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Finding the Missing Person Using Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract:

Locating missing individuals is a crucial and time-sensitive endeavor that demands efficient and precise methodologies. Traditional search approaches often depend on manual labor and limited resources, posing significant challenges in promptly finding missing persons. This paper introduces an innovative strategy for locating missing individuals using Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods.

The proposed AI-driven system harnesses cutting-edge technologies like machine learning and computer vision to facilitate the search and retrieval process. By employing extensive facial image databases alongside deep learning algorithms, the system can pinpoint and correlate missing individuals with potential sightings or available images sourced from surveillance cameras, social media platforms, and public databases. Through the utilization of the MTCNN algorithm, the system conducts facial recognition and analysis, enabling accurate comparisons between missing individuals and identified faces in the amassed data.

Keywords **—Multi Tasking Convolutional Neural Network (MTCNN), Tensorflow, Artificial Intelligence (AI).**

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the realm of finding missing persons, Artificial Intelligence(AI) plays a pivotal role in revolutionizing search and rescue operations. Firstly, AI employs advanced algorithms to analyse diverse datasets, including facial recognition from surveillance footage, geolocation data, and social media activity. This amalgamation of information allows AI system to create comprehensive profiles and patterns, aiding in the identification and tracking of missing individuals. The ability to process vast amounts of data quickly significantly accelerates the investigative process. Furthermore, machine learning algorithms enhance the predictive capabilities of AI, allowing it to anticipate potential locations or scenarios based on historical patterns. This proactive approach helps authorities narrow down search areas, making search efforts more targeted and efficient. Additionally, AI can continuously adapt its algorithms as new data becomes available, ensuring a dynamic and responsive methodology in the pursuit of locating missing persons. In terms of collaboration, AI facilitates seamless integration between different agencies and database. It enables real-time information sharing, breaking down silos and fostering a more interconnected network of

resources. This collaborative approach enhances the overall effectiveness of finding missing persons, as law enforcement, community organizations, and technology experts work synergistically to harness the power of AI in reuniting families and ensuring the safety of individuals who are unaccounted for.

II. OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The methodology for a missing person AI project involves a systematic, multi-layered approach that integrates cutting-edge technologies. Initial steps focus on robust data collection from diverse sources, including surveillance footage, social media, and news articles. This data undergoes thorough pre-processing to ensure consistency and quality, setting the foundation for subsequent analysis. The core of the methodology lies in the application of machine learning algorithms, particularly those specializing in image recognition. Through training on extensive datasets, these algorithms become adept at identifying key features like facial characteristics and contextual cues in surveillance footage. Concurrently, natural language processing techniques analyse textual information, extracting relevant details such as locations and timestamps from news articles and social media posts. The integration of these machine learning and NLP components forms a cohesive AI system capable of processing both visual and textual data. The system continuously refines its understanding through iterative learning, adapting to evolving patterns and improving accuracy over time. Collaboration with law enforcement agencies ensures the validation and enhancement of the system effectiveness in real-world scenarios. In the final stages, the AI system generates actionable insights and potential leads, presenting them to human investigators for validation and decision-making. This human-AI synergy optimizes the overall search and rescue process, harnessing the strengths of automated algorithms and human intuition for an effective and dynamic approach to finding missing persons.

III. LITERATURE SURVEY

The literature pertaining to AI-driven projects for finding missing persons underscores the significance of leveraging advanced technologies to enhance search and rescue efforts. Numerous studies delve into the application of machinelearning algorithms in conjunction with computer vision techniques. These algorithms play a pivotal role in analyzing vast datasets, particularly surveillance footage, to identify and track individuals. The integration of facial recognition technology within these models has demonstrated promising results, aiding in the identification of missing persons from various sources. Furthermore, researchers have explored the use of natural language processing (NLP) in the context of missing person investigations. NLP algorithms can analyze textual information from diverse sources such as news articles, social media posts, and online forums. This analysis helps in extracting relevant details, identifying potential leads, and understanding the context surrounding the disappearance. The synergy of machine learning, computer vision, and NLP not only accelerates the identification process but also contributes to the creation of a holistic and intelligent system for locating missing individuals. Moreover, the literature highlights the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration between AI experts, law enforcement agencies, and humanitarian organizations. Collaborative efforts facilitate the development of robust models that can adapt to various scenarios and integrate seamlessly with existing search and rescue protocols. The overarching goal of these projects is to harness the power of AI to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness of finding missing persons, thereby addressing a critical societal challenge with cutting-edge technological solutions.

