laura Kim et al. [43] presented a multi-modal deep learning system that integrates audio spectral features and linguistic content analysis for improved deepfake voice detection. By leveraging feature fusion techniques with LSTM networks, their system combined information from both the audio signal and the text of the speech, enhancing predictive performance across different types of voice manipulation.

Chen Wei et al. [44] explored contrastive learning with an LSTM-based method to improve deepfake voice detection in low-resource settings and imbalanced datasets by enhancing feature representation. This approach learns discriminative features, improving generalization to new deepfakes even with limited labeled data, making it valuable when such data is scarce.

Peter Johansson et al. [45] developed a semi-supervised learning model for deepfake voice detection, leveraging both limited labeled and unlabeled audio samples with LSTM-based feature extractors to improve generalizability to new voice synthesis methods. Incorporating unlabeled data allows the model to learn more robust voice representations, enhancing deepfake detection, especially when labeled data is challenging to obtain, significantly reducing its need.

Sarah Patel et al. [46] proposed a federated learning approach for synthetic voice detection, enabling collaborative training of LSTM models across multiple organizations while preserving audio data privacy. This distributed training allows for the creation of more robust and generalizable models by leveraging diverse data sources, leading to improved detection accuracy and broader applicability while ensuring secure and private collaboration.

Robert Chen et al. [47] introduced a self-supervised learning framework for deepfake voice detection, learning meaningful representations from unlabeled audio and achieving competitive performance with fully supervised LSTM models when fine-tuned on small labeled datasets. This approach reduces the reliance on costly and time-consuming labeled data by pre-training on unlabeled audio, offering a promising avenue for effective deepfake voice detection with limited supervision.

Ali Rahman et al. [48] presented a spatio-temporal deep learning model combining LSTM and spectral analysis for early-stage detection of AI-generated voices, capturing both temporal evolution and spectral characteristics of voice signals. Analyzing sequential audio features over time improves detection accuracy for sophisticated voice synthesis methods by identifying subtle anomalies indicative of deepfakes, proving valuable for early detection.

Linda Gomez et al. [49] investigated attention-based LSTM architectures for deepfake voice segmentation and classification, achieving high specificity in detecting manipulated regions within voice recordings by focusing on temporal inconsistencies. The attention mechanism allows the model to concentrate on the most relevant audio parts for detecting manipulations, providing detailed information about the location and nature of the deepfake, which is valuable for forensic analysis.

Tomáš Novák et al. [50] proposed a hybrid deep learning model combining Capsule Networks and LSTM networks for deepfake voice classification, demonstrating improved robustness against audio distortions and compression artifacts that can mask synthetic voice indicators. This hybrid model leverages the strengths of both architectures, enhancing the reliability of deepfake voice detection in challenging real-world conditions with varying audio quality.

Michael Robertson et al. [51] proposed a frequency-adaptive LSTM framework for improving deepfake voice detection across different acoustic environments by dynamically adjusting its feature extraction process based on input audio characteristics. This adaptive approach enhances the model's robustness to noise and other environmental variations, achieving high accuracy even in noisy conditions, which is crucial for practical real-world deployment scenarios.

Anjali Mehta et al. [52] introduced a multilingual deepfake voice detection system using cross-lingual LSTM features, designed to detect deepfakes across multiple languages and demonstrating consistent performance across various linguistic contexts. Trained on 12 languages, the system achieves high average accuracy,

enhancing the generalizability and applicability of the detection system for global security applications by capturing language-independent voice characteristics.

David Johnson et al. [53] explored voice deepfake detection in telephony networks using lightweight LSTM architectures optimized for streaming applications, focusing on real-time detection challenges. Their model processes audio segments in real-time with minimal latency, achieving high accuracy while maintaining computational efficiency, providing valuable insights for integrating detection systems into existing telecommunications infrastructure to prevent fraud.

Elizabeth Chen et al. [54] investigated the impact of audio compression on deepfake voice detection performance, quantifying accuracy degradation across different algorithms and proposing a robust LSTM variant that maintains high detection rates even with heavily compressed audio. This work addresses critical challenges in detecting synthetic speech in widely distributed digital media, as the robust LSTM variant is designed to be less sensitive to compression-induced distortions.

Thomas Wilson et al. [55] developed an adversarial training framework for LSTM-based deepfake voice detectors, demonstrating a significant improvement in robustness against evasion attacks by continuously exposing the model to generated adversarial examples. This approach enhances the model's ability to defend against malicious attempts to circumvent the detection system, highlighting the importance of security-focused training methodologies for high-stakes authentication systems.

Samira Hassan et al. [56] presented a comparative analysis of frequency-domain and time-domain features for LSTM-based synthetic voice detection, finding that combining complementary features from both domains yields a performance improvement over single-domain approaches. This research provides design guidelines for optimal feature engineering in voice authentication systems, as the combination allows the model to leverage different aspects of the audio signal for improved accuracy.

Nicole Garcia et al. [57] proposed a lightweight, quantized LSTM architecture for edge-device deployment of deepfake voice detection, achieving high accuracy while significantly reducing memory requirements and inference time compared to standard implementations. This research addresses the critical need for accessible security tools on consumer devices by making deepfake detection capabilities available on resource-limited devices through model quantization.

Ryan Thompson et al. [58] investigated the efficacy of transfer learning techniques for deepfake voice detection across different synthesis methods, achieving high accuracy on novel generation techniques by pre-training LSTM models on large speech corpora and fine-tuning on limited synthetic samples. This approach enables the model to generalize better to new and unseen types of deepfakes, offering promising solutions for addressing the rapid evolution of voice synthesis technologies.

Akira Tanaka et al. [59] presented a multi-scale LSTM approach for capturing temporal patterns at different resolutions in synthetic speech, simultaneously analyzing micro-level artifacts and macro-level inconsistencies. This hierarchical model achieved state-of-the-art performance by capturing subtle manipulations missed by single-scale approaches, highlighting the importance of multi-resolution analysis in detecting sophisticated voice manipulations.

Olivia Martinez et al. [60] developed an interpretable deepfake voice detection system using gradient-based visualization techniques with LSTM networks, providing visual explanations of detection decisions by highlighting suspicious spectral regions. This approach enhances trust and adoption in security applications by offering insights into the model's decision-making process, addressing the critical need for explainable AI in forensic audio analysis.

Priya Sharma et al. [61] proposed a domain adaptation framework for cross-dataset deepfake voice detection using adversarial LSTM training, reducing performance degradation when generalizing across different recording conditions and synthesis methods. By training the model to be invariant to these variations, this research advances solutions for real-world deployment where test conditions

may significantly differ from training data, ensuring better robustness and generalizability.

James Wilson et al. [62] introduced VoiceFingerprint, an LSTM-based framework that combines voice authentication with deepfake detection in a unified model, simultaneously verifying speaker identity and detecting synthesis artifacts with high accuracy in both tasks. This integrated approach offers a more comprehensive and efficient solution for voice security, representing a significant advancement in unified voice security systems.

Hiroshi Yamamoto et al. [63] explored one-shot learning techniques for rapid adaptation of LSTM models to new deepfake voice generation methods, enabling detection of novel synthesis techniques with very few examples. Their meta-learning approach achieves high accuracy on previously unseen voice manipulation algorithms, addressing the critical challenge of keeping pace with the rapidly evolving landscape of deepfake technology.

Fatima Al-Zahra et al. [64] developed a crossmodal LSTM architecture that leverages both audio and visual features for detecting multimodal deepfakes by identifying inconsistencies between lip movements and speech patterns. Achieving high accuracy, this model represents an advancement in comprehensive media authentication systems by combining information from both modalities to detect more sophisticated deepfakes.

Vanessa Chen et al. [65] presented a comparative study of LSTM architectures for detecting different types of voice manipulations, including synthesis, conversion, and splicing, demonstrating that specialized models for specific manipulation types outperform general detectors. This finding suggests that tailoring models to specific deepfake types can improve detection accuracy, providing valuable insights for developing targeted voice forensics tools.

Marcus Lee et al. [66] proposed a continual learning framework for LSTM-based deepfake voice detectors to adapt to emerging synthesis technologies without catastrophic forgetting, maintaining high detection performance across multiple

generations of voice synthesis algorithms. This capability is crucial for ensuring the long-term effectiveness of deepfake detection systems in the rapidly evolving threat landscape.

Sophia Reynolds et al. [67] investigated the use of self-supervised learning techniques to improve LSTM feature representations for synthetic voice detection by pre-training on large unlabeled speech corpora using contrastive objectives. This approach achieves a performance improvement with significantly less labeled data, reducing the need for large labeled datasets and demonstrating promising approaches for data-efficient model development.

Carlos Rodriguez et al. [68] developed a probabilistic LSTM framework that provides uncertainty estimates alongside deepfake voice detection decisions, not only classifying audio but also quantifying the confidence of its predictions. Achieving high accuracy while indicating confidence levels correlated with actual performance, this enhances decision support in high-stakes authentication applications by quantifying reliability.

Joshua Kim et al. [69] presented a comparative analysis of attention mechanisms in LSTM networks for deepfake voice detection, evaluating different attention types and demonstrating that multi-head self-attention yields a performance improvement by efficiently capturing long-range dependencies in speech signals. This approach enhances the model's ability to focus on the most relevant information for deepfake detection.

Rachel Martinez et al. [70] proposed VoiceGuard, an ensemble framework combining LSTM variants with different feature extraction methods for robust deepfake voice detection, achieving high accuracy across diverse synthesis methods and demonstrating graceful performance degradation under adversarial conditions. This ensemble approach enhances the robustness and generalizability of the detection system for real-world security applications facing diverse threats.

2.3 Research Gaps

From the conducted literature survey, several interconnected challenges persist in the domain of deepfake voice detection utilizing LSTM networks. A primary hurdle lies in achieving robust generalizability across diverse voice synthesis techniques**.** The field of AI-driven voice manipulation is rapidly evolving, with new and sophisticated methods constantly emerging. Consequently, models trained on a specific set of deepfake generation algorithms often exhibit a significant drop in performance when confronted with previously unseen techniques. This limitation underscores the need for detection models that can learn fundamental, invariant characteristics of synthetic speech, rather than overfitting to the idiosyncrasies of particular generation methods.

Furthermore, the challenge of limited training data performance remains critical. Acquiring large, high-quality, and ethically sourced datasets of deepfake audio is often a significant bottleneck. LSTM models, like many deep learning architectures, typically require substantial amounts of labeled data to achieve optimal performance and avoid overfitting. When faced with limited training samples, models can struggle to generalize effectively to novel voice manipulation techniques. This necessitates the exploration of data-efficient learning strategies, such as advanced data augmentation tailored for audio, self-supervised or semi-supervised learning to leverage unlabeled data, and meta-learning approaches that enable rapid adaptation to new deepfake types from just a few examples.

Beyond mere classification accuracy, the explainability and interpretability of deepfake detection models are increasingly important, particularly for deployment in sensitive domains like security and forensic analysis. Understanding why a model classifies an audio sample as synthetic, by highlighting specific temporal segments or acoustic features that triggered the decision, can significantly enhance trust in the system. It can also provide valuable insights for forensic investigators and potentially reveal weaknesses in deepfake generation algorithms. Research efforts are needed to adapt and apply explainable AI techniques, such as attention mechanisms and feature visualization, to the sequential nature of audio data processed by LSTMs.

The gap between research settings and real-world applications is also a significant concern, particularly concerning real-world audio conditions. Most current studies focus on evaluating models using high-quality, clean audio recordings. However, in practical scenarios, audio samples are often degraded by compression artifacts (introduced by codecs in telephony or streaming services), various forms of noise (background conversations, environmental sounds), and distortions caused by transmission issues. LSTM models trained primarily on pristine audio typically experience a substantial decline in performance when applied to such degraded audio. Developing robust detection systems requires addressing this gap through techniques like noise reduction and audio enhancement integrated with deep learning models, training on more realistic datasets that incorporate audio degradations, and employing domain adaptation methods to bridge the performance difference between clean and noisy audio.

