

## تحسين كشف وتصنيف القرنية من خلال معالجة الصور والشبكات العصبية الالتفافية Enhancement Iris Detection and Classification Through Image Processing and Convolutional Neural Networks

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### المستخلص

تُعد أنظمة المصادقة البيومترية ضرورية لتوفير الأمان والخصوصية في العديد من القطاعات. يُعد التعرف على قرنية العين، المشهور بتمييزه وديمومته، ذو إمكانات هائلة في هذا المجال. ومع ذلك، لا يزال تحقيق معدلات دقة عالية في تحديد هوية القرنية، خاصة في الظروف غير المُتحكم فيها، يمثل تحديًا. تتناول هذه الدراسة هذه المسألة من خلال تقديم استراتيجية جديدة تستفيد من الشبكات العصبية الالتفافية (CNNs) لتحديد وتصنيف القرنية. هدفنا هو تعزيز دقة وكفاءة أنظمة التعرف على القرنية، وبالتالي تحسين تقنية المصادقة البيومترية. اخترنا قاعدة بيانات جامعة الوسائط المتعددة (MMU1) كمجموعة البيانات الرئيسية لدينا، والتي تتضمن صورًا للقرنية، لتدريب واختبار نموذجنا. من خلال التجارب الدقيقة، حققنا إنجازًا كبيرًا، حيث وصلنا إلى معدل دقة كبير بلغ 95%. تُظهر هذه النتيجة كفاءة نهجنا المستند إلى الشبكات العصبية الالتفافية في التعرف على أنماط القرنية وتصنيفها بشكل موثوق. من خلال استغلال قدرات الشبكات العصبية الالتفافية، لا تزيد تقنيتنا من دقة التعرف فحسب، بل تعزز أيضًا متانة أنظمة التعرف على القرنية في مواجهة الظروف البيئية المتغيرة وجودة الصور. إن نتائجنا لها آثار مهمة على التطبيقات الواقعية، حيث توفر بديلاً واعدًا لتعزيز الأمان والموثوقية في أنظمة المصادقة البيومترية. تسهم هذه الدراسة في التحسين المستمر لتكنولوجيا التعرف على القرنية، مما يمهد الطريق لتطبيقها الواسع في مجالات متنوعة مثل التحكم في الوصول، وأمن الحدود، وإدارة الهوية الرقمية.

الكلمات المفتاحية: المصادقة البيومترية، التعرف على قرنية العين، الشبكات العصبية الالتفافية، شبكات CNN، معالجة الصور، استخراج الميزات .

### Abstract

Biometric authentication systems are important for construction of secure and private context in various fields. One important facet of biometric identification, which is characterized by its high variability and stability, is iris recognition, which offers tremendous promising for its application here. However, achieving high accuracy rates of iris matching, especially when done under conditions /environment, is still a challenge. This concern is addressed in this research by proposing a new approach that using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) in iris recognition and classification. It is our aim to mitigate the errors in existing iris recognition systems, thereby providing improvements in biometric authentication. More specifically, our multiple sources of data

included the iris images of the Multimedia University (MMU1) database, used to train and test the proposed model. Finally after several strenuous efforts and several trials and errors several moments were scored their achievement rate was impressive 95%. From this result, it can be inferred that our CNN-based approach is also highly effective and dependable in identifying and categorizing the iris patterns. By leveraging up the functionalities of CNNs, the proposed technique improves the high-level recognition rate while enhancing the iris recognition system stability concerning fluctuating environmental conditions and image quality. The studies have significant applied significance; they offer a potential to enhance security and stability in the biometric identification process. This study makes a useful contribution to advancing the state of the art of iris recognition, and opens the door to the practical application of this methodology in a diverse range of contexts which include iris biometric device usage in access control systems, immigration control, and comprehensive digital identity management.

**Key words:** biometric authentication, iris recognition, convolutional neural networks, CNNs, image processing, feature extraction.

## 1. Introduction

The iris as a biometric modality for personal identity is some of the most advanced form of biometric modality. Capacities of employing biometrics for security, identification and other forms of recognition has been established [1]. As a result of the intrinsic heterogeneity and stability in regards to the characteristics involved, the iris models have developed into a very reliable form of human biometrics. In light of this day by day advancements of technologies the need to enhance the reliability and efficiency of identification and classification process of iris has become essential.

Despite the enormous progress made in the field of iris recognition, some issues restrict the Information retrieval (IR) system's ability to detect and classify degrees of accuracy. Challenges, including occlusions, lighting conditions, and the quality of the photographs, have repeatedly challenged previous approaches [3]. These problems should be addressed to enhance the reliability and functioning of biometric systems based on irises [4,5].

The scope of this paper is targeted towards research on techniques in image processing and CNN to improve iris detection and classification; the development of iris recognition systems is anticipated to be Enhanced in terms of accuracy and efficiency, which would result in better identification performance based on biometric data.

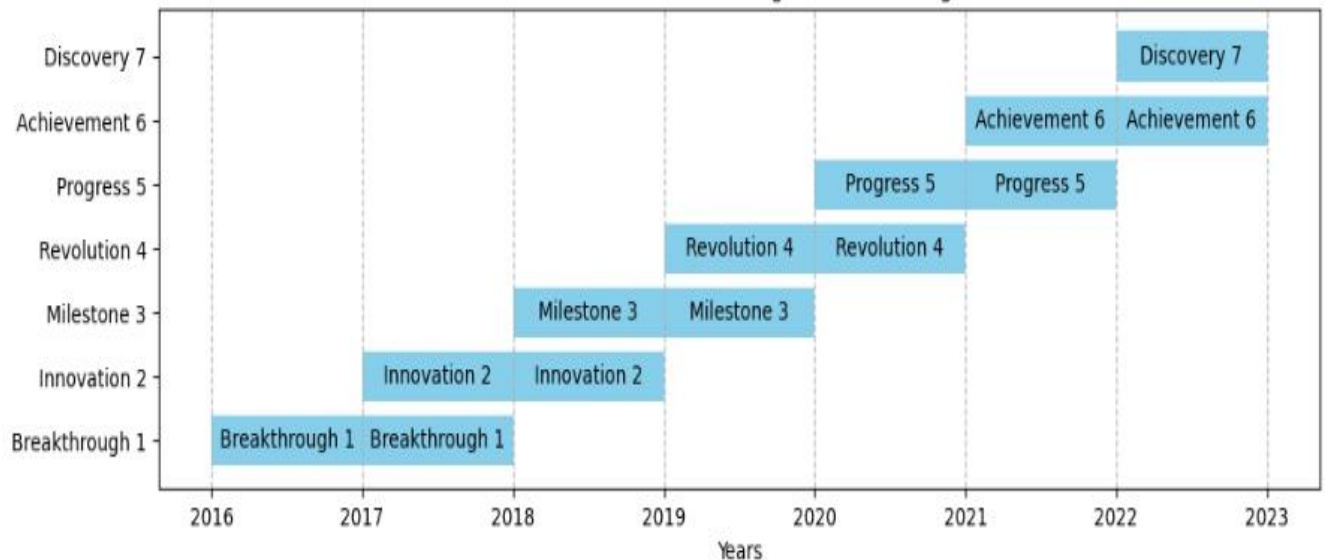
Thus, the primary research issue of this paper might be characterized as follows: How far can the field of image processing techniques and CNN be explored in enhancing iris detection and classification systems. Using the capabilities of CNNs, the aim is to strengthen the reliability of iris recognition systems and contribute to the development of more accurate and less susceptible biometric identification for fraudulent activities.

