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Abstract

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Introduction

The volume of Big Data generated by the business, social media, public industry, non-profit sectors, and scientific research have increased tremendously [1]. This data contains a lot of useful information in textual, pictorial, audio, and video format. Meanwhile, extracting useful information from pictorial data is a challenging task due to its complexity, volume, and veracity. This pictorial data contains many useful and worthwhile information that could be used for various purposes [2, 3].

33 In the last few years, researchers are interested to extract kinship information from pictorial data
34 having human faces which can be used for different purposes. As the face image data not only
35 provides different unique features of humans but also contains a wealth of information that can be
36 used for various purposes [4]. The purpose to extract genetic relationships between human images
37 is to verify human kinship, which is useful information for medical sciences, psychologists,
38 security agencies, family album organization. Furthermore, it can be utilized in image annotation,
39 searching of missing children, human trafficking, and can be used to solve problems of
40 immigration and border patrol [4, 5, 14].

41 Face Recognition and verification is an active area of research from the last two decades. It has
42 been studied enthusiastically to make computers capable as more and more intelligent like
43 applications developed for HCI (Human-Computer Interface), security, robotics, entertainment,
44 games, etc. [6]. In parallel after face recognition, now age and gender detection techniques are also
45 proposed. Levi and Hassner proposed a classification technique for age and gender using
46 convolutional neural networks [7]. Similarly, Dehghan A. et al. proposed the genetic identification
47 technique in which they used gated autoencoders and tried to determine the resemblance of parent
48 and child [8]. They find the resemblance by using father, mother and children facial features
49 similar to found in anthropological studies however, it only works if there is much resemblance of
50 offspring with parents and therefore, causes poor performance in case children having little or no
51 resemblance with their parents. On the other hand, Hu J proposed another technique of kinship
52 verification for videos using video face dataset KFVW, which were prepared in wild conditions to
53 handle kinship verification for the video-based study. This technique handles some pose
54 identification however, the experimental data indicate that the metric-based learning is not an
55 effective technique for kinship identification [9].

56 Amongst these challenges, researchers are adopting the pre-trained network Convolutional Neural
57 Network as a transfer learning with CNN layered architecture and training algorithm to get better
58 results for kinship identification & verification. However, the shortcoming of such models is that
59 they lack in kinship identification as transfer learning models are trained on a significantly
60 different type of data as compared to human face images. Moving onwards, to solve the problems
61 of limited datasets. Joseph P. R. et al introduced a database named Recognizing Family In the Wild

62 (RFIW). It is the first large-scale image database especially for kinship recognition and exploits
63 the challenges of kinship recognition [10].

64 Meanwhile, methodologies proposed so far have several challenges such as limited pair of images
65 for parents and children. A classifier trained using transfer learning and limited scale dataset fails
66 while recognizing real-world images. This study, in this regard, is aimed towards proposing and
67 providing an effective technique for performing kinship identification through image data.

68 This research work, instead of comparing direct images of parents and children suggests an
69 approach of age transformation and converts images of parents and children into same age of 16-
70 20-year age and then compares them to get better accuracy of similarity. In this model, we have
71 used a pre-processing stage of age transformation before going to image comparison for kinship
72 identification and verification. Our model first uses an age transformation algorithm to transform
73 facial images by increasing or decreasing the age of face images and making them at the same
74 stage of age. After making images at the same stage of age, it makes images to close similar and
75 will make it easy to compare images and finding similarities between them to exploit kinship
76 identification between them. Furthermore, the robustness of our technique is validated through
77 extensive experiments analysis on a huge dataset.

78 The contributions of this paper include 1) proposing improved pre-processing of dataset images
79 through employing the use of the Life Span Age Transformation (LAT) algorithm for transforming
80 the images onto the same scale of age, 2) using Siamese network for performing the feature
81 extraction from the transformed images, 3) introduced technique is validated by using the state-of-
82 the-art benchmarked dataset namely RFIW (Recognizing Family in the Wild), 4) finally, extensive
83 experiments conducted on the dataset using the proposed technique identify the improved
84 effectiveness. Moreover, the comparative analysis indicates that the proposed technique
85 outperformed the existing methods.

86 *Figure 1: High Level Methodology of Proposed Study*

87 The remaining paper is organized as follows. In section II, we have listed the related work. Section
88 III outlines the proposed methodology in detail. In Section IV we present the achieved experiments
89 results and discuss them in detail. Finally, we conclude our research in Section V and list the
90 possible future directions.

