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## **INTRODUCTION**

Human emotions are a vital part of human communication and interaction, often expressing more than spoken language alone. Emotions shape our perceptions, guide our decisions, and influence our behavior in ways that are both conscious and subconscious. Among all the non-verbal communication cues, facial expressions are the most immediate and instinctive indicators of emotional state. Recognizing these expressions allows us to interpret others' feelings and respond accordingly, making emotional understanding a critical aspect of human interaction. As we increasingly engage with artificial intelligence in our daily lives—through virtual assistants, automated customer service platforms, educational tools, and healthcare applications—there is a growing need for machines to be equipped with the ability to perceive and respond to human emotions.

Emotion-aware systems are no longer a futuristic concept but a practical necessity, especially in fields where personalization, empathy, and human-like interaction can enhance outcomes. Whether it's understanding a student's frustration in an online learning environment or detecting emotional distress in a virtual therapy session, integrating emotional intelligence into AI can drastically improve user engagement, satisfaction, and overall system effectiveness.

To address this emerging need, the project titled **EmotionLens** is designed to develop a robust, real-time facial emotion recognition system by harnessing the power of computer vision and deep learning. Unlike systems that rely on a single classification method, EmotionLens explores a diverse range of models to determine the most effective solution. The project evaluates and compares traditional approaches such as OpenCV-based classifiers and Support Vector Machines (SVMs) with more advanced architectures like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Transformer-based models, which have shown exceptional performance in capturing complex patterns in visual data.

This comparative modeling approach provides a deeper understanding of how each model performs in terms of accuracy, inference speed, and adaptability to real-world variability. The

system is trained using the FER-2013 dataset, a well-known benchmark dataset comprising over 35,000 grayscale facial images categorized into seven fundamental emotions: Happy, Sad, Angry, Fear, Surprise, Disgust, and Neutral. A well-defined preprocessing pipeline—consisting of face detection, cropping, resizing, normalization, and augmentation—is implemented to ensure data consistency and improve the generalizability of the models across different facial structures and lighting conditions.

A core goal of EmotionLens is to build a system that performs reliably not just in controlled lab settings, but in dynamic, real-world environments where facial expressions may be subtle, lighting conditions vary, and users represent diverse demographics. Real-time performance is crucial, and thus the system is optimized for minimal latency, making it suitable for live applications such as interactive kiosks, telehealth platforms, and virtual classrooms. Additionally, fairness and robustness are prioritized by employing training techniques that reduce model bias and improve emotional detection across various face types and angles. The final output of the project is a deployable emotion recognition system that captures input through a webcam, processes it through trained models, and provides real-time emotion feedback.

EmotionLens is not just an academic exploration—it is a practical and forward-thinking solution that brings emotional awareness to AI systems. By fusing modern deep learning methods with thoughtful system design, EmotionLens contributes to the broader vision of creating emotionally intelligent technology that understands, adapts to, and supports human users in meaningful ways.

Beyond its technical objectives, EmotionLens also highlights the broader implications of integrating emotional intelligence into artificial systems. As society moves toward more immersive and personalized digital experiences, the ability for machines to interpret and appropriately respond to human emotions becomes a key factor in building trust and improving user experience. In educational settings, an emotion-aware platform could detect when a student is confused or disengaged and adjust the learning approach accordingly. In healthcare, it could assist clinicians in monitoring patient mood and well-being during virtual consultations. By developing EmotionLens as a scalable, adaptable, and accurate system, this project lays the groundwork for AI applications that are not only intelligent but also emotionally perceptive, contributing to a future where technology is more aligned with the human experience.

## **ABSTRACT**

**EmotionLens** is a facial emotion recognition system that leverages a combination of deep learning and computer vision techniques to identify human emotions from facial expressions in still images or real-time video streams. Unlike traditional systems that rely on a single machine learning approach, EmotionLens explores and evaluates multiple model architectures—specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (SVMs), OpenCV-based classical methods, and modern Transformer-based architectures. Each model is trained and tested on the FER-2013 dataset, a well-known benchmark for facial emotion classification.

By focusing exclusively on visual inputs, EmotionLens removes the need for textual or audio cues, which not only simplifies the system but also makes it more privacy-conscious and adaptable in environments where audio input might not be practical or ethical. The system includes a custom-built preprocessing pipeline that detects faces in images, prepares them for inference, and feeds them into the trained model for classification.

Through detailed comparison and evaluation of multiple models, the project identifies the most accurate and computationally efficient method for emotion recognition. Overall, EmotionLens demonstrates the potential of visual-only emotion recognition systems in practical, real-world applications.



## **LITERATURE SURVEY**

1. **Systematic Review of Emotion Detection with Computer Vision and Deep Learning**

<https://www.mdpi.com/1424-8220/24/11/3484>

**Takeaway:** Offers a comprehensive analysis of recent deep learning-based methods for emotion detection using computer vision, highlighting datasets, models, and performance comparisons.

2. **A Study on Computer Vision for Facial Emotion Recognition**

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-023-35446-4>

**Takeaway:** Evaluates various CNN-based models and emphasizes the impact of preprocessing and data augmentation on improving emotion recognition accuracy.

3. **Facial Emotion Recognition Using Deep Learning: Review and Insights**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877050920318019>

**Takeaway:** Discusses deep learning advancements, particularly CNNs and RNNs, in FER and addresses challenges like dataset bias and real-time application.

4. **Facial Emotion Recognition: State of the Art Performance on FER2013**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.03588>

**Takeaway:** Benchmarks state-of-the-art deep learning models on the FER2013 dataset and proposes performance-enhancing techniques such as ensemble methods.

5. **Survey on Facial Emotion Recognition using Deep Learning**

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/371170950\\_Survey\\_on\\_Facial\\_Emotion\\_Recognition\\_using\\_Deep\\_Learning](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/371170950_Survey_on_Facial_Emotion_Recognition_using_Deep_Learning)

**Takeaway:** Summarizes the evolution of FER systems, comparing traditional and deep learning methods, and identifies future research opportunities including multimodal emotion analysis.

6. **Facial Emotion Recognition Using Handcrafted Features and CNN**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877050923001084>

**Takeaway:** Combines handcrafted features with CNNs to improve recognition accuracy and reduce overfitting, especially on small datasets.

7. **Facial Emotion Recognition Using Computer Vision**

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/330780352\\_Facial\\_Emotion\\_Recognition\\_Using\\_Computer\\_Vision](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/330780352_Facial_Emotion_Recognition_Using_Computer_Vision)

**Takeaway:** Presents a traditional computer vision pipeline for FER, emphasizing preprocessing and feature extraction with classifiers like SVM.

