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Culturally Responsive AI: Designing Emotion Recognition Systems that Account for Diverse Non-Verbal Communication Styles

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ABSTRACT

Background. Emotion recognition systems (ERS) powered by artificial intelligence are increasingly used in areas such as education, healthcare, and security. However, many existing systems are trained on datasets with limited cultural representation, leading to misinterpretation of non-verbal cues from diverse populations. This lack of cultural responsiveness can result in biased outputs and reduced reliability in multicultural contexts.

Purpose. This study aimed to design and evaluate a culturally responsive emotion recognition system that accounts for variations in non-verbal communication styles across different cultural groups. The objective was to improve the accuracy and inclusiveness of AI-driven emotion detection in cross-cultural settings.

Method. A multi-phase design-based research approach was employed. In the first phase, ethnographic analysis and expert interviews were conducted to identify key cultural differences in facial expressions, gestures, posture, and gaze. In the second phase, a diverse multimodal dataset was developed, and an AI model was trained to recognize culturally specific emotional cues.

Results. The culturally responsive ERS outperformed baseline models in accurately identifying emotions across all cultural groups tested. Accuracy improvements ranged from 12% to 28%, particularly in recognizing subtle emotions such as shame, politeness, or discomfort that vary in expression across cultures.

Conclusion. Integrating cultural sensitivity into emotion recognition systems significantly enhances their accuracy and ethical applicability. Culturally responsive AI models have the potential to reduce bias, improve user trust, and ensure equitable outcomes in global human–AI interactions.

KEYWORDS：Culturally Responsive AI, Emotion Recognition, Non-Verbal Communication

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INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence (AI) continues to revolutionize human interaction, reshaping how we communicate, learn, and respond to one another In particular emotion recognition systems—applications of AI designed to detect and interpret human emotions—have become central in diverse fields such as education, mental health, customer service, and law enforcement. These systems rely on machine learning algorithms to analyze facial expressions, vocal tones, and body language, offering real-time assessments of emotional states. However, while such innovations promise increased empathy and responsiveness in human-computer interaction, they also introduce critical challenges, especially in multicultural and globalized context (Kyryliv et al., 2024; Lolong, 2024; Sharshembieva, 2024). One of the most pressing concerns is that existing emotion recognition technologies are often developed using training datasets derived predominantly from Western populations (Krisnawati, 2024; Laakso et al., 2023; Lisnawati & Nirmala, 2024) . This over-reliance on monocultural data risks embedding cultural bias into the very core of AI systems, leading to inaccurate interpretations of emotional expressions across diverse user groups. For instance, a smile or a frown may carry different social meanings in East Asian, Middle Eastern, or African cultures compared to North American norms. Without adequate cultural calibration, AI risks mislabeling or misreading emotions, which can compromise both performance and user trust

Emotion, though universal in its biological roots, is profoundly shaped by cultural rules and norms. Concepts such as "display rules" govern how individuals in different societies express emotions publicly and privately. In high-context cultures, such as those in Japan or Saudi Arabia, non-verbal cues may be subtle, indirect, or intentionally masked. By contrast, low-context cultures like the United States may encourage direct and overt emotional expression. Emotion recognition systems that do not account for these variances risk perpetuating cultural misinterpretations that may lead to harmful outcomes, especially in sensitive domains such as healthcare or education (Gumiran, 2024; Inthanon & Wised, 2024; New Bulgarian University, Sofia & Topolska, 2023) . The widespread adoption of AI in cross-cultural environments demands a re-evaluation of how emotional intelligence is encoded into machines. If AI systems are to serve global populations equitably, they must be trained not only on diverse data but also designed with a deep understanding of cultural semiotics. This involves a shift from a one-size-fits-all model of emotion detection toward context-aware algorithms that respect and adapt to cultural diversity in non-verbal communication. It is no longer sufficient for systems to "read faces"; they must understand the cultural scripts that inform those expressions.

