# An Integrated Approach for Real-Time Gender and Age Classification in Video Inputs Using FaceNet and Deep Learning Techniques

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*Abstract***—The increasing demand for real-time gender and age classification in video inputs has spurred advancements in computer vision techniques. This research work presents a comprehensive pipeline for addressing this challenge, encompassing three pivotal tasks: face detection, gender classification, and age estimation. FaceNet effectively identifies faces within video streams, serving as the foundation for subsequent analyses. Moving forward, gender classification is achieved by utilizing a finely tuned ResNet34 model. The model is trained as a binary classifier for the gender identification. The optimization process employs a binary cross-entropy loss function facilitated by the ADAM optimizer with a learning rate of 1e-2. The achieved accuracy of 97% on the test dataset demonstrates the model's proficiency. The ADAM optimizer with a learning rate 1e-3 is used to train with the Mean Absolute Error (MAE) loss function. The evaluation metric, MAE, underscores the model's effectiveness, with an achieved MAE error of 6.8, signifying its proficiency in age estimation. The comprehensive pipeline proposed in this research showcases the individual components' efficacy and demonstrates the synergy achieved through their integration. Experimental results substantiate the pipeline's capacity for real-time gender and age classification within video inputs, thus opening avenues for applications spanning diverse domains.**

*Keywords—Gender classification; age estimation; face detection; FaceNet; ResNet34; computer vision techniques* 

## I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, there has been a growing demand for realtime gender and age classification in video inputs across many applications. This demand stems from the increasing prevalence of video data in various domains, such as surveillance, marketing, and human-computer interaction. As a result, computer vision techniques have witnessed significant advancements, enabling the development of efficient and accurate methods to classify gender and estimate age from video streams. This research presents an integrated approach that addresses real-time gender and age classification in video inputs [1]. Our approach entails a seamless pipeline comprising three crucial stages: face detection, gender classification, and age estimation. These stages are orchestrated using state-of-the-art deep learning techniques, culminating in a comprehensive solution that delivers high accuracy and performance.

The initial stage of our integrated approach involves face detection, a fundamental task in video analysis [2]. To this end,

we leverage the cutting-edge FaceNet model, renowned for its exceptional accuracy and speed. FaceNet accurately detects and localizes faces within video streams, providing a solid foundation for subsequent analyses. Moving forward, the pipeline transitions to gender classification, a critical task with broad applications in various domains [3]. For this purpose, we employ a finely tuned ResNet34 model, trained as a binary classifier to distinguish between male and female faces.

The model employs the ADAM optimizer, which has a learning rate 1e-2, and the binary cross-entropy loss function to achieve improved convergence. Moreover, a learning rate scheduler with a step size of 3 is integrated to fine-tune the training process. This gender classification model achieves an impressive accuracy of 97% on the test dataset, demonstrating its proficiency in accurately classifying gender. A unique consideration in our approach is the careful exclusion of edge cases that involve individuals aged between 1 and 4. This preprocessing step ensures that the model focuses on the target age group for robust and reliable gender classification results. In the final stage of the pipeline, we tackle the intricate task of age estimation. Leveraging the same ResNet3 4architecture, we configure the model to predict ages within the range of 1 to 100.

To optimize this regression problem, we employ the Mean Absolute Error (MAE) loss function. The ADAM optimizer with a learning rate of 1e-3 is employed, and a learning rate scheduler with a step size of 3 further enhances the model's training. The evaluation metric, MAE, is monitored, and the achieved error 6.8 highlights the model's proficiency in accurately estimating ages. The integrated approach proposed in this research showcases the efficacy of individual components and underscores the synergy achieved through their seamless integration. Experimental results provide empirical evidence of the pipeline's performance, demonstrating its potential for realtime gender and age classification within video inputs. This integrated approach paves the way for various applications spanning domains like marketing, security, and interactive systems, offering a versatile solution to meet the demands of real-world scenarios.

The purposes of this research work are:

 To propose and demonstrate a holistic pipeline that combines face detection, gender classification, and age estimation into a unified solution. This integrated approach is designed to handle real-time video inputs efficiently.

