

# An Efficient Machine Learning Method for Facial Expression Recognition

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**Abstract:** Emotions play important role in human sentiments so broad studies are carried out to explore the relation between human sentiments and machine interactions. This paper deals with an automatic system which spontaneously identifies the facial emotion. Gradient filtering and component analysis is used to extract feature vector and feature optimization is taken place using swarm intelligence approach. Thus emotion recognition with optimized feature extraction process is carried out with high accuracy rate and less error probabilities. Finally the testing process is obtained for the classification of emotions and then performance is measured in terms of false acceptance rate, false rejection rate, and accuracy.

**Index Terms:** Facial emotion Detection, Feature Extraction, Feature Optimization, Gradient Filtering.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Facial expression recognition is the study in which computers and machines identify and express sentiments in related way as humans interpret. Facial expression recognition (FER) is an evolving technique predominantly used in the extents of artificial intelligence, psychology, and computer vision and pattern recognition. The procedure of FER consists of face recognition, feature mining and cataloging, where feature extraction is the essence of FER. In recent years, recognition of emotions is one of the main tasks in machine learning. It is very difficult for any individual to recognize the emotion with deceits. So this topic is having an advantage in terms of security for the biometric systems because fraud, in the real time situation is growing day by day and it is a serious matter of concern now days. Automated emotion recognition plays significant role in the field of identification of human emotion and the communication among human and computer for some real time application like surveillance, healthcare, video-broadcasting, image retrieval systems etc. Psychologists have established different schemes to describe and enumerate facial performances visually. Facial emotions are key mechanism which is helpful in describing emotion of humans. Humans change emotions in his/her daily routines; it can be because of psychological or physical environments. Humans can distinguish emotions without any substantial delay and determination, but facial expression identification by machine is an enormous task.

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## A. Stages of facial emotion detection system (FES)

This paper deals with the certain important components without which the acknowledgments are not possible. The whole scenario is distributed into two core stages i.e. the normalization, extraction of features, occurrence choices and the classifications. The features are extracted to extract the feature vector, the features are optimized in terms of selecting relevant features and the classification will be done to classify the individual.

## B. Feature Extraction Using Gradient Filter

First stage is considered to extract features at dissimilar alignments. The output reaction of the planned linear filter is computed as

$$Z_{1,i} = D_i * I * G * I, \quad (1)$$

Where  $I$  stand for 2-D input face configuration,  $Z_{1,i}$  stands for output response of the  $i$ th filter,  $D_i$  and  $G$  deals with the filter coefficients,  $*$  signifies 2-D convolution, and the split-up is done pixel to pixel. The Filter which responds to edge, not noise and is represented as below:

$$G(s,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)} e^{-(s^2+t^2/2\sigma^2)} \quad (2)$$

To extract basic facial features at different information, the kernel  $D_i$  is framed as the  $M$ th order derivative.

## C. Feature Classification

Expressions being comparable in general formation will not be arbitrarily spread in the enormous cosmos and can be dispersed by relatively small dimensional area. The foremost goal of primary element, survey is to catch the paths which have best description for the dispersal of face imageries within the complete appearance. These vectors explain the subspace of facial portrayals, which we call "face space". Each vector comprise of size  $N$  square which shows  $N*N$  matrix, and has a linear grouping of unique face descriptions which are denoted as Eigen faces

1. Let consider the training set of  $M$  facial descriptions  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_M$ . The mean training vector is defined by regular face.
2. Each face is having variance from the normal face with trajectory flow.
3. We shall reorganize these ways in a surrounding which is of dimensions in terms of  $N$  by  $M$ , which will be exposed to Principal Component Analysis (PCA).
4. The next objective is to discover a set of  $M-1$  matrix which is orthogonal, which best pronounces the dissemination of input data in least-squares. For example the Euclidian prediction error is reduced. We flinch by obtaining the covariance matrix and determining the eigenvectors is a



headstrong task for characteristic image sizes.

#### D. Feature Optimization

In the simple particle swarm optimization (PSO), every swarm element is measured as a possible answer to the mathematical optimization problem in 3 dimensional space. Every element has a location in this examination cosmos and a velocity allocated to it. The location of the element is denoted by  $X_i = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . The velocity of element is given as  $V_i = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . Also, every element has a native memory (pBest) which retains the best location that is experienced by the element so far [10, 11, 12]. A universal mutual memory (gBest) keeps the best global position established so far. This info adds to the flying velocity of every element, by means of the succeeding calculation:

$$v_i = v_i + \theta_1 * rand * (pbest_i - x_i) + \theta_2 * rand * rand * (gbest - x_i) \quad (3)$$

Where,  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  are coefficients defining the comparative effects of the private and communal practices. Describing an higher bound for the velocity constituent upsurges the performance of the methodology. Equation gives the element location update.

