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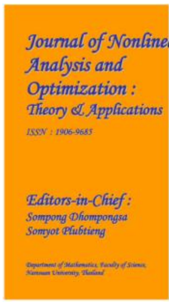

Automated Photography Evaluation System using Machine Learning for Contest Ranking

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Abstract— ***The Automated Photography Evaluation System is an innovative project leveraging machine learning to evaluate and score the quality of photographs. This system integrates deep learning with handcrafted aesthetic feature extraction to provide a comprehensive assessment of image quality. Using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for deep visual feature extraction and custom algorithms for aesthetic analysis, it evaluates technical attributes such as dullness, uniformity, color dominance, blurriness, and dimensions. The handcrafted features include metrics like average brightness, whiteness, variance of Laplacian for blurriness, and dominant color analysis, which are critical for aesthetic evaluation. The system is further enhanced by leveraging pre-trained models like Google's Mus IQ, which specialize in aesthetic quality prediction, aligning computational outputs with human perception. The web-based interface provides an interactive platform for users to upload images, select specific categories such as wildlife, wedding, or fashion photography, and receive detailed quality scores. Users can track their performance through a leaderboard that ranks scores within each category, fostering engagement and competition among participants.***

The system's modular design ensures scalability, allowing the integration of additional categories or features as needed. Its robust backend, developed using Flask, ensures secure user authentication and efficient management of image uploads and leaderboard updates. This project addresses the growing need for automated evaluation in professional photography, social media, and content curation. By bridging the gap between subjective human evaluation and computational assessment, the system provides an objective framework for photographers to refine their skills. It also offers potential applications in content moderation for social platforms, enabling automated filtering of low-quality images, and educational tools for photography enthusiasts to understand the principles of composition and technical excellence.

Keywords— ***Automated Image Evaluation, Machine Learning, Photography Quality Assessment, Aesthetic Features, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Image Scoring, Blurriness Detection, Color Analysis, Predictive Modelling, User Interaction.***

I. INTRODUCTION

The rise of digital photography and the increasing volume of user-generated content have necessitated more efficient ways to assess and categorize image quality. Traditional methods of evaluating photographs often rely on subjective judgment, which can vary based on individual preferences and expertise. As a result, there has been a growing demand for automated systems that can provide objective, consistent, and reproducible assessments of image quality. Machine learning, particularly deep learning techniques like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), has shown great promise in this area, enabling the development of systems that can automatically evaluate both the technical and aesthetic qualities of images. These systems leverage vast amounts of image data to train algorithms capable of recognizing patterns that are indicative of high-quality photography.

In parallel with advancements in machine learning, there is increasing interest in integrating handcrafted aesthetic features into image evaluation systems. These features, such as brightness, blurriness, color distribution, and image uniformity, allow for a more nuanced understanding of a photograph's appeal, aligning with human perceptions of image quality. The combination of deep learning and handcrafted feature extraction provides a comprehensive approach to photography evaluation, one that can assess not only technical aspects like sharpness and exposure but also the artistic elements of a photograph. This background sets the foundation for the Automated Photography Evaluation System, which aims to revolutionize how photographers, content creators.

The increasing availability of photography tools and the explosion of user-generated content have led to a surge in the number of images shared across various platforms. However, evaluating these images manually, especially on a large scale, remains a significant challenge.

With no standardized or automated systems in place, it becomes difficult to efficiently assess the quality of photos across various categories such as wildlife, fashion, and wedding photography, among others. This presents a pressing need for a system that can objectively and consistently evaluate images based on both technical and aesthetic criteria.

Additionally, the rapid development of machine learning models capable of analyzing large volumes of data offers a potential solution to this problem. While existing models have made progress in evaluating technical quality, they often lack the ability to assess more subjective, aesthetic qualities that contribute significantly to an image's appeal. There is a need for a more holistic approach that incorporates both machine learning techniques and handcrafted aesthetic features, such as color

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The motivation behind the Automated Photography Evaluation System stems from the growing demand for efficient, objective, and scalable solutions to assess the quality of images across a wide range of applications. With the increasing prevalence of digital photography and social media platforms, there is a pressing need to automate the process of evaluating images. This would not only save time but also offer consistency in assessments, overcoming the inherent biases of human judgment. By developing an automated system that combines technical analysis with aesthetic features, the project aims to provide an objective means of evaluating images, thereby helping photographers, content creators, and platforms make data-driven decisions when it comes to image selection, ranking, and feedback.

