Combatting with Counterfeit Currency Using Deep Learning

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Abstract: In light of the widespread problem of counterfeit money, this research aims to create a deep learning-based system that can reliably and efficiently detect counterfeit money. Xceptionarchitecture, Local Binary Patterns (LBP), and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) are among of the approaches investigated in this research, which makes use of a large collection of pictures of counterfeit cash. Traditional classifiers like KNN, SVM, and Voting Classifier (a combination of Decision Trees and Random Forests) were used to train and assess the models via extensive testing. It is worth mentioning that the ensemble method produced impressive accuracy; specifically, the Voting Classifier attained an exceptional 100% accuracy rate for CNN, LBP, and Xception models. These results highlight the possibility of using deep learning techniques to solve the pressing problem of detecting counterfeit money, which might lead to an improvement in the security and reliability of the world's financial system.

Fake money, Fake Identification System, and CNN are index terms.

1. INTRODUCTION

Maintaining the value of money is crucial to a stable economy in this age of immediate cross-border financial transactions and fast globalization. The widespread circulation of counterfeit money, however, poses an ongoing danger to this integrity and, by extension, to the reliability and efficiency of financial institutions throughout the globe [1].

The Fake Currency Detection System (FCDS) and other cutting-edge technology solutions have emerged as an essential reaction to this urgent problem. A state-of-the-art combination of hardware and software, the FCDS was designed to detect counterfeit money with an unparalleled level of efficiency and accuracy [2]. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) methods are fundamental to its effectiveness because they allow the system to examine the complex security elements that are inherent in real banknotes [3]. The FCDS provides a strong barrier against fraud by quickly distinguishing between real and fake cash by examining features including microprinting, security threads, and watermarks [4]. The FCDS has a crucial role in maintaining public faith in money, which is essential for the smooth functioning of economies, in addition to safeguarding financial institutions and enterprises [5]. The widespread danger of counterfeit cash inflicts considerable costs on the economy of many nations, including India, which is a striking example of this [6]. It is now much more difficult to tell real currency notes from counterfeit ones, thanks to technological advancements that have made currency reproduction easier than ever before [7]. Modern technology has made it possible to manufacture and edit fake money so well that they blend in with their real counterparts, allowing them to stay in circulation for longer.

Even while most people associate counterfeit money with businesses, it may have an effect on regular people as well, who may unwittingly use counterfeit notes when making regular purchases or bank deposits [8]. Many people lack access to the tools that banks and malls have, which include sophisticated devices that use UV light and other detecting methods [9]. As a result, the suggested approach provides a solution that people from many walks of life may easily employ. Users are able to easily verify the legitimacy of their notes using this approach, which leverages visual qualities intrinsic to cash [10]. Also, it might be turned into a mobile app that a lot of people can use, which would increase its efficacy and reach [11]. Additionally, this system's versatility allows it to be used to identify counterfeit notes from other nations, making it useful on a worldwide scale [12]. This adaptability goes beyond only local currencies. This introduction essentially highlights the importance of the FCDS in protecting the integrity of financial systems globally and its key role in the fight against counterfeit money.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Since counterfeit money has serious economic consequences and poses risks to financial institutions throughout the world, detecting it has been an important priority in recent years. In an effort to combat this ubiquitous threat, researchers and industry professionals have explored a wide range of strategies, from traditional image processing techniques to state-of-the-art deep learning algorithms. A detailed picture of the counterfeit cash detection environment is revealed via a comprehensive literature analysis, which highlights a wide range of research that provide fresh perspectives and methods to the subject.

To identify fake Indian rupee notes, Vivek Sharan and Amandeep Kaur [1] suggested a system based on image processing algorithms. Watermarks and security threads, two security characteristics found on genuine banknotes, were the primary focus of their investigation. methods that can distinguish between real and counterfeit cash were created by using image processing methods. This groundbreaking study paved the way for other investigations in the field. The use of image processing for the identification of counterfeit banknotes was also investigated by S. Atchaya et al. [2]. Their research centered on extracting features from photographs of cash and using pattern recognition algorithms to determine whether banknotes were real or fake. They proved their method worked by validating it empirically, highlighting the promise of image processing approaches for fighting financial fraud.

