

Study of the Integration of Face Recognition Technology in Distance Education

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ABSTRACT

Distance learning has become popular recently, which has made it difficult to ascertain that a student is who they claim to be and that he or she is involved in the course. The use of face recognition technology by teachers can help them to confirm remotely if their students are really those they claimed to be. The objective of this paper is to examine face recognition technology's integration into distance learning and its potential benefits and then present a facial identification-based method for tracking attendance patterns in distance learning. The suggested system aims at recording students' presence all through the class as well as automatically detecting and recognizing their faces from a remote point. It uses deep learning algorithms for identifying specific learners and also keeps records of attendance. Attendance records that can be used by teachers to monitor student engagement and participation are provided by the system. This approach enables teachers to ensure that during distance education, students are present, as well as improve the quality of online lectures in general. The proposed application shows significant results in order to manage the student attendance in distance learning. However, there is still much need for further research on this subject area.

Keywords— Artificial Intelligence, Face Recognition, Deep Learning, Distance Learning, Student Attendance.

دراسة دمج تقنية التعرف على الوجوه في التعليم عن بعد

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الملخص:

أصبح التعلم عن بعد شائعاً مؤخراً، مما جعل من الصعب التأكد من هوية الطالب وأنه مشارك في الفصل الدراسي. إن استخدام المعلمين لتقنية التعرف على الوجوه يمكن أن يساعدهم في التأكد عن

بعد مما إذا كان طلابهم هم بالفعل الأشخاص الذين تم تسجيلهم . الهدف من هذه الورقة هو تصميم وفحص استخدام تقنية التعرف على الوجه في التعلم عن بعد وفوائدها المحتملة ومن ثم تقديم طريقة تعتمد على التعرف على الوجه لتتبع أنماط الحضور في التعلم عن بعد. وعلى هذا النحو، يهدف النظام المقترح إلى تسجيل حضور الطلاب في جميع أنحاء الفصل بالإضافة إلى اكتشاف وجوههم والتعرف عليها تلقائياً من نقاط بعيدة. ويستخدم خوارزميات التعلم العميق لتحديد الحضور ويحتفظ أيضاً بسجلات الحضور للطلاب. يتم توفير سجلات الحضور التي يمكن استخدامها من قبل المعلمين لمراقبة مشاركة الطلاب ومشاركتهم من قبل النظام. يمكن أن يمكن هذا النهج المعلمين من ضمان حضور الطلاب أثناء التعليم عن بعد بالإضافة إلى تحسين جودة المحاضرات عبر الإنترنت على نطاق عام. إن تقنيات التعرف على الوجه التي تسهل الالتزام بين الطلاب لديها القدرة على إحداث ثورة في التعليم. ومع ذلك، لا تزال هناك حاجة كبيرة لمزيد من البحث في هذا المجال.

الكلمات المفتاحية – الذكاء الاصطناعي، التعرف على الوجوه، التعلم العميق، التعلم عن بعد، حضور الطلاب، تسجيل الحضور.

1. Introduction

Facial recognition technology has a lot of efforts, and it has made great strides in the area of artificial intelligence, thus contributing to the technological revolution of the twenty-first century. Facial recognition is a biometric technique that has gained popularity as an aspect of security, advertisement and education among others. Machine learning algorithms are used in facial recognition technology, to recognize human faces and their locations. This implies that facial recognition technology is best suited for distance learning. Therefore, students have embraced online education hence preferring distance learning over classroom based learning because they can take classes from anywhere in the world. One of the main challenges encountered when introducing e-learning is proving student identity and upholding academic honesty. Therefore, one may use face identification systems to solve this problem. Its dependability makes reliable face recognition imperative across all educational institutions as well as some workplaces such as banks despite fears among scholars over its privacy levels. With increasing popularity of e-learning comes the need for authenticity especially during exams. A model is proposed which addresses this gap between research and practice concerning improving face identification in virtual classrooms with greater accuracy. There is improved accuracy and feature extraction capabilities compared to existing methods. Such as limited training data, this allows for the accurate recognition and labelling of faces in registration processes. [1] It is very time consuming to keep track of attendance on educational or business gatherings but a modern

remote-accessible option is needed. “Mutabe” is introduced in the paper, which allows teachers to take attendance quickly with just one class photo, analysed by AI to identify and recognize faces. Teachers can now monitor attendance using their mobile phones or linked websites through a secure database that only they can access. [2] For this reason, the study employed facial recognition and machine learning, which are considered one’s easier biometric techniques than iris scans or fingerprints. The Haarcascade classifier identified faces, while the LBPH algorithm distinguished them by examining real-time facial data in trials. Using facial recognition and authentication, a computer with a webcam identified and confirmed the presence of recognized individuals. Separate interfaces were created for administrators and teachers, each designed with unique features to oversee attendance.

