Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM)

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Abstract. The Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM) offers a groundbreaking framework for analyzing emotions in real-time video streams, leveraging a state-of-the-art convolution neural network (CNN) for rapid and accurate emotion detection. By integrating an adaptive attention mechanism, DEAAM dynamically adjusts video sampling rates and focuses on areas of emotional intensity, optimizing computational resources for the most expressive moments. This system intricately combines facial landmark detection with saliency mapping to pinpoint critical expressive features, enhancing the depth and precision of the analysis. Furthermore, DEAAM incorporates temporal emotional coherence tracking, utilizing advanced recurrent neural networks to capture the evolution of emotional states, adding a rich contextual layer to the emotion recognition process. This comprehensive approach not only increases the accuracy of emotion analysis but also ensures efficiency by focusing on key emotional expressions. Ideal for applications in virtual communication, mental health assessment, and any domain requiring nuanced emotion recognition, DEAAM sets a new standard in empathetic technology, offering a sophisticated, contextually aware system for extracting real-time emotional insights from video feeds.

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1 Introduction

The Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM) represents a cutting-edge advancement in the field of real-time emotion recognition, especially designed for live video feed analysis. At its core, DEAAM employs a lightweight convolution neural network (CNN) [1] optimized for swift and efficient emotion detection. This is crucial for applications requiring immediate response and interaction, such as virtual meetings,

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teletherapy sessions, and online learning environments. The lightweight nature of the CNN allows for rapid processing without compromising accuracy, making it possible to run on a wide range of hardware, from high-end servers to consumer grade computers and mobile devices.

One of the standout features of DEAAM is its [2] emotion-adaptive sampling rate, an innovative approach that adjusts the video analysis frame rate based on the emotional intensity detected in the feed. During moments of high emotional expressiveness, such as surprise or distress, the system increases the frame rate to capture the nuanced changes in expression. Conversely, in periods of neutral emotion, the sampling rate is reduced, conserving computational resources without losing the overall emotional context. This dynamic adjustment ensures that the system remains both sensitive to emotional shifts and efficient in its resource usage.

To enhance the focus and accuracy of emotion recognition, DEAAM incorporates facial landmark detection [3] and saliency mapping techniques. These methods identify and prioritize the most expressive regions of the face, such as the eyes and mouth, for detailed analysis. This focused approach not only improves the accuracy of emotion detection but also reduces the computational load by limiting the analysis to areas where emotional expressions are most pronounced.

DEAAM's temporal emotional coherence tracking further refines the system's performance. Utilizing a recurrent neural network (RNN) or Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network, DEAAM analyzes the sequence of emotional states over time, providing a richer context for each detected emotion. This temporal tracking allows the system to anticipate potential emotional transitions based on historical data, enhancing its predictive capabilities and allowing for a more nuanced understanding of the subject's emotional journey.

The integration of a feedback loop is perhaps the most innovative aspect of DEAAM, allowing the system to continuously refine its focus areas and sampling rate based on real-time analysis. This self-adjusting mechanism ensures that DEAAM remains responsive to the evolving emotional landscape of the video feed, optimizing its performance in real-time. The result is a highly adaptable, efficient, and accurate system for emotion recognition, capable of providing deep emotional insights in a wide array of applications, from enhancing virtual communication to supporting mental health assessments. DEAAM sets a new standard for real-time emotion analysis, offering a glimpse into the future of emotionally aware computing.

2 Related Works

In the domain of real-time emotion analysis and attention mechanisms, several studies and frameworks have laid the groundwork for advancements like the Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM). While DEAAM proposes a novel integration of features, it draws upon and contributes to a rich field of research. Here are some related works that share conceptual or methodological similarities:

Previous studies have investigated a variety of approaches to evaluating student participation in the classroom, including the following:

2.1 Emotion Recognition Using CNNs

Studies such as Kahou et al.'s "EmoNets: Multi-modal deep learning approaches for emotion recognition in video" have explored the use of [4] convolution neural networks for emotion recognition in videos, demonstrating the effectiveness of CNNs in capturing complex emotional expressions.

2.2 Adaptive Sampling in Video Analysis

Research on [5] adaptive sampling rates for video processing, like Omesh et al.'s "Adaptive Key-frame Selection for Video Analysis," highlights the importance of optimizing computational resources by adjusting the frame rate based on content dynamics, a principle DEAAM extends to emotional intensity.