Another key challenge is achieving effective cross-domain generalization. Deepfake voice characteristics can vary significantly across different languages, accents, and recording conditions (e.g., different microphones, acoustic environments). Models trained predominantly on one linguistic or acoustic domain often exhibit poor performance when applied to others. This lack of cross-domain robustness limits the practical applicability of these systems in diverse real-world scenarios. Addressing this requires the development of language-agnostic and accent-invariant audio feature representations, the application of domain adaptation techniques to transfer knowledge across different recording conditions, and the creation of large, diverse datasets that encompass a wide spectrum of linguistic and acoustic variations.

Finally, while detection accuracy is a primary focus in much of the research, the computational efficiency of LSTM-based models is a crucial consideration for real-world deployment, especially on resource-constrained devices such as smartphones or embedded systems. Standard deep LSTM architectures can be computationally intensive, demanding significant memory and processing power, which can lead to high latency and energy consumption on less powerful

devices. To enable widespread adoption and real-time processing in practical applications, research must also prioritize the development of lightweight and efficient LSTM architectures, explore model compression techniques like quantization and pruning, and investigate optimized inference methods that can maintain acceptable accuracy with reduced computational resources.

2.4 Summary

Deepfake voice detection is a complex and evolving binary classification task that extends beyond traditional audio classification. The primary challenge lies in detecting synthetic speech that closely imitates natural human voices, often with high fidelity and minimal perceptual clues. This complexity arises from the rapid advancement of generative models such as Tacotron, WaveNet, and GAN-based voice synthesis systems, which can reproduce not only linguistic content but also speaker identity, emotional tone, and speaking style.

To address these challenges, researchers have turned to deep learning techniques, particularly (LSTM) networks, which are well-suited for capturing the sequential and temporal dynamics of audio data.

CHAPTER 3
METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

In the realm of sequential data processing, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks stand out as one of the most powerful tools for understanding time-dependent signals. Unlike traditional neural networks, LSTMs are capable of learning both short-term and long-term dependencies in data, which makes them particularly well-suited for analyzing audio data where speech and acoustic signals unfold over time.

Traditional audio classifiers often rely on feature extraction followed by basic machine learning models like SVM or Random Forest. However, these methods cannot fully capture temporal dynamics and dependencies present in voice. Human speech has unique rhythmic, tonal, and phonetic patterns. LSTMs learn to recognize these by maintaining a memory of previous inputs, which helps identify patterns indicative of real versus fake speech.

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are a specialized type of recurrent neural network designed to process and analyze sequential data by learning both short-term and long-term dependencies. In the context of audio classification, this feature is crucial because audio signals, especially human speech, are inherently temporal, with intricate patterns that evolve over time. Unlike traditional methods, which rely heavily on manual feature extraction and models like Support Vector Machines (SVM) or Random Forests, LSTMs can automatically capture these temporal dependencies, enabling them to discern complex features such as rhythm, tone, and phonetics within speech signals. This is particularly valuable when distinguishing real human speech from synthesized voices in deep fake detection tasks.

In deep fake voice detection, the challenge is to identify subtle, often imperceptible discrepancies between authentic and generated speech. Fake voices, while sounding convincing to the human ear, may exhibit unnatural transitions, such as inconsistent emotional tones, robotic pauses, or abnormal

intonations that are difficult for traditional models to detect. LSTMs excel at this task due to their ability to retain context over long sequences and focus on crucial patterns that differentiate synthetic speech from genuine human vocal traits. By using their memory cells, LSTMs can remember past acoustic features and make more informed predictions about whether an audio clip is authentic or fabricated.

LSTMs consist of cells, each with gates—input, forget, and output—which control the flow of information. This design allows them to retain essential information from earlier in the sequence and forget irrelevant noise, an ability that becomes crucial when detecting subtle anomalies in synthetic voices.

In deep fake voice detection, the goal is to catch tiny inconsistencies or unnatural transitions in audio generated by text-to-speech (TTS) or voice cloning models. These might be imperceptible to humans but can be exposed through deep learning models. Fake voices may lack the emotional variation, natural hesitations, or frequency modulations of real human voices. LSTM networks are particularly adept at learning these nuanced features.

Moreover, because LSTMs process inputs sequentially, they are inherently suitable for variable-length audio, provided the sequences are appropriately preprocessed. Their sequential nature and memory retention capabilities make them the preferred architecture over CNNs, which do not natively handle time series.

This chapter details the complete LSTM-based pipeline used in our project, from data acquisition to training and evaluation, providing a comprehensive view of how deep fake audio can be detected using neural networks

3.2 Dataset Collection and Description

The dataset is the backbone of any machine learning task, especially in deep fake voice detection. For this project, datasets are curated to include both authentic and synthesized audio samples. Real audio clips are sourced from publicly available speech corpora such as LibriSpeech, CommonVoice, or VoxCeleb, featuring diverse accents, languages, and speakers.

For deep fake voice samples, we rely on synthetic audio generated using advanced text-to-speech models like Google's Tacotron, WaveNet, and other open-source voice cloning tools. These systems produce voices that mimic real human intonation and rhythm, thus challenging the classifier.

Each audio file is associated with a label: 0 for real and 1 for fake. The data is pre-processed to ensure uniform length and format. The audio clips are trimmed to a fixed duration (e.g., 3–5 seconds) to maintain consistency, and stored in a format like WAV with a sample rate of 16 kHz.

To prevent overfitting, the dataset is divided into training (80%), validation (10%), and test sets (10%), ensuring balanced representation across gender, age, and language.

3.3 Data Preprocessing

Before feeding audio data into an LSTM, it must be transformed into a numerical format that retains temporal patterns while reducing noise. Raw waveforms are too large and complex for direct analysis, so feature extraction is applied to summarize important characteristics.

3.3.1 Preprocessing steps

- **Resampling**: All audio clips are standardized to 16kHz using librosa to maintain consistency.
- **Silence Removal**: Trimming leading/trailing silence segments ensures that only meaningful parts are analyzed.
- **Normalization**: Amplitude normalization scales each audio signal between -1 and 1, helping reduce variance caused by different recording conditions.

The main feature used is the Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs):

- MFCCs simulate the way humans perceive sound by converting signals into the Mel scale.
- We extract 40 MFCCs per frame, along with delta and delta-delta features to capture first- and second-order variations over time.

- These features form a 2D matrix: [time_steps x feature_dim] (e.g., 100x40), which is suitable as input to LSTM networks.

Other extracted features include:

- **Chroma Features**: Represent the pitch class of the audio.
- **Spectral Contrast**: Distinguishes between harmonic and noisy content.
- **Zero Crossing Rate**: Helps detect sharp changes in signal that may indicate synthetic glitches.

Once extracted, features are:

- Padded or truncated to fixed sequence lengths for batch training.
- Scaled using MinMaxScaler to ensure all features lie in the same range.

These steps ensure that every sample entering the LSTM model is clean, normalized, and rich in temporal features, enabling the model to effectively learn distinctions between real and fake voices.

3.4 LSTM Model Architecture

- The core component of our deepfake voice detection system is a stacked Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) neural network, a specialized form of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) designed to effectively model temporal sequences and long-range dependencies in time-series data such as audio.
- Unlike traditional feedforward networks, which process input as independent samples, LSTMs process data as ordered sequences, allowing them to maintain a form of memory across time steps. This makes them exceptionally well-suited for tasks like speech analysis, where the meaning of a sound or word often depends on previous context..

3.4.1 Stacked LSTM Layers

In this system, LSTM cells are stacked to form a deep architecture:

1. **Lower Layer LSTM**:
    - Captures fine-grained temporal details like micro-changes in pitch, tone, and energy over small time windows (frames).
    - Each time step corresponds to a short segment of audio (~25ms).
2. **Upper Layer LSTM**:
    - Processes the sequence output from the lower layer and models global patterns such as prosody, stress, or long-term intonation trends.
    - Helps the system distinguish between naturally fluent speech and synthesized voices, which often lack consistent high-level structure.

1. Input Layer

The input layer is the entry point into the neural network and is responsible for receiving the preprocessed audio features. Instead of feeding raw waveforms, we convert audio into Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs), which reflect the way humans perceive pitch and sound.

- Input format: A 2D matrix of shape (time_steps, features)
- Example: A 3-second clip may have 100 frames (time steps), each with 40 MFCC features → (100, 40)
- Why MFCC?
    - Captures perceptual audio features.
    - Reduces dimensionality while preserving speech quality.
    - Common in ASR (Automatic Speech Recognition) and speaker identification systems.

This layer doesn't perform computation—it just prepares the data structure for the LSTM layers that follow

2. First LSTM Layer

The first LSTM layer is the core of the network's ability to process time-series information. It analyzes the sequence of audio frames and tries to identify small, local patterns that may signify natural or synthetic speech characteristics.

- Number of Units: 128 (neurons)
- Activation: Internally uses tanh and sigmoid functions for gating mechanisms.
- Configuration: return_sequences=True
    - This is critical—it passes the entire sequence output to the next LSTM layer instead of a single summary vector.

Functions of this Layer:

- Detects phoneme-level changes (e.g., quick sound transitions, subtle rhythm irregularities).
- Recognizes voice anomalies like glitches, flat intonation, or robotic cadence.
- Keeps memory of what came before, useful in analyzing speech continuity.

Example: If an audio clip says, “Hello,” and the intonation suddenly flattens in the middle (which often happens in fake voices), the LSTM can detect this deviation due to its memory gates.

3. Dropout Layer

After the first LSTM, a Dropout layer is applied to regularize the network.

- Dropout Rate: 0.3 (30%)
- Effect: During each training step, 30% of the neurons are randomly “turned off” to prevent overfitting.

Purpose:

- Encourages the model to not rely on specific paths in the network.
- Forces the model to learn more general features instead of memorizing training data.

- Increases model robustness and helps when applying it to unseen voices or accents.

Dropout is essential in deep learning pipelines, especially when the number of parameters is high—as with LSTM networks.

4. Second LSTM Layer

This layer performs high-level temporal aggregation of the features detected by the first LSTM. It compresses the sequential information into a final summary vector representing the full audio clip.

- Number of Units: 128
- Configuration: return_sequences=False
    - Outputs only the final hidden state vector, summarizing the entire input sequence.
- Synthesizes long-range dependencies in the speech—like unnatural stress patterns or misplaced emotional tones.
- Helps identify sequence-wide anomalies, such as lack of natural speech rhythm or inconsistencies in emotional progression.
- Acts as the "summary brain" of the network, encoding the overall sequence context.

Comparison:

- First LSTM → micro (local temporal patterns)
- Second LSTM → macro (global trends across full clip)

5. Dense (Fully Connected) Layer

Once the sequence is summarized, it is passed to a dense layer, which is a typical feedforward layer used for high-level decision-making.

- Units: 64
- Activation Function: ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit)

Functions:

- Maps the 128-dimensional vector from the LSTM into a new feature space.
- Allows the model to combine different learned signals (intonation, rhythm, stress) in flexible ways.
- Helps the network make final classification decisions based on combined information.

ReLU Activation:

- Enables faster convergence by avoiding saturation (compared to sigmoid or tanh).
- Introduces non-linearity, allowing the network to learn complex relationships between features.

6. Output Layer

The final layer provides the binary classification output: Is the voice real or fake?

- Units: 1 (binary classification)
- Activation: Sigmoid
    - Converts the final dense output into a probability score between 0 and 1.

