

An Intelligent System for Analysing and Detecting Deepfake Videos: A Deep Learning Approach

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ABSTRACT

The swift rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has brought about remarkable technological progress in numerous fields such as media, entertainment, and communication. Among the various outcomes of this advancement, deepfake technology stands out as a contentious issue; it involves using machine learning to artificially change video content. Although deepfakes have potential applications in creativity and education, they also pose significant ethical, legal, and social risks, such as spreading false information, impersonating others, and harming reputations. This increasing danger has underscored the urgency for effective and smart deepfake detection systems that can accurately and swiftly identify altered content. Despite ongoing research, many current deepfake detection models struggle with poor generalization and performance issues when faced with complex data sets. These limitations highlight a notable gap in research concerning the creation of resilient, flexible, and multimodal detection systems that can pinpoint inconsistencies in deepfake videos. This research aims to establish an intelligent model for both detecting and analyzing deepfake videos by utilizing cutting-edge deep learning methods. The study's primary goals are: (i) to create a deep learning framework that uses Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) with attention mechanisms for analyzing temporal features, while also merging various features through Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Graph Neural Networks (GNN) for feature extraction, (ii) to implement a software prototype in Python that can identify videos as either fake or genuine, and (iii) to assess and contrast the effectiveness of existing deepfake detection models with the new system. The research methodology employs agile and responsive software development strategies to facilitate adaptability and ongoing enhancement. Training, testing, and evaluation of the model occur on Google Colab, which allows for GPU acceleration to expedite processing. The dataset comprises multiple types of deepfake and genuine videos, which undergo thorough pre-processing, feature extraction, and fusion before classification. Various performance metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, are used to assess the model's effectiveness. The main discoveries from this research indicate that the proposed intelligent model significantly boosts detection accuracy compared to current models. By incorporating attention mechanisms and multimodal fusion, the model can identify subtle discrepancies in both video frames and audio signals, thus improving its reliability and durability. The software developed achieved high classification accuracy, proving its applicability in real-life situations. In summary, we have successfully created a sophisticated system for detecting deepfakes that integrates deep learning techniques with contemporary programming resources.

Keywords: Deepfake detection, Attention Mechanism, CNN, LSTM, Video Forensics, Deep Learning

INTRODUCTION

Recently, quick progress in deep learning has resulted in the widespread application of advanced techniques for manipulating content, which raises important questions concerning the reliability of digital media. Deepfake technology represents a notable danger by generating highly realistic images, videos, or sounds, ultimately jeopardizing the trustworthiness of visual and auditory data (Rajalaxmi et al., 2023). Currently, the growing influence of deepfake technology poses significant issues for both individuals and companies. Deepfakes are created through manipulated images, videos, or audio by artificial intelligence (AI) systems (Conti et al., 2022). These misleading yet often realistic pieces of digital content can be used for various reasons, including spreading false information, influencing public perception, or engaging in deceitful practices. Consequently, there is a pressing need for robust methods to identify deepfakes and prevent these harmful fabrications from spreading

(Agarwal et al., 2021; Agarwal et al., 2020a; Agarwal et al., 2020b).

A sophisticated detection model is currently being developed using advanced machine learning techniques to effectively identify deepfakes. These models scrutinize diverse visual and auditory signals in the content to ascertain whether it has been tampered with or altered (Trabelsi et al., 2022). Facial recognition technology is capable of detecting anomalies in facial expressions, eye movements, or skin texture that may signal a deepfake. Likewise, voice recognition systems can identify irregularities in speech patterns or audio artifacts that imply manipulation (Guo et al., 2023).

This advanced model for deepfake detection boasts the significant benefit of adapting to new challenges posed by deepfake technology. As advancements in this domain continue, traditional detection methods may struggle to keep up (Taeb & Chi, 2022). The adaptive nature of this model allows it to learn from fresh examples, thereby improving its accuracy over time. Training algorithms on a comprehensive dataset of both authentic and deepfake materials ensures that these systems can refine their skills consistently to remain ahead in this area.

The emergence of deepfake technology poses profound risks to the authenticity of digital content, highlighting the crucial necessity to devise effective detection approaches (Khodabakhsh et al., 2018; Khodabakhsh & Loisel, 2020). With the increasing sophistication of machine learning tools, deepfakes can deceive and manipulate audiences, illustrating the critical need for strong strategies to recognize and combat these dangerous technologies (Costales et al., 2023). Deepfakes, generated through advanced deep neural networks and generative adversarial networks (GANs), can produce realistic audio and visual content by seamlessly integrating fake elements into genuine footage. This raises serious concerns, including the spread of misinformation, damage to individuals' reputations, and a decline in trust towards digital media. The growing availability and enhancement of deepfake technologies further stress the immediate need for effective countermeasures (Naik et al., 2022; Saxena et al., 2023).

Today's methods for detecting deepfakes are influenced by the interplay between improvements in deep learning models and the increasing complexity of deepfake creation techniques. The evolution of AI systems designed for deepfake detection faces many challenges and limitations, as highlighted by (Dagar & Vishwakarma, 2022).

The swift advancement of deepfake technology poses a major obstacle, moving faster than the progress of measures aimed at countering its impacts (Rani et al., 2022; Rebello et al., 2023). As this technology develops, it becomes essential for detection systems to enhance their capabilities to identify more convincing deepfakes. The variety of elements involved, including differing facial expressions, backgrounds, and audio variations, makes it difficult to create effective methods for spotting deepfakes (Chowdhary et al., 2021; Elpeltagy et al., 2023; Guo et al., 2023; Ismail et al., 2021, 2022). Additionally, the creation of algorithms for deepfake detection raises ethical and privacy concerns. Striking a balance between protecting individual privacy and preventing the harmful use of deepfake technology requires thorough examination and creative solutions (Agarwal et al., 2020b; Ismail et al., 2022). The effects of deepfakes go beyond privacy matters; they can manipulate political situations to influence public opinion and disrupt democratic systems. In light of the potential threats from deepfakes, governments and companies are putting resources into AI detection technologies as part of their cybersecurity efforts. Such technologies can aid in identifying and combating false information or disinformation campaigns that utilize deepfakes (Awotunde et al., 2023; Q. Li et al., 2023). Even with advancements in AI-driven detection, numerous issues remain. There exists an ongoing struggle between those who create deepfakes and those who work on detection solutions. As deepfake technology enhances, it becomes progressively more challenging for AI algorithms to differentiate between authentic information and altered content (Soleimani et al., 2023). Furthermore, ethical challenges arise from the use of deepfake detection technology due to possible infringements on individual rights. This research aims to fill significant gaps in current AI deepfake recognition systems. It aspires to make meaningful progress in the field by examining how deepfakes are created, exploring innovative deep learning models, and analyzing the ethical ramifications of detection technologies. The objective is to create robust, flexible, and ethically responsible AI deepfake detection tools that reduce societal risks linked to the misuse of this technology.

