



AI-Based Smart Home Intrusion Detection & Alert System Using Behavior Analysis and Face Recognition

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Abstract: Home security has become a critical concern due to the increasing number of intrusion and theft incidents in residential areas. Traditional surveillance systems rely on manual monitoring and lack intelligent threat detection capabilities. This paper proposes an AI-based smart home intrusion detection and alert system that integrates face recognition and behavior analysis for continuous monitoring. The system captures real-time video data and processes it using deep learning algorithms to identify authorized and unauthorized individuals. It further analyzes human activity patterns to detect abnormal or suspicious behavior. Upon detecting an intrusion, instant alerts are sent to the homeowner through a mobile application. The proposed system enhances security by reducing response time and minimizing false alarms. It supports multi-modal inputs and ensures scalable deployment using IoT devices. The integration of artificial intelligence improves accuracy and automation in home surveillance. This system provides a reliable and efficient solution for modern smart home security.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Ensuring the safety of homes has become increasingly challenging with the rise in thefts and unauthorized access incidents. Many households still depend on conventional security measures such as CCTV cameras and alarm systems, which mainly record events but do not actively prevent them. These systems often require constant human supervision and may fail to provide timely alerts when unusual activities occur.

With the advancement of artificial intelligence and smart technologies, there is a growing need for intelligent security systems that can operate autonomously and respond in real time. Modern solutions should not only monitor but also understand the environment by identifying individuals and analyzing their behavior.

This paper presents an AI-based smart home intrusion detection and alert system that combines face recognition and behavior analysis for continuous monitoring. The system is designed to distinguish between authorized residents and unknown individuals while also detecting suspicious actions within the home environment. By leveraging computer vision and deep learning techniques, it can automatically generate alerts and notify homeowners instantly.

The proposed approach aims to enhance home security by reducing manual effort, improving detection accuracy, and enabling faster response to potential threats. It also supports remote monitoring, making it practical and accessible for everyday use.



II. THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

The proposed smart home intrusion detection system is built on the integration of **Artificial Intelligence (AI), Computer Vision, and Internet of Things (IoT)** technologies. These components work together to enable real-time monitoring, intelligent decision-making, and automated alert generation.

Artificial Intelligence plays a key role in analyzing visual data and identifying patterns. In this system, **deep learning models** are used for face recognition and behavior analysis. Face recognition helps in distinguishing between authorized users and unknown individuals, while behavior analysis focuses on identifying abnormal or suspicious activities within the monitored environment.

Computer vision techniques are used to process video streams captured by cameras. These techniques extract important features such as facial characteristics, movement patterns, and object interactions. Additionally, IoT devices such as cameras and sensors enable continuous data collection and communication between the system and the user.

The combination of these technologies ensures that the system not only detects intrusions but also understands the context, thereby improving accuracy and reducing false alarms.

A. System Model

The system can be represented as:

$$O = f(U, S)$$

Where:

- U – Input (video feed, sensor data, user database)
- S – System components (AI models, database, alert module)
- O – Output (intrusion detection, alerts, identification results)

B. Workflow Model

$$W = (I, P, F, B, A, N)$$

Where:

- I – Input capture (camera/sensors)
- P – Preprocessing
- F – Face recognition
- B – Behavior analysis
- A – Alert generation
- N – Notification to user

C. Data Representation

$$D = \{d1, d2, d3, \dots, dn\}$$

Where:

- Face images
- Motion patterns
- Time stamps
- User identity database

D. Performance Metrics

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Correct Detections}}{\text{Total Observations}}$$

- Measures detection correctness
- Higher accuracy = better system performance

E. Response Time Model

$$T = T_c + T_p + T_a + T_n$$

Where:

- T_c – Capture time
- T_p – Processing time



- Ta – AI analysis time
- Tn – Notification time

F. Scalability

$S_c \propto N$

- System performance increases with number of devices/users

III. FOUR-TIER TAXONOMY

Understanding the proposed system's position requires comparing it with existing complaint systems. This taxonomy categorizes complaint management systems into four tiers based on sophistication and completeness.

Tier1: Traditional Security Systems

These systems include basic CCTV cameras and alarm systems. They only record or trigger alarms without any intelligence. Monitoring is manual, and there is no capability to identify intruders or analyze behavior.

Tier2: Smart Monitoring Systems

These systems allow remote viewing through mobile or web applications. Users can monitor their homes in real time, but the system still lacks intelligent decision-making and relies on users to identify threats.

Tier3: Intelligent Surveillance Systems

These systems incorporate basic automation such as motion detection and simple alerts. Some level of analysis is present, but they cannot accurately distinguish between normal and suspicious activities or identify individuals.