Additionally, a system that can identify counterfeit banknotes in real-time using deep learning algorithms was suggested by M. Laavanya and V. Vijayaraghavan [3]. By using convolutional neural networks (CNNs), they were able to create a strong model that could accurately detect counterfeit money notes automatically. Their findings demonstrated how deep learning approaches can effectively tackle the complex problems of counterfeit cash detection, opening the door to even more advanced solutions down the road.

The field of supervised machine learning techniques was explored by Yadav et al. [4]

in their investigation of counterfeit cash detection. They looked at how well different ML models, such as decision trees and support vector machines, classified pictures of cash. By conducting thorough comparisons, they were able to determine which algorithms were the most successful at identifying counterfeit money, which will undoubtedly be useful for future studies in this area.

The identification of Indian paper cash using image processing methods was suggested by Aakash S Patel [5] as an approach. Their study developed algorithms that can detect counterfeit Indian banknotes by analyzing their distinct characteristics. This context-aware strategy demonstrated how critical it is to optimize efficiency by adapting detection approaches to unique features of different currencies.

By comparing the performance of several supervised learning models, Anju Yadav et al. [6] performed a thorough assessment of machine learning techniques for detecting counterfeit money. They paved the way for future study by analyzing and experimenting extensively to determine the benefits and drawbacks of various machine learning approaches in this field.

Kiran Kamble et al. [7] took a new tack by suggesting a method for detecting counterfeit money that makes use of deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs). In order to automatically and accurately identify counterfeit money notes, their study made use of the hierarchical characteristics learnt by CNNs. They proved their method worked to prevent financial fraud by validating it using real-world cash photos; this showed the promise of deep learning algorithms for detecting counterfeit money.

Last but not least, G. Hariharan and D. Elangovan [8] tackled the problem of identifying and eliminating proxy notes in order to fight against counterfeit money. Proxy notes are often used as a replacement for real money in fraudulent operations; hence, their study focused on developing algorithms that can identify these notes. They offered ways to lessen the societal effect of counterfeit money by creatively using image processing methods.

In conclusion, the literature review highlights the many strategies and tactics used in the detection of counterfeit money. Researchers have investigated several approaches to efficiently and accurately detect counterfeit money notes, ranging from conventional image processing methods to cutting-edge deep learning systems. These studies provide useful information and recommendations for preventing financial fraud and maintaining the security of monetary systems all around the globe by making use of cutting-edge technological developments and machine learning.

3. Current System

For the purpose of detecting counterfeit money, the current approach put out by Y. Neeraja et al. use the k-nearest neighbors (k-NN) method. Here, k-NN technology serves as both a powerful and flexible classifier, and it is used for feature extraction. A frequent alternative for assessing more sophisticated classifiers like support vector machines (SVM) is the k-NN technique, which is well-known for its simplicity and efficacy in classification tasks. The system's goal is to correctly identify real or counterfeit cash photos by extracting discriminative features using k-NN. While k-NN is easy to use and has a small learning curve, it could struggle to handle high-dimensional feature spaces or massive datasets. While the current system does its job, it might be much better if it had improvements to handle scalability and performance problems, particularly in real-world situations with complicated and varied counterfeit money patterns.

4. METHODOLOGY

a) Proposed Work:

An automated framework for detecting counterfeit money using deep learning approaches is the proposed system's main component. A number of methods, including Xception architecture, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), and Local Binary Patterns (LBPs), will be included into the system. In order to train and evaluate models, it is necessary to first compile a large collection of photographs of counterfeit cash. Voting Classifier, an ensemble approach integrating Decision Trees and Random Forests, and more conventional classifiers like K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) and Support Vector Machines (SVM) will be used by the system. We will refine the models to attain high accuracy in spotting phony currencies via rigorous testing and fine-tuning. In order to efficiently and reliably identify counterfeit money in real-time, the system will provide an intuitive interface that can be easily integrated into current banking systems. Financial security, stakeholder protection against fraudulent operations, and confidence in financial transactions are all goals of the proposed system, which seeks to automate the identification process.