Problem Statement

The emergence of deepfake technology has resulted in a significant increase in the production and distribution of altered videos, which can pose substantial dangers to individuals, organizations, and society as a whole. As the algorithms behind deepfakes evolve quickly, they outstrip existing detection techniques. This leads to the propagation of misinformation, privacy violations, and threats to people's reputations and safety, even with efforts in place to combat these challenges. In addition, the absence of dependable and scalable automatic systems for identifying deepfake videos exacerbates the situation, complicating effective solutions and eroding trust in digital media. Consequently, there is a pressing need for reliable and efficient models capable of swiftly and accurately identifying altered content, thus protecting public trust, privacy, and the integrity of digital information. This research aims to create new algorithms and methodologies for the automatic detection of deepfake videos to offer viable solutions against the risks associated with deepfake manipulation.

Related Works

Saraswathi et al (2022) developed a deepfake detection method that merged temporal analysis and spatial feature learning using CNN and LSTM networks. For their feature extraction, they utilized a pre-trained ResNeXt-50 CNN to analyze twenty frames from each video. These features were then input into the LSTM model to determine whether the videos were deepfakes. The LSTM was provided with the same 2,048-dimensional feature vectors. In contrast to Jalui et al.'s research, these authors trained and validated their approach using videos sourced from multiple datasets, including the Deep Fake Detection Challenge (DFDC), FaceForensics++, and Celeb-DF datasets. Their method resulted in an accuracy of 90.37% on the test dataset derived from this set of sources.

Khedkar et al (2022) introduced a framework that combines CNN and LSTM to classify deepfake videos. They extracted features from forty frames using four CNN models that had been previously trained: VGG-19, ResNet-50 v2, Inception v3, and DenseNet-121. This was followed by the use of two LSTM layers for temporal analysis. A dense layer was then used to finalize the classification. Their framework was evaluated using the FaceForensics++ and DFDC datasets. The model achieved an area under the curve (AUC) score of 0.908 and an accuracy of 90.7%, particularly excelling when DenseNet-121 provided the spatial representation of frames, which was augmented by the two LSTM layers for temporal analysis. Similarly, Saif and associates (2022) proposed a deep temporal learning architecture using LSTM to detect face forgery in videos. They focused on contrastive frames to highlight cross-learning aspects. Additionally, they investigated several CNN architectures for extracting features from the frames. Among these, EfficientNet B3 achieved the best performance in feature extraction, recording a 97.3% accuracy on videos manipulated through deepfake methods and achieving 91.36%, 91.85%, and 88.15% accuracy for FaceSwap, Face2Face, and NeuralTexture alterations, respectively. Nevertheless, its overall performance on the FaceForensics++ dataset was not as strong as most baseline models. However, it performed exceptionally well on videos with low-quality compression, reaching an accuracy of 90.95%, and performed even better on videos with high-quality compression, achieving 98.7% accuracy.

In 2021, Tu et al proposed a recurrent neural network approach to tackle the challenges of deepfake detection. Their strategy combined CNN and GRU layers to extract features and understand the temporal sequence of video frames. To ensure proper face alignment and define spatial parameters for affine transformation, they used a spatial transformer network alongside a landmark-based alignment method. Their approach, employing DenseNet CNN with face alignment and a GRU layer, significantly enhanced predictions on the FaceForensics++ dataset, especially for videos altered using Face2Face and FaceSwap techniques. However, integrating all three components only marginally increased the deepfake detection accuracy to 96.9%, compared to 96.7% from the DenseNet model with just face alignment, revealing the difficulties in predicting complex high-quality manipulations. Ultimately, the landmark-based alignment method outperformed the Spatial Transformer Network in terms of accuracy.

In 2020, Montserrat et al presented a novel method for detecting face forgery in videos through a weighting system focused on false face probabilities within frames, enhanced by a GRU layer for temporal learning of feature vectors. The EfficientNet model creates a feature map that provides both a weighted value and a logit

value for every detected face within the video, showing the probability of being authentic or forged. By aggregating all weights and logits, they calculated the overall forgery probability, pw , for the video. Combining logit values, weights, and the final pw probability with the feature vectors allows the GRU layer to further classify them as either genuine or deepfake. This approach was named Automatic Face Weighting (AFW). The combination of AFW with GRU layers achieved the highest accuracy of 91.88% .

In their study, Hao et al. (2022) investigated how to detect deepfake videos by using a technique that analyzes both the visual and audio components of the footage. They applied an EfficientNet-b5 CNN to classify the visuals, examining each frame to discern if the face is genuine or manipulated, which indicates forgery. By assigning labels to every video frame, they later assess the overall probability of manipulation throughout the video. These labeled frame probabilities and combined feature vectors are then input into a GRU layer to capture spatiotemporal characteristics, allowing for the classification of the video as either real or fake. Furthermore, the authors proposed a straightforward method for audio classification, utilizing adapted CNN architecture to analyze spectrograms of audio signals in order to gauge their authenticity. By merging visual and auditory information, they aimed to enhance the classification effectiveness for deepfakes. Emotional features derived from both visual and audio components are integrated into a latent feature space to determine whether a video is real or altered. However, the authors did not include any quantitative analysis or results from their multimodal method.

Jaiswal (2021) introduced a hybrid model that integrates LSTM and GRU layers for the classification of deepfake video frames, capitalizing on the advantages of each recurrent model type. The author described a deep learning structure aimed at binary classification, featuring two layers of both recurrent models topped with a single dense layer. To capture temporal features from each video frame before entering the hybrid recurrent layers, a specially designed CNN architecture was included. The best accuracy was achieved through a sequence of GRU layers followed by two LSTM layers compared to using only one recurrent model type. In the Deep Fake Detection Challenge Dataset, they found an accuracy of 0.8165 with the GRU-LSTM setup.

Tu et al. (2021) employed a Convolutional GRU (ConvGRU) framework in their research to analyze feature maps generated by a pre-trained ResNet50 CNN over ten video frames for deepfake detection. They chose to use ConvGRU due to its simplicity and reduced parameter count in comparison to Convolutional LSTM. Their method attained a remarkable accuracy of 94.56% and 89.3% AUC on the celeb-DF(v2) dataset. However, one significant limitation is the omission of critical architectural details, such as the dimensions of the feature maps, resulting from the combination of both ResNet50 and ConvGRU.

In their study, Ismail et al. (2022) introduced a novel technique combining gradient directions acquired through the Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG) method with image characteristics from a modified Xception Net framework to detect face forgery in videos. Their approach utilized a tailored Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture that takes input images with HOG-generated gradient orientations, leading to a fixed-size feature vector output. To improve feature vector extraction from video frames, the authors advanced the Xception Net model. They integrated the feature vectors from both CNN models and processed them through multiple GRU layers for deeper analysis of the video's authenticity. To address differences caused by processing individual frames, eight sequences of GRU layers captured the temporal characteristics of the video frames. These features were subsequently input into a fully connected layer that concluded whether the final video was authentic or manipulated. When assessed against standard CNNs, their method performed exceptionally well, achieving a 95.56% accuracy and a 95.53% Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic (AUROC) score on the Celeb-DF and FaceForensics++ datasets, respectively.

