

# Deepfake Classification: Project Report

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## 1 Introduction

This report details the machine learning approaches used for deepfake image classification. We describe the chosen feature sets, data preprocessing, tested models, hyperparameter tuning, and present results with confusion matrices and performance tables/figures.

## 2 Machine Learning Models

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## 3 Support Vector Machine (SVM)

- **Description:** SVM finds the optimal hyperplane to separate classes in feature space.
- **Hyperparameters:** Regularization parameter  $C$ , kernel type.
- **Implementation:** Used `sklearn.svm.SVC`.

### 3.1 SVM Preprocessing

#### 3.1.1 Feature Extraction

Image features were represented using color histograms for the RGB color space with 256 bins per channel.

Example code for feature extraction:

```
def get_image_features_from_images(  
    images: np.ndarray,  
) -> np.ndarray:  
    BINS = 256  
    image_features = []  
    for image in images:  
        histogram_red = np.histogram(image[:, :, 0],
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        bins=BINS, range=(0, 256))[0]
    histogram_green = np.histogram(image[:, :, 1],
        bins=BINS, range=(0, 256))[0]
    histogram_blue = np.histogram(image[:, :, 2],
        bins=BINS, range=(0, 256))[0]
    histogram = np.concatenate(
        [histogram_red, histogram_green, histogram_blue])
)
image_features.append(histogram)
return np.array(image_features)

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Example for how a feature vector looks like (the size of the vector is 256x3 = 768):

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 7   | 4   | 3   | 7   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 5   | 3   | 8   | 6   | 6   | 12  | 4   | 7   | 14  | 7   | 10  |
| 8   | 10  | 12  | 9   | 6   | 10  | 8   | 8   | 10  | 5   | 5   | 13  | 14  | 7   | 16  | 9   | 7   | 10  |