According to [3] advancements in face recognition technology enable real-time attendance control based on facial characteristics, leveraging various computer vision algorithms for detection and recognition. This research introduces a cascade classifier, enhancing face detection by comparing current images with a trained database, automating attendance recording and eliminating the inefficiencies of manual attendance management.

[4], proposes a novel approach to enhance the speed of object detection in medical images by utilizing grey level and selecting a single channel which show the importance of object detection and accelerate the entire detection process in any field, including facial recognition. CNN is one of the popular methods used for addressing this issue. Image processing and computer vision issues have been prevalent over the past ten years. The power of a Convolution Neural Network (CNN) is evident across various levels of abstraction. The key is to acquire a collection of unique feature maps. [5] Machine vision's most critical area is Convolutional Neural Network. CNN has made significant progress in classification, segmentation, and recognition. An important contribution to the field of facial recognition comes from the research conducted by [6], which delves into The growing need for reliable facial recognition across education, security, and various sectors due to its robustness and security.

2. Literature review

The present study by [7] investigated the “multi-descriptor” method that has improved face recognition by allowing different neighborhood sizes to enhance the feature extraction process. Through accurate testing, the proposed model shows remarkable accuracy in several databases, overcoming challenges such as variations in camera distance and lighting conditions. This ground-breaking technique has been proven to be highly efficient since it passed all tests including the Extended Yale B and Grimace databases with perfect precision. [8] In this article, a FaceNet is presented which was developed based on MobilenetV2 with SSD and using depth-wise separable convolutional networks to increase its efficiency. The evaluation of them resulted in 99% accuracy and

promise for practical use from 91%-95% for effective processing within small datasets under resource constrained settings. Future studies work to improve precision safety in Internet of Things (IoT) systems and intelligent services. [9] Discusses the difficulties of facial recognition in everyday situations through the introduction of a multi-scale feature fusion CNN paired with multi-task learning. Breaking down the primary facial recognition task into smaller tasks such as determining poses, identifying lighting conditions, and classifying obstructions helps enhance the model's overall efficiency.

[10] Based on the findings, it is stated that CNN exceed LBPH in challenging conditions, and it provides high rates of accuracy and reliability. Reviewed 30 articles that were concentrated on CNN and LBPH algorithms. But it is worthy of note that CNN algorithms depend on the large size of datasets and are affected by such factors as the intensity of lighting. There is a further need for further research into improving the face detection algorithm for increased precision. [11] Facial recognition may be less accurate than other biometric approaches; it is being extensively used for authentication and security. Facial recognition systems are adopted by educational institutions to make the process of tracking attendance easier and automatic and replace the manual procedure. The database management, face detection, recognition, and updating of attendance are carried out, and Haar-Cascade classifiers and local binary pattern histogram techniques are used for efficient monitoring of students. [12] The use of real-time facial recognition makes it easier to track attendance by preventing the disadvantages of the manual entry methods and reducing errors related to student education. The use of unique facial biometrics in the process of recognition helps in the identification process that is more precise and which is most beneficial where the student numbers are pretty significant. This project is geared towards an effective facial recognition-based attendance system to make learning and management processes in schools easier. [13] Efficient management of attendance is critical for the purposes of academic performance and, thus, shall require its automation due to the time consumed by manual methods. This paper suggests deep learning, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for face recognition, to automatically detect and take student attendance in a class. The FaceNet model in offline teaching achieved 76% accuracy, and the VGG-Face model reached up to 88% precision, showing that CNNs are good candidates for improving the system of attendance recording.

[14] In the due course of automation, from the very traditional time-consuming and inefficient attendance systems, with the advancement of face recognition, many automated attendance systems have been proposed. In this research, a smart attendance system using RetinaFace and MTCNN for face detection and FaceNet/ArcFace for face recognition is proposed. The results on the WiderFace, Essex Faces 94, and Essex Faces 95 datasets show that the superiority of performance of RetinaFace, over MTCNN, combined with