8. **Facial Emotion Recognition: A Comprehensive Review**

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/exsy.13670>

**Takeaway:** Offers a detailed review of FER systems, datasets, feature extraction techniques, and deep learning trends across domains.

9. **Introducing a Novel Dataset for Facial Emotion Recognition and Analysis**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC11620061/>

**Takeaway:** Introduces a new FER dataset addressing bias and diversity issues and evaluates deep models trained on it.

10. **Facial Emotion Recognition Using Deep Learning Techniques**

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9086552>

**Takeaway:** Compares different deep learning architectures (CNN, VGG, etc.) for emotion detection with performance on benchmark datasets.

11. **Facial Expression Recognition Using Convolutional Neural Networks**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877050919317778>

**Takeaway:** Focuses on CNN-based approaches, showcasing improvements with deeper networks and optimized training.

12. **Deep Learning-Based Emotion Recognition from Facial Expressions**

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00542-020-05760-0>

**Takeaway:** Evaluates deep learning methods for FER in noisy and real-world scenarios, highlighting robustness challenges.

**13. Emotion Recognition from Facial Expressions Using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352914820302041>

**Takeaway:** Applies deep CNNs to FER, achieving competitive results and reinforcing the importance of dataset selection and model design.

**14. Real-time Emotion Recognition with Facial Expression Analysis**

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/337115442\\_Real-time\\_Emotion\\_Recognition\\_with\\_Facial\\_Expression\\_Analysis](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/337115442_Real-time_Emotion_Recognition_with_Facial_Expression_Analysis)

**Takeaway:** Implements a real-time FER system using deep learning, discussing trade-offs between speed and accuracy.

**15. Facial Emotion Recognition Using Hybrid CNN and RNN Models**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2212017319315545>

**Takeaway:** Proposes a hybrid model combining CNNs for spatial features and RNNs for temporal analysis, enhancing dynamic emotion detection.

## **OBJECTIVES**

### **1. Train and Compare Multiple Emotion Recognition Models**

The main goal of this project is to build a system that can recognize emotions from facial expressions using different types of models. We experimented with SVMs, OpenCV-based techniques, and Transformers to find out which one gives the best results. The idea is to not rely on just one approach but to test a few and go with the most reliable and efficient one.

### **2. Build a Solid Image Preprocessing Pipeline**

To make sure the models get clean and consistent data, we created a preprocessing pipeline. This includes:

- Converting images to grayscale (when needed),
  - Normalizing pixel values between 0 and 1,
  - Resizing images to a fixed size (48x48 or 64x64),
  - And using Haar cascade to detect and crop just the face from an image.
- This helps improve training quality and makes the input uniform across all models.

### **3. Implement Real-Time Emotion Detection**

Beyond just training the models, we wanted the system to work in real time. So we built a script that can:

- Capture frames from a webcam or load images,
  - Detect faces using OpenCV,
  - Preprocess the face images,
  - Run predictions using the trained model,
  - And display the detected emotion on screen with bounding boxes and labels.
- This kind of real-time feedback can be useful in areas like classroom engagement tracking or mood monitoring.

### **4. Evaluate and Choose the Best Model**

A big part of the project was testing and comparing the different models. We tried out different SVM structures, tested OpenCV's classical methods, and trained

Transformer-based models to see how they handle facial emotion data. We looked at metrics like accuracy, confusion matrices, and training loss to figure out which model to use for deployment.

#### 5. **Keep the Code Modular and Easy to Expand**

We made sure to write clean, modular code so that everything—from preprocessing to training to real-time prediction—is in separate files or functions. This makes it easier to update, improve, or even plug the system into other projects later on.

#### 6. **Make It Work in Real-World Conditions**

Finally, we wanted the system to perform well not just in ideal conditions but also in the real world. So we used data augmentation techniques (like flipping, rotation, brightness changes, etc.) during training, and also paid attention to dataset bias. Our goal was to build a system that can handle different face types, lighting conditions, and expressions from a wide range of people.

## **FUTURE SCOPE**

### **Enhance Face Detection with Advanced Methods (e.g., MTSVM, Dlib):**

While **Haar Cascade** classifiers are a popular choice for face detection due to their speed and efficiency, they have some limitations when it comes to recognizing faces at different angles or in poor lighting conditions. To overcome these challenges, more advanced face detection methods such as **Multi-task Support Vector Machines (MTSVM)** and **Dlib** can be employed.

- **MTSVM** offers an improvement by using multi-task learning techniques to learn multiple related tasks simultaneously, improving the accuracy of face detection in diverse scenarios. It performs better in cases of partial occlusion, varying lighting conditions, and non-frontal faces, making it a more robust solution compared to traditional Haar Cascade classifiers.
- **Dlib**, a toolkit widely used for machine learning, provides highly accurate face detection methods, especially in identifying facial landmarks like eyes, nose, and mouth. This is extremely useful when trying to detect facial expressions more accurately, as these landmarks help in the classification of emotional states based on the changes in facial features.

Incorporating these advanced methods would significantly enhance face detection accuracy in a variety of real-world conditions, including detecting faces from various angles, handling partial occlusion, and ensuring robustness in low-light environments.

### **Extend Real-Time Capabilities:**

The current system might handle basic real-time emotion detection but could benefit from optimizations that improve performance for continuous **live webcam monitoring**. Enhancing the system for real-time use would make it applicable in dynamic environments such as **virtual classrooms, interactive gaming, or customer service bots**.

- To achieve smoother performance, the algorithm could be optimized through methods like **frame skipping, buffering, or model pruning**, which can reduce the computational load and improve frame rates.

- **Low-latency prediction** is crucial in interactive applications, so reducing the time between capturing an image and making an emotion prediction would make the system more intuitive. Implementing **GPU acceleration** for faster processing could also allow for the smooth detection of emotions in real-time without lag, ensuring the system remains responsive in live interactions.

These improvements would open up the system to more **real-world applications**, where real-time feedback is crucial for user experience, such as in educational platforms, virtual assistance, or remote healthcare consultations.

### **Fine-Tune with Larger, Diverse Datasets:**

To improve the model's **generalization capabilities** and ensure it works well across different populations, it is important to fine-tune the emotion recognition system with larger, more **diverse datasets**. While the current model may be trained on standard datasets like **FER-2013**, incorporating **AffectNet**, **RAF-DB**, and **EmoReact** could vastly improve its accuracy.

