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A Review - Real-Time Machine Learning-Based Emotion Detection System for Capturing Customer Feedback in Retail Stores

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Abstract: *This Work explores the potential of real-time machine learning-based emotion detection to enhance customer feedback and experience in retail stores. Leveraging computer vision and natural language processing, the system analyzes facial expressions, body language, and speech to classify emotions in real time.*

The objective is to design a system capable of accurately detecting customer emotions using advanced machine learning algorithms and techniques. By capturing feedback through emotional cues, retailers can tailor their services and offerings to better meet customer needs, improving satisfaction, loyalty, and sales.

The proposed system also offers opportunities for advertisers to deliver targeted ads based on emotional states, further optimizing customer engagement. This work demonstrates how real-time emotion detection can revolutionize customer experience management in retail environments.

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's competitive retail environment, businesses are looking for ways to improve customer experience and satisfaction. Real-time machine learning-based emotion detection is a promising technology that can help retail stores capture customers' emotional feedback and tailor their offerings and services to meet their needs and preferences. This work aims to explore the potential of real-time machine learning-based emotion detection in capturing customer feedback and its implications for retail stores. Emotion detection is a subfield of machine learning that seeks to identify the emotions of humans by analyzing their facial expressions, voice, or physiological signals. The use of emotion detection technologies in retail stores has been gaining traction in recent years. The ability to capture customer feedback based on their emotions can provide valuable insights into customer satisfaction and shopping experiences. In this literature review, we will discuss the state-of-the-art in real-time machine learning-based emotion detection for retail stores.

Emotion detection is a rapidly developing field that has the potential to transform retail stores' customer experience. The ability to capture customer feedback based on their emotions can provide valuable insights into customer satisfaction and shopping experiences. In recent years, several studies have been conducted to develop real-time machine learning-based emotion detection systems for retail stores. Facial expression analysis is a widely used technique in real-time emotion detection systems. The system uses cameras to capture the customers' facial expressions while they are shopping, and machine learning algorithms analyze these expressions to determine the customers' emotions. Several studies have shown that facial expression analysis-based systems can achieve high accuracy in detecting emotions in real-time. Another technique used in real-time emotion detection systems is voice analysis. In this technique, the system uses microphones to capture the customers' voices while they are shopping, and machine learning algorithms analyze these voices to determine the customers' emotions. However, voice analysis-based systems have limitations in noisy environments, and they may not be suitable for large retail stores.

Physiological signal analysis is another technique used in real-time emotion detection systems. In this technique, the system uses sensors to capture customers' physiological signals such as heart rate, skin conductance, and electroencephalogram (EEG) while they are shopping. Machine learning algorithms analyze these signals to determine the customers' emotions. Physiological signal analysis-based systems have shown promising results, but they may require additional equipment and setup time. Privacy concerns are a major limitation of real-time emotion detection systems. Customers may feel uncomfortable with the idea of being monitored, and retailers must take steps to ensure that customer privacy is protected. Additionally, real-time emotion detection systems require proper lighting and positioning of cameras to capture accurate data. The systems may not work well in poorly lit areas, and retailers must consider these factors when implementing these systems.

In conclusion, real-time machine learning-based emotion detection systems have the potential to revolutionize the retail industry by providing valuable insights into customer satisfaction and shopping experiences. Facial expression analysis, voice analysis, and physiological signal analysis are some of the techniques used in real-time emotion detection systems. However, these systems have limitations such as privacy concerns and the need for proper lighting and positioning of cameras. Further research is needed to address these limitations and improve the accuracy and efficiency of real-time emotion detection systems for retail stores.

II. LITRECTURE REVIEW

Emotion detection techniques are a critical component of real-time emotion detection systems. There are various approaches to emotion detection, including facial expression analysis, speech analysis, and physiological measurements. Facial expression analysis is one of the most common approaches and involves analyzing facial features such as eye movements, brow furrows, and lip movements. Speech analysis involves analyzing the tone, pitch, and intensity of speech, while physiological measurements include monitoring physiological responses such as heart rate and skin conductance.

Facial expression analysis is the most commonly used technique for emotion detection in retail environments. This technique involves using cameras to capture facial expressions of customers while they are shopping in a retail store. The captured images are then analyzed using machine learning algorithms to identify specific facial features associated with various emotions. These features can then be used to classify the customer's emotion into one of several categories, such as happy, sad, angry, or neutral.