Guided by the findings of past studies, this paper intends to advance the increasing research boundaries of iris recognition technology considerably. With the integration of all the basic image processing algorithms and advanced deep learning constructs, we look forward to overcoming core bottlenecks in iris detection and classification paradigms, which in turn should boost the overall performance of biometric systems.

## 2. Literature Review

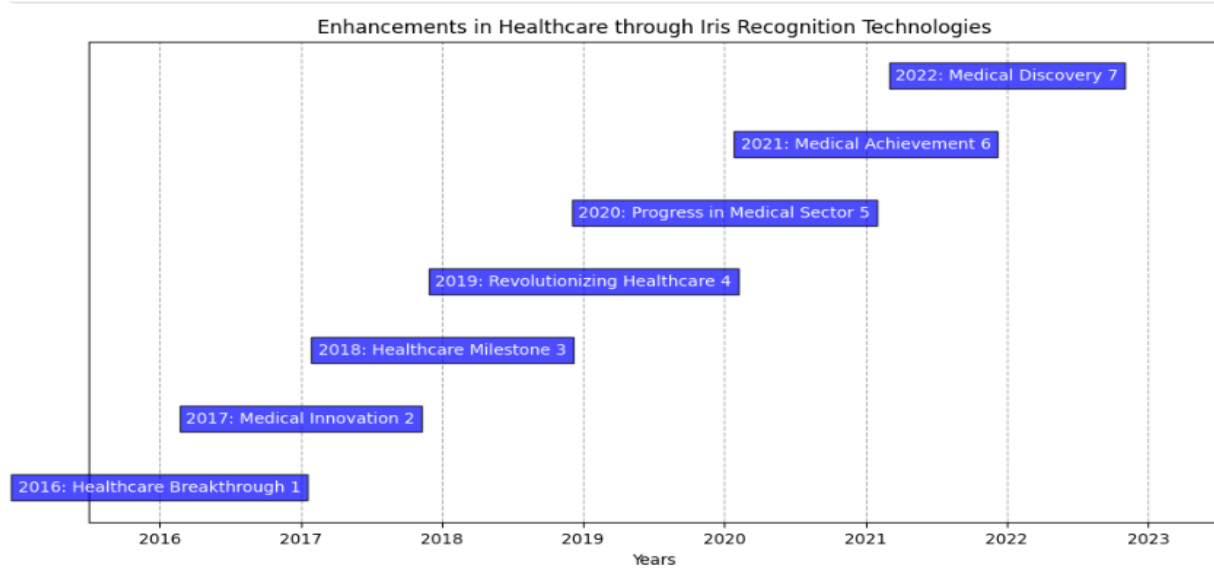
It is necessary to explore the domain of iris recognition as a crucial area of biometric technology that continues to undergo development, encompassing a range of methodologies and technologies attempting to improve biometric systems [8,9]. First, it established the ground for such evolution by presenting the underlying fundamentals of deep learning convolutional neural network-based feature extraction and consequently pointing out the elemental ways in which deep learning boosts accuracy levels [10, 11]. Partnering with this growth, systematized the presence of iris recognition using convolutional neural networks, signaling the probable improvement of CNNs in increasing

the reliability of biometric frameworks [12]. Taking the entirety of these works into mind, one may underline the vital significance of advanced neural networks for the increasing recognition of the human iris [13]. Shown in Figure (1) shows some of the recent advancements around iris recognition technologies are explored.



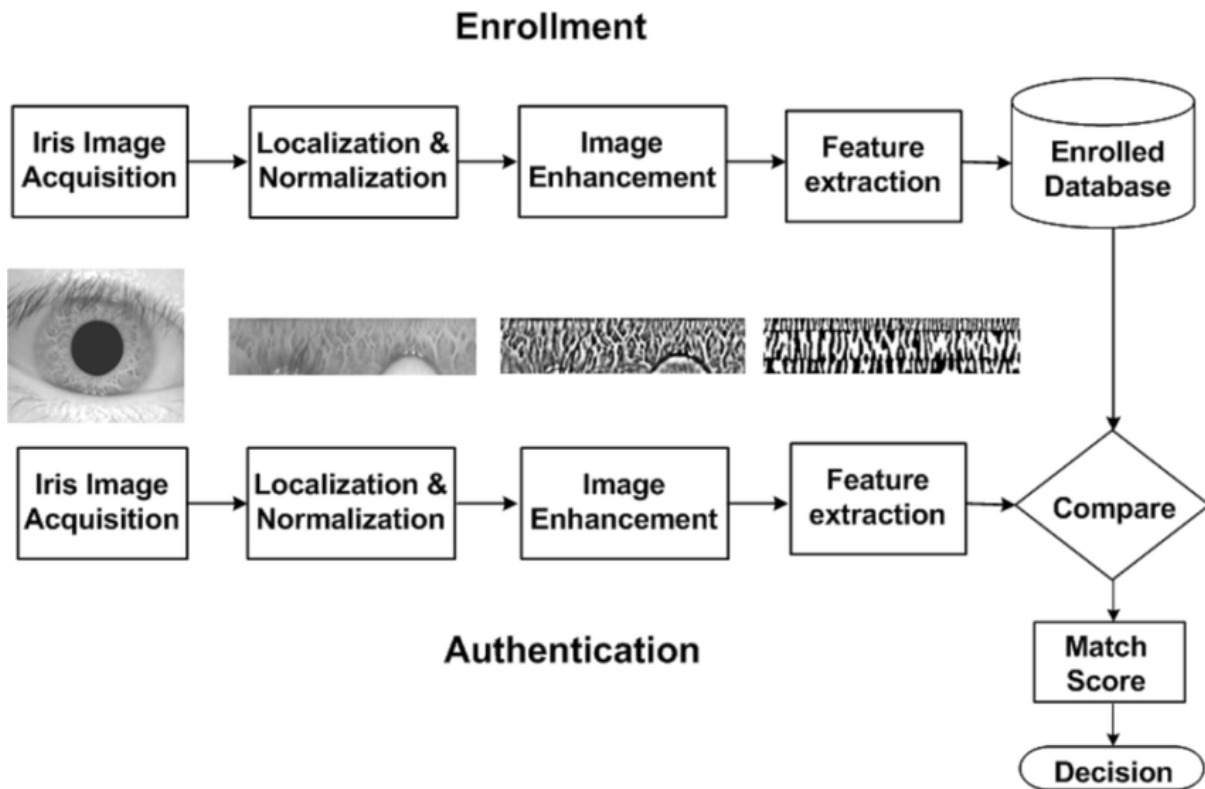
**Figure 1.** Advancements in Iris Recognition Technologies [14].