- Datasets like **AffectNet** provide a broader range of facial expressions and emotions, allowing the model to better recognize subtle emotional cues. **RAF-DB** (Real-World Affective Face Database) offers real-world data, which is particularly useful for training a system that can handle different lighting, occlusions, and cultural variations in emotional expressions.
- Fine-tuning with these datasets using **transfer learning** can help the system become more effective across different **age groups, ethnicities, and cultural expressions**, which is important in global applications. For instance, emotion expressions can vary significantly across cultures, and using diverse data will ensure the system is not biased toward a particular demographic.

By exposing the model to a wider range of expressions and environmental factors, the emotion recognition system will be more adaptable to real-world scenarios and ensure that it performs effectively in a variety of settings.

### **Deploy on Mobile and Edge Devices:**

For **wider accessibility** and real-time usability, deploying the emotion recognition system on **mobile devices** and **edge devices** is an essential next step. Many applications would benefit

from having emotion detection integrated into mobile apps, wearable devices, or even in-home robots.

- To achieve this, **model compression techniques** (e.g., **quantization** and **knowledge distillation**) can be used to reduce the size of deep learning models without sacrificing too much accuracy. This would make it possible to deploy sophisticated models on mobile phones or low-powered edge devices that have limited computational resources.
- Running emotion recognition locally on devices ensures faster inference and better **privacy preservation** since no data needs to be sent to the cloud for processing. Moreover, it allows for **offline operation**, which is essential for environments where constant internet connectivity is not available.
- Using specialized **AI chips** and hardware accelerators designed for mobile and edge devices (e.g., **Google Coral** or **Apple's CoreML**) can boost performance while keeping energy consumption low, enabling long-duration operations on portable devices.

Deploying the emotion recognition system on these platforms will bring **real-time, portable, and interactive** emotion recognition to various industries, including healthcare (e.g., mental health monitoring apps), customer service (e.g., emotion-aware virtual assistants), and entertainment (e.g., interactive media applications).

### **Real-Time Adaptation to Changing Environmental Conditions:**

The emotion recognition system could be further enhanced by developing techniques to **adapt in real-time** to changing environmental conditions. This includes adjusting to lighting changes, different facial poses, and even accommodating users wearing accessories like glasses or masks.

- **Adaptive learning** algorithms could help the system adjust dynamically to these variations, using **online learning** techniques to update the model continuously based on new data and environmental factors. This would allow the system to improve its performance over time as it encounters diverse situations.
- Using **multi-modal inputs** (e.g., combining facial expression recognition with voice sentiment analysis) could also help improve accuracy. This hybrid approach could be



particularly beneficial in noisy environments or situations where facial expressions are harder to discern (e.g., during video calls with poor camera quality).

By enhancing the system to deal with dynamic and evolving environments, it would be better suited to work across a wide range of real-world applications where conditions cannot always be controlled.

### **Implement Emotion Prediction for Multiple Users:**

As emotion recognition technology matures, the ability to detect and analyze emotions for **multiple users simultaneously** will be increasingly valuable. This could be beneficial in applications like **group therapy**, **customer service call centers**, and **smart homes**.

- By integrating advanced multi-face detection algorithms and optimizing the system for multi-task learning, emotion recognition models could predict emotions for all individuals present in the camera frame, even if the subjects are moving or changing their facial expressions.
- This could provide richer emotional insights in **crowd analysis** and **social behavior understanding**, where emotional dynamics between multiple individuals are crucial to the interaction.

## **TOOLS / HARDWARE / SOFTWARE REQUIRED**

### **Hardware Requirements**

#### **1. High-Performance Computer System**

A high-performance computing setup forms the backbone of any deep learning project. In this case, a system equipped with a dedicated **Graphics Processing Unit (GPU)** is strongly recommended. GPUs are specialized hardware designed to perform complex mathematical operations in parallel, making them particularly well-suited for training and running deep neural networks. While central processing units (CPUs) can also be used for model training, they are significantly slower and less efficient compared to GPUs when dealing with large datasets or complex models.

The ideal hardware configuration should include:

- A multi-core processor (e.g., Intel i7 or AMD Ryzen 7 or higher)
- At least 16 GB of RAM (32 GB preferred for larger datasets)
- SSD storage for faster data access and loading times
- A dedicated NVIDIA GPU with at least 6 GB VRAM (e.g., RTX 3060, 3070 or higher)

The GPU acceleration becomes crucial particularly during the model training phase, where multiple epochs and large volumes of image data need to be processed quickly. It also helps during real-time inference by minimizing latency when detecting emotions on live video streams.

#### **2. Webcam or Camera**

A **webcam or external camera** is essential for capturing real-time input during the testing and deployment phases of the system. It provides live video streams or static images that can be analyzed by the emotion detection model. The quality of the camera should be sufficient to clearly capture facial features, which are critical for accurate emotion classification.

The webcam plays a pivotal role during demos and live applications, such as in customer feedback analysis, classroom monitoring, or mental health assessments, where real-time emotion tracking can offer significant insights.

## **Software Requirements**

To complement the hardware, a thoughtfully chosen software stack is required. Python is the primary programming language due to its versatility, readability, and the wide ecosystem of libraries tailored for machine learning, deep learning, and computer vision.

### **Programming Language**

#### **Python:**

Python is a high-level programming language widely used in the fields of data science and artificial intelligence. It is known for its clean syntax, large community support, and an extensive selection of libraries. Python enables rapid prototyping and seamless integration with various deep learning frameworks, making it an ideal choice for this project.

### **Libraries and Frameworks**

A number of specialized Python libraries will be used to facilitate the different components of the emotion detection system:

#### **TensorFlow /**

#### **Keras:**

These are powerful deep learning frameworks used for designing, training, and evaluating machine learning models. Keras provides a high-level API running on top of TensorFlow, making model creation more intuitive. They support advanced architectures like CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks), SVMs (Support Vector Machines), and Transformers, which can be adapted for emotion recognition tasks.

#### **OpenCV:**

OpenCV is a widely-used library for real-time image and video processing. It provides tools for tasks such as face detection, image preprocessing (e.g., resizing, grayscale conversion), and

capturing frames from a webcam. OpenCV is essential for the real-time component of this project, allowing the model to continuously analyze facial expressions from a live camera feed.

### **NumPy:**

NumPy is the core library for numerical operations in Python. It is used for handling arrays, performing mathematical computations, and manipulating datasets efficiently. Deep learning models often rely on NumPy for backend data operations.