 To achieve a high level of accuracy in both gender classification and age estimation tasks. The research seeks to showcase the pipeline's ability to deliver precise results using advanced deep-learning techniques and model optimization strategies.

The main goal is to demonstrate the usefulness of the suggested method by performing empirical tests and presenting the outcomes. The aim is to showcase the pipeline's efficiency in practical situations, making it appropriate for different fields where real-time identification of gender and age from video inputs is vital manuscripts.

The further part of the paper is organized with Section II describing some of the previous works. Section III proposes the system architecture with the detailed dataset comparisons. This is followed by detailed analysis of results and discussion in Section IV. The concluding remarks are stated in Section V.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Computer vision has witnessed remarkable advancements in gender and age classification, driven by the increasing demand for automated video analysis. Researchers have explored diverse techniques to address these tasks, capitalizing on the potential of deep learning and convolutional neural networks (CNNs). Gender classification in images and videos has garnered significant attention. Approaches often leverage CNNs due to their ability to learn intricate features. Alipanahi and Haddadi (2021) presented a real-time gender classification technique using CNNs, emphasizing efficient processing within video streams [4]. Huang and Wang (2021) introduced hybrid attention networks for real-time gender classification, highlighting the importance of attention mechanisms [5]. Age estimation from facial images has been another focal point. Deep residual networks (ResNets) have emerged as a powerful tool. Liu and Wang (2022) proposed age estimation using deep ResNets, showcasing the potential of deep architectures [6]. Techniques like these have demonstrated accurate age prediction and the ability to handle varying age ranges.

Efficient face detection is a crucial precursor to gender and age classification. Zhang and Li (2021) presented an improved single-shot detector for real-time face detection, addressing the need for speed and accuracy in real-world applications [7]. These advancements in face detection techniques contribute to the overall pipeline's effectiveness. The availability of suitable datasets is paramount for training and evaluation. Li and Chen (2020) contributed by providing a large-scale age and gender classification dataset for video inputs, supporting benchmarking and model evaluation [8]. This dataset significantly aids in developing and comparing models in this domain.

Kim and Park (2022) demonstrated its application in interactive digital signage, showcasing its potential in marketing and user engagement [9]. Such real-world deployments highlight the relevance and impact of the proposed pipeline.

Tan and Wang (2021) introduced an integrated approach for real-time age and gender classification using FaceNet and Convolutional LSTM, showcasing the effectiveness of combining techniques [10]. This emphasizes the trend towards combining multiple components to enhance overall performance. The studies above collectively underscore the evolving landscape of gender and age classification in computer vision, with deep learning, CNNs, and attention mechanisms at the forefront. These advancements pave the way for the proposed integrated approach, which aims to contribute to the field's ongoing progress. Table I summarizes the literature and highlights significant progress in real-time gender and age classification; the proposed integrated approach aims to bridge gaps and provide a streamlined solution that leverages the efficiency of FaceNet and the power of deep learning techniques for accurate and real-time analysis. This approach addresses the limitations of prior works and offers a comprehensive solution for real-time video inputs. While previous approaches laid the groundwork for gender and age classification, they were constrained by various limitations that hindered their effectiveness in real-world applications. The proposed integrated approach addresses these limitations by leveraging cutting-edge models, optimization techniques, and an encompassing pipeline that synergistically combines face detection, gender classification, and age estimation to achieve real-time and accurate results.

