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Improving Image Search Accuracy using Deep CNN Features and KNN Matching

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***Abstract*— This study is about making it easier to find the pictures in a big collection of images. The old ways of doing this, like using words to describe the pictures or using features that people come up with, do not work well. They do not really understand what the pictures are about. A system utilizes deep learning (DL) to look at the pictures and find the important parts. Utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN's) is to do this. The is look at the pictures. Make a list of what is in them. This list is very long. Has a lot of extra information that does not need. Utilizing Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is to make the list shorter and easier to utilize. This way, compare pictures with each other. Find the similar ones. Utilize the K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm (KNN) to do this. When tried this out, found that using PCA makes it faster to find the pictures without making any mistakes. Our system is good for collections of pictures, and it does not utilize too much computer power.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Websites like media, online stores, security cameras, and medical records are always making lots of pictures. This means really need systems that can find the pictures quickly and correctly.

Finding pictures usually involves using words like tags or labels. These methods are not hard to set up. They have some problems. Sometimes these words are not complete. Are not correct, especially when there are a lot of pictures. Also, when people label pictures, they might not always [1]. The labels might not fully show what is in the picture. So systems that utilize these labels often do not give us the results want.

To resolve problems with imagery evaluation, CBIR (Content-Based Image Retrieval) methods look at colours, textures, and forms in images. SIFT and SURF were used in early systems to get information from pictures [2]. Even while these techniques are better than word-based ones, they still have trouble comprehending what pictures really imply. This shows the difference between how computers and people see things.

DL actually showed improved images that look a lot better. CNNs [3] are quite skilled at spotting items in images. Unlike methods, these networks teach themselves what to look for in pictures. The first layers look at things, and the deeper layers look at more complex things and what they mean. This means CNNs can make pictures into information that people can understand better [4]. Content-Based Image Retrieval systems and CNNs are really important for looking at pictures and finding what is needed.

The thing about CNNs is that they are really good at finding features in images. Need a good way to compare and find similar images. Finding images is a big part of making sure the images retrieved are accurate. There are a lot of ways to do this.

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The KNN algorithm is utilized a lot because it is simple and works well. The KNN algorithm finds images by calculating how far apart the features are and picking the closest ones.
Using CNNs to find features and the KNN algorithm to find images is a good way to make image retrieval systems better. CNNs make good features that have a lot of information, and the KNN algorithm makes sure the similar images are accurate without needing to train anything extra [5]. This makes the system able to find images that look similar and have meaning.
The main goal of this research is to make a system that retrieves images in a way that's both accurate and simple. The approach tries to utilize CNNs that are already trained to find features that can tell things apart, and the KNN algorithm for finding images quickly. This system fixes some problems with image retrieval systems by making them understand what the images mean better and not retrieve as many images that are not relevant to what they are looking for.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Image retrieval has changed a lot over the past ten years. It utilized to be about finding features in pictures by hand. Now it is about using DL [6]. At first, people looked at things like the colors and edges in a picture. These methods are okay. They did not really understand what was going on in the picture. Then people started using things like SIFT and SURF to look at parts of the picture. This was better for recognizing objects and matching pictures.
However, these methods had problems when the light was different or the picture was taken from an angle [7]. They also did not understand the picture, just small parts. It could look at the picture and understand it. These models can look at pictures. Find features without being told what to look for. They can even utilize features they learned from pictures. Now people are using these features to make image retrieval better. They are seeking methods for constructing the attributes more compactly and effectively.
This implies that it's easy to find photographs, even if they seem extremely different. Image retrieval is growing more effective because of the use of training and the qualities it can discover in images. Deep features are learned by the computer, so they are better than features that people come up with.
This work talks about how to make image retrieval algorithms better, with a focus on how well similarity matching works, especially distance-based approaches like distance and cosine similarities, compared to feature vectors. It emphasizes the ongoing use of KNN [8] owing to its simplicity and the absence of a need for model training, while acknowledging the difficulties in attaining an appropriate equilibrium between precision and computing economy.
The study examines the intricacies of comparison computations in high-dimensional feature vectors, particularly with extensive datasets. A suggested approach incorporates feature extraction with a simple similarity method that uses pretrained CNN models and KNN [9]. This makes it easy to find images. The scalable architecture makes it easy to get to a lot of data quickly.