91 **Related Work**

92 In the computer vision community, researchers are interested in kinship verification (family or not
93 family) by applying different face recognition and machine learning techniques. Fang et al.
94 introduced the problem and used simple features for kinship identification like color of eyes and
95 skin, distances between facial parts for kinship verification [11]. Subsequently, Xia et al. claimed
96 the similarity between parents and their children is quite large and proposed an approach of kinship
97 learning by removing gap between two facial images of a parent, one image of young age and one
98 image old age along with children's images [12]. Lu et al. used a metric learning approach for
99 kinship verification and found effective features, which provided the most discriminative results
100 [13]. Levi G and Hassner T proposed a methodology of classification using age and gender by
101 applying convolutional neural networks and got better results [7]. Dehghan A. et al. proposed the
102 genetic identification technique by determining resemblance between parent and offspring via
103 gated auto encoders. They used deep learning techniques to learn the most discriminative features
104 between parent and children to find out resemblance between them. That approach deals with
105 resemblance by using father and mother facial shape and extracted a similar face with combination
106 of father and mother facial features [8]. Yan H, Hu J. revealed that Euclidian similarity metric is
107 not powerful way to measure the similarity of facial images especially when they captured in wild
108 conditions. They clarify that similarity metric can handle the problem in better way to deal face
109 variations as compared to Euclidian similarity. They used mid-level feature vector with
110 discriminative metric learning and proposed prototype-based discriminative feature learning
111 approach for kinship verification [13, 14]. Yan H, Hu J. proposed a methodology of video-based
112 kinship verification by using data set of video faces called Kinship Face Videos in the Wild
113 (KFVW). Dataset built by capturing facial images from videos for kinship verification. This
114 methodology analyzes the human faces in video by getting training set from video poses and then
115 apply distance metric learning approaches to get positive semi definite matrix (PSD) for face
116 recognition and kinship identification [9]. Joseph P.R. et al Introduced the first large-scale image
117 database for kinship recognition called Families In the Wild (FIW) and exploits the challenges in
118 kinship recognition. The FIW database consists of thousands of images of faces for kinship
119 recognition [10]. Yong L. et al presented a framework in which knowledge of face recognition
120 from large scale data-driven transferred and then it fine-tuned metric space to get discrimination
121 of kin related people. They also proposed an augmented strategy to balance the images of family

122 members and also used triplet and ResNet to extract face encoding for kinship identification [15].
123 In early techniques, kinship verification uses handcrafted descriptors from facial images to perform
124 classification for learning. Fang et al. used facial features like colors of eye and skin and distance
125 of eye-to-nose for kinship verification [11]. Zhou et al. proposed an approach based on spatial
126 pyramid features for kinship verification. This approach used Gabor based gradient orientation
127 features of facial images [16]. Liu et al. applied transferrable approach of fisher vectors derived
128 from each facial images to extract similarity for kinship verification [17]. Kohli et al. proposed an
129 approach to achieve kinship similarity using self-similarity descriptor. They introduced that
130 kinship verification is a two-factor classification problem. They revealed that low-level features
131 couldn't be used as well underlying source of visual resemblance between people having kinship
132 relation [18]. In Shallow metric based approaches, metric learning methods used to learn
133 discriminative features for kinship verification. These approaches learn a Mahalanobis distance
134 using handcrafted features identification and try to get better score of similarity between kinship-
135 related pair with non-kinship-related pairs [5]. In Deep learning based approach Kaiming He [19],
136 Kohli et al [20] motivated kinship identification and verification after getting impressive success
137 by applying deep learning approaches for classification of different facial images. Many
138 techniques have adopted deep metric learning to get discriminant features for kinship verification.
139 Dehghan et al. introduced an approach of fusing the features using gated auto-encoders. They
140 extracted optimal features by reflecting parent-offspring resemblance [8]. Zhang et al. (2015)
141 adopted an approach of kinship verification using convolution neural network (CNN) to train the
142 algorithm with concentrated image pairs [21]. Kaming He et al introduced deep residual learning
143 approach for image recognition. Their approach used residual training with neural networks, and
144 multiple layers as learning residual functions [19]. Duan Q, Zahng L., Zuo W proposed deep
145 kinship verification technique named Coarse to Fine Transfer(CFT) using Convolutional Neural
146 Network (CNN) from face recognition to kinship recognition and used Deep Transfer Learning
147 [22]. Wang S et al proposed the Kinship Verification on Families in the Wild with Marginalized
148 Designing Metric Learning (DML). That technique used largest kinship verification using Auto-
149 encoder and Discriminative Low-rank Metric Learning (DLML) algorithm for feature
150 discrimination [23]. Yana H and Hu J proposed a kinship verification technique, which works on
151 videos. This technique is using distance metric learning on dataset of Kinship Face Videos in the
152 Wild (KFVW) for kinship verification [24]. Lu J. et al developed a discriminative deep multi-

