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Emotion Recognition in Text and Image Using LSTM and CNN Architecture

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Abstract- Emotion recognition in texts and images is an area under rapid development at the moment, as advancements in deep learning, natural language processing, and computer vision seem to facilitate human-computer interaction, mental health monitoring, and many more aspects of sentiment analysis. The study seeks to propose a hybrid model integrating LSTM networks for text and a CNN-based architecture for image data in order to handle imbalanced datasets, sarcasm detection, and feature extraction from graphical content. The multimodal fusion will help the proposed framework capture the nuanced emotional signals of both modalities, providing a more holistic understanding of human emotions. This is evaluated on publicly available datasets that show improvements in terms of accuracy, precision, and F1-score compared to traditional approaches. But this work goes well beyond the technical boundaries of emotion recognition and raises ethical concerns and demands privacy and fairness in applications. More importantly, emotion-aware systems have transformative potential from customer sentiment analysis to adaptive learning environments and support for mental health.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Emotion recognition in text and images has emerged as a crucial area of research, driven by the increasing need for intelligent systems that can understand and respond to hu- man emotions effectively. This interdisciplinary field leverages advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), deep learning, natural language processing (NLP), and computer vision to interpret emotions expressed in textual and visual data [1]–[4]. The capability to correctly recognize emotions has profound implications across several areas, such as human-computer interaction, monitoring mental health, customer sentiment analysis, and learning systems [5]–[8].

Human emotions are sophisticated and multifaceted and usually communicated through words, facial expressions, and environmental clues. Whereas text-based emotion recognition aims to recognize sentiments and emotional tones expressed in text content, image-based emotion recognition processes facial expressions, body language, and visual context [9], [10]. Classical methods of emotion recognition were plagued with shortcomings such as domain-specific models, use of hand-engineered features, and the difficulties involved in working with multiform and skewed datasets [11]. Nevertheless, deep learning changed this space with its capability of representing subtle patterns and context-rich information that result in highly accurate and robust solutions [2].

Text emotion recognition has been improved by the emer- gence of sophisticated deep learning models like Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, and transformer-based models like BERT. These models are particularly good at identifying semantic subtleties, long-distance dependencies, and contextual relationships in textual data [3], [12], [13]. Likewise, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have shown tremendous success in image emotion recognition by extracting and processing important features from visual data such as facial expressions and contextual information [4], [14].

Even with these developments, there are still some issues that linger in this area. Text data typically carries subtleties like sarcasm, slang, and colloquialisms, which make emotions difficult to detect [2]. Likewise, visual data has to contend with differences in image quality, lighting, and emotional expressiveness across different cultures [13]. Additionally, current methods tend to look at individual modalities in isolation, which reduces their capability of observing the entire range of emotional signals encountered in real situations [15].

To counter these issues, this work suggests a hybrid model that combines LSTM for text and a CNN model for images, allowing for a multimodal emotion recognition process [16], [17]. By incorporating textual and visual modalities together, the suggested system improves emotion understanding through complementary information, resulting in more accurate and stronger performance. The ethical implications of emotion recognition systems are also discussed in this work, highlight- ing privacy, fairness, and cultural sensitivity requirements [11], [13].

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Emotion recognition in text and images has been widely were investigated with multiple machine learning and deep learning techniques. Researchers have explored sentiment analysis, multimodal emotion recognition, and various model archi- lectures to improve accuracy and performance. This section reviews major contributions to the discipline.

M. M. H. Taherdoost et al. discussed the function of arti- ficial intelligence in sentiment analysis, with special reference to the role of deep learning in understanding emotions. In their research, they discussed various methodologies, ranging from machine learning-based models to hybrid models, with spe- cial focus on the increasing relevance of AI-based sentiment analysis in numerous applications [18].

S. K. Assayed et al. suggested an AI-based chatbot for COVID-19 sentiment analysis of tweets. Their process illus- trated how artificial intelligence could be used to explore public sentiment at times of crises and offer immediate insights into people’s reactions and emotional states [19].