In [10], it has been revealed that the outline of a torpor influence to Eq.3 increases performance, because it corrects the velocity over time and increases the search accuracy of the particles. Eq.3 can be revised as:

$$v_i = Q * v_i + \theta_1 * rand * (pbest_i - x_i) + \theta_2 * rand * (gbest - x_i) \quad (4)$$

Where  $\theta$  is the inertia factor and  $rand$  is a regularly dispersed arbitrary number in [0,1]. Then Eq.3 was modified as:

$$v_i = K * (v_i + \theta_1 * rand * (pbest - x_i) + \theta_2 * rand * (gbest - x_i)) \quad (5)$$

Here  $K$  can be communicated as:

$$\frac{2}{|2 - \varphi - \sqrt{\varphi^2 - 4\varphi}|} \quad (6)$$

Where  $\varphi$ . The value  $\varphi$ , inhibits the burst of the system, which can ensue when element velocities increase without control.

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

**Pooja Umesh Kulkarni et al., 2016 [5]** described that the adaptive sub-layer compensation (ASLC) based facial emotions recognition method for human emotions recognition with various features extraction mechanism. They altered Marr-Hildreth algorithm by expending Adaptive sub-layer recompense and hysteresis analysis to minimize negative effects of Laplacian of Gaussian (LoG), such as image degradation, high reply to unwanted details in image, and detached edge details from given image. They calculated four different techniques for extraction of features for the identification of emotions. These four feature recognition mechanisms are Principal Component Examination, Local Tetra Pattern, Magnitude Pattern and Wavelet features. The emotion class was identified by using the extracted features and K nearest neighbour algorithm and was classified into five different emotion categories i.e. Happy, Sad, Neutral, Surprise and Fear.

**Dayana Mathew et al., 2015 [6]** proposed that the edge feature extraction method using neuronal threshold logic models to repeatedly determine the facial expressions. System was simulated at digital system level consisting of reading an image followed up with edge extraction theme which will be applied with crossbreed CMOS (complementary metal-oxide semiconductor) memristive digital circuits. The result shows robust edges of the facial features and use in development of real-time emotion recognizing digital chip.

**Salwa Said, Olfa Jemai et al., 2015 [7]** proposed a new technique for facial expression identification based on wavelet network classifier. Technique allows us the detection of six basic emotions other than the neutral one: (Joy, surprise, anger, sadness, fear and disgust). The technique is composed of three principle steps such as face detection, features extraction and classification. The effectiveness of planned algorithm is through an experiment established by using well-known experiment database: the extended cohen-kanade database.

**Mounira Hmayda, Ridha Ejali et al., 2015 [8]** presented feeling recognition theme based on Beta wavelet network by the Fast Wavelet Transform in instruction to enhance the performance of this network. The proposed system can be summarized in two main steps: training stage & classification stage. Comparing with existing algorithms which suffer from the low classification rates and the long executing time, the rates given by planned system show the effectiveness of the Fast Wavelet Transform (FWT).

**Nattawat Chanthaphan et al., 2015, [9]** discussed that the Facial Emotion Recognition Based on Facial Motion Stream generated by kinect employing the two kinds of facial expressions. The primary one was just a simple space value of each pair-wise organizes packed into 153-dimensional feature vector per frame. The other one was derived from the primary one based on Organized Streaming Skeleton method and it developed 765-dimensional feature vector per frame.

**Moore, S., & Bowden, R. et al., 2011 [10]** presented an investigation into head cause and multi-view facial expression recognition. Experiments were carried out on two databases to research how pose affects facial expression recognition. This paper investigated the effects of pose on facial expression recognition using variations of LBPs at totally different resolutions and different grid sampling sizes. Results in this paper have shown that Local Gabor Binary Pattern (LGBPs) outperform other features. LGBPs utilize multiresolution spatial histograms combined with local intensity distributions and spatial information. LGBPs perform particularly well at large yaw angles compared with different other features. Results show the strong performance of LBPms and when combined with LGBP, a recognition rate of 71.1% is achieved.

