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The <u>proposed</u> age estimation algorithm <u>realisesrealizes</u> hierarchicaeal approach (<u>Ffig. 10</u>). First-of all, the input fragments are divided <u>intofor</u> three age groups: <u>lessmaller</u> than 18 years old, from 18___45 years old, and <u>morebigger</u> than 45 years old. <u>Second</u>, Afterwards the results of this in the first stepage are <u>furthermore</u> subdivided <u>into seven smallernewer</u> groups, with each limiteding to <u>aone</u> single decade. This reduceshus the <u>originalproblem of</u> multiclass classification <u>problem</u> therefore reduced to a set of binary <u>"-one-against-all"</u> classifiers (; BC<u>s</u>). Each These classifiers calculate: then ranks theof imageseach based on of the aassociated nalyzed class, and, <u>t</u>The final total decisions are is <u>obtained</u> then by the analyzsings these previously received <u>rank</u> histogram<u>s</u> of ranks.

A two-level schemes of <u>These binary classifier BCs are</u> construct<u>ed using a two-level</u> <u>approach. After ion is applied first with the</u> transitioning to <u>an</u> adaptive feature space, <u>as</u> equal to this described earlier, <u>the images are</u>, <u>classified using</u> support vector machine<u>s</u> classification with <u>radial basis function</u> RBF kernels.

<u>The i</u>Input fragments <u>arewere</u> preprocessed for their luminance characteristics to align and to transform their luminance characteristics them to <u>a</u> uniformal scale. <u>This p</u>Preprocessing <u>step</u> includes color-space transformation and scaling, both <u>operations</u> similar to <u>those used in</u> <u>the that of a gender recognition algorithm</u>. Features, <u>are</u> calculated for each colour component and, are combined to form a uniform featured vector.

Training and testing require a <u>sufficientlyhuge largeenough</u> coloring image database.<u>+ Here</u>, <u>w</u>We <u>combined</u><u>used</u> <u>the</u> state-of-the-art-<u>image databases</u> MORPH and FG-NET <u>image</u> <u>databases</u> with our own image database, gathered from <u>many-different</u> sources <u>and</u>, which

comprisinged of 10,500 face images. The fFaces ion the images were detected automatically

by the AdaBoost face detection algorithms.

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Comment [A2]: The words "smaller" and "bigger are typically used to, say, discuss the size of objects. If you want to compare numbers, "less than" and "more than" (or "greater than") are more appropriate.

Comment [A3]: Here, "histogram of ranks" is not wrong, but feels awkward and unnatural. Often, we can take a phrase such as "A of B" and turn it around like this to give just "B A," eliminating the "of." (Note that now, "rank" is singular.)

Comment [A4]: Here, "to align and to transform is not wrong, but sounds awkward. When using an "A and B" construction like this, we typically keep the A and B parts as small as possible, placing any common parts before the main construction.

Comment [A5]: In everyday usage, it may seem natural to talk about a vector of features as a featured vector, but the standard term in the field is "feature vector."

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A total number of seven thousand 7000 images were used to train and test the first stage of the for age classification algorithm training and testing on the first stage. Three3 binary classifier BCs were created, each made with utilizing 144 adaptive features each of.

The first-stage celassification results showed on the first stage are: 82-% accuracy for young facesage, 58-% accuracy for middle-aged faces, and 92-% accuracy for elderly facessenior age. The overall aAge classification accuracy for the three age categories was division problem 77.3-%.

<u>The second-stage BCBinary classifiers of the second stage</u> were constructed <u>in the same way</u> <u>as forequal to</u> the first stage (-described above). <u>Fig. 11 shows a</u>A visual example of age estimation by the <u>first stage of the proposed algorithm on its first stage is presented in figs. 11</u>.

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