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Title: A Study of Gender Bias in Face Presentation Attack and Its Mitigation

Abstract:
In biometric systems, the process of identifying or verifying people using facial data must be highly accurate to ensure a high level of security and credibility. Many researchers investigated the fairness of face recognition systems and reported demographic bias. However, there was not much study on face presentation attack detection technology (PAD) in terms of bias. This research
sheds light on bias in face spoofing detection by implementing two phases. First, two CNN (convolutional neural network)-based presentation attack detection models, ResNet50 and VGG16 were used to evaluate the fairness of detecting imposer attacks on the basis of gender. In addition, different sizes of Spoof in the Wild (SiW) testing and training data were used in the first phase to study the effect of gender distribution on the models’ performance. Second, the debiasing variational autoencoder (DB-VAE) was applied in combination with VGG16 to assess its ability to mitigate bias in presentation attack detection. Our experiments exposed minor gender bias in CNN-based presentation attack detection methods. In addition, it was shown that imbalance in training and testing data does not necessarily lead to gender bias in the model’s performance. Results showed that the DB-VAE approach helped in mitigating bias in detecting spoof faces.

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Abstract:

Acute neurological complications are some of the leading causes of death and disability in the U.S. The medical professionals that treat patients in this setting are tasked with deciding where (e.g., home or facility), how, and when to discharge these patients. Therefore, it is crucial to predict potential patient discharge outcomes as early as possible during the patient’s hospital stay and to know what factors influence the development of discharge planning. This presentation will detail the development and assessment of early predictive models that showed promising results in predicting patient discharge outcomes based on their early admission data. Furthermore, the accuracy and interpretability of the predictive models suggest that the models can be used in a suggestive context to help guide healthcare providers in planning effective and equitable discharge recommendations.

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