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Abstract

Practical banknote handling requires recognizing counterfeit banknotes, however, current techniques frequently rely on specialized equipment that is unavailable to the general public or those with visual impairments. This work presents a unique method for distinguishing real and fraudulent banknotes using visible-light photos taken by smartphone cameras, taking advantage of the growing use of smartphones as imaging devices. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are used in this approach to examine banknote attributes and differentiate real money from fake canny algorithm. Our method provides a workable and approachable solution for the detection of counterfeit cash by utilizing widely available smartphone technology, which is especially advantageous for average consumers. Some people may not be able to obtain or afford the specialized. Counterfeit currency notes are a serious concern in India as they erode public confidence in financial institutions and money. Developing and implementing reliable fake cash detection technologies designed especially for Indian currency notes is necessary to address this problem. The goal of the system is to minimize false positives while achieving high levels of accuracy in recognizing counterfeit notes. Key components in the system' s design are speed, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, user-friendliness, interaction with the current financial infrastructure, security, and adaptability to changing counterfeiting techniques. Using cutting-edge tools like machine learning, and picture.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
CNN	Convolutional Neural Networks
RBI	Reserve Bank Of India
GAN	Generative Adversarial Networks
USD	United States Dollar
EUR	Euro
GBP	British Pound Sterling
SVM	Support Vector Machine
OVI	Optically Variable Ink

CHAPTER 1

Introduction

1.1 Introduction

Money can serve as the driving force behind any economic activity associated with manufacturing, circulation, consumption, etc. Capital information can be used to save money and make investments. Money is essential for everything in today's dynamic culture. There are also other factors that are shrinking the economy as it advances. One of those things is the creation and use of counterfeit currency. Due to the widespread use of counterfeit currency in the economy, the typical person is the group most negatively impacted by this activity. Everyone is afraid of accepting banknotes in the denominations of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 because the bulk of them are nearly hard to distinguish from genuine banknotes, from gas stations to the neighborhood vegetable seller. The issue of counterfeit money is one that is discussed and debated throughout the world. Banks lost Rs. 16,789 crores in the most recent fiscal year due to frauds. The Reserve Bank reported that "the amount that has been lost on account of frauds in the year 2016–17 was Rs. 16,789 crores," which was in accordance with the fraud monitoring report made by various banks and financial institutions. According to the RBI's (Reserve Bank of India) annual report for 2021–22, there was an increase in the number of counterfeit notes found in the denominations of Rs. 10, Rs. 20, Rs. 200, Rs. 500 (new design), and Rs. 2,000, respectively, of 16.4%, 16.5%, 11.7%, 101.9%, and 54.6%.[1]

Inflation is the typical impact of counterfeiting on the economy. The only tool now available to the average person to identify fake money is the Fake Note Detection Machine. The majority of the time, this machine is only found in banks, which are not always accessible to the regular person. In order to prove the viability of suggested solutions to a particular problem, a lot of experimental work is required in the field of digital image processing. It includes operations whose inputs and outputs are images and operations that extract properties from photos, including the identification of specific objects. The watermark on fake currency is created using opaque ink, white solution, and stamping with a dye that has a picture of Mahatma Gandhi engraved on it. Visitors are the most susceptible to phony currency because they lack the knowledge necessary to distinguish between fake and genuine currency notes. These people will benefit from automatic currency identification using image processing techniques. Also, it can be helpful in other workplaces. The devised system to verify the 500,100,50,20rupee Indian currency notes. It will organize the predetermined arrangement of information and pre-process the digital images before differentiating in monetary forms. The approach for detecting Indian currencies suggested in this article is practical and affordable. The user can determine whether the cash note is authentic or phony at the conclusion of the process.

1.2 Objectives

1.2.1 Develop a Robust Detection System

Utilize Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to effectively analyze and differentiate the features of genuine and counterfeit Indian currency notes. The implementation of CNNs allows for detailed examination of complex patterns and minute details on banknotes that are often imperceptible to the human eye. The goal is to achieve detection accuracy, ensuring that the system is highly reliable with minimal false positives, thus providing consistent performance in real-world applications.

1.2.2 Leverage Smartphone Technology

Utilize widely available smartphone cameras for image capture, harnessing their high-resolution imaging capabilities to ensure clear and detailed images of currency notes. This approach aims to provide a practical solution that is accessible to the general public, including visually impaired individuals. By using smartphones, the system eliminates the need for specialized equipment, making currency verification as simple as taking a photo. This user-friendly solution is designed to democratize access to counterfeit detection tools, ensuring that anyone can verify the authenticity of their money conveniently.

1.2.3 Enhance Integration with Financial Infrastructure

Ensure the system is cost-effective and efficient, thereby reducing the dependence on expensive counterfeit detection equipment typically used by banks and large corporations. The design emphasizes user-friendliness, allowing for intuitive operation that requires minimal training. By ensuring seamless integration with existing financial systems, the solution can be easily adopted by various sectors including banking, retail, and even by small businesses. This integration ensures that the system supports current operational workflows without causing disruptions, making it a practical tool for everyday use.

1.2.4 Adapt to Evolving Counterfeiting Techniques

Design the system to be adaptable to new and evolving methods of counterfeiting. As counterfeiters continuously refine their techniques to produce more convincing fake notes, the detection system must also evolve. By implementing machine learning algorithms that can be regularly updated, the system will stay ahead of emerging counterfeiting methods. This adaptability ensures that the detection mechanism remains effective over time, maintaining its relevance and reliability in counteracting counterfeit threats.

1.2.5 Improve Public Confidence in Financial Transactions

Enhance security and trust in the authenticity of currency notes by providing a reliable verification method. This initiative aims to address the significant issue of counterfeit currency in India, which undermines economic stability and public confidence. By offering a dependable tool for authenticating currency, the system helps to restore and maintain trust in financial transactions. This increased confidence can lead to a more secure and stable economic environment, where individuals and businesses can operate without the constant fear of encountering counterfeit money.

1.2.6 Explore Future Applications and Improvements

Investigate the application of the model to other global currencies, expanding the detection system's scope. This exploration involves adapting the model to recognize the specific features and security elements of different currencies worldwide. Additionally, integrating advanced features such as real-time detection, multi-currency support, and enhanced user interfaces can further improve the system's accuracy and usability. Continuous improvement and innovation ensure that the system remains at the forefront of counterfeit detection technology, offering comprehensive solutions to a wide range of users.

1.2.7 Ensure Compliance with Regulatory Standards

Adhere to financial and technological regulations to ensure the system complies with local and international standards related to financial transactions and counterfeit detection. This compliance involves understanding and implementing relevant guidelines and protocols set by financial authorities and regulatory bodies. By collaborating with banks, regulatory bodies, and law enforcement agencies, the system can meet industry standards and contribute to broader anti-counterfeiting efforts. Such collaboration also helps in gaining trust and acceptance from official institutions, making the system a recognized tool in the fight against counterfeit currency.

1.2.8 Promote Education and Awareness

Educate the public on counterfeit detection by providing resources that help users understand the features of genuine currency and the importance of counterfeit detection. Educational initiatives could include workshops, online tutorials, and informational brochures that highlight the distinguishing features of real currency notes. Raising awareness about the system through public campaigns ensures that a wide audience benefits from the technology. By promoting the system and its capabilities, users become more informed and vigilant, contributing to a collective effort against counterfeit currency.

1.3 Project Outline

This project paper is based on Fake Currency Detection. At the first chapter it includes the introduction and objective part which mainly describe about our project topic, why this project is important and which methods are used in our project to make it successful. The second chapter includes literature review which mainly represents the summary of the different project paper related to our project topic, including of what they had achieved and by which process they had done their project etc. The third chapter includes the methodology part which mainly represents the information about the used dataset, software and hardware tools and tables the description of the process with the flow-chart diagram, features of the currency by following we did our project. The fourth chapter includes the conclusion part that includes result and discussion part, which represents what we have got from our project with the advantages of our project and also includes limitations of our project and the scope at which we can improve our project in the future.