**Barbu, T, Gabor Barbu, T. (2010) et al., 2010 [11]** proposed a unique supervised facial recognition system. Authors proposed 2D Gabor filter-based feature extraction that produces robust three-dimensional face feature vectors. Another contribution of this paper is the supervised classifier used for facial feature vector classification. It uses minimum average distances and the squared Euclidean

metric. The proposed threshold based verification technique, containing an automatic threshold detection procedure, represents an important component of this paper, too. A high recognition rate has been achieved by this technique, as it results from the performed experiments. The obtained results prove the effectiveness of the method. This technique provides a higher recognition rate than many other facial recognition approaches. It was compared with Eigen image based recognition technique, and found they produce similar results for identical face datasets.

**Chen, S., Sun, Y., & Yin, B. et, al, 2009 [12]** described that for face recognition, several researchers proposed a completely unique method called Extended Two-Dimensional PCA (E2DPCA) which is an extension to the original 2DPCA for gray face recognition. In this approach only considers the global information of face images and only is used for gray face recognition. Local and color information may be ignored. Therefore, in this paper, the sub-pattern technique was combined with E2DPCA supported quaternion matrix for color face recognition. New sub-pattern (which is called SpE2DPCA) was performed and compared with PCA, 2DPCA, E2DPCA, Sub-pattern PCA (SpPCA) and Sub-pattern 2DPCA (Sp2DPCA) for face recognition. Results show that the proposed novel approach SpE2DPCA based quaternion matrix has better recognition performance than different ancient PCA-based methods for face recognition.

**Thomas, M., Kambhamettu, C., & Kumar, S et al 2008[13]** discussed problem of face recognition using color as an important cue in improving the accuracy of recognition. To perform recognition of color images, author used the characteristics of a 3D color tensor to generate a color Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) subspace, which in turn can be used to recognize a new probe image. To test the accuracy of methodology, they computed the recognition rate across two color face databases and observed that the use of the LDA color subspace significantly improves recognition accuracy over the standard gray scale approach without sacrificing computational efficiency.

### Summary of Literatures Review

Table 1: Comparison of various face recognition methods

NAME	METHOD	PERFORMANCE	DISADVANTAGES
Human emotions recognition using adaptive sublayer compensation and various feature extraction mechanisms[5]	Adaptive sub-layer compensation (ASLC) based facial emotions recognition	Detection accuracy of the system using ASLC is improved by 20 to 30 % for each feature extraction method	Less sensitive to subtle facial lines

Facial Emotion Recognizing Memristive Threshold Logic System[6]	Edge detection using hybrid CMOS memristive digital circuits	Extracting emotion specific features from human face in real time environments	Emotion recognition can be implemented using its hardware equivalent circuits
Wavelet networks for facial emotion recognition. [7]	Wavelet network classifier	High Accuracy in analysis of visual data	Slow Speed
Local binary patterns for multi-view facial expression recognition [10]	Local Gabor Binary Pattern	Gabor filtering reduces distortion	High error probabilities
Gabor Filter Based Face Recognition Technique [11]	2-Dimensional Gabor Filter Bank	High characteristic features increases recognition rates	Truncated and high frequency elements makes the system complex
A novel hybrid approach based on sub-pattern technique and E2DPCA for color face recognition [12]	Sub-pattern Extended 2-Dimensional Principal Component Analysis	High tolerance	Discrepancy in illumination, pose increases complexity
Face Recognition using a Color Subspace LDA approach [13]	Color Subspace Linear Discriminant Analysis	Recognition degree is higher than LDA classification process	Variation of presentation in hue spaces is not estimated

There are also some various theoretical techniques used for the classification and extraction which are discussed below.

1. **Scale invariant feature transform:** The SIFT extraction is the process in



the computer vision to sense and define the local characteristics in the images. Scale invariant key points of the object are extracted first from the reference images which are then stored in the database system. An object is acknowledged in some new image by comparing each feature vector from the image to the stored database and gets matching characteristics which are based on Euclidean distance for the classification.