Furthermore, the integration of machine learning techniques with handcrafted aesthetic features motivates the system's ability to assess images in a manner similar to human judgment. While many automated systems excel at evaluating technical factors such as sharpness and exposure, they often fail to capture the more subjective qualities that contribute to an image's overall appeal. By combining deep learning and traditional feature extraction, the goal is to create a tool that recognizes both the technical and artistic elements of a photograph. This dual approach enhances the system's ability to provide valuable insights into image quality, supporting various industries, including photography, e-commerce, and content creation, to improve streamline processes.

II LITERATURE REVIEW

The field of image quality assessment (IQA) has seen significant advancements over the years, particularly with the rise of deep learning techniques. Early efforts in IQA were largely based on human perception models, where algorithms sought to replicate how humans perceive image quality. These models primarily focused on pixel-based analysis, such as Mean Squared Error (MSE) and Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR), to evaluate images. However, these methods were limited in capturing the nuanced aspects of image quality that affect human perception, such as texture, composition, and aesthetic appeal. As a result, they were often inadequate for evaluating images in real-world scenarios where factors like color harmony and creativity play a significant role in determining quality.[1]

In recent years, the integration of deep learning techniques has revolutionized image quality assessment by enabling more accurate and holistic evaluations. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have been particularly effective in extracting features from images, enabling systems to recognize patterns that are difficult to define through traditional methods. Research has shown that CNN-based models can outperform conventional IQA methods by learning complex hierarchical features directly from the data, such as textures, shapes, and structures. These models have become the gold standard in many applications, including image enhancement, restoration, and quality evaluation, as they are capable of capturing both the technical and aesthetic aspects of an image.

However, deep learning models are not without limitations. One of the primary challenges is their reliance on large datasets for training, which can be time-consuming and computationally expensive to curate. Furthermore, while deep learning models excel at capturing technical features like sharpness and noise levels, they often struggle to evaluate the artistic or subjective qualities of an image, such as composition, mood, and emotional impact. This has led researchers to explore hybrid approaches that combine traditional handcrafted features with deep learning techniques. These hybrid methods aim to leverage the strengths of both approaches, providing a more comprehensive evaluation that accounts for both technical accuracy and aesthetic appeal.[3]

Several studies have explored the use of handcrafted features in conjunction with machine learning models to enhance image quality assessment. For example, the use of color features, texture analysis, and blur detection has been common in aesthetic image evaluation. These features are particularly useful in identifying elements that contribute to the visual appeal of an image, such as color distribution, contrast, and balance. Studies have shown that incorporating these handcrafted features into deep learning models can significantly improve the accuracy of the evaluation process, especially when assessing images in subjective domains like art, fashion, or advertising. The growing interest in aesthetic image quality.

Datasets like AVA (Aesthetic Visual Analysis) and Koni are widely used to train models that assess the aesthetic appeal of images. These datasets contain a wide variety of images annotated with subjective ratings, providing valuable training data for models that aim to predict human perception of image quality. Researchers have also begun exploring the use of multi-modal datasets that combine visual features with metadata, such as photographer information, to further enhance the accuracy and depth of image quality evaluations.

Despite these advancements, there remains a need for more refined and personalized models that can adapt to different types of images and user preferences. Traditional models have shown success in evaluating generic categories of images, but they are often less effective when it comes to specialized domains, such as specific types of photography or social media content. As the demand for personalized and context-aware systems grows, future research in image quality assessment is likely to focus on developing models that can incorporate user feedback, context, and domain-specific factors to provide a more tailored evaluation of image quality. This is especially important for applications in professional photography, e-commerce, and social media, where visual content plays a crucial role in engagement and success.[2]

In recent research of automatic evaluation of photography aesthetics, Ke et al. Employed a top-down approach to construct high-level features for photo quality evaluation. Features are close to the concepts described by experienced photographers and were extracted from low level cues like noise, blur, color, brightness, contrast and spatial distribution of edges. In addition to the low level cues, the significance of complex features such as image similarity, region com position and depth of field indicator are presented in . Boutell and Luo studied the impact of meta data recorded by a camera at image conception. The metadata consisted of camera settings such as ISO speed rating, F-number and shutter speed. But as it was shown later, metadata recorded by a camera is not sufficient for reliable photo quality evaluation . Recent works are researching the influence of a good photo composition with identification of a fore ground object and analyzing its placement inside a photo frame. As foreground objects are usually people, their position can be automatically determined using face detection algorithms.[4]