III. METHODOLOGY

The recommended approach contains the following steps: pre-processing the picture, extracting deep features, reducing the number of dimensions, storing the features, and retrieving them based on similarities.

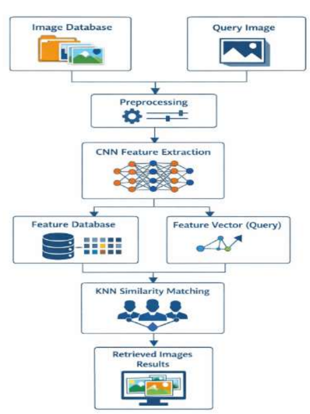


Figure 3: The fundamental structure for how to use deep CNN features and KNN to find images accurately.

Creating all the images identical in size is how the dataset is made. This makes sure that the DL model works correctly. The pixels are likewise made the same size. This makes the model less likely to break. It helps it locate traits that are always there.

Feature extraction [11] using a trained Convolutional Neural Network. The layer that classifies things is gone. We use the outputs from the layers to make feature embeddings [12]. These insertions convert pictures into vectors with dimensions. They pick up on patterns and complicated semantic knowledge.

But those dimensional vectors need to be better. They use a lot of computer power. Could contain information that isn't needed. PCA is used to remedy this. It changes the feature space into a smaller subspace. It maintains the parts that are important for variance. This process makes less storage space needed. Keeps important characteristics while speeding up retrieval.

There is a feature database that holds the smaller feature vectors. It goes through the stages when a query picture is given. This makes sure that everything is the same.

Distance is used to figure out how similar the query picture is to the photos in the database. After that, the KNN algorithm [13] finds the photos that are related. The K closest matches are found and put in order. The images are put in order of how similar they are to the query image. This makes it easier to find the right images.

A learned Convolutional Neural Network is used by the system to find features. This network has previously learned from a dataset. It can get characteristics out of pictures quite well. The method also uses PCA to cut down on the number of dimensions [14]. This makes things less complicated.

The feature database stores the reduced feature vectors. This database is utilized to retrieve images. The system utilizes distance to compute similarity. This distance metric is simple and effective.

The KNN algorithm is utilized to identify images. This algorithm is simple and efficient. It retrieves the K closest matches. These matches are ranked based on their similarity.

Overall, the system is effective in retrieving images [15, 16]. It utilizes a combination of techniques. These techniques include feature extraction, dimensionality reduction, and similarity computation. The system can be utilized in applications. These applications include image search and image recommendation.

The system utilizes precision and recall to figure out how well it is doing. These two things help us see if the system is getting the results, and if it is getting all the results it should. As these two metrics are utilized, they give us an idea of how the system is doing without needing to utilize other metrics that were not utilized in this project.

The system decides how similar two images are by using something called distance:

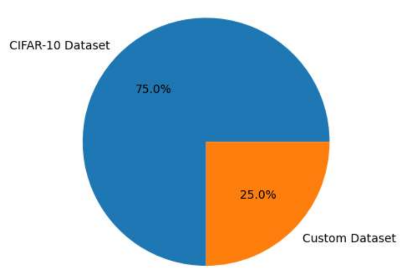
$$d(q, x_i) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{d} (f_j(q) - f_j(x_i))^2}$$

Images that have a small distance are considered to be more similar to each other. Utilize something called the KNN algorithm to find the images that are closest to the one being looked at. These images are then put in order based on how similar they are [17].

Utilize precision and recall to see how well the system is doing. These two things help us see if the results are correct. There are ways to see if the images [18] are really the ones looking for without needing to utilize complicated ways of ranking them.

The way things are done shows that using feature extraction and KNN-based retrieval makes the system more accurate and still easy to utilize.

PCA is very important for making the system work better. By making the features smaller, PCA helps the system calculate similarities faster and avoids problems that happen when there are many features. It also helps get rid of features that are not needed and are similar to each other, which makes the system better at finding images.