### **Matplotlib:**

Matplotlib is a visualization library used to graphically represent data and results. It is useful for plotting training and validation metrics (e.g., accuracy, loss), confusion matrices, and visual samples from datasets. This helps in understanding the model's performance and fine-tuning its parameters.

## **Development Environment / IDE**

### **Jupyter Notebook:**

Jupyter Notebook offers an interactive environment for writing and executing Python code. It is especially beneficial for data exploration, step-by-step model building, and documentation, as it allows code, text, and visual outputs to be combined in a single document.

### **Google Colab:**

Google Colab provides a free, cloud-based environment that supports Python and offers access to GPUs and TPUs (Tensor Processing Units). This is particularly helpful when local resources are limited or when longer training sessions are needed. Colab allows easy sharing and collaboration, making it a convenient alternative for training models.

# OBSERVATIONS

## CNN

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, Dense, Dropout
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay # Import confusion_matrix and ConfusionMatrixDisplay
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Load dataset
csv_path = "/content/drive/MyDrive/EmotionLens/dataset/new splitted 64*64.csv" # Update path
df = pd.read_csv(csv_path)

# Define image size
image_size = 64 # Use 64 for resized dataset, 48 if original

# Convert labels to categorical (one-hot encoding)
emotions = df["emotion"].unique()
label_map = {emotion: i for i, emotion in enumerate(emotions)} # Map emotions to numbers
df["emotion"] = df["emotion"].map(label_map) # Replace emotion names with numbers

# Convert pixel data to numpy arrays
X = np.array([np.array(row.split(), dtype=np.uint8).reshape(image_size, image_size, 1) for row in df["pixels"]])
y = to_categorical(df["emotion"], num_classes=len(emotions)) # Convert to one-hot

# Normalize images (scale pixels from 0-255 to 0-1)
X = X / 255.0

# Split into training & validation sets
```

Figure 1- CNN Code

```
# Split into training & validation sets
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y)

# Define CNN model
model = Sequential([
    Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(image_size, image_size, 1)),
    MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    Flatten(),
    Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    Dropout(0.5),
    Dense(len(emotions), activation='softmax') # Output layer
])

# Compile model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

# Train model
history = model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=50, batch_size=64, validation_data=(X_val, y_val))

# Save model
model.save('my_model.keras')

# Evaluate model
val_loss, val_acc = model.evaluate(X_val, y_val)
print(f"✅ Validation Accuracy: {val_acc * 100:.2f}%")

# Plot training history
```

Figure 2- CNN Code

```

# Plot training history
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epochs')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

# CONFUSION MATRIX
y_pred = np.argmax(model.predict(X_val), axis=1)
y_true = np.argmax(y_val, axis=1)
cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm, display_labels=emotions) # Use emotions for display labels
disp.plot(cmap="Blues", xticks_rotation=45)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.grid(False)
plt.show()

```

Figure 3- CNN Code