To address the challenge of deepfake detection in datasets exhibiting class imbalance, Pu et al. (2022) proposed a novel loss function along with a temporal learning method. They distinguished real from fake faces in videos by combining feature maps from 300 video frames with temporal learning conducted by GRU layers, using both video-level and frame-level classification techniques. Features for each frame were derived using ResNet50. Moreover, they proposed a loss function that combines binary cross entropy with area under the curve (AUC) to effectively tackle the imbalanced class distribution issue in video and frame classification. Their experimental research involved the FaceForensics++ and Celeb-DF datasets. To simulate an imbalanced data distribution,

samples from the DFDC dataset with different proportions of positive and negative examples were utilized. Notably, no data augmentation was implemented in this research. The proposed technique demonstrated excellent classification capabilities at both video and frame levels, even under imbalanced conditions with an excess of real face samples. It achieved a 98.9% AUC and a 96.5% accuracy on the imbalanced samples from the Celeb-DF dataset. Additionally, the combined loss function enhanced the model's performance.

In the work conducted by Elpeltagy et al. (2023), a multimodal feature-level strategy was examined for classifying deepfakes in videos. This technique relies on two distinct feature types extracted from both audio and visual frames of the input videos. Each component, visual and audio, is processed by its own CNN architecture to generate two separate feature vector representations. When combined, a GRU network evaluates the video's temporal features. Finally, a fully connected layer uses these temporal features from the GRU model to ascertain whether a video is real or fake. Tests on the FakeAVCeleb dataset showed that this approach performed remarkably well.

Sun et al. (2023) offered a novel viewpoint on identifying deepfakes, suggesting that the task can be redefined as recognizing anomalies within multivariable time series data. This methodology attempts to spot both spatial and temporal inconsistencies caused by facial changes. The authors introduce a method called virtual anchor-based region displacement trajectory extraction, which aims to capture the spatial and temporal features of various parts of the face. Moreover, they developed a dual-stream spatial-temporal graph attention technique for tracking altered trajectories. Consequently, identifying deepfakes becomes a binary classification problem for multivariable time series, utilizing a gated recurrent unit backend for implementation. To validate this method, samples from the Face-Forensics++ database were applied.

He et al. (2021) proposed a method combining a video transformer with a face UV Texture Map for detecting deepfakes. Their technique outperformed current leading models based on analyses of five publicly available datasets. The segment embedding they introduced helps the network extract more relevant features, resulting in better accuracy in detection. Extensive evaluations showed that this model not only excelled with unseen datasets but also proved effective with previously tested datasets.

In their research, Messina et al. (2022) investigated various strategies that integrate convolutional neural networks, particularly emphasizing EfficientNet-B0, with different Vision Transformers. They compare their findings with the best available technologies. To merge two visual transformer frameworks utilizing multi-scaled feature maps derived from pre-trained EfficientNet-B0 CNNs, they proposed a solution. This method allows the model to learn deepfake features through multi-scale representations using the transformer approach. Despite ongoing advancements, video deepfake detection continues to seek improvements in generalization for more accurate and dependable results. To facilitate this, an EfficientNet-based patch extractor was employed, showcasing high efficiency, even with the smallest model in its category. This approach outperformed a conventional convolutional network that was trained from scratch, achieving an impressive AUC of 0.951 from the cross-visual transformer. Additionally, this strategy exhibited the highest average accuracy against four face manipulation techniques present in the FaceForensics++ dataset, outperforming all other existing alternatives.

Heo et al. (2023) introduced a fresh method for detecting DeepFakes using a Vision Transformer Model. This model combines CNN with patch-embedding features at the input stage, achieving commendable results in recent image classification tasks. It surpassed the traditional EfficientNet model, a two-dimensional CNN network. The latest state-of-the-art model secured an AUC of 0.972, while the new model achieved 0.978 in identical conditions without utilizing an ensemble technique. The proposed method attained an F1 score of 0.919, in contrast to the existing model's F1 score of 0.906 at the same threshold of 0.55. Additionally, the authors recorded an AUC improvement of up to 0.17 compared to a more recent method. When applying the ensemble strategy, the new model reached an AUC of 0.982, whereas the top model managed only 0.981.

In their 2022 research, Xue et al proposed a method based on transformers aimed at identifying deepfakes by focusing on facial attributes. They noted that detecting deepfake content, particularly with intricate expressions and subtle changes in facial details or distorted images, has gained considerable attention from researchers. The authors mentioned that existing techniques, which analyze the full face, often miss critical details because they

are affected by significant changes in image size. To tackle these challenges, they devised a specialized detection strategy that hones in on specific facial features with a transformer model, thereby minimizing the focus on damaged or unclear sections. They also developed a dataset named the Facial Organ Forgery Detection Test Dataset (FOFDTD), capturing facial features in different scenarios like being unmasked, masked, or wearing sunglasses. Experimental results demonstrated the new method's effectiveness, reflected in AUC scores of 92.43% for FaceForensics++ and 75.93% for DFD.

Zhang et al (2022) introduced TransDFD, a transformer model designed to detect deepfakes. This network learns both broad and particular manipulation patterns effectively. To improve its performance, a spatial attention scaling module has been added, which highlights essential features while reducing the influence of less critical ones. The model examines both local and global features with a focus on detailed intra-patch relationships while also recognizing enhanced inter-patch relationships in facial images. Testing against various publicly available datasets indicates that TransDFD offers unmatched efficiency and durability compared to current leading methods.

In a 2022 study, Khan and Dang-Nguyen presented a hybrid transformer network that employs a feature fusion approach for deepfake video detection. Their model combines XceptionNet and EfficientNet-B4 as feature extractors, fully integrated with a transformer structure, tested on FaceForensics++ and DFDC benchmarks. They also proposed two augmentation methods: face cut-out and random cut-out. This model not only matches the performance of advanced techniques but also benefits from improved detection capabilities and reduced overfitting through the use of these augmentation strategies.

The DFDT framework, introduced by Khormali and Yuan in 2022, employs end-to-end Transformers for detecting deepfakes. This framework is unique because it uses a re-attention mechanism rather than traditional multi-head self-attention layers. It consists of four main components: a multi-scale classifier, a multi-stream transformer block, attention-based patch selection, and patch extraction followed by embedding. These components aid the model in recognizing subtle manipulation signs in local image features and the global interactions of pixels at various levels of forgery. The effectiveness of this method was evaluated using multiple deepfake forensics benchmarks, achieving detection rates of 99.41% for FaceForensics++, 99.31% for Celeb-DF (V2), and 81.35% for WildDeepfake.

Coccomini et al. (2022b) explored whether it is possible to separate the detection of deepfakes from the training sample generation processes. They used the ForgeryNet dataset formatted for cross-forgery and compared two models: Vision Transformer and EfficientNetV2 (He et al., 2021). Their results suggest that EfficientNetV2 often specializes more, leading to improved performance during training. Conversely, Vision Transformers demonstrate impressive generalization skills, functioning well even with images produced by novel techniques.

Wang et al. (2022) presented the Multi-modal Multi-scale TRansformer (M2TR), which aims to identify subtle image manipulation artifacts at various scales through a transformer-based approach. This model detects local inconsistencies in images by examining regions of different sizes across multiple spatial levels. Additionally, it can locate forgery artifacts in the frequency domain and combines this information with RGB data using a cross-modality fusion block. Testing on a new, large dataset called Swapping and Reenactment DeepFake (SR-DF) showed that this method significantly outperforms current deepfake detection strategies.

