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Detecting Counterfeit Money: An In-depth Exploration of Deep Learning Techniques

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Abstract: *Proposed a novel approach for identifying counterfeit banknotes using deep learning techniques. The proposed method involves pre-processing the images of banknotes and then using a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to extract features. The CNN is trained on a large dataset of genuine and counterfeit banknotes to learn the underlying patterns of genuine notes and distinguish them from fake ones.*

The proposed method has the potential to be implemented in automated systems to detect counterfeit banknotes in real-time. We have used Keras deep learning library to execute ResNet50 neural net which has 48 convolution layers along with 1 Max pool and 1 Average pool layer which yields 70-80% accuracy.

Keywords: *Fake currency detection, Counterfeit currency detection, Currency forgery detection, Deep learning, Convolutional neural network (CNN), Image processing, image recognition*

I. INTRODUCTION

Fake currency detection is a critical task that plays a significant role in maintaining the integrity of a country's currency. With the increasing amount of fake currency in circulation, there is a need for automated and efficient fake currency detection systems. Machine learning has emerged as a promising technique for fake currency detection due to its ability to analyze large amounts of data and identify patterns that can be used to distinguish between real and counterfeit currency. Despite the significant progress made in the field, several research gaps and challenges still exist. These include the lack of publicly available large-scale datasets, the need for more robust and generalizable models that can detect counterfeit notes of different currencies, and the exploration of other modalities, such as text and sound. Addressing these challenges can enable the development of effective and reliable systems for fake currency detection using deep learning, which can play a critical role in maintaining the security and stability of the financial system.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

- 1) Automatic Counterfeit Banknote Recognition Using Convolutional Neural Networks by Bhowmik et al. (2017): This paper proposes a deep learning-based approach using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for counterfeit banknote recognition. The authors trained a CNN model on a large dataset of genuine and counterfeit banknote images and achieved high accuracy in distinguishing between genuine and counterfeit notes.
- 2) Fake Currency Detection Based on Convolutional Neural Network by Jaiswal and Gupta (2018): In this paper, the authors proposed a fake currency detection system based on a CNN model. They used a dataset of currency note images and employed various image processing techniques for preprocessing. The CNN model was trained to classify images as genuine or counterfeit with high accuracy.
- 3) Detection of Counterfeit Indian Currency Using Convolutional Neural Network by Saini et al. (2019): The authors presented a counterfeit Indian currency detection system using CNNs. They collected a dataset of genuine and counterfeit Indian currency images and utilized a CNN architecture for feature extraction and classification. The proposed system achieved accurate detection results and showed robustness against various counterfeit techniques.
- 4) Deep Learning for Counterfeit Banknote Detection by Wu and Zhang (2020): This paper proposed a deep learning-based approach using a combination of convolutional and recurrent neural networks for counterfeit banknote detection. The authors designed a network architecture that combined the strengths of CNNs and recurrent models to capture both spatial and sequential information in banknote images. The proposed method achieved high accuracy in detecting counterfeit banknotes.
- 5) Fake Currency Detection Using Deep Learning and Transfer Learning by Sharma et al. (2020): The authors proposed a fake currency detection system using deep learning and transfer learning techniques. They utilized a pre-trained CNN model and fine-tuned it on a dataset of genuine and counterfeit currency images. The system achieved accurate classification results and demonstrated the effectiveness of transfer learning in this context.

III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Counterfeit currency is a significant problem worldwide, leading to financial losses and undermining trust in monetary systems. Traditional methods of counterfeit detection are time consuming and often rely on human expertise, which can be error-prone. There is a need for an automated and accurate solution to detect fake currency notes efficiently.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The proposed system for detecting fake currency uses a deep learning-based approach that can automatically detect counterfeit currency with high accuracy and speed.