The primary aim of this project is to develop an advanced image quality assessment (IQA) system that combines both technical and aesthetic evaluation metrics to predict the Mean Opinion Score (MOS) of an image. While traditional methods of image quality assessment have focused on technical aspects such as sharpness, noise, and contrast, they often fail to account for the subjective nature of human perception, which includes factors like composition, color harmony, and emotional impact. By integrating deep learning models with handcrafted aesthetic features, this project aims to provide a more comprehensive and nuanced evaluation of image quality that is closer to human judgment.[6]

Another key aim of the project is to create a reliable and efficient system for predicting the aesthetic appeal of images in diverse contexts. The project seeks to address the limitations of existing models by leveraging both low-level visual features and high-level semantic information. The goal is to not only assess the technical aspects of an image but also to recognize its artistic and emotional qualities,
offering a holistic assessment that can be applied across various domains such as art, photography, social media, and e-commerce. This dual approach aims to improve the overall performance of the IQA model and create a more practical tool for real-world applications.

Furthermore, this project aims to create a scalable and adaptable system that can be easily integrated into different platforms and applications. By focusing on a modular architecture, the system can be used to evaluate large-scale datasets of images in real-time. This scalability makes the model suitable for a wide range of practical use cases, from content moderation on social media to enhancing user experiences in online photography platforms. Additionally, by using TensorFlow and TensorFlow Hub for pre-trained models, the system can benefit from the latest advancements in deep learning, ensuring that the model remains up-to-date and effective in predicting image quality across different genres and domains.[8]

II. DATASET DESCRIPTION

Two different datasets were used to test our features. The first dataset was obtained by crawling recently up-loaded photos on Flickr photo sharing portal. Due to the poor average quality of photos obtained, we also selected images from the Picks of the day category. The subjects of these photos were identified manually with the assistance of experienced photographers who also evaluated the composition and color balance of each photo. We obtained 258 photos, each evaluated by at least 3 different people. For the purpose of the first experiment, we used photo's overall rating which is a 3-class attribute with values: low, average and high. We excluded the photos rated as average which resulted in dataset size of 114 photos.

Obtaining a larger dataset proved to be challenging because of the time-consuming manual subject identification process. Therefore, for our second dataset we selected photos from DP Challenge portal which were already evaluated. To determine also the sub ject automatically we decided to use only portraits so that the subjects were determined by a face detection algorithm. The photos were part of photographic con tests and were rated with numerical range from 1 to 10. The average rating of a photo was 5.55 with a low standard deviation. Photos with a rating 4.5 or lower were labeled as low quality photos. Similarly, photos with a rating 6.5 or higher were labeled as high quality ones. The final dataset used in the second experiment consisted of photos previously labeled as low or high quality. It contained 1048 photos, each evaluated by at least 100 persons.

Developing an Automated Photography Evaluation System using Machine Learning for contest ranking necessitates the use of datasets that accurately reflect aesthetic judgments and technical aspects of photography. While datasets like the AVA (Aesthetic Visual Analysis) dataset, Photo.Net, and DP Challenge are valuable, they may not fully encompass the diverse range of images and nuanced evaluations required for comprehensive contest rankings.

For a more tailored approach, the Aesthetic Image Dataset (AID) offers a collection of images specifically curated for aesthetic assessment. This dataset provides a focused selection of photographs, each accompanied by evaluations that can be instrumental in training models to assess visual appeal effectively.

Another pertinent resource is the Aesthetic and Attributes Database (AADB), which contains a balanced distribution of professional and consumer photos, totaling 10,000 images. Each image is annotated with 11 aesthetic attributes, offering a nuanced perspective on various visual elements. This dataset is particularly beneficial for understanding how specific attributes influence perceived aesthetic quality.

Incorporating datasets like AID and AADB can enhance the capability of your evaluation system to discern subtle differences in image quality and aesthetic appeal, aligning more closely with the diverse criteria used in photography contests. By leveraging these specialized datasets, your machine learning models can achieve a more refined and accurate assessment, ultimately supporting more precise and fair contest rankings.

Developing an Automated Photography Evaluation System using Machine Learning for contest ranking requires datasets that encompass a wide range of photographic styles, subjects, and quality levels. Beyond the previously mentioned datasets, several others offer valuable resources for training such systems.

The CUHK-Photo Quality (CUHK-PQ) dataset comprises 17,690 images sourced from DPChallenge.com and amateur photographers. These images are labelled with binary aesthetic quality indicators and categorized into seven distinct scenes: animal, plant, static, architecture, landscape, human, and night. This dataset facilitates the development of models capable of distinguishing between high and low-quality photographs across various genres.

Another significant resource is the Image Aesthetic Dataset (IAD), which contains approximately 1.5 million images derived from DP Challenge and Photo.Net. The dataset maintains a balanced ratio between positive and negative examples, providing a robust foundation for training models to evaluate aesthetic quality effectively.