FaceNet, has the best recognition rate of 99.114% and is the fastest at 118.90 ms per image. [15] The article described an online attendance system, employing facial recognition with mask detection. The objective is an effective attendance solution provided directly through the web with no specific software requirements. It is based on the face signature obtained from biometric data, where centralized online database profiles are in use. Training is done through SVM for face recognition and synthetic data for mask identification. Designed and implemented with Python, OpenCV, PHP, and MySQL programming, the system has 81.8% face recognition and 80% mask detection accuracies, respectively. With the seamless use through web browsers, access is obtained by users. [16] A manual approach for recording student attendance is conventional, flawed, and non-efficient. The need of the hour is to develop an accurate record-keeping automated system. This paper presents such a system that uses face recognition technology for student identification, with a curated dataset of 3900 facial images taken under various lighting conditions. This system attains a remarkable 97.5% accuracy at identifying students during registration. This has largely been enabled through the ability of the system, using the Haar Cascaded classifier and FaceNet network, to reduce workload, prevent errors, and enhance efficiency beyond the reach of common methods — therefore most likely to gain popularity and extensive use in educational institutes and beyond. [17] This paper attempts to design a single camera rail system for making the face recognition-based attendance system robust by elimination of the blind zones and increasing the coverage of the audience. The images of the classes have been captured using an ESP 8266 microcontroller, and stop positions have been calculated from configuration data saved in the system. Test results confirm complete coverage of the class and seamless transition of the image into face recognition processing, in so doing providing an attendance solution that is flexible. [18] Attendance management is efficient and paramount in education, as it helps the schools monitor the presence of students in their respective classrooms. The automated attendance systems (AASs) offer streamline registration and tracking without the need for physical ID cards or teacher involvement. Smart cards and biometric technology have the capacity to give reliable results of attendance, and on the basis of this, all the necessary and complete data related to student attendance can be given to school administrators, and they can better manage classroom efficiency, in case they operate successfully. [19] Management of attendance is a critical aspect within education. Classical methods, including manual roll call, are evidently fraught with many limitations. Several researches have been conducted on automated systems, mostly using face recognition technologies based on deep learning. When applied to students, it showed good results due to the system's capabilities in correct student recognition and the recording of attendance, which gives hope for a good alternative to the manual method with a possibility of a wide

improvement in attendance management. [20] Facial recognition is one of the key areas of research interest in the field of computer vision. The following paper details a technique used for implementing facial recognition technology with an adequate amount of precision through various algorithms. The technique for implementing the facial recognition technology with an adequate amount of precision through various algorithms is outlined in this paper. Further, a system based on video using FaceNet and MTCNN for the attendance marking system provides better efficiency and further analysis using SVM ensures accurate person recognition under the unreliable quality of the image, with up to 94.85% accuracy using a self-generated dataset. [21] Reported that the student attendance has been regarded as one of the essential parts for student engagement and success; it is believed that by keeping it, success will result. The traditional way of taking attendance to lectures is manually, so it is time consuming and error prone. This paper discusses a web-based attendance system with facial recognition to reduce the flaws mentioned above. In the user satisfaction testing, 56.7% agreed with strong viewpoints that WAS-FR had more advantages compared to traditional methods, and this will ensure that the attendance monitoring is effective with many benefits especially for online lectures. [22] This study implemented Face Recognition with MTCNN in a Prototype Attendance System at Trisakti University, addressing the need for speed and accuracy amidst rapid technological advancements. As technology evolves across various domains, maintaining accurate attendance records becomes imperative for educational excellence, especially to counteract issues like delegated attendance. To combat data manipulation, the author proposes a biometric attendance system using face recognition technology. [23] Use Face Recognition with MTCNN in a Prototype Attendance System at Trisakti University. The system meets the speed and accuracy challenge at this period of very fast technological development. As technology advances across disciplines, records of accurate attendance have become a necessity to achieve excellence in education and to prevent problems like delegated attendance and recommends the biometric system of attendance through face recognition technology to curb data manipulation. [24] The article presents the design of an attendance system through face recognition techniques with a big expansion on anti-spoofing of the system, system alarms, and Email Automation, which will make the state process increase in effectiveness and efficiency versus the manual approach. This integrates facial recognition as the latest form of technology that a school, office, or classroom can acquire. The detection is done using Haar cascade, and recognition using the LBPH algorithm, while the anti-spoofing takes place with DoG filtering with Haar. This is done to ensure the identification of the individuals with an 87% recognition rate and 15% false positive rate so that the identified individuals are really processed with reliability; it notifies, by email, authorities of those not detected, so the attendance tracking is kept safe and

accurate. [25] Since then, biometric technology, particularly facial recognition, has found great importance in education, revolutionizing the way student attendance is monitored. This study aims to investigate how undergraduate exam attendance systems could be improved with the help of biometric recognition, considering perceptions from first-year college students. The study compared perceptions in attendance between traditional methods and biometric ones through unimodal and multimodal face recognition tests. Findings demonstrated that ease of use and trust significantly influence perceived usefulness; therefore, it influences users' willingness to apply the system. Multimodal biometric recognition had a positive and significant effect associated with the rating, supporting universities to involve facial recognition as an event to collect data about the acceptance of users. [26] This research is aimed at building a lightweight liveness detection approach that can function on a Raspberry Pi device. MobileNetV2 is evaluated and retrained using transfer learning, providing a model with high accuracies and average processing times of less than 0.6 seconds while providing strong spoof attack defenses, with accuracies of 96% for live and varying accuracies for different spoof attack conditions.

