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# Detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder Using Video Analysis and Machine Learning

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#### ABSTRACT:

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental condition that impacts social communication and interaction skills. Early detection is vital for effective intervention; however, conventional diagnostic approaches are time-intensive and require expert evaluation. This research presents an automated ASD detection system utilizing video analysis and machine learning techniques. The system extracts behavioral and facial features from video inputs and applies machine learning models to identify ASD-related patterns. The proposed solution aims to enhance the efficiency, affordability, and scalability of ASD screening.

Keywords: : Autism Spectrum Disorder, Machine Learning, Video Processing, Early DetectionIntroduction :

# Introduction :

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental condition characterized by challenges in communication, behavior, and social interactions. Due to the rising prevalence of ASD, there is an increasing need for early and precise detection methods. Traditional diagnostic processes rely on clinical assessments, which are often subjective and time-consuming. Recent advancements in artificial intelligence and machine learning offer new possibilities for automating and improving ASD diagnosis. This study proposes a video-based ASD detection system that utilizes machine learning models to analyze facial expressions, eye movements, and behavioral patterns for early detection.coherence, and semantic similarity.

## Literature Survey :

In this work, an ASD diagnosis dataset with 21 features obtained from the UCI machine learning repository experimented with swarm intelligence based binary firefly feature selection wrapper. The alternative hypothesis of the experiment claims that it is possible for a machine learning model to achieve a better classification accuracy with minimum feature subsets. Using Swarm intelligence based single-objective binary firefly feature selection wrapper it is found that 10 features among 21 features of ASD dataset are sufficient to distinguish between ASD and non-ASD patients.

#### Table 1 - Comparative Analysis of Research

Sr. No.	AUTHOR	TITLE	YEAR	PROS	CONS
[1]	Jones, W., et al.	Automated ASD Detection Using Facial Features	2020	Utilizes computer vision to analyze gaze, facial expressions, and micro- expressions; non-invasiv and accessible	Accuracy depends on facial data quality and diversity of datasets e
[2]	Smith, L., et al.	Machine Learning Neurodevelopmen Disorders	in 2021 tal	Applies ML to neuroimag behavioral, and genetic d supports early diagnosis a personalized intervention	ging, Broad scope may dilute ata; specificity for individual and disorders like ASD

[3] et al.	Wang, Y.,	Video-Based Behavior Analysis for ASD Detection	2022	Detects ASD through deep learning on behavioral video data; identifies eye contact, repetitive actions, and delays	Requires consistent video quality; potential variability in behavioral expression
[4]	Balasubramanian, J., Gururaj, B., Gayatri, N.	An Effective ASD Screening Method Using ML Classification Techniques	2024 1	Mobile app-based, tested multiple ML models, SVM achieved high sensitivity	May not generalize well across different populations

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## **Problem Statement :**

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex neurodevelopmental disorder that affects communication, social interaction, and behavior in individuals. The prevalence of ASD has risen significantly over the past few decades, leading to an increasing demand for effective early detection methods. Currently, the traditional diagnostic process for ASD relies heavily on comprehensive assessments conducted by trained professionals, which can be time-consuming, expensive, and often inaccessible, particularly in underserved populations.

# **Objectives :**

- 1. Develop a machine learning-based tool capable of screening children under the age of 5 for early signs of ASD.
- 2. Provide a web-based platform to facilitate early intervention and support for children at risk.
- 3. Design a user-friendly interface for parents, educators, and healthcare providers to easily input behavioral data.
- 4. Ensure the tool is accessible to a wide audience, including those in underserved areas, through a web solution.
- 5. Continuously evaluate and update the model to improve prediction reliability based on new data.

#### Block Diagram:



### Snapshots:

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# **Discussion :**

The results of this study demonstrate the potential of AI-based video analysis for the early detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The proposed model achieved a high accuracy of *[insert your model's accuracy, e.g., 91.3%]*, indicating its effectiveness in recognizing behavioral patterns commonly as sociated with ASD. This supports the hypothesis that video-based behavioral cues can be reliably used for automated ASD classification. When compared to traditional diagnostic methods, which often rely on subjective assessments and long observation periods, our approach offers a faster and more objective alternative. Moreover, the performance of the proposed model aligns with and, in some cases, surpasses existing studies in the field, particularly those based on static images or limited clinical data. By utilizing temporal patterns in videos, the model captures dynamic behaviors such as eye contact, repetitive movements, and facial expressions — key indicators in ASD diagnosis.

### **Conclusion :**

The Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Detection project offers a promising tool for the early screening of autism in children, utilizing advanced machine learning techniques and a user-friendly web-based platform. By enabling parents, educators, and healthcare providers to input behavioral data and receive immediate insights into the likelihood of ASD, this system facilitates early intervention, which is crucial in improving developmental outcomes for children with ASD.

The successful implementation of this project has the potential to increase accessibility to ASD screening, especially in areas with limited resources or specialists. Through the use of secure data handling, accurate prediction models, and an intuitive interface, the project aims to bridge the gap between early symptom identification and professional diagnosis, empowering users to take proactive steps toward the health and well-being of affected children...

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