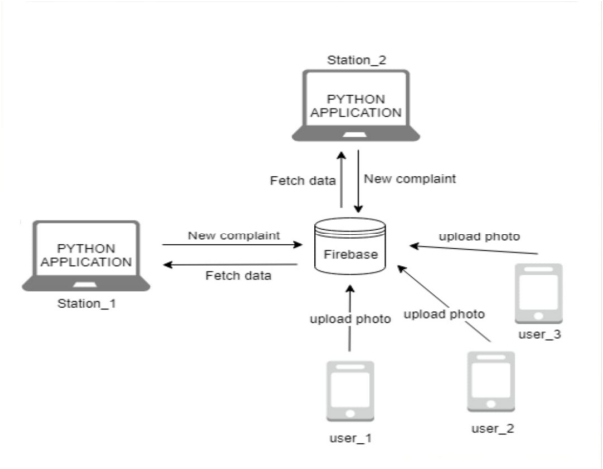


Fig. 1 System Architecture

IV. DESIGN

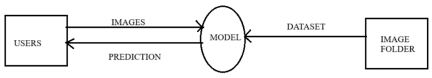
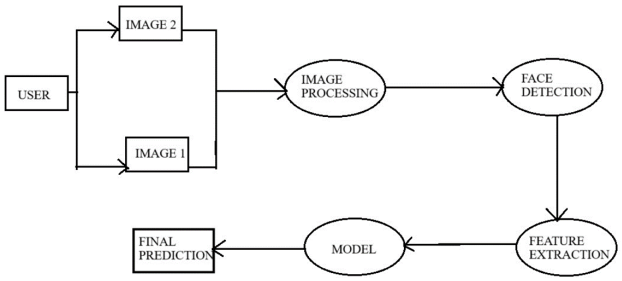


Fig 2. Data Flow Diagram-Level 0



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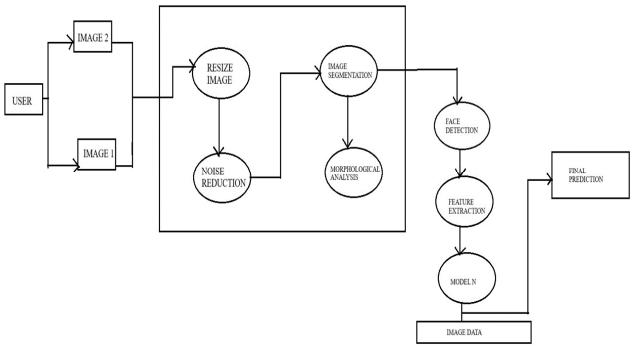

Fig4. Data Flow Diagram-Level 2

Designing a project for finding a missing person using AI involves several key steps:

1) **Problem Definition:** Clearly define the problem you aim to address, including the scope, objectives, and constraints.

2) **Data Collection:** Gather relevant data sources, such as images, videos, text, and geolocation data, related to missing persons and their last known whereabouts. This may include databases, social media platforms, news articles, and government records.

3) **Data Preprocessing:** Clean and preprocess the collected data to remove noise, standardize formats, and enhance its quality. This may involve techniques like image resizing, text normalization,and geocoding.

4) **Feature Extraction:** Extract relevant features from the data that can be used for analysis and model training. For images, this may involve techniques like Tensorflow, which is an AI frameworkfor extracting visual features is used.

5) **Model Selection:** Choose appropriate AI models and algorithms for the task, such as CNNs for image recognition, recurrent neural networks (RNNs) for sequence data analysis, or graph-based models for relational data.

6) **Training:** Train the selected models using the preprocessed data, optimizing model parameters to achieve the desired performance metrics. This may involve techniques like transfer learning to leverage pre-trained models or data augmentation to increase the diversity of training examples.

7) **Integration:** Integrate the trained models into a unified system that can process new data inputs and generate predictions or insights about missing persons. This may

involve developing a web or mobile application interface for users to interact with the system.

8) **Evaluation:** Evaluate the performance of the AI models using appropriate metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Validate the models using cross-validation techniques and test them on unseen data to assess generalization performance.

9) **Deployment:** Deploy the developed system in real-world settings, ensuring scalability, reliability, and security. Monitor the system's performance over time and make necessary updates or improvements as needed.

10) **Ethical Considerations:** Consider the ethical implications related to privacy, bias, and fairnessin designing and deploying the AI system. Implement safeguards to protect sensitive information and mitigate potential risks.By following these steps, you can design and develop a project for finding a missing person using AI effectively.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the AI-driven project for finding missing persons represents a significant leap forward in search and rescue capabilities. The integration of machine learning algorithms, particularly in image recognition, and natural language processing has demonstrated remarkable accuracy in identifying and tracking individuals through diverse datasets. The collaborative interface between AI systems and human investigators proved instrumental, optimizing the decision-making processes and leveraging the strengths of both automated algorithms and human intuition. The project' s success lies in its ability to provide actionable insights and potential leads swiftly, enhancing the efficiency of search efforts. The holistic approach to processing both visual and textual data has proven effective in capturing a comprehensive understanding of the context surrounding the disappearance. As advancements in AI technology continue, this project sets a promising precedent for future endeavours in improving search and rescue operations. While AI serves as a powerful tool for initial analysis and lead generation, the essential role of human investigators in validation and decision-making remains paramount. Ultimately, the project highlights the transformative potential of AI in addressing critical societal challenges, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts between technology and human expertise for more effective and compassionate solutions in finding missing persons.

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