153 metric learning (DDMML) methodology in which they used multiple neural networks jointly to
154 maximize the association of different features of each sample and it reduces the distance of positive
155 pair and increases the distance of negative pair [25]. Yong Li et. al introduced kinship verification
156 technique using KinNet: Fine-to-Coarse Deep Metric Learning and Pre-training the network and
157 minimizing a soft triplet loss. They used four CNN networks to boost the performance [15]. Liu
158 W. et. al introduced SphereFace a deep hyper sphere embedding for face recognition. They
159 addressed angular SoftMax loss and angular margins problem. Their technique uses 64-layer CNN
160 neural network for training and used discriminative constraints on a hypersphere to get the better
161 face recognition (FR) problem under open-set protocol [26]. Savas and Akin introduced an
162 approach of synthesizing child faces with pre-trained model by analyzing facial images of parents
163 [27]. Habin Y. & Chaohui S worked on Multi-scale Deep Relational Reasoning for Facial Kinship
164 Verification and used two convolutional neural networks, which share network parameters and
165 extracted different scales of features for kinship identification [28]. After using convolutional
166 neural network researchers moved to find kinship using Generative Adversarial Network (GAN),
167 introduced by Iain Good fellow [29]. Fady S. et al proposed GANKIN: generating Kin faces using
168 disentangled GAN and approach of image synthesis from parents to children, they also used
169 pertained FaceNet and GAN network [30]. Tuan H et al. proposed an approach Recognizing
170 Families through Images with pertained encoders, they used pre-trained networks FceNet, Siamese
171 and FGG network to get encoding of face image and finding kinship between facial images [31].
172 Similar keeping in view the efficiency factor of GAN based approaches, we also used GAN based
173 age transformation algorithm and Siamese network to build and train our model.

174 Although in last few years, some encouraging results are obtained from proposed methodologies
175 for kinship identification and verification but still, automatic kinship verification is being
176 performed poorly in the real-world applications used in daily life. Due to non-availability of large-
177 scale datasets, results are not too accurate to handle the kinship identification problems. As
178 existing datasets like Family101, UB KinFace, Cornell KinFace, KinFaceW-I, and KinFaceW-II
179 are providing few examples but they fail to achieve true distributions of genetic or kinship
180 relationships. They have limited pair of images for parents and children, Classifier trained on
181 limited scale dataset fails while recognizing real world image.

182 To handle these issues, we proposed an approach to find the kinship relationship between parents
183 and children. Our methodology uses Age Transformation and convert images of parents and
184 children to the age of 15-20 because images of this age have maximum facial features, which can
185 be a good source for the discrimination of features between facial images. After the process of
186 age transformation and converting facial images to young age for both parent and children, these
187 faces get close to each other in facial look and expression and then it makes it easy to find the
188 similarity between them. With these images, there is much probability to get faces of parents and
189 images close with each other and ultimately it will make easy for face encoder to generate close
190 face encoding. In result, we get low distance value while finding cosine similarity. Diagram 3 is
191 showing effect of age transformation

192 **Proposed Work**

193 This section outlines the proposed methodology for performing the kinship identification. In the
194 proposed methodology, we present a model of deep relational network that uses a per-processing
195 stage of age transformation of two facial images before comparing them to exploit kinship
196 relationship from facial images. In this scheme, it first transforms facial images by increasing or
197 decreasing age factor and making two images into same stage of age and then compares them to
198 find and verify kinship. After transforming facial images, we propose the use of Siamese network
199 with two convolutional neural networks by sharing parameters between them. Afterwards, it
200 extracts different scales of features to find similarity between images by using triplet loss.
201 Additionally, we also aim to conduct experiments on widely used facial kinship dataset namely
202 RFIW. In this methodology, the proposed model uses age transformation and convert facial images
203 at same stage of age between 16 and 20 years. However, we consider this age, because in this age
204 period persons face looks strong and can provide clear facial features and we can get better
205 encoding of facial images. Furthermore, after getting encoding of transformed faces, we apply
206 triplet loss on three faces of parents and images and extract kinship relationship between parents
207 and images. In addition, we have employed the use of parents' images as anchor and negative part
208 of triplet while children's images as positive part of triplet. We fixed father and mother position
209 of being positive or negative to each other while training in Siamese network. Likewise, we used
210 age transformation algorithm of that provided close pair of facial images of parents and children
211 for processing to exploit kinship identification between them. This age transformation algorithm

212 will provide images for processing to consider for kinship identification. More graphical
213 representation and the working flow of our proposed methodology is depicted in *Figure 2*.

214 *Figure 2: Effect of Age Transformation*

215 **Model Training**

216 The proposed model uses age transformation and feature encoding of face images with triplet loss
217 to extract facial similarity to identify kinship. In first stage, it converts facial images to the images
218 of persons having approximate age of 16-20 years. After doing conversion of two input images
219 with age between 16-20 year, these converted images are processed with Siamese network to
220 extract feature encoding for further processing.