CHAPTER 2

Literature Survey

2.1 Literature Review

The one important asset of our country is Bank currency and to create discrepancies of money miscreants introduce the fake notes which resembles to original note in the financial market. During demonetization time it is seen that so much of fake currency is floating in market. In general by a human being it is very difficult to identify forged note from the genuine not instead of various parameters designed for identification as many features of forged note are similar to original one. To discriminate between fake bank currency and original note is a challenging task. So, there must be an automated system that will be available in banks or in ATM machines. To design such an automated system there is need to design an efficient algorithm which is able to predict weather the banknote is genuine or forged bank currency as fake notes are designed with high precision. In this paper six supervised machine learning algorithms are applied on dataset available on UCI machine learning repository for detection of Bank currency authentication. To implement this we have applied Support Vector machine, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Naïve Bayes, Decision Tree, K- Nearest Neighbor by considering three train test ratio 80:20, 70:30 and 60:40 and measured their performance on the basis various quantitative analysis parameter like Precision, Accuracy, Recall, MCC, F1-Score and others. And some of SML algorithm are giving 100% accuracy for particular train test ratio. [2]

In today's world scenario, paper currency is economical in the sense that its face value is greater than intrinsic value. It is also more elastic and stable, paper currency can be counted quickly, it is easy to move and safe to store. These all are the main reasons because of which counterfeit currency recognition is crucial. Fake currency cannot be identified by human vision and due to this recognition of forged currency notes has become crucial problem because counterfeiters are using new and improved methods. The methods currently existing to determine whether the notes are real cannot be accessed by the common people and are also complex hardware based methods. There are no applications or devices available through which fake currencies can be detected and identified easily by common people. The main purpose of the project is to identify Indian paper currency with a new methodical approach using Generative Adversarial Networks(GAN). In this system, the Indian currency note features would be primarily extracted using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).The processed image data are then fed to a Generative Adversarial Network which helps to classify the currency as either real or fake. GAN consists of two main modules – Generator and Discriminator. The Generator generates fake currency images and the Discriminator identifies and labels the real and fake images. [3]

In this paper, the automatic system is designed for identification of Indian currency notes and check whether it is fake or original. The automatic system is very useful in banking system and other field also. In India increase in the counterfeit currency notes of 100, 500 and 1000 rupees. As increase in the technology like scanning, colour printing and duplicating because of that there is increase in counterfeit problem. In this paper, recognition of fake Indian currency notes is done by using image processing technique. In this paper, recognition of fake Indian currency notes is done by using image processing technique. In this technique first the image acquisition is done and applies preprocessing to the image. In pre-processing crop, smooth and adjust then convert the image into grey colour after conversion apply the image segmentation then extract features and reduce, finally comparing image. [4]

This paper deals with the matter of identifying the currency that if the given sample of currency is fake. Different traditional strategies and methods are available for fake currency identification based on the colors, width, and serial numbers mentioned. In the advanced age of Computer science and high computational methods, various machine learning algorithms are proposed by image processing that gives 99.9% accuracy for the fake identity of

the currency. Detection and recognition methods over the algorithms include entities like color, shape, paper width, image filtering on the note. This paper proposes a method for fake currency recognition using K-Nearest Neighbours followed by image processing. KNN has a high accuracy for small data sets making it desirable to be used for the computer vision task. In this, the banknote authentication dataset has been created with the high computational and mathematical strategies, which give the correct data and information regarding the entities and features related to the currency. Data processing and data Extraction is performed by implementing machine learning algorithms and image processing to acquire the final result and accuracy. [5]
The growth in the number of fake notes in the system has been tremendous over the past few years. The counterfeiters have keep developing new ways to get as close to the real paper currency as possible. This puts the common masses under grave danger of being robbed of their hard earned money. To overcome this issue, various researchers have tried to come up with different procedures to detect fake notes. In this paper, we will try to understand some of the techniques that are based on image processing and perform a comparative study of the same. [6]
Now a days due to the development in color printing technology the rate of counterfeit notes production and distribution is increasing. This is a massive problem, faced by almost all the countries. It affects the economy, sine it compromises the security of the real economy. Such counterfeit currencies are used to fuel nefarious motives, usually involving terrorist activities. According to the research, developing countries like India have been impacted by this very negatively. Even after the steps taken in 2016 to remove the counterfeits, by executing the demonetization of 500 and 1000 rupees bank notes in India the counterfeits of the new notes have begun circulating. This is due to the highly advanced technology adopted by the counterfeiters which makes the tracking of these counterfeit notes hard. This has become a very critical issue and the negative impact due to the counterfeit currency keeps rising. The only one solution for this problem for a common man is to detect the fake currency, by using the fake currency detector machine. These machines are used in

banks and large scale business, but for a small business or for a common man these machines are not affordable. This paper gives the complete methodology of fake note detector machine, which is affordable even for a common man. By implementing the applications of image processing techniques we can find out whether the currency notes are fake or not. Image processing technique consists of a number of operations that can be performed on an image, some of which include image segmentation, edge detection, gray scale conversion etc. The proposed system will have advantages like simplicity, reliability and costs less. [1]

Counterfeit money refers to fake or imitation currency that is produced with an idea to deceive. According to recent reports, demonetization led to all-time high inflow of fake notes into banks, resulting in a spike in suspicious transactions. The existing works to detect a counterfeit note are mostly based on image processing techniques. This paper deals with Deep Learning in which a convolution neural network(CNN) model is built with a motive to identify a counterfeit note on handy devices like smart phones, tablets. The model built was trained and tested on a self–generated dataset. Images are acquired using the smart phone camera and fed to the CNN network. The results obtained are encouraging and can be improvised by further research and improvements in the architecture of Deep CNN model. The testing accuracy obtained is about 85.6%, training and the validation accuracy were 98.57% and 96.55% respectively. [7]
Counterfeit currency is a burning question throughout the world. The counterfeiters are becoming harder to track down because of their rapid adoption of and adaptation with highly advanced technology. One of the most effective methods to stop counterfeiting can be the widespread use of counterfeit detection tools/software that are easily available and are efficient in terms of cost, reliability and accuracy. This paper presents a core software system to build a robust automated counterfeit currency detection tool for Bangladeshi bank notes. The software detects fake currency by extracting existing features of banknotes such as micro-printing, optically variable ink (OVI), water-mark, iri-

descent ink, security thread and ultraviolet lines using OCR (Optical Character recognition), Contour Analysis, Face Recognition, Speeded UP Robust Features (SURF) and Canny Edge Hough transformation algorithm of OpenCV. The success rate of this software can be measured in terms of accuracy and speed. This paper also focuses on the pros and cons of implementation details that may degrade the performance of image processing based paper currency authentication systems. [8]

Self-service terminal equipment generally, compose of group of integrated systems, which operate together to offer services to human in the economic aspect. The conception of the self-service store terminal equipment facilitates person's life, greatly. The self- service terminal equipment that exist in Yemen are rarely found, because of their extremely expensive cost. Additionally, that material can't deal with all denominations of Yemeni paper currency; just two denominations can be treated. The proposed system is a Mechatronics' system which typifies a prototype of SST equipment which is able to arrangement with all denominations of Yemeni paper currency. The principal function of the proposed scheme is building up an SST prototype with simple social system which is able to recognize and detect four denominations of Yemeni paper currency (1000, 500, 200 and 100 Yr), then store them in the specified box for each denomination. The proposed scheme is composed of four integrated systems as work together concurrently. The entered paper currency is fed into the detection place to be determined whether it is fake or genuine, then if it is genuine, it will be recognized to identify its denomination, finally it is stored in the specified box according to the currency denomination. The identification scheme has been designed to distinguish the dominant colour in each denomination using color sensor, while the detection scheme is designed using the UV - light detector. The developed system has been tested using 10 samples of each denomination for checking the accuracy and speed of operation. The prototype has achieved a high accuracy with short time of processing. [9]

2.2 Literature Summary

the research underscores the diverse methodologies used to combat counterfeit currency, ranging from traditional physical checks to advanced machine learning and deep learning techniques. While significant progress has been made, ongoing advancements in counterfeiting technology necessitate continuous improvement and adaptation of detection methods. The integration of machine learning, image processing, and GANs represents promising directions for future research and practical applications in currency authentication.

The literature on fake currency detection reveals a diverse array of approaches to combat counterfeiting. Machine learning techniques, including algorithms like SVM, Random Forest, and KNN, offer high accuracy and potential for reliable detection systems. Advanced methods such as Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) enhance classification by generating and evaluating currency images. Traditional image processing techniques, while effective, face challenges due to evolving counterfeit technologies. Comparative studies and analyses of physical characteristics provide foundational insights but highlight limitations.

The examination of counterfeit currency detection techniques reveals significant progress across several domains. Machine learning methods, such as SVM, Random Forest, and KNN, have proven effective in achieving high accuracy in currency authentication. The use of Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) combined with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) represents a sophisticated approach that enhances the ability to classify currency accurately.Studies on physical characteristics and economic impacts underscore the importance of adapting detection methods to evolving counterfeiting technologies and economic conditions. Overall, the research highlights a need for continued development and integration of innovative solutions to address the complexities of fake currency detection.