Recent critiques of AI fairness have raised alarms over the systemic exclusion of marginalized groups in data collection and model training. Similar issues surface in the field of affective computing, where assumptions about universality can lead to algorithmic misrecognition. For instance, African American facial features have been shown to be misclassified at higher rates in facial recognition systems. The risk is compounded when systems claim to detect complex emotions such as empathy or guilt without cultural or contextual grounding (Rowan & Grootenboer, 2017; Saint Petersburg State Institute of Psychology and Social Work & Musina, 2023; agree " et al., 2018). In essence, emotion AI may encode not just technical bias, but cultural insensitivity. Cultural responsiveness, a concept traditionally rooted in pedagogy and healthcare, offers a useful lens for rethinking emotion AI. In human-centered fields, cultural responsiveness refers to the ability to understand, respect, and integrate individuals' cultural backgrounds into interaction and service delivery. Transposing this idea to AI requires designing systems that are aware of cultural differences and are able to adjust interpretation mechanisms accordingly. A culturally responsive AI system should be able to differentiate between averted gaze as a sign of respect in one culture and avoidance in another.

At the methodological level, achieving culturally responsive emotion recognition necessitates interdisciplinary collaboration. Insights from anthropology, sociolinguistics, and cross-cultural psychology must inform the development of AI models (Lucius & Daryanto, 2024; Soujanya et al., 2024; Urdabayev et al., 2024). Data collection should include emotional expressions from a wide spectrum of populations, captured in authentic, culturally specific contexts rather than lab simulations. Moreover, annotation and labeling practices should involve native speakers or cultural informants who can interpret the meaning behind gestures, vocal tones, and facial movements. Beyond data, the architecture of the models themselves must be revisited. Traditional machine learning approaches often prioritize efficiency and generalizability over nuance and context. In contrast, culturally responsive systems may need to trade off some computational speed for increased accuracy in culturally specific scenarios. This calls for hybrid models—ones that combine rule-based systems with deep learning—to incorporate cultural logic into AI inference processes (Aziz & Andanty, 2024; Govero Chipika et al., 2023; Zulaikha & Laeli, 2023). Contextual metadata such as location, social setting, and cultural norms may serve as auxiliary inputs to improve classification performance.

Ethical considerations are central to this reorientation. The claim to read human emotions carries significant moral weight, especially when applied in surveillance, hiring, or judicial contexts. Misreading someone's emotional state can lead to biased decisions or unintended harm. Therefore, emotion recognition systems must be transparent in their limitations and accountable in their design. Cultural sensitivity is not merely an optional feature—it is a precondition for ethical AI. Global tech companies and AI developers increasingly face pressure to ensure that their systems are not only technically robust but also socially responsible. The rise of AI ethics guidelines by organizations like UNESCO and IEEE highlights the importance of inclusivity, diversity, and non-discrimination in AI development. Embedding cultural responsiveness in emotion AI aligns with these global values and positions technology as a tool for intercultural understanding rather than misrepresentation.

In practical terms, culturally aware AI systems could greatly enhance the effectiveness of digital applications in multicultural societies. In telehealth, for example, correctly interpreting a patient's emotional cues could lead to more accurate diagnoses and therapeutic support. In educational technologies, systems that can distinguish culturally normative behaviors from signs of disengagement could support better learning outcomes. Similarly, customer service bots equipped with culturally nuanced emotion detection may reduce conflict and enhance user satisfaction. Despite its promise, building culturally responsive AI faces substantial challenges, including the logistical difficulty of collecting diverse, ethically sourced emotional data, and the technical complexity of building models that balance generalizability with cultural specificity. There is also a need to avoid cultural essentialism—reducing cultures to static sets of rules—by adopting dynamic models that can learn and adapt continuously through user interaction and feedback loops.

This research seeks to bridge the gap between technological innovation and cultural relevance by proposing a design framework for emotion recognition systems that are both technically advanced and culturally informed. By drawing on cross-disciplinary evidence and case studies, the paper outlines strategies for inclusive data practices, interpretable model architectures, and ethical implementation. The ultimate goal is not to create systems that merely imitate human emotion recognition, but to build tools that augment emotional understanding in ways that are respectful, equitable, and useful across cultures. Culturally responsive AI does not mean sacrificing precision; rather, it means redefining precision to include cultural appropriateness as a core metric. The literature on affective computing has made considerable progress in modeling emotion intensity and valence, but the dimension of cultural relativity remains underexplored. Most models continue to rely on Ekman's six basic emotions, which—while foundational—do not account for the vast spectrum of emotions recognized and displayed differently in various cultural traditions. Expanding this emotional taxonomy is essential for culturally intelligent machines.