This paper will investigate how facial recognition technology is utilized in remote learning to improve the quality of instruction and provide essential support to students. Instructors can easily track student attendance in their classes using face recognition technology, receiving instant updates on the students who are present. This simplifies the process of guaranteeing that students are actively engaged in their education and meeting their academic obligations. Facial recognition technology can be used for identity verification to verify the accuracy of students' claimed identities. This measure aims to stop fraudulent behaviour and guarantee that students get what is rightfully theirs. The educational field is currently experiencing an exciting period, with the expectation of advanced facial recognition applications in distance learning growing as technology advances. According to this, the implementation of face recognition technology could be accomplished remotely by two methods:

1. Identification are implemented immediately. Due to sophisticated algorithms in face feature analysis and comparison of these to a database with privacy rights are preserved.
2. Secure identity verification during remote communication offers the chance of enhancement of productivity due to the far-off meetings. With advanced technologies available in the domain of recognition, from facial to voice, the limits are confined as humans make strides in exploiting remote communication.

In this paper, we investigate the prospects of multiple face recognition methods for the implementation of face recognition technology. This approach comes with various advantages, such as enhanced precision and quickness, along with the capability to seamlessly integrate into any remote or distant

program. We can improve the overall accuracy of face recognition systems and reduce the chance of incorrect identifications using different algorithms and methods. Our main goal is to provide an evaluation of the benefits and challenges of various face recognition techniques and suggest solutions to efficiently utilize them in real-life situations.

3. Face recognition technique

3.1. Single Face per person datasets

When collecting facial images for a dataset, it is crucial to make sure that each individual is portrayed in only one face image. This indicates that there must not be any repeated facial pictures of the identical individual in the collection of data, as this could create prejudice and impact the efficiency of machine learning algorithms. Tracking the identities of individuals who have had their face images captured is essential in order to maintain only one face image per person. One way to achieve this is by giving each person their own distinct ID or label and linking it to their facial images for reference. Ensuring that facial photos are of high quality, properly cropped, and correctly aligned is crucial. This can be accomplished through methods like facial recognition, identifying landmarks, and standardizing image processing. It is crucial to have a dataset containing only one facial image per individual in order to effectively train machine learning algorithms like CNNs for tasks such as face verification or identification. It helps to guarantee that the models remain unbiased and can effectively generalize to unfamiliar faces. Collecting individual facial images involves tracking the identities of the individuals captured, checking the quality and alignment of the images, and using them to train face recognition models using machine learning techniques.

3.2. Distance faces detected and training

MTCNN, also known as Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Neural Networks, is a type of neural network that can detect and recognize faces in images. [27] Which is considered the best face detection tool out there for its popularity and accuracy. It consists of three interconnected neural networks. Figure 1, Many face detection and identification, shows the importance of any field like facial recognition.