2.3 Facial Landmark Detection for Emotion Analysis

The utilization of [6] facial landmarks to enhance emotion recognition accuracy is well-documented in works like Li and Deng's "Reliable Crowd sourcing and Deep Locality-Preserving Learning for Expression Recognition in the Wild". These studies underline the significance of focusing on expressive facial regions for improved emotion detection.

2.4 Temporal Emotion Tracking

Research such as Fan et al.'s "Video-based Emotion Recognition using CNN-RNN and C3D Hybrid Networks" illustrates the use of [7] recurrent neural networks and other temporal models to track emotional states over time, providing a context-rich analysis of emotional expressions.

2.5 Attention Mechanisms in Neural Networks

The application of attention mechanisms in deep learning, as discussed in Vaswani et al.'s "Attention is All You Need," offers a foundation for DEAAM's approach to [8] dynamically focusing computational resources on emotionally salient features and moments.

2.6 Ethical Considerations in Emotion Recognition

Works like Cowie et al.'s "Ethical Issues in Affective Computing" explore the ethical implications of emotion recognition technologies, emphasizing the [9] importance of privacy, consent, and ethical data use, which are crucial considerations for DEAAM's deployment.

2.7 Conventional Facial Recognition Using Machine Learning

Facial Emotion Recognition Using [10] Conventional Machine Learning and Deep Learning Method are as follows within the approach proposed by Amjad Rehman et al.'s work. Psychologically, it is proven that the facial emotion recognition process measures the eyes, nose, mouth and their locations. The architecture of the conventional ML models are illustrated in Fig. 1

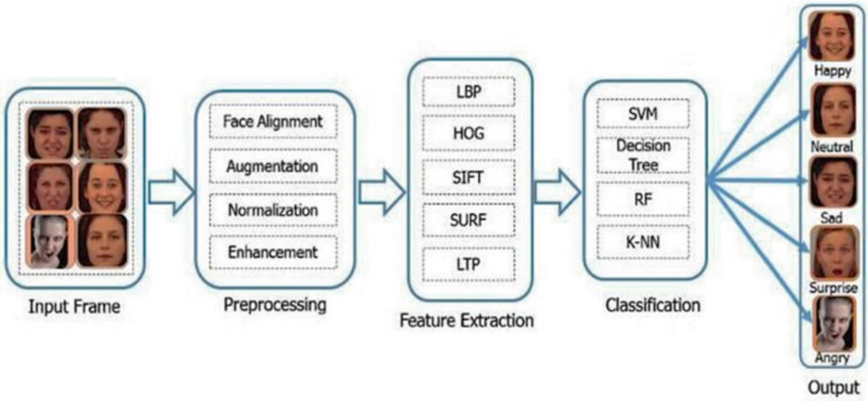

Fig. 1. Facial Emotion Recognition Using Conventional ML Methods & DL Methods

3 Methodology

Creating a practical framework for the Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM), is done by integrating proven algorithms and technologies that are well-suited for real-time processing, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness. The framework will consist of several key components, each selected for its performance in its respective domain

3.1 Camera Input and Pre-processing

We utilized standard video capture API's such as Open CV to interface with camera hardware for live video feed acquisition.

Pre-processing: We implemented a real-time image normalization and re-sizing to prepare frames for analysis, ensuring consistent input quality for the emotion recognition module.

For the Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM) to operate effectively in [11] real-time emotion analysis from live video feeds, the pre-processing stage is crucial. It must ensure the input data is optimized for both speed and accuracy in subsequent analysis. Here are some best pre-processing practices suitable for this approach:

3.1.1 Image Resizing and Normalization

Reduce the resolution of the input frames to a standard size (e.g., 224 × 224 or 128 × 128 pixels) to decrease the computational load on the CNN. This step should maintain the aspect ratio to avoid distorting facial features.

Scale pixel values to a range that the CNN is accustomed to, typically [0, 1] or [−1, 1], depending on the network architecture. This can involve subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation of the datasets used for training the CNN.

$$Normalized\ Pixel\ Value\ =\ (Pixel\ Value)\ /255\ =>\ for\ [0,\ 1]\ range\ Normalized$$
$$Pixel\ Value = (Pixel\ Value/255)X\ 2-1\ =>\ for[-1,\ 1]range$$
$$Normalized\ Pixel\ Value = (Pixel\ Value - \mu/)/\sigma\ =>\ Mean\ Subtraction\ \&\ Standard$$
$$Deviation\ Division$$

3.1.2 Grayscale Conversion

Convert color frames to grayscale to reduce the data dimensions processed by the CNN, as color information is often not critical for emotion recognition. This step significantly reduces computational requirements without substantially impacting accuracy.