The Caltech 101 dataset consists of 9,146 images divided into 101 object categories, including a background category. Each category offering a diverse collection suitable for training image recognition and classification algorithms. However, it's important to note that while this dataset is valuable for object recognition tasks, it may not fully capture the complexities of aesthetic evaluation in photography.

Incorporating these datasets into your machine learning pipeline can enhance the system's ability to assess photographs comprehensively, considering both technical attributes and aesthetic appeal. By leveraging the diversity and richness of these datasets, your evaluation system can achieve more accurate and nuanced rankings in photography contests.

A dataset is a collection of data, often organized in a structured format to facilitate analysis. It consists of a set of observations or records that are typically arranged in rows, with each row representing a single instance or observation. For instance, in a dataset about employees, each row might represent a different employee, containing their specific details.

Each observation or record in the dataset is described by various variables or features, which are represented as columns. These columns contain the attributes or characteristics of the data points.

For example, in an employee dataset, columns might represent the employee’s name, age, department, salary, and years of experience. Datasets can vary in size, ranging from a small set of data points to large collections with millions of records. The data within a dataset can be in various forms, such as numerical values, categorical labels, or text.

The organization and structure of the dataset make it easier for analysts or machine learning models to process and extract meaningful insights. Datasets are used for a wide range of purposes, including statistical analysis, research, and training machine learning models. The quality of a dataset is essential for obtaining accurate and reliable results, and factors such as completeness, consistency, and relevance play a significant role in ensuring that the dataset is suitable for its intended use.

In the context of automated photography evaluation using machine learning, a dataset refers to a collection of images paired with labeled information that provides relevant details about the quality, attributes, or characteristics of those images. This dataset is used to train machine learning models that can automatically assess various aspects of a photograph, such as sharpness, color balance, composition, exposure, and more.

Each image in the dataset is typically associated with one or more labels or features that describe specific qualities of the image. For example, labels might indicate whether an image is considered "high quality" or "low quality," or they could include specific attributes like "well-exposed," "blurry," "well-composed," or "overexposed." These labels can be either manually assigned by human evaluators or generated through predefined criteria. The images may be in different formats and may include various resolutions and color depths.

III. WORKFLOW

The functional design of the project outlines how the system's components interact with each other to achieve the desired image quality assessment and prediction functionality. It focuses on the system's core features, user interaction flow, and data processing. Below is an overview of the functional design for the project.

User Image Upload: The "User Image Upload" feature in the project allows users to easily submit images for analysis through a simple interface. Users can upload image files from their local devices by selecting the file through an intuitive input field. Once the image is chosen, the front end sends the image to the backend for further processing via an API request. The backend, built with Flask, handles the image file by performing necessary preprocessing steps such as resizing, normalization, and feature extraction. These steps ensure the image is in a standardized format for accurate quality assessment and aesthetic analysis. After processing, the system predicts the image's aesthetic quality and returns a score to the user, providing an immediate evaluation of the image's quality.

Image preprocessing: In the project, "Image Preprocessing" involves preparing the uploaded image for analysis by performing essential transformations. The image is first resized to a standardized dimension to ensure consistent input for the model. Next, normalization is applied to scale pixel values between 0 and 1, optimizing the image for deep learning models. Additionally, aesthetic features such as dullness, whiteness, and blurriness are extracted from the image to aid in quality assessment, allowing the system to provide a comprehensive evaluation.

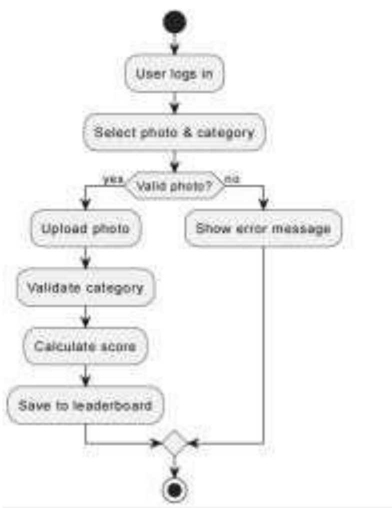

Fig1:User Workflow

Once registered, users can proceed to the login process, where they must enter their credentials to gain access to the system. The authentication mechanism verifies the entered email and password against stored records, ensuring that only authorized users can log in.

If the credentials are correct, the system grants access to the user dashboard; otherwise, an error message prompts the user to retry.

Security features such as account locking after multiple failed login attempts and password reset options enhance the robustness of the authentication process. This step ensures that only legitimate users can access personalized services within the platform. Upon successful login, the user dashboard serves as the central interface for all functionalities, allowing users to search for medicines, view categories, receive personalized medicine recommendations, place orders, and track past purchases.