TABLE I. LITERATURE SURVEY

Reference	<b>Description</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Advantages</b>	Limitations
Alipanahi et. al. $[4]$	Demonstrates real-time gender classification using CNNs within video streams, contributing to efficient and accurate video analysis techniques.	<b>CNNs</b>	Efficient and accurate classification for real-time video analysis.	Limited discussion $_{\rm on}$ challenges potential $\alpha$ drawbacks.
Liu et al. $[6]$	Introduces age estimation using Deep Residual Networks for facial images, showcasing advancements in age prediction from facial features.	Residual Deep <b>Networks</b> (ResNets)	Accurate age prediction from facial features.	It may not cover age- related variations comprehensively.
Zhang et al.[7]	Proposes an efficient face detection approach using improved SSD, aligning with the demands of real-time video analysis.	Single Improved Detector Shot (SSD)	Faster and more accurate real-time face detection.	diverse Evaluation of datasets or conditions not explored.
Huang et al $[5]$ .	Introduces hybrid attention networks for real-time gender and age classification, leveraging attention mechanisms for accuracy improvement.	Hybrid Attention <b>Networks</b>	classification Enhanced with attention accuracy mechanisms.	Complexity increases due to attention mechanisms.
Li et al. $[8]$	Presents a comprehensive dataset for age and gender classification tasks in video inputs, facilitating model benchmarking and evaluation.	Dataset for age and gender classification	Facilitates model training and benchmarking.	Potential biases $\alpha$ limitations in the dataset.
Kim et al.[9]	Focuses on applying real-time gender and age classification to interactive digital signage, demonstrating practical implications in marketing.	Application in interactive digital signage	Real-world utilization for marketing strategies.	It may not cover broader practical applications.
Tan et al. $[10]$	integrated approach combining FaceNet and Proposes an ConvLSTM for real-time age and gender classification, showcasing the synergy of techniques.	FaceNet and Convolutional <b>LSTM</b>	Comprehensive solution with combined	Execution complexity and resource requirements.

## III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The simplified form of age and gender classification is depicted below in Fig. 1. FaceNet a cutting-edge model with its well-known accuracy and speed supports in accurate detection and localizes faces within video streams, providing a solid foundation for subsequent analyses. Moving forward, the pipeline transitions to gender classification, a critical task with broad applications in various domains. For this purpose, we employ a finely tuned ResNet34 model, trained as a binary classifier to distinguish between male and female faces.



Fig. 1. A simplified form of gender and age classification.

The proposed system architecture introduces an integrated approach for real-time gender and age classification in video inputs, leveraging the power of FaceNet and deep learning techniques. This architecture is designed to provide accurate and efficient results while processing continuous video streams [11] [12]. The step-by-step process is outlined below:

Input Video Stream:

• The system begins by receiving a continuous video stream captured from a camera or source. This serves as the raw input for the subsequent analysis.

Face Detection:

- The FaceNet model, renowned for its precision and speed in face detection, is employed. Each input video frame is subjected to this model to identify faces.
- Detected faces are localized within the frame, and their regions are extracted for further examination.

# Gender Classification:

- The architecture incorporates a deep learning model, specifically a fine-tuned ResNet34, for gender classification.
- Extracted faces from the previous step are forwarded through the ResNet34 model. This model has been trained to discern the gender of a face as either male or female.
- The training process involves utilizing binary crossentropy loss and the ADAM optimizer, leading to a model demonstrating high accuracy in gender classification.

Age Estimation:

- The same ResNet34 model, now repurposed for age estimation, is employed for this stage.
- Extracted faces undergo age prediction, with the model determining the age of each face within a range of 1 to 100 years.
- The training process for age estimation involves Mean Absolute Error (MAE) loss and the ADAM optimizer, ultimately resulting in accurate age predictions with low MAE error.

Integration and Visualization:

- The outputs from gender classification and age estimation are integrated for each detected face.
- Each face is then labelled with both gender and age predictions.
- These predictions are overlaid onto the video frames, visually representing the analysis results.

Real-Time Processing:

- The entire process is meticulously optimized to ensure real-time processing of the video input stream.
- The architecture's efficiency in processing enables timely outputs, making it suitable for applications requiring quick and accurate analysis.



Fig. 2. The proposed framework.

The advantages of this system architecture are shown in Fig. 2, it includes its high accuracy in gender and age classification, efficient real-time processing, comprehensive integration of multiple tasks, versatility across domains, and incorporation of cutting-edge deep learning techniques and FaceNet. This architecture forms a robust foundation for real-world applications demanding real-time gender and age classification within video inputs.

### *A. Overview of the Integrated Pipeline*

The methodology section provides a comprehensive insight into the integrated approach designed for real-time gender and age classification within video inputs. This pipeline amalgamates cutting-edge techniques, incorporating face detection, gender classification, and age estimation components. This cohesive integration synergizes these distinct tasks to deliver a holistic solution, facilitating nuanced analyses of individuals within the video stream.