A recent research effort by Wang et al. (2023) introduced a deep convolutional transformer model designed to merge crucial local and global features from images. This model employs techniques such as convolutional pooling and re-attention to improve both the features extracted and the important keyframes of images. Its aim is to enhance deepfake detection while clearly illustrating how video compression affects feature quantity between keyframes and regular image frames. Testing on various deepfake benchmark datasets indicated that this model outperforms many leading techniques regarding performance both within and across datasets.

Raza et al. (2023) developed a vision transformer model for classifying deepfakes, which integrates features from videos at three levels: spatiotemporal, temporal, and spatial-temporal. To extract spatial features, 2D convolutional layers are applied to individual video frames, while 3D convolutions analyze sequences of images

to capture temporal differences between frames. Subsequently, facial spatiotemporal features are obtained through 3D convolutions applied to the video frames. This approach merges transformer representations from all three feature maps into one feature vector, which is then processed by a fully connected layer. It can detect potential manipulations across various feature domains, including spatial and temporal aspects. The AUC scores attained for the DFDC, Celeb-DF, and FaceForensics++ datasets were 0.926, 0.9624, and 0.9415, respectively. Notably, this method achieved the highest accuracy for videos from the Neural Texture subset of the FaceForensics++ dataset.

Feinland et al. (2022) presented a novel method that integrates two visual transformer frameworks to create multi-scaled feature maps by using two pre-trained EfficientNet-B0 CNNs. Their approach effectively merges feature representations through an attention mechanism, allowing it to extract important details at various scales from facial images. Furthermore, they devised a prediction strategy based on a majority vote for each detected face in a video, declaring the entire video as fraudulent if a single face is identified as fake. By combining this voting classification with the cross-visual transformer and leveraging EfficientNet-B0 for feature extraction, they achieved an AUC of 0.951. When compared to other leading methods, their technique secured the highest mean accuracy among the four face manipulation methods evaluated on the FaceForensics++ dataset.

To tackle the challenge posed by deepfake videos, Lin et al. (2023) unveiled a dual-subnet network with a transitional architecture, designed to learn and aggregate multi-scale insights and crucial facial features. This methodology identifies inherent traits that could indicate potential modifications in various regions of the target face by utilizing information across different scales. Concurrently, depth-wise convolutions are applied to high-dimensional features captured through an EfficientNet-B4 convolutional module. After these multi-scale and high-dimensional features are merged, they undergo processing via a vision transformer module, helping to reveal deeper contextual connections among the image features, eventually classifying the video as either real or fake. This method achieved outstanding performance across all tested datasets and ablation studies, boasting impressive accuracy rates, including 99.80% on the Celeb-DF dataset. However, it performed less effectively on the WildDeepfake dataset, earning a score of 82.63%.

In a separate study, Zhang et al. (2022) used a vision transformer architecture to carry out a temporal analysis of random facial areas, focusing on spatiotemporal inconsistencies that might indicate video manipulation. The spatial-temporal dropout technique eliminates random sections of each frame and facial segments based on a uniform distribution defined by dropout rates. From these chosen facial regions, multiple patches are generated and fed into the vision transformer architecture for inconsistency detection across frames. Using the output from the transformer, a fully connected layer assesses whether the video is real or fake. Since counterfeit artifacts tend to be concentrated in specific areas of the face, the model can capture distinctive characteristics that reveal localized spatial inconsistencies. Compared to twenty-five advanced methods, the results displayed the highest AUC scores across all deepfake datasets, averaging 99.8%, 99.1%, and 97.2% for the FaceForensics++, DFDC, and Celeb-DF datasets, respectively. Furthermore, the model adeptly managed all four facial manipulations within the FaceForensics++ dataset, achieving exceptional performance with scores exceeding 90% across all deepfake generation subsets.

Khalid et al. (2023) created the Swin Y-Net Transformers architecture to extract information effectively. The encoder, comprising a Swin transformer, segments the entire image into patches, while the decoder, built on U-Net, produces a segmentation mask for future classification. The experimental assessments conducted on the Celeb-DF and FF++ datasets demonstrated the capability of the proposed model to generalize well and accurately classify videos produced by DeepFakes, FaceSwap, Face2Face, FaceShifter, and NeuralTextures algorithms.

Zhou et al. (2017) put forth a two-stream network design aimed at detecting facial manipulations. They created a patch-based triplet network as an auxiliary stream to capture local noise residuals and camera characteristics, while GoogLeNet was trained to identify anomalies in face classification. Additionally, they utilized two separate online face-swapping applications to produce a new dataset with 2010 modified images, each featuring a manipulated face. The proposed two-stream network was evaluated using this newly collected dataset. The experimental findings confirmed the effectiveness of their method, achieving an area under the curve of 85.1%. This advanced two-stream network is complex to train compared to the results it delivers. However, in the Celeb-

DF evaluation, it underperformed with an AUC of just 53.8%.

Afchar et al. (2018) introduced an automatic method for detecting facial tampering in videos at a mesoscopic level. Their research mainly targeted two recent techniques, DeepFake and Face2Face, which create hyper-realistic false videos. Traditional image forensics techniques often face challenges in analyzing videos due to compression that compromises the data. This study implemented a deep learning approach focused on the mesoscopic scale, featuring two networks with fewer layers to highlight image properties at this level. One network, called "MesoInception-4," is a modified version of the "Meso-4" inspired by the "Inception module" mentioned in reference [17]. Their method was tested using a private dataset, achieving an impressive accuracy of 98% for optimal outcomes. However, when evaluated against unseen datasets in [18], it showed resilience in certain cases, such as with "FaceForensics++," but faced difficulties detecting anomalies in specific Deepfake videos, as illustrated by an AUC of 84.3% for the UADFV dataset.

Tsai et al. (2020) presented a real-time surveillance application that incorporates a deep learning system designed for recognizing actions among multiple people. The authors addressed the challenges of recognizing simultaneous actions of various individuals and proposed enhancements such as a "zoom-in" feature and nonmaximum suppression (NMS) to boost accuracy. Their system allows for real-time recognition of multiple individuals' actions, making it suitable for environments like long-term care facilities.

Goswami et al. (2014) introduced MDLFace, an innovative face recognition algorithm for videos that utilizes memorable frames and deep learning techniques to achieve outstanding performance while reducing false accept rates. Their crucial findings include the development of a deep learning-driven frame selection algorithm that leverages memorability to extract and match facial features, along with achieving top-tier performance with minimal false accept incidents. The study conducted by Korshunov and Marcel (2019) investigates several important aspects regarding Deepfake videos. It discusses how easy it is to create these videos, how vulnerable face recognition technologies are to them, the importance of establishing effective detection methods, the release of a public database featuring Deepfake videos, and the pressing need for stronger detection solutions in the future. Current detection techniques and face recognition systems find it challenging to detect deepfake videos produced with GANs because of the poor quality of the videos. Moreover, advancements in face-swapping technology are likely to heighten this issue.

Uddin et al. (2017) introduced a robust facial expression recognition system that leverages depth cameras and deep learning, enhanced by cloud computing for faster processing, and achieves a mean recognition accuracy of 96.25%. The paper emphasizes the critical role of reliable features in achieving accurate facial expression recognition, suggesting a method that incorporates deep learning and cloud resources, which outperforms traditional techniques with an average accuracy rate of 96.25%.