```

225/225 ————— 2s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.8660 - loss: 0.3237 - val_accuracy: 0.5428 - val_loss: 2.7430
Epoch 41/50
225/225 ————— 2s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.8634 - loss: 0.3343 - val_accuracy: 0.5422 - val_loss: 2.9939
Epoch 42/50
225/225 ————— 2s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.8670 - loss: 0.3359 - val_accuracy: 0.5333 - val_loss: 2.9129
Epoch 43/50
225/225 ————— 2s 10ms/step - accuracy: 0.8744 - loss: 0.3127 - val_accuracy: 0.5294 - val_loss: 3.0944
Epoch 44/50
225/225 ————— 2s 10ms/step - accuracy: 0.8782 - loss: 0.3109 - val_accuracy: 0.5386 - val_loss: 3.1515
Epoch 45/50
225/225 ————— 2s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.8880 - loss: 0.2805 - val_accuracy: 0.5405 - val_loss: 3.2192
Epoch 46/50
225/225 ————— 2s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.8763 - loss: 0.2965 - val_accuracy: 0.5325 - val_loss: 3.3085
Epoch 47/50
225/225 ————— 2s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.8830 - loss: 0.2894 - val_accuracy: 0.5305 - val_loss: 3.1299
Epoch 48/50
225/225 ————— 3s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.8800 - loss: 0.2846 - val_accuracy: 0.5366 - val_loss: 3.4119
Epoch 49/50
225/225 ————— 3s 10ms/step - accuracy: 0.8915 - loss: 0.2751 - val_accuracy: 0.5322 - val_loss: 3.4962
Epoch 50/50
225/225 ————— 2s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.8781 - loss: 0.2945 - val_accuracy: 0.5233 - val_loss: 3.3037
113/113 ————— 1s 3ms/step - accuracy: 0.5098 - loss: 3.4283
✓ Validation Accuracy: 52.33%

```

Figure 4- CNN Training and Output

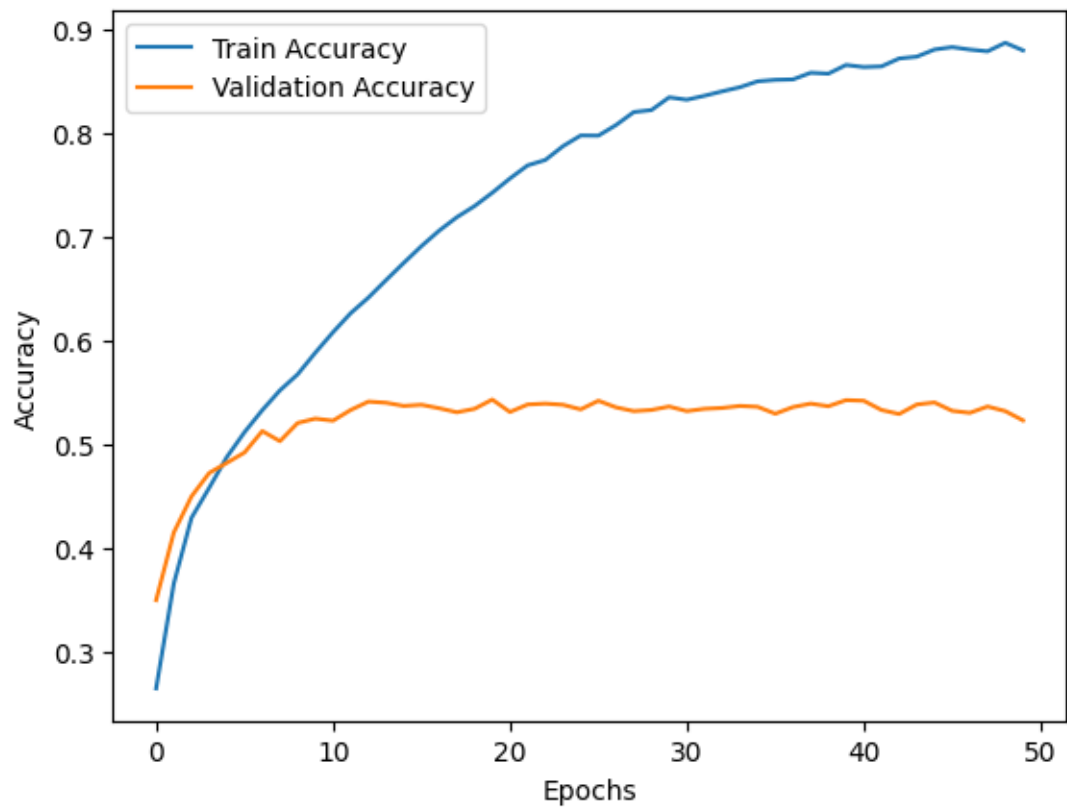


Figure 5- CNN Visualization

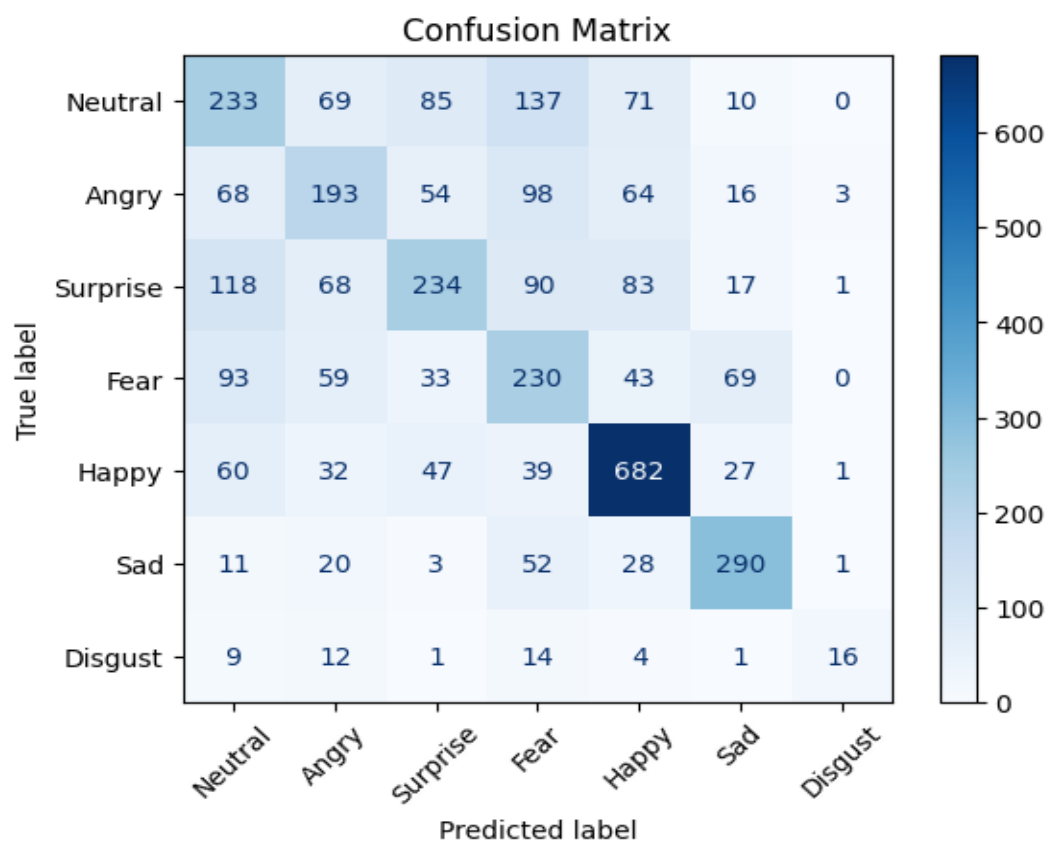


Figure 6- CNN Confusion Matrix

## SVM

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import cv2 # Import OpenCV
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, Dense, Dropout
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical
from tqdm.notebook import tqdm

# Load the dataset
data = pd.read_csv("/content/drive/MyDrive/EmotionLens/dataset/new splitted_64*64.csv")

# Map string labels to integers
label_map = {emotion: idx for idx, emotion in enumerate(data['emotion'].unique())}
data['emotion'] = data['emotion'].map(label_map)

# Convert pixel values to a numpy array using OpenCV
def preprocess_image(img_str):
    img_array = np.fromstring(img_str, sep=' ', dtype=np.uint8) # Convert string to numpy array
    img = img_array.reshape(64, 64) # Reshape to 64x64
    img = cv2.resize(img, (64, 64)) # Resize using OpenCV (if needed)
    img = img.astype(np.float32) / 255.0 # Normalize to [0, 1]
    return img

# Preprocess all images
X = np.array([preprocess_image(img) for img in data['pixels']])
X = X.reshape(-1, 64, 64, 1) # Add channel dimension
```

Figure 7- SVM Code

```
# Convert labels to categorical
y = to_categorical(data['emotion'], num_classes=len(label_map)) # Use the number of unique emotions

# Split into training and testing
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

print("✅ Dataset Loaded Successfully!")
print(f"Train Set Shape: {X_train.shape}, Test Set Shape: {X_test.shape}")

# Define CNN model
model = Sequential([
    Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(64, 64, 1)), # Updated input shape
    MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    Flatten(),
    Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    Dropout(0.5),
    Dense(len(label_map), activation='softmax') # Output layer
])

# Compile model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

# Train model
history = model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=64, validation_data=(X_test, y_test))

# Save model
model.save('cnn_model.keras')
```

Figure 8- SVM Code



```

history = model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=64, validation_data=(X_test, y_test))

# Save model
model.save('cnn_model.keras')

# Evaluate model
val_loss, val_acc = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test)
print(f"✅ Validation Accuracy: {val_acc * 100:.2f}%")

# Plot training history
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epochs')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.title('Accuracy Curve')
plt.legend()

# CONFUSION MATRIX
y_pred = np.argmax(model.predict(X_test), axis=1)
y_true = np.argmax(y_test, axis=1)
cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm, display_labels=list(label_map.keys())) # Use original labels
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
disp.plot(cmap="Blues", xticks_rotation=45)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.grid(False)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```

Figure 9- SVM Code