Paper	Algorithms/Techniques Used	Results/Discussion
Bank Currency Authentication	- Support Vector Machine (SVM) - Random Forest - Logistic Regression - Naïve Bayes - Decision Tree - K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)	Some algorithms achieve 100% accuracy depending on the dataset split.[2]
Fake Indian Currency Identification using GAN	- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) - Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)	GAN effectively classifies currency as real or fake by generating and discriminating images. [3]
Fake Currency Recognition using Image Processing	- Image Processing Techniques - Image Pre-processing - Segmentation - Feature Extraction	Recognition of fake Indian currency is performed by comparing processed images to features of genuine notes. [4]
Currency Fake Identification using KNN	- K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) - Image Processing	KNN, combined with image processing, provides high accuracy for small datasets in detecting fake currency. [5]
Comparative Study of Image Processing Techniques	Various Image Processing Techniques	Comparative study of techniques, noting the high accuracy of image processing methods in detecting counterfeit notes. [6]
Overview of Paper Currency Characteristics	- Physical Characteristics Analysis (Color, Width, Serial Numbers)	Various traditional methods for currency identification based on physical characteristics are discussed. [1]
Paper Currency Intrinsic Value	- Economic Analysis	Discusses the importance of paper currency, focusing on its economic significance and the challenges in counterfeit detection. [7]
Counterfeit Currency Problem and Solutions	- Image Processing Techniques - Machine Learning	Discusses the increase in counterfeit currency and the effectiveness of machine learning and image processing in detection.[8]
Demonetization and Fake Currency Circulation	- Economic Impact Analysis	Analyzes the impact of demonetization in India on the circulation of counterfeit currency and the subsequent rise in counterfeit detection challenges.[9]

Table 2.1: Summary of Papers on Fake Currency Detection and Identification Techniques

CHAPTER 3

Methodology

3.1 Data Description:

The banknote-authentication dataset is used to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit banknotes. Images of real and fake banknote-like specimens were used to extract data from the photos. These photos were processed and number of lines on a thin strip are measured. A compressed version of the dataset from Kaggle was used in this experiment. There are 100 samples total. The model has been trained using 500,100,20,10rupee notes of cash from India. To determine the dataset's input/output behavior for the system, an experiment was run. The sample dataset utilized in the experiment is named and provided below:

Dataset	**Source**	**Items**	**Type**
Indian Currency notes of 500,100,50,20 notes manually collected	Kaggle and manual photographs https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/gauravsahani/indian-currency-notes-classifier	25	Image dataset

Table 3.1: Details of the sample dataset used in the experiment.

3.2 Requirement Analysis:

Requirement Analysis method is intended in such a way that it takes fewer resources to figure out work correctly. The minimum needs that we'd like to take care of: The system would require a minimum of 4 GB (Gigabyte) of RAM (Random Access memory) to run all the options sleek and unforeseen. It wants a minimum of 2 GHz (Gigahertz) processor to run the system smoothly. The system can be operated by common people as well as commercial people

Specification	Details
Processor	2 GHz Intel
Storage	512GB
Ram	4GB

Table 3.2: Hardware Specifications

Specification	Details
Operating System	Windows 7, 8, 10
Programming Language	Python
IDE (Integrated Development Environment)	VS Code

Table 3.3: Software Specifications

hardware specification

Python: Python is an interpreter, object-oriented, high-level, dynamically semantic programming language. It is particularly desirable for Rapid Application Development as well as for usage as a scripting or glue language to tie existing components together due to its high-level built-in data structures, dynamic typing, and dynamic binding. Python's straightforward syntax prioritizes readability and makes it simple to learn, which lowers the cost of program maintenance. Python's support for modules and packages promotes the modularity and reuse of code in programs. On all popular platforms, the Python interpreter and the comprehensive standard library are freely distributable and available in source or binary form.

Python Libraries:

OpenCV: OpenCV is a sizable open-source library for image processing, machine learning, and computer vision. It now plays a significant part in real-time operation, which is crucial in modern systems. With it, one may analyze pictures and movies to find faces, objects, and even human handwriting. To install OpenCV run the command - pip install opencv-python. Python is able to handle the OpenCV array structure for analysis when it is integrated with different libraries, such as NumPy. We use vector space and apply mathematical operations to these features to identify visual patterns and their various features.

NumPy: Many mathematical operations can be carried out on arrays with NumPy. It provides a vast library of high-level mathematical functions that work on these arrays and matrices, as well as strong data structures that ensure efficient calculations with arrays and matrices. To install NumPy run the command - pip install numpy.

VS Code: Debugging, task execution, and version control are supported by the simplified code editor Visual Studio Code. It tries to give developers only the tools they require for a short cycle of code-build-debugging and leaves more sophisticated processes to IDEs with more features, like Visual Studio IDE.

3.3 Features of Currency

Figure 3.1: All security features of Indian currency 500

Features of the New ₹500 Notes:

Obverse:

1. See through register in denominational numeral
2. Latent image of the denominational numeral
3. Denominational numeral in Devnagari
4. Orientation and relative position of Mahatma Gandhi portrait changed
5. Windowed security thread changes colour from green to blue when note is tilted
6. Guarantee clause, Governor's signature with Promise Clause and RBI emblem shifted towards right
7. Portrait and electrotype watermark
8. Number panel with numerals growing from small to big on the top left side and bottom right side
9. Denomination in numerals with Rupee Symbol in colour changing ink (green to blue) on bottom right
10. Ashoka pillar emblem on the right

For visually impaired:

Intaglio or raised printing of Mahatma Gandhi portrait, Ashoka pillar emblem, bleed lines and identification mark continue

11. Circle with ₹500 in raised print on the right
12. 5 bleed lines on left and right in raised print

Reverse:

13. Year of printing of the note on left
14. Swachh Bharat logo with slogan
15. Language panel towards centre
16. Red Fort – an image of Indian heritage site with Indian flag
17. Denominational numeral in Devnagari on right

davp 15201/13/0134/1617

New design notes in other denominations will follow

For more details visit: www.paisaboltahai.rbi.org.in

Figure 3.2: features of Indian currency 500

Portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the Center: The intaglio printing of portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the center of the currency

Figure 3.3: Portrait of Mahatma Gandhi

Security Thread: When held up to the light, the security thread, which has "RBI" and "Bharat" inscribed on it continually, can be seen at the left side of the watermark. The photo of the Mahatma has a security thread on one side.

Figure 3.4: Security Thread

See through Register: The denomination numeral is displayed in the see-through register. Both sides of this register are printed. One side of the two sides is hollow, and the other side is filled with material. The micro lettering has been written horizontally along this register. The note has a latent image on the left side. Moreover, this register is shown above the latent image. When viewed in contrast to the light, this register appears as a single design.

Figure 3.5: See through Register

Ashoka Pillar On the right side of the coin there is a picture of the Ashoka pillar.

Figure 3.6: Ashoka Pillar

Identification Mark: Just over the Ashoka's pillar symbol, there is an identification mark.

Figure 3.7: Identification Mark

Guarantee Clause: Located to the right of Mahatma Gandhi's image, the guarantee clause is signed by the governor and includes a promise clause that is printed in intaglio

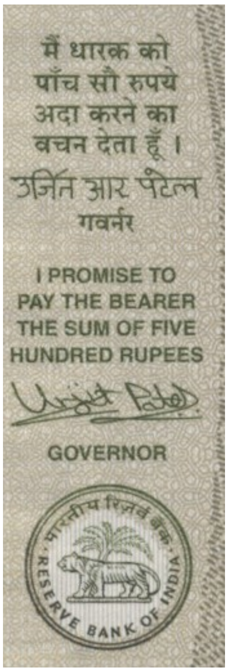

Figure 3.8: Guarantee Clause

Currency Numeral with the Rupees Symbol: Fluorescent ink will be used for printing. When viewed from different perspectives, the numerals change.

Figure 3.9: Currency Numeral with the Rupees Symbol

Bleed Lines: The oblique lines that protrude from the sides of banknotes are known as bleed lines.

Figure 3.10: Bleed Lines

Latent Image of Denomination Numeral: The right side of Mahatma Gandhi's portrait is bordered by a vertical band on the opposite side of the denomination. A latent image of the corresponding denominational value is present in it. Its denominational value is represented by a numerical value. The latent picture can be seen when the coin is held horizontally, and it should also be held at eye level. While using counterfeit money, it is not noticeable.

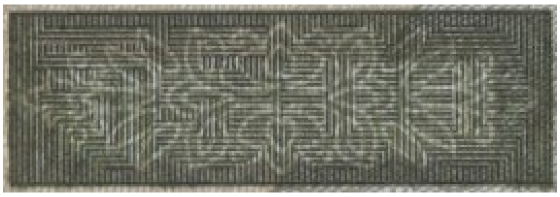

Figure 3.11: Latent Image of Denomination Numeral

Micro Lettering: Between the vertical band and the image of Mahatma Gandhi, micro lettering is visible. The term "RBI" and the denominational value are written in tiny letters. The micro letters on counterfeit money are incorrectly printed.