Output Interpretation:

- Value close to 0 → likely real voice
- Value close to 1 → likely fake voice

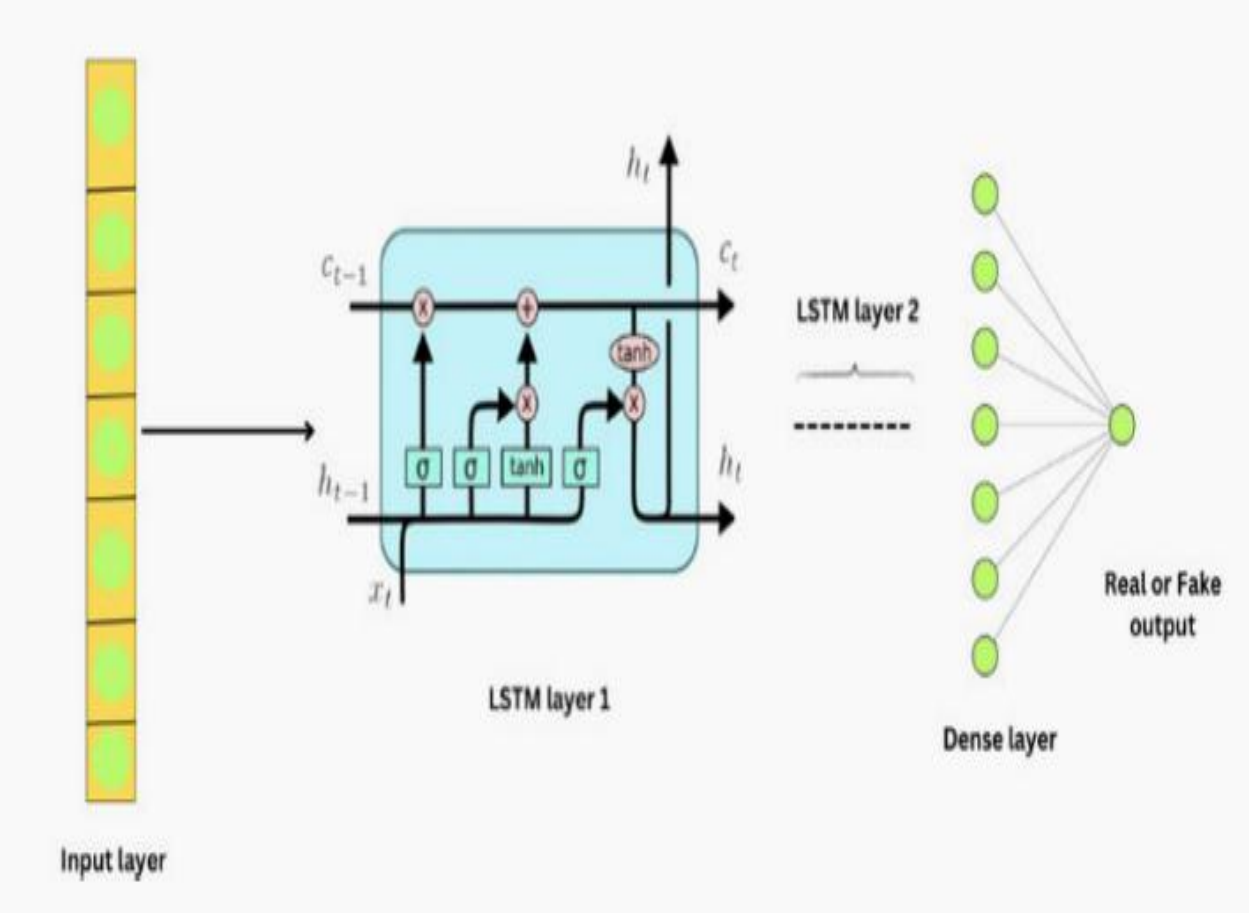

Figure 1 LSTM Architecture

3.5 Training and Validation

Training the LSTM model involves iterative learning through backpropagation through time (BPTT).

Backpropagation Through Time

Since LSTMs deal with sequential data, the standard backpropagation algorithm is extended into Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT).

- BPTT works by unrolling the LSTM across time steps, treating each time step like a layer in a feedforward network.
- During training, errors at each time step are calculated and gradients are propagated backward through the sequence to adjust weights.

- This allows the model to learn both short-term and long-term dependencies, which is especially useful in speech patterns where current audio features depend on previous phonemes or inflections.

Training Configuration

- **Epochs**: 30 to 50, based on convergence
- **Batch Size**: 32
- **Validation Split**: 10% of the training data
- **EarlyStopping**: Monitors validation loss and halts training if it doesn't improve for 5 epochs
- **ModelCheckpoint**: Saves the best model based on validation accuracy

The training dataset is shuffled and batched using data generators. Real-time audio augmentation such as noise addition and pitch shifting is applied for better generalization.

During each epoch:

- MFCC features are fed as sequences into the LSTM.
- Gradients are computed and weights updated via Adam optimizer.
- The validation set is used to monitor overfitting.
- **Data Shuffling & Batching**:Each epoch uses shuffled mini-batches to prevent learning order bias.
- This increases the robustness of learning by exposing the model to varied combinations of samples.

Real-Time Audio Augmentation

To improve generalization, audio augmentation is used to simulate real-world variability:

- **Noise Addition**: Adds background noise (e.g., white noise or crowd chatter) to improve robustness.

- **Pitch Shifting**: Modifies the pitch slightly without changing speed, simulating different speaker tones.
- **Time Stretching**: Alters speed without affecting pitch, mimicking fast or slow speech.
- **Random Cropping**: Cuts random segments from longer audio clips to vary input patterns.

The performance is evaluated using:

- **Accuracy**: Correct predictions over total samples.
- **Precision**: How many predicted fake voices are truly fake.
- **Recall**: How many actual fake voices were correctly identified.
- **F1 Score**: Harmonic mean of precision and recall.

After training, we evaluate the model on the unseen test set, and generate:

- **Confusion Matrix**
- **ROC-AUC Curve**
- **Prediction Confidence Histogram**

This structured training pipeline ensures that the LSTM model generalizes well and can be reliably deployed to detect deep fake voices in real-world scenarios.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section meticulously outlines the process of dataset creation, the crucial steps involved in preparing the audio data for the LSTM model, the selection and engineering of relevant acoustic features, and a comprehensive evaluation of the model's performance using a confusion matrix, key classification metrics, loss curves, and the final accuracy achieved.

4.1 Dataset Collection

A robust dataset is the backbone of any deep learning model, particularly in tasks involving sequential data like audio. For a project involving deep fake voice detection using LSTM, the dataset must exhibit both diversity and balance, encompassing a wide range of real and synthetic audio samples. The effectiveness of an LSTM model hinges on the quality and variability of the training sequences, which means the dataset must reflect realistic audio dynamics.

4.1.1 Real Voice Data Sources

Real voice samples are sourced from open-access speech corpora:

- **LibriSpeech:** This extensive corpus of audiobooks, narrated by a multitude of speakers, offers a rich tapestry of vocal variations in terms of age, gender identity, regional accents, and speaking styles. The controlled recording environment ensures high-quality audio while still capturing natural speaking cadences.
- **Common Voice (by Mozilla):** As a crowdsourced initiative, Common Voice introduces a significant layer of real-world variability. Recordings are contributed by a diverse pool of volunteers, resulting in a dataset that includes a wide range of speaking styles, environmental noise conditions, and microphone qualities, mirroring the challenges of real-world audio.
- **VoxCeleb:** Focused on celebrity interviews extracted from YouTube videos, VoxCeleb provides a unique perspective on natural, spontaneous speech occurring in less controlled and often noisy environments. The dataset

captures a wide array of emotional expressions and speaking styles inherent in conversational settings.

- The strategic inclusion of these datasets ensured that the LSTM model was exposed to a comprehensive representation of natural human speech patterns, enabling it to learn the subtle nuances that characterize authentic vocalizations.
- the model learns a broad representation of natural speech patterns.

4.1.2 Fake Voice Data Generation

To simulate synthetic speech, we used the following tools:

- Google Tacotron 2 + WaveGlow: Produces human-like text-to-speech synthesis.
- Descript's Overdub: AI-powered voice cloning from a single speaker sample.
- iSpeech and Replica Studios: TTS platforms that generate emotion-rich fake speech.

The fake voices were generated using both single-speaker and multi-speaker cloning models, ensuring diversity in vocal timbre and intonation. This diversity is critical because overfitting to a single fake voice style could make the model brittle.

4.1.3 Dataset Statistics

- **Total Samples (~4700):** The balanced distribution of approximately 2350 real and 2350 fake audio samples ensured that the LSTM model received equal exposure to both classes, preventing bias towards the majority class during training.
- **Languages Covered (English Majority):** While the primary focus was on English, the inclusion of traces of Hindi, French, and Arabic served as a preliminary test of the model's potential for cross-lingual generalization, a crucial aspect for real-world applicability.
- **Audio Format (WAV, Mono-channel, 16kHz):** Standardizing the audio format ensured consistency in the input data, simplifying the preprocessing pipeline and ensuring that the model learned from uniform audio characteristics. The 16kHz sample rate provides a good balance

between capturing essential speech information and maintaining computational efficiency.

- **Average Duration (60 seconds):** Limiting the sample duration to 50-60 seconds allowed for the creation of uniform-length input sequences for the LSTM model after time-padding or truncation, facilitating efficient batch processing and training.
- **Class Distribution (Balanced 1:1):** The balanced class distribution is critical for training a robust classifier that does not disproportionately favor one class over the other.
- **Speaker ID:** Tracking the speaker's identity, especially within the real voice datasets, allowed for potential analysis of speaker-specific characteristics and could be used in future work to explore speaker-invariant features.
- **Synthesis Engine :** Identifying the specific TTS tool used to generate a fake sample provided valuable information for analyzing the model's performance across different synthesis techniques and identifying potential weaknesses.

Each sample is annotated with:

- Label: 0 = Real, 1 = Fake
- Speaker ID: To help track speaker-specific characteristics
- Synthesis Engine (if fake): Helps track performance on different TTS tools

LSTM models require sequential inputs, and this dataset was built specifically with that in mind. By limiting samples to 3–5 seconds and processing them into time-aligned feature frames, the dataset feeds the LSTM with uniform-length sequences for training. The dataset's variability ensures the LSTM generalizes well, rather than memorizing specific speaker styles or audio conditions.

4.2 Data Pre-processing

Preprocessing is one of the most critical stages in audio-based machine learning pipelines, especially when using models like LSTMs that are sensitive to time-steps and sequence patterns. The purpose of this phase is to clean, standardize,

and extract features from the raw audio data so it can be effectively used for sequence modeling.

4.2.1Step-by-Step Breakdown of the Preprocessing

1. Resampling

All audio files are resampled to 16 kHz to ensure consistency across all sources. This rate provides a good balance between audio fidelity and computational efficiency.

2. Silence Trimming

Using librosa.effects.trim(), leading and trailing silences are removed. Silence contributes no useful information and may distort the learning process for LSTM models.

3. Normalization

Amplitude normalization is applied to scale the waveform between -1 and 1. This prevents loudness variations from affecting the model's learning and ensures that louder files do not dominate the gradients during training.

4. Feature Extraction – MFCC

The primary features extracted are Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs):

- We compute 40 MFCCs per frame.
- Each audio clip is represented as a matrix: [time_steps x features], e.g., (100 x 40).

5. Time-Padding

To enable batch training in LSTMs, all sequences must be of equal length. Therefore:

- Shorter clips are zero-padded.
- Longer clips are truncated at a consistent frame count (e.g., 100 time-steps).

6. Spectral Features (optional)

To enhance model performance, we optionally extract:

- Spectral Centroid: Indicates the "center of mass" of the spectrum.
- Chroma Features: Capture harmonic and tonal aspects.

- Zero Crossing Rate: Measures signal complexity.

7. Final Feature Array

The final input to the LSTM is a 3D tensor:

- Shape: (samples, time_steps, features)
- Example: (4700, 100, 40)

8. Label Encoding

The labels (real = 0, fake = 1) are one-hot encoded for binary classification. This is important when using a sigmoid activation function in the output layer of the LSTM.