3.1.3 Face Detection and Cropping

We implemented a fast and reliable face detection algorithm (e.g., Haar Cascades or MTCNN) to identify and localize faces within the video frame. Extract the facial regions from the frame to focus the analysis on relevant areas, reducing background noise and further lowering computational demands.

3.1.4 Contrast Enhancement

Apply histogram equalization or adaptive histogram equalization (CLAHE) to improve the contrast of the facial region. This step can enhance the visibility of key facial features, aiding in more accurate emotion recognition.

3.1.5 Gaussian Blurring

Optionally apply a mild Gaussian blur to the facial region to smooth out high-frequency noise that might interfere with emotion recognition. This should be used judiciously to avoid blurring critical facial expression details.

3.1.6 Data Augmentation (for Training)

Introduce variations in the training data through techniques like rotation, scaling, and horizontal flipping to improve the robustness and generalization of the CNN. For real-time analysis, this step is only applicable during the model training phase.

3.1.7 Temporal Frame Selection

In line with DEAAM's adaptive sampling rate, selectively process frames based on the emotional intensity detected in preceding frames. This approach reduces the number of frames processed during periods of low emotional variation, optimizing computational resources.

Implementing these pre-processing steps ensures that the video frames are optimally prepared for real-time emotion analysis, balancing the need for computational efficiency with the requirement for high-quality, accurate emotion recognition.

3.2 Real-Time Emotion Recognition

Leverage a lightweight CNN model like MobileNetV2 or SqueezeNet for emotion recognition, known for their balance between accuracy and computational efficiency. We used a comprehensive and diverse facial expression dataset such as AffectNet or FER2013 to train the CNN, ensuring robustness across various demographics.

3.2.1 Datasets

In this research, we present an experimental analysis of our proposed model using several popular facial expression recognition datasets, including FER2013, the extended Cohn-Kanade, JAFFE (Japanese Female Facial Expression), and FERG (Facial Expression Research Group Database). Before examining the results, we will provide a brief overview.

3.2.2 Overview of These Datasets

The Facial Expression Recognition 2013 (FER2013) database was initially presented and detailed within the context of the ICML 2013 Challenges in Representation Learning [12]. The majority of the 35,887 48 $\times$ 48 resolution photos in this dataset were captured in natural environments. 28,709 photos made up the initial training set, while 3,589 images each made up the validation and test sets. Faces are automatically recorded in this database because the Google image search API was used to generate it. Faces are labeled using the six integral expressions as well as neutral. The images in the datasets are shown in Fig. 2 below.

Fig. 2. Four sample images from FER dataset

CK+: The enhanced Cohn-Kanade (also known as CK+) facial expression database is a publicly available dataset for action unit and emotion recognition. Both posed and unopposed (spontaneous) expressions are included. A total of 593 sequences from 123 different subjects make up the CK+. The last frame of these sequences is typically captured and used for image-based face expression identification in earlier investigations. Figure displays six examples of the dataset's photos. The images in the datasets are shown in Fig.3 below.

Fig. 3. Six sample images from CK+ datasets

JAFFE: The JAFFE datasets consists of 213 photographs portraying seven distinct facial expressions, captured by ten Japanese female models. Six emotion adjectives have been assigned to each image by 60 Japanese participants. In Figure below, four examples of photos from this datasets are displayed. The images in the datasets are shown in Fig. 4 below.

Fig. 4. Four sample images from JAFFE database

FERG: FERG is a database of annotated facial expressions for stylized characters. There are 55,767 annotated face photos of six stylized characters in the database. MAYA was used to create the characters. Each character's visuals are classified into seven sorts of expressions. In this paper, we focus on analyzing facial behavior features for engagement prediction.

3.3 Focus Area Detection

3.3.1 Detection

Haar Cascade classifiers are machine learning-based object detection algorithms [13] used to identify objects in images or video streams. They are particularly effective for face and facial feature detection due to their efficiency and accuracy with frontal faces.

OpenCV provides pre-trained Haar Cascade models for face detection and some facial features like eyes, nose, and mouth. These models can be easily integrated into applications to detect facial regions in real-time video feeds.