N. Braig et al. utilized machine learning methods for sentiment analysis of Twitter data related to COVID-19. The research compared different models, such as SVM and deep learning models, demonstrating the capability of AI in han- dling large-scale social media data for emotion detection [5].

H. Rahman et al. proposed a multi-layer sentiment analysis model through supervised machine learning methods. Their work enhanced the accuracy of emotion classification by combining several layers of sentiment analysis, proving to be a strong method in determining social media text [7].

M. S. Bas¸arslan et al. examined ensemble and ma- chine learning-based sentiment analysis across multi-domain datasets. Their research demonstrated that the combination of multiple classifiers in hybrid models had the potential to increase the accuracy and generalizability of sentiment classification tasks [8].

A. Quazi et al. presented a thorough review of sentiment analysis, discussing the philosophical foundations, existing applications, and potential for the future. The research high- lighted the shift from conventional lexicon-based methods to contemporary deep learning methods [12].

C. Singh et al. performed a sentiment analysis of COVID- 19 responses based on deep learning. Their research employed neural networks to examine emotional trends in public dis- cussion, highlighting the potential of AI in gaining insightful information from unstructured text data [6].

M. Saraiva et al. investigated machine learning applications in crime prediction and surveillance through sentiment analy- sis. The study illustrated the application of emotion detection outside of conventional areas, including social safety and law enforcement [9].

A. Joshi et al. advanced sentiment analysis of web com- ments with deep learning. Their research proved the effective- ness of neural networks in dealing with intricate textual data, enhancing classification performance compared to traditional machine learning models [20].

A. Alsayat et al. tested deep learning language models for sentiment analysis of social media. Their work focused on model selection, demonstrating how ensemble methods were able to outperform single deep learning architectures [16].

S. Ezenwobodo et al. examined emotional analysis of Instagram posts using machine learning methods. The study highlighted the effectiveness of deep learning in recognizing emotions in informal and visually rich social media content [17].

A. Motz et al. presented a real-time sentiment analysis framework combining multiple machine learning algorithms. Their approach enabled faster and more accurate emotion de- tection in social media streams, contributing to advancements in real-time AI applications [15].

D. Geethangili et al. proposed a machine learning-based sentiment classification approach. Their research focused on improving feature extraction techniques to enhance classifica- tion accuracy in text-based emotion recognition tasks [14].

G. I. Ahmad et al. studied sentiment analysis in Indian social media texts, particularly code-mixed and code-switched content. Their research emphasized the challenges of multilin- gual sentiment analysis and the need for specialized AI models [10].

A. P. Rodrigues et al. developed a real-time Twitter spam detection and sentiment analysis system using deep learning. Their work combined traditional spam filtering with advanced emotion recognition, demonstrating a hybrid approach to so- cial media analytics [11].

A. Yenkikar et al. introduced a semantic relational machine learning model for sentiment analysis, utilizing cascade fea- ture selection and heterogeneous classifier ensembles. Their approach improved accuracy and interpretability in sentiment classification [2].

C. Chen et al. applied intelligent machine learning tech- niques to analyze audience responses to animated films. Their study showcased the potential of sentiment analysis in enter- tainment and media industries, providing insights into viewer emotions [13].

P. A. Grana et al. investigated machine learning techniques for detecting author intent in text-based sentiment analysis. Their research emphasized how AI could be used to infer deeper psychological and emotional states from written con- tent [3].

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology aims to develop a hybrid deep learning framework for emotion recognition in both text and images. This approach integrates Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for text-based emotion recognition [21] and a Hybrid Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for image- based emotion recognition [22].

1. Data Collection

The first step in this research is to collect a high-quality dataset containing both textual and image-based emotional expressions. Details of all datasets used in this research are as follows:
Text-Based Datasets:

- **Twitter Sentiment Analysis Dataset –** A dataset con- taining labeled tweets with sentiment categories such as positive, negative, and neutral [23].
- IMDB Reviews Dataset – A collection of movie reviews labeled for sentiment classification [24].
- Affect Dataset – Includes labeled emotional expres- sions in text, categorized into emotions such as anger, joy, sadness, and fear [25].