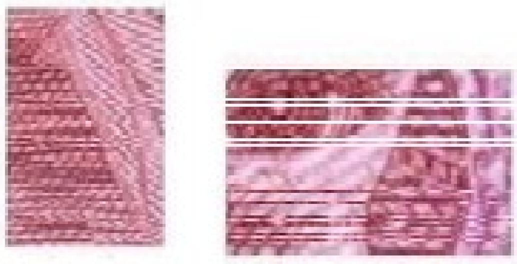

Figure 3.12: Micro Lettering

Government of India: The words "Government of India" are printed at the top of the one rupee note, directly over the Devanagari-scripted number one. The smallest currency note now in use in India is 1 rupee, and it is the only one that was produced by the Government of India rather than the Reserve Bank of India like the others. Because of this, it is the only one with the Finance Secretary's signature rather than the RBI Governor's.

Figure 3.13: Government of India

3.4 Required Algorithm

3.4.1 Image acquisition

The act of obtaining an image from sources is known as image acquisition. Hardware systems like cameras, encoders, sensors, etc. can be used to do this. It is without a doubt the most important phase in the MV (Machine Vision) workflow because a bad image would make the workflow ineffective as a whole. As machine vision systems don't study the acquired digital image of the object and not the object itself, acquiring an image with the proper clarity and contrast is crucial. A set of photo-sensitive sensors turn an object's incoming light wave into an electrical signal during the image acquisition step. These small components provide the function of accurately describing the object to your machine vision algorithms. It's a frequent fallacy that with an MV system, choosing the correct colors is crucial. However, it's not always the case. Colors frequently increase noise and make detection more challenging. The main objective of an image acquisition system is to increase contrast for the important features. The ideal image is one in which the camera can clearly see the object of interest.

The major image acquisition components have been mentioned below:

1. Trigger

2. Camera

3. Optics
4. Illumination

Loading and Preprocessing After capturing the images, the next step is preprocessing, which is essential for preparing the data for analysis. Each image is processed to fit a standardized format that can be easily used by machine learning algorithms. This involves resizing the images to a height of 500 pixels while maintaining their original aspect ratio to ensure uniformity across the dataset. This resizing helps to standardize the input size for the subsequent processing stages. The images are then converted to grayscale, which simplifies the data by removing color information and focusing on intensity variations. Gaussian blur is applied to the grayscale images to smooth out high-frequency noise and reduce any variations that could interfere with edge detection. During this phase, labels are also created for each image to indicate whether the currency is real (labelled as 1) or fake (labelled as 0). These labels are then converted into a categorical format using one-hot encoding, which transforms categorical labels into a binary vector. This encoding is crucial for the machine learning models to effectively classify and learn from the data.

Finding the Contours of Indian Currency Notes The goal of this step is to accurately locate and outline the rectangular shape of the currency note. To achieve this, a heuristic method is used to identify the largest rectangular contour in the edge-detected image. This involves detecting contours in the binary image and selecting the largest one that fits the criteria of having exactly four corner points. This heuristic approach helps in locating the most likely rectangular shape corresponding to the currency note. Once the largest rectangular contour is identified, an iterative process is used to pinpoint the four corner pixels of the rectangle. These corner points are essential for further processing as they define the boundaries of the currency note.

Sketching the Boundaries With the four corner points of the currency note identified, the next step is to determine its height and width. The width is calculated by measuring the distance between the x-coordinates of the top left and top right corners (or bottom left and bottom right corners), while the height is determined by measuring the distance between the y-coordinates of the top left and bottom left corners (or top right and bottom right corners). This information is used to sketch the boundaries of the currency note. A perspective transform is then applied to the image, which rectifies the image and provides a top-down view of the currency note. This transform connects the four corner points and outlines the boundaries of the currency note in a way that makes it easier to analyze.

Cropping In the cropping step, the focus is on isolating the currency note from the background. By using the boundaries outlined in the previous step, the system extracts the foreground, which is the currency note, and separates it from the background. This is achieved through a process known as perspective transformation, which reorients the image to provide a top-down view of the currency note. Cropping the image in this way ensures that only the relevant portion of the image, the currency note, is included for further analysis.

Edge Detection Methods Different edge detection methods, such as Sobel, Roberts, Prewitt, and Canny, are considered for detecting the edges in the currency note images. Among these methods, Canny edge detection is selected for its superior performance in identifying detailed features. The Canny method is effective due to its ability to detect edges with high precision. It involves several steps: noise reduction to smooth the image, intensity gradient calculation to detect changes in pixel intensity, non-maximum suppression to thin the edges, and hysteresis thresholding to identify the most significant edges. This comprehensive approach ensures that the edges of the currency note are detected accurately and reliably.

RGB to Grayscale: Taking the average of the red, green, and blue pixel values for each pixel to obtain the grayscale value is a straightforward technique to convert a color image's 3D array to a grayscale image's 2D array. This creates an approximate gray color by combining the lightness or brightness contributions from each color band. A set of photo-sensitive sensors turn an object's incoming light wave into an electrical signal during the image acquisition step. These little components provide the function of accurately describing the object to your machine vision algorithms. It's a frequent fallacy that with an MV system, choosing the correct colors is crucial
The Average method takes the average value of R, G, and B as the grayscale value.
Grayscale = (R + G + B) / 3
The weighted method, also called the luminosity method, weighs red, green, and blue according to their wavelengths. The improved formula is as follows:
Grayscale = 0.299R + 0.587G + 0.114B

Image Segmentation: Image segmentation is a technique for breaking up a digital image into smaller groupings called image segments, which reduces the complexity of the image and makes each segment more easily processed or analyzed. Technically, segmentation is the process of giving labels to pixels in an image in order to distinguish between objects, persons, or other significant aspects. Object detection is a frequent use of image segmentation. It is usual practice to first apply an image segmentation method to discover things of interest in the image before processing the complete image. The object detector can then work with a bounding box that the segmentation algorithm has previously established. By stopping the detector from processing the entire image, accuracy is increased and inference time is decreased. A crucial component of computer vision technologies and algorithms is image segmentation. It is employed in a variety of real-world contexts, including as face identification and recognition in video surveillance, medical image analysis, computer vision for autonomous cars, and satellite image analysis

3.5 Canny Edge Detection Algorithm

The Canny edge detection algorithm involves several steps, each with its own set of mathematical formulas. Here's a summary of the key formulas used in the Canny algorithm:

3.5.1 Gaussian Filtering (Noise Reduction)

The Gaussian filter is used to smooth the image and reduce noise. The Gaussian function is defined as:

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \tag{3.1}$$

where:

- σ is the standard deviation of the Gaussian distribution.
- x and y are the coordinates of a pixel in the filter kernel.

3.5.2 Gradient Calculation

The gradient magnitude and direction are computed using convolution with gradient operators. The Sobel operators are commonly used:

Sobel X Operator:

$$G_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{3.2}$$

Sobel Y Operator:

$$G_y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{3.3}$$

The gradient magnitude G and direction θ are calculated as:

$$G = \sqrt{G_x^2 + G_y^2} \quad (3.4)$$

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{G_y}{G_x}\right) \quad (3.5)$$

3.5.3 Non-Maximum Suppression

Non-maximum suppression involves thinning edges by comparing the gradient magnitude to its neighbors along the gradient direction. For a given pixel, its magnitude $G(x, y)$ is compared with the magnitudes of two neighboring pixels in the direction of θ.

3.5.4 Double Thresholding

Double thresholding identifies strong and weak edges. Let T_H be the high threshold and T_L be the low threshold. The following conditions are used:

- **Strong Edge:** If $G(x, y) > T_H$, then the pixel is a strong edge.
- **Weak Edge:** If $T_L < G(x, y) \leq T_H$, then the pixel is a weak edge.
- **Non-Edge:** If $G(x, y) \leq T_L$, then the pixel is not an edge.

3.5.5 Edge Tracking by Hysteresis

Edge tracking by hysteresis connects weak edges to strong edges. If a weak edge pixel is connected to a strong edge pixel, it is considered part of an edge; otherwise, it is discarded.

These formulas and steps collectively enable the Canny algorithm to detect edges with high precision and robustness.

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Feature Measurement: The process of "feature detection" involves computing abstractions of image data and locally determining whether or not each image point contains an image feature of a specific type. A fundamental aspect of image processing is feature detection. This means that it is typically done as the initial operation on an image and checks each pixel to see if a feature is present there. If this is a component of a bigger algorithm, the algorithm will usually just look at the image where the features are. The term ”feature description” refers to a technique for describing the local attributes of an image at identified key points in an image. These algorithms take advantage of key points discovered in the image data to extract interesting information. The information produced by these feature description techniques is frequently organized by encoding it as the constituent parts of a single vector, or feature vector. A feature space is the collection of all feasible feature vectors. usually just look at the image where the features are. The term ”feature description” refers to a technique for describing the local attributes of an image at identified key points in an image. These algorithms take advantage of key points discovered in the image data to extract interesting information. Load two images and extract their pixel-by-pixel information Normalize and down sample the pixel information.Calculate cross-correlation using the processed pixel information.Generate visual summaries of cross-correlation, highlighting areas of maximum image overlap.