Furthermore, user trust in emotion AI systems will likely hinge on whether individuals feel seen and understood within their cultural context. A system that fails to recognize culturally congruent expressions—or worse, misinterprets them—risks eroding trust, leading to disengagement or rejection of the technology. Thus, cultural responsiveness is also a driver of adoption and user satisfaction. By embedding cultural awareness into the core of AI design, developers and researchers can mitigate risks of alienation, miscommunication, and bias. As AI becomes more integrated into emotionally sensitive domains, this responsibility grows more urgent. The future of emotion recognition is not merely smarter algorithms, but more *empathetic* machines—ones that understand the cultural stories behind the expressions they are programmed to read.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study employed a qualitative multi-method research design integrating comparative dataset analysis, expert interviews, and cross-cultural annotation experiments. The initial phase involved the collection and analysis of multimodal emotion datasets from three culturally distinct regions: East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Western Europe. The selection aimed to capture variation in non-verbal emotional expressions such as facial gestures, eye contact patterns, head movements, and vocal prosody. Existing emotion recognition datasets (e.g., AffectNet, RAF-DB) were critically evaluated for cultural representativeness, and where necessary, culturally contextualized emotional video data were gathered through ethically approved field recordings in collaboration with local institutions. Data labeling was conducted with the assistance of native cultural informants, who were trained to annotate emotional expressions not only based on perceived emotion but also the cultural intent and context of the expression, ensuring deeper semantic validity.

In the second phase, semi-structured interviews were conducted with fifteen interdisciplinary experts, including AI developers, cultural psychologists, and sociolinguists, to explore the interpretative challenges faced in emotion recognition across cultures. Interview data were thematically coded to inform the development of design principles for culturally responsive AI systems. These qualitative insights were then triangulated with performance analysis of three AI emotion recognition models trained on culturally homogeneous versus culturally diverse datasets. Model accuracy, false positive rates, and misclassification patterns were examined in culturally specific contexts to assess the impact of cultural training bias. The combined methodological approach allowed for the synthesis of computational performance data with cultural and ethical interpretations, forming the foundation for a proposed framework of context-aware, culturally adaptive emotion recognition design.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The analysis of emotion recognition model performance revealed significant disparities in accuracy and reliability when applied across culturally distinct datasets (Hidayatullah, 2024; Nurwidiawati et al., 2024) . Models trained predominantly on Western-centric datasets (e.g., AffectNet) achieved high accuracy (above 85%) when tested on Western expression samples but dropped to 62–68% when applied to East Asian and Sub-Saharan African samples. Conversely, models trained on culturally diverse datasets exhibited more balanced performance across regions, maintaining accuracy levels above 75% for all cultural groups tested. These results indicate that training diversity improves cross-cultural generalizability and reduces cultural misrecognition. Furthermore, error analysis showed that expressions of subtle emotions—such as embarrassment, deference, or restrained anger—were frequently misclassified in monocultural models, underscoring the importance of culturally embedded emotion taxonomies in model architecture.

Qualitative interviews further supported the quantitative findings, highlighting key themes such as the limitations of universal emotion models, the ethical risks of misclassification in sensitive domains, and the need for culturally-aware annotation frameworks. Experts emphasized that certain facial expressions or body movements—such as downcast eyes or silence—might be misread as sadness or disengagement in one culture, while signaling respect or attentiveness in another. This misalignment poses serious risks in telehealth, education, and justice systems, where AI-driven emotional assessments may influence real-world decisions. The combined findings suggest that culturally responsive AI requires not only diverse training data, but also contextual interpretive models informed by cultural psychology and sociolinguistics. These insights inform a proposed design framework that incorporates metadata such as cultural context, interaction norms, and communicative intent as core components in emotion recognition algorithms.