Miao et al. (2019) present a CNN-based system capable of identifying real-time facial expressions through joint supervision and transfer learning. This system shows remarkable accuracy on well-established datasets such as JAFFE and CK+, highlighting the potential diverse uses of automatic facial expression analysis. For facial expression recognition, the CNN-based system achieved top-tier accuracy on JAFFE and CK+, completing classification tasks significantly faster than traditional classifiers and outperforming similar CNN-based systems in both speed and precision.

Dong et al. (2020) introduce a video-focused cascaded intelligent face detection algorithm grounded in deep learning principles. This algorithm exhibits resilience against rotating faces, maintains real-time processing capabilities, and shows outstanding detection effectiveness for both single and multiple faces. With advancements in face recognition and technology for security monitoring, intelligent video retrieval is becoming increasingly crucial for video surveillance systems. The proposed face detection algorithm delivers strong outcomes for both single and multi-face images while effectively addressing the requirement for real-time detection.

Hu et al. (2022) introduce FInfer, a detection framework based on frame inference, designed to address the challenges of recognizing high-quality Deepfake videos. By incorporating information theory analyses, FInfer

demonstrates promising results in terms of efficiency and detection performance. The capability of the FInfer framework to identify visually high-quality Deepfake videos is supported by information theory insights and extensive experimental data.

In a recent paper, Ismail et al. (2021) unveil a new deepfake detection technique named YOLO-CNN- XGBoost, showcasing impressive accuracy and performance on the CelebDF-FaceForencics++ dataset, exceeding that of existing leading methods. The proposed method achieves an area under the receiver operating characteristic curve of 90.62% on the merged CelebDF-FaceForencics++ dataset, illustrating the high effectiveness of YOLO-CNN-XGBoost, which surpasses existing techniques in deepfake detection.

The paper by Yin et al. (2021) introduces a two-stream network structure designed to effectively handle the challenges presented by low-quality data. This architecture achieves state-of-the-art results when tested on the FaceForencics++ dataset. In this model, one stream employs learnable SRM filters to capture noise features for Deepfake detection in videos, while the second stream leverages semantic inconsistencies found in RGB data. The results from the experiments highlight the FaceForencics++ dataset's superior performance.

El-Gayar et al. (2024) proposes an enhanced technique for identifying deepfake videos. This method combines graph neural networks (GNN) with a four-block CNN stream that includes convolution, batch normalization, activation functions, and a flattening step. The detection is conducted in two stages, which are then integrated through three different fusion methodologies: additive fusion (FuNet-A), element-wise multiplicative fusion (FuNet-M), and concatenation fusion (FuNet-C). This innovative approach overcomes the shortcomings of conventional deepfake detection methods, which often lag behind the advanced technologies used to create deepfakes. The presented model shows remarkable effectiveness, achieving a training and validation accuracy of 99.3% after 30 epochs, while being tested across various datasets. Below are the strengths, key contributions, and limitations identified in the work of El-Gayar et al. (2024).

METHODOLOGY

This project embraced the Agile methodology for software development, a framework recognized for its efficiency in managing projects. Agile emphasizes iterative progress, enabling the requirements and solutions to grow through collaboration between diverse, self-organizing teams and their users (Tyagi, 2021). In general, Agile methods advocate for a well-organized project management process that allows for ongoing evaluation and adjustments. They encourage a leadership approach that nurtures collaboration, independence, and responsibility. Furthermore, Agile includes a series of best practices in engineering that strive to produce high-quality software promptly, while also considering how development aligns with customer expectations and business goals.

Agile development encompasses any processes that adhere to the principles outlined in the Agile Manifesto. Created by fourteen prominent figures in the software field, this Manifesto captures their thoughts on what works well and what doesn't in software development. For this particular project, the Dynamic Software Development Method (DSDM) was the chosen methodology.

Dynamic Software Development Methodology

The Dynamic Software Development Methodology (DSDM) is a Rapid Application Development (RAD) technique that incorporates incremental prototyping to address common software development issues like missed deadlines, budget overruns, and insufficient user engagement. As part of Agile methodology, DSDM aims to deliver projects on schedule and within budget while remaining adaptable to changing requirements. This flexibility makes DSDM ideal for projects with unclear or evolving demands throughout the development stages (Babatunde, 2016).

The Dynamic Systems Development Method employs an iterative approach with incremental prototyping, following the 80 percent rule to guide the next iteration. This approach provides stakeholders with a clear and detailed project description during development. Furthermore, it cultivates a collaborative environment where

the project team works together throughout the software development lifecycle (Fahad et al., 2017).

Justification for the Choice of DSDM Methodology

By adopting the Dynamic Software Development Method (DSDM), teams can create a timeline for ongoing project deliveries, implement incremental solutions, adapt based on feedback, and meet expected benefits. DSDM serves as an Agile model that can significantly aid organizations accustomed to project changes, enhancing their ability to deliver value and shorten time to market. Anwer et al. (2017) highlight that a major advantage of the Dynamic Systems Development Method is its facilitation of cooperation and collaboration among all stakeholders involved in a project, leading to successful project completion. Additionally, DSDM is well-suited for highly iterative program designs, such as large-scale machine learning models. Benefits of dynamic software development, as identified by Cohen et al. (2004), include:

1. It facilitates the quick development of applications while embracing agile practices.
2. This framework is flexible enough to integrate the best techniques from various methods.
3. It supplies clear guidelines for different aspects of projects, including management, risk control, and development strategies.

Data Collection Method

The dataset utilized for training and testing the intended system was sourced from the Kaggle machine learning library. This deepfake collection includes both audio and visual deepfake datasets. It features a mix of altered images and genuine photographs. The modified images are those whose faces have been edited in various ways. A thorough analysis of this dataset was conducted to maximize information extraction from the images and video streams. Each image is a 256 x 256 jpeg depiction of a human face, whether real or fake. The visual deepfake dataset can be found at: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/abdallamohamed312/in-the-wild-audio-deepfake>, while the audio part is available at: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/abdallamohamed312/i>

Dataset Upload and Model Training

To begin using the dataset within the model, we first downloaded it and reduced its size from 18GB to 1.28GB, which included both the training and testing datasets. After that, we zipped the dataset into a folder and uploaded it to the Google Colab file menu during runtime, where it was then unzipped and made ready for the model. This reduction was necessary because the original dataset was too large for a direct upload, so we compressed it to a more manageable size for easier access when training and testing the model. We successfully uploaded the deepfake video datasets to the Colab Python Jupyter notebook in around 60 seconds.

Analysis of the Existing System

The system previously designed by El-Gayar et al. (2024) integrates two deep learning classification models:

convolutional neural networks and graph neural networks. Its primary function is to differentiate between deepfake films and genuine videos by spotting visual inconsistencies. By merging features from CNNs and mini GNNs into a trainable network from end to end, the model was developed to improve deepfake video detection outcomes. The CNN effectively captures visual characteristics from each frame, aiding the model in managing various deepfake detections, while the GNN leverages spatial-temporal data from the video stream. The training and evaluation of this system used three datasets: FaceForensics++, DFDC, and Celeb-DF. The FaceForensics dataset contains over 1000 authentic YouTube videos showcasing diverse faces, lighting conditions, and angles. Upon evaluation, the model achieved a validation accuracy of 99.3% in detecting deepfake videos after 30 training epochs.