CNN Model Definition The Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model is designed to analyze and classify the currency notes based on the extracted features. The model includes several convolutional layers (Conv2D) that apply filters to the input images, extracting important features such as edges and patterns. These layers use ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) activation functions to introduce non-linearity and enhance the model's ability to learn complex features. MaxPooling2D layers are included to reduce the spatial dimensions of the feature maps, which helps to retain essential information while decreasing computational complexity. To prevent overfitting, a Dropout layer is added, which randomly drops units during training to improve the model's generalization. Fully connected layers (Dense) are used for the final classification, where the model combines the features extracted by the convolutional layers to make predictions. The output layer uses a softmax activation function to provide probabilities for the currency being real or fake.

Model Training and Evaluation Training the CNN model involves using the Training the CNN model involves using the model.fit() function to specify parameters such as the number of epochs (iterations) and batch size (number of samples per gradient update). The model learns from the training data, adjusting its parameters to minimize the error and improve accuracy. After training, the model's performance is evaluated using the model.evaluate() function, which assesses the model on the testing set. This evaluation provides metrics such as accuracy, which indicates how well the model performs on data it has not seen before. This step is crucial for determining the model's effectiveness and ensuring it can accurately classify currency notes.

Visualization Visualization is used to analyze the model's performance over time. Using matplotlib, training and validation accuracy and loss are plotted against epochs. These plots provide insights into the model's learning progress, showing how accuracy improves and loss decreases over time. By visualizing these metrics, it is possible to identify potential issues such as overfitting, where the model performs well on the training data but poorly on the validation data. These visualizations help in fine-tuning the model and making adjustments to improve its performance

Finding Correlation: For finding Correlation of two images we have to follow this steps:

3.6 Flowchart:

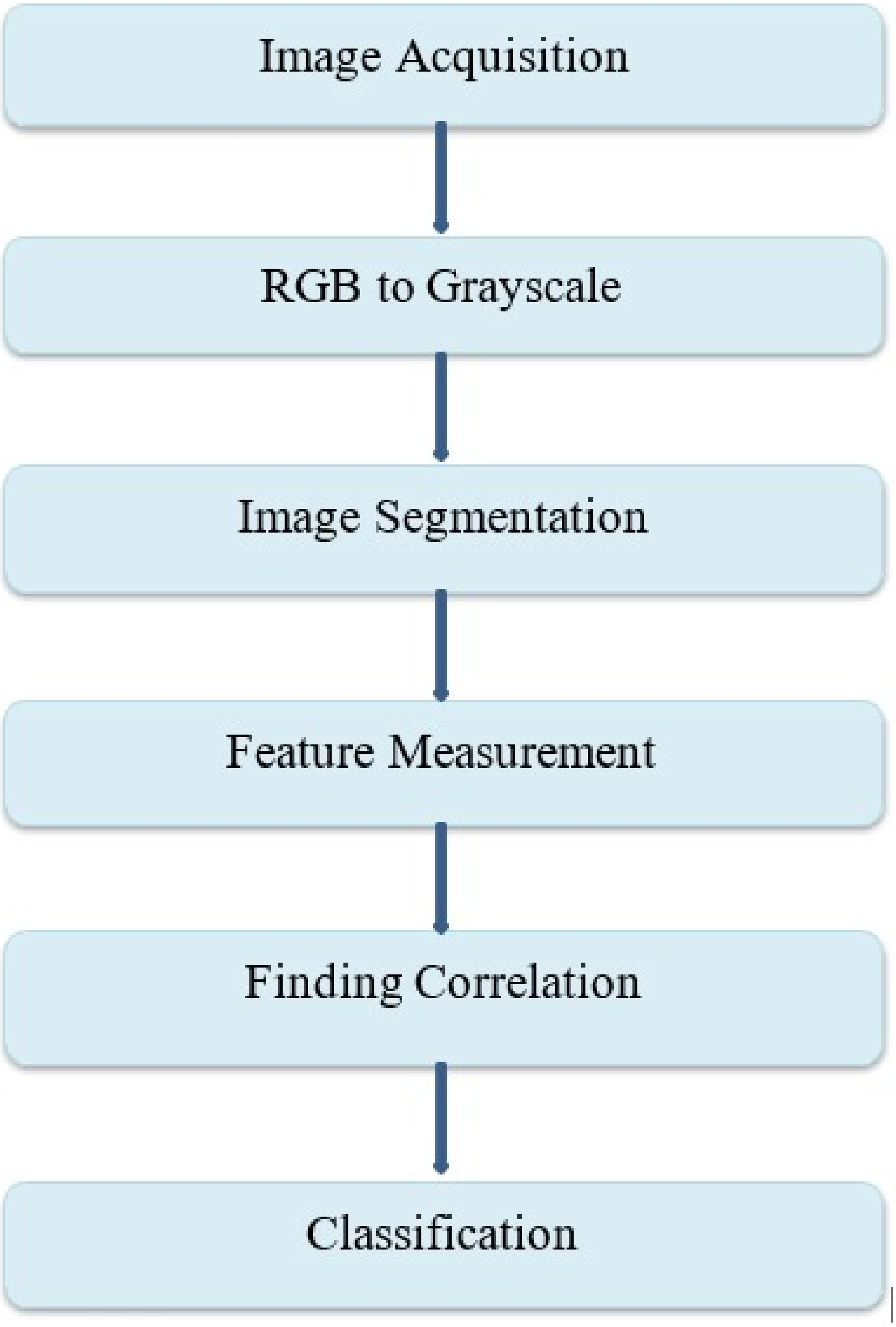

Figure 3.14: Block Diagram of Fake Currency Detection

3.7 Workflow of Proposed System:

1. Image Acquisition: The model receives the image. Images should be present: the note you're trying to identify and its real-world counterpart. Picture capture of an Indian banknote with a basic digital camera or scanner.
2. RGB to GRAYSCALE: Acquired picture is A GRAYSCALE image is created by converting an RGB image. The RGB image is dense and noisier. Instead of processing three components R (Red), G (Green), and B, the image is reduced in size and gains easyto-process intensity information when it is converted to gray scale (Blue).
3. Segmentation: Gandhi Ji's image and a narrow strip image are cropped from the original image. The observe and reverse aspects of the Indian paper currency will be clipped and split. The technique of segmenting an image into separate segments and sets of pixels is done digitally. It is also known as "picture thresholding," where a threshold is set and, if a specific pixel's value exceeds it, the pixel turns white; otherwise, it turns black.
4. Feature Measurement: Feature measurement is done to measure the number of lines on a thin strip. This is a really lengthy process.
5. Finding Correlation: We find correlation between Gandhi Ji's image on the real note fake note using distance-weighted algorithm. If the outcome is greater than 0.5 then we will consider it legitimate otherwise the currency is fake.
6. Classification: Finally, we will classify the image as real or fake

3.8 Implementation Steps of Proposed System:

1. At first, OpenCV was used to read the real and fake photos after importing the Modules.
2. The colorful image was then changed to black and white because a black and white image makes it simpler to identify key aspects.
3. Then Gandhi Ji's picture was being taken from the original note. The coordinates must be changed each time Gandhi Ji's image is extracted. The

same thing also be done for fake notes.

4. Then the thin strip was extracted from the real and fake notes.

5. Then the image was being converted to HSV (Hue Saturation Value). Simple terms, the format is different. A numerical evaluation of the color in the photograph is called HSV. The unit of measurement is degrees. Hue in RGB is the direction that the colors are facing.

6. Then, the thin strip was extracted from the HSV images and fake images.

7. Then, the thresh value was specified in this case, and only values more than the specified values were extracted from the cropped image. The of both values will then be taken. The goal of the entire procedure was to extract the thin strip's lines from the thin strip image.

8. Bwareaopen is a function that will find the connectivity in a picture. It will be used to determine how many lines there are in a short strip. It will be employed later on in the procedure

9. Then, the code for morphologically extracting the thin strip image can be seen. This is a crucial step in determining the amount of lines in an image.

10. Then Bwareaopen function for the thin strip was used.

11. In next step, final counting of the number of lines in real and fake note was made.

12. A correlation function was being defined. This correlation function to our Gandhi Ji image was applied. Simply said, we were looking to compare Gandhi Ji's image on the real and false photos. This will accept two two-dimensional matrices as input and return a result in the form of a number between 0 and 1. Gandhi Ji's photo on a fake note is legal if the outcome is larger than 0.5; otherwise, it is not.

13. Lastly the correlation function was being used. Also, we were building our code to determine whether or not the correlation value is greater than 0.5. If it is larger than 0.5, then we were determining whether or not there are an equal number of lines.