2. **Linear Binary Patterns:** Local binary patterns (LBP) is a part of visual descriptor which are done for the classification in computer vision. It is the specific case of Texture Spectrum approach proposed in processing of the image. In previous years, it is found to be the influential characteristics for texture classification arrangement. It is determined that using Linear Binary Patterns is combined using Histogram of oriented gradients (in short HOG descriptor), it enhanced the performance in terms of detections considerably on various large datasets.
3. **Principal Component Analysis**  
PCA is an arithmetical arrangement that deals with an orthogonal conversion to change a set of opinions of conceivably correlated variables which deals with the set of standards of uncorrelated variables linearly called as

principal components. If there exists  $n$  opinions with  $p$  variables, then amount of distinct principal components is  $\min(n - 1, p)$ . This arrangement is well-defined in such a manner that the very first component has the high variance and each following component has the highest deviation under the restriction which is the orthogonal arrangement to the earlier principal components.

## III. PROCEDURE AND METHODOLOGY

The whole simulation is tested in the MATLAB environment MATLAB is a strong computing tool which is having various toolboxes of the current emerging fields. MATLAB is helpful in analyzing great dimension datasets in an appropriate manner which reduces the time complexities and redundancies of the system. MATLAB is having high numerical computing atmosphere and exclusive programming established by MatWork. Simulation is divided into training and testing phase in which the images are uploaded and pre-processed and the extraction of feature vector is taken place in training phase and the training data is loaded in the testing phase to detect the right sample with high accuracy rate and less error probability.

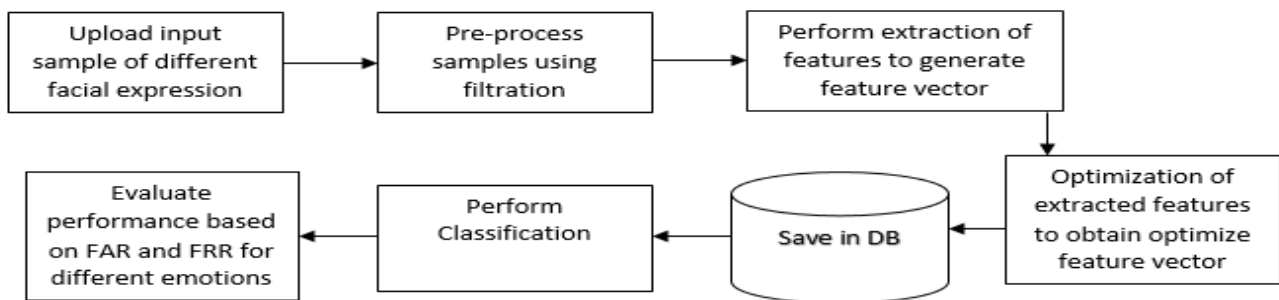


Figure 1: Simulation Steps to detect facial emotions

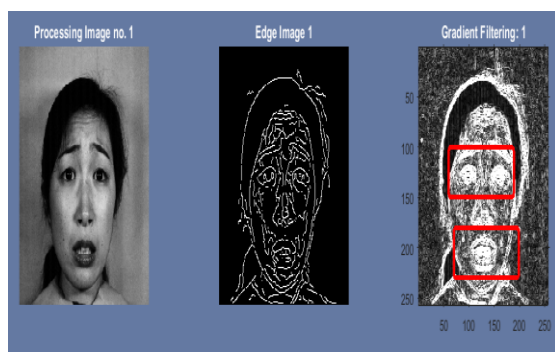


Figure 2: Processing on Categories

Figure 2 shows the uploaded category samples in which first figure shows the uploaded sample of the sad category. The second sample shows edge detection using shrewd edge detector which makes out the number of edges from the uploaded sample. The other edge detection techniques can also be used like pewit, log, Sobel detection methods. At that point the last sample shows the gradient filtration which is used to extract the information from the images by changing the intensity or color of the image.

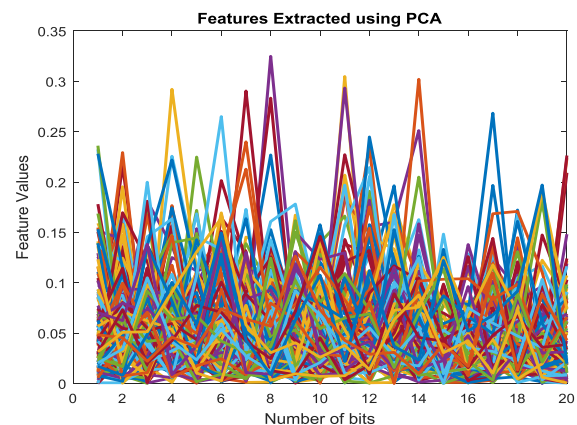


Figure 3: Feature values

The figure 3 shows the feature vector of each uploaded sample of one category. In the same way the operations are performed for the other categories. These feature vectors are saved in the form of feature characteristics and saved in the .mat case which are further used in the testing section