221 *Figure 3: Working of Proposed Methodology*

222 To extract feature, it uses ResNet 50 with two fully connected layers and one output Dense Layer.
223 It extracts feature vector of 128x128 for all input facial images and uses triplet loss to discriminate
224 features for kinship identification. It maximizes the distance of anchor image with negative image
225 and minimize the distance with positive image. Size of input images 224x224x3 and feature vector
226 returned by Siamese network is 28. During the training process hard sample selection for positive
227 or negative pairs are not equally important. the pairs with higher loss might have more impact on
228 the model training. Training set can be defined as: Let X^a , X^p and X^n are finite set of images for
229 Father, Children and Mother having 'm' number of images for each set. $X^a = \{x^{a_1}, x^{a_2}, \dots, x^{a_m}\}$ is
230 set of anchor images for father images, $X^p = \{x^{p_1}, x^{p_2}, \dots, x^{p_m}\}$ is set of positive images taken from
231 children's images, $X^n = \{x^{n_1}, x^{n_2}, \dots, x^{n_m}\}$ is set of negative images taken from set of mother
232 images. Then input sample taken from these three sets will be power set of three sets to make a set
233 of triplets. let $X = \{(x^{a_1}, x^{p_1}, x^{n_1}), (x^{a_2}, x^{p_3}, x^{n_4}) \dots (x^{a_n}, x^{p_n}, x^{n_n})\}$ is a power set of images having
234 three members as triplet of anchor as x^a , positive as x^p and negative image as x^n respectively. Where
235 sequence of triplet members anchor, positive and negative members with images of father, child,
236 and mother respectively. After getting feature extracted from pre-trained Siamese network we get
237 a set of features $F(X) = \{[f(x^{a_1}), f(x^{p_1}), f(x^{n_1})], [f(x^{a_2}), f(x^{p_2}), f(x^{n_2})] \dots [f(x^{a_n}), f(x^{p_n}), f(x^{n_n})]\}$.

238 This sequence of set is used for extracting similarity of children with father and mother to get
239 kinship relation of Father-Son (F-S), Father-Daughter (F-D), Mother-Son (M-S) and Mother-
240 Daughter. For sibling relationship, we change some sequence of power set, we take one sibling
241 image as anchor, one as positive and one image as negative, if third image of sibling does not exist

242 then for negative position we take any random image from the set of mother or father. So, for
 243 negative position random set of images: $X_r = P \{X_a | X_n\}$. Then set of triplets for sibling
 244 relationship Brother-Brother (B-B), Sister-Sister (S-S) and Brother-Sister (B-S) is as follows: $X^s =$
 245 $\{(x^{p_1}, x^{p_2}, x^{r_1}), (x^{p_2}, x^{p_3}, x^{r_2}) \dots (x^{p_n}, x^{p_m}, x^{r_n})\}$

246 Loss Function

247 Loss function for the triplet loss on the extracted feature, For three cases

248 1. While comparing father images with child images, if D_f is distance of child image with
 249 father image and D_m is distance of child image with mother image then we define the loss function
 250 as:

$$251 D_f = \|f(P) - f(A)\|^2, D_m = \|f(P) - f(N)\|^2$$

252 and some margin 'm' as hyper parameter, whereas A, P, N are anchor, positive and negative
 253 images, and $f(A)$, $f(P)$ and $f(N)$ are features of father, child, and mother images respectively. If
 254 father image is closer to child image then we increase the distance of child image with mother
 255 image and decrease the distance of child image with father image, so loss function to get similarity
 256 between father and child will be: $\mathcal{L}_f(A, P, N) = \max(D_f - D_m + m, 0)$ if $D_f < D_m$

257 2. While checking similarity of children with mother then we revert the loss function. To find
 258 the similarity of child image with mother image, we increase the distance of child image with
 259 father image and decrease the distance of child image with mother image then loss function will
 260 be:

$$261 \mathcal{L}_m(A, P, N) = \max(D_m - D_f + m, 0) \text{ if } D_f > D_m$$

262 3. While comparing sibling images, we use distances measures of two sibling images S_1, S_2 .
 263 We find the distance between siblings and random image as : $D_{S_1} = \|f(S_1) - f(S_2)\|^2, D_{S_2} = \|f(S_1) -$
 264 $f(N_r)\|^2$ where $f(S_1)$, $f(S_2)$ and $f(N_r)$ features of siblings and a random image respectively, After
 265 calculating distance and using margin 'm' as hyper parameter, we can define the loss function as:

$$266 \mathcal{L}_s(A, P, N) = \max(D_{S_1} - D_{S_2} + m, 0).$$

267 Where D_{S_1} is distance of one sibling with other sibling, similarly D_{S_2} is distance of sibling with
 268 random image to find triplet loss and minimize distance between first with second sibling