Description of the Existing System Architecture

The current system utilizes a layered structure that leverages multiple scales of image features while decreasing the spatial dimensions as it goes deeper. This design enables the model to more efficiently recognize distinct

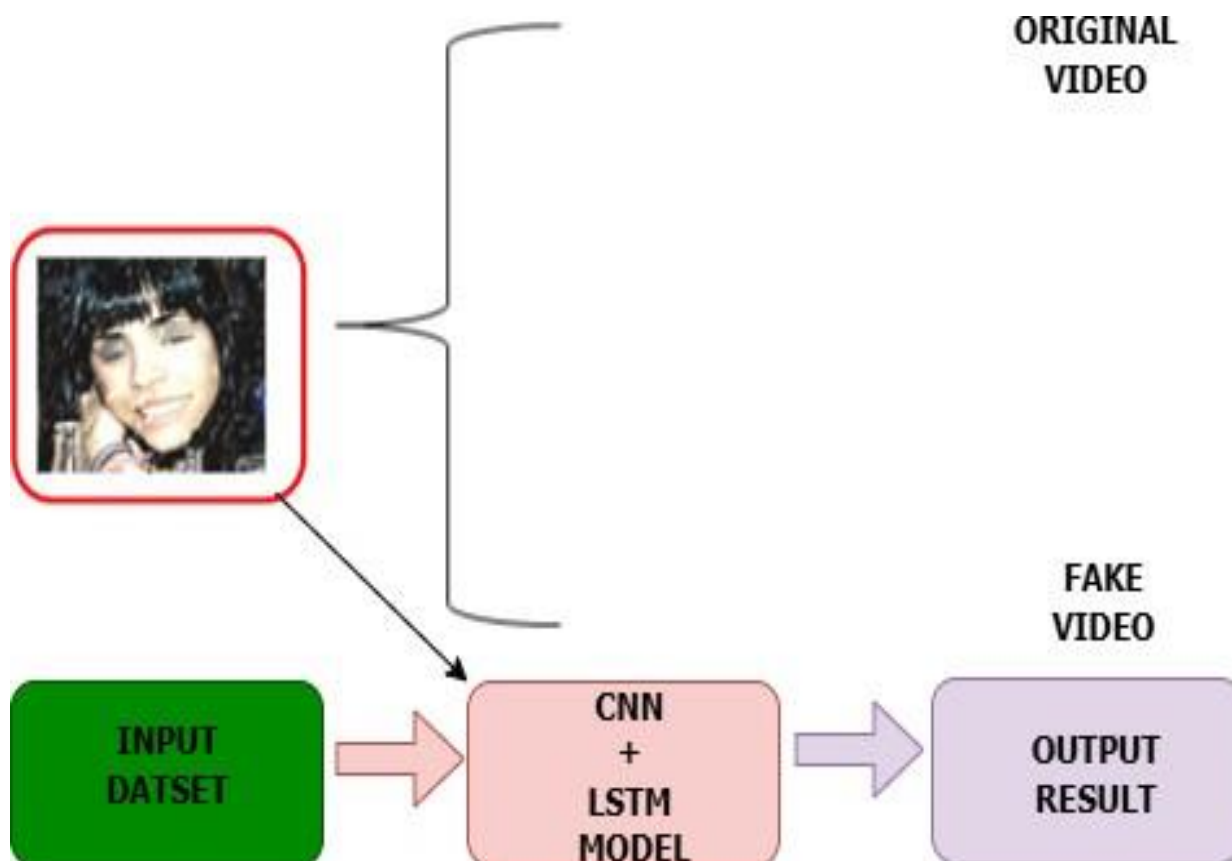
features and characteristics. By using a hierarchical approach, accuracy is improved through a reduction in parameters, leading to stronger models. Such architectures are particularly well-suited for image datasets as they can efficiently capture specific attributes of samples while keeping complexity low. The mini GNN transforms image patches into graphs. The model is comprised of concatenated and compressed segments. Each segment includes a Feedforward Network sub-block and a GraphNet sub-block. The GraphNet includes two convolutional layers, a graph convolution layer, along with two convolutional layers that utilize batch normalization and ReLU activation. Linear layers enhance diversity and integrate node features pre- and post-graph convolution. ReLU activation helps reduce interference across layers following graph convolution.

Different neural networks can provide unique representations from this data. CNNs focus on both spatial and spectral features, while GCNs analyze relationships between samples. However, no individual model can capture all necessary information. To enhance discrimination power, the current system effectively integrates CNNs and GCNs. MiniGCNs are progressively trained and subsequently integrated with CNNs. The end-to-end fusion model, FuNet, merges the advantages of both architectures.

Design of the Proposed System

The new system employs an attention mechanism to boost the accuracy of detection and classification, reducing issues like noise, misclassification, and false positives. Using a recurrent neural network (RNN) long short-term memory (LSTM) model, the attention mechanism allows the system to effectively analyze multimodal datasets, identifying deepfake streams as either authentic or counterfeit. It operates as an encoder-decoder LSTM, where the encoder processes the full input sequence and encodes it into a context vector representing the last hidden state of the LSTM, ensuring a robust memory of the input data. Meanwhile, the decoder LSTM generates the dataset sequentially. The three-layer deep LSTM model helps decompose the input data, identifying key components by assessing their significance based on how they align with the training dataset. It judges how much focus should be applied to each data piece, whether it is a frame, sound, or text input. Ultimately, it combines all data elements, weighting the crucial parts more heavily, before passing the results to the CNN/GNN component that performs the final deepfake detection and classification based on visual, audio, and textual inputs.

Fig 1: Design of the Proposed DeepFake Smart Model System



LSTM Attention Mechanism

The LSTM, or Long Short-Term Memory network, belongs to the family of recurrent neural networks (RNNs) that excel with sequential data. This mechanism is employed to explore the sequential links present in image data.

Input Sequence (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n): This component denotes pixel or patch data organized in sequences.

Hidden States (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n): These represent the LSTM's internal states, which store critical sequential details derived from the input.

Bidirectional Arrows: These indicate the application of a bidirectional LSTM that analyzes sequences in both directions, enhancing the system's comprehension of contextual relationships within the data.

Attention Mechanism: This part zeroes in on the most significant sections of the sequence to aid in predictions. It boosts effectiveness by highlighting crucial features while disregarding less essential information.

GCN (Graph Convolutional Network)

The output from the LSTM feeds into a Graph Convolutional Network (GCN), which models the connections between pixels or image patches. GCNs are particularly adept at processing non-grid structured data, such as feature relationships.

Purpose: This captures complex dependencies and interactions among the image features.