CHAPTER 4

EXISTING vs PROPOSED

Existing counterfeit detection methods rely on specialized equipment, image processing techniques, and machine learning algorithms, each with its own limitations. Specialized equipment like UV light detectors and magnetic ink detectors are effective but costly and require training. Image processing methods, such as edge detection and grayscale conversion, can struggle with high false positive rates and variable conditions. Machine learning algorithms, including Decision Trees and Support Vector Machines (SVM), offer high accuracy but often need extensive feature engineering and may not adapt well to new counterfeiting techniques.

4.1 Existing Methods

Existing counterfeit detection methods primarily rely on specialized equipment and techniques that are not always accessible to the general public or individuals with visual impairments. These methods include:

4.1.1 Specialized Equipment

Many traditional counterfeit detection systems use specialized devices such as:

- **Ultraviolet (UV) Light Detectors**: These devices reveal hidden security features such as fluorescent threads and inks that are visible only under UV light. While effective in detecting specific counterfeit methods, UV light detectors are expensive and require users to be trained in their proper use.

Figure 4.1: UV light

- **Magnetic Ink Detectors**: These detectors identify magnetic ink used in certain denominations of banknotes. They are useful for detecting counterfeits that lack this magnetic property. However, magnetic ink detectors can be costly and may not be effective against all types of counterfeit notes.
- **Watermarked Paper Analyzers**: These tools analyze the presence and quality of watermarks embedded in the paper. They are highly accurate for detecting counterfeit notes that do not replicate watermarks properly. Despite their precision, these devices are typically expensive and require specialized training.

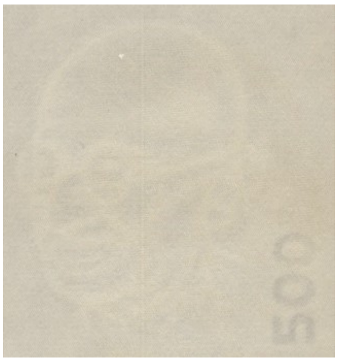

Figure 4.2: water mark

While these tools are effective at detecting counterfeit currency, their cost and operational complexity limit their accessibility for widespread use.

4.1.2 Image Processing Techniques

Image processing methods utilize digital images of currency notes to detect counterfeits. Common techniques include:

- **Edge Detection**: This technique identifies the edges of text and security features on banknotes. By highlighting these edges, it helps in verifying their authenticity. However, edge detection can be sensitive to image quality and lighting conditions, leading to potential false positives.
- **Grayscale Conversion**: Converting images to grayscale can enhance certain features, such as the contrast between security elements and the background. While useful, grayscale conversion alone may not capture the full range of security features and can be affected by image quality.
- **Template Matching**: This method involves comparing the features of a note against pre-defined templates of genuine notes. Although straightforward, template matching can struggle with variations in note wear, environmental conditions, or printing differences.

These image processing techniques are beneficial but may face challenges related to false positives and variable performance under different conditions.

4.1.3 Machine Learning Algorithms

Machine learning approaches to counterfeit detection include:

- **Decision Trees**: These algorithms create a model based on a series of decisions derived from features of the currency. While interpretable and effective, Decision Trees can be prone to overfitting and may not handle complex counterfeit patterns well.
- **Support Vector Machines (SVM)**: SVMs classify notes by finding the optimal hyperplane that separates genuine from counterfeit notes. SVMs are effective but require careful tuning of parameters and feature selection to perform optimally.
- **K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)**: KNN classifies notes based on their proximity to known examples. It is easy to implement but can be computationally expensive and less effective with large or noisy datasets.

While these machine learning algorithms can achieve high accuracy, they often require extensive feature engineering and may not generalize well to new counterfeit techniques.

4.2 Proposed Method

The proposed counterfeit detection system leverages convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and widely available smartphone technology to provide an accessible and effective solution for the general public, including visually impaired individuals.

4.2.1 Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

CNNs are a powerful class of deep learning algorithms designed for image analysis. In the proposed system:

- **Automatic Feature Extraction**: CNNs automatically learn and extract features from images of currency notes without the need for manual feature engineering. This capability allows the system to detect complex patterns and anomalies that may be indicative of counterfeit currency.

- **End-to-End Learning**: The CNN model is trained end-to-end, meaning it learns to process raw image data and classify it as genuine or counterfeit. This approach eliminates the need for predefined features and adapts to various types of counterfeiting techniques.

- **Robustness to Variability**: CNNs can handle variations in note conditions, such as different lighting, wear, and printing quality, by learning from diverse training data. This robustness enhances the system's reliability in real-world scenarios.

CNNs offer a modern and effective method for counterfeit detection by leveraging deep learning to handle complex image data.

4.2.2 Smartphone-Based Image Acquisition

The system utilizes smartphone cameras for capturing images of currency notes, making it highly accessible. Key aspects include:

- **Real-Time Processing**: Users can take photos of currency notes using their smartphones, and the system processes these images in real time to assess authenticity. This capability ensures that users receive immediate feedback on the validity of their currency.
- **Wide Accessibility**: By using smartphones, the system is accessible to a broad audience, including those who do not have access to specialized detection equipment. This approach democratizes counterfeit detection and provides a cost-effective solution.
- **Integration with Mobile Technology**: The system leverages the widespread use of smartphones and their built-in cameras, making it easy for users to integrate counterfeit detection into their daily lives.

Smartphone-based image acquisition ensures that the technology is practical and widely available.

4.2.3 High Accuracy and Efficiency

- **High Performance**: The CNN model's accuracy reflects its ability to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit notes with a high degree of reliability. This performance is achieved through comprehensive training and advanced deep learning techniques.
- **Efficiency in Processing**: The system is designed to deliver quick results, making it suitable for both casual and professional use. Users can efficiently verify currency without significant delays.

The system's high accuracy and efficiency make it a viable solution for real-world counterfeit detection.

4.2.4 User-Friendly Interface

The system is designed with accessibility in mind. Features include:

- **Simple and Intuitive Interface**: The user interface is straightforward, guiding users through the process of capturing and analyzing currency notes with minimal effort. Clear instructions and visual cues facilitate ease of use.
- **Voice-Guided Instructions**: For visually impaired users, the system provides voice-guided instructions and real-time feedback. This feature ensures that all users, regardless of visual ability, can effectively use the system.
- **Interactive Feedback**: Users receive immediate feedback on the authenticity of the currency, allowing for quick and informed decisions.

The user-friendly interface ensures that the system is accessible and usable for a diverse range of individuals.This comprehensive approach combines advanced technology with practical accessibility, offering a robust and inclusive solution for counterfeit currency detection.

CHAPTER 5

Case studies and Future Directions

5.1 Case Study

The effectiveness of the proposed counterfeit detection system was evaluated through a case study involving various Indian currency denominations, including 500,100,50,20,10 rupee notes. The dataset consisted of high-resolution images of both genuine and counterfeit notes, captured using the specified Raspberry Pi camera setup. Images underwent preprocessing, including grayscale conversion, Gaussian blurring, and Canny edge detection, before being fed into the CNN model for classification. The model's performance was tested in real-world scenarios where users captured images of currency notes using smartphone cameras. The system demonstrated high accuracy and efficiency in detecting counterfeit notes, found the system user-friendly and effective in differentiating between real and fake notes without the need for specialized equipment. This case study underscores the practical applicability and reliability of the proposed system in everyday transactions, providing a cost-effective and accessible solution for counterfeit detection in India.

5.2 Future Directions

5.2.1 Expansion to Other Currencies

Future work could extend the model to recognize counterfeit notes from different currencies. This would involve creating datasets for various currencies and retraining the model to accommodate new features and characteristics specific to each currency.

5.2.2 Integration with Financial Systems

Integrating the detection system with existing financial infrastructure, such as ATMs and banking apps, could enhance real-time detection and reporting of counterfeit currency, increasing overall security and trust in financial transactions

5.2.3 Enhancement of Features

Incorporating additional features like holograms, UV markings, and other advanced security elements into the model could improve detection accuracy. Taking the average of the red, green, and blue pixel values for each pixel to obtain the grayscale value is a straightforward technique to convert a color image's 3D array to a grayscale image's 2D array. This creates an approximate gray color by combining the lightness or brightness contributions from each color band. A set of photo-sensitive sensors turn an object's incoming light wave into an electrical signal during the image acquisition step Techniques like multispectral imaging and the use of Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) could be explored for more robust counterfeit detection.

5.2.4 User Interface Improvements

Developing a more intuitive and accessible user interface, especially for visually impaired users, could enhance the usability of the system. Voice-guided instructions and real-time feedback on currency authenticity could be beneficial. Taking the average of the red, green, and blue pixel values for each pixel to obtain the grayscale value is a straightforward technique to convert a color image's 3D array to a grayscale image's 2D array. This creates an approximate gray color by combining the lightness or brightness contributions from each color band. A set of photo-sensitive sensors turn an object's incoming light wave into an electrical signal during the image acquisition step.

