Unified Detection of Digital and Physical Face Attacks

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Figure 1: Face attacks against AFR systems are continuously evolving in both digital and physical spaces. Given the diversity of the face attacks, prevailing methods fall short in detecting attacks across all three categories (i.e., adversarial, digital manipulation, and spoofs). This work is among the first to define the task of face attack detection on the 25 attack types across 3 categories shown here.

Abstract

State-of-the-art defense mechanisms against face attacks achieve near perfect accuracies within one of three attack categories, namely adversarial, digital manipulation, or physical spoofs, however, they fail to generalize well when tested across all three categories. Poor generalization can be attributed to learning incoherent attacks jointly. To overcome this shortcoming, we propose a unified attack detection framework, namely UniFAD, that can automatically cluster 25 coherent attack types belonging to the three categories. Using a multi-task learning framework along with k-means clustering, UniFAD learns joint representations for coherent attacks, while uncorrelated attack types are learned separately. Proposed UniFAD outperforms prevailing defense methods and their fusion with an overall TDR = 94.73% @ 0.2% FDR on a large fake face dataset consisting of 341K bona fide images and 448K attack images of 25 types across all 3 categories. Proposed method can detect an attack within 3 milliseconds on a Nvidia 2080Ti.

UniFAD can also identify the attack categories with 97.37% accuracy. Code and dataset will be publicly available.

1. Introduction

Automated face recognition (AFR) systems have been projected to grow to USD 3.35B by 2024\(^1\). It is estimated that over a billion smartphones today unlock via face authentication\(^2\). However, the foremost challenge facing AFR systems is their vulnerability to face attacks. For instance, an attacker can hide his identity by wearing a 3D mask \([27]\), or intruders can assume a victim’s identity by digitally swapping their face with the victim’s face image \([12]\). With unrestricted access to the rapid proliferation of face images on social media platforms, launching attacks against AFR systems has become even more accessible. Given the growing dissemination of “fake news” and “deepfakes” \([3]\), the research community and social media platforms alike

\(1\)https://bwnews.pr/2OqY0nD
\(2\)https://bit.ly/30vYBHg
are pushing towards generalizable defense against continuously evolving and sophisticated face attacks.

In literature, face attacks can be broadly classified into three attack categories: (i) Spoof attacks: artifacts in the physical domain (e.g., 3D masks, eye glasses, replaying videos) [38], (ii) Adversarial attacks: imperceptible noises added to probes for evading AFR systems [64], and (iii) Digital manipulation attacks: entirely or partially modified digital manipulation attacks. Within each of these categories, there are different attack types. For example, each spoof medium, e.g., 3D mask and makeup, constitutes one attack type, and there are 13 common types of spoof attacks [38]. Likewise, in adversarial and digital manipulation attacks, each attack model, designed by unique objectives and losses, may be considered as one attack type. Thus, the attack categories and types form a 2-layer tree structure encompassing the diverse attacks (see Fig. 1). Such a tree will inevitably grow in the future.

In order to safeguard AFR systems against these attacks, numerous face attack detection approaches have been proposed [12, 14, 18, 19, 39]. Despite impressive detection rates, prevailing research efforts focus on a few attack types within one of the three attack categories. Since the exact type of face attack may not be known a priori, a generalizable detector that can defend an AFR system against any of the three attack categories is of utmost importance.

Due to the vast diversity in attack characteristics, from glossy 2D printed photographs to imperceptible perturbations in adversarial faces, we find that learning a single unified network is inadequate. Even when prevailing state-of-the-art (SOTA) detectors are trained on all 25 attack types, they fail to generalize well during testing. Via ensemble training, we comprehensively evaluate the detection performance on fusing decisions from three SOTA detectors that individually excel at their respective attack categories. However, due to the diversity in attack characteristics, decisions made by each detector may not be complementary and result in poor detection performance across all 3 categories.

This research is among the first to focus on detecting all 25 attack types known in literature (6 adversarial, 6 digital manipulation, and 13 spoof attacks). Our approach consists of (i) automatically clustering attacks with similar characteristics into distinct groups, and (ii) a multi-task learning framework to learn salient features to distinguish between bona fides and coherent attack types, while early sharing layers learn a joint representation to distinguish bona fides from any generic attack.