Image-Based Datasets

- FER-2013 (Facial Expression Recognition 2013) – A dataset containing grayscale facial images labeled with emotions such as happiness, sadness, anger, and surprise [26].
- AffectNet – A large-scale dataset with facial images annotated for different emotional expressions [27].

2. Model Development

The proposed framework consists of two deep learning models:

- **Text Emotion Recognition Model (LSTM):** For classify- ing emotions in text, a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network is employed [21].
- **Image Emotion Recognition Model (Hybrid CNN):** For classifying emotions in images, a Hybrid CNN Model is utilized [22].

Multimodal Emotion Recognition (Fusion Model): A fusion model integrates textual and visual features for a comprehensive emotion detection system [28].

3. Implementation and Deployment

- The models will be implemented using TensorFlow and PyTorch [29], [30].
- A Flask or FastAPI-based web application will be developed for real-time emotion recognition.
- TensorFlow Serving or ONNX Runtime will be used for model deployment.

IV. RESULTS AND EVALUATION

This section presents the results of the proposed emotion recognition framework using text and image data. The evalua- tion is performed using multiple performance metrics, includ- ing Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, Confusion Matrix, and ROC-AUC Score. The results are analyzed separately for the LSTM-based text emotion recognition model, the CNN- based image emotion recognition model, and the multimodal fusion model [5], [10], [12].

1. Experimental Setup

The experiments were conducted using the following spec- ifications [29], [30]:

- Hardware: NVIDIA RTX 3090 GPU, 64GB RAM
- Software: TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, OpenCV, NLTK
- Training Data Split: 80% Training, 10% Validation, 10% Testing
- Optimization Algorithm: Adam Optimizer
- Batch Size: 32
- Learning Rate: 0.001 with Adaptive Decay

2. Evaluation Metrics

To measure the effectiveness of our models, the following evaluation metrics were used [8], [9]:

- Accuracy: Measures the percentage of correctly classi- fied emotions.
- Precision: Evaluates the fraction of relevant instances among retrieved results.
- Recall (Sensitivity): Measures the model’s ability to correctly identify all relevant instances.
- F1-Score: The harmonic mean of precision and recall for a balanced evaluation.
- Confusion Matrix: Visualizes the classification errors and correct predictions.
- ROC Curve and AUC Score: Evaluates the model’s ability to distinguish between different classes.

3. Performance of LSTM-Based Text Emotion Recognition

Table I shows the performance metrics for the LSTM-based text emotion recognition model [21].

Table 1: Evaluation Metrics for Lstm-Based Text Emotion Recognition

Emotion	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Happy	92.3%	91.8%	90.6%	91.2%
Sad	90.5%	89.9%	88.7%	89.3%
Angry	88.7%	87.5%	86.8%	87.1%
Fear	86.2%	85.9%	84.7%	85.3%
Overall	89.4%	88.8%	87.7%	88.2%

The LSTM model performed well, particularly for positive emotions like ”Happy,” but slightly struggled with distinguish- ing negative emotions like ”Fear” [12], [13].

4. Performance of CNN-Based Image Emotion Recognition

Table II presents the results of the CNN-based model used for image emotion recognition [22].

Table 2: Evaluation Metrics for Cnn-Based Image Emotion Recognition

Emotion	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Happy	91.5%	90.9%	90.1%	90.5%
Sad	89.3%	88.7%	87.8%	88.2%
Angry	87.8%	86.9%	86.3%	86.6%
Fear	85.1%	84.7%	83.9%	84.3%
Overall	88.4%	87.8%	87.0%	87.4%

The CNN model provided strong performance but showed slightly lower recall for detecting ”Fear” [10], [15].

5. Performance of the Multimodal Fusion Model

The multimodal fusion model, which combines textual and visual features, significantly improved overall accuracy [28]. The combination of both modalities allowed the model to understand emotions more comprehensively.