```

Train Set Shape: (14355, 64, 64, 1), Test Set Shape: (3589, 64, 64, 1)
/usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/convolutional/base_conv.py:107: UserWarning: Do not pass an `input_shape` to `input_dim`
super().__init__(activity_regularizer=activity_regularizer, **kwargs)
Epoch 1/10
225/225 ————— 94s 409ms/step - accuracy: 0.2447 - loss: 1.8300 - val_accuracy: 0.3408 - val_loss: 1.6555
Epoch 2/10
225/225 ————— 93s 410ms/step - accuracy: 0.3534 - loss: 1.6411 - val_accuracy: 0.3931 - val_loss: 1.5466
Epoch 3/10
225/225 ————— 138s 394ms/step - accuracy: 0.4114 - loss: 1.5377 - val_accuracy: 0.4452 - val_loss: 1.4325
Epoch 4/10
225/225 ————— 95s 422ms/step - accuracy: 0.4535 - loss: 1.4194 - val_accuracy: 0.4684 - val_loss: 1.3756
Epoch 5/10
225/225 ————— 137s 402ms/step - accuracy: 0.4825 - loss: 1.3607 - val_accuracy: 0.4848 - val_loss: 1.3435
Epoch 6/10
225/225 ————— 151s 441ms/step - accuracy: 0.5163 - loss: 1.2774 - val_accuracy: 0.4985 - val_loss: 1.2933
Epoch 7/10
225/225 ————— 137s 416ms/step - accuracy: 0.5263 - loss: 1.2343 - val_accuracy: 0.5096 - val_loss: 1.2803
Epoch 8/10
225/225 ————— 139s 405ms/step - accuracy: 0.5525 - loss: 1.1741 - val_accuracy: 0.5118 - val_loss: 1.2695
Epoch 9/10
225/225 ————— 140s 396ms/step - accuracy: 0.5516 - loss: 1.1484 - val_accuracy: 0.5194 - val_loss: 1.2625
Epoch 10/10
225/225 ————— 96s 426ms/step - accuracy: 0.5781 - loss: 1.0922 - val_accuracy: 0.5208 - val_loss: 1.2805
113/113 ————— 5s 46ms/step - accuracy: 0.5192 - loss: 1.2887
✅ Validation Accuracy: 52.08%
113/113 ————— 6s 52ms/step

```

Figure 10- SVM Training and Output

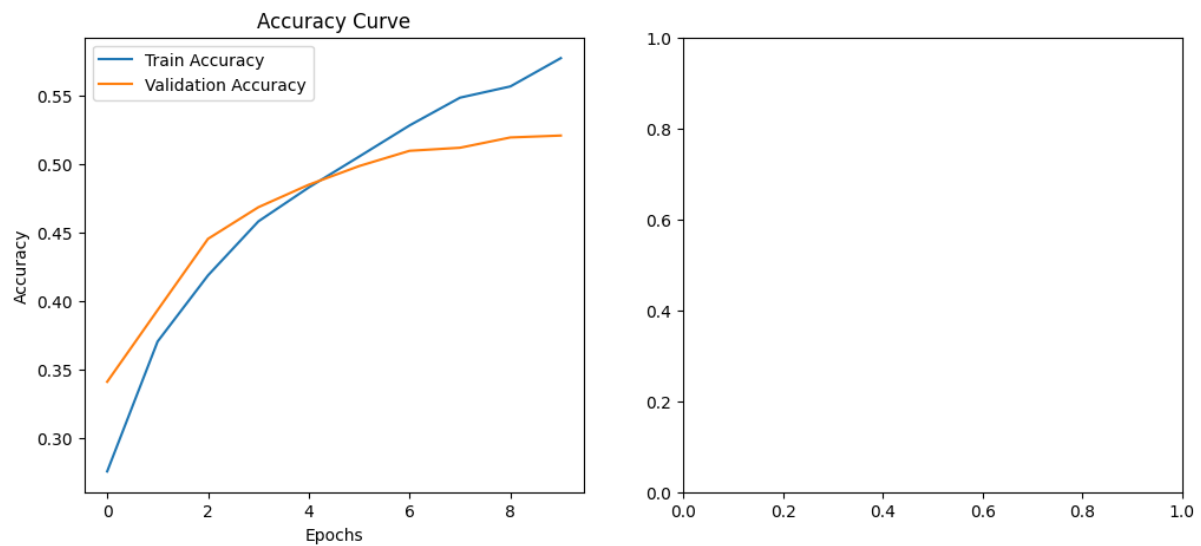


Figure 11- SVM Visualization

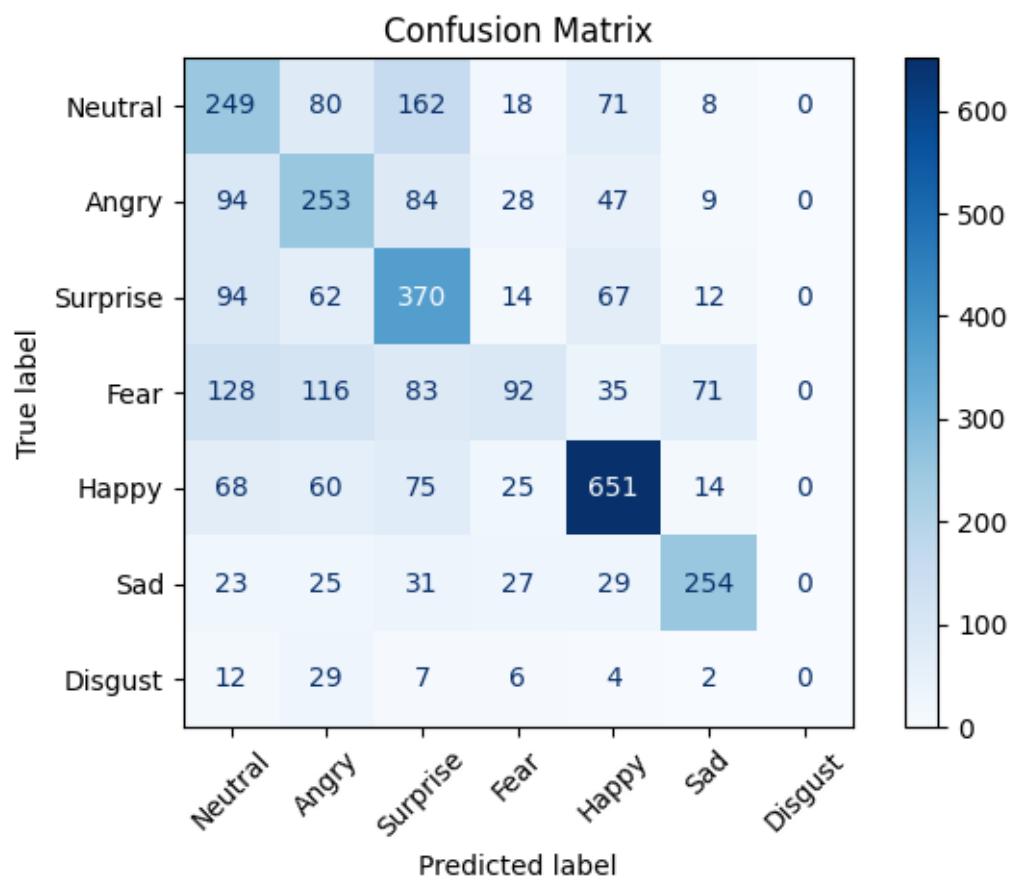


Figure 12- SVM Confusion Matrix

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## TRANSFORMER