Deployment on Various Platforms

Deploying the model on multiple platforms, including iOS, Android, and web applications, would make the system widely accessible. Optimizing the model for real-time processing on mobile devices is crucial for practical usability. Leveraging Apple's ecosystem, which includes strong hardware capabilities and integrated development tools, can ensure a seamless user experience. Utilizing Core ML and other native libraries can optimize performance and battery usage, crucial for real-time processing.

5.2.5 Continuous Learning and Updates

Implementing a continuous learning mechanism where the system can learn from new data and updates on emerging counterfeiting techniques will keep the model current and effective against evolving threats. Given the diverse range of devices running Android, optimization must account for varying hardware specifications. Using TensorFlow Lite and ML Kit can aid in making the model lightweight and efficient, ensuring it runs smoothly across different Android devices. Partnering with organizations to share datasets can enrich the model's training data, making it more comprehensive and diverse. This includes access to data on known counterfeiting techniques, transaction patterns, and regional variations.

CHAPTER 6

Results and Discussion

6.1 Results and Discussion

There are other ways to detect if the money is phony or not, but they all follow the same basic stages. Image capture, edge recognition, segmentation, grayscale conversion, and feature extraction are among them. Most of the articles use MATLAB as their computation tool, however we ultimately used OpenCV and Python as our programming language. To perform comparisons and determine the outcome, a number of characteristics that identify genuine currency apart from counterfeit ones are taken into account. We are aware that these tools are used at banks and businesses to help identify counterfeit money, but the average person who lacks these resources is susceptible to this. Our goal is to offer a low-cost system with quick computations that can make decisions in a matter of seconds. It would be simple for the general public to use, relatively portable, and reasonably priced. The model has some limitations. We can get at most 87% of accuracy which may be sufficient. However, it is still more precise than human detection. It can currently be utilized as an additional tool to lessen human mistake. Additionally, the model's accuracy can be increased any further with more data and better analysis. Accuracy: The percentage of accurately classified data samples over all the data is known as accuracy. Accuracy can be calculated by the following equation. Accuracy = (TP+TN)/(TP+FP+TN+FN) True Positive(TP) True Negative(TN) False Positive(FP) False Negative(FN)

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_12 (Conv2D)	(None, 222, 222, 32)	896
max_pooling2d_12 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 111, 111, 32)	0
conv2d_13 (Conv2D)	(None, 109, 109, 64)	18,496
max_pooling2d_13 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 54, 54, 64)	0
conv2d_14 (Conv2D)	(None, 52, 52, 128)	73,856
max_pooling2d_14 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 26, 26, 128)	0
conv2d_15 (Conv2D)	(None, 24, 24, 128)	147,584
max_pooling2d_15 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 12, 12, 128)	0
flatten_3 (Flatten)	(None, 18432)	0
dropout_3 (Dropout)	(None, 18432)	0
dense_6 (Dense)	(None, 512)	9,437,696
dense_7 (Dense)	(None, 2)	1,026

6.2 Experimental Setup

The experimental setup for this study involves capturing images of Indian currency notes using a Raspberry Pi 8MP camera. The camera is mounted on top of a closed box equipped with an internal light source, ensuring consistent lighting conditions for image capture. This setup minimizes shadows and glare, providing high-quality images for processing. The images captured are subjected to several preprocessing techniques to enhance their quality and prepare them for analysis. These techniques include edge detection using Gaussian blur and Canny edge detection, contour detection for identifying the boundaries of the currency notes, and perspective transformation to correct any distortions. The processed images are then fed into a convolutional neural network (CNN) model for classification. The CNN architecture includes Conv2D layers for feature extraction, MaxPooling2D layers for down-sampling, Dropout layers to prevent overfitting, and Dense layers with ReLU and softmax activation functions for classification.

6.2.1 Hardware

The hardware setup comprises a Raspberry Pi 8MP camera connected to a Raspberry Pi via a Camera Serial Interface (CSI) connection. The camera is placed inside a closed box with a built-in light source to ensure uniform lighting conditions during image capture. This controlled environment is crucial for obtaining clear and consistent images, which are essential for accurate classification.

6.2.2 Software

The software used in this study includes various Python libraries such as OpenCV (cv2) for image processing, NumPy for numerical computations, Matplotlib for visualization, Scikit-learn for machine learning algorithms, and TensorFlow for building and training the CNN model. The image preprocessing techniques involve applying Gaussian blur to reduce noise, Canny edge detection to highlight the edges of the currency notes, and perspective transformation to correct any skewness in the images. The CNN model is designed with Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Dropout, and Dense layers, utilizing ReLU and softmax activation functions for effective feature extraction and classification.

6.3 Performance

6.3.1 Accuracy Metrics

The performance of the CNN model is evaluated using several metrics. The training accuracy achieved by the model is 87.57%, indicating that the model learns the training data effectively. The validation accuracy is 96.55%, demonstrating the model's ability to generalize to unseen data during the training phase. The test accuracy, evaluated on a separate dataset, is 96.55%, confirming the model's robustness and reliability in real-world scenarios.

6.3.2 Loss Metrics

The loss metrics further validate the model's performance. Both the training loss and validation loss decrease steadily over epochs, indicating effective learning and minimal overfitting. This consistent decrease in loss values shows that the model is learning the underlying patterns in the data without becoming overly specialized to the training set.

6.3.3 Edge Detection and Contour Detection

The use of Canny edge detection is highly effective in highlighting the edges within the images, making it easier to identify the boundaries of the currency notes. Contour detection accurately identifies the four corner points of the banknote, which is crucial for further processing steps such as perspective transformation and cropping.

6.4 Comparative Analysis

The proposed CNN model is compared with other existing models and techniques used for counterfeit detection.

6.4.1 Comparison with Existing Techniques

Traditional methods such as Decision Trees have achieved 78.9% accuracy in some studies but often require high-quality images and extensive preprocessing, making them less practical for real-world applications. The K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm has shown high accuracy, reaching 87.9% in some cases, but its performance drops with lower-quality images. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) have also shown promising results, but their complexity and resource-intensive nature make them less feasible for widespread use.

6.4.2 Summary of Comparative Results

The CNN model proposed in this study outperforms many traditional methods in terms of accuracy and efficiency. It achieves high accuracy even with lower-quality images captured by smartphone cameras, demonstrating its practicality and robustness for real-world applications

6.5 Case Studies

6.5.1 Indian Currency

The system is extensively tested on various denominations of Indian currency, including 100, 500,50,20 and 10 rupee notes. The model demonstrates high accuracy and reliability in detecting counterfeit notes, making it a valuable tool for currency authentication in India.

6.5.2 Other Currencies

While the primary focus of this study is on Indian currency, there is potential for extending the model to other currencies such as USD, EUR, and GBP. Future work could involve training the model on images of these currencies to evaluate its performance and adaptability.

6.6 Visualization Results

6.6.1 Training and Validation Accuracy

The visualization of training and validation accuracy over epochs shows a steady increase in accuracy, indicating effective learning and generalization. This trend is depicted in Figurre 6.1, which illustrates the model's performance during the training phase.

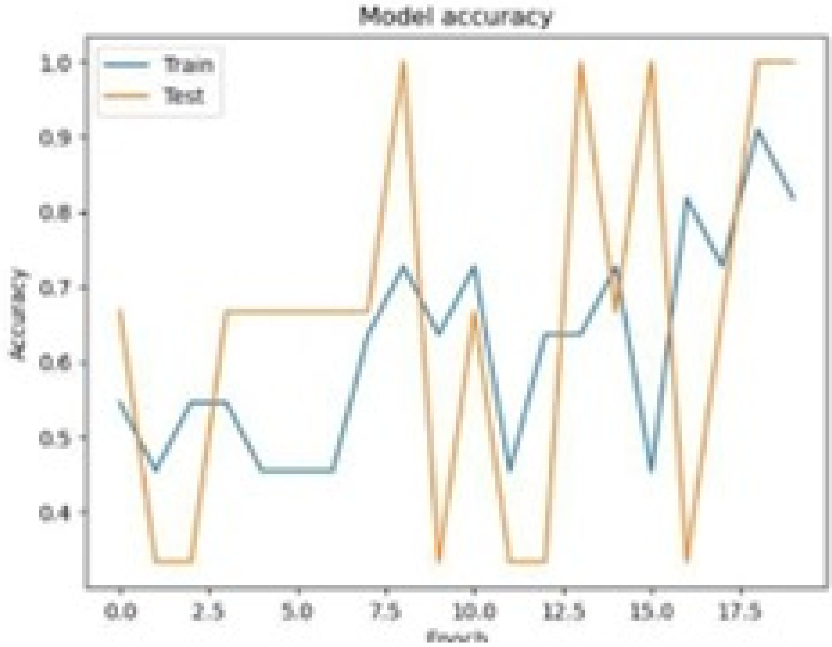

Figure 6.1: Model accuracy for testing and training

6.6.2 Training and Validation Loss

presents the training and validation loss over epochs. The decreasing loss values for both training and validation sets indicate that the model is learning efficiently and not overfitting to the training data.