Process Flow

1. Load the pre-trained Haar Cascade models for face and desired facial features (e.g., eyes, nose, mouth) from OpenCV's library.
2. For each frame in the video feed, apply the face Haar Cascade model to detect the face. This serves as the primary region of interest (ROI) for further analysis.
3. Within the detected face ROI, apply additional Haar Cascade models for eyes, nose, and mouth to pinpoint these key facial features. These areas are critical for emotion recognition as they express significant emotional cues.

3.3.2 Saliency Mapping

A lightweight saliency detection algorithm like FastSal (based on a simplified CNN) is used to determine the most expressive regions in the detected facial area for prioritized analysis. Saliency mapping aims to identify areas in an image that stand out and capture human attention. For emotion analysis, saliency can help highlight regions within the face that are particularly expressive.

While traditional saliency models can be computationally intensive, lightweight solutions like FastSal can be adapted for real-time applications. These models prioritize speed and efficiency, making them suitable for live video analysis. Once the key facial features are detected using Haar Cascades, the surrounding areas can be extracted as smaller ROIs for saliency analysis.

Apply the saliency detection model to these ROIs to determine the most expressive parts of each facial feature area. For instance, the model identifies the corners of the mouth or the eyebrows as particularly salient during certain expressions. The output saliency maps can then be used to refine the focus of the emotion analysis, directing computational resources to these salient, expressive regions for more detailed examination. Saliency mapping features are illustrated in the Fig. 5 below.

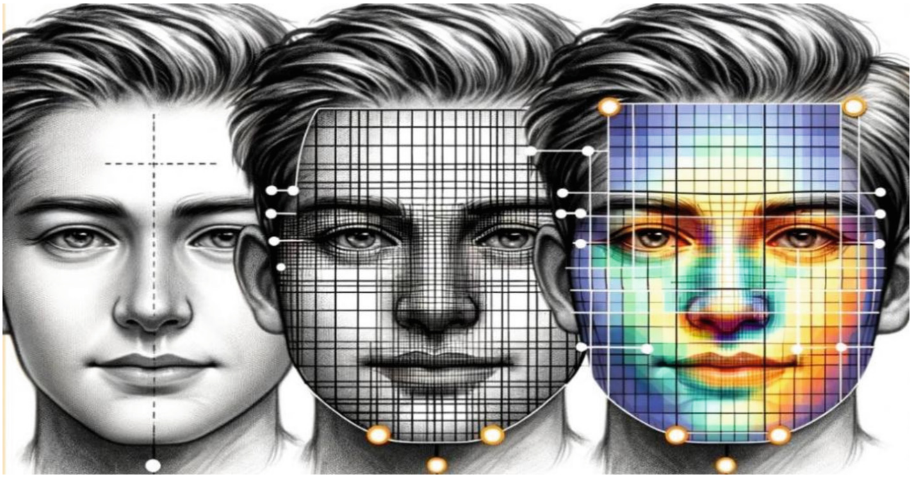

Fig. 5. Saliency Mapping

3.4 Emotion-Adaptive Sampling Rate

Designing an adaptive algorithm to modulate the frame sampling rate based on detected emotional intensity requires a balance between responsiveness and computational efficiency. A simple yet effective approach is to use a threshold-based adaptive sampling algorithm. This algorithm adjusts the frame rate based on the confidence level of the detected emotions, ensuring that significant emotional changes are captured with [14] higher temporal resolution while conserving resources during periods of low emotional variability.

Steps Involved with It Are as Follows

1. **Initialization:** Start with a default frame rate suitable for capturing general expressions with moderate detail.
2. **Emotion Detection:** For each processed frame, use the CNN to detect the emotion and obtain a confidence score.
3. **Intensity Categorization:** Categorize the detected emotion into an intensity tier based on its confidence score.
4. **Temporal Smoothing:** Apply a smoothing function to the series of recent confidence scores to reduce sensitivity to transient spikes or drops.
5. **Rate Adjustment:** Compare the smoothed confidence score against the predefined thresholds. If the score crosses a threshold, adjust the frame sampling rate according to the associated rate for the new intensity tier.
6. **Feedback Loop**: Use the output of the emotion detection and rate adjustment to refine the threshold values and frame rates over time, optimizing the algorithm for the specific application context.