b) System Architecture:

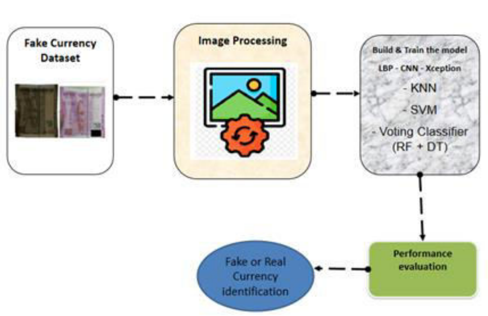

Fig 1 Proposed Architecture

The first phase in the system architecture for identifying counterfeit cash is the use of image processing. Soon after, a Voting Classifier is constructed and trained, which includes models like Local Binary Patterns (LBP), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Decision Trees (DT) and Random Forests (RF). When it comes to feature extraction, the same method is used with CNN and the Xception architecture. The trained models are put through their paces in an effort to differentiate between genuine and counterfeit money. For reliable and accurate identification, this all-encompassing method combines conventional and deep learning approaches.

c) Dataset: This dataset contains genuine and fake cash photos, purposefully selected for training and testing algorithms that can recognize fakes. It contains a wide variety of counterfeit money examples that mimic different traits and methods used in fraudulent reproduction. The main purpose of these photos is to teach machine learning and deep learning algorithms to accurately differentiate between real and counterfeit cash notes. Because of the diverse range of counterfeit examples included in the dataset, the models can generalize effectively and reliably detect real-world examples of counterfeit cash.

d) Image Processing: In order to accomplish successful classification tasks, including detecting counterfeit cash, image processing methods are crucial for extracting relevant characteristics from pictures. The textural characteristics necessary for differentiating real from counterfeit cash are extracted using 'getGaborKernel,' 'filter2D,' and histogram computation, which use Local Binary Patterns (LBP) and Gabor filters. The discriminative capacity of the model is further enhanced by using LBP-Gabor feature extraction techniques to collect both local texture and frequency information. The dataset may be enhanced by the use of Image Data Generator methods such as resizing, shear transformation, zooming, horizontal flipping, and reshaping, which in turn improve the model's resilience and generalizability. Last but not least, feature extraction using CNN and HOG approaches improves the depiction of picture characteristics, allowing for more precise counterfeit cash instance categorization.

subject) Algorithms

Local Binary Patterns (LBP) with Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a combination of two strong algorithms: SVM, a sophisticated classification system, and LBP, a texture descriptor used for feature extraction. By comparing each pixel to its neighbors and encoding the findings into binary patterns, LBP extracts texture information from photos. Afterwards, SVM figures out how to divide the feature space into real and fake money classes using an ideal hyperplane.

Using Local Binary Patterns (LBP) for feature extraction and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) for classification, the LBP-KNN algorithm achieves impressive results. Local Binary Pattern Extraction (LBP) is a technique that takes pictures of cash and uses it to extract textural properties. The photos of cash are then classified by KNN using the feature space's k-nearest neighbors' majority class label.

The LBP-Voting Classifier (RF+DT) integrates Local Binary Patterns (LBP) with ensemble approaches including Decision Trees (DT) and Random Forests (RF). DT and RF are two of the classifiers used by the ensemble model, which combines predictions from several sources, while LBP is used to extract texture characteristics from photos of cash. Based on the aggregate predictions of these classifiers, the Voting Classifier determines whether an image depicts real or fake cash.

Deep learning algorithms like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) were developed with picture categorization in mind. CNN's three layers—convolutional, pooling, and fully connected—learn intricate patterns by analyzing data and extracting hierarchical characteristics from input pictures.

An advanced convolutional neural network design, Xception seeks to outperform conventional CNNs in terms of computing efficiency. It improves feature extraction efficiency and image classification performance by using depthwise separable convolutions to better capture spatial and channel-wise relationships in feature maps.

