AI-Based Exam Malpractice Detection Using Machine Learning and Computer Vision

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Abstract
Artificial Intelligence (AI) has significantly transformed educational assessment systems by enhancing transparency and integrity. Exam malpractice remains a major concern in both offline and online examinations, leading to unfair evaluation and academic dishonesty. This study proposes an AI-based exam malpractice detection system that utilizes computer vision and machine learning techniques to monitor candidate behavior during examinations. The system captures real-time video input, detects suspicious activities such as head movement, multiple persons in frame, use of mobile devices, and abnormal eye movement using deep learning models. By automating invigilation, the system ensures fairness, reduces human supervision burden, and improves reliability in examination processes.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Exam Monitoring, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Facial Recognition, Online Examination, Malpractice Detection.

1. Introduction

- Examination integrity is crucial in academic institutions to maintain fairness and credibility.
- Traditional invigilation methods rely heavily on human supervision, which may lead to oversight, bias, and inefficiency.
- With the growth of online examinations, ensuring secure remote assessment has become more challenging.
- AI-based systems provide automated surveillance using face detection, behavior tracking, and anomaly detection techniques.
- This project introduces an intelligent exam monitoring system that detects suspicious behavior using real-time video analytics.

2. Literature Review

Cluskey *et al*. (2011) examined the challenges associated with maintaining academic integrity in online examinations. The study pointed out that the absence of physical invigilation in digital examinations increases the likelihood of cheating behaviors such as consulting unauthorized materials or collaborating with others. The researchers emphasized that technological monitoring solutions such as automated proctoring systems are essential for detecting suspicious activities and ensuring fairness in online assessments. The study also suggested that institutions should adopt AI-supported monitoring tools to improve the reliability and credibility of remote examination systems [1].

Kumar *et al*. (2025) developed an AI-powered exam proctoring system that integrates facial recognition, head-pose detection, and electronic device identification to detect malpractice during online examinations. The system uses deep learning models to monitor students continuously and identify suspicious activities such as looking away from the screen or using unauthorized devices. Experimental results showed high detection accuracy for facial verification, head movement monitoring, and object detection in exam environments [7].

Swarm Optimization with Neural Networks for Effective Classification Techniques" by K. Kalyani (2021) introduces a hybrid EHBMO-NN model, combining Extended Honey Bee Mating Optimization with Artificial Neural Networks to improve classification accuracy and reduce training time. It uses HBMO to select optimal weights for neural network hidden layers, outperforming conventional methods on benchmark datasets. The accurate cancer classification is very important task for cancer treatment. Recently the informative genes are identified from the thousands of genes for correct cancer classification. The collection of microscopic Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid (DNA) microarray is attached in the solid surface. In this study, DNA microarray data is used for cancer classification. The accurate cancer classification is very important task for cancer treatment. Recently the informative genes are identified from the thousands of genes for correct cancer classification. The collection of

microscopic Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid (DNA) microarray is attached in the solid surface. In this study, DNA microarray data is used for cancer classification [6].

3. Problem Definition
- Despite technological advancements, exam malpractice remains prevalent due to:
- Lack of effective monitoring in large classrooms.
- Challenges in supervising online exams remotely.
- Human error and limited invigilator attention span.
- Absence of real-time automated suspicious activity alerts.

The main problem addressed in this study is the development of a reliable AI-based system capable of detecting and reporting exam malpractice in real time with high accuracy.

4. Objectives
- To develop an AI-based automated exam monitoring system.
- To detect suspicious behaviors such as frequent head movement and multiple faces.
- To identify prohibited objects like mobile phones or notes.
- To generate real-time alerts for malpractice detection.
- To maintain fairness and transparency in examination systems.

5. System Architecture
Architecture Modules:
- Video Capture Module – Captures real-time webcam feed.
- Face Detection Module – Detects and verifies student identity.
- Behavior Analysis Module – Tracks head, eye, and body movements.
- Object Detection Module – Identifies unauthorized objects (phones, books).
- Alert & Reporting Module – Generates alerts and stores evidence.
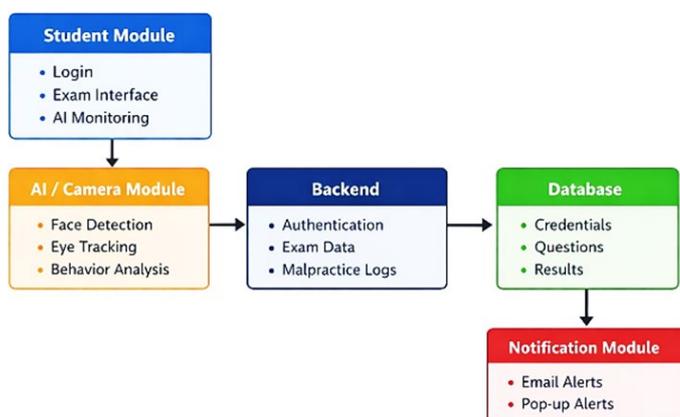- Database Module – Stores logs and malpractice records.

Fig 1: AI Malpractice

Behavioral Analysis (CNN/RNN/LSTM)
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PROCEDURE Behavioral_Analysis(Frame)
Feature_Vector ← Extract_Features(Frame)
Behavior_Label ← Predict_Behavior(Feature_Vector)
IF Behavior_Label = Suspicious THEN
Flag_Suspicious("Abnormal Behavior Pattern")
ENDIF
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END PROCEDURE

6. Data Collection and Preprocessing
Dataset includes student images, head pose data, and object detection datasets.

Preprocessing includes:
- Image resizing and normalization
- Noise removal
- Frame extraction from video
- Face alignment
- Data augmentation improves model robustness.

7. Modeling and Machine Learning
- **Face Detection:** Haar Cascade/CNN
- **Object Detection:** YOLO/SSD
- **Head Pose Estimation:** Deep learning regression models
- **Anomaly Detection:** Machine learning classification algorithms

Techniques Used:
- Supervised Learning
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)
- Transfer Learning
- Real-time video processing using OpenCV
- Model evaluation metrics:
- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F1-Score

8. Implementation Tools
- **Programming Language:** Python
- **Libraries:** OpenCV, TensorFlow, Keras
- **Database:** MySQL/Firebase
- **Platform:** Web-based/Desktop Application

9. Advantages
- Reduces human monitoring workload
- Provides unbiased supervision
- Works for both online and offline exams
- Real-time alert system
- Improves academic integrity

10. Limitations
- Requires high-quality camera
- Internet dependency for online mode
- Privacy and ethical concerns
- False positives in extreme lighting conditions

11. Future Enhancements
Integration with biometric authentication
AI-based voice detection for whisper detection
Cloud-based scalable monitoring
Blockchain integration for secure exam logs

12. Conclusion
The AI-based Exam Malpractice Detection System provides a reliable and automated solution to monitor examinations efficiently. By leveraging machine learning and computer vision, the system enhances transparency, reduces academic dishonesty, and supports secure examination environments. With further improvements and ethical implementation, AI-

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driven proctoring can become a standard solution for modern education systems.

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