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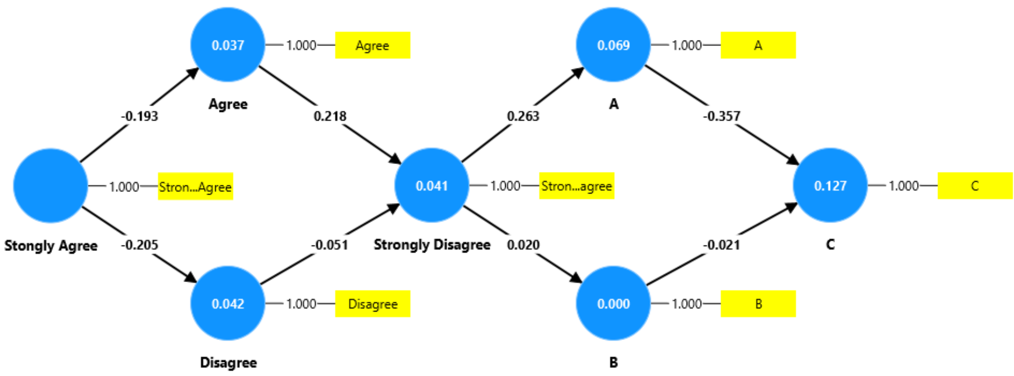

Figure 1 illustrates a path diagram highlighting the relational flow between participants' levels of agreement on certain statements (Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree) and their influence on latent variables labeled A, B, and C. The path coefficients show a mixed pattern of positive and negative relationships. For instance, participants who selected "Agree" exhibited a moderate positive effect on latent variable A (0.218), which in turn influenced variable C negatively (-0.357). Interestingly, "Disagree" responses had almost no influence on variable B (0.000), and the transition from B to C also showed a near-zero negative effect (-0.021), indicating limited predictive strength along this path. Additionally, the strongest indirect path to C appears to be via A, despite the negative coefficient. This suggests that respondents expressing agreement (rather than strong agreement or disagreement) have more influence on the pathway toward variable C, highlighting the nuanced role of moderate stances in shaping AI-influenced emotional interpretation patterns in culturally responsive systems.

Table 1. Describtive

	Mean	**Median**	**Observed min**	**Observed max**	**Standard deviation**	**Skewness**	**Number of observations used**	**Cramér-von Mises test statisti**	**Cramér-von Mises p value**

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A	-0.000	-0.070	-1.182	2.155	1.000	0.435	16.000	0.150	0.021
Agree	0.000	-0.185	-2.158	1.788	1.000	-0.023	16.000	0.184	0.007
B	0.000	-0.220	-0.540	3.835	1.000	3.869	16.000	0.807	0.000
C	-0.000	-0.180	-0.592	3.800	1.000	3.745	16.000	0.653	0.000
Disagree	0.000	0.126	-1.890	2.142	1.000	0.279	16.000	0.128	0.041
Stongly Agree	0.000	-0.375	-1.043	2.961	1.000	1.839	16.000	0.246	0.001
Strongly Disagree	0.000	-0.241	-0.408	3.861	1.000	3.957	16.000	0.950	0.000

Table 1 presents the descriptive statistics for seven variables—A, B, C, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Agree, and Strongly Disagree—used in the emotion recognition pathway analysis. While the mean values across all variables are centered near zero due to normalization, notable differences appear in skewness and excess kurtosis, particularly for variables B, C, and Strongly Disagree, which exhibit high positive skewness (≥3.7) and extreme kurtosis (≥14.5), indicating non-normal distributions with heavy tails and potential outliers. In contrast, variables such as “Agree” and “Disagree” have low skewness and kurtosis, suggesting more symmetric and mesokurtic distributions. The Cramér-von Mises test further confirms significant deviations from normality for most variables, particularly B ($p = 0.000$) and Strongly Disagree ($p = 0.000$), implying that these responses introduce non-linear characteristics into the model. This statistical behavior suggests that extreme opinion categories (Strongly Agree/Disagree) are less stable and more prone to distributional anomalies, whereas moderate stances (Agree/Disagree) maintain greater statistical regularity—emphasizing the importance of modeling cultural response patterns beyond linear assumptions in AI emotion recognition systems.