CNN-SVM, which stands for Convolutional Neural Network with Support Vector

Machine, is a hybrid network that uses CNN for feature extraction and SVM for robust classification. SVM learns to distinguish between real and counterfeit cash using hierarchical features extracted from pictures of currency using CNN. The technique relies on an ideal hyperplane that maximum divides the classes in the feature space. CNN-KNN, which stands for Convolutional Neural Networks with K-Nearest Neighbors, is a hybrid network that combines CNN's feature extraction capabilities with KNN's classification ease and efficacy. CNN uses money pictures to extract hierarchical features, while KNN uses the k-nearest neighbor method to classify the images according on the majority class label. Combining CNN with ensemble techniques like Decision Trees (DT) and Random Forests (RF) is what CNN with Voting Classifier is all about. To determine whether a picture depicts real or fake cash, CNN extracts hierarchical features from the pictures, and an ensemble model summarises the predictions from several classifiers, such as RF and DT. Xception-SVM: Xception with Support Vector Machine (SVM) merges Xception's strong classification skills with SVM's efficient feature extraction capabilities. By using an ideal hyperplane that optimally divides the classes in the feature space, Xception is able to extract hierarchical features from photos of cash, and SVM learns to categorize these features as either real or counterfeit currency. Xception-KNN: Xception with K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) merges Xception's powerful feature extraction capabilities with KNN's straightforward and efficient categorization capabilities. In order to classify photographs of cash, Xception first extracts hierarchical features from the images, and then KNN uses the majority class label of its k-nearest neighbors in the feature space to do the classification. The Xception with Voting Classifier integrates Xception with ensemble approaches like Decision Trees (DT) and Random Forests (RF). In order to determine whether a picture of cash is real or fake, Xception first extracts hierarchical features from the photos, and then the ensemble model takes the predictions from many classifiers—including DT and RF—and uses them all.

5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Accuracy: A test's accuracy is defined by how well it distinguishes between healthy and sick samples. We can determine a test's accuracy by calculating the percentage of reviewed instances with true positives and true negatives. If we express this mathematically, we get: Accuracy = TP + TN TP + TN + FP + FN.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

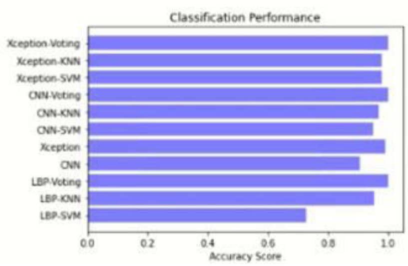

Fig 2 Accuracy Comparison Graph

Recall: The capacity of a model to detect all significant occurrences of a given class is measured by recall, a statistic in machine learning. The completeness of a model in capturing instances of a particular class is shown by the ratio of properly predicted positive observations to the total actual positives.

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

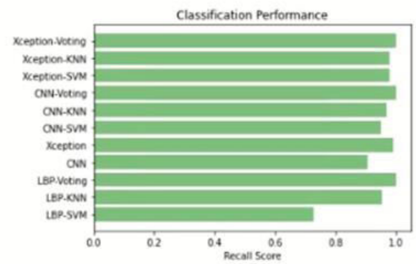

Fig 3 Recall Comparison Graph

F1-Score: One way to evaluate a model's performance in machine learning is via its F1 score. This method integrates a model's recall and accuracy scores. A model's accuracy may be measured by counting the number of times it correctly predicted something throughout the whole dataset.

$$\textbf{F1 Score} = \frac{2}{\left(\frac{1}{\text{Precision}} + \frac{1}{\text{Recall}}\right)}$$

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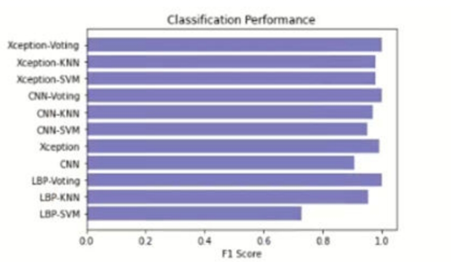