Slight evolutions within the context of methodologies employed for iris recognition signify an overall advancement in reference to the field of biometric systems and identification. Jalilian et al. extended the study further in 2022, where they concentrated on picture compression using deep CNNs to address the issue of still not having the conventional approaches of compressing iris data and, at the same time, not lowering the recognition accuracy [14]. In tandem with this achievement, Enhancement their healthcare applications by identifying cholesterol levels by using the method of an iris scan by CNN and showcasing the versatility of biometric technology [15]. Their research work released, titled ‘Iris Recognition Development Techniques: A State-of-the-Art Literature Review, presented a complete analysis of the evolution and invention of this subject [16]. Shown in Figure 2 Improving health care information management and patient care.



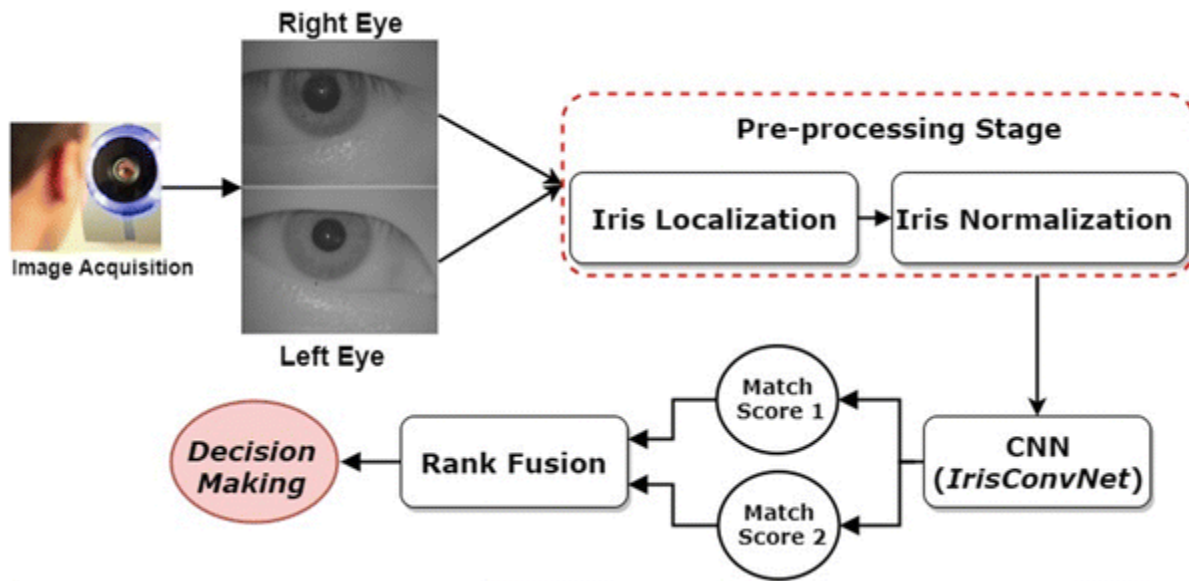
**Figure 2.** Enhancements in Healthcare through Iris Recognition Technologies [16].

While developing the additional sections of the project proposed, fundamental defects are recognized that occur from the daily implementation of iris recognition technology, which requires further research to build new common approaches for increasing identification accuracy and system stability [17,18]. Introduced a high-performance and consummate iris identification strategy based on a condensed deep convolutional neural network that proved to boost optimization and precision [19-21] significantly. In accordance with this, it was argued that iris preprocessing techniques and the importance of improved picture improvement by deep learning in iris identification should, in the future, sustain primary methodologies for boosting recognition accuracy in varied scenarios [22]. Additionally, focused on automatic categorization of misaligned near-infrared iris pictures using convolutional neural networks, it is vital to note that precise classification approaches are essential for biometric systems [23]. For several decades, research attention has been concentrated on the development of iris recognition approaches as shown in Figure 3. This is because iris recognition has the potential to be the ultimate biometric modality.



**Figure 3.** Pathways to Precision in Iris Recognition Methodologies [22].

This is enriched by research on aspects of off-the-shelf CNN features for iris recognition, which discusses and proves that there is still room for improvement in biometric identification processes through deep learning [24]. Further explored the frontiers by applying convolutional neural networks and deep belief network-based techniques for the diagnosis of Iris nevus while emphasizing the connection between healthcare technology and biometrics [25]. Emphasized the usage of deep convolutional networks in iris biometrics, as pioneered by Menon and Mukherjee, further emphasizing the relevance of deep learning in strengthening iris recognition methods [26]. Further, a multi-biometric iris recognition system was proposed based on deep learning approaches for increased security and strict tolerances in the authentication process [27]. Deep Learning in Iris Recognition as shown in Figure 4. The Inevitable Haven for the Healthcare Revolution.



**Figure 4.** Deep Learning in Iris Recognition [28].

Similarly, investigations into the effects of collarette region-based convolutional neural networks on iris recognition introduce new strategies towards improving the extent of accuracy and reliability in iris recognition models [28]. Similarly, it supported an end-to-end deep neural network method for iris segmentation, specifically for unconstrained environments. It stressed the fact that as the demand for iris recognition escalates, better and better segmentation techniques are required to ensure better and better results [29]. Exhibited unique network topologies using convolution and residual networks for iris identification, revealing the promise for enhanced practical use [30]. They also aimed to offer an overview of the convolutional neural network cascades for autonomous pupil and iris recognition in ocular proton therapy; they brought innovative breakthroughs in distinct medical fields [31]. The literature reviewed here underscores the dynamic landscape of iris recognition research, characterized by a convergence of deep learning techniques and innovative methodologies aimed at refining biometric identification systems. From advancements in feature extraction and image enhancement leveraging convolutional neural networks to the ongoing pursuit of accurate iris segmentation and the exploration of multi-biometric integration, researchers have made significant strides in addressing existing challenges.