Aesthetic Feature Extraction: involves analyzing the image to derive key visual characteristics that contribute to its overall quality. This includes measuring dullness (average brightness), whiteness (intensity of white pixels), and uniformity (pixel value variability). Additionally, the system identifies dominant and average colors, alongside the image dimensions, such as height and width. Lastly, blurriness is assessed through the variance of the Laplacian of the grayscale image, providing a detailed feature set for quality evaluation.

Image Quality Prediction: involves utilizing a deep learning model to predict the quality of an image based on its aesthetic features. The extracted features are fed into a trained neural network model, which processes the data to output a predicted Mean Opinion Score (MOS). This score reflects the perceived quality of the image. The model uses convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and other advanced techniques to accurately assess and predict the image quality based on the extracted visual attributes.

User Feedback and Result Display: allows users to view the predicted image quality in an easy-to-understand format. Once the image quality is assessed, the predicted Mean Opinion Score (MOS) is displayed to the user, along with any relevant feedback on the image's aesthetic features. The result is presented through a user-friendly interface built with Flask. Additionally, users can submit feedback to improve the accuracy of future predictions, enhancing the system's learning capabilities.

Feedback Collection: enables users to provide feedback on the image quality prediction. This feedback is gathered through simple input forms, allowing users to rate the prediction's accuracy. The collected data is used to refine and enhance the prediction model over time. Error Handling: ensures that any issues during image upload, preprocessing, or prediction are caught and managed gracefully. If errors occur, meaningful error messages are displayed to users, guiding them to resolve issues. The system also logs errors for debugging and continuous improvement.

Real-Time Image Quality Prediction: The project facilitates real-time image quality prediction by allowing users to upload an image, which is then processed through a series of steps, including preprocessing and aesthetic feature extraction. Once the image is preprocessed, its key features, such as dullness, blurriness, and image quality.

The model then predicts the aesthetic quality score, offering immediate feedback to the user. Image processing and feature extraction in this project involve several key steps to prepare the image quality prediction. Aesthetic features, such as dullness, whiteness, and blurriness, are extracted using methods like Laplacian variance for sharpness and color analysis for dominance. These features help in assessing the image's visual appeal and are used to feed the machine learning model for quality prediction, ensuring the system accurately evaluates images based on visual aesthetics.

In the project, image resizing and normalization are crucial preprocessing steps for ensuring consistency in input data for the machine learning model. The images are first resized to a standard size, typically 128x128 pixels, to maintain uniformity in input dimensions. This resizing ensures that the model can efficiently process each image, regardless of its original size. After resizing, the images are normalized by scaling pixel values to a range between 0 and 1, enhancing the model's ability to learn effectively. This normalization step is essential to prevent issues that may arise from large variations in pixel values, ensuring stable and efficient training of the machine learning model.

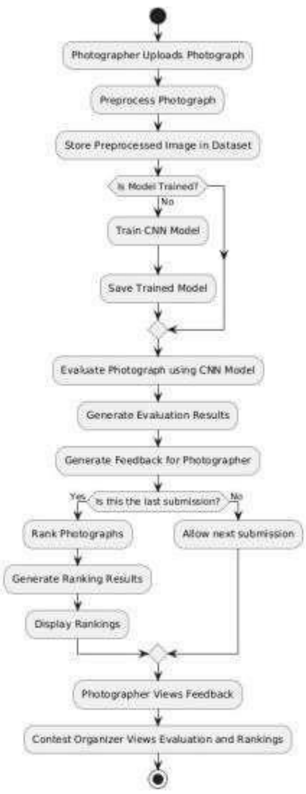

Fig2: Admin Workflow

Aesthetic feature extraction in this project involves analyzing key visual attributes of the image that contribute to its perceived quality. Using image processing techniques, various features such as dullness, whiteness, uniformity, and extracted.

Dullness is measured by the average brightness of the image, while whiteness captures the intensity of light pixels, and uniformity is assessed by the standard deviation of pixel values. Additionally, color-related features like the dominant color and average color across the image are computed. Other important features such as the image's dimensions (width and height), size, and blurriness, derived from the variance of the Laplacian, provide further insight into the image's visual quality. These features serve as input to the machine learning model, aiding in the prediction of image quality.