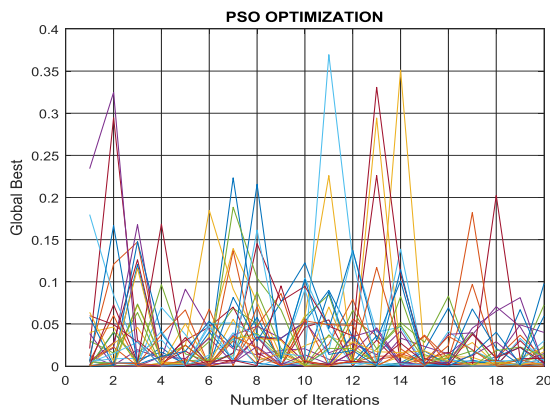


Figure 4: Optimize feature vector

Figure 4 shows optimized feature vector which is done using particle swarm optimization. The optimization is done in terms of feature reduction and is evaluated to obtain optimize feature vector. The size of the feature vector is reduced which will decrease the complexity of the system

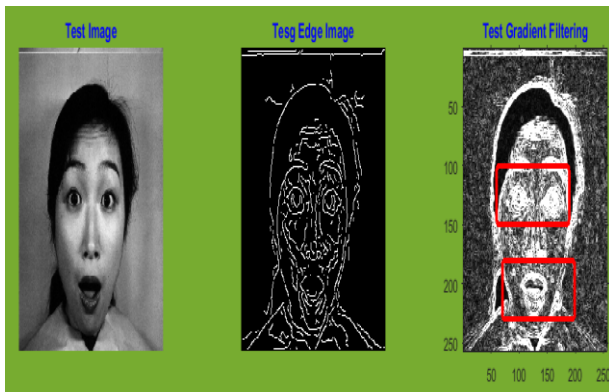


Figure 5: Processing on uploaded test example

The figure 5 shows the uploading and processing of the test sample which is uploaded. The first sub-plot shows the original image on which the edge detection of the image is done which is shown in the second sub-plot. The third sub-plot shows the normalization of the image and extraction of the region of interest is done using independent component analysis which is having high impact on facial expressions.

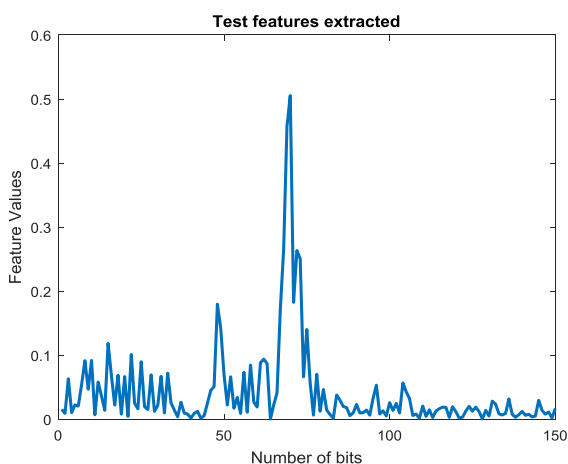


Figure 6: Test features extracted for the test sample

Figure 6: shows the total number of test features extracted from test samples. These are the characteristic values used for the classification of the individual which will be used to

perform the performance evaluations of the system in terms of high true negative rates and true positive rates.

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

By running the above simulation following results are drawn which shows better accuracy and less error probabilities while emotion detection of humanoid face.



Figure 7: False acceptance rate and false rejection rate

Figure 7 shows the performance measure in relations of wrongreceptiondegree and wrongrefusaldegree and shows that error probabilities are very less to attaingreatcorrectnessdegrees. In the above figure it can be observed that the wrongreception and wrongdenialdegrees are coming very less which indicates that the proposed system is getting false positive and false negative rates which are low error rate probabilities.