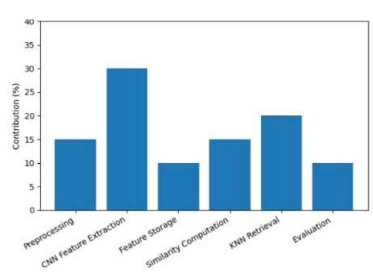


Figure 2: Dataset distribution for the Image Retrieval System Figure 3: Methodology Components of CNN-KNN Image Retrieval System

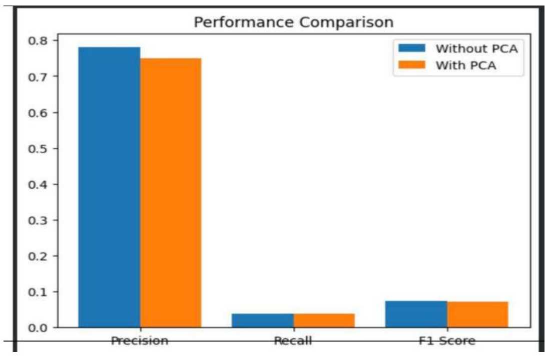


Fig 4: With or without PCA, the performance comparison

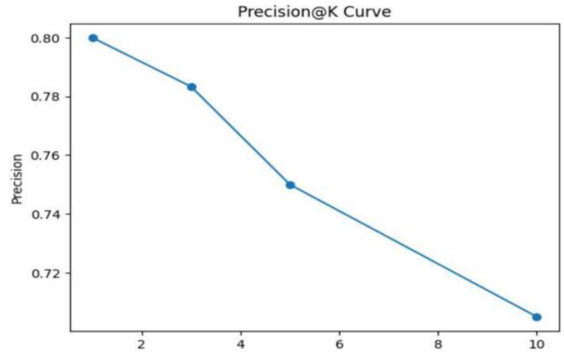


Fig 5: Proposed system Mean Average Precision (mAP)

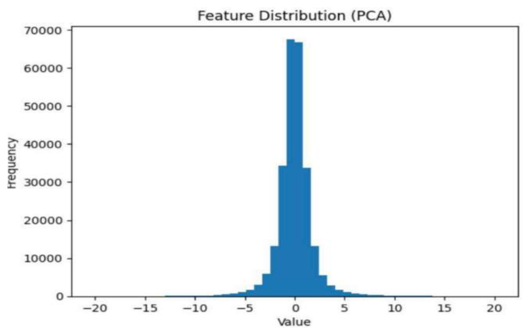


Fig 6: Feature distribution using PCA

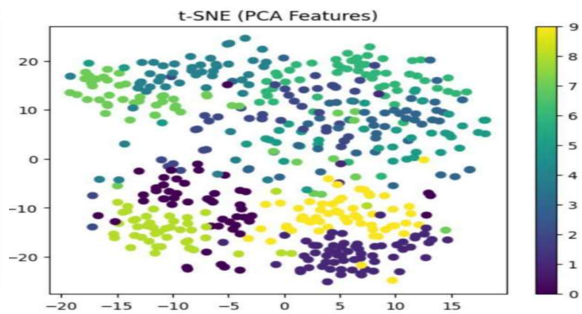


Fig. 7: Real-time retrieval, hybrid approaches, and deployment on large-scale image repositories

VI. Conclusion

This study showed a way to find images that utilize learning to look at pictures and find similar ones. The method makes up for the weaknesses of systems by making it easier to understand what is in the pictures and find the right ones. Using models that are already trained makes it possible to look at the pictures without having to train the system for a time. These pictures have things in them that help the system find pictures. The system utilizes a fast method to find pictures that are similar based on what is in them. The results showed that this system is better than the previous ways. The system is really good at finding pictures that look similar and mean things.

Future Scope

In the future, employing advanced models to analyze image data may make systems work better, search for comparable images faster, even in enormous datasets, and make it easier for mobile devices and websites to get images in real time.

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