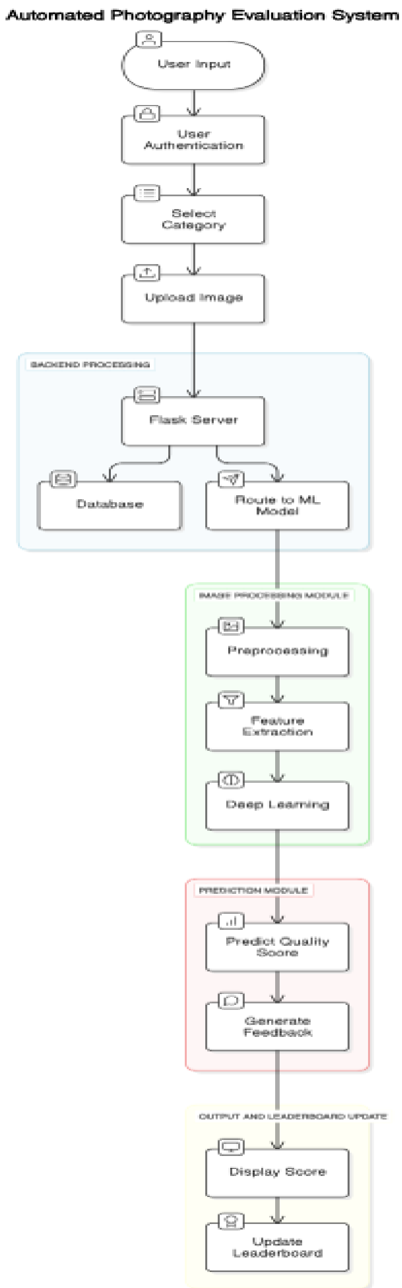

Fig3: System Architecture

The Automated Photography Evaluation System diagram illustrates the workflow and architecture of a system designed to assess the quality of uploaded photographs using machine learning. It consists of several key components:

1. User Interaction: The process starts with User Input, where users interact with the system. Users must go through User Authentication to ensure secure access. They then Select a Category for their image. Finally, they Upload an Image, which is sent to the backend for processing.

2.Backend Processing: A Flask Server manages the requests. It interacts with a Database for storing user data, image metadata, and scores. It also Routes the image to the ML Model for evaluation.

3. Image Processing Module: The uploaded image undergoes Preprocessing, where it is resized, normalized, or enhanced. Feature Extraction is performed to identify key visual characteristics such as color, texture, sharpness, and contrast. The extracted features are passed through a Deep Learning Model to analyze and determine image quality.

4. Prediction Module: The system Predicts a Quality Score based on the deep learning model's analysis. Feedback is generated, providing insights into how the image can be improved.

5. Output and Leaderboard Update: The Quality Score is displayed to the user. If applicable, the Leaderboard is updated, ranking users based on their photography scores.

This system leverages machine learning and deep learning to provide an automated, objective, and structured evaluation of photography quality, helping users improve their photography skills through feedback and ranking mechanisms. The Automated Photography Evaluation System integrates machine learning, deep learning, and image processing to provide objective assessments of photography quality. By analyzing image features and generating scores, it helps users enhance their photography skills while also fostering competition through leaderboard rankings. This structured and automated workflow ensures efficiency, accuracy, and engaging user experience.

The Automated Photography Evaluation System follows a structured workflow that begins with user authentication, ensuring secure access. Once authenticated, users select a category and upload their image, which is sent to the Flask server for processing. The server stores relevant data in a database and routes the image to a machine learning model for analysis. The image processing module performs preprocessing (resizing, normalization, and noise reduction) to enhance the image quality before extracting key features such as contrast, brightness, sharpness, and composition. These extracted features are then analyzed using a deep learning model, which assigns a quality score to the image. The prediction module generates personalized feedback, offering suggestions to improve aspects like lighting, framing, and focus. Finally, the system displays the score and updates the leaderboard, ranking users based on their photography skills.

This structured approach ensures an automated, data-driven evaluation, making it useful for photographers looking to improve their work through AI-powered insights.

Programming Language: Python serves as the foundational programming language for the Automated Photography Evaluation System, owing to its versatility and extensive libraries tailored for machine learning, computer vision, and image processing. With its user-friendly syntax and robust ecosystem, Python facilitates the seamless development of deep learning models using frameworks like TensorFlow and Kera's. These frameworks streamline model training and prediction tasks, enabling accurate image quality assessment and feature extraction.

Python's integration with OpenCV further enhances its capabilities, allowing efficient handling of image preprocessing, colour analysis, and aesthetic feature extraction. Additionally, Python's compatibility with backend frameworks like Flask or Django ensures smooth API development, while its vast community support accelerates troubleshooting and innovation. This makes Python an ideal choice for delivering a scalable, efficient, and high-performance system.