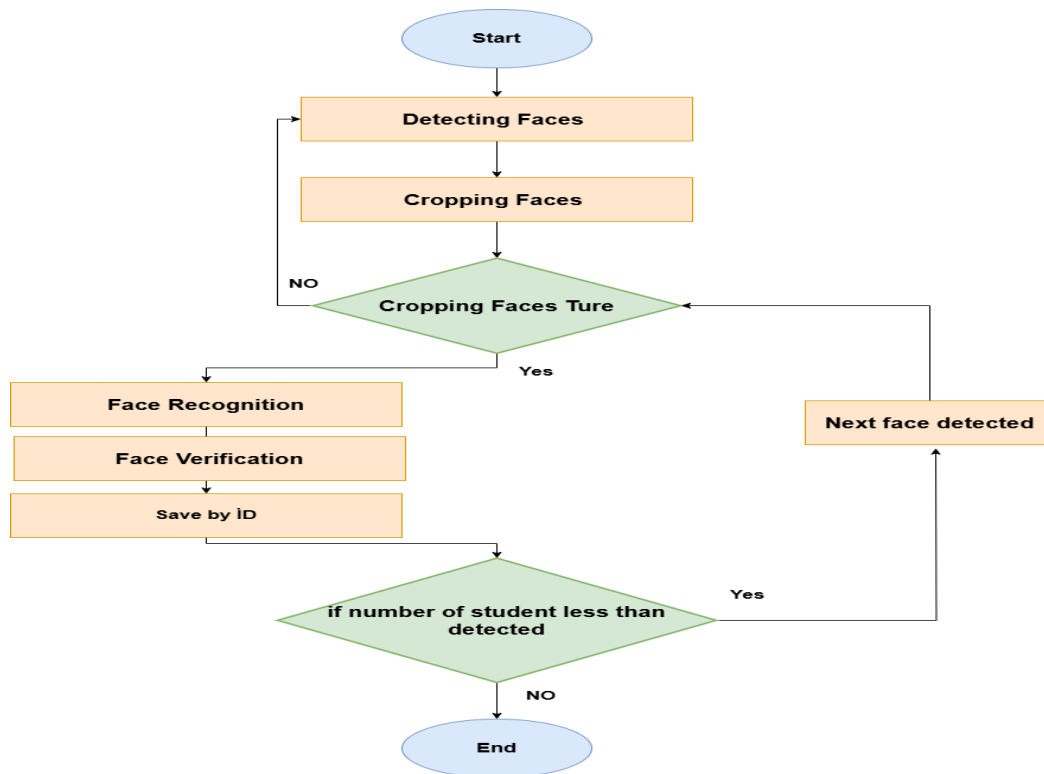


Figure 1. Shows multiple faces detection and recognition techniques.

The technique, which we call multiple face recognition methods, leads automatically to recognition from a screen. Multiple face recognition methods may be a great tool to identify a person from a screen. This will imply the use of sophisticated algorithms for conducting a minute analysis of the facial features to any matches against a pre-loaded database of known faces. Applications are numerous, from security systems to marketing research. One of the critical advantages of this technique is that it helps in the identification and recognition of many faces at a time, fitting best places where people are in plenty. What is most essential to consider about such technology is that it involves tremendous privacy invasion, since it can track individuals without their consent or knowledge. As such, the correct safeguards are necessary to ensure that the rights and freedoms of individuals that could potentially be under such a system are. The face recognition model chosen and validated could devise solutions to almost all problems for more information about [6]. The distance face recognition In fact, the model required another process to be completed for multi-descriptor to register. A multi-descriptor is used for producing two vectors for face verification for more information about a multi-descriptor used in this paper [7]. Figure 2 shows Xfaces application for face detection and training using real-world face identification and verification processes.

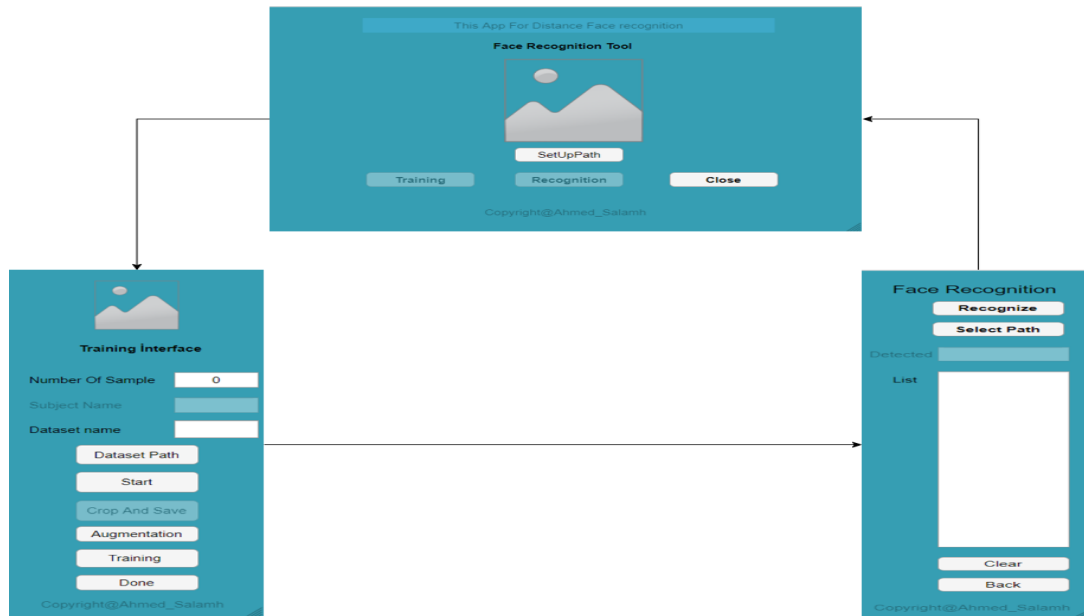


Figure 2. Represents face detection and training with face identification and verification procedures in a real-world.

3.3.Results discussion

The Xface application implementation for distant learning is depicted in Figure 3. The various face positions are depicted a, b, and c with background, rotation, resolution, and hard saturation. The effective implementation of facial recognition technology has led to a significant improvement in the efficiency of student registration procedures. Conventional methods frequently require difficult processes like manual input of data and validation of documents. Facial recognition exceeds these procedures, immediately cutting down the time needed for student registration. The technology allows for quick identification and verification, which helps in creating a smooth and fast registration process as shown in Table 1 which presents the result derived from matching, identification, and verification throughout various situations. The comparison of identification and verification at various sites in Experiment 1 is shown in Figure 4. face recognition technology gives a high level of accuracy in identifying people, reducing the chances of errors related to manual data input. Playing a crucial role in the reliability of student registration, the accuracy of results is essential for both teachers and others purposes. The system improves security by recognizing students based on their facial characteristics. This has decreased the risks associated with identity theft and unauthorized access to educational resources. Increasing security measures preserves the credibility of online education by establishing a secure and trustworthy setting for students. Students can choose to complete an enrolment process remotely, eliminating the need to be physically present. This is not just following health and safety protocols, but also catering to the requirements of students situated in various places.