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STEP 1: Start
STEP 2: INPUT: Video_pact, detector,max_frames
STEP 3: INPUT: Audio, and textual content
STEP 4: OUTPUT: face frame in output file
STEP 5: START Procedure
STEP 6:     initialize audio = audio stream (audio file)
STEP 7:     initialize text = text (txt file)
STEP 8:     cap =cv2.VideoCapture (video file)
STEP 9:     While cap.isOpen()
STEP 11:         ret audio, txt, Frame = cap.read()
STEP 12: IF not ret:
STEP 13: Break
STEP 14: End IF
STEP 15: audio_count + =1
STEP 16: frame_count + =1
STEP 17: IF max audio and audio_count > max_audio
STEP 18: IF max frames and frames_count > max_frames:
STEP 19: Break
STEP 20: End IF
STEP 21: Voice = detcector.detect_voice (audio)
STEP 22: Faces = detector.detect_faces (frame)
STEP 23: For j, voice in enumerate (voice);
STEP 24: For j, face in enumerate (faces);
STEP 25: x, y, width, height = face['box']
STEP 25: m,n audio = voice[sound]
STEP 26: face frame = frame [y:y+height, x:x+width]
STEP 27: voice audio = [m:m+ pitch, n:n+ tone]
STEP 28: cv2.imwrite (output file, face frame)
STEP 29: audio.vocewrite (output file, audio file)
STEP 30: End For
STEP 31: End While
STEP 32: cap.release ()
STEP 33: End Procedure
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Algorithm of the Proposed System

Implementation

Every intelligent system that is created and used aims to offer solutions within a specific area, which helps decrease the potential for mistakes and risks that could arise from direct human involvement in the process. The innovative model developed for detecting fake audio and video streams utilizes elements of computer vision (CV) to identify and categorize fake video content. This helps to address impersonation and other malicious activities that may arise from altered video streams, as well as the associated security and social issues. This timely response is crucial for tackling theft, criminal actions, and disturbances to public order.

The process of implementation involves using the system to carry out the tasks it was designed for. Essentially, this means operating the system according to its intended requirements and guidelines. This is a series of organized actions aimed at ensuring that the system is effectively delivered and utilized to meet its intended objectives and goals.

Cloud Services

In this research, cloud-based deep learning services such as Google Collaboratory, commonly referred to as Google Colab, and Kaggle are employed for convenient access to a wide variety of datasets. Utilizing cloud services for developing and deploying deep learning models has also cut down on the costs associated with purchasing high-end and complex graphic processing units (GPUs) and allows for faster processing. The extensive dataset options available through Kaggle make it easy for data scientists and developers of deep learning models to find, prepare, and manage different kinds of datasets. Meanwhile, Google Colab, which was introduced by Google in 2015, offers free GPU access, a Python interpreter, TensorFlow, Jupyter notebooks, and other essential libraries and resources necessary for building and applying deep learning models. Its free nature makes it user-friendly and cost-effective for model development, training, and evaluation.

Choice of Programming Language

The proposed system will be implemented using Python as the programming language. Python boasts a vast array of libraries and frameworks that streamline coding and enhance development efficiency. This open- source language is user-friendly and comes with abundant resources and excellent documentation. Its platform-independent nature, flexibility, and readability, along with a broad ecosystem, make it ideal for visualization purposes. Recently, Python has become one of the leading programming languages for developing artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning models due to its numerous features and resources that support the creation of AI, machine learning, and deep learning applications.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Evaluation Metrics

Table 1: Evaluation metrics of the Existing Systems

SN	EVALUATION METRICS	RESULTS (%)
1	VALIDATION ACCURACY	99.3
2	ACCURACY	91.05
3	PRECISION	
4	RECALL	
5	F1-SCORE	
6	AUC-ROC	91.0