| 14  | 8   | 16  | 10  | 9   | 7   | 14  | 7   | 9   | 13  | 10  | 10  | 13  | 9   | 8   | 6   | 6   | 7   |
| 6   | 9   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 7   | 11  | 6   | 9   | 4   | 7   | 6   | 9   | 4   | 7   | 7   | 11  | 7   |
| 9   | 8   | 10  | 5   | 8   | 5   | 9   | 7   | 8   | 3   | 12  | 8   | 9   | 11  | 11  | 14  | 12  | 10  |
| 11  | 7   | 15  | 16  | 11  | 13  | 10  | 14  | 14  | 22  | 17  | 15  | 23  | 20  | 22  | 30  | 23  | 14  |
| 27  | 23  | 22  | 18  | 28  | 22  | 21  | 30  | 19  | 28  | 20  | 23  | 19  | 15  | 20  | 27  | 27  | 20  |
| 18  | 22  | 20  | 19  | 29  | 29  | 25  | 21  | 23  | 20  | 24  | 23  | 34  | 34  | 43  | 30  | 55  | 72  |
| 98  | 92  | 99  | 102 | 129 | 145 | 154 | 150 | 157 | 160 | 180 | 207 | 222 | 211 | 227 | 247 | 296 | 264 |
| 258 | 340 | 322 | 346 | 310 | 410 | 373 | 241 | 274 | 258 | 152 | 63  | 26  | 27  | 33  | 18  | 19  | 11  |
| 15  | 7   | 6   | 8   | 15  | 10  | 9   | 10  | 11  | 1   | 10  | 4   | 8   | 7   | 5   | 2   | 7   | 6   |
| 5   | 8   | 4   | 2   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 6   | 9   | 9   | 20  | 18  | 18  | 26  | 26  | 39  | 33  | 53  |
| 66  | 72  | 70  | 102 | 132 | 131 | 105 | 76  | 73  | 52  | 30  | 23  | 14  | 11  | 2   | 2   | 1   | 2   |
| 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 67  | 37  | 33  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 16  | 21  | 21  | 19  | 17  | 13  | 13  | 14  |
| 10  | 11  | 6   | 9   | 15  | 10  | 11  | 9   | 12  | 11  | 7   | 8   | 10  | 7   | 8   | 10  | 4   | 5   |
| 5   | 5   | 12  | 10  | 6   | 10  | 7   | 8   | 9   | 4   | 11  | 12  | 10  | 6   | 5   | 7   | 8   | 10  |
| 7   | 6   | 8   | 14  | 11  | 4   | 10  | 16  | 10  | 13  | 7   | 12  | 7   | 15  | 8   | 12  | 13  | 13  |
| 18  | 14  | 21  | 21  | 13  | 11  | 8   | 15  | 22  | 16  | 20  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 29  | 28  | 35  | 30  |