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270 Network Structure

271 To select information from different scales of features for input to the relational network, we use
272 the pre-trained Siamese network and get a feature map $R^{512 \times 3 \times 3}$ and then we split this feature maps
273 into 3×3 blocks with 256 features. In this way, each feature can represent a face area of each image.
274 Therefore, we can get rich information from face images for processing of kinship. Each feature
275 of size $R^{256 \times 1}$ will provide information of the faces in triplet of face images respectively. After that
276 relational network first analyzes these selected features with multiple multi-layer perceptron that
277 share parameters. Each perceptron consists of some fully connected layers and relu activation

Figure 4: Working of Age Transformation Method

278 functions.

279 This multi-layer perceptron will extract the relation of features and output feature of size $R^{128 \times 1}$.
280 Then we compare these features of size $R^{128 \times 1}$ at element level to represent distance between
281 features of faces. Lastly, we use another multi-layer perceptron to find similarity of faces for
282 kinship identification from the relation of different face images. It also consists of some fully
283 connected layers and relu activation functions. A detailed structure of these multi-layer perceptrons
284 is in diagram 4. To optimize the network our cross-entropy loss function will be used with below
285 specifications:

$$286 \quad L = \sum N_i [-y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) - (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)]$$

287 where L denotes the loss, N represents the number of samples, y_i is the ground truth of i th sample,
288 and \hat{y}_i is the prediction of i th sample.

289 The CNN structure model uses the deep relational network; it consists of multiple convolutional
290 layers, maximum pooling layers, batch normalization layers and relu activation functions. Input
291 CNN network is a pair of face images $\in R^{3 \times 64 \times 64}$. Three scale of features, which are generated by
292 network, these are used for calculation and analysis of kinship from facial images, these three
293 scales of features consist of sizes $R^{128 \times 9 \times 9}$, $R^{128 \times 4 \times 4}$ and $R^{128 \times 2 \times 2}$.

294 The first layer of network is a multi-layer perceptron having multiple fully connected layers, batch
295 normalization, dropout layers and relu activation functions. The input feature size of first layer is
296 $R^{256 \times 1}$ and output feature size is $R^{64 \times 1}$. Second multi-layer perceptron consists of multiple fully

297 connected layers and the relu activation function. The input feature size is $R^{64 \times 1}$ and the output
298 feature size is $R^{2 \times 1}$. We extract two feature maps for a given pair of face images and these parent
299 and child images are shared by convolutional neural network. After sharing images, corresponding
300 local regions of these two feature maps are concatenated and sent to the relational network.

301 Our model explicitly establishes relations between three feature maps rather than the making
302 relation within one another.

303 **Results and Discussion**

304 The CNN-based deep relational network is utilized for extracting the features from the facial
305 images of the dataset. *Table 1.* outlines the details of the included parameters for the CNN-based
306 deep relational network. It represents that, unlike the previously existing models, our model
307 explicitly establishes relations between three feature maps rather than the making relation within
308 one another. Additionally, it depicts that our model takes 10 images of each member and find the
309 triplet loss on 128 features maps of each 10 images for one member, in total used 30 features map
310 for one comparison to find the similarity between them. The proposed model delivers the optimal
311 performance by utilizing this methodology.

312 In this section of the study, we have listed the experiments and achieved results by employing the
313 use of the proposed technique of utilizing a deep relational network along with the LAT age
314 transformation algorithm [32]. We have used the large dataset of Recognizing family in the wild
315 (RFIW) for the training and validation of our proposed technique. In the first phase, we convert
316 images of datasets RFIW to different life stages for age transformation. After the age
317 transformation of facial images, we convert images at the same stage of ages by adjusting the age
318 factor. In the first stage, we transform facial images by increasing or decreasing the age factor and
319 making two images into the same stage of age. In the second phase, we train our algorithm by
320 comparing two images and evaluating metrics and parameter settings to extract kinship relation
321 accuracy.

322 *Table 1:* Parameters of Deep Relational Network

323 **Age Transformation**

324 For Age Transformation, we have employed the use of Lifespan Age Transformation Synthesis
325 algorithm, proposed by Roy Or-El et al. [32]. Using this algorithm, we prepare our data set images
326 for comparison that converts images at different stages of life, and afterward, we pick the images

327 of age between 15-20 and use them for feature extraction. *Table 2.* outlines the training and
328 validation accuracies observed on different relationships, by utilizing the proposed model.

329 *Table 2: Achieved Model Performance for different Relationships*

330 Similarly, *Table 3.* represents the observed results on the baseline dataset. While comparing
331 accuracy with a model trained on dataset RFIW, the results from *Table 3.* indicate that our
332 proposed model has delivered better performance as compared to the existing state-of-the-art
333 models, by improving the overall accuracy.