This chapter has presented a comprehensive review of the literature on emotion detection techniques, their strengths and limitations, and the ethical and legal implications of using these techniques in retail environments. The review has highlighted the potential benefits of real-time emotion detection systems, as well as the ethical and legal concerns associated with their use. This review provides the foundation for the development and evaluation of the proposed real

Real-time machine learning based emotion detection for retail stores to capture customer's feedback based on their emotion has been an area of research interest for the past two decades, with a significant increase in research activities in the last decade. This technology has the potential to revolutionize retail customer service by allowing retailers to capture customers' feedback and respond to their needs in real-time.

From the literature review of 1998 to 2009, it can be seen that the focus was mainly on developing techniques for recognizing facial expressions and using physiological signals for emotion detection. The earlier studies on facial expression recognition focused on feature-based techniques, such as geometric features, facial landmarks, and Gabor filters. These methods, however, had limited success in recognizing emotions accurately due to their high sensitivity to variations in the illumination, pose, and expression.

In the mid-2000s, researchers began to explore the use of machine learning techniques, such as Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), for facial expression recognition. These methods proved to be more effective in recognizing emotions accurately, and they were further improved with the use of more complex features, such as Local Binary Patterns (LBP) and Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG).

In addition to facial expression recognition, researchers also started to investigate the use of physiological signals, such as electroencephalogram (EEG), electrocardiogram (ECG), and galvanic skin response (GSR), for emotion detection. These signals provided a non-invasive and continuous measure of a person's emotional state, and they were used to complement the facial expression recognition techniques.

Overall, the literature from 1998 to 2009 laid the foundation for the use of machine learning techniques for real-time emotion detection in retail stores. The focus was mainly on developing accurate and robust techniques for facial expression recognition and exploring the use of physiological signals for emotion detection.

[1] This proposed a real-time emotion detection system in retail environments using EEG signals. The system uses a wireless EEG headset to capture customers' brain activity while they are shopping, and machine learning algorithms analyze these signals to determine customers' emotions. The authors conducted experiments to evaluate the accuracy of their system and found that it achieved high accuracy in detecting customers' emotions. The authors also discussed the potential advantages of using EEG-based emotion detection systems, such as non-invasiveness and portability.

[19] proposed a deep learning-based emotion detection system that used a convolutional neural network (CNN) to analyze facial expressions. The system was tested on a dataset of customer reviews and achieved an accuracy of 85.4%.

[20] proposed a real-time emotion detection system that used a combination of computer vision techniques and machine learning algorithms. The system was tested in a retail store and achieved an accuracy of 83%.

[22] introduced the concept of affective computing and explored various techniques for sensing and responding to human emotions.

[3] provided a comprehensive review of real-time facial expression recognition techniques, including traditional and deep learning-based approaches. [4] proposed a real-time facial expression recognition system using deep learning on embedded systems, which can be used for applications such as emotion-based marketing.

[5] proposed a dynamic texture recognition approach based on local binary patterns for facial expression recognition, which achieved good results on benchmark datasets. Li et al. (2018) proposed a real-time facial expression recognition system using a convolutional neural network on an embedded system. Sun et al. (2019) developed a deep learning-based facial expression recognition system and demonstrated its effectiveness in real-world applications.

[8] proposed an improved convolutional neural network for real-time facial expression recognition, which achieved high accuracy and fast speed. Wu et al. (2021) proposed a facial emotion recognition system for real-time retail scenarios based on deep learning, which can help retailers better understand customer emotions and improve their shopping experience.

[10] proposed a multi-task convolutional neural network for real-time emotion recognition in retail stores, which can recognize emotions from facial expressions and physiological signals simultaneously. Koelstra et al. (2012) developed a database for emotion analysis using physiological signals, which can be used for research on emotion recognition.

[12] provided a review of facial expression recognition using deep learning, covering various methods and datasets. Afzal et al. (2020) also provided a comprehensive review of facial expression recognition using deep learning and discussed its applications in various domains.

[14] proposed a real-time emotion recognition system for online shopping scenarios based on deep learning, which can help online retailers better understand customer emotions and provide personalized services. Wang et al. (2021) proposed a facial emotion recognition system based on deep learning and visual attention mechanism, which can effectively capture subtle changes in facial expressions.

[17] (2021) proposed an emotion detection system using physiological signals in smart retail stores, which can provide valuable insights into customer emotions and behavior. Zhao et al. (2019) proposed a deep learning-based emotion recognition system for retail store environments, which can help retailers monitor and respond to customer emotions in real-time.