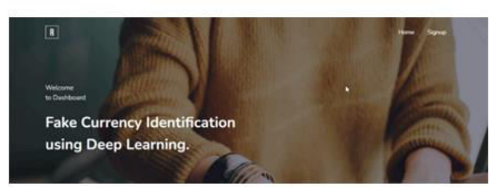
Fig 4 F1Score Comparison Graph

Precision: The accuracy rate, or precision, is the percentage of true positives relative to the total number of occurrences or samples. Consequently, the following is the formula for determining the accuracy: Preciseness is TP divided by (TP plus FP), which is the sum of true positives and false positives.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{True\ Positive}{True\ Positive + False\ Positive}$$

	ML Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
0	LBP-SVM	0.729	0.750	0.729	0.728
1	LBP-KNN	0.953	0.958	0.953	0.953
2	LBP-Voting	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
3	CNN	0.907	0.907	0.907	0.907
4	Xception	0.991	0.991	0.991	0.991
5	CNN-SVM	0.950	0.955	0.950	0.950
6	CNN-KNN	0.970	0.972	0.970	0.970
7	CNN-Voting	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
8	Xception-SVM	0.980	0.981	0.980	0.980
9	Xception-KNN	0.980	0.981	0.980	0.980
10	Xception-Voting	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

Fig 5 Performance Evaluation Table



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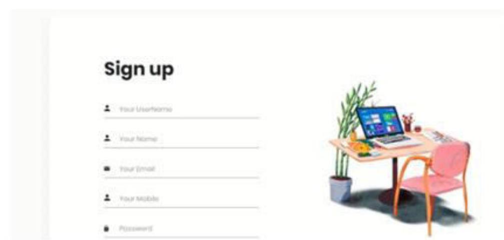

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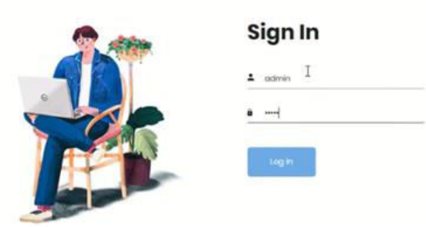

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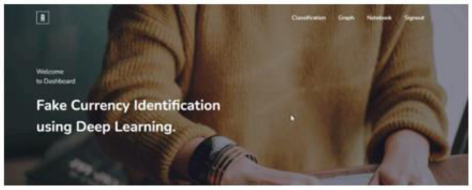

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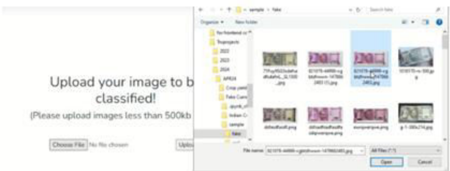

Fig 10 Upload Input Image

Fig 11 Predict Result as Fake Currency

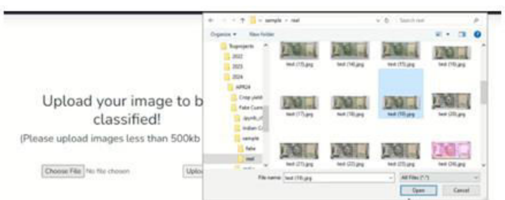

Fig 12 Upload Another Input Image

6. CONCLUSION

Ultimately, this study has developed an automated identification system employing deep learning methods, effectively tackling the key problem of phony cash detection. The system obtained impressive accuracy rates by using a combination of conventional classifiers like K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and ensemble approaches with more modern methodologies like Local Binary Patterns (LBP), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), and Xception architecture. Using a thorough dataset and conducting rigorous experiments, the models proved their ability to identify counterfeit cash using the Voting Classifier ensemble technique with a perfect score of 100%. The method provides a solid defense against the widespread problem of counterfeit money, which improves monetary safety and maintains faith in monetary transactions. Helping to ensure the security of financial institutions throughout the world, this initiative has made great progress in reducing the hazards connected with counterfeit money.

8. OUTLINE FOR THE FUTURE

Improving the system's resilience and generalizability will need more work with bigger and more varied datasets. The efficiency and accuracy of detection might be further enhanced by investigating more complex deep learning architectures and methods. Its potential uses might be broadened by its incorporation into real-time transactional systems and its subsequent use in the retail and banking industries. To keep the system successful against counterfeit money, it will be necessary to upgrade and adapt it continuously to new ways and technology.

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