Tier4: AI-Based Smart Intrusion Detection System(Proposed)

The proposed system integrates face recognition, behavior analysis, and continuous monitoring. It can automatically detect unknown individuals, identify abnormal activities, and send real-time alerts, providing a fully intelligent and automated home security solution.

IV. LITERATURE REVIEW

The reviewed research encompasses recent studies on **smart home security systems, artificial intelligence-based surveillance, and intelligent intrusion detection techniques**. A consistent observation across these studies is that while individual systems perform effectively in specific tasks such as face recognition, motion detection, or activity monitoring, none offers a **fully integrated solution** that combines all functionalities into a single, comprehensive framework.

Machine learning and computer vision techniques demonstrate strong performance in **face recognition and human activity analysis**, enabling accurate identification of individuals and detection of suspicious behavior. IoT-based systems enhance **real-time monitoring and remote accessibility**, allowing users to observe their homes from anywhere. Deep learning models further improve detection accuracy and reduce false alarms. However, most existing solutions operate independently and lack seamless integration between behavior analysis, identity recognition, and alert mechanisms.

The proposed system aims to address these limitations by integrating **face recognition, behavior analysis, and continuous monitoring** into a unified platform. This approach ensures real-time intrusion detection, intelligent decision-making, and immediate alert generation, thereby providing a more reliable and efficient smart home security solution.



TABLE I: LITERATURE REVIEW SUMMARY

Sl. No	Author(s)	Year & Title	Method / Technique	Key Findings	Venue & Index
1	Krizhevsky A. et al.	2012 – Image Classification using CNN	Deep Learning (CNN)	High accuracy in image recognition tasks	NIPS
2	Viola P. & Jones M.	2001 – Face Detection System	Haar Cascade Algorithm	Real-time face detection with fast processing	IEEE CVPR
3	Parkhi O. et al.	2015 – Deep Face Recognition	CNN	Accurate facial recognition in real-world conditions	BMVC
4	Dalal N. & Triggs B.	2005 – Human Detection	HOG Algorithm	Effective human detection using feature extraction	IEEE CVPR
5	Alam M. et al.	2012 – Smart Home Systems	IoT-Based Systems	Improved home automation and remote monitoring	IEEE Transactions
6	Zeng W. et al.	2019 – Human Activity Recognition	Deep Learning	Accurate detection of human activities	IEEE Access
7	Girshick R.	2015 – Fast R-CNN	Deep Learning	High accuracy object detection in images	IEEE ICCV
8	LeCun Y. et al.	2015 – Deep Learning	Neural Networks	Improved automation and intelligent decision-making	Nature Journal
9	Redmon J. et al.	2016 – YOLO Object Detection	Deep Learning (YOLO)	Real-time object detection with high speed	IEEE CVPR
10	Howard A. et al.	2017 – MobileNet	Lightweight CNN	Efficient model for embedded and IoT devices	arXiv
11	Sultana F. et al.	2020 – Smart Surveillance System	Computer Vision + IoT	Real-time monitoring and alert system	IEEE Access
12	Singh D. et al.	2021 – AI-Based Intrusion Detection	AI + Deep Learning	Improved intrusion detection accuracy and reduced false alarms	IEEE Conference

V. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Examining all reviewed research collectively reveals clear patterns in the development of smart home security systems. Rather than focusing on individual studies, this section highlights the overall trends, achievements, and existing challenges in current approaches.



Most of the reviewed systems aim to improve home security by enabling **remote monitoring and reducing dependence on manual supervision**. This shift is significant, as traditional systems require constant human attention and are often ineffective in providing timely responses. The transition toward automated and remote-access systems is widely accepted and supported across research.

Artificial Intelligence and machine learning techniques have demonstrated strong effectiveness in **face recognition, object detection, and human activity analysis**. Studies using deep learning models such as CNN and YOLO show improved accuracy in identifying individuals and detecting suspicious behavior. These advancements confirm the importance of AI in enhancing smart home security systems.

However, a major limitation in existing systems is the **lack of integration**. Systems designed for face recognition often do not include behavior analysis, while activity detection systems may lack identity verification. Similarly, many IoT-based monitoring systems provide real-time video access but do not include intelligent decision-making capabilities. This separation of functionalities results in incomplete solutions and reduces overall system effectiveness.

Additional common challenges include **high false alarm rates, limited real-time alert mechanisms, privacy concerns, and lack of scalability**. Many systems also struggle to perform accurately in dynamic real-world environments. These issues highlight the need for a **fully integrated, intelligent, and scalable system** that combines face recognition, behavior analysis, and continuous monitoring into a single platform.