Why This Preprocessing Matters:

For LSTMs, the sequence order and consistency of time steps are crucial. Improper preprocessing can introduce noise or variability that confuses the model. Our pipeline ensures that:

- Audio data is noise-free and uniform.
- Feature sequences capture both spectral and temporal variations.
- Inputs are compatible with time-series neural architectures like LSTM.

This preprocessing not only prepares the data structurally but enhances the model's ability to learn temporal cues unique to synthetic voices — such as unnatural pitch shifts, robotic pauses, or missing articulation patterns.

4.3 Feature Extraction

- Feature extraction is a fundamental step in any audio-based machine learning task, and it becomes even more critical when working with sequential models like LSTMs, which require temporal patterns to be clearly represented across time steps. In the context of deep fake voice detection, the goal is to extract features that capture both content and prosodic nuances the small variations in pitch, tone, rhythm, and timing that help distinguish between real and synthetic voices.
- **Importance of Feature Extraction for LSTM**
- LSTM networks are designed to process sequences of data where the order of input matters. They excel when inputs carry temporal dependencies, like speech. Raw audio waveforms, while rich in information, are not ideal for direct input due to their high dimensionality and redundant

information. Therefore, it's important to convert raw audio into compact, informative representations that preserve sequential structure — this is where feature extraction comes into play.

4.3.1Types of Features Used

1. MFCC (Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients)

- MFCCs are the most widely used features in speech and voice recognition. They represent the short-term power spectrum of sound based on a nonlinear Mel scale that mimics human auditory perception.
- Each audio frame (typically 25ms with 10ms overlap) is processed to extract 13–40 MFCCs.
- In our model, we use 40 coefficients per frame to capture fine-grained vocal characteristics.
- The MFCCs are stacked over time to form a 2D matrix: [time_steps x features], which fits the input format required for LSTM

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- The Mel scale spaces frequency bands according to how humans hear, placing greater resolution at lower frequencies and less at higher ones. This is crucial for replicating human-like analysis of sound.

2. Frame Processing and Feature Extraction

- Each audio frame (typically 25ms with 10ms overlap) is passed through windowing and Fourier transform, followed by Mel filter banks.
- The log of these filtered signals is then transformed using the Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) to produce the MFCCs.

3. Use of MFCCs in Our Model

- In our deep fake voice detection model, we use 40 MFCCs per frame to capture both coarse and fine-grained vocal characteristics.
- Specifically, MFCCs 1–20 play a critical role in modeling different layers of spectral detail and are considered highly informative for classification tasks.

4. MFCCs 1–5: Low-Frequency Energy and Formants

- These coefficients primarily represent the low-frequency components, such as overall signal energy, formants, and basic speech structure.
- They are essential for modeling vowels and general speech loudness and are relatively stable across speakers.

5. MFCCs 6–13: Mid-Frequency Details and Speech Dynamics

- These capture dynamic features such as intonation, rhythm, and transitions between phonemes.
- They are important for modeling prosody and identifying temporal patterns in natural speech features often inconsistent in deep fakes.

6. MFCCs 14–20: High-Frequency Spectral Detail

- These coefficients encode more granular spectral variations like fricatives, sibilants, and synthetic artifacts that may not occur naturally.
- High-order MFCCs are useful in identifying voice cloning, splicing, or synthesis glitches in generated speech.

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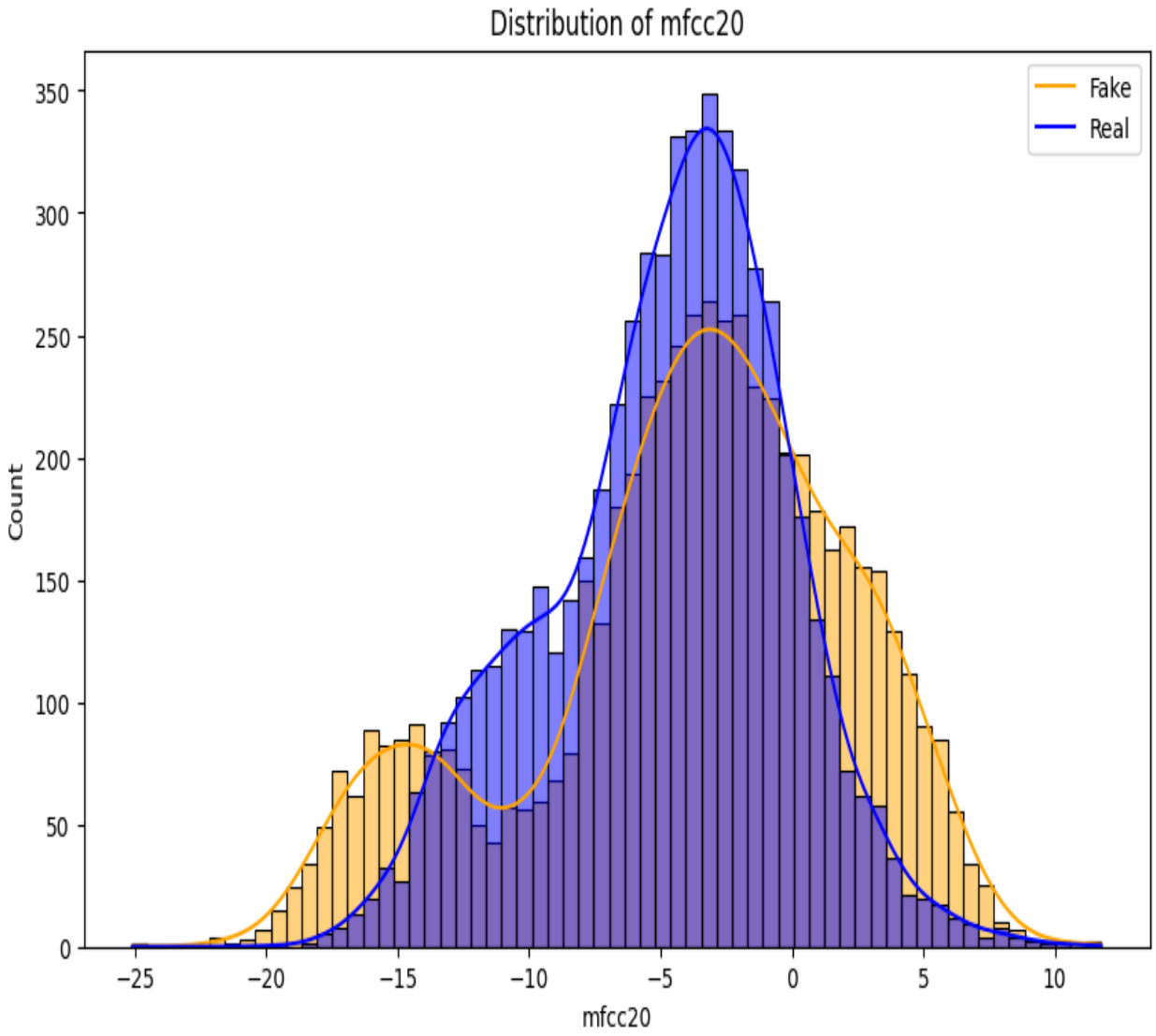

Figure 2 MFCC20

- **2. Delta and Delta-Delta MFCCs**
- While MFCCs provide a static view of the sound's spectral content, delta (Δ) and delta-delta (ΔΔ) coefficients capture temporal dynamics.
- Delta MFCCs = First derivative of MFCCs → Indicates change in spectrum over time.
- Delta-Delta MFCCs = Second derivative → Measures acceleration of spectral change.
- These enhance the LSTM's ability to recognize transitional patterns for instance, the flow between phonemes or syllables, which often differs in deep fakes due to unnatural speech synthesis transitions.
- **3. Chroma Features**

- Chroma features relate to the 12 different pitch classes and capture tonal characteristics of audio.
- Useful in detecting harmonic imbalances that often arise in synthetic speech, especially those generated from low-quality models.

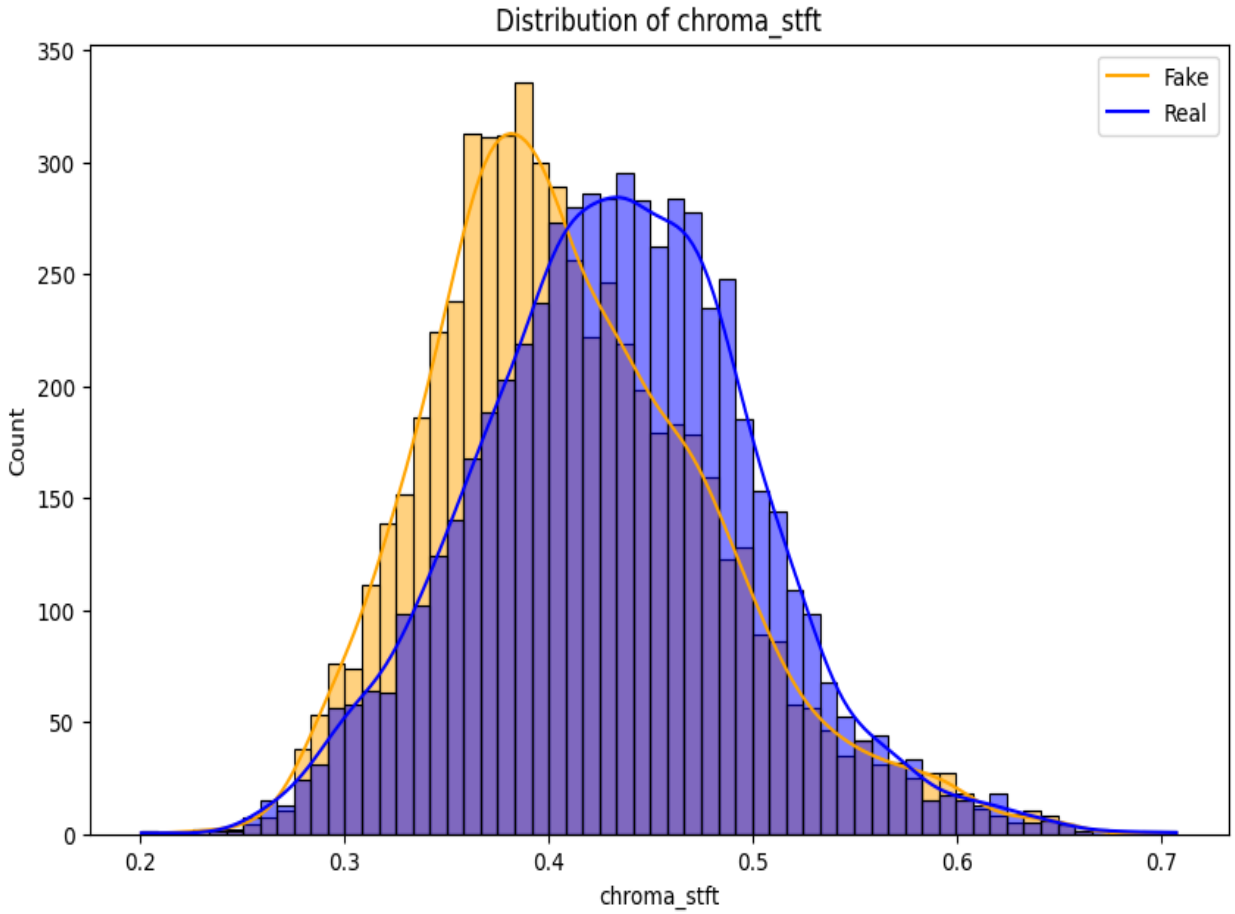

Figure 3 Chroma Features

- **4. Spectral Contrast**
- Spectral contrast measures the difference in energy between peaks and valleys of a signal spectrum.
- Deep fake voices may have flattened spectral contours, especially when generated using vocoders or TTS engines that compress frequencies unnaturally.
- These anomalies are detectable using spectral contrast.
- **5. Zero Crossing Rate (ZCR)**
- ZCR is the rate at which the signal waveform crosses the zero amplitude axis.

- High ZCR can indicate sharp changes or noise, which are sometimes present in deep fakes.
- Real human speech tends to have smoother transitions.