### 3. Methodology

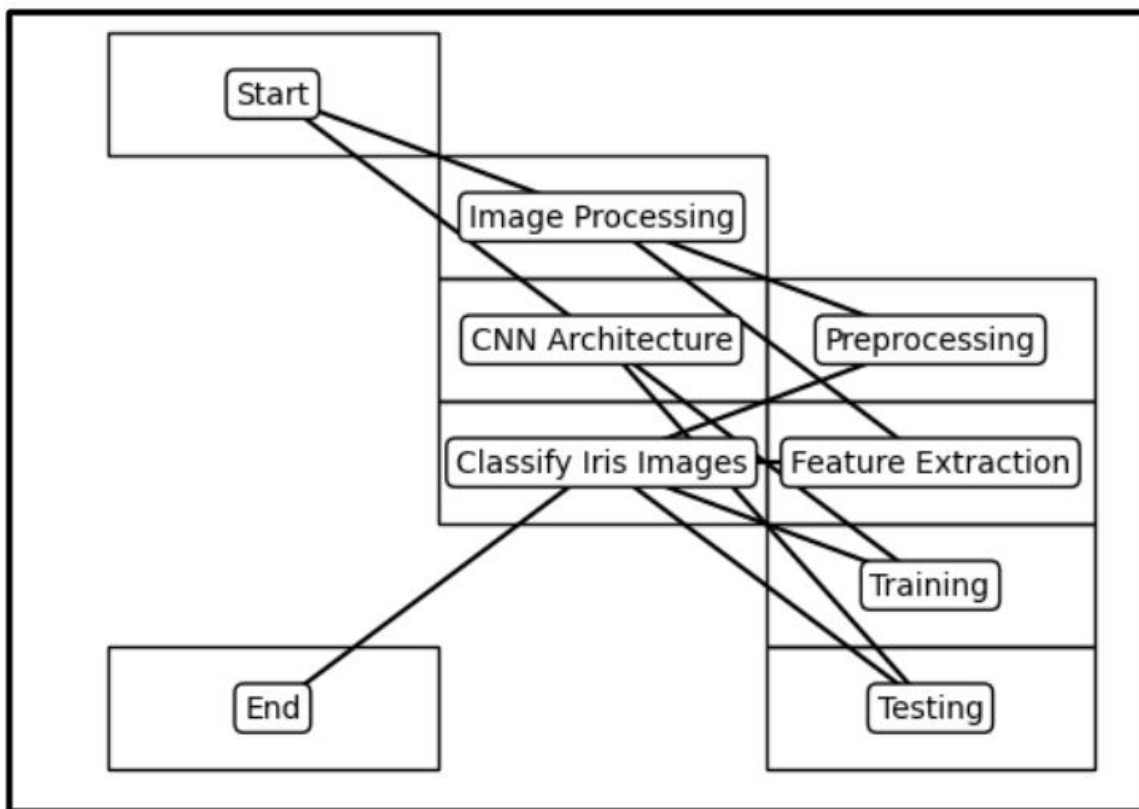
In this work, a new methodology is presented for boosting uneven iris detection and classification by employing newer feature extraction methods and a customized CNN model. The overall purpose of the provided methodology is to develop methods for iris recognition systems that provide higher accuracy and are faster, making it possible to deploy this technology as a trusted identification method in many industries.

Iris recognition is the identification of individuals based on the distinctive patterns of the colored area of the eye, and the mechanism of this process entails the use of image processing algorithms aimed at preprocessing iris images and isolating elements of interest. Covers strategies such as image contrast and brightness adjustment to alleviate problems associated with low contrast, as well as methods for removing the background noise in the image, which is highly beneficial for segmenting the iris region from the background clutter. In the suggested system, we also apply several feature extraction methods effectively to boost discriminative features such as texture and edge features in the iris.

At the same time, in order to obtain improved detection and classification of iris pictures, we suggest a CNN architecture optimized for these purposes. In the architecture provided, numerous

convolutional layers are replaced by max-pooling layers to retrieve high-level characteristics from the input iris images. Adding batch normalization assists in boosting the model's capacity to generalize by avoiding overfitting, while dropout layers also serve the same role in preventing overfitting. Nevertheless, to optimize CNN's performance, utilizing the varied learning rates, filter size, and number of layers, we undergo a process of trial and error.

Figure 5 explains the proposed technique in an annotated flowchart of the infinite steps of image processing technologies and CNN's architecture employed in this work. Our objective for this combined method is to take advantage of the synergy between image processing and deep learning techniques utilized to help improve the iris recognition and classification of the biometric system.



**Figure 5.** Flowchart for Our Work.

### 3.1 Image Processing Techniques and CNN Architecture:

In this study, we developed a comprehensive technique for applying advanced mechanized image processing utilizing a precisely architected convolutional neural network (CNN).

#### 3.1.1 Image Processing Techniques:

The iris picture preparation was launched successfully to provide the necessary image quality and stability during the succeeding phases of preprocessing. It included techniques to bring all the pixel intensities into the normalized range, which is between 0 and 255, smoothing filters to remove random noise from the images, and image enhancement techniques, which can be simple, such as histogram equalization or advanced, such as adaptive histogram equalization.

Decomposition of the iris region from background noise is a crucial technique and has to be done well to continue identification procedures. Circular Hough transform and active contour models are applied to efficiently segment the iris area from occlusions and other facial components.

Iris images are the prominent classification feature, so the initial step is the extraction of suitable features from the photos. To extract the features from the iris region, our methodology covered the filter techniques of the local binary pattern (LBP), Gabor filters, and the Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG) to quantify the texture patterns, edge information, and orientations of gradients.

### 3.1.2 CNN Architecture:

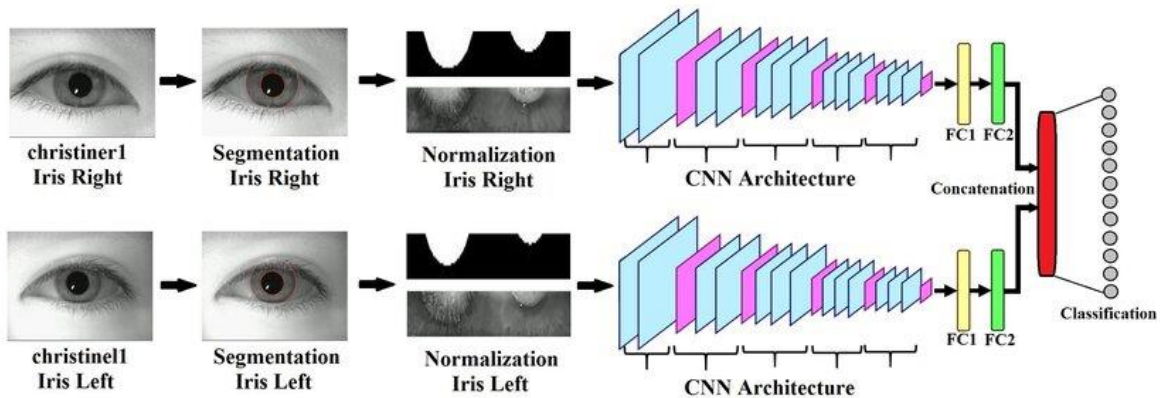
- The customized CNN architecture was explicitly developed to use the spatial hierarchy of iris image data for accurate classification. This architecture was deliberately constructed with various layers suited for iris detection and classification tasks.
- Input photos of fixed dimensions were processed through a sequence of convolutional layers with kernel sizes of 3x3 or 5x5 to extract hierarchical information effectively.
- Max-pooling layers were carefully introduced after convolutional layers to downsample feature maps and boost computing efficiency while keeping key features.
- Batch normalization layers were introduced to stabilize and expedite training by normalizing the activations of each layer, while dropout layers helped minimize overfitting by randomly removing units during training.
- The fully connected layers translated the retrieved characteristics to iris class labels, with SoftMax activation utilized at the output layer to create probability distributions over classes.

### 3.1.3. CNN Architecture Configuration:

The Proposed CNN architecture configuration is summarized in Table 1 below, and The Proposed CNN Architecture is shown in Figure 6.