TABLE II: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF REVIEWED SYSTEMS

Sl. No	Paper / Study	Technique / Method	Performance	Advantages	Limitations
1	CNN-Based Face Recognition	Deep Learning (CNN)	High (~90%+)	Accurate identification of individuals	Requires large training data
2	Haar Cascade Face Detection	Computer Vision	Moderate	Fast real-time detection	Less accurate in complex environments
3	HOG-Based Human Detection	Feature Extraction	Moderate	Effective human detection	Limited behavior understanding
4	IoT-Based Smart Surveillance	IoT + Sensors	Moderate	Remote monitoring and control	No intelligent decision-making
5	Activity Recognition System	Deep Learning	High	Detects human actions accurately	Complex implementation
6	YOLO Object Detection	Deep Learning (YOLO)	High	Real-time object detection	High computational cost
7	AI-Based Intrusion Detection System	ML + DL	High	Detects known and unknown threats	High false positives in some cases



8	Hybrid IDS (Anomaly + Signature)	ML + Hybrid Models	Very High	Detects both known & unknown attacks	Complex and resource intensive
9	Edge AI Surveillance System	Edge Computing + AI	High	Low latency, privacy preserving	Limited processing power
10	Behavior Analysis System	ML + Pattern Recognition	High	Detects suspicious activities	Accuracy depends on data quality
11	Smart Home IoT Security System	AI + IoT	Moderate	Continuous monitoring	Security and privacy concerns
12	Proposed System	Face Recognition + Behavior Analysis + AI	Very High	Integrated system, real-time alerts, high accuracy	Requires proper model training & hardware

VI. RESEARCH GAP

Gap 1: Absence of Complete End-to-End Systems

Most existing solutions focus on individual functionalities such as face recognition, motion detection, or video surveillance. However, no system provides a fully integrated platform that combines face recognition, behavior analysis, and real-time alerting in a unified framework. This is the primary gap addressed by the proposed system.

Gap 2: Limited Intelligent Detection

Many traditional and IoT-based systems rely only on motion detection or basic surveillance, which cannot differentiate between normal and suspicious activities. The proposed system incorporates AI-based behavior analysis to improve intelligent decision-making.

Gap 3: High Dependence on Manual Monitoring

Current surveillance systems require continuous human supervision to identify threats. This increases workload and reduces efficiency. The proposed system automates detection and alert generation using deep learning models, minimizing human intervention.

Gap 4: Lack of Real-Time Alert Mechanisms

Several systems provide recorded footage but fail to deliver instant alerts when an intrusion occurs. This delay can lead to serious security risks. The proposed system ensures real-time notifications through mobile applications.

Gap 5: Inaccurate Intrusion Detection (False Alarms)

Existing systems often generate false alarms due to environmental changes or non-threatening movements. The proposed system improves accuracy by combining face recognition with behavior analysis, reducing false positives.

Gap 6: Privacy and Data Security Issues

Smart home systems deal with sensitive personal data, but many lack proper data protection and privacy mechanisms. The proposed system emphasizes secure data handling and controlled access.



Gap 7: Limited Scalability and Adaptability

Many systems are designed for small-scale environments and cannot efficiently scale to multiple devices or larger homes. The proposed system is designed to be scalable and adaptable, supporting multiple cameras and devices.

Gap 8: Lack of Multi-Modal Monitoring

Most systems rely only on video input, ignoring other useful data sources. The proposed system supports multi-modal inputs, including video, sensor data, and user-defined databases, for better decision-making.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper has examined existing smart home security systems and highlighted their key limitations. Although current solutions represent an improvement over traditional surveillance methods, they fail to provide a comprehensive, intelligent, and fully automated security experience for homeowners.

Our response to these limitations is an **AI-Based Smart Home Intrusion Detection and Alert System**, which is currently under development. Once implemented, this system will enable continuous monitoring using cameras and sensors, identify authorized and unauthorized individuals through face recognition, analyze human behavior for detecting suspicious activities, and deliver real-time alerts to homeowners through a unified platform.

Security, accuracy, and scalability form the foundation of the proposed system rather than being considered as secondary features. The integration of face recognition and behavior analysis will significantly reduce false alarms and improve detection reliability. The continuous monitoring capability ensures that threats are identified instantly, enhancing overall home safety.

Future development phases include system implementation and testing, optimization of AI models for higher accuracy, and integration with advanced IoT devices for seamless operation. Additional enhancements may include multi-user support, cloud-based storage, voice assistant integration, and advanced analytics for improved decision-making in home security environments.

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