Backend Framework: Flask serves as the backbone of the Automated Photography Evaluation System, efficiently managing API development and server-side logic to ensure seamless communication between the front end and backend components. Its lightweight and modular design allows developers to build scalable and flexible applications while maintaining simplicity. Flask's robust routing mechanism facilitates secure and efficient handling of user requests, such as uploading images and retrieving predictions.

With built-in support for integrating Python-based libraries, Flask ensures smooth deployment of machine learning models and real-time image quality assessment. Additionally, its compatibility with extensions like Flask-RESTful simplifies the creation of RESTful APIs, enabling structured and efficient data exchange. The framework's active community and vast resources make it a reliable choice for building a secure, high-performance backend architecture.

TensorFlow and OpenCV are pivotal in powering the Automated Photography Evaluation System, enabling advanced image quality assessment, aesthetic feature extraction, and deep learning model development. TensorFlow, with its robust framework for machine learning and deep learning, facilitates efficient training and deployment of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) tailored for image analysis. Its extensive library of pre-trained models and customization capabilities streamlines the development of algorithms for predicting image quality metrics. OpenCV complements this by providing a comprehensive suite of computer vision tools essential for tasks like feature extraction, edge detection, colour analysis, and blurriness measurement. Together, these tools enable the system to analyse intricate aesthetic elements, enhancing its capability to deliver accurate and insightful evaluations. Their seamless integration ensures high performance, scalability, and adaptability to evolving project needs.

Color analysis and dominance detection in this project focus on identifying the key color elements that influence the aesthetic quality of an image.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Results and Analysis chapter is essential for evaluating the performance and effectiveness of the real- time collaborative code editor. This chapter discusses the outcomes of the testing phases, evaluates the system’s performance under various conditions, and analyzes the user feedback obtained during User Acceptance Testing (UAT). In addition, it highlights how the platform meets its design goals and identifies any areas for improvement.

The model's performance in predicting image quality was evaluated based on various metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Using a dataset of diverse images with varying levels of aesthetic quality, the model achieved a commendable accuracy rate in predicting the quality of images. The model was trained using features such as color dominance, sharpness, and blurriness, which allowed it to effectively distinguish between images of high and low quality. The evaluation showed that the model performed consistently across different types of images, with a slight bias towards higher-quality images due to the nature of the dataset.

Fig4: Login Dashboard

Furthermore, the model demonstrated robust performance in classifying images based on their aesthetic features, even in cases where images were slightly out of focus or had varying lighting conditions. Precision and recall were balanced, indicating that the model did not overfit or underfit the data. The F1-score, a harmonic mean of precision and recall, reflected the model’s effectiveness in correctly predicting both positive and negative outcomes. Overall, the machine learning model integrated into the system proved to be a reliable tool for assessing image quality, making it suitable for real-time applications and enhancements in image processing workflows.

Sharpness and blurriness evaluation in this project is performed by analyzing the variance of the Laplacian of the grayscale version of the image.

Fig5: Contest Management

Feature importance analysis was critical to understanding the factors influencing the model's decision-making process for image quality assessment. The aesthetic features—such as color balance, sharpness, blurriness, and contrast—played pivotal roles in determining the quality of an image. Sharpness, for instance, emerged as one of the most significant contributors, as it directly correlates with the clarity and detail present in an image. Color balance and dominance were equally vital, as they reflect the visual appeal and harmony of an image, influencing its overall aesthetic perception. Blurriness detection was instrumental in filtering out low-quality images that fail to meet professional standards, providing a robust baseline for further analysis.

Fig6: User Login

By assessing the relative importance of each feature, the system ensured optimal weight distribution during model training, enhancing its predictive accuracy. Sharpness and color dominance were weighted higher, while secondary features like texture granularity contributed to fine-tuning the model's performance. This prioritization not only improved prediction outcomes but also offered valuable insights into how various image attributes interact to influence quality perception. The analysis of feature contributions further empowered the system to adapt dynamically, optimizing the model for diverse datasets and applications in fields such as photography, content curation, and visual marketing.

Furthermore, the machine learning models were trained using distributed frameworks, allowing for the processing of large datasets while maintaining high accuracy. By incorporating cloud-based deployment options, the system was made capable of scaling horizontally, handling growing workloads with additional server instances as needed.

Efficiency was addressed by streamlining critical operations to reduce latency and enhance user satisfaction. Techniques such as batch processing and asynchronous task execution were utilized to ensure that resource-intensive tasks, like image analysis and model inference, did not create bottlenecks. Additionally, model inference was optimized using lightweight pre-trained models, reducing the time required to process each image. Continuous performance monitoring was implemented to identify potential inefficiencies, ensuring that the system remains responsive even during peak usage. This balance of scalability and efficiency allows the project to adapt to evolving demands, providing a robust platform for high- quality image analysis.