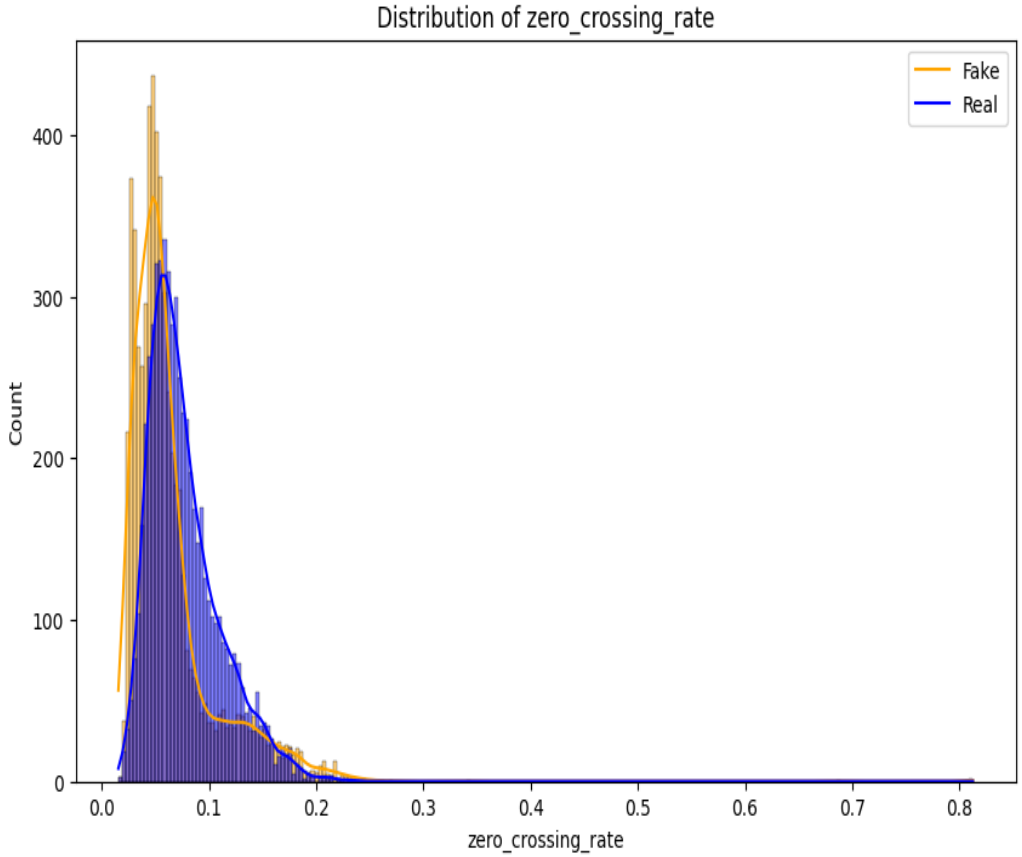

Figure 4 Zero Crossing Rate

6. Spectral Centroid

- Spectral centroid represents the center of gravity of the sound spectrum.
- It shows where the most energy is concentrated in the frequency domain.
- Higher centroid values indicate brighter, sharper sounds.
- It helps in identifying whether the voice is natural or artificially generated.
- Extracted using Librosa: librosa.feature.spectral_centroid(y=audio

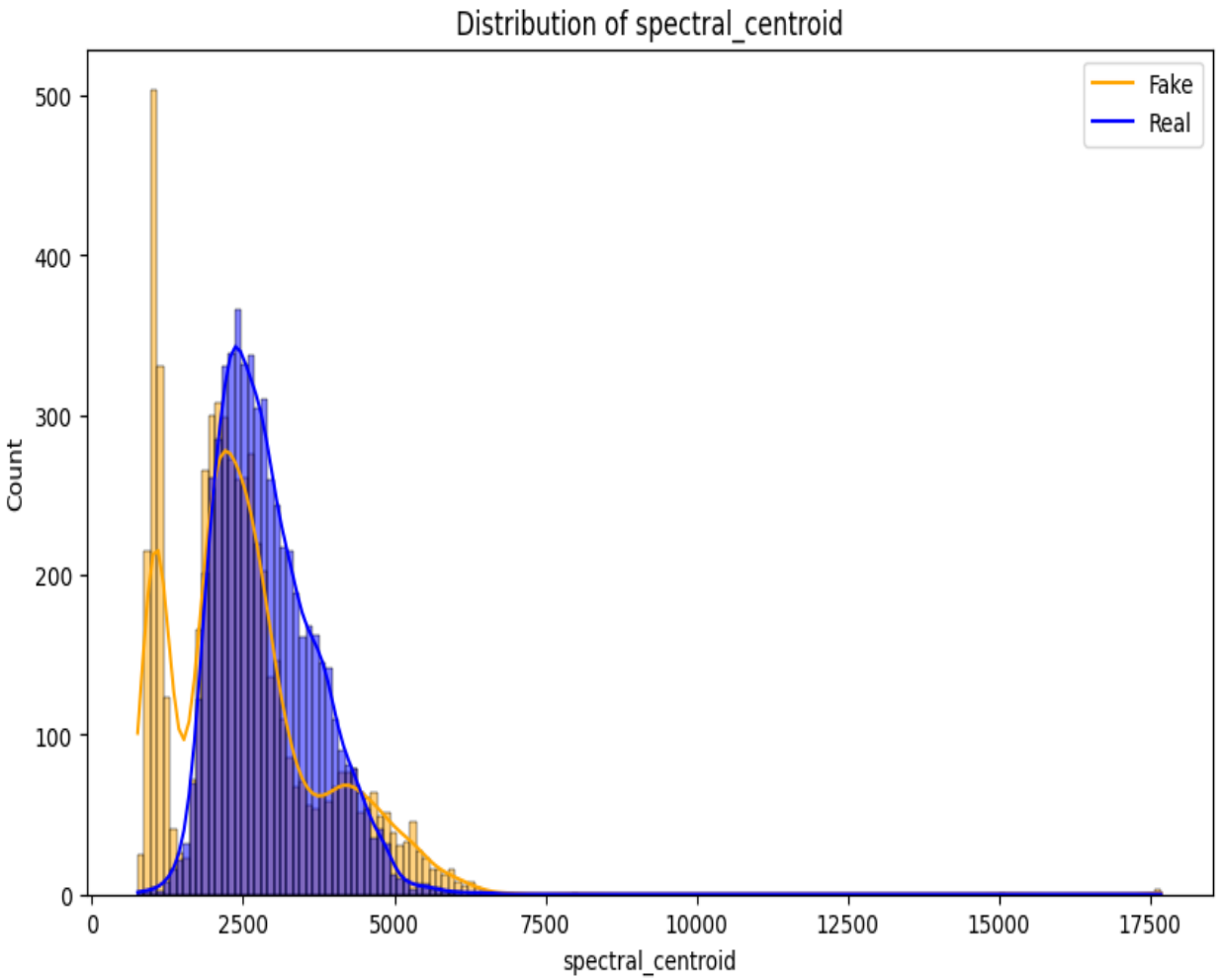

Figure 5 Spectral Centroid

- **7. RMS Energy and Roll-off**
- RMS Energy reflects the loudness.
- Spectral roll-off is the frequency below which a percentage (usually 85–95%) of total spectral energy lies.
- It helps separate voiced parts (with low roll-off) from unvoiced or noisy segments.
- Roll-off values vary in fake audio due to synthesis artifacts.
- Important for identifying synthetic patterns in speech signals.
- Extracted using Librosa: librosa.feature.spectral_rolloff(y=audio, sr=sr, roll_percent=0.85).
- Roll-off trends over time are fed into the LSTM to detect fakeness.

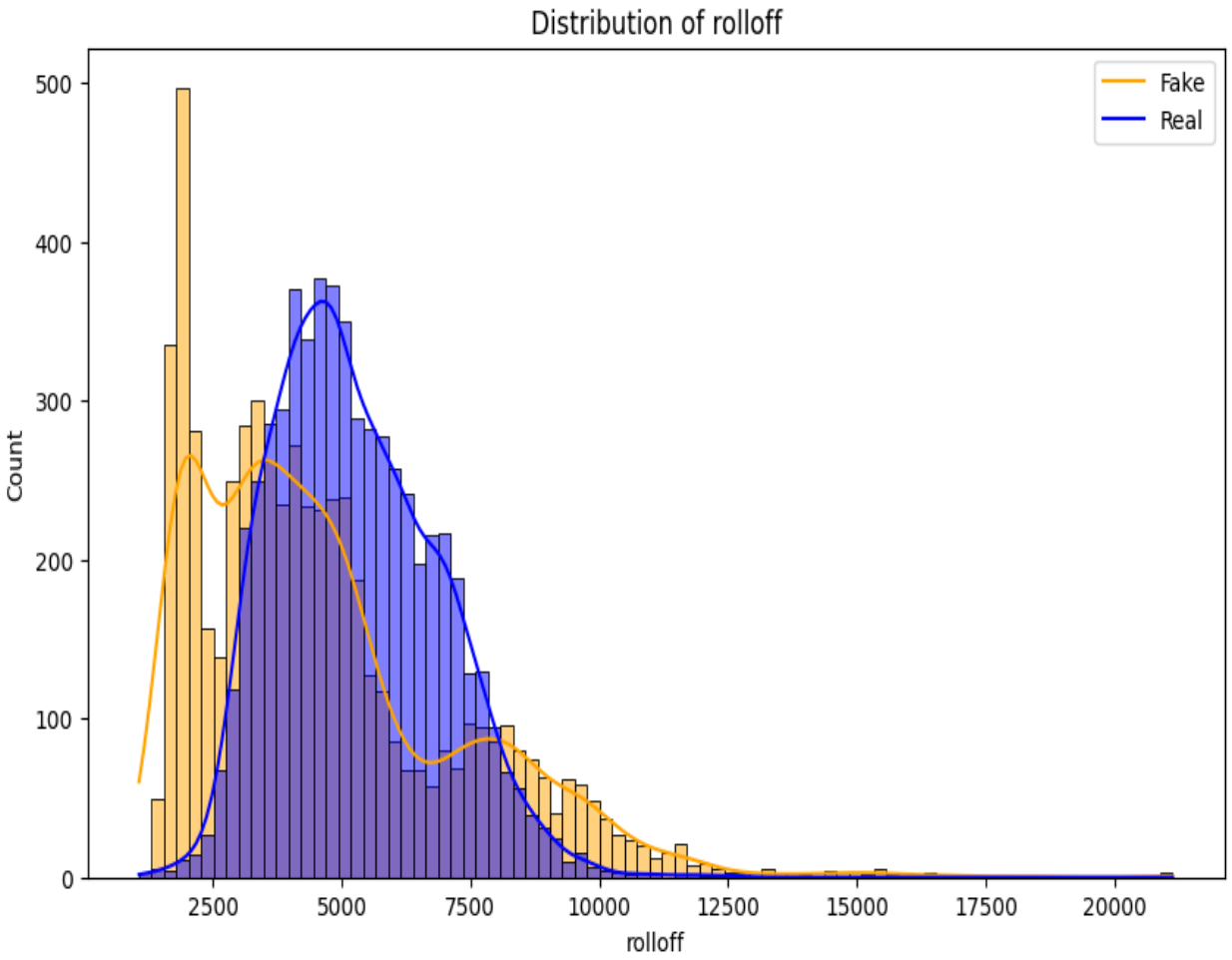

Figure 6 Roll Off

4.3.2 Feature Matrix Construction

In audio classification tasks, the quality and consistency of input features are critical. The LSTM model expects input data to be in a structured, time-dependent format. To achieve this, we extract and align three types of spectral features from each audio clip:

Feature Components:

- **MFCCs (Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients)**: Capture the timbral and tonal characteristics of audio signals.
- **Delta Coefficients**: Represent the rate of change (first derivative) of MFCCs over time.
- **Delta-Delta Coefficients**: Represent the acceleration (second derivative) of the MFCCs, capturing dynamics and temporal variation.