### *B. Face Detection Using FaceNet*

The integrated pipeline's fundamental step involves applying the FaceNet model for precise face detection. Revered for its exceptional accuracy and processing speed, FaceNet meticulously identifies and localizes faces within individual frames of the video input. The accuracy of this initial detection step lays the cornerstone for subsequent gender and age analyses.

The FaceNet model employs a deep neural network architecture that captures intricate facial features and patterns. This architecture is mathematically represented in Eq. (1):

$$
Output = FaceNet(I) \tag{1}
$$

Where: I represent the input image. The output corresponds to the identified facial regions.

FaceNet's accuracy and precision stem from its ability to learn and recognize a wide spectrum of facial characteristics. The model has been extensively trained on diverse facial images, allowing it to effectively handle variations in lighting, poses, and occlusions. Mathematically, the accuracy A can be defined in Eq. (2):

A=Total number of faces/number of correctly detected faces 
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\times 100\%
$$
 (2)

FaceNet's remarkable capability extends to precisely localization of faces within video frames. This process involves pinpointing the coordinates of facial landmarks, enabling accurate extraction and isolation of facial regions. Mathematically, the localization L can be calculated in Eq. (3):

L=Total number of detected faces/Number of correctly localiz  $ed faces \times 100\%$  (3)

The accuracy and localization precision achieved by FaceNet are pivotal. Accurate face detection establishes a solid foundation for the subsequent gender classification and age estimation tasks [13]. Any errors or misclassifications at this stage could propagate throughout the pipeline, affecting the reliability of the overall analysis. FaceNet's processing speed is integral to its real-time applicability. The model's architecture is optimized for swift computations, allowing it to process each frame rapidly. This efficiency ensures that face detection occurs seamlessly within the continuous flow of video frames.

## *C. Gender Classification Using ResNet34*

The subsequent phase entails gender classification by implementing a ResNet34 model [14]. Designed as a binary classifier, this model ascertains the gender of each detected face [15]. The training process involves employing the binary crossentropy loss function and optimizing with the ADAM optimizer:

The binary cross-entropy loss function measures the dissimilarity between predicted probabilities and ground truth labels for binary classification tasks. Mathematically, it is defined in equation:

$$
L_{BCE}(y, \hat{y}) =
$$
  
-N +  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i \cdot \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y_i) \cdot \log(1 - \hat{y}_i))$  (4)

Where:  $y_i$  represents the ground truth label (0 for male, 1 for female),  $\hat{y}_i$  represents the predicted probability of the respective gender for the i-th sample.

#### *D. ADAM Optimizer*

The ADAM optimizer adjusts model parameters to minimize the loss function. The system calculates customized learning rates for every parameter to improve convergence efficiency [16]. The update Eq. (5) for parameter  $\theta$  using ADAM is given by:

$$
\Theta_{t+1} = \Theta_t - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{v_t}} \mathbf{m}_t \tag{5}
$$

Where:  $\alpha$  is the learning rat,  $m_t$  and  $v_t$  are exponentially decaying moving averages of the gradient and its squared value, respectively.

The ResNet34 model is trained using a dataset comprising labeled images of male and female faces. The optimization process aims to minimize the binary cross-entropy loss, updating model parameters using the ADAM optimizer. The model's performance is evaluated using accuracy, calculated as the ratio of correctly predicted gender labels to the total number of samples. The robust integration of the ResNet34 model, binary cross-entropy loss, and ADAM optimizer forms a cohesive framework for gender classification. This methodology ensures accurate gender identification, contributing to the overall success of the integrated pipeline.

## *E. Age Estimation Using ResNet34*

The final component of the pipeline addresses age estimation. The ResNet34 model [15] is repurposed as a regression framework [16] to predict the ages of detected faces within 1 to 100 years. For accurate age prediction, the Mean Absolute Error (MAE) loss function and the ADAM optimizer are used:

$$
L_{MAE}(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{1}{N} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} |y_i - \hat{y}_i|
$$
 (6)

Where: yi represents the ground truth age,  $\hat{y}_i$  represents the predicted age for the i-th sample.

The achieved MAE error 6.8 underscores the system's competence in age estimation. The methodology section is enriched by the incorporation of equations and expressions, highlighting the mathematical underpinnings of the techniques employed in the integrated approach.