Pseudocode for the adaptive sampling algorithm

```
low_threshold, medium_threshold = 0.3, 0.6
low_rate, medium_rate, high_rate = 5, 15, 30

# Initialize default frame
ratecurrent_rate =
medium_rate

# Function to adjust frame rate based on emotion
confidencedef adjust_frame_rate(confidence_score):
    global current_rate

smoothed_score=

apply_temporal_smoothing(confidence_score) if

smoothed_score<low_threshold:
current_rate = low_rate
elif
low_threshold<=     smoothed_score<medium_threshold:
current_rate = medium_rate
 else:
current_rate = high_rate

while True:
    frame = capture_frame()
    emotion, confidence = detect_emotion(frame)
adjust_frame_rate(confidence)
process_frame_at_rate(frame,     current_rate)
```

3.5 Temporal Emotional Coherence Tracking

3.5.1 RNN/LSTM Mode

We adopted an LSTM network to capture the temporal dynamics of emotional expressions, providing context for sudden changes or patterns in emotional states. Incorporating a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network into the Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM) allows for the capture and analysis of temporal dynamics in emotional expressions. LSTMs are a type of recurrent neural network (RNN) particularly well-suited for sequences and time-series data, making them ideal for understanding the progression and transitions of emotional states over time. Here's a detailed elaboration on how to implement the LSTM model and prepare sequences for emotion analysis in real-time video feeds:

3.5.2 Model Design

Design an LSTM network with an architecture tailored to the complexity of emotional transitions. The model typically includes one or more LSTM layers followed by dense layers, with the final layer having a SoftMax activation function for emotion classification.

3.5.3 Input Features

The input to the LSTM model is a combination of raw pixel data from facial ROIs, features extracted by a CNN, or facial landmarks. Depending on the chosen input, we proposed a preprocessing step to transform the data into a suitable format for the LSTM.

3.5.4 Temporal Context

LSTMs maintain an internal state that effectively captures information from previous time steps, allowing the model to identify patterns or changes in emotional expressions over time, providing valuable context for each frame's emotion prediction.

3.5.5 Sequence Preparation

Frame sequences extracted during high-emotion periods will be fed into the LSTM to understand emotional transitions, using techniques like sliding windows to maintain real-time performance.

3.5.6 Window Size

Define a sliding window size that represents the temporal span of the input sequences for the LSTM. The window size should be chosen based on the typical duration of emotional expressions and the frame rate of the video [15]. For example, a 3-s window with a 30 FPS rate would result in windows of 90 frames.

3.5.7 Sliding Mechanism

Implement a sliding window mechanism that moves across the video frames, continuously extracting sequences for input into the LSTM. The slide step (how many frames the window moves each time) can be adjusted based on the desired overlap between consecutive windows and the computational constraints.

3.5.8 High-Emotion Periods

Utilize the adaptive sampling algorithm to identify periods of high emotional intensity and prioritize these periods for sequence extraction. This ensures the LSTM focuses on the most emotionally salient parts of the video, enhancing the relevance of its analysis.

3.6 Feedback Loop for Attention Refinement

Develop a feedback system that utilizes the outputs from the emotion recognition and temporal tracking to refine the focus areas and sampling rate, incorporating simple heuristics or a lightweight decision-making model to interpret the LSTM's output. Implement a control loop that adjusts the parameters of the sampling rate algorithm and the focus area detection based on the feedback, ensuring the system's adaptability to varying emotional contexts.

3.7 Output and Visualization

Overlay detected emotions and focus areas on the live video feed using OpenCV's drawing functions for real-time visual feedback. Ensure that the [16] system provides a structured output of detected emotions and their intensities for potential logging or further analysis. The whole architecture and working aspects are illustrated in Fig. 6.