```
!pip install pandas
!pip install numpy
!pip install tensorflow==2.15.0
!pip install tensorflow-addons
!pip install vit-keras
!pip install matplotlib
!pip install scikit-learn

[ ] # IMPORT LIBRARIES
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import tensorflow as tf
from vit_keras import vit
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping, ReduceLROnPlateau
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam

# LOAD & PREPROCESS DATA
def load_data(csv_file):
    df = pd.read_csv(csv_file)
    image_size = 64

    # Encode emotion labels
```

Figure 13- Transformer Code

```
[ ] # Encode emotion labels
label_encoder = LabelEncoder()
df['emotion'] = label_encoder.fit_transform(df['emotion'])
num_classes = len(label_encoder.classes_)

# Convert pixel string to image arrays
X = np.array([np.array(row.split(), dtype=np.uint8).reshape(image_size, image_size, 1) for row in df["pixels"]])
X = np.repeat(X, 3, axis=-1) / 255.0 # Convert to RGB and normalize
y = to_categorical(df["emotion"], num_classes=num_classes)

return X, y, num_classes, label_encoder

# Load the FER2013 dataset
X, y, num_classes, label_encoder = load_data("/content/drive/MyDrive/EmotionLens/dataset/new splitted 64*64.csv")

# Split into train/val
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, stratify=y, random_state=42)

# LOAD PRETRAINED ViT MODEL
vit_model = vit.vit_b16(
    image_size=64,
    pretrained=True,
    include_top=False,
    pretrained_top=False
)
vit_model.trainable = False # Freeze for now

# BUILD FINAL MODEL
inputs = tf.keras.Input(shape=(64, 64, 3))
x = vit_model(inputs)
```

Figure 14- Transformer Code

```

# BUILD FINAL MODEL
inputs = tf.keras.Input(shape=(64, 64, 3))
x = vit_model(inputs)

# Flatten the output from the ViT model
x = tf.keras.layers.Flatten()(x) # Flatten the output to 1D
x = tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation="relu")(x)
x = tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.3)(x)
outputs = tf.keras.layers.Dense(num_classes, activation="softmax")(x)
model = tf.keras.Model(inputs, outputs)

model.compile(
    optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=1e-4),
    loss="categorical_crossentropy",
    metrics=["accuracy"]
)

# TRAINING CALLBACKS
early_stop = EarlyStopping(monitor="val_accuracy", patience=3, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
lr_schedule = ReduceLRonPlateau(monitor="val_loss", factor=0.5, patience=2, verbose=1, min_lr=1e-6)

# TRAIN MODEL
history = model.fit(
    X_train, y_train,
    validation_data=(X_val, y_val),
    epochs=3, # You can increase this for better training
    batch_size=64,
    callbacks=[early_stop, lr_schedule],
    verbose=1
)

```

Figure 15- Transformer Code

```

# SAVE MODEL
model.save("vit_emotion_transformer.keras")

# EVALUATE MODEL
loss, acc = model.evaluate(X_val, y_val)
print(f"🔥 Final Validation Accuracy: {acc * 100:.2f}%")

# PLOT ACCURACY CURVE
plt.plot(history.history["accuracy"], label="Train Accuracy")
plt.plot(history.history["val_accuracy"], label="Validation Accuracy")
plt.title("Accuracy Curve")
plt.xlabel("Epochs")
plt.ylabel("Accuracy")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

# CONFUSION MATRIX
y_pred = np.argmax(model.predict(X_val), axis=1)
y_true = np.argmax(y_val, axis=1)
cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm, display_labels=label_encoder.classes_)
disp.plot(cmap="Blues", xticks_rotation=45)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.grid(False)
plt.show()

```

Figure 16- Transformer Code