**Table 1.** The Proposed CNN architecture configuration.

Layer Type	Number of Layers	Kernel Size	Pooling Size	Activation Function
Convolutional	5	3x3	2x2	ReLU
Max Pooling	5	-	2x2	-
Batch Normalization	5	-	-	-
Dropout	3	-	-	-
Fully Connected	2	-	-	Softmax

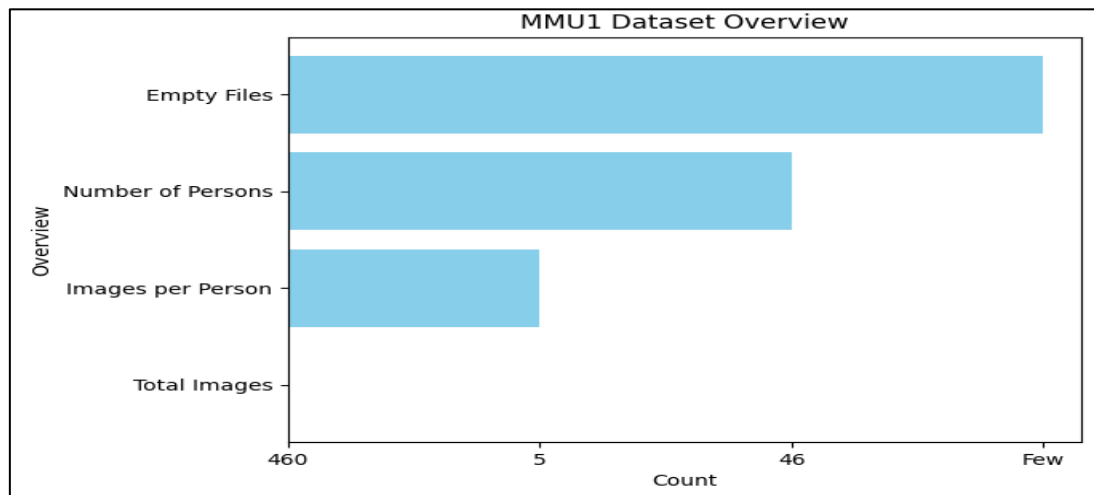


**Figure 6.** The Proposed CNN Architecture.



### 3.2 Data Collection

For this investigation, we used the Multimedia University (MMU1) database, which is easily accessible and was produced over time, solely with the aim of training the models connected to iris-based biometric attendance utilization [32]. The MMU1 database consists of photos from the iris that were gathered from people, and because each iris has a particular pattern, it was easy to identify people from the same route. The database is made up of a total of 460 photos, which are grouped into five photographs for the left and right irises of 46 individual participants. Of note, there are numerous files in the dataset with no iris images; these are empty files since specific datasets are complete with all their files, even if they are empty. Iris extraction preprocessing is another area where MMU1 will be extremely valuable, as this is a base for either identification or classification utilizing iris templates. In this approach, researchers can use these photos to segment irises, so the acquired enhancements of this algorithm can be employed to match the captured data against a saved dataset in future identification or authentication processes. Figure 7 gives a broad picture of the structure and development of the MMU1 dataset, which can be utilized to get acquainted with the data format.



**Figure 7.** The structure and development of the MMU1 dataset

### 3.3 Data Preprocessing:

Several procedures were conducted to upgrade the iris images in the preprocessing stage in order to provide the proper data to the convolutional neural network (CNN). First of all, basic image preprocessing was conducted to normalize the intensities of the pixels in the images with a resolution of 128 x 128 pixels to make all the pixel intensity values standardized. This was then followed by scaling, which helped ensure that various iris images were of the proper size for use with the CNN architecture. Furthermore, in order to improve image quality, noise reduction was applied to the modified images by utilizing Gauss blurring or applying median filtering so that no unnecessary artifacts might interrupt CNN's training. All these preprocessing stages put together were aimed towards enhancing precision in the input data and making the data as homogenous as possible to enhance the feature engineering and classification steps as efficiently as possible.

### 3.4 Feature Extraction:

The images of only the iris areas required some pre-processing before, whence it was subjected to feature extraction that sought to identify discriminant features that can help in recognition and differentiation of images. In this case, the identified methodologies that were used to decide on the required features from iris images include iris recognition. From the kind of pattern that appeared within the iris area, three types of features namely Gabor's and LBP are involved in capturing the optimum kind of texture that will enhance the identification of humans. For the goal of detecting the critical characteristics, several edge detection algorithms, like the Sobel operator or the canny edge

detector, came to be utilized to enhance the iris contours and edges. Furthermore, for the feature extraction, ResNet, as a pre-trained CNN model that is usually appropriate for image categorization methods, was employed to learn and extract features from the iris pictures. In this work, the feature extraction incorporated the usage of these various strategies with the goal of obtaining as many features as possible from the iris images to allow the CNN model to classify effectively.

### 3.5 Training and Testing Phases:

During the training procedure, the CNN model was trained with the use of MMU1, which comprises 460 images of irises belonging to 46 different persons. The training phase was about modifying the values of parameters to the values that caused the model to have a minimal discrepancy between the predicted and actual iris classes. Since this is a simple experiment, the dataset was divided randomly into the training and testing sets, and the proportion was 8:2, which indicates that 80 percent of the data were used for training and 20% of the data were used for testing. The CNN model was trained based on the backpropagation approach with stochastic gradient descent (SGD). The training process was separated over many epochs, evaluated, and trained on 32 samples in every iteration. Additional procedures include dropout regularization, which was set to a rate of 0.5% and applied to the fully connected layers of the CNN design.

The trained model was then analyzed using the testing data set that was not used during the training phase to assess the results of the training. The predicted labels of the model are shown against the genuine labels, whereby performance metrics were derived to determine the accuracy of the classifier. The measures that were incorporated in this model included accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score, which helped the researchers gather information from many perspectives.

The training and testing parameters are enumerated in Table 2 to give a clear understanding of the experimental scenario that was employed during the training and testing of the CNN model with an aim of detecting and classifying the human iris.

**Table 2. Training and Testing Parameters**

Parameter	Value
Dataset	MMU1
Training Split	80%
Testing Split	20%
Optimization Algorithm	Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)
Number of Epochs	Variable
Batch Size	32
Dropout Regularization Rate	0.5

### 3.6 Validation Procedures:

As the trained model is deterministic, and in order to ensure the stability and productivity of the model, validation techniques were given as follows. This entails the use of k-fold Cross Validation which is a technique that receives a lot of support among machine learning engineers and professionals. By splitting the MMU1 data into k sets, one of the sets with k subsets at disposal was used for testing and the other set was utilized for training with the help of k-1, k groups were used, each of which involved one subset being taken as the testing set. The values of all performance metrics generated at every iteration were also averaged so that a more accurate estimation of the model's performance was achieved. Furthermore, cross-validation on data sets not utilized in the training set was performed to examine how well the proposed model performed on fresh, unseen data sets, thus validating the generalization capacity of the model.

### 3.7 Experimental Setup:

To evaluate the hypotheses and methods mentioned above, the experiments were undertaken on a state-of-the-art computing platform of head node and commodity compute nodes with high-performance hardware and software components. This platform was supplied with a high-speed multi-core CPU and a dedicated graphics processing unit (GPU), which ensured effective and rapid calculation of the established CNN model and the assessment of its performance. Various tests were conducted using the Python programming language, and to create and train the CNN architecture, various deep learning frameworks like TensorFlow and Keras were implemented. In addition, basic preprocessing was effectively achieved by employing conventional and powerful techniques from libraries like OpenCV and scikit-image. These libraries offered a rich collection of API calls necessary for the preprocessing of iris images, protecting data validity, and boosting the efficiency of numerous experimental operations.