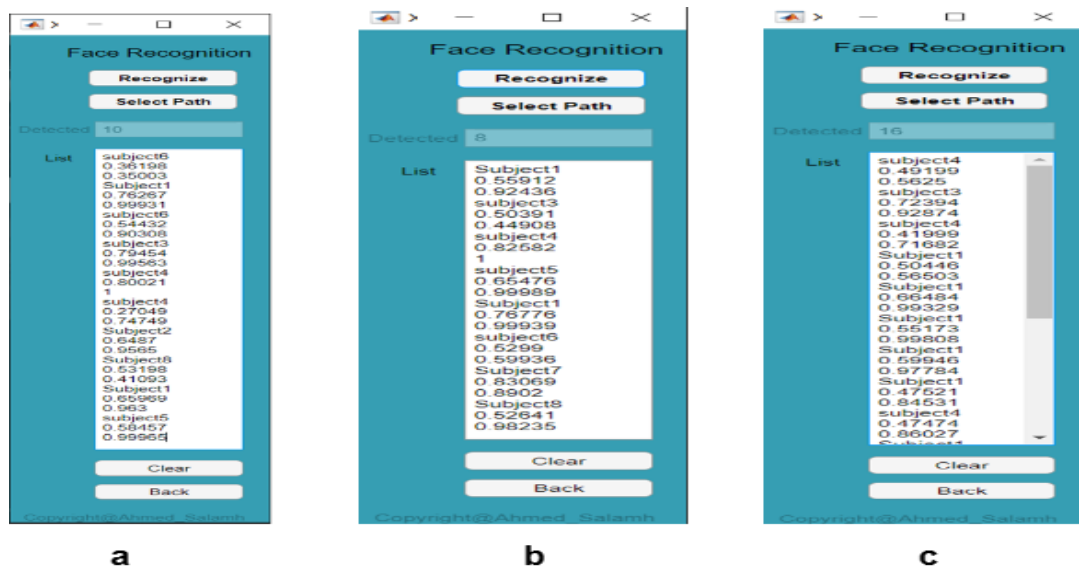


Figure 3. Shows the application implementation of Xface in distance learning. a, b, and c represent the different face positions with background, rotation, resolution, and hard situation.

Table1, The findings based on matching, identification, and verification for various scenarios

	Subject	Identification	Verification	Match
Experiment 1	1	0.99931	0.76267	True
	1	0.963	0.65969	False
	2	0.9565	0.6487	True
	3	0.99563	0.79454	True
	4	1	0.80021	True
	4	0.74749	0.27049	False
	5	None	None	None
	6	0.90308	0.54432	True
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	7	None	None	None
	8	0.53198	0.41093	False

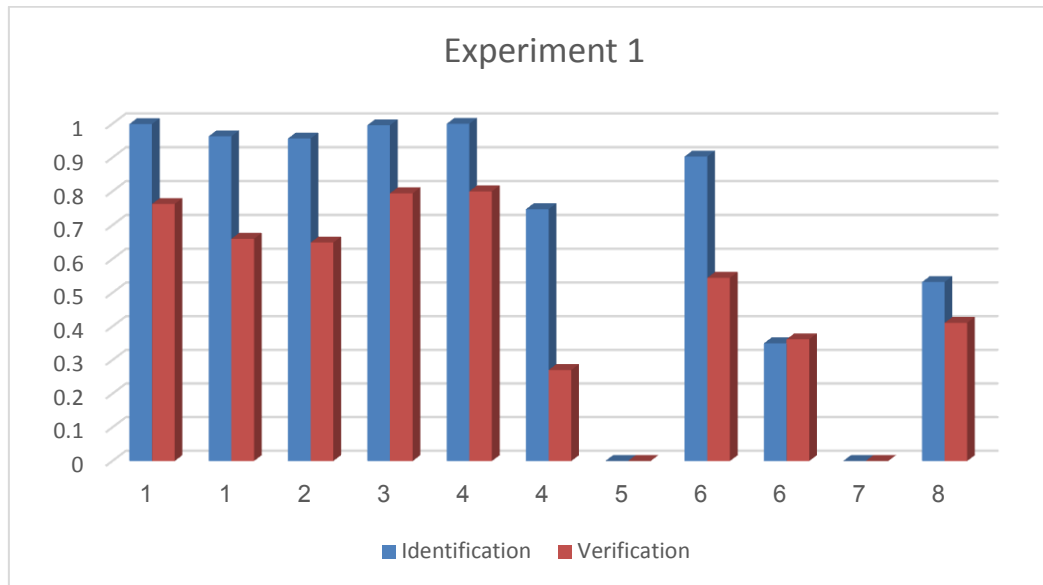


Figure 4. Represents the results of the comparison of identification and verification for different positions in Experiment 1.