334 *Table 3: Comparison of Results on Baseline Dataset*

335 Meanwhile, the previously existing models have failed to deliver improved performance for up to
336 73.21% accuracy. The proposed model has outperformed existing state-of-the-art models by
337 delivering an accuracy of 76.38%. Furthermore, we plan to improve the model and accuracy in the
338 future, by improving the underlying relational network and applying it to transformed images with
339 the same stage of age.

340 **Conclusion**

341 Kinship identification is used for kinship verification by using facial images. Meanwhile, the
342 previous studies have explored this area by employing the transfer learning-based solutions. This
343 study, however, presents a different approach to perform kinship verification.

344 In this study, we have introduced a technique that uses pre-trained LAT model along with Siamese
345 network for performing kinship identification. Additionally, we have employed the use of age
346 transformation approach for finding similarities of parents with children. The extensive
347 experimental results were used to validate the performance of our proposed model. Furthermore,
348 the comparative analysis with previously carried out studies reflect that our model outperformed
349 the existing state of the art models using similar approach, thereby, delivering an overall accuracy
350 of 76.38%. In future, we aim to improve the model performance by improving the underlying
351 relational network and applying it on transformed images with same stage of age.

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Figure 1

High Level Methodology of Proposed Study

Diagram showing working of methodology

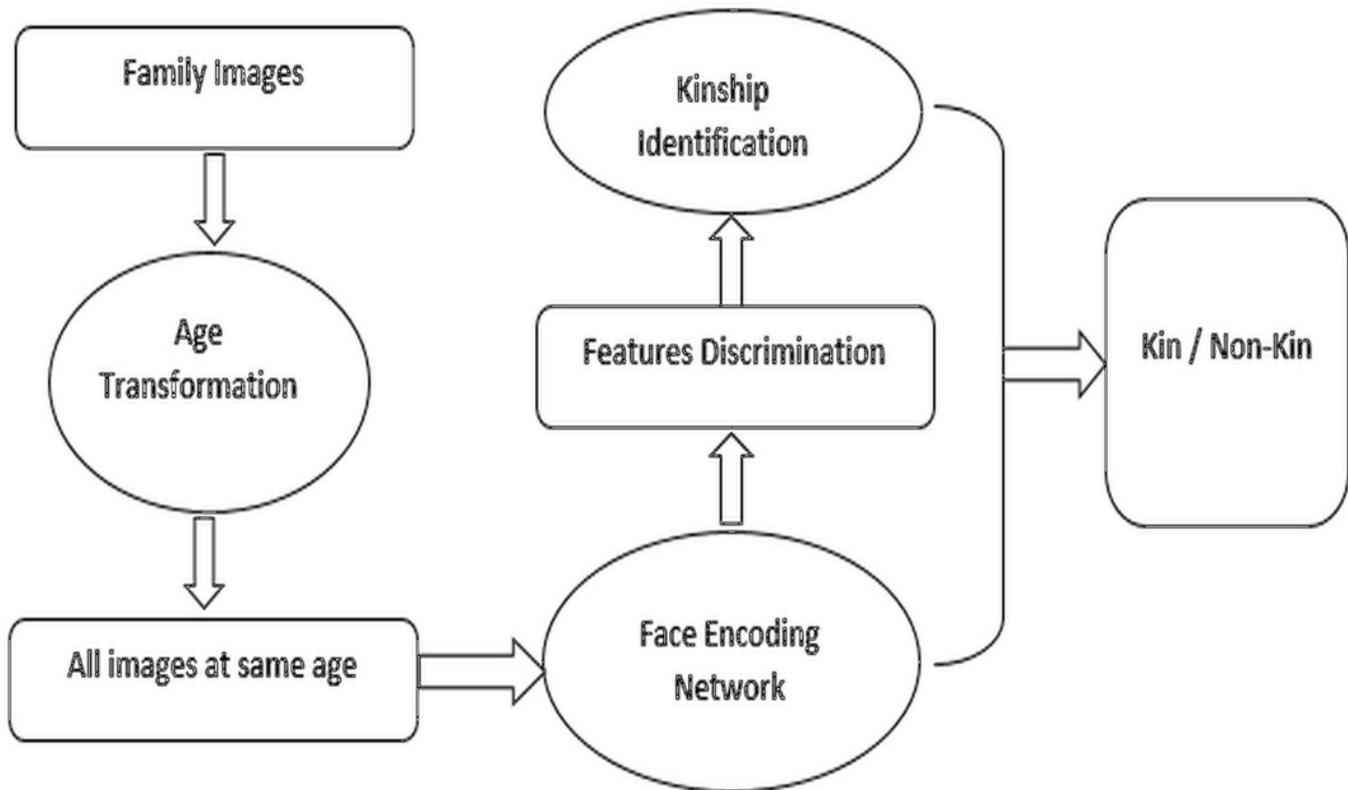


Figure 2

Effect of Age Transformation

Diagram to elaborate Effect of Age Transformation on Facial Images

Process of Age Transformation
& Similar Affect



4 Years



10 Years



16 Years



16 Years



30 Years



43 Years

Showing how faces are get closed
if transformed at same age

Figure 3

Working of Proposed Methodology

This Diagram shows Working of Proposed Methodology, how methodology works to achieve kinship identification