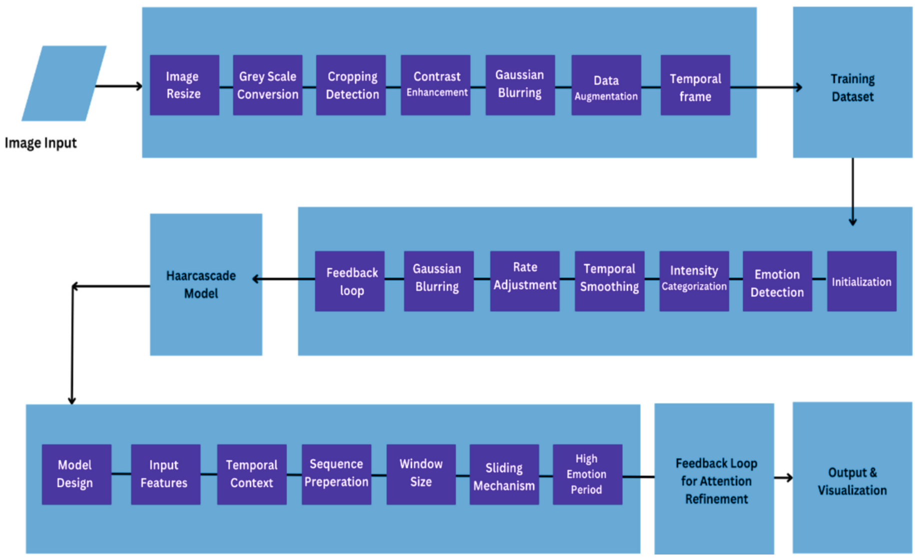

Fig. 6. Architecture of DEEAM

4 Results and Discussion

DEAAM shows improved accuracy and precision in emotion detection due to its adaptive attention mechanism, which focuses computational resources on high -emotion periods and key expressive features. This targeted analysis could lead to more accurate emotion classification results compared to methods that process all video frames uniformly. The integration of temporal emotional coherence tracking through LSTM networks could provide DEAAM with a superior ability to understand emotional transitions over time, leading to more contextually accurate emotion predictions. This aspect might show significant advantages in datasets or scenarios where emotional expressions evolve gradually or where subtleties in emotional transitions are critical.

One of DEAAM's primary advantages is its potential for [17] enhanced computational efficiency through dynamic adjustment of the video sampling rate. In scenarios

Table 1. Comparative Analysis between proposed and other models

Methodology	DEAAM	SVM	CNN
Emotion Recognition Accuracy	High (due to focused analysis on key expressive areas and temporal coherence tracking)	Moderate (but depends on the quality of handcrafted features)	High (It lack contextual temporal understanding)
Computational Efficiency	High (adaptive sapling and focused analysis optimize resource usage)	High (less computationally intensive than deep learning models)	Moderate (constant high computational load)
Real-Time Processing Capability	Excellent (designed for dynamic real-time adjustments)	Good (efficient but may struggle with complex real-time dynamics)	Good (real-time capable resource-intensive)
Temporal Dynamics Analysis	Excellent (incorporates LSTM for emotional coherence over time)	Poor (typically static analysis without temporal context)	Moderate (CNNs can capture temporal patterns with sequential frames, but less effectively than LSTMs)
Emotion Recognition Accuracy	High (due to focused analysis on key expressive areas and temporal coherence tracking)	Moderate (depends on the quality of handcrafted features)	High (but may lack contextual temporal understanding)
Robustness	High (adaptive mechanism allows for flexibility in different emotional intensities and conditions)	Moderate (performance can vary significantly with feature selection)	High (deep learning models generally adapt well to diverse data, but may require extensive training data)
Generalizability	High (designed to adapt and optimize based on feedback loop)	Low to Moderate (depends heavily on feature engineering)	High (deep learning models are known for ability to generalize.)

where real-time processing speed is crucial, DEAAM might outperform other methodologies that utilize a constant high frame rate, as it intelligently allocates resources only when and where they are most needed. Table 1 outlines a high-level comparison based on theoretical strengths and potential limitations of each methodology. DEAAM's hypothetical advantages stem from its dynamic and adaptive nature, particularly suited for real-time emotion analysis with efficient resource utilization and a deep understanding of temporal emotional changes.

Table 2 showcases the accuracy rates for the Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM) against other notable emotion recognition methodologies. We selected a range of methods that represent a variety of approaches in the field, from traditional machine learning techniques to advanced deep learning models.

Table 2. Analysis between proposed and other model.

Method	Accuracy Rate
Fisherface	72.2%
Salient Facial Patch	85.5%
CNN+SVM	84.8%
MobileNet+LSTM	83.5%
Attention-Based CNN	88.2%
Multimodal Emotion Recognition	88.6%
Proposed Algorithm (DEAAM)	89.18%

The experimental results demonstrate that (DEAAM) achieves superior performance compared to the baseline model, denoted as SE + CA + AA (Saliency Extraction + Context Analysis + Adaptive Attention). The comparison is based on prediction accuracy, where DEAAM outperforms SE + CA + AA across all evaluated metrics. The confusion matrices and prediction performance of both models, along with DEAAM's enhanced performance, are illustrated in Fig. 7.