Figure 2 Evaluation Metrics for the Existing System

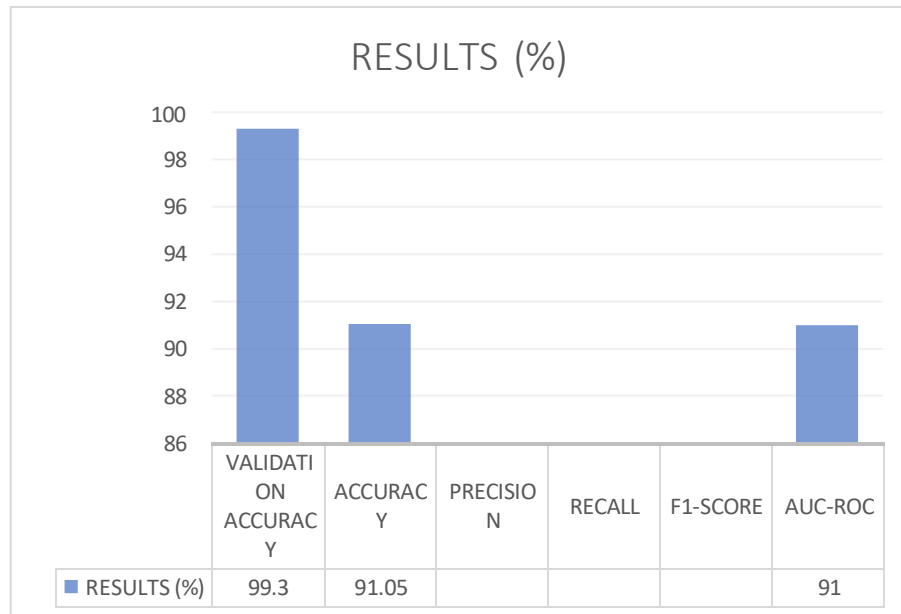


Table 2 Evaluation Metrics of New System

SN	EVALUATION METRICS	RESULTS (%)
1	ACCURACY	98.1
2	PRECISION	81.4
3	RECALL	86.8
4	F1-SCORE	84.3
5	AUC-ROC	81.8

Figure 3 Evaluation Metrics Chart of the New System

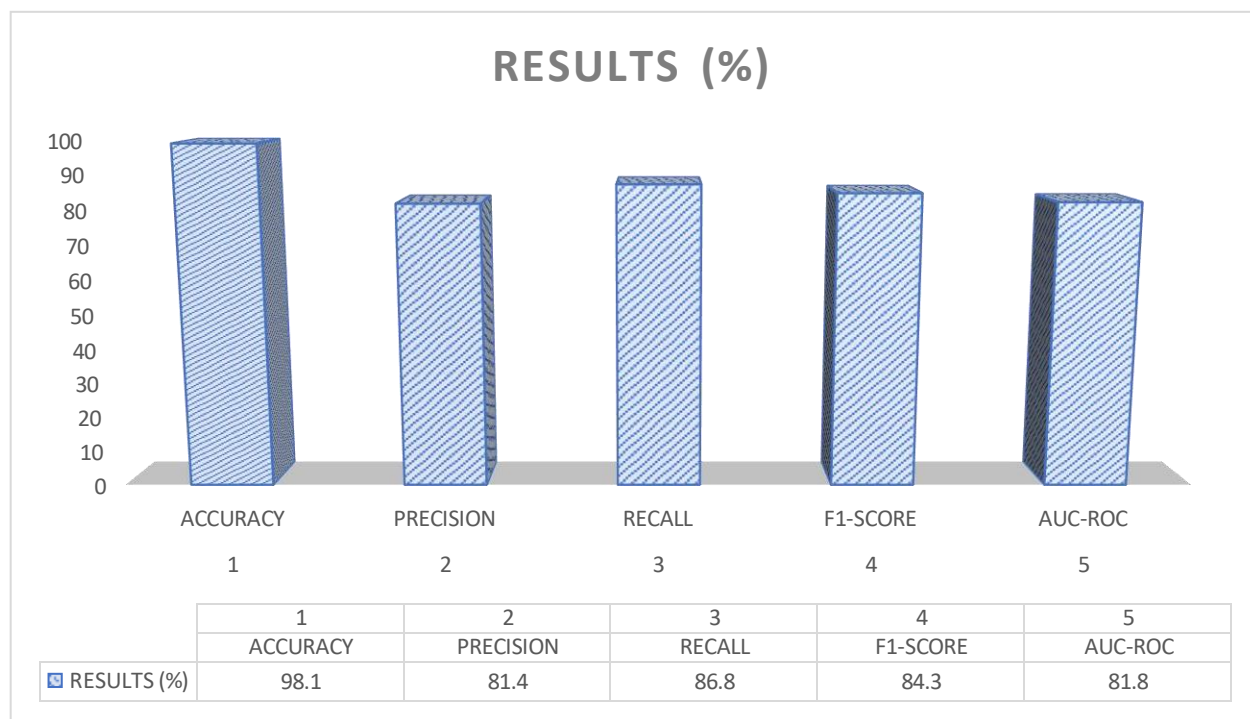


Table 3 Result of the Existing and New System

SN	EVALUATION METRICS	RESULTS (%)	
		EXISTING SYSTEM	NEW/ PROPOSED SYSTEM
	VALIDATION ACCURACY	99.3	99.61
1	ACCURACY	91.05	98.1
2	PRECISION		81.4
3	RECALL		86.8
4	F1-SCORE		84.3
5	AUC-ROC	91.0	81.8

Figure 4 Evaluation of Metrics of the Existing and New System

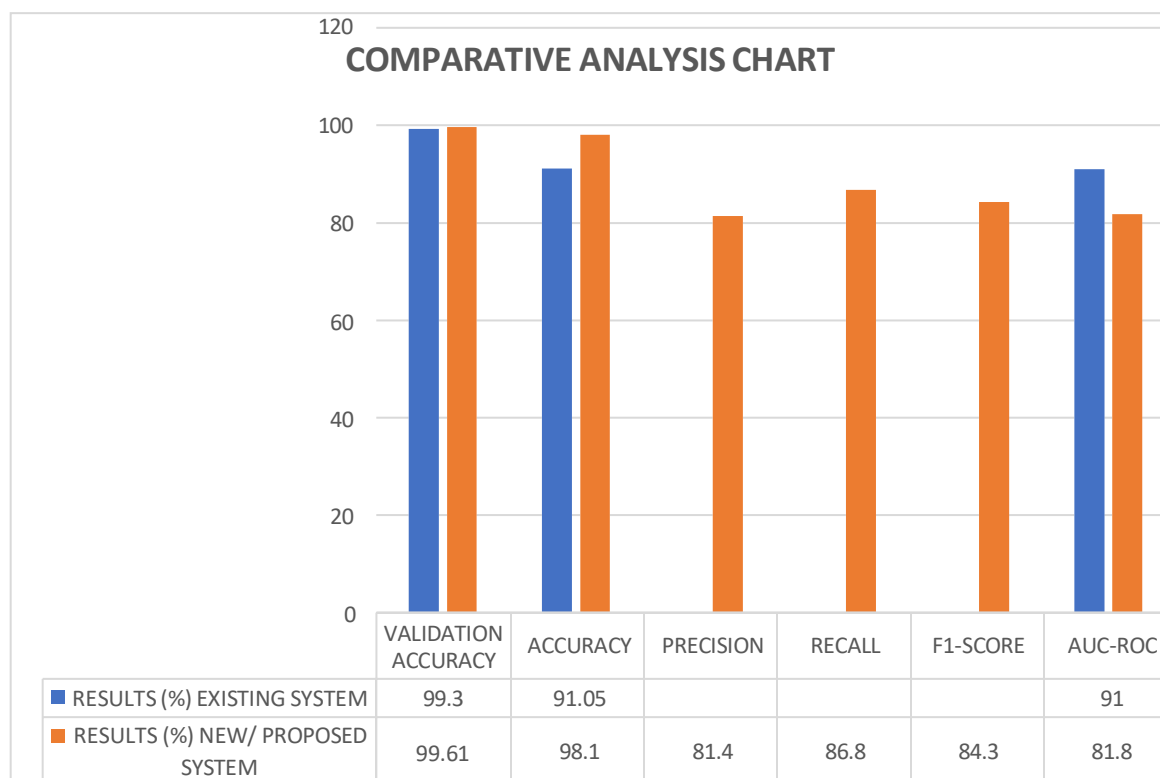
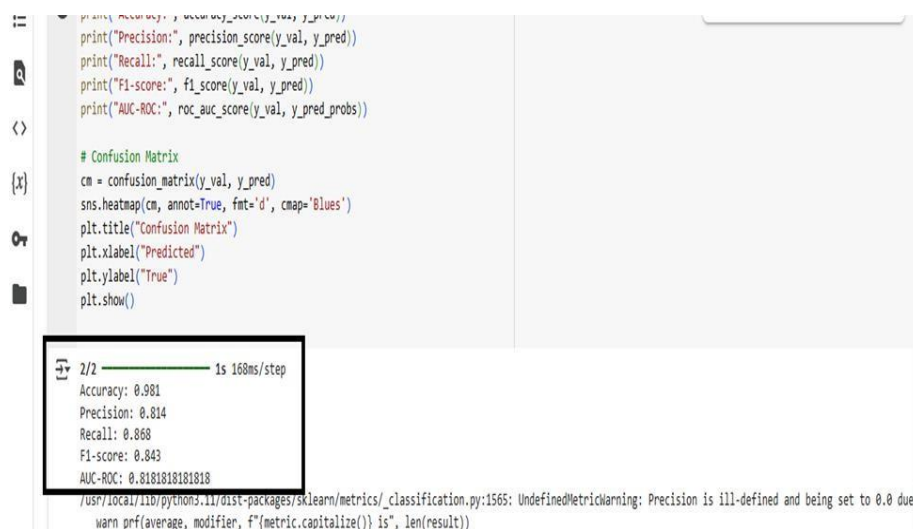


Figure 5 Model Predicted Results/ Output



CONCLUSION

The importance of a more effective deepfake detection and classification model is critical, as the use of deepfake media to create deceptive videos and audio continues to rise worldwide, leading to serious consequences. The advancement of deep learning has opened new avenues for developing improved and hybrid models aimed at reducing the potential damage caused by misleading deepfake content, especially online, which can distort information and foster discord among individuals, groups, and organizations, resulting in significant economic harm. The newly developed model has shown a lower incidence of falsehoods, successfully differentiating between authentic and fabricated content in video and audio streams.

This model achieved a detection and prediction accuracy of 0.981 (98.1%), precision of 0.814 (81.4%), recall of 0.868 (86.8%), F1-Score of 0.843 (84.3%), and an AUC-ROC of 0.818 (81.8%). These results represent a notable improvement compared to the existing system by El Gayer et al. (2024), which has validation accuracy at 99%, prediction accuracy of 91.5%, and an AUC-ROC of 91.0%, surpassing the previous system's validation and prediction accuracies by 0.31% and 7.05%. Additionally, this model demonstrated high predictive accuracy combined with low rates of false positives. This innovation could assist in identifying the erratic use of deepfake content by malicious internet users, helping to alleviate the negative impact of misinformation and related issues affecting individuals, groups, and organizations.

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