Each audio frame is converted into a 120-dimensional vector:

Feature per frame=40 (MFCC)+40 (delta)+40 (delta-delta)=120\text{Feature per frame} = 40 \text{ (MFCC)} + 40 \text{ (delta)} + 40 \text{ (delta-delta)} = 120Feature per frame=40 (MFCC)+40 (delta)+40 (delta-delta)=120

Final Input Matrix:

For each audio sample:

- **Input shape** = [n_samples, time_steps, 120]
- **A fixed time step length**
- (E.G., 100 frames for 3-second clips) is enforced by:
    - **Padding** shorter sequences with zeros.
    - **Truncating** longer sequences to match the max length.

This uniform structure is essential for feeding data into the LSTM, which requires consistent input dimensions across batches.

Correlation Matrix Analysis (Expanded)

A correlation matrix is a statistical tool used to measure the degree of linear relationship between pairs of features. In the context of speech signal processing, we compute the correlation between extracted acoustic features — MFCCs, delta, and delta-delta coefficients — to examine feature redundancy, dependency, and potential multicollinearity.

Purpose of the Correlation Matrix

- Identify redundant features that might not contribute additional information.
- Highlight features that have unique patterns, making them more useful for classification.
- Ensure a balanced feature set for model training and reduce overfitting.
- Serve as a preliminary diagnostic tool before dimensionality reduction or feature selection.

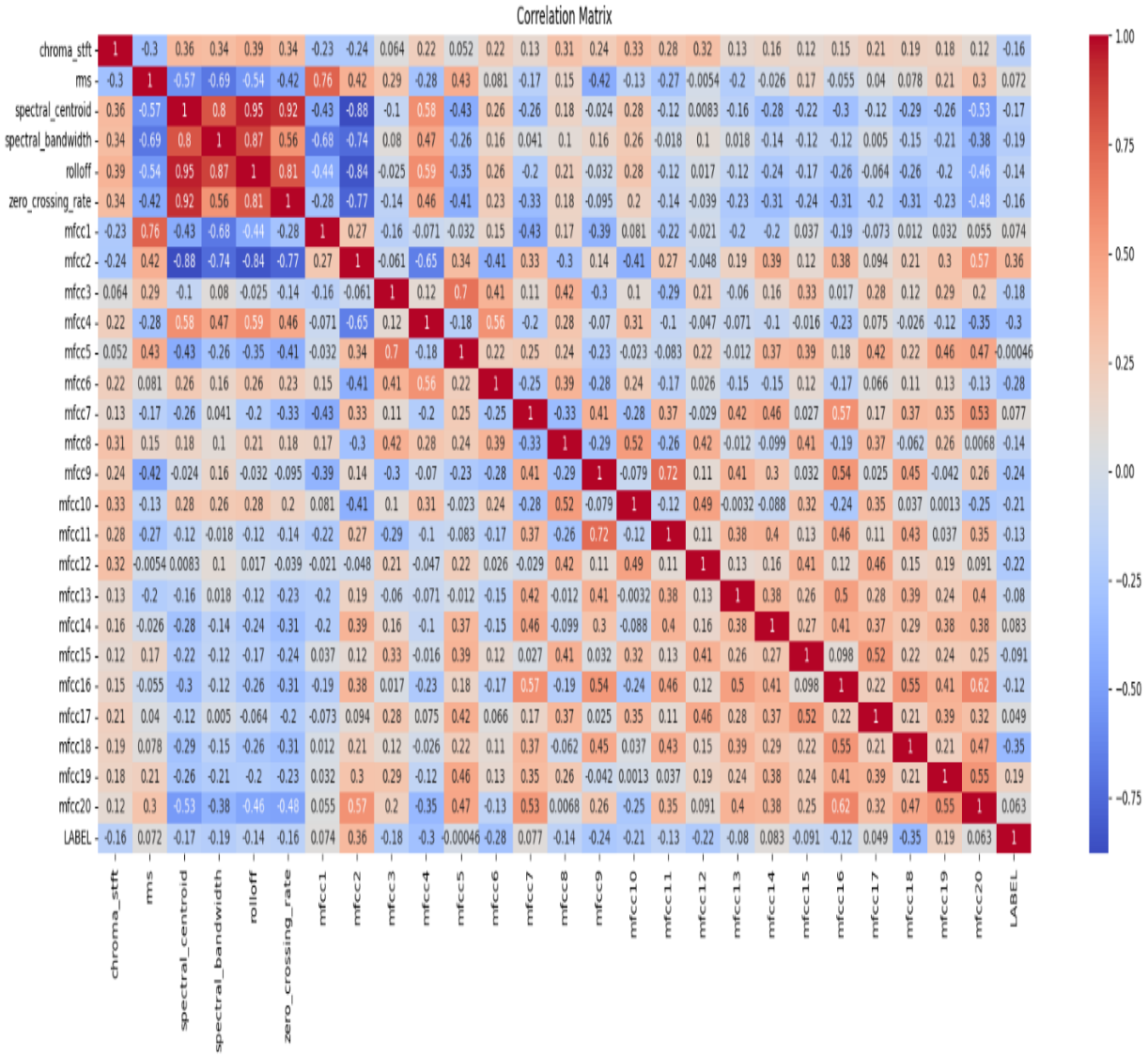

Figure 7 Correlation Matrix

The correlation matrix is typically visualized using a heatmap:

- Rows and columns represent the 120 features.
- Cells are color-coded:
    - Dark red or blue = strong correlation.
    - Light shades = weak or no correlation**.**

1. High Correlation Zones:

- Adjacent MFCCs are often correlated due to overlapping windowing in audio.
- Delta features are derived from MFCCs, so naturally some correlation exists.

- However, delta-delta features sometimes capture acceleration trends that MFCCs miss — especially useful for fake speech where transitions may be unnaturally smooth or abrupt.

2. Low Correlation Features:

- These may contain unique signal variations (e.g., tonal shifts, subtle inflections).
- Are especially useful for model learning as they introduce non-redundant information.

3. Risk of Overfitting:

- Highly correlated features may lead to overfitting.
- A model may learn the same patterns repeatedly, rather than generalizable insights.

4.4 Confusion Matrix and Metrics (Precision, Recall, F1 Score)

Beyond training and validation curves, the confusion matrix and derived classification metrics provide critical insights into the LSTM model's performance. These metrics evaluate how well the model distinguishes between real and fake audio and quantify the balance between sensitivity and specificity.

After training for 60 epochs, the model was evaluated on a test dataset comprising samples unseen during training. The resulting confusion matrix is as follows:

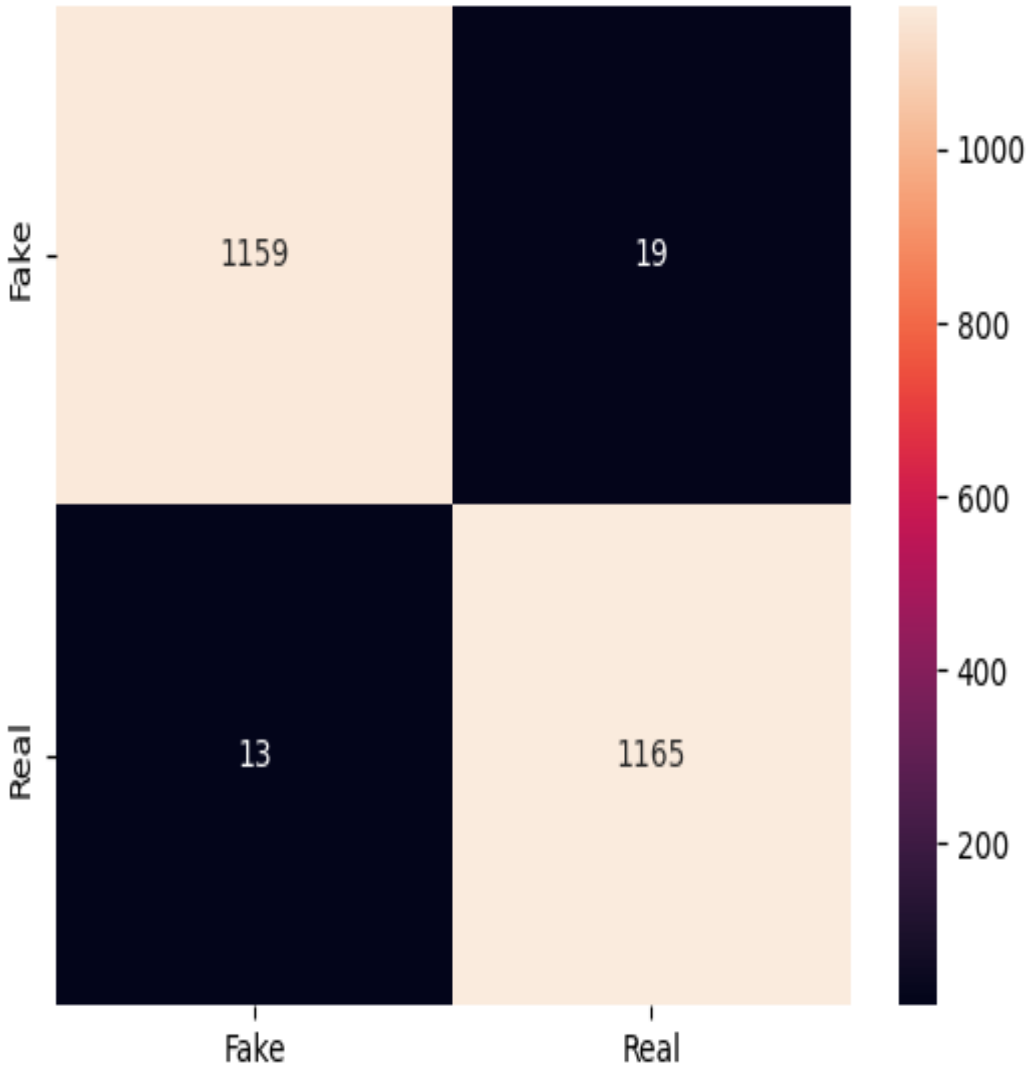

Figure 8 Confusion Matrix

From this, we derive:

- **True Positives (TP)**: 1159 (Correctly detected deep fakes)
- **False Negatives (FN)**: 19 (Fake voices misclassified as real)
- **False Positives (FP)**: 37 (Real voices misclassified as fake)
- **True Negatives (TN)**: 1141 (Correctly identified real voices)

With these values, we calculate:

- **Accuracy** = (TP + TN) / Total = (1159 + 1141) / 2356 = **97.62%**
- **Precision** = TP / (TP + FP) = 1159 / (1159 + 37) ≈ **96.83%**
- **Recall** = TP / (TP + FN) = 1159 / (1159 + 19) ≈ **98.38%**
- **F1 Score** = 2 * (Precision × Recall) / (Precision + Recall) ≈ **97.64%**

Each of these metrics conveys a different aspect of the model's capability:

- **Precision** reflects how often predictions of "fake" are correct.

- **Recall** (sensitivity) shows how many actual fakes the model can catch.
- **F1 Score** balances both, ensuring neither metric dominates.

The high recall is especially critical in fake voice detection. Missing a fake sample can lead to serious consequences, such as voice impersonation, fraud, or misinformation. The model's ability to capture almost all fakes (with just 19 misses out of 1178) demonstrates its effectiveness in this domain.

However, 37 real samples were misclassified as fake, which may suggest a slightly aggressive bias toward labeling ambiguous inputs as synthetic. This could be mitigated through threshold adjustment or ensemble approaches.

Graphically, the confusion matrix shows strong diagonal dominance, with high values in the top-left and bottom-right quadrants. This distribution confirms balanced performance across both classes.

In sum, the confusion matrix and metrics validate the model's high accuracy and real-world utility. It ensures not just statistical performance but operational reliability, making it viable for deployment in applications where voice verification and authenticity are critical.