| 28  | 31  | 33  | 28  | 16  | 19  | 29  | 26  | 25  | 24  | 20  | 39  | 30  | 31  | 33  | 52  | 49  | 57  |
| 85  | 97  | 133 | 112 | 118 | 171 | 192 | 166 | 164 | 175 | 208 | 202 | 206 | 250 | 262 | 270 | 304 | 370 |
| 353 | 398 | 411 | 339 | 316 | 318 | 345 | 291 | 235 | 129 | 76  | 41  | 32  | 27  | 18  | 23  | 14  | 19  |
| 7   | 9   | 9   | 9   | 6   | 5   | 1   | 2   | 4   | 5   | 4   | 5   | 3   | 1   | 4   | 8   | 5   | 7   |
| 3   | 5   | 3   | 4   | 1   | 0   | 6   | 6   | 3   | 2   | 8   | 8   | 5   | 8   | 11  | 13  | 18  | 21  |
| 22  | 16  | 31  | 27  | 27  | 45  | 55  | 47  | 59  | 80  | 112 | 104 | 117 | 98  | 82  | 56  | 40  | 32  |
| 23  | 19  | 14  | 16  | 10  | 3   | 4   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 1   |
| 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 36  | 28  | 35  | 38  | 35  | 26  | 27  | 20  | 19  | 26  |
| 17  | 14  | 18  | 16  | 19  | 17  | 16  | 19  | 25  | 12  | 16  | 12  | 14  | 18  | 14  | 18  | 18  | 21  |
| 20  | 20  | 26  | 26  | 14  | 13  | 18  | 25  | 22  | 26  | 25  | 25  | 28  | 32  | 27  | 29  | 30  | 36  |
| 35  | 37  | 29  | 39  | 29  | 35  | 41  | 39  | 43  | 37  | 38  | 30  | 30  | 33  | 47  | 36  | 43  | 46  |
| 48  | 48  | 65  | 62  | 77  | 101 | 143 | 148 | 221 | 210 | 221 | 227 | 204 | 249 | 273 | 315 | 328 | 403 |
| 455 | 515 | 466 | 443 | 368 | 339 | 310 | 266 | 159 | 89  | 48  | 39  | 20  | 16  | 10  | 10  | 8   | 5   |
| 6   | 3   | 8   | 3   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 5   | 1   | 3   | 6   | 3   | 7   | 4   | 5   | 4   | 1   |
| 5   | 6   | 7   | 2   | 2   | 5   | 1   | 9   | 1   | 3   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 6   | 13  | 11  | 12  | 21  |
| 21  | 14  | 20  | 16  | 22  | 22  | 41  | 32  | 46  | 36  | 51  | 68  | 82  | 90  | 86  | 91  | 89  | 69  |

|    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 55 | 39 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 1 | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0 | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Example color histogram (Figure 2) for Figure 1:



Figure 1: Example Image

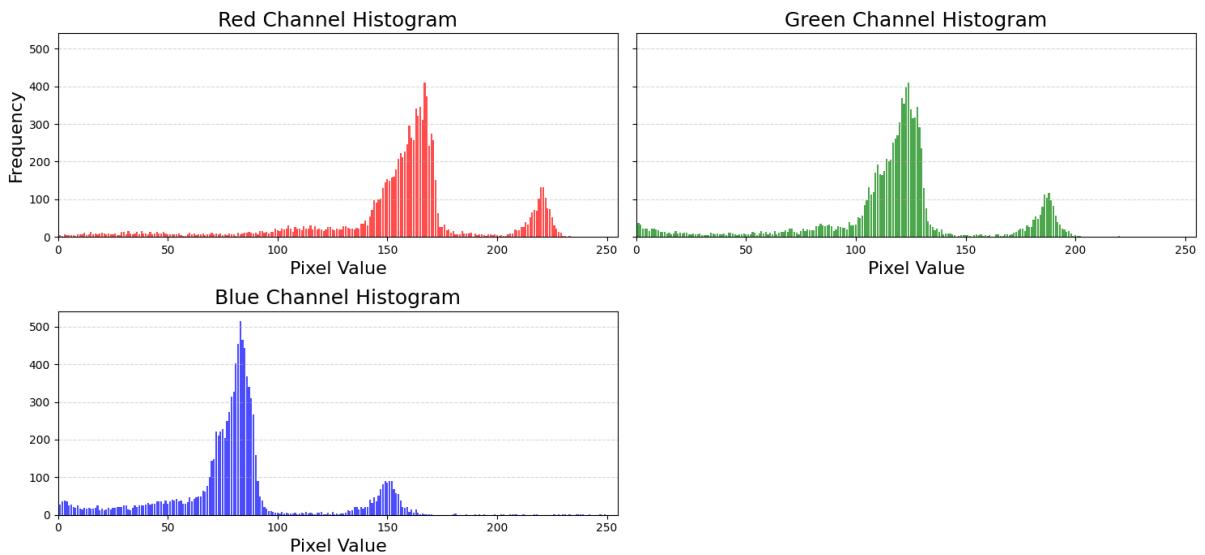


Figure 2: Example Color Histogram for an Image

### 3.1.2 Preprocessing Steps

- **Reshaping:** Images were reshaped from a  $100 \times 100 \times 3$  format to 3 vectors of size 10000, for each color channel (R, G, B).
- **Feature extraction:** Color histograms were computed into a single vector of size 768 ( $3 \times 256$  bins per channel) for each image.
- **Normalization:** Pixel values were normalized using the l2 norm  $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$ .

## 3.2 SVM Hyperparameter Tuning

- **Parameter:**  $C$  (Regularization)
- **Values tested:** 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100

Table 1: SVM Validation Accuracy for Different  $C$  Values

| $C$      | 0.01   | 0.1   | 1      | 10     | 100    |
|----------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Accuracy | 0.5352 | 0.624 | 0.7296 | 0.7136 | 0.7152 |

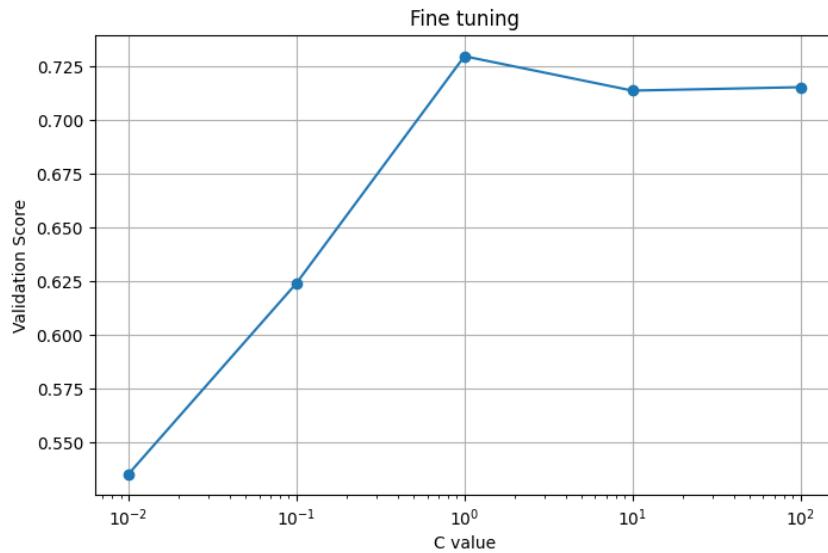


Figure 3: Validation Score vs.  $C$  for SVM

## 3.3 Confusion Matrix for SVM (Figure 4)

The best SVM model was selected with  $C = 1$  based on validation accuracy.

## 3.4 Performance Comparison

Table 2: Validation Accuracy for Different Models

| Model | Best Hyperparameters | Validation Accuracy |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|
| SVM   | $C = 1$              | 0.7296              |
| K-NN  | $k = 5$              | (insert value)      |

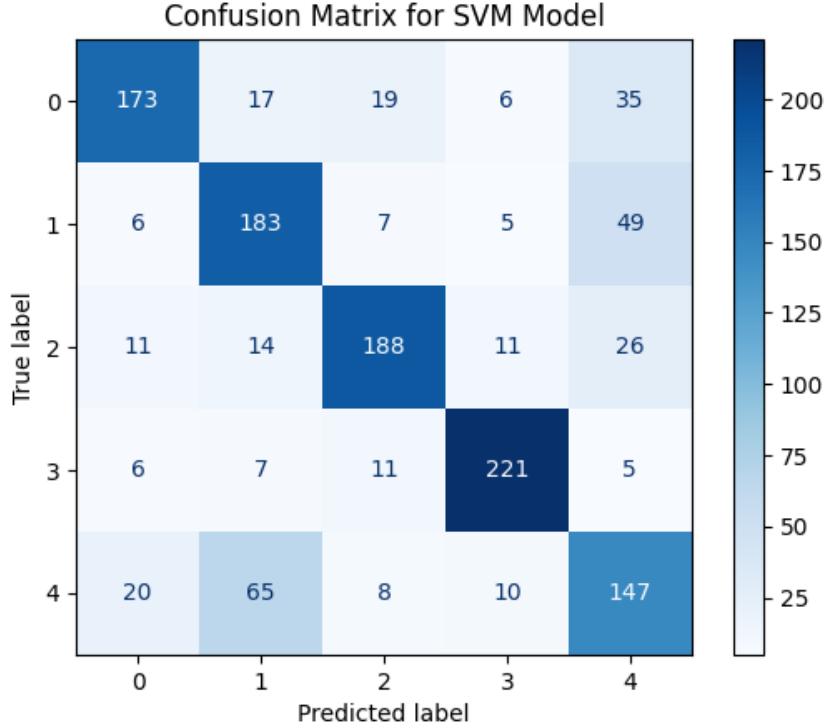


Figure 4: Confusion Matrix for SVM Model

### 3.5 Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- **Description:** Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are deep learning models designed to process data with a grid-like topology, such as images. They use convolutional layers to automatically learn spatial hierarchies of features from input images.
- **Hyperparameters:** Number of layers, filter sizes, learning rate, batch size, dropout rate, optimizer.