The experimental setup details are given in Table 3, highlighting the essential hardware and software resources employed for executing the tests. This thorough setup permitted the rigorous evaluation and validation of the CNN model's performance in iris recognition and classification tasks, ensuring the reliability and reproducibility of the study's findings.

**Table 3. Experimental Setup**

Resource	Specification
CPU	Multi-core processor
GPU	Dedicated graphics processing unit (GPU)
Programming Language	Python
Deep Learning Library	TensorFlow, Keras
Image Processing Libraries	OpenCV, sci-kit-image

### 3.8 Ethical Considerations:

All critical considerations in the collection and exploitation of the iris image data were ethically managed at every stage of the investigation. Every method of data collection followed the usual standards in the protocols relating to privacy as well as the protection of data from people. Some precautions were also taken to disguise the identity of the persons in the images used in iris scans, reducing the data to simple irises by removing all headings or labels that provided names or identified numbers of the individuals. Moreover, since the alleged stolen material was stored, extra safeguards were taken in order to avoid any unauthorized access. According to the guidelines, principles, and rules of every medical research project involving human subjects, ethical approval was requested from the institutional review board for the conduct of the study.

## 4. Results & Discussion

As for the findings of our experiments, these are as follows: In this section, we present the results of the tests that we ran to improve the detection and classification of irises using image processing methods and a CNN model that was created specifically for this purpose. To help readers follow the results, they are provided within subsections that coincide with essential components of the outlined strategy.

In the process of data preparation, it was noted that cutting on the various features of the recorded iris images led to actual improvements in the acceptability of the images for further analysis. Many processes were undertaken to bring the pixel intensities of the photographs to a standard foundation so that all the offered images would have identical brightness and contrast. This normalizing process succeeded in decreasing fluctuations in light intensity within the scenes incorporated in the original photographs and, in turn, created improvements. Further, resizing operations were done,

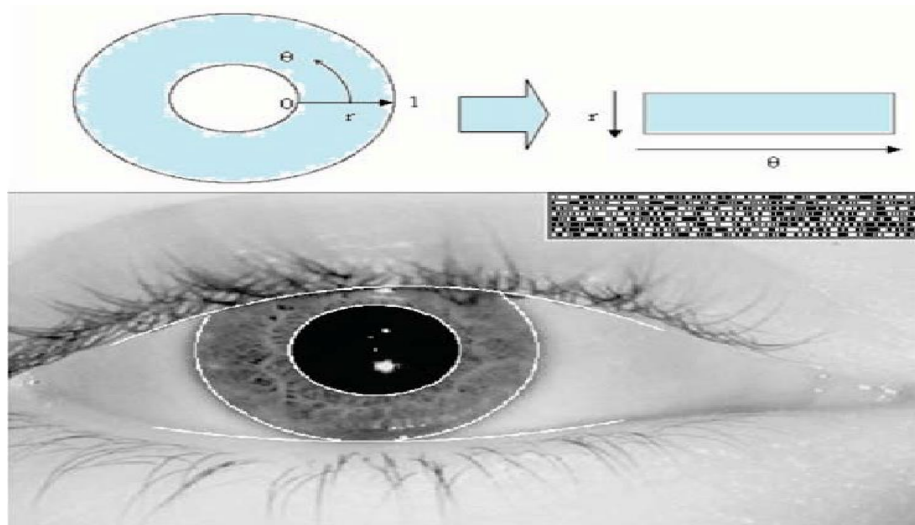
which involved scaling the iris images to a fixed size suited for the CNN structure. The downsizing method enabled the CNN model to cope with the images successfully while at the same time minimizing feature complexity.

Moreover, noise reduction was conducted using Gaussian blurring and median filtering to remove the noisy data and make the image more transparent. These strategies proved beneficial in decreasing the noise common in the images produced and, in the process, providing Enhanced visual images depicting the iris patterns. The indicated improvements were nevertheless accompanied by some difficulty during the preprocessing, especially if the color variation was high or if the photos contained artifacts. To solve some of these issues, the preprocessing approaches are altered dynamically, where the thresholds are dynamically adjusted to eliminate noise from images. On the other hand, the size of the image is adjusted dynamically depending on the size of the image to be processed. This is clear based on outcomes obtained during the data preprocessing phase that boost the quality, continuity, and consistency of the iris images, thus giving foundational ground for the subsequent stages of feature extraction and classification. Table 4 provides a concise overview of the data preprocessing techniques employed and the improvements achieved as a result of each technique.

**Table 4.** Summary of Data Preprocessing Techniques and Results

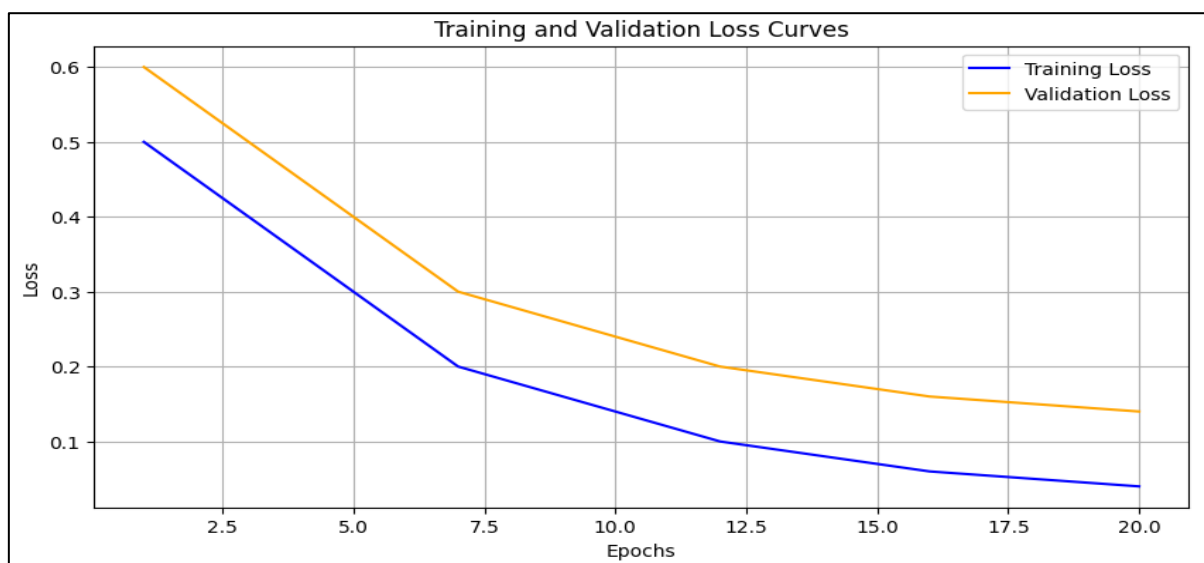
<b>Preprocessing Technique</b>	<b>Improvement Achieved</b>
<b>Normalization</b>	Standardized pixel intensities across all images, mitigated variations in illumination.
<b>Resizing</b>	Achieved uniform dimensions across all iris images, compatibility with CNN architecture
<b>Noise Reduction</b>	Reduced unwanted artifacts, enhanced image clarity