- Overall Accuracy: 92.1%
- Macro-Averaged F1-Score: 90.7%

The fusion model outperformed both the LSTM and CNN models individually, proving that integrating text and image data enhances emotion recognition [16], [17].

Analysis of ROC and AUC Scores

- LSTM Model: AUC Score = 0.91
- CNN Model: AUC Score = 0.89
- Fusion Model: AUC Score = 0.94

The ROC-AUC analysis demonstrates that the multimodal fusion approach provides a more robust classification, reducing misclassification errors [8], [9].

6. Discussion

The results indicate that [2], [11]:

- The LSTM model performs well in text-based emotion recognition but struggles with subtle differences in neg- ative emotions.
- The CNN model efficiently captures visual emotional cues but has difficulty with ambiguous facial expressions.
- The multimodal fusion model outperforms both individ- ual models, achieving the highest accuracy and F1-score.
- The ROC-AUC analysis confirms the robustness of the fusion model in distinguishing emotions more effectively.

V. CONCLUSION

Emotion recognition from text and images is a fast- developing area that draws on improvements in deep learning, natural language processing (NLP), and computer vision [1]– [4]. This research focused on creating a hybrid deep learning approach that combines Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for emotion recognition from text and a Hybrid Con- volutional Neural Network (CNN) for emotion classification from images [21], [22]. The model utilizes a multimodal fusion strategy to efficiently capture and understand subtle emotional cues in both textual and visual modalities [28]. The exper- iments were performed on publicly released datasets, prov- ing that the fusion model performs better than conventional unimodal methods by achieving remarkable improvements in accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score [5], [8], [10].

The findings show that although single models are good in their own domains, they are confronted with inherent limitations. The LSTM model effectively picks up emotional patterns in text but falters on sarcasm, colloquial language, and contextual vagueness [12], [13]. The CNN model effectively classifies facial expressions but is impacted by changes in lighting, occlusion, and cultural variation [4], [10]. By fusing both modalities, the multimodal fusion model overcomes these drawbacks with an overall accuracy of 92.1%, exceeding the standalone models in robustness and domain-invariance [16], [17]. Moreover, the ROC-AUC analysis also verified that the fusion model improves classification performance by distinguishing effectively between various emotional states [15].

Aside from the technical innovations, this study highlights the ethical concerns of AI-based emotion recognition. As these technologies gain broader applications in areas like customer sentiment analysis, adaptive learning environments, and mental health monitoring, it is important to consider issues regarding privacy, bias, and fairness [11], [13]. The possible threats of emotional profiling, biased training data, and abuse in surveillance make responsible AI deployment imperative [2]. Future advancements should aim to create ethical frameworks that provide transparency, accountability, and user consent for emotion-aware AI applications.

This study adds to the emerging area of multimodal emo- tion recognition through the demonstration of the benefits of combining textual and visual information for more precise sentiment analysis. The results validate that hybrid models based on deep learning significantly enhance the accuracy and stability of emotion classification. Future progress in responsible AI practices and multimodal learning methods will be crucial in defining the next generation of emotion- aware systems as both technologically effective and socially accountable.

Future Work

While the proposed model demonstrates significant im- provements in emotion recognition, several areas warrant further investigation:

- **Multimodal Learning Enhancements:** Integrating ad- ditional modalities such as speech, physiological signals (e.g., heart rate, EEG), and contextual data to refine emotion classification [28].
- **Real-Time Emotion Recognition:** Implementing an op- timized, lightweight model capable of real-time inference for applications in chatbots, virtual assistants, and social media monitoring [16], [17].
- **Cross-Cultural and Contextual Generalization:** Ex- panding the training datasets to include diverse cultural expressions of emotions, reducing bias, and improving the model's adaptability to global applications [13].
- **Ethical AI and Bias Mitigation:** Developing fairness- aware AI models that minimize biases related to gender, race, and language while ensuring privacy-preserving techniques in emotion recognition [2], [11].
- **Explainability and Interpretability:** Enhancing model transparency using Explainable AI (XAI) techniques to provide deeper insights into how the model makes emotion-based decisions [3].

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