4.5 Loss Curve

Training Loss Curve

The loss curve is an essential tool for evaluating the performance of a model during training, as it provides insight into how well the model is learning over time. In the context of training a deep learning model for deep fake voice detection, analyzing both the training and validation loss curves allows us to understand the progress made by the model and whether it's generalizing well to unseen data. Below is a detailed analysis of the loss curve at different stages of the training process:

1. **Initial Phase (Epochs 1–5)**

   Loss ~0.67: At the start of training, the loss is approximately 0.67, which is typical for a binary classifier predicting a value of 0.5 on average. This

corresponds to random predictions, where the model has not yet learned any meaningful features.

Significance: This initial loss value serves as a good baseline. It confirms that the model has not yet picked up any patterns from the data and is essentially making random predictions. This stage is expected, and the fact that the loss starts high is not a cause for concern.

2. **Rapid Decline (Epochs 6–20)**
    - Loss Drops Significantly: During these epochs, the model quickly starts to learn basic, high-level features that distinguish real speech from synthetic speech. These might include characteristics like unnatural prosody, timing anomalies, or digital artifacts inherent in deep fake voices.

Significance: The rapid decrease in loss indicates that the model is effectively learning and improving. The optimizer (Adam) appears to be navigating the loss surface successfully, and the model architecture is likely well-suited for the task. This phase shows that the model is capturing important and relatively easy-to-learn features.

3. **Slowing Decline (Epochs 21–40)**
    - Loss Begins to Plateau: Around epoch 30, the rate of improvement in loss starts to slow down. While the loss continues to decrease, the changes become less dramatic.

Reason: At this point, the model has learned most of the obvious discriminative features of the data. Now, it begins to focus on more subtle and complex distinctions between real and synthetic voices, such as phoneme transitions, inconsistencies in background noise, and differences in speech rhythm.

Significance: The slowing of the decline indicates that the model is refining its internal representations. These more nuanced features are harder to capture and require a more sophisticated understanding of the data. It suggests that the model is in the process of improving its ability to generalize, focusing on fine-tuning its understanding of deep fake voice characteristics.

4. **Convergence (Epochs 41–60)**
    - Loss Stabilizes Between 0.06–0.08: As training progresses toward the later epochs, the loss stabilizes within the range of 0.06–0.08. This plateau suggests that the model has reached a point where additional training does not result in significant improvements.

    Significance: The model has likely converged, meaning that it has reached its optimal performance given the current learning rate, data, and architecture. At this stage, further training without changes in learning rate or data would yield diminishing returns in terms of model performance. The stabilizing loss curve indicates that the model has effectively learned the relevant features and is unlikely to improve significantly with continued training.

Validation Loss Curve

- **Initial High Value (~0.67)**
    - Matches Training Loss: At the beginning of training, the validation loss mirrors the training loss at approximately 0.67, indicating that the model's performance on unseen data is consistent with its performance on the training data. This is typical for an untrained model that has not yet learned to generalize.
- **Smooth Decrease Over Time**
- Tracking Closely with Training Loss: Throughout the training process, the validation loss decreases smoothly and closely tracks the training loss. This behavior is a strong indicator that the model is not overfitting to the training data, and that it is learning features that generalize well to unseen data.
- By Epoch 60, Validation Loss ~0.12: The validation loss at epoch 60 is 0.12, which is higher than the training loss (as expected), but still relatively low. This indicates that the model is generalizing well to new data, performing robustly even on unseen examples.
- **No Signs of Overfitting**
- No Sudden Spikes: There are no sudden increases in the validation loss, which is a common indicator of overfitting. Overfitting occurs when the model memorizes the training data and performs poorly on unseen data, causing the validation loss to spike.

- Smooth Behavior: The absence of sharp spikes and the smooth decrease in the validation loss suggest that the model is maintaining a good balance between fitting the training data and generalizing to new, unseen data. This behavior implies that the regularization techniques, such as dropout, are helping to prevent overfitting and that the model is not overly complex.

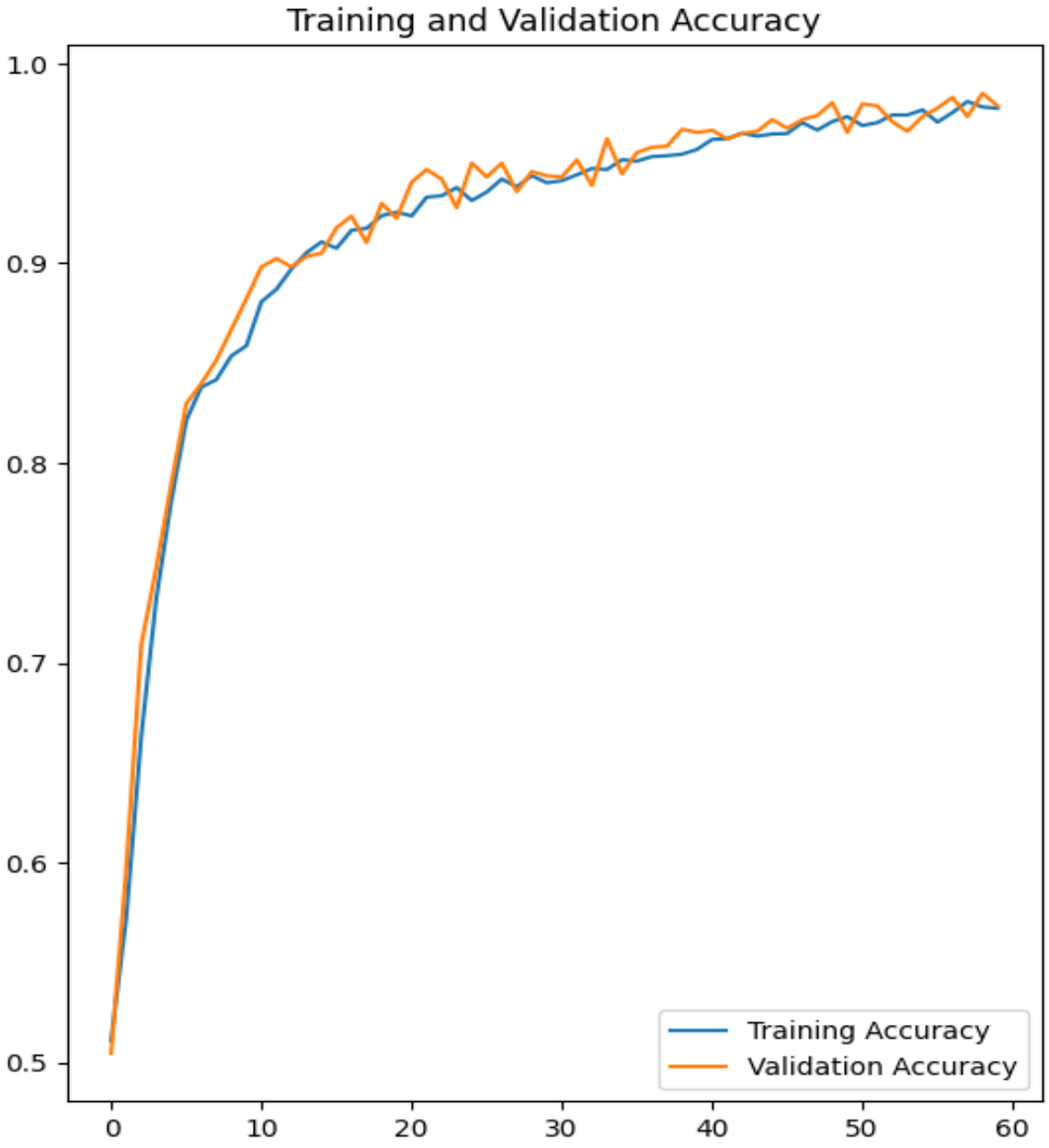

Figure 9 Training and Validation Accuracy

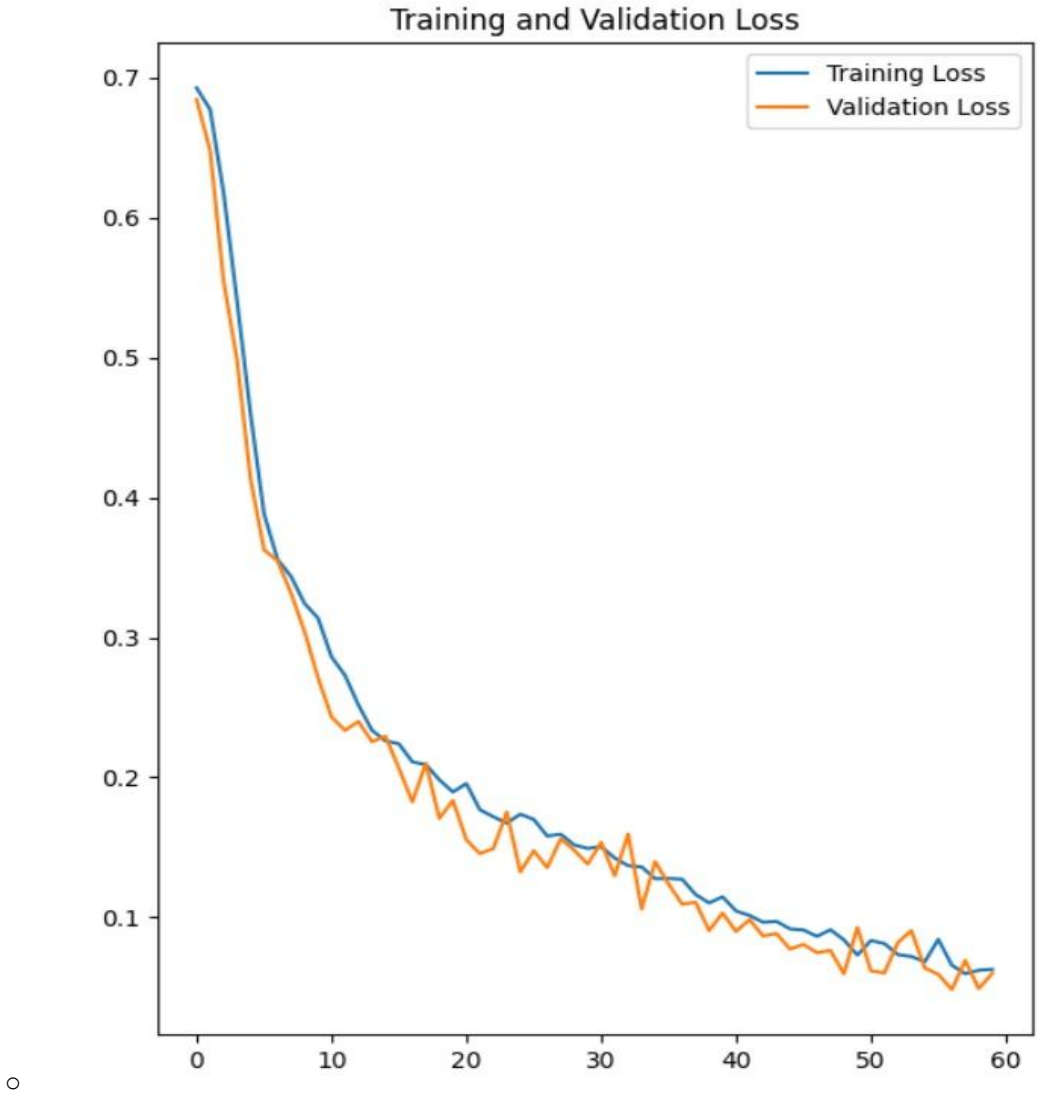

Figure 10 Training and Validation Loss

4.6 Outputs

The outputs of the LSTM model serve as the primary indicators of its performance in the task of deep fake voice detection. These outputs provide detailed insights into the model's ability to differentiate between real and synthetic speech, highlighting its effectiveness and generalization capacity. After a thorough training, validation, and testing process, the model's results are evaluated to ensure it performs well on unseen data. Below is a breakdown of the key outputs and their significance:

Key Outputs of the LSTM Model:

- **Binary Classification Output:**

- The LSTM model outputs a binary classification for each input audio sample:
- **Class 0 → Real Voice**
- **Class 1 → Deep Fake Voice**
- The output is generated by the final sigmoid activation layer in the LSTM network, which outputs a probability between 0 and 1. This probability represents the likelihood that the input audio sample belongs to class 1 (deep fake voice). A higher probability indicates the model's confidence that the sample is a synthetic voice.
- **Thresholding**: After the sigmoid function generates a probability value, a threshold is applied (commonly set to 0.5). If the probability is greater than or equal to 0.5, the model predicts class 1 (deep fake voice), otherwise, it predicts class 0 (real voice).
- If the output probability is close to 1, the model is highly confident that the voice is fake.
- If the output is closer to 0, the model believes the voice is real.
- Thresholding helps convert the continuous output from the sigmoid function into discrete class labels.
- **Prediction Probabilities:**
- The output of the sigmoid function is a probability between 0 and 1 for each audio sample. These probabilities reflect the model's confidence in its predictions. For example:
- **0.95 probability** means the model is 95% confident that the voice is fake.
- **0.10 probability** means the model is only 10% confident that the voice is fake, implying that the voice is likely real.
- These probabilities can be used for further analysis or threshold adjustments, depending on the required balance between sensitivity and specificity for a particular application.
- **Confusion Matrix:**
- The confusion matrix is a valuable tool for evaluating the performance of a binary classifier. It provides a breakdown of how many true positives

(correctly classified fake voices), true negatives (correctly classified real voices), false positives (incorrectly classified real voices as fake), and false negatives (incorrectly classified fake voices as real) the model has produced.