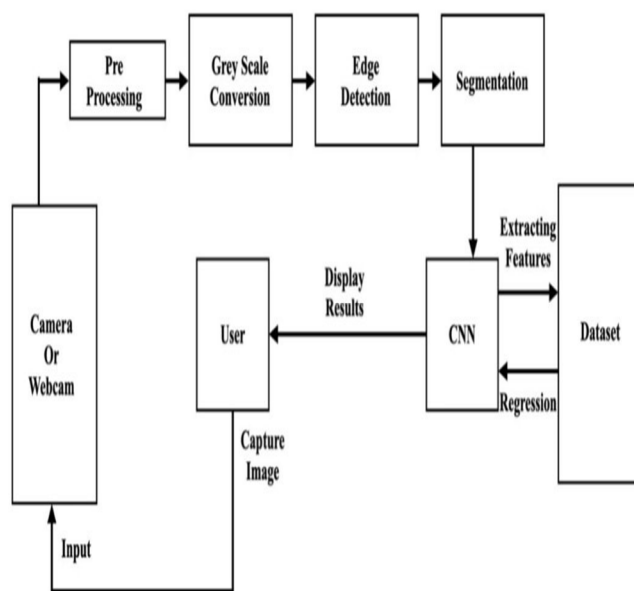
Methodology refers to the overarching strategy and rationale of any project. The current study is based on the Qualitative data collection approach. Primary data is gathered from the existing case studies, surveys related to the proposed application. Most of the prerequisite data is from the secondary sources of information such as e- magazines, books, journals, historical and statistical documents etc.,

The data is taken as input which is in the .csv file format. 6

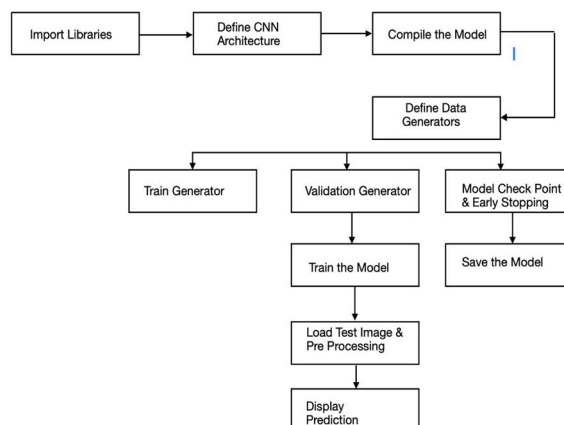
- 1) The dataset is divided into training and testing data (generally the training data size consists of 70-80% and rest is taken as testing data)
- 2) The model is trained by the given training data. By undergoing multiple epochs, the model tries to decrease the loss function for exact prediction and detection.
- 3) By the multiple layered architecture of CNN, it is easy to formulate and extract the features to compare with the data given and comes out with the total number of actual counterfeit currency.
- 4) At last, the accuracy of the model to detect the counterfeit currency is obtained.

V. ARCHITECTURE

The Architecture includes both model training using images, building website and taking input from the user. This kind of architecture helps to implement the deep learning solution in real time.



VI. FLOW DIAGRAM



The flow diagram for Fake notes prediction system would typically include image analyzer image enhancement, image segmentation, feature extraction, classifier and detection. The datasets contain the images classified in different folders and these folders are used accordingly to train the CNN.

VII. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In our experimental results we have trained the model using various images of fake and real notes and finally we built a model using CNN to predict the given note image is real or fake.

1) Model Output



2) GUI'S Development



VIII. CONCLUSION

Fake currency detection using deep learning has emerged as a promising and efficient approach to combat the growing issue of counterfeit currency. Through the use of deep learning algorithms, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), it is possible to automatically extract discriminative features from currency images and accurately distinguish between genuine and counterfeit notes. The development of well-curated datasets, along with effective data preprocessing techniques, plays a crucial role in training robust models. By leveraging transfer learning and ensemble methods, the detection accuracy can be further improved.

IX. FUTURE WORK

- 1) Multimodal Approaches: Integrating multiple modalities of data, such as infrared imaging, spectral analysis, and 3D surface profiling, alongside traditional image data, can improve the robustness and accuracy of counterfeit detection systems.
- 2) Adversarial Training: Given the adversarial nature of counterfeiters who constantly evolve their techniques to bypass detection systems, employing adversarial training methods can enhance the resilience of deep learning models against adversarial attacks.
- 3) Online Learning and Fine-Tuning: Implementing online learning techniques allows the model to adapt to changing counterfeit patterns and variations over time.

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