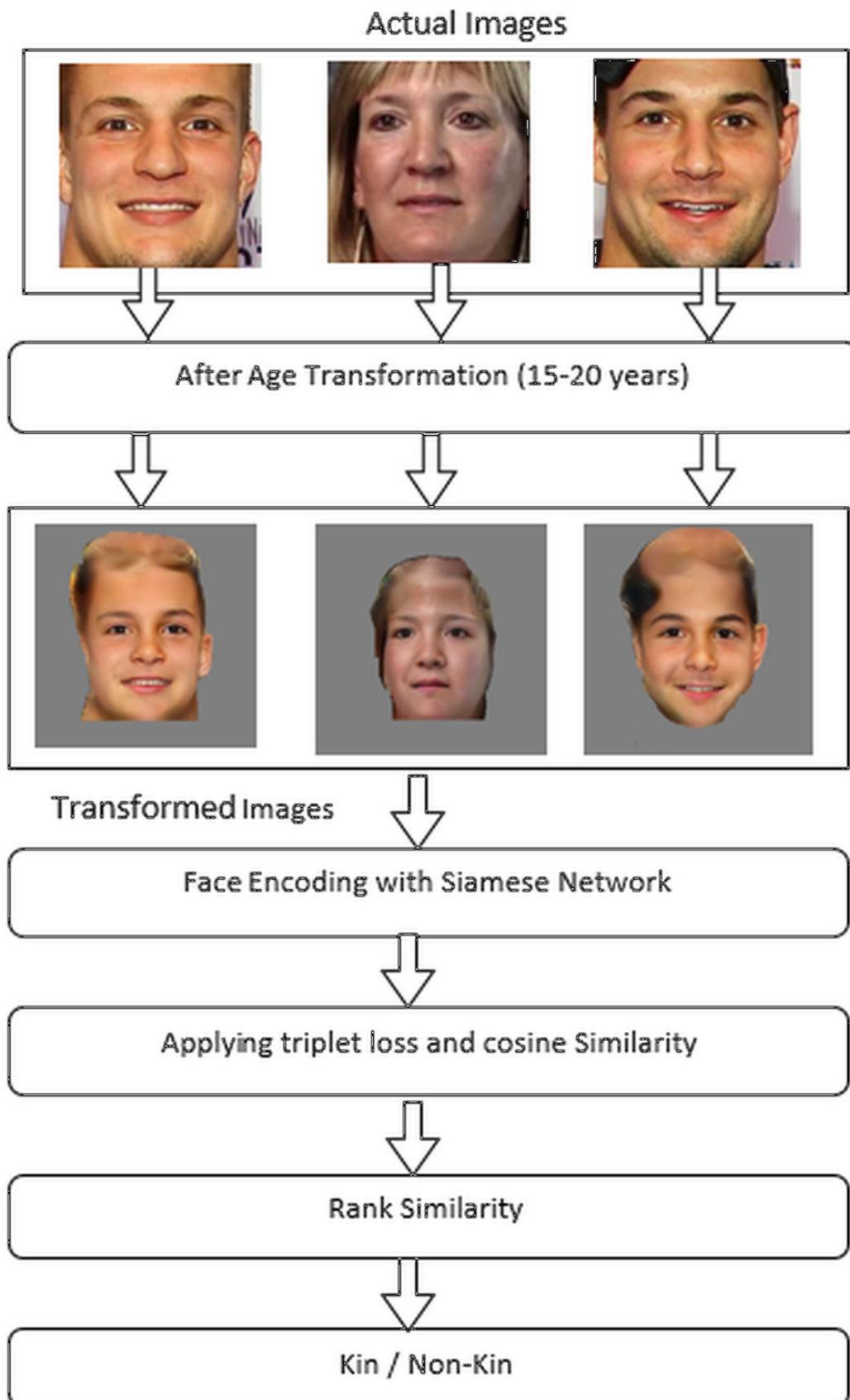


Figure 4

Working of Age Transformation Method

This Diagram shows Working of Age Transformation Method used for kinship identification