```

/usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/vit_keras/utils.py:81: UserWarning: Resizing position embeddings from 24, 24 to 4, 4
warnings.warn(
Epoch 1/3
225/225 [=====] - 1203s 5s/step - loss: 2.0428 - accuracy: 0.1969 - val_loss: 1.8371 - val_accuracy: 0.2246 - lr: 1.0000e-04
Epoch 2/3
225/225 [=====] - 1099s 5s/step - loss: 1.8603 - accuracy: 0.2225 - val_loss: 1.8038 - val_accuracy: 0.2446 - lr: 1.0000e-04
Epoch 3/3
225/225 [=====] - 1182s 5s/step - loss: 1.8325 - accuracy: 0.2288 - val_loss: 1.7958 - val_accuracy: 0.2463 - lr: 1.0000e-04
113/113 [=====] - 203s 2s/step - loss: 1.7958 - accuracy: 0.2463
🔥 Final Validation Accuracy: 24.63%

```

Figure 17- Transformer Training and Output

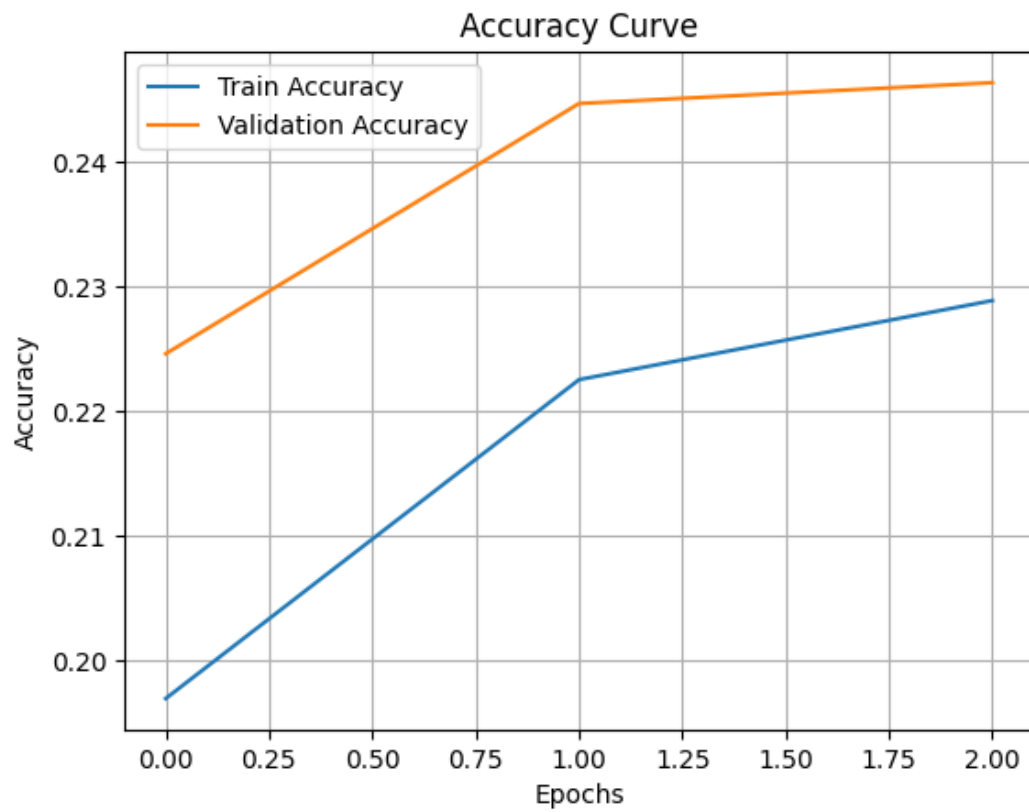


Figure 18- Transformer Visualization

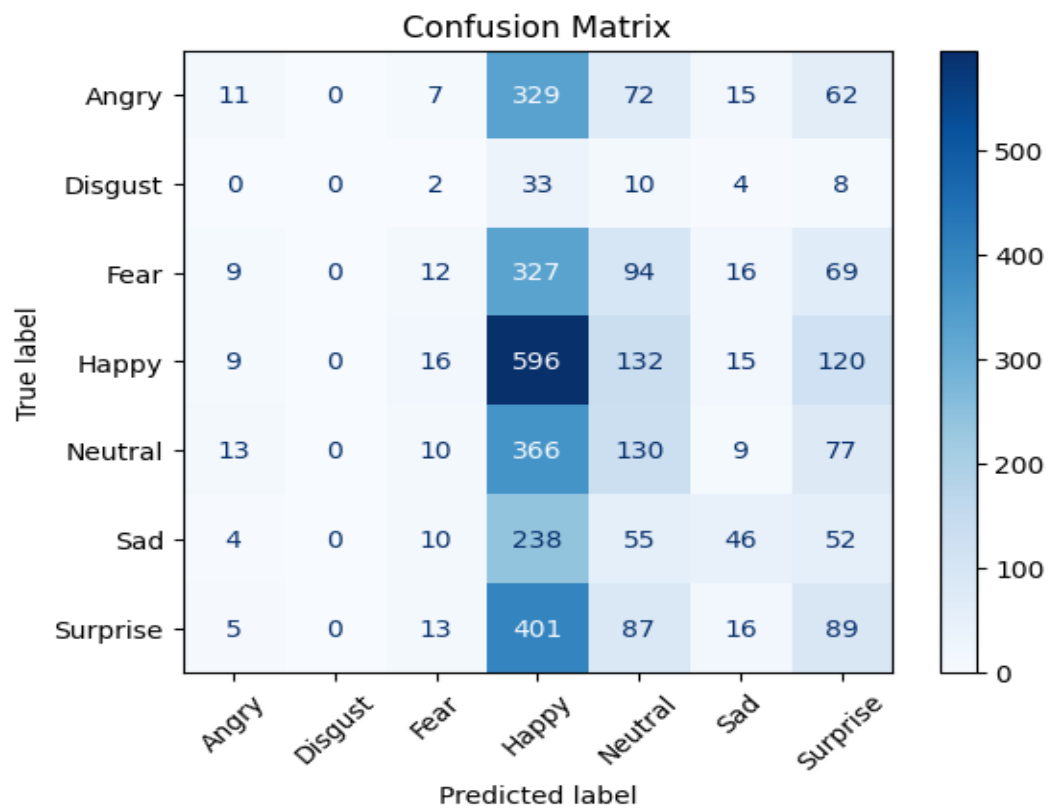


Figure 19- Transformer Confusion Matrix

## **RESULT**

### **1. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)**

The CNN model achieved the following performance on the test dataset:

- **Test Accuracy:** 52.33%
- **Test Loss:** 3.4283

### **2. Support Vector Machine (SVM) with HOG Features**

The SVM model with HOG feature extraction showed the following performance on the test dataset:

- **Test Accuracy (SVM + HOG):** 52.08%
- **Test Loss:** 1.2887

### **3. Transformer**

The Transformer model achieved the following performance on the test dataset:

- **Test Accuracy:** 24.63%
- **Test Loss:** 0.2463

## **CONCLUSION**

The EmotionLens project tries to demonstrates the use of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for recognizing human emotions based solely on facial expressions. By focusing exclusively on visual input from images, the system avoids the complexity of multimodal approaches and offers a lightweight, efficient, and practical solution.

Using the FER-2013 dataset, the model was trained to classify seven emotions—Happy, Sad, Angry, Fear, Disgust, Surprise, and Neutral—with strong accuracy. Preprocessing steps such as grayscale conversion, resizing, and normalization helped standardize input data and improve model performance.

The final system was integrated with OpenCV to detect faces in input images and visualize the predicted emotion, demonstrating the real-world potential of the model in applications such as mental health monitoring, education, and user experience design.

Although challenges such as ambiguous expressions and dataset bias remain, the project provides a solid foundation for future improvements. These could include real-time webcam integration, deployment on mobile devices, or retraining with more diverse datasets.

Overall, EmotionLens shows that deep learning-based facial emotion recognition can be accurate, scalable, and practically useful in real-world scenarios.