#### *F. Dataset Preprocessing and Implementation*

The dataset plays a pivotal role in training and evaluating the integrated pipeline. This "VideoGenderAge" dataset is carefully curated to encompass various images that accurately represent real-world scenarios encountered within video streams. The "VideoGenderAge" dataset comprises a comprehensive

collection of images capturing individuals from various demographics, ethnicities, and age groups. The dataset's diversity ensures that the integrated pipeline is robust and capable of handling different individuals, lighting conditions, and facial expressions [16]. Moreover, the dataset includes explicit annotations for both gender and age, allowing for accurate training and assessment of the pipeline's performance. The dataset is shown in Fig. 3 and Table II; it includes image filenames, gender labels, and age labels for each sample. The gender labels are binary, indicating 'Male' or 'Female.' The age labels represent the true ages of individuals in the images.

*1) Data preparation and augmentation:* To ensure optimal model training and generalization, meticulous data preparation and augmentation techniques are applied to the "VideoGenderAge" dataset.

Image Filename   Gender Label   Age Label		
person001.jpg   Male		l 32
person002.jpg   Female		125
$\sqrt{1}$ person003.jpg	Male	142 $\sim$ 100 $\pm$
person004.jpg	l Female	128 $\mathbf{I}$
$\sqrt{2}$ person005. jpg	l Male	65
person006.jpg   Female		119
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Fig. 3. The "VideoGenderAge" dataset.

*2) Image resizing:* All images within the dataset are resized to a standardized resolution of 224x224 pixels. This preprocessing step ensures uniformity in image dimensions, enabling seamless integration with the integrated pipeline and model input requirements.

*3) Gender and age labeling:* Each image in the dataset is meticulously labeled with gender and age information. Gender labels are binary, denoting '0' for males and '1' for females, while age labels encompass a continuous range from 1 to 100 years. These annotations serve as ground truth for training and evaluating the gender and age classification components of the pipeline.

*4) Data augmentation:* To enhance model robustness and mitigate overfitting, data augmentation techniques are employed. These techniques include random rotations, horizontal flips, and slight adjustments in color and brightness. The pipeline is better equipped to generalize to unseen data variations by augmenting the dataset.

*5) Train-test split:* The "VideoGenderAge" dataset is partitioned into distinct training and testing subsets using a standard 80-20 split ratio. The training subset facilitates model training and parameter tuning, while the testing subset evaluates the pipeline's performance on unseen data. Maintaining this separation is vital for assessing the model's ability to generalize. By meticulously curating the "VideoGenderAge" dataset and applying rigorous data preparation and augmentation techniques, the integrated pipeline is primed for success in real-time gender and age classification tasks. The dataset's diversity and quality contribute significantly to the pipeline's accuracy and robustness.

Aspect	<b>Proposed Dataset</b> ("VideoGenderAge" Dataset)	<b>Existing Dataset 1</b> ("LargeScale Dataset")	<b>Existing Dataset 2</b> ("GenderAge Dataset")	<b>Existing Dataset 3</b> ("DiverseAgeGender Dataset")
Description	Curated for real-time gender and age classification using the integrated pipeline	Large-scale benchmark for and gender age classification in video inputs	Comprehensive dataset for gender and age classification	Diverse dataset for age and gender estimation
<b>Size</b>	Substantial of number samples, diverse gender and age representation	A large number of samples, comprehensive age and gender coverage	Extensive collection of gender age-labeled and images	Diverse images with labeled age and gender
Labeling	Binary gender labels ('Male' or 'Female'), numerical age labels	Binary gender labels ('Male' or 'Female'), wide age range labels	Binary gender labels ('Male' or 'Female'), age labels	Binary gender labels ('Male' or 'Female'), age labels
Purpose	Directly supports experiments and evaluations in the research work	Serves as a benchmark for and gender age classification tasks	Facilitates research in gender and age classification	Supports research in age. and gender estimation
Diversity	Diverse representation for gender and age, tailored to pipeline context	Offers diversity due to its size and extensive comprehensive coverage	Offers diversity in terms of age and gender	Provides diversity with labeled age and gender
Application	Focused on real-time classification using an integrated pipeline	General benchmark and for reference dataset classification tasks	Research and benchmarking gender and in age classification	Research and benchmarking in age and gender estimation
Role in the Research Work	Integral to pipeline evaluation, specific to the paper's context	for General context comparison and benchmarking	Comparative analysis and research	Comparative analysis and research
Accuracy	Achieved 97% accuracy on the gender classification task	benchmark Achieved accuracy on classification tasks	Represents baseline accuracy for classification	Reflects baseline accuracy for estimation tasks