[19] proposed a real-time emotion recognition system based on deep learning in retail scenarios, which can help retailers better understand customer emotions and provide personalized services. Cho et al. (2019) proposed an emotion recognition system for online customer reviews using deep learning, which can help businesses better understand customer feedback and improve their services.

[31] proposes a deep learning-based emotion detection system for retail stores. The system uses convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and long short-term memory (LSTM) networks to analyze customers' facial expressions and predict their emotions. The authors evaluated their system using a dataset of customers' facial expressions and achieved high accuracy in detecting emotions. The authors also discussed the system's potential for providing personalized shopping experiences based on customer emotions.

[32] This article provides a comprehensive review of real-time emotion detection systems in retail environments. The authors discussed various techniques such as facial expression analysis, voice analysis, and physiological signal analysis. They also discussed the advantages and limitations of these techniques and identified potential areas for future research. The authors highlighted the importance of considering ethical and legal implications of emotion detection systems in retail environments.

[33] This work proposed a real-time emotion recognition system for improving customer satisfaction in the retail industry. The system uses a combination of facial expression analysis and voice analysis to detect customers' emotions. The authors conducted experiments to evaluate the accuracy of their system and found that it achieved high accuracy in detecting customers' emotions. The authors also discussed the potential benefits of using the system for personalized marketing and customer service.

III. BACKGROUND & MOTIVATION

Retail stores face intense competition and must consistently innovate to stay ahead. A key aspect of success lies in understanding the emotional state of customers, as emotions play a significant role in purchasing decisions. Real-time emotion detection systems powered by machine learning can help retailers bridge the gap between customer expectations and service delivery by providing actionable insights into customer behaviors, preferences, and satisfaction levels.

These systems leverage technologies like facial recognition, voice analysis, and behavioral tracking to interpret customer emotions such as happiness, frustration, surprise, or confusion. For instance, a customer showing signs of dissatisfaction in a store can trigger immediate interventions, such as assistance from staff or personalized discounts, enhancing the overall shopping experience. Similarly, understanding what excites customers can help businesses identify which products or displays are most engaging.

Moreover, the data collected from real-time emotion detection systems can be aggregated and analyzed over time to reveal patterns and trends. Retailers can use this information to optimize store layouts, refine marketing strategies, and tailor promotions to resonate with customers. For example, analyzing data on emotional responses to different product placements can help identify high-impact zones in a store, enabling retailers to maximize sales potential.

Beyond the physical store, these systems can also enhance digital retail experiences. Integrating emotion detection into e-commerce platforms allows businesses to personalize online interactions, improving customer engagement and conversion rates. For instance, algorithms can adjust website content, recommend products, or modify chatbots' responses based on a user's mood, making the experience more intuitive and satisfying.

Real-time emotion detection systems also enable businesses to measure the effectiveness of campaigns and initiatives. By analyzing customer reactions to in-store events, promotional activities, or new product launches, retailers can gauge success and make data-driven improvements. Additionally, these systems foster a more humanized approach to customer interactions, demonstrating that businesses care about the emotional well-being of their customers.

The potential of emotion detection extends to staff training as well. By understanding how customers emotionally respond to employees, businesses can identify training gaps and improve service delivery. Happy, empathetic, and responsive staff can significantly influence customer perceptions and loyalty.

However, implementing real-time emotion detection systems also raises concerns, particularly around privacy and data security. Retailers must ensure transparency with customers, adhere to data protection regulations, and adopt robust cybersecurity measures to maintain trust.

In conclusion, real-time emotion detection systems represent a powerful tool for retailers seeking to deliver exceptional customer experiences. By harnessing the insights derived from emotional data, businesses can create more personalized, engaging, and satisfying shopping journeys, ultimately leading to increased sales, stronger customer loyalty, and a competitive edge in the dynamic retail landscape.

IV. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Traditional methods for capturing customer feedback, such as surveys and interviews, can be time-consuming and may not provide accurate results due to the biases of the respondents. Real-time emotion detection systems have the potential to overcome these limitations by providing real-time feedback on customer emotions. However, developing a real-time emotion detection system that can accurately detect emotions in a retail environment is a complex problem. The system should be able to handle various lighting conditions, customer demographics, and shopping behaviors. Therefore, the problem statement of this work is to develop and evaluate a real-time machine learning-based emotion detection system for retail stores to capture customer feedback based on their emotions.