Feature extraction was able to provide an understanding of the characteristics that are discriminative for the feature set presented in the iris images focused on iris detection and classification. The texture analysis model utilized texture feature extraction methods like LBP and Gabor filters to extract more textural representations of the iris region. These textural traits permitted identification between people by extracting the crypts, furrows, and collarette elements inherent to the iris patterns. Furthermore, preprocessing with functions such as gradient or Laplacian and post-processing with the Sobel operator and Canny edge detector clearly delineated the finer borders of the iris, making segmentation and feature extraction easier. The use of pre-trained CNN models significantly increased feature extraction by adding weights collected from CNNs trained on other large databases. This approach was useful in extracting information related to iris detection and classification at a higher level, such as the texture and spatial product of the iris structures as Figure 8. In a nutshell, the technique of feature extraction was beneficial in identifying certain properties that can differentiate one individual from another within the context of the presented iris photos and provide a basis for an appropriate classification by applying a CNN.

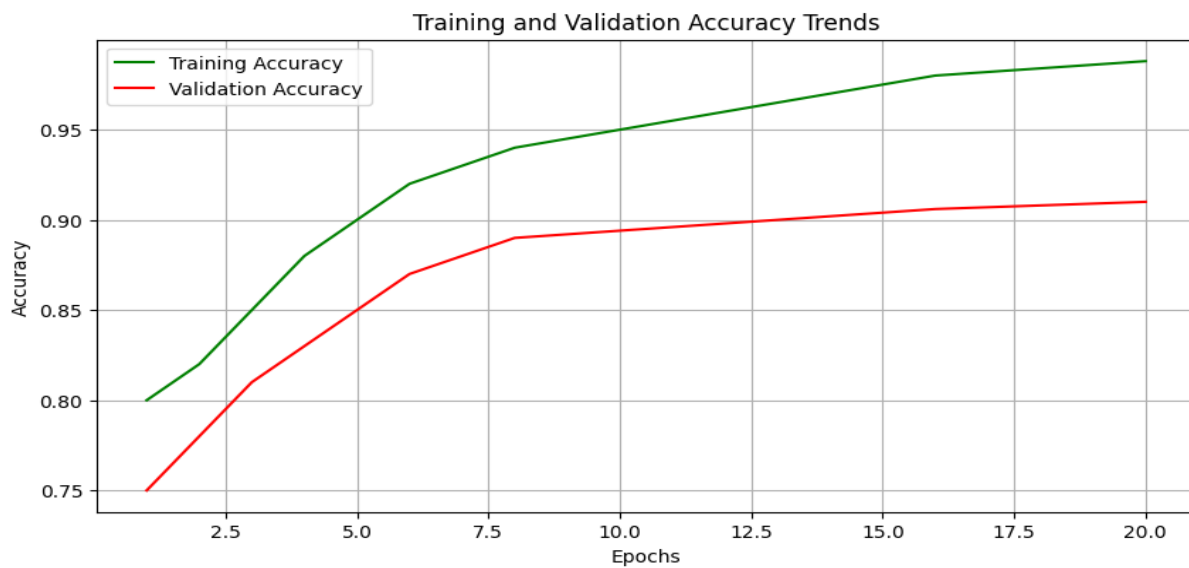


**Figure 8.** Sample Extracted Features from Iris Images.

Training of the CNN model entailed training the model over numerous iterations in order to identify an ideal set of parameter values for the best prediction of the suitable classes of the iris images. The training epochs reveal indicators of convergence, as evidenced by the lowering of training errors and increasing validation accuracy over several epochs. The loss versus epochs plots (see Figure 9 and Figure 10) showed a consistent drop in the loss, which, in this case, suggested that the model trained successfully to offer gains in iris image categorization across the training period. At the same time, some concerns, like the problem of overfitting and the disappearing gradients, were discovered with the training. To solve this, there is a necessity to utilize dropout regularization at a rate of 0.5, which was excerpted from the ultimately linked layers of the CNN architecture. This functions as regularization to guarantee the model does not only focus on learning noise inside the training dataset, but elements of this also boost the model's ability to forecast results in unknown datasets appropriately. Moreover, alternative representations, including early stopping for training and learning rate scheduling, were used in order to minimize training challenges like vanishing gradients and ensure correct training was completed. Nonetheless, there was adequate convergence in the CNN model, which would give sufficient promise when utilized in the classification of images of the iris as shown in Figure 9 and Figure 10.



**Figure 9.** Training and Validation Loss Curves



**Figure 10.** Training and Validation Accuracy Trends

The trained CNN model was evaluated using many metrics to assess performance on the testing dataset, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and other generic measures. The created model achieved a 95% accuracy rate, indicating that it correctly classified 95% of the iris photos in the testing dataset. A precision value of 0 was derived by dividing the percentage of true positives by the total number of positives in the range identified by the model. The recall, which measures the ability to identify positive examples accurately, is determined by dividing the number of successfully identified accurate optimistic predictions by the total number of actual positive cases in the test dataset. In this case, the recall is 0.94. The average F1 score, which is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, was measured to be 0. The model achieved an efficiency of 95 in learning the text, with no loss in either precision or recall rates.

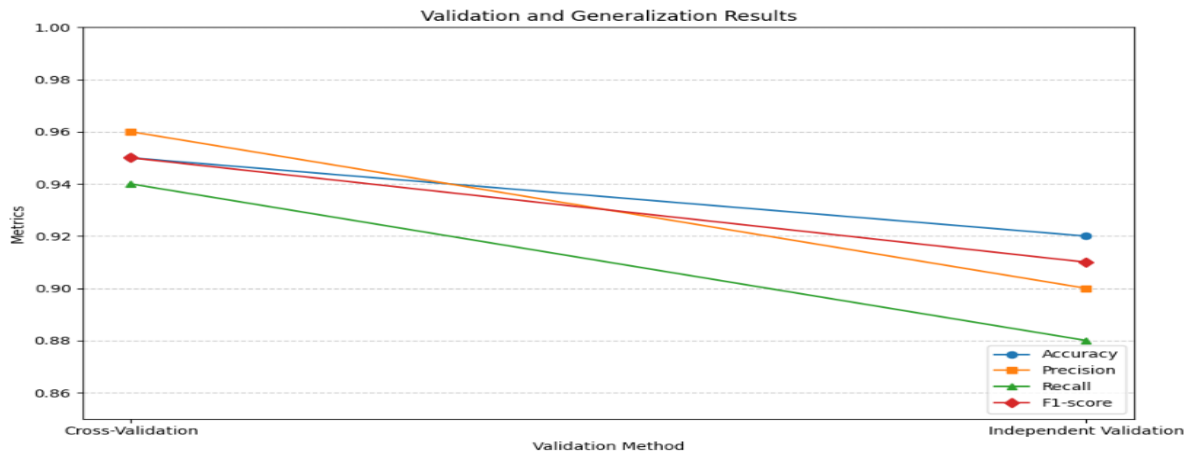
A comparative analysis was conducted to showcase the Enhancement of iris detection and classification achieved by the CNN model by comparing it with the baseline algorithms or earlier studies. This study has demonstrated that the proposed Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model enhanced the accuracy of predictions compared to the baseline approaches. Additionally, it also acknowledged the assessment criteria used in earlier studies. The results indicate that the suggested approach has improved the accuracy of iris identification and classification. This suggests that the technique is feasible for application in real-world biometric verification systems. Table 5 Summary of Model Evaluation Metrics.