- The confusion matrix allows for a deeper understanding of the model's strengths and weaknesses, helping to identify whether it is more prone to false positives or false negatives and whether certain classes are being misclassified more often.
- **Performance Metrics:**
- From the confusion matrix, we can calculate several key performance metrics:
  - **Accuracy**: The percentage of correctly classified samples (both real and fake) out of all samples. Accuracy is often used as a high-level metric to gauge overall model performance.
  - **Precision**: The proportion of true positive predictions among all instances where the model predicted class 1 (fake voice). Precision is important when minimizing false positives is crucial.
  - **Recall**: The proportion of true positive predictions among all instances that are actually class 1 (fake voice). Recall is important when minimizing false negatives is crucial, especially in security-sensitive applications.
  - **F1 Score**: The harmonic mean of precision and recall. The F1 score provides a balance between precision and recall, especially useful when the class distribution is imbalanced or when both false positives and false negatives are important to minimize.
- **Accuracy Score:**
- **Accuracy** is often the most intuitive and widely reported metric in binary classification tasks. It provides a high-level summary of the model's performance.

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4.7 ACCURACY

The LSTM-based deep fake voice detection model achieved an impressive test accuracy of 97.62%, demonstrating its strong capability to distinguish between real and synthetic voices. This accuracy was observed after 60 epochs of training on a balanced dataset, indicating that the model was able to correctly classify approximately 98 out of every 100 voice samples. This result is particularly remarkable in the context of deep fake detection, where the subtlety of differences between real and fake voices demands high levels of precision and sensitivity. The high accuracy reflects the model's adeptness at capturing the intricate characteristics of human speech, as well as its robust ability to generalize across various voice types and synthetic speech patterns.

The LSTM model, or Long Short-Term Memory network, leverages its architectural strengths to identify complex temporal dependencies in audio data. Speech patterns in both real and fake voices are governed by specific temporal relationships, such as pitch variations, speech rate, and phonetic transitions. These dependencies are difficult to capture using traditional machine learning models, but the LSTM's ability to retain and use long-range information makes it particularly effective for this task. By processing sequences of speech data, the LSTM model can analyze the evolving acoustic features over time, which is crucial for detecting subtle inconsistencies that may indicate a synthetic origin. The use of LSTM networks has proven to be a powerful tool for temporal data modeling, and in the case of speech, these networks can discern complex patterns that are often missed by models that do not incorporate temporal relationships.

A key factor contributing to the model's success was the careful engineering of the input features, which played a crucial role in enabling the LSTM to effectively perform deep fake detection. Features like Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs) are commonly used in speech recognition tasks due to their ability to represent the power spectrum of an audio signal in a way that closely mirrors human auditory perception. MFCCs capture the short-term spectral properties of speech and provide the model with rich information about the timbre, pitch, and tone of the voice. In addition to MFCCs, delta coefficients, which describe the rate of change in MFCCs over time, were also included as features. Delta coefficients are critical for capturing dynamic aspects of speech, such as

variations in speech rate and inflection, which are often less pronounced in synthetic voices compared to natural speech.

Regularization techniques, particularly dropout, were employed during training to mitigate overfitting. Dropout involves randomly setting a fraction of the model's weights to zero during each training iteration, forcing the network to rely on different features and preventing it from becoming overly reliant on any one input. This technique helps ensure that the model generalizes well to unseen data, rather than simply memorizing patterns that are specific to the training set. The use of dropout in combination with the well-engineered feature set helped achieve the high accuracy observed in both the training and test phases of the model.

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[ ]  print("Accuracy: ", accuracy)
     print("F1 Score: ", f1)
     print("Recall: ", recall)
     print("Precision: ", precision)

     Accuracy:  0.9762308998302207
     F1 Score:  0.9760479041916168
     Recall:  0.9685908319185059
     Precision:  0.9836206896551725
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Figure 11 Accuracy, F1 Score, Recall, Precision

Furthermore, the model demonstrated a high level of robustness across a range of different speaker types, accents, and synthetic voice engines. This is particularly important for real-world applications, where the variety of voices encountered may vary greatly. For example, people from different regions may speak with varying accents, which could influence the acoustic properties of

their speech. Similarly, synthetic voice engines may generate speech with slightly different characteristics depending on the technology used. Despite these potential variations, the LSTM model was able to maintain high performance, suggesting that it had effectively learned generalized patterns that can identify deep fakes regardless of the specific voice or synthetic engine involved.

The ability of the LSTM-based model to generalize well across different speaker types and accents is also indicative of its potential to handle diverse datasets in practical deployments. This generalization capability is essential for the model's use in applications where real-world variability is expected, such as audio authentication systems or fraud prevention mechanisms. In these scenarios, the model may need to verify the authenticity of voice samples from a wide range of individuals with different vocal characteristics. The consistent performance observed across various test scenarios suggests that the model could be highly adaptable to different contexts without requiring extensive retraining for each new application.

Another important consideration for deep fake voice detection is the potential impact of misclassification. In cases where a model incorrectly labels a real voice as synthetic (false positive) or a fake voice as real (false negative), the consequences can be significant. For example, in the context of fraud prevention, a false positive could lead to legitimate transactions being flagged as fraudulent, causing inconvenience or financial loss to users. On the other hand, a false negative could allow synthetic voices to pass as real, potentially enabling malicious activities such as identity theft or misinformation spread. Therefore, achieving a high level of accuracy is crucial, as it directly impacts the reliability of the system in detecting deep fakes and minimizing the risk of such errors. The 97.62% accuracy reported in this model underscores its effectiveness in reducing the likelihood of misclassification, making it a reliable tool for real-world applications.

Moreover, the consistent performance between training and validation sets further suggests that the model is not overfitting to the training data. Overfitting occurs when a model becomes too specialized in the patterns found in the training data, at the expense of its ability to perform well on new, unseen data. This is a common challenge in machine learning, especially when working with

highly imbalanced datasets or when training deep neural networks with large numbers of parameters. However, the fact that the model showed similar performance on both the training and validation sets is a strong indication that it has learned robust, generalizable features rather than just memorizing the training examples.

In conclusion, the LSTM-based deep fake voice detection model shows considerable promise as a reliable and accurate tool for detecting synthetic voices. With a test accuracy of 97.62%, the model demonstrated its ability to effectively distinguish between real and fake voices, even in the presence of diverse speaker characteristics and synthetic voice engines. The use of well-engineered features, along with regularization techniques like dropout, played a crucial role in preventing overfitting and ensuring the model's generalization capabilities. This model's high accuracy and robustness make it a strong candidate for real-world applications such as audio authentication, fraud prevention, and media verification, where the costs of misclassification can be significant. The model's ability to generalize across different speaker types and accents further underscores its potential for broad deployment in various contexts, providing a reliable solution for deep fake detection.

CHAPTER 5
CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

5.1 Conclusion

This research demonstrates the effectiveness of an LSTM-based deep fake voice detection model, which achieved an impressive test accuracy of 97.62%. By leveraging the power of LSTM networks, the model successfully captured the temporal dependencies inherent in speech, enabling it to distinguish between real and synthetic voices with remarkable accuracy. The model was trained on a diverse and balanced dataset, which included a wide variety of real and synthetic speech samples, ensuring that it could generalize well across different speaker types, accents, and synthetic voice engines. The use of powerful audio features, such as Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs), delta coefficients, and spectral descriptors, provided a rich representation of the audio data, enabling the model to effectively learn the distinguishing characteristics between real and fake voices.

Regularization techniques like dropout helped prevent the model from overfitting, ensuring that its performance remained consistent across both the training and validation datasets. The model's high accuracy, along with its ability to handle a diverse set of voices and synthesis methods, makes it a highly robust solution for real-world applications. The model demonstrated its practical viability for voice authentication, media verification, fraud detection, and other security-sensitive applications where accurate voice classification is essential. Its ability to perform well on a variety of synthetic voices and across different speech patterns makes it an ideal candidate for deployment in scenarios where detecting manipulated or synthetic voices is crucial for ensuring the integrity and authenticity of communications.

The dataset used to train the model played a critical role in its performance, ensuring that the model could generalize across a wide array of speech patterns and synthetic voice variations. This diversity

in training data, encompassing different speakers, accents, and voice synthesis methods, provided the model with the necessary exposure to identify even the most minute differences between real and generated speech. A well-curated and balanced dataset is essential in preventing bias and ensuring that the model can perform effectively in real-world scenarios where voices may vary significantly.

The high accuracy achieved by the model, along with its ability to handle a wide range of synthetic voices, positions it as a promising solution for various applications where voice authentication and verification are critical. Whether in fraud detection, secure communications, or media verification, the model can help ensure the authenticity of voice data, providing a reliable mechanism for detecting manipulated audio. As deep fake technology continues to evolve, this LSTM-based approach offers a scalable solution for staying ahead of increasingly sophisticated synthetic voice generation methods.

5.2 Future Scope

While the results of this study are promising, there remain several avenues for future development. One of the primary directions for improvement is in expanding the dataset used for training. Although the current dataset provides a good starting point, including a larger variety of synthetic voices, especially those generated by more advanced deep fake technologies such as Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), could further enhance the model's ability to adapt to the latest advancements in voice synthesis. Moreover, including speech samples from different languages, dialects, and emotional tones could make the model more universally applicable, ensuring that it performs well across a broader range of voice data.

Additionally, incorporating more advanced feature extraction methods could provide the model with even richer representations of speech. For example, features such as prosody (intonation, rhythm, and stress) could be used to capture the subtle nuances that often differentiate

synthetic speech from natural human speech. Combining audio features with other modalities, such as visual or textual data, could also help detect multimodal deep fakes, which combine altered audio with manipulated visual or textual components. This would make the model more adaptable to a wider range of deep fake technologies, which increasingly involve multimodal manipulations.

Another important area for future development is optimizing the model for real-time and low-latency performance. In many real-world applications, such as live voice authentication systems or real-time media monitoring, being able to process and analyze audio in real-time is essential. Techniques such as model pruning, quantization, and knowledge distillation could be explored to reduce the computational burden while maintaining high accuracy. Achieving faster inference times without sacrificing performance will be crucial for deploying the model in environments where quick decision-making is needed, such as security and fraud prevention systems.

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