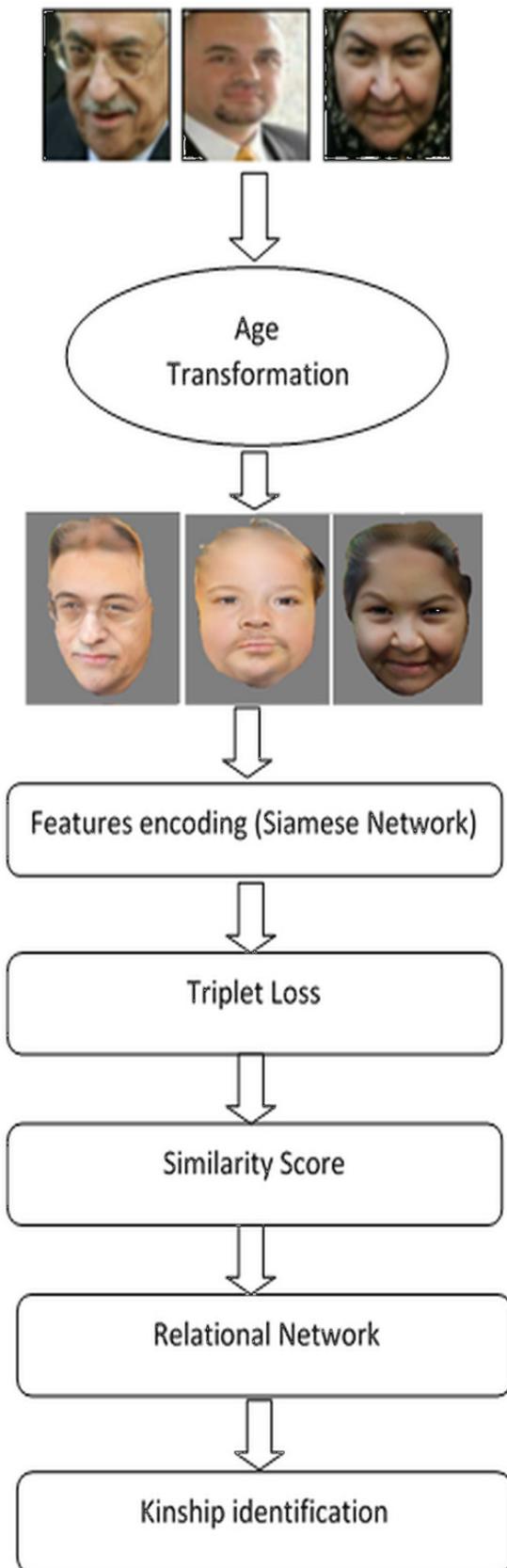


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Parameters of Deep Relational Network

Table showing parameters of training network

1 *Table 1: Parameters of Deep Relational Network*

Setting	Input Size	Output Size	Kernel	Stride	Padding
SIAMESE NETWORK	3*256*256	512*1	3	1	0
DENSE-1+ BN + RELU	512*1	256*1	2	2	0
DENSE-2 + BN + RELU	256*1	256*1	2	1	0
DENSE-3	256*1	128*1	2	2	0
Relational Network					
Conv-1+ BN + RELU	10x128x128x128		3	1	2
Conv-2+ BN + RELU	10x128x128x128		3	1	2
Conv-3+ BN + RELU	10x128x128x128		3	1	2
Dense (Flatten)+SIGMOID	1x128	Kin / Not Kin			

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Achieved Model Performance for different Relationships

Table Showing Model Performance for different Relationships

1 *Table 1: Achieved Model Performance for different Relationships*

Training Accuracy		Validation Accuracy		
Relation	Accuracy (%)	Relation	Accuracy (%)	Mean (%)
Father-Son	80.12	Father-Son	76.16	78.14
Father-Daughter	77.15	Father-Daughter	73.00	75.07
Mother-Son	75.75	Mother-Son	72.75	74.25
Mother-Daughter	79.17	Mother-Daughter	77.0	78.08
Overall Mean				76.38

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Table 3 (on next page)

Comparison of Results on Baseline Dataset

Table representing Comparison of Results on Baseline Dataset

1 *Table 1: Comparison of Results on Baseline Dataset*

Sr. No.	Methodology	Classifier	Accuracy
1	Joseph P. Robinson (2018). Visual Kinship Recognition of Families in the Wild	Cosine similarity SVM	69.18%
2	Ghatas, F. S., & Hemayed, E. E. (2020). GANKIN: generating Kin faces using disentangled GAN	GAN	71.16%
3	Tuan H et al. (2020). Recognizing Families through Images with Pretrained Encoder	Pre-trained CNN	73.21%
4	Proposed Methodology	Pre-trained LATS + Siamese	76.38%

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