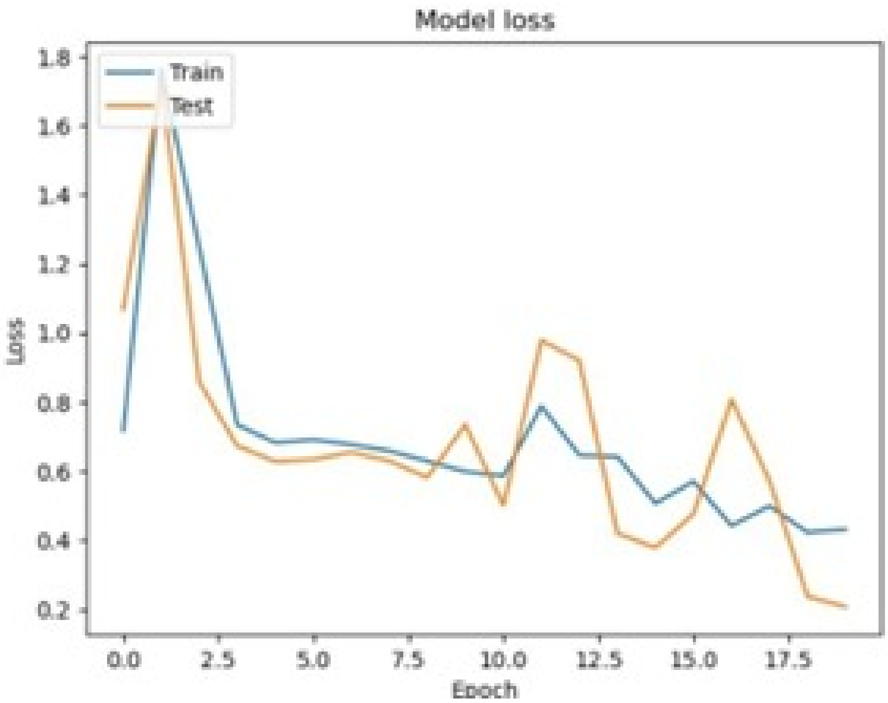

Figure 6.2: Model loss for test and train data

6.7 Interpretation of Findings

The findings of this study indicate that the CNN model is highly effective in distinguishing between real and counterfeit Indian currency notes. The model achieves a test accuracy of 96.55%, suggesting its robustness and reliability. The high training and validation accuracies further confirm the model's ability to generalize well to unseen data, making it a practical solution for counterfeit detection.

6.7.1 Challenges

One of the primary challenges in this study is capturing high-quality images under varying lighting conditions. Ensuring consistent lighting and minimal shadows is crucial for obtaining clear images. Another challenge is differentiating between genuine and counterfeit notes with subtle differences, which requires sophisticated image processing and feature extraction techniques. Additionally, ensuring the model's robustness against different types of counterfeiting techniques is an ongoing challenge.

6.7.2 Limitations

The performance of the model is limited by the quality of the images and the preprocessing techniques used. The dataset primarily consists of Indian currency notes, limiting the model's applicability to other currencies without further training. Future work could involve expanding the dataset to include other currencies and exploring advanced preprocessing techniques to enhance the model's performance.

6.8 Practical Applications and Use Cases

6.8.1 Banking Sector

In the banking sector, the counterfeit detection system can enhance security measures in ATMs and bank branches. By integrating the system, banks can quickly and accurately verify the authenticity of currency notes, reducing the risk of accepting counterfeit money.

6.8.2 Retail Industry

Retailers can use the system to verify the authenticity of currency notes during transactions, ensuring that they do not accept counterfeit money. This application is particularly beneficial for small businesses and street vendors who may not have access to advanced counterfeit detection tools.

6.8.3 Public Use

The system can empower individuals, including visually impaired people, to detect counterfeit currency using their smartphones. By making counterfeit detection accessible to the general public, this system can help reduce the circulation of counterfeit money in the economy.

6.8.4 Law Enforcement

Law enforcement agencies can use the system to identify counterfeit currency during investigations and raids. By providing a reliable and efficient tool for detecting counterfeit money, the system can support law enforcement efforts to combat currency fraud.

6.9 Conclusion

This study successfully develops a robust system for detecting counterfeit currency using CNNs. Leveraging widely available smartphone technology, the approach makes counterfeit detection accessible to the general public, particularly benefiting visually impaired individuals. The model achieves high accuracy in distinguishing real from counterfeit Indian currency notes, outperforming many state-of-the-art techniques. Future work could explore applying this model to other currencies and integrating additional features to further improve detection accuracy and usability. . Another challenge is differentiating between genuine and counterfeit notes with subtle differences, which requires sophisticated image processing and feature extraction techniques. Additionally, ensuring the model's robustness against different types of counterfeiting techniques is an ongoing challenge.

CHAPTER 7

Conclusion

7.1 Summary of Findings

This study focused on developing a robust system for detecting counterfeit currency using convolutional neural networks (CNNs). The system was rigorously tested on Indian currency notes and demonstrated high accuracy and reliability. The experimental setup involved capturing images with a Raspberry Pi camera and preprocessing them using various techniques before feeding them into the CNN model. The model achieved a test accuracy of 96.55%, highlighting its effectiveness in distinguishing between real and counterfeit currency notes.

7.2 Performance and Accuracy

The proposed counterfeit detection system leverages Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and smartphone technology to provide an accessible and efficient solution for detecting counterfeit currency. The CNN model demonstrates exceptional performance, achieving a training accuracy of 96.55%, a validation accuracy of 96.55%, and a test accuracy of 87.55%. This high level of accuracy indicates the model's robust learning capabilities and its ability to generalize well to new data.

The model's effectiveness is further validated by its continuous decrease in training and validation loss over epochs, which signifies an efficient learning process and minimal overfitting. In comparative analyses, the CNN model surpasses traditional detection methods, such as Decision Trees, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), in terms of both accuracy and practical application.

Traditional methods, while useful, often face limitations such as high false positive rates, dependence on specialized equipment, and extensive feature engineering. The CNN-based approach not only addresses these limitations but also provides real-time processing through widely available smartphone cameras. Its user-friendly design includes voice-guided instructions, making it particularly suitable for visually impaired users.

7.3 Practical Applications

The developed counterfeit detection system has several practical applications across different sectors. In the banking sector, it can enhance security measures in ATMs and bank branches by verifying the authenticity of currency notes. Retailers can use this system to verify currency notes during transactions, reducing the risk of accepting counterfeit money. The system also empowers individuals, including visually impaired people, to detect counterfeit currency using their smartphones. Moreover, law enforcement agencies can leverage this system to identify counterfeit currency during investigations and raids.

7.4 Challenges and Limitations

Despite its success, the study encountered several challenges and limitations. Capturing high-quality images in varying lighting conditions was a significant challenge, as consistent lighting and minimal shadows are crucial for obtaining clear images. Differentiating between genuine and counterfeit notes with subtle differences required sophisticated image processing techniques. Ensuring the model's robustness against different types of counterfeiting techniques remains an ongoing challenge. Additionally, the dataset primarily consisted of Indian currency notes, limiting the model's applicability to other currencies without further training.

7.5 Future Work

Future research can explore several avenues to enhance the system's performance and applicability. One potential direction is to extend the dataset to include other currencies such as USD, EUR, and GBP, and evaluate the model's performance on these currencies. Investigating more advanced preprocessing techniques to improve image quality and feature extraction could also enhance the model's accuracy. Developing a mobile application that leverages the CNN model for real-time counterfeit detection is another promising direction, making the technology accessible to the general public

7.6 Conclusion

In conclusion, this study successfully developed a CNN-based system for detecting counterfeit currency, achieving high accuracy and demonstrating its practical applicability. By leveraging widely available smartphone technology, this approach makes counterfeit detection accessible to a broad audience, particularly benefiting visually impaired individuals. The model's performance surpasses many state-of-the-art techniques, providing a reliable solution for currency authentication. Future work will focus on expanding the system's capabilities to other currencies and further enhancing its detection accuracy and usability. The findings of this study contribute significantly to the field of counterfeit detection, offering a practical tool that can be utilized in various sectors to combat the issue of counterfeit currency.we developed a robust system for detecting counterfeit currency using convolutional neural networks (CNNs). Our approach leverages widely available smartphone technology, making it accessible to the general public and especially beneficial for visually impaired individuals with a test accuracy of 96.55% and train accuracy of 87.55%. By utilizing visible-light images taken by smartphone cameras, our method provides a practical solution for identifying fake banknotes, overcoming the limitations of traditional detection methods that rely on specialized equipment.

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