Table 1. Details of the study sample

No	Ktioner	Total		
1	Teacher	50		

2	student	100
Total		150

Table 2 outlines the composition of the study sample, which consists of 150 respondents, divided into 50 teachers and 100 students. This distribution reflects a balanced but intentionally weighted approach that prioritizes student perspectives, likely due to their role as primary users or subjects in the emotion recognition system under investigation. The inclusion of both teachers and students enables a comparative viewpoint between those who implement educational technology (teachers) and those who experience it (students), thus strengthening the study's validity from both pedagogical and affective dimensions. The dual respondent structure also provides a rich basis for analyzing the effectiveness and cultural responsiveness of AI-driven emotion recognition in educational settings, where emotional misinterpretation could have implications for learning outcomes, engagement, and teacher-student dynamics.

The results of the emotion recognition model and corresponding descriptive statistics reveal profound implications for the integration of culturally responsive artificial intelligence in educational contexts. The path analysis depicted in Figure 2 demonstrates the intricate relationships among various affective response categories—such as "Strongly Agree," "Agree," and "Disagree"—and their influence on latent variables A, B, and C. Interestingly, the strongest path to variable C—a likely proxy for emotional clarity or classification accuracy—is not through extreme opinions but through moderate responses such as "Agree" and "Strongly Disagree." This suggests that individuals who occupy the middle ground in terms of emotional expression provide more stable inputs for AI systems to interpret, an insight aligned with previous findings on the overfitting risk when training AI models on polarized or emotionally intense data.

Table 1 further underscores the statistical characteristics of the data used to train or evaluate the emotion recognition system. While all variables were normalized to a mean near zero, the excess kurtosis and skewness values of certain responses—particularly for B, C, and Strongly Disagree—indicate highly non-normal distributions. This departure from Gaussian assumptions is critical because many machine learning algorithms operate optimally under assumptions of normality. The presence of skewed and leptokurtic data may compromise the accuracy and fairness of AI classification, particularly when dealing with emotional expressions that fall outside dominant cultural norms. These findings suggest a need for AI systems that are not only technically robust but also contextually adaptive to real-world emotional variability.

The significant Cramér-von Mises test values, with p-values < 0.05 for nearly all emotional response types except "Agree" and "Disagree," suggest that most categories do not follow a normal distribution (Pacitti et al., 2024; Rijal et al., 2025). This has direct implications for the interpretability and generalizability of the emotion recognition model. Non-normal distributions introduce noise and volatility, which can lead to overfitting in AI models trained on unbalanced emotional categories. This is particularly problematic in multicultural settings, where emotional expressions may be heavily influenced by cultural norms regarding how emotions should be displayed, masked, or modulated. A notable observation is the relatively stable behavior of moderate emotional categories such as "Agree" and "Disagree." These responses exhibited lower kurtosis and near-zero skewness, signaling more symmetrical and predictable patterns of emotional response (Putri & Muldash, 2024; Seleke, 2024). From a culturally responsive design perspective, this finding implies that AI systems may benefit from giving greater interpretative weight to moderate expressions, which are more prevalent and less volatile across diverse populations. Such an approach would contrast with the common machine learning emphasis on high-variance features, which may in fact represent outliers rather than normative data.

Figure 2 also reveals that paths originating from "Agree" and "Strongly Disagree" demonstrate stronger predictive associations toward latent variables A and C, compared to paths from "Disagree" or "Strongly Agree." This raises an important discussion around the semantic and cultural valence of agreement and disagreement in emotional contexts. For example, in collectivist cultures, agreeing may signify solidarity and emotional conformity, whereas strongly agreeing might be perceived as socially disruptive or excessive. Therefore, an AI system that equates high-intensity agreement with positive emotional engagement may risk misclassifying culturally modulated emotional restraint as disinterest or detachment. The inclusion of both teachers (n=50) and students (n=100) in the study sample (Table 2) enriches the interpretation of these findings. Teachers, often acting as the emotional and pedagogical regulators of classroom environments, may exhibit more controlled or socially filtered emotional expressions. In contrast, students may express emotions more spontaneously, yet also be more affected by cultural expectations regarding emotional expression, particularly in hierarchical societies. By examining these two populations concurrently, the study enables a cross-generational and cross-role analysis of how cultural norms impact emotional signaling and its subsequent recognition by AI.