These are automated by facial recognition which reduces the time for student registration. As can be seen in Table 2 which shows the identification, verification and matching for different scenarios and Figure 5 which shows the verification and identification for different positions in Experiment 2 the technology allows for instant recognition and verification which makes the registration process smooth and fast.

Table 2, the outcomes of identification, verification, and matching for various scenarios

	Subject	Identification	Verification	Match
Experiment 2	1	0.92436	0.55912	True
	2	None	None	None
	3	0.44908	0.50391	True
	4	1	0.82582	True
	5	0.99989	0.65476	True
	6	0.59936	0.5299	True
	7	0.8902	0.83069	True
	8	0.98235	0.52641	True

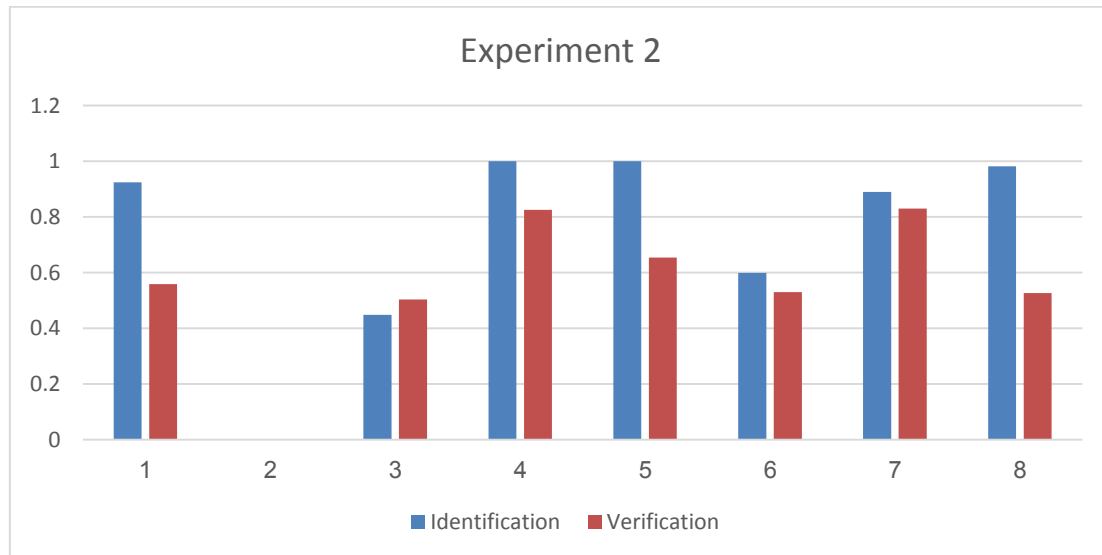


Figure 5. Compares the identification and verification results for various positions in Experiment 2.

The technology allows for fast identification and verification hence the registration process as shown in Table 3 which shows the results of different identification, verification, and matching, and Figure 6 which shows results from different positions in Experiment 3.

Table 3, represents the results based on identification, verification, and matching for different situations.

	Subject	Identification	Verification	Match
Experiment 3	1	0.99329	0.66484	True
	1	0.84531	0.47521	False
	1	0.84531	0.47521	False
	2	0.83478	0.47407	True
	3	0.92874	0.72394	True
	4	0.5625	0.49199	False
	4	0.71682	0.41999	False
	4	0.86027	0.47474	True
	5	0.56503	0.50446	True
	6	0.99637	0.47622	True
	7	0.91444	0.35037	True
	8	0.99808	0.55173	True