The problem statement for Real Time Machine Learning Based Emotion Detection for Retail Stores to Capture Customer's Feedback Based On Their Emotion revolves around the challenge of improving customer satisfaction and loyalty in retail stores by capturing and analyzing customer feedback in real-time based on their emotional state.

Retail stores face a challenge in capturing accurate and relevant feedback from customers in real-time, which can help them improve their offerings and services. Traditional feedback methods such as surveys and questionnaires can be time-consuming and often do not capture the emotional state of the customer.

Real-time machine learning-based emotion detection has emerged as a promising solution for capturing feedback based on customer emotion. This technology uses computer vision and natural language processing techniques to analyze customers' facial expressions, body language, and speech to determine their emotional state. However, there are several challenges that need to be addressed in the implementation of this technology.

Firstly, there is a need to design and develop a system that can accurately detect and classify emotions in real-time. This requires the selection of appropriate machine learning algorithms and computer vision techniques that can analyze facial expressions and body language in real-time.

Secondly, the system needs to be able to capture feedback based on customer emotion accurately. This requires the use of natural language processing techniques that can analyze customer feedback and classify it based on their emotional state.

Thirdly, the system needs to be able to provide actionable insights based on the captured data. This requires the use of data analytics and visualization techniques that can help retailers identify patterns and trends in customer feedback and use this information to improve their offerings and services.

Fourthly, there is a need to ensure the privacy and security of customer data. The system needs to be designed with adequate security measures in place to protect customer data and ensure compliance with data protection regulations.

Overall, the problem statement for Real Time Machine Learning Based Emotion Detection for Retail Stores to Capture Customer's Feedback Based On Their Emotion is centered around the need to improve customer satisfaction and loyalty by capturing accurate and relevant feedback in real-time based on their emotional state and using this information to improve offerings and services.

Some key points that can be included in the problem statement for Real Time Machine Learning Based Emotion Detection for Retail Stores to Capture Customer's Feedback Based On Their Emotion:

- 1) The challenge of improving customer satisfaction and loyalty in retail stores.
- 2) The need for capturing accurate and relevant feedback from customers in real-time.
- 3) The limitations of traditional feedback methods such as surveys and questionnaires.
- 4) The potential of real-time machine learning-based emotion detection in capturing feedback based on customer emotion.
- 5) The importance of accurately detecting and classifying emotions in real-time.
- 6) The need for natural language processing techniques to analyze customer feedback based on their emotional state.
- 7) The importance of providing actionable insights based on the captured data.
- 8) The need to protect customer data and ensure compliance with data protection regulations.
- 9) The potential benefits of improving customer satisfaction and loyalty, such as increased sales and customer retention.
- 10) The challenges of implementing real-time machine learning-based emotion detection in retail stores, such as selecting appropriate algorithms and computer vision techniques.
- 11) The potential implications of this technology for the retail industry as a whole.

V. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this work is to develop and evaluate a real-time machine learning-based emotion detection system for retail stores, with a focus on capturing customer feedback through their emotional responses. To achieve this goal, the work is structured around the following specific objectives:

A. Comprehensive Literature Review

- Conduct an in-depth review of existing emotion detection techniques, focusing on their methodologies, applications, strengths, and limitations.
- Analyze various modalities used for emotion detection, including facial expression recognition, voice analysis, physiological signal interpretation, and behavioral tracking.
- Explore the use of different machine learning and deep learning models, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), and ensemble methods, in emotion detection.
- Investigate the ethical and legal implications of implementing emotion detection systems in retail settings, with particular attention to customer privacy, data protection, and regulatory compliance, such as GDPR or similar frameworks.
- Identify research gaps and challenges in the field, particularly in the context of retail environments, to inform the design of the proposed system.

B. Dataset Collection

- Design and implement a strategy for collecting a dataset of customer facial expressions within a retail store setting, ensuring diversity in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, and shopping scenarios.
- Use a combination of video cameras and sensors to capture customers' facial expressions and other non-intrusive indicators of emotional states.
- Annotate the dataset with corresponding emotional labels (e.g., happiness, frustration, surprise, neutrality) using both automated tools and manual labeling by experts.
- Ensure ethical data collection practices by obtaining informed consent from participants, anonymizing data where possible, and complying with legal requirements.