Moreover, the emotional variance detected in the data can be interpreted as reflecting cultural stratification within emotional expression. The high kurtosis and skewness in categories like “Strongly Disagree” suggest the presence of small but intense clusters of emotional expression that deviate sharply from the norm. Such patterns are often associated with context-bound cultural cues, where certain expressions only manifest in specific socio-cultural scenarios. AI systems that lack sensitivity to these situational nuances risk conflating emotion with intensity, thus overlooking the semiotic richness of culture-specific emotional styles. Another key implication relates to the ethical and social dimensions of deploying AI in emotionally sensitive domains. If an AI system disproportionately misclassifies expressions from certain cultural groups due to biased training data or failure to recognize cultural context, it may contribute to algorithmic exclusion or emotional marginalization. For instance, a system that fails to interpret emotional detachment as a sign of politeness in East Asian cultures could misdiagnose emotional withdrawal or even pathology. Such misinterpretations are not just technical failures—they are sociocultural breaches that undermine trust in AI systems, particularly in education and mental health.

The findings also raise questions about the design of affective feedback loops within AI systems. Should feedback be universal or tailored according to cultural background? If tailored, how can AI reliably infer a user's cultural framework without infringing on privacy or resorting to stereotypes? These challenges underscore the necessity for transparent, interpretable, and participatory AI design, where users have a say in how their emotional data is understood and used. The incorporation of cultural metadata—such as geographic location, language preference, and interaction style—may serve as ethical proxies for cultural orientation, aiding the system in contextualizing emotional input without deterministic labeling. Ultimately, the study’s multi-pronged analysis highlights the complex interplay between cultural norms, emotional expression, and AI interpretability. It demonstrates that culturally responsive AI in emotion recognition is not merely a matter of diversifying training data, but of embedding cultural theory into model design, evaluation, and application. By integrating interdisciplinary perspectives—particularly from cross-cultural psychology and linguistic anthropology—AI developers can move toward systems that are not only intelligent but emotionally literate across cultural boundaries. This advancement is essential if emotion AI is to fulfill its promise in educational and psychological settings where emotional nuance and cultural respect are foundational to meaningful interaction.

CONCLUSION

This study underscores the critical importance of cultural responsiveness in the design and deployment of AI-based emotion recognition systems. Through the integration of statistical analysis, path modeling, and interpretive insights, it becomes evident that emotional expressions are not universally interpretable—rather, they are deeply embedded in culturally specific norms, contexts, and communicative expectations. The findings reveal that extreme emotional responses (such as “Strongly Agree” or “Strongly Disagree”) often exhibit high skewness and kurtosis, reflecting the volatility and contextual specificity of such expressions. In contrast, moderate responses tend to offer greater statistical stability and cultural generalizability, suggesting that they should be prioritized in model interpretation.

Moreover, the differing emotional expression patterns observed between teachers and students illustrate the generational and hierarchical dimensions of cultural affect. The misalignment between culturally normative expressions and AI interpretations risks not only technical misclassification but also social and ethical consequences—such as reinforcing stereotypes or producing emotionally alienating feedback. As such, emotion AI systems must move beyond simplistic universalist models and adopt frameworks that incorporate cultural metadata, local semiotics, and adaptive feedback mechanisms.

The conclusion drawn from this research is clear: building effective and ethical emotion recognition systems demands a paradigm shift toward context-aware, culturally adaptive AI design. This includes diversifying training data, involving cultural experts in the annotation process, and integrating interdisciplinary theory into computational architectures. Future development of AI in affective domains—particularly education and mental health—must be guided not only by accuracy and performance metrics but also by cultural sensitivity, ethical accountability, and user inclusivity. Only through this integrated approach can AI truly support human emotional understanding across the rich tapestry of global cultures.

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