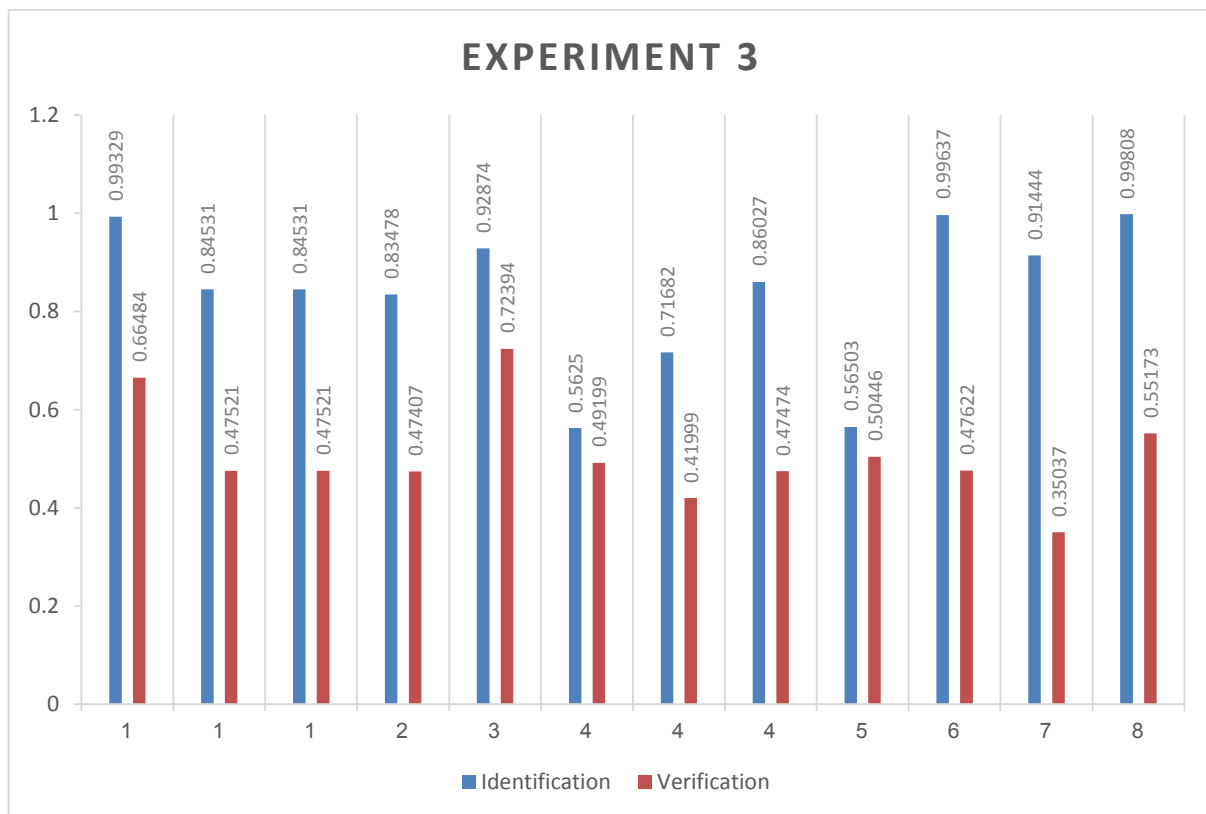


Figure 6. The comparison of identification and verification results at various positions in Experiment 3.

The findings show a favourable effect on the user's experience as it shows in previous experiments. Students consider the facial recognition technology to be easy to use, needing only a small amount of effort. The system's availability in different places helps create a more diverse educational setting by meeting the needs of all students. Acknowledging the significance of face recognition technology in student registration requires the importance of addressing ethical concerns as well. Institutions need to prioritize addressing privacy issues, guaranteeing data security, and being transparent in their communication about handling facial recognition data. The discussion should focus on the ongoing efforts to enhance and uphold ethical standards in the use of this technology. Positive results of using facial recognition technology for online student registration include enhanced efficiency, precision, safety, and user contentment. Ethical considerations will play a key role in preserving the positive results of utilizing this technology as institutions move forward in the long term, emphasizing the importance of a balanced approach.

4. Conclusion

The implementation of face recognition technology for student attendance in distance learning represents a major advancement in security and user satisfaction. From our tests, many important understandings became apparent. Firstly, face recognition technology simplifies the student registration process in online learning and reduces issues related to conventional methods. The tasks of manual input data, submitting documents, and verification have been replaced by an efficient, automated system. This speeds up the registration process and reduces mistakes, guaranteeing precise and dependable documentation. Security becomes a top priority. Face recognition provides an additional level of verification, improving the overall security of the student enrolment procedure. Incorporating facial recognition technology meets the current need for contactless alternatives. Especially in a global setting where health concerns and the need for virtual services are important, technology provides perfect method to confirm student's identity. Recognizing and dealing with privacy and data security concerns is essential. When utilizing face recognition technology, it is necessary to have strong security protocols and a thorough set of ethical guidelines. Institutions must make acceptance, transparency, and secure data management a top priority to establish and uphold trust with students.

In the end, face recognition technology significantly improves the effectiveness, safety, and adaptability of the remote learning enrolment process. Educational institutions must consider technology as more than just a convenience, but also as a vital strategic tool to effectively adjust to the evolving remote learning landscape. By effectively utilizing these advancements, organizations can ensure a secure and seamless educational experience for students globally.

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