- **Implementation:** Implemented using PyTorch’s `nn.Module` and trained with the Adam optimizer.

#### 3.5.1 CNN hyperparameter tuning

**Parameter Tuned:** Learning rate (see Table 3 and Figure 5)

The peak validation accuracy was achieved at a learning rate of 0.0001. After this point, the accuracy slightly decreased, indicating that lowering the learning rate further may have led to a steady decrease in accuracy.

**Parameter Tuned:** Epochs (see Table ??, Table 4, and Figure 6)

The loss is in a steady decline, indicating that the model is learning effectively. The model was stopped at 10 epochs to prevent overfitting.

#### 3.5.2 Confusion Matrix for CNN (Figure 7)

For this confusion matrix, the CNN model was trained for 10 epochs with a learning rate of 0.0001.

Table 3: CNN Validation Accuracy for Different Learning Rates

| Learning Rate | Validation Accuracy (%) |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 0.1           | 74.8                    |
| 0.01          | 76.1                    |
| 0.001         | 74.5                    |
| 0.0001        | 80.0                    |
| 0.00001       | 79.9                    |

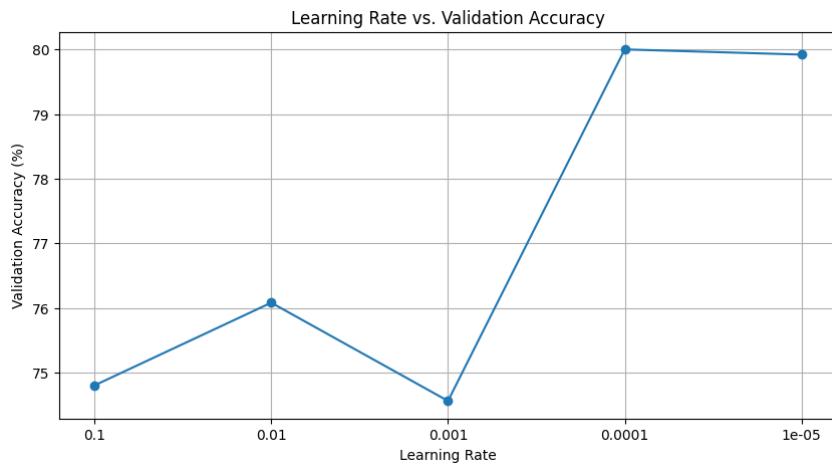


Figure 5: Validation accuracy for different learning rates.

## 4 Conclusion

Summarize findings, best performing model, and possible future improvements.

Table 4: CNN Training Loss for Different Epochs

| Epoch | Training Loss |
|-------|---------------|
| 1     | 0.73          |
| 2     | 0.52          |
| 3     | 0.42          |
| 4     | 0.34          |
| 5     | 0.30          |
| 6     | 0.24          |
| 7     | 0.20          |
| 8     | 0.17          |
| 9     | 0.14          |
| 10    | 0.13          |

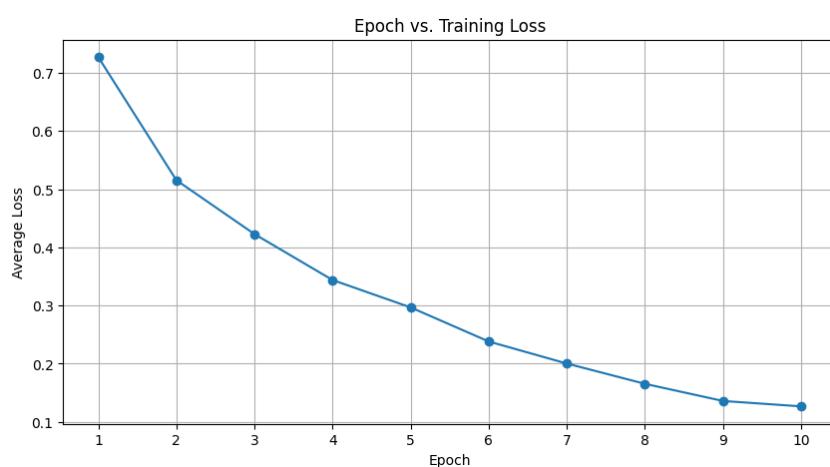


Figure 6: Training loss per epoch for the CNN model.

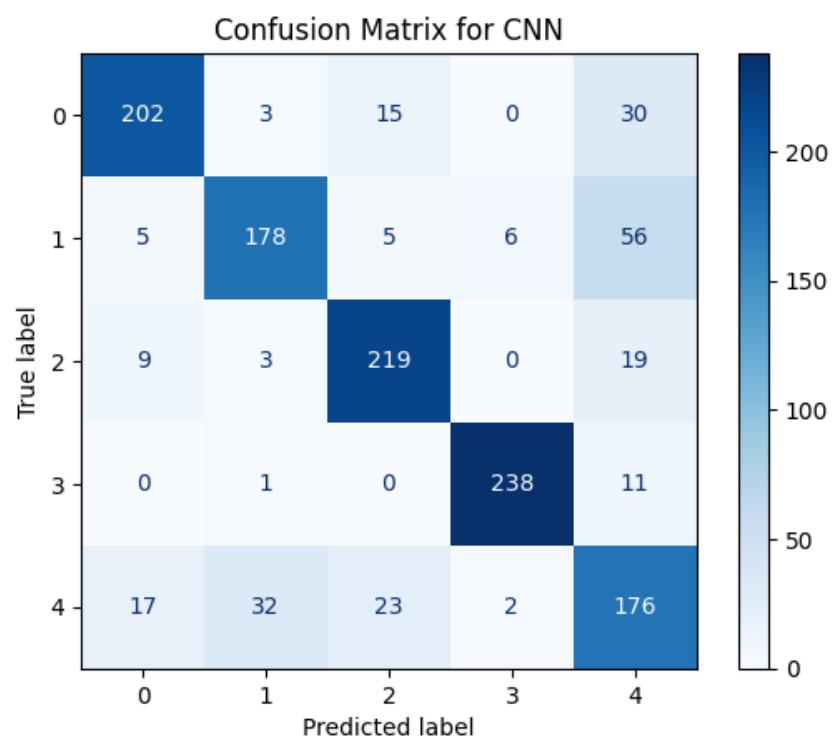


Figure 7: Confusion matrix for the CNN model.