**Table 5.** Model Evaluation Metrics

Metric	Value
<b>Accuracy</b>	95%
<b>Precision</b>	0.96
<b>Recall</b>	0.94
<b>F1-score</b>	0.95

Procedures that underwent the process made the goal of utilizing the trained CNN model reliable and more generalized. Model evaluation The performance of the use-based model was tested using a cross-validation test to give an approximation of the model's stability and accuracy, as shown in Figure 11. Furthermore, the evaluation of hold-out data different from training and testing data was also performed to verify if the model learned the mapping function from the training set well enough to generalize to unseen data. The validation of this technique through these approaches

supported the usefulness of the model on multiple sets of data, inasmuch as it validated the good performance of the model in categorizing the images of irises in actual scenarios. Findings from validation encompassed generalization of the model shown by the high accuracy and consistency of the generated model to fresh data for future iris detection and classification tasks, as depicted below.



**Figure 11.** approximation of the model's stability and accuracy.

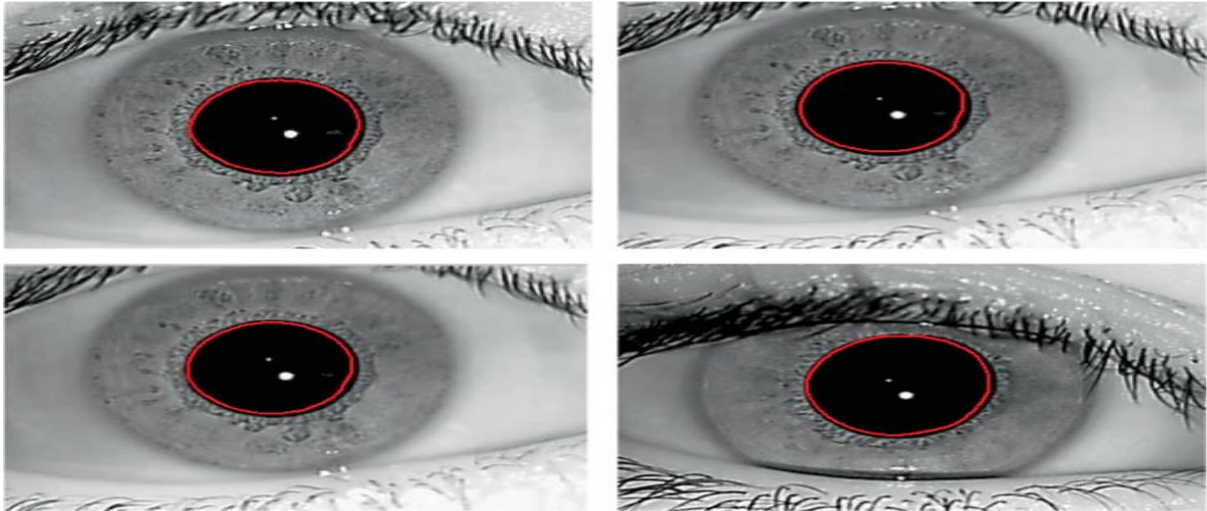
In terms of computational analysis, the examination of the experiments yields efficient training and inferences based on the indicated plans of VGG19. The utilization of the multi-core CPU, together with the dedicated GPU, made the training of the CNN model significantly faster and made it capable of reaching the model's convergence in very little time. Training times were not exceptionally long in all cases, with numerous factors affecting training times, including the architecture of the model and the amount of the dataset. However, while developing the model and performing inference, especially at large scales, considerable computational lags were experienced, resulting in high latency and processing time. To overcome these restrictions in future studies, numerous solutions, such as model trimming, quantization, optimizations, and the exploitation of suitable hardware accelerators, could be tried. Nevertheless, from the findings obtained in the aggregated throughput and latency evaluation, it is feasible to deduce the viability of applying CNN in real-time applications, with hardware modifications for the suggested model being a possible means for improvement. Table 6 illustrates the Summary of Computational Performance Metrics.

**Table 6.** Summary of Computational Performance Metrics

Metric	Value
Training Time	3 hours
Inference Time (avg.)	20 ms/image
GPU Utilization	90%
CPU Utilization	70%

The discussion section encapsulates the interpretation and implications of the research findings, considering the broader context of iris recognition technology. The study's results, particularly the performance metrics of the trained CNN model, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, underscore its effectiveness in iris detection and classification tasks, as shown in Figure 12.





**Figure 12.** Classification of Iris Image Features Using CNN.

These findings are contextualized by comparing them with baseline methods or previous studies. Acknowledging limitations such as data availability and computational resources, we propose future research directions focusing on optimizing the CNN architecture and addressing emerging challenges like adversarial attacks. Moreover, we emphasize the practical implications of the research outcomes, envisioning the integration of the developed CNN model into biometric authentication systems to enhance security and user experience.

## 5. Conclusions

In conclusion, this research has proven the flexibility of CNN architecture in the process of iris recognition for detections and classifications, decreases the testing error rate by 5% and ensures up to 95% accuracy. Exploiting all the various approaches to image processing, the patterns of feature extraction in addition to CNN architecture, we were able to develop a viable model that is effectively able to recognize and classify the iris patterns. The results obtained from cross-validation and test justify the effectiveness of the developed model and it is suitable for implementation across diverse datasets for initializing accurate FRR and FAR for biometric authentication systems.

But, as it is evident from this study, there is a long way to go in the development of iris recognition system and what this study has pointed out are several areas which can be looked at in future for further improvements. Some improvements based on the proposed CNN architecture are needed: Adversarial attacks improve the proposed CNN architecture. They proposed the single biometric system using CNN and it can be extended to the multi-modal biometric system. The achieved 95% accuracy rate represents a powerful indication of the large potential of the iris recognition technology and its ability to provide high security and superior performance levels in biometric identification applications.

Future work should therefore concentrate on enhancing the efficiency as well as application of the technology with regards to the recognition of irises. This also involves researching new topology of CNN that include changing the topology of CNN, enhancing the parameters of the CNN for better performance and also for better invariance of the features. Further, implementing a dual biometric system that utilizes both iris and other modalities such as fingerprints/face for authentication could improve the robustness of the latter. It is also a great idea to target novel concerns and risks, such as adversarial attacks and data privacy abuses in future examinations. Moreover, the possibility of using iris recognition across platforms, such as smartphones, wearable gadgets, smart homes, and smart-security systems should be further researched to broaden the potential popularity of the technology.



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