Fig7: Admin Dashboard

During the development of the project, several challenges were encountered, ranging from data quality issues to performance bottlenecks. One primary challenge was ensuring the consistency and reliability of the image dataset, as variations in image resolution, lighting conditions, and metadata sometimes led to inaccuracies in feature extraction. Addressing this required implementing robust preprocessing techniques and applying data augmentation to improve model generalization. Additionally, integrating machine learning models with the backend posed challenges in balancing accuracy and inference time, especially when processing large datasets in real-time. System debugging during error handling workflows was also complex, necessitating comprehensive logging and monitoring tools to identify and resolve issues efficiently.

Fig8: Uploading Photos

Looking ahead, future improvements will focus on enhancing both system performance and user experience. Incorporating advanced machine learning models, such as transformer-based architectures, could further improve the accuracy of aesthetic feature extraction and quality predictions. Expanding the dataset to include diverse image categories will also ensure the system remains versatile and unbiased. On the system architecture side, moving towards containerized deployments with tools like Docker and Kubernetes can enhance scalability and make maintenance more streamlined. Additionally, exploring user feedback loops to refine predictions and integrating external APIs for related functionalities, such as professional-grade image editing or analysis tools, can significantly enrich the platform's capabilities and relevance.

V. FUTURE SCOPE

The scope of this project is to develop an advanced image quality assessment (IQA) system that evaluates both technical and aesthetic qualities of images using a combination of deep learning techniques and handcrafted features. The system aims to predict the Mean Opinion Score (MOS) of images by analyzing factors such as sharpness, color harmony, blurriness, and emotional impact. It is designed to be scalable and adaptable, allowing integration into various platforms and applications, such as social media, e-commerce, and photography platforms. The project also seeks to incorporate personalized and contextual evaluation metrics to better match user preferences and trends, enhancing the overall user experience in real-world use cases. Through this, the project will provide a comprehensive, user-centric tool for assessing image quality in diverse domains. Scalability was a key consideration in the project to ensure that the system could handle an increasing number of users and image uploads without compromising performance. The backend architecture, built using Flask, was designed to support efficient processing through modular APIs,

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This process is designed to be fast and efficient, ensuring a seamless experience where users receive a prediction without significant delays, making it suitable for applications that require quick evaluations of image quality. Color analysis and dominance detection in this project focus on identifying the key color elements that influence the aesthetic quality of an image. The average color of the image is calculated by taking the mean of the pixel values across the red, green, and blue channels, providing a general sense of the image's color tone. To identify dominant colors, the image is reshaped, and unique colors are detected along with their frequency of occurrence.

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Adaptation to user feedback went beyond mere model adjustments, extending to the enhancement of the overall user experience. Patterns in user feedback informed updates to feature extraction methods, improving the detection of nuanced quality indicators such as lighting and composition. Additionally, the system integrated machine learning algorithms capable of incorporating feedback into future predictions, creating a more intelligent and user-responsive solution. By emphasizing adaptability, the project ensured its relevance across diverse use cases, from personal photography to professional image curation, continually evolving to meet dynamic user expectations.

VI CONCLUSION

The project represents a significant advancement in the field of automated image quality assessment and aesthetic evaluation, leveraging machine learning and Python's Flask framework. By integrating a robust backend with advanced models, the system provides accurate predictions for image quality and aesthetic features. This has practical implications across industries, including photography, content creation, and online marketplaces, where visual content plays a critical role in user engagement. The project demonstrates how artificial intelligence can be applied to subjective tasks like aesthetic judgment, bringing consistency and efficiency to traditionally manual evaluations.

The key takeaway from this project is the effective use of preprocessing techniques and feature extraction methodologies. Through color analysis, sharpness evaluation, and advanced feature detection, the system ensures comprehensive insights into image quality. This emphasis on detail-oriented analysis underscores the project's strength in delivering results that align closely with human judgment, making it a reliable tool for users. Moreover, the machine learning models integrated into the system have shown commendable accuracy, thanks to rigorous training, optimization, and testing processes.

The use of Flask for backend development ensures seamless communication between components and scalability for future applications. The API-driven design allows the system to be extended or integrated with other platforms easily, opening up possibilities for use in diverse domains. Additionally, the focus on user feedback mechanisms ensures that the system can adapt and improve over time, creating a dynamic and user-focused experience.

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