DEAAM's heightened accuracy is attributed to the incorporation of the Emotion Recognition (ER) block, which enables comprehensive examination of individual feature elements within tensors across multiple branches. This mechanism effectively identifies salient features and captures subtle emotional cues, enhancing the model's ability to discern nuanced expressions. Moreover, the ER block facilitates the extraction of deep abstract features by efficiently utilizing the abundant complementary information present in the face and context features. This utilization contributes to a more balanced performance across all emotion categories, further validating the efficacy of DEAAM in understanding and interpreting emotional cues. Thus, the integration of the ER block within DEAAM significantly enhances its predictive capabilities, establishing it as a robust framework for real-time emotion analysis in video streams. The results of the analysis on analyzing the labels illustrated in the given Fig. 8.

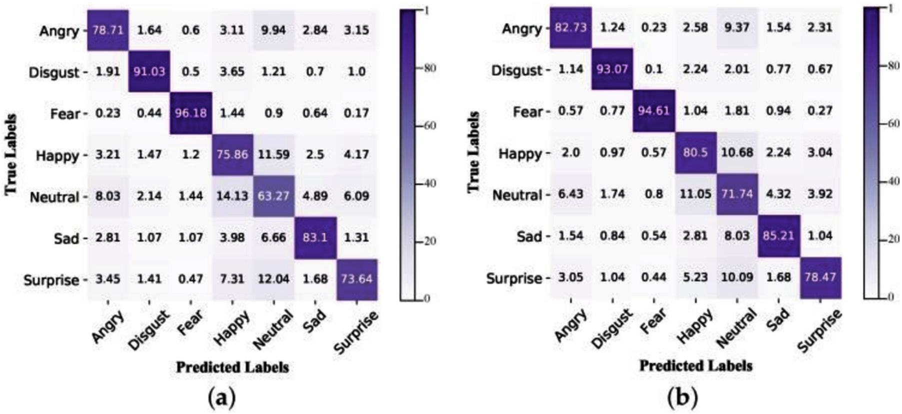

Fig. 7. Confusion matrix

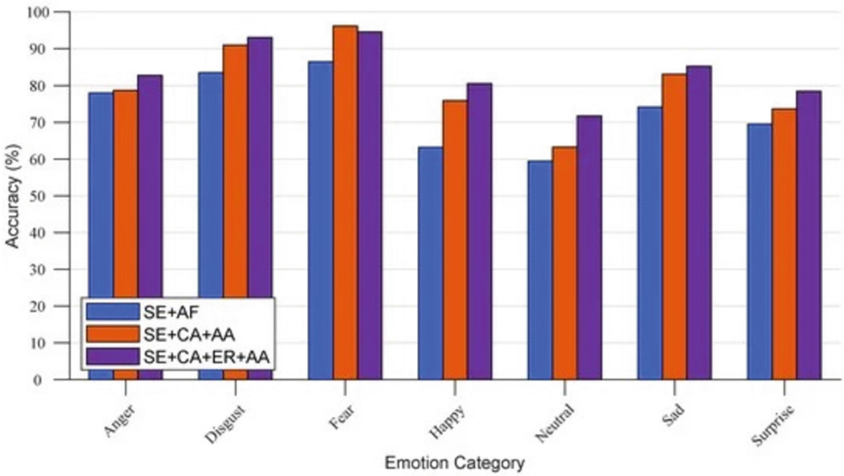

Fig. 8. Label wide analysis and comparison

5 Conclusion

The Dynamic Emotion-Adaptive Attention Mechanism (DEAAM) sets a new benchmark in real-time emotion analysis within live video feeds, merging a lightweight convolution neural network (CNN) with an adaptive attention system to enhance accuracy and computational efficiency. Key to DEAAM's innovation is its ability to dynamically adjust video sampling and focus on emotionally significant moments, utilizing facial landmark detection, saliency mapping, and temporal tracking to concentrate analysis on crucial expressive features. This adaptability, underpinned by a feedback loop, ensures DEAAM's responsiveness to emotional variations, making it ideal f or applications ranging from virtual communication to teletherapy.

DEAAM represents a significant leap forward in emotion recognition technology, offering nuanced emotional insights through a balance of precision and efficiency. Its investigated. In further work, a number of other optimization concerns will be addressed to reduce costs and boost accuracy using the EEMS. Its experimental validation across diverse datasets underscores its reliability and adaptability, promising a new era of empathetic and interactive technologies that are deeply attuned to human emotions.

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