TABLE II. COMPARISON OF DATASETS



**5. End of pipeline**

ensures that the subsequent analysis is based on reliable facial regions, contributing to the overall credibility of the integrated approach. The achieved accuracy score and its implications for the pipeline's efficacy are shown in Table III. It addresses any challenges faced during the face detection process, potential sources of errors, and strategies to mitigate inaccuracies. The interplay between accuracy, processing speed, and model complexity is also explored, highlighting the trade-offs and considerations in real-time applications.

## *B. Gender Classification Results*

The outcomes of the gender classification task using the ResNet34 model are outlined in this subsection. Metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix are provided. The achieved 97% accuracy is analyzed in the context of gender classification challenges and successes.

## *C. Age Estimation Results*

This subsection delves into the age estimation phase using the ResNet34 regression model. The evaluation metrics, specifically Mean Absolute Error (MAE), are reported. The significance of the achieved 6.8 MAE error in predicting ages is discussed, including potential implications and limitations.

## *D. Comparative Analysis and Discussion*

The final subsection conducts a comprehensive comparative analysis of the integrated approach's performance, shown in Table IV. The accuracy, processing speed, and robustness implications are discussed in real-time gender and age classification.

TABLE IV. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Aspect	<b>Proposed Approach</b>	<b>Traditional Methods</b>	(Accuracy /MAE)	<b>Remarks</b>
	FaceNet (94% accuracy)	Viola-Jones	89%	Superior accuracy and speed in challenging conditions.
<b>Face Detection</b>		<b>MTCNN</b>	92%	
		<b>HOG</b>	87%	
	ResNet <sub>34</sub> $(97\% \text{ accuracy})$	SVM-based methods	85%	Remarkable and accuracy handling of gender expression variations.
<b>Gender Classification</b>		Rule-based methods	83%	
		<b>K-Nearest Neighbors</b>	82%	
	ResNet <sub>34</sub> (MAE 6.8)	Linear Regression,	<b>MAE 9.2</b>	of handling <b>Better</b> in complexities age
<b>Age Estimation</b>		Support Vector Regression,	<b>MAE 8.5</b>	
		<b>Random Forest Regression</b>	<b>MAE 7.9</b>	prediction.





Fig. 4. (a) Face deduction method, (b) Gender classification method, and (c) Age estimation method.

The figures present an integrated approach for gender and age classification in video inputs. It utilizes FaceNet for precise face detection in Fig. 4(a), a ResNet34 model for gender classification in Fig. 4(b), and age estimation in Fig. 4(c). The approach achieves high accuracy, outperforming traditional methods, and offers potential applications in various domains, demonstrating the effectiveness of deep learning techniques in video analysis.

#### V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

In conclusion, the research work introduces a comprehensive pipeline that successfully addresses the challenges of real-time gender and age classification from video inputs. This integrated approach leverages state-of-the-art techniques to achieve accurate and efficient results in both gender classification and age estimation tasks. The use of FaceNet for face detection proves to be a critical foundation for the entire pipeline, enabling precise localization of faces within video frames. The employment of a ResNet34 model for gender classification demonstrates impressive accuracy, achieving 97% on the test dataset. Furthermore, the same ResNet34 model adapted for age estimation yields a Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of 6.8, showcasing its proficiency in predicting ages within a broad range. By surpassing existing methods in accuracy and processing speed, this integrated pipeline establishes itself as a viable solution for real-time gender and age classification in video inputs. The success of this strategy opens the door to various real-world uses in industries like security, retail, entertainment, and more.

Future enhancements can refine the pipeline's capabilities and expand its potential applications in various domains. It includes multi-modal integration, real-world testing, and privacy considerations. These improvements enhance accuracy, robustness, and versatility in real-world scenarios.

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