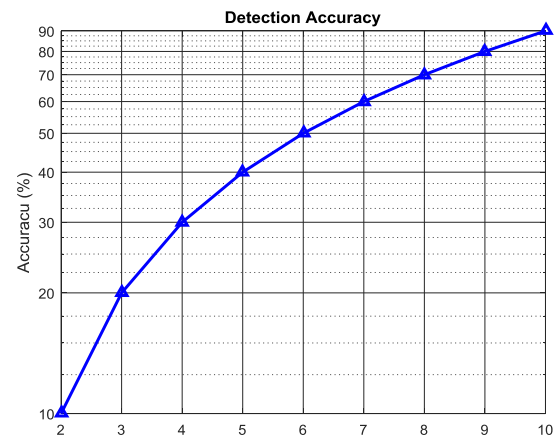


Figure 8: Recognition Accuracy

Figure 8 shows the system performance in terms of greatcorrectness rate and is achieving the average correctness of 90 above for the specificverified sample. So in the below mentioned tables we can see the performance comparison in terms of accuracies, False Acceptance Rate (FAR) and False Recognition Rate (FRR) for the different test samples. The recognition rate indicates that the proposed system is able to achieve high true positive rates and high negative rates.

Table2:AggressiveRecognized Emotion

Accuracy	False Acceptance Rate	False Rejection
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		<b>Rate</b>
97.1700	0.0053	0.023
91.5000	0.076	0.0085
97.0500	0.0045	0.025
94.2000	0.008	0.05
97.1092	0.024608	0.0043
95.1431	0.042169	0.0064
93.3815	0.034625	0.03156
94.0048	0.054352	0.0056
97.3830	0.02196	0.00421
91.9583	0.075017	0.0054

**Table 3:HappyRecognized Emotion**

<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>False Acceptance Rate</b>	<b>False Rejection Rate</b>
99.6390	0.009519	0.00842
97.3918	0.021892	0.00419
96.3640	0.03409	0.00227
98.2330	0.006215	0.00552
97.5897	0.02365	0.0004531
98.5120	0.01447	0.00041
94.0457	0.049993	0.00955
96.7653	0.024927	0.00742
98.1855	0.0095145	0.0030
97.2120	0.02516	0.00272

**Table 4:NeutralRecognized Emotion**

<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>False Acceptance Rate</b>	<b>False Rejection Rate</b>
99.28	0.0063973	0.000819
96.46880	0.027092	0.008292
94.520400	0.015796	0.039
98.5800	0.0076542	0.0065

98.230900	0.0082191	0.0095
95.74000	0.02560	0.017
91.16900	0.03901	0.0493
94.53100	0.02979	0.0249
98.15800	0.005412	0.00945
94.11000	0.03290	0.026

**Table 5:SadRecognized Emotion**

<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>False Acceptance Rate</b>	<b>False Rejection Rate</b>
99.029290	0.0075071	0.0022
98.431140	0.0064886	0.0092
97.82300	0.002770	0.0190
99.12640	0.005236	0.0035
99.529900	0.003451	0.00125
99.498170	0.0031183	0.0019
99.137010	0.0043299	0.0043
99.19080	0.005192	0.0029
98.7498	0.0030014	0.0095
99.4578	0.0018213	0.00360

**Table 6: SurpriseRecognized Emotion**

<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>False Acceptance rate</b>	<b>False Rejection Rate</b>
99.05963	0.0089817	0.000422
99.35477	0.0062583	0.000194
99.43201	0.0054069	0.000273
99.79492	0.0015298	0.000521
99.57983	0.0041607	0.000041
99.7791	0.0021510	0.000058
99.31149	0.0062901	0.000595
99.40061	0.0055219	0.000472

99.01935	0.0095165	0.000290
99.1311	0.008417	0.000272

From **Table 2** to **Table 6** the performance evaluation for the emotions are given in terms of accuracy and error rate values for different emotions. This is one of the important and beneficial results through which it can be noticed that our proposed system is able to achieve high acknowledgments in terms of high correct positive and true negative rates. Accuracy and error rate standards for different emotions have been shown. Both metrics values are proportional to each other and system has good efficiency. Values of accuracies for different emotions has been shown and the average accuracy has been found to be **95% to 98%** which shows that out projected system is well efficient to detect the right emotion with high accuracy and less error rate probabilities.

## V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

In this research work, a facial expression recognition based on component analysis is developed. The system comprises of three major phases, which are feature extraction, feature optimization and classification. Recognition tests were achieved on the Japanese database which consists of different emotions. We have presented that feature extraction and feature optimization of facial images pooled with component analysis and gradient filtering yields an improved gratitude rate compared with traditional methods. In the experimental results obtained, technique offers better performance on different emotions.

Future work is to advance the system so that it can be acquaint with diversity of datasets and also the hybridization processes can be evolved in the feature optimization. Moreover, the presentation of the structure to real-life engineering complications will be considered.

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