C. Development of a Real-Time Emotion Detection Model

- Design and train a machine learning-based model for real-time emotion detection, capable of operating in dynamic retail store environments with variable lighting, background noise, and diverse customer behaviors.

- Incorporate advanced preprocessing techniques, such as image normalization and augmentation, to enhance model robustness.
- Optimize the model for real-time performance, balancing accuracy with computational efficiency to ensure seamless integration into retail systems.
- Explore the use of multimodal data (e.g., combining facial expressions with voice or body language) to improve emotion detection accuracy.

D. System Evaluation and Testing

- Conduct extensive testing of the proposed emotion detection system under controlled conditions as well as in live retail store environments.
- Evaluate the system's accuracy, efficiency, and reliability in detecting customers' emotions across different scenarios, such as product browsing, queue waiting, or promotional interactions.
- Analyze the system's performance under varying conditions, including low lighting, crowd density, and occlusions, to identify its strengths and limitations.

E. Comparative Analysis and Improvement

- Compare the performance of the proposed system with existing emotion detection systems, using standardized metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.
- Conduct a qualitative analysis of system usability and potential business impact based on feedback from retail staff and management.
- Identify areas for improvement, such as enhancing model robustness, integrating additional data sources, or optimizing computational requirements for better scalability.
- Explore potential advancements in emotion detection, such as incorporating transfer learning or federated learning, to improve system adaptability and efficiency.

F. Implementation Feasibility and Business Implications

- Develop a prototype system for integration into retail operations, demonstrating its potential to enhance customer experience, increase sales, and improve customer retention.
- Provide a detailed analysis of the costs, benefits, and scalability of implementing the proposed system in real-world retail environments.
- Address ethical, privacy, and customer acceptance concerns, offering guidelines for transparent and responsible deployment.

By addressing these objectives, this work aims to contribute to the field of emotion detection systems with a practical, scalable solution tailored for the retail industry. The findings and innovations from this research could pave the way for a deeper understanding of customer emotions and their impact on shopping behaviors, ultimately driving innovation in customer experience management.

VI. METHODOLOGY

A. Proposed Steps

The proposed real-time machine learning-based emotion detection system uses a pre-trained convolutional neural network (CNN) model to classify emotions from facial expressions. The CNN model is trained on the FER-2013 dataset, which contains over 35,000 facial images labeled with seven emotions, including Angry, Disgust, Fear, Happy, Neutral, Sad, and Surprise. The pre-trained model is fine-tuned using transfer learning to improve its performance on a custom dataset of retail store customers.

The real-time emotion detection system is implemented using the OpenCV library in Python. The system captures real-time video from a camera or webcam and processes it frame by frame. The face detection algorithm is used to detect faces in each frame, and the detected faces are preprocessed and fed into the pre-trained CNN model for emotion classification. The emotion labels are then displayed on the screen, and the feedback is provided to the retail store staff based on the detected emotion. system

1) Image Acquisition

- Use a camera or webcam to capture images of customers' faces.
- Pre-process the images to remove any noise and enhance the image quality.

2) Feature Extraction

- Use a pre-trained convolutional neural network (CNN) model, such as VGG-Face, to extract facial features from the pre-processed images.
- The extracted features could include eye movement, eyebrow position, and mouth movement.

3) Emotion Classification

- Use a pre-trained deep learning model, such as a convolutional neural network (CNN) or a recurrent neural network (RNN), to classify the customer's emotion based on the extracted features.
- The model could be trained on a labeled dataset of facial expressions and their corresponding emotions, such as the AffectNet dataset.

4) Real-time Feedback

- Provide real-time feedback to the retail store staff based on the customer's detected emotion.
- The feedback could be in the form of a notification or a display of the customer's emotion on a screen.

5) Customer Feedback Collection

- Collect customer feedback based on their detected emotions.
- The feedback could be stored in a database for later analysis and used to improve the customer experience, increase sales, and loyalty.

V. CONCLUSION& OUTCOME

In this work, we are going to propose a real-time machine learning-based emotion detection system for retail stores as a promising solution to enhance customer experiences and satisfaction. The system will utilize a combination of facial expression detection, feature extraction, and classification to capture and analyze customers' emotions while they shop. By training and testing the system on a diverse dataset of video recordings of customers in retail environments, we aim to achieve an accuracy of 90-95%. This approach will provide actionable insights for retail staff to deliver personalized and efficient customer service, revolutionizing the way feedback is captured and analyzed in the retail industry.

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