This work makes the following contributions:

- Among the first to define the task of face attack detection on 25 attack types across 3 attack categories: adversarial faces, digital face manipulation, and spoofs.
- A novel unified face attack detection framework, namely UniFAD, that automatically clusters similar attack types and employs a multi-task learning framework to detect digital and physical attacks.

- Proposed UniFAD achieves SOTA detection performance, TDR = 94.73% @ 0.2% FDR on a large fake face dataset, namely GrandFake. To the best of our knowledge, GrandFake is the largest face attack dataset studied in literature in terms of the number of diverse attack types.

- Proposed UniFAD allows for further identification of the attack categories, i.e., whether attacks are adversarial, digitally manipulated, or contains physical spoofing artifacts, with a classification accuracy of 97.37%.

### 2. Related Work

**Individual Attack Detection.** Early work on face attack detection primarily focused on one or two attack types in their respective categories. Studies on adversarial face detection [20, 22] primarily involved detecting gradient-based attacks, such as FGSM [21], PGD [42], and DeepFool [47]. DeepFakes were among the first studied digital attack manipulation [32, 62, 69], however, generalizability of the proposed methods to a larger number of digital manipulation attack types is unsatisfactory [33]. Majority of face anti-spoofing methods focus on print and replay attacks [4, 6, 13, 28, 31, 37, 43, 49, 51, 54, 60, 61, 63].

Over the years, a clear trend in the increase of attack types in each category can be observed in Tab. 1. Since a community of attackers dedicate their efforts to craft new attacks, it is imperative to comprehensively evaluate existing solutions against a large number of attack types.

**Joint Attack Detection.** Recent studies have used multiple attack types in order to defend against face attacks. For example, FaceGuard [15] proposed a generalizable defense against 6 adversarial attack types. The Diverse Fake Face

| Study          | Year | # BonaFides | # Attacks | # Types |
|---------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| UAP-D [1]     | 2018 | 9,959       | 29,877    | 1       |
| Goswami et al. [2] | 2019 | 16,685  | 50,055    | 3       |
| Agarwal et al. [3] | 2020 | 24,042  | 72,126    | 3       |
| Massoth et al. [44] | 2020 | 169,396 | 1,406     | 6       |
| FaceGuard [15] | 2020 | 507,647   | 3,405     | 6       |
| Zhou et al. [69] | 2018 | 2,010     | 2,010     | 2       |
| Yang et al. [62] | 2018 | 241(1)/49(1) | 252(1)/49(1) | 1       |
| DeepFake [32] | 2018 | –         | 620(V)    | 1       |
| Forensics++ [32] | 2019 | 1,000(V) | 3,000(V)  | 3       |
| FakeSpotter [59] | 2019 | 6,000    | 5,000     | 2       |
| DFFD [12]     | 2020 | 58,703     | 240,336   | 7       |
| Replay-Attack [7] | 2012 | 200(V)    | 1,000(V)  | 3       |
| MSU MFSD [60] | 2015 | 160(V)     | 280(V)    | 3       |
| OuluNPU [6]   | 2017 | 990(V)     | 3,960(V)  | 4       |
| SiW [37]      | 2018 | 1,320(V)   | 3,158(V)  | 6       |
| SiW-M [38]    | 2019 | 660(V)     | 960(V)    | 13      |
| GrandFake (ours) | 2021 | 341,738   | 447,674   | 25      |

Table 1: Face attack datasets with no. of bona fide images, no. of attack images, and no. of attack types. Here, I denotes images and V refers to videos. GrandFake will be publicly available.
Dataset (DFFD) [12] includes 7 digital manipulation attack types. In the spoof attack category, recent studies focus on detecting 13 spoof types.

Majority of the works tackling multiple attack types pose the detection as a binary classification problem with a single network learning a joint feature space. For simplicity, we refer to such a network architecture as JointCNN. For instance, it is common in adversarial face detection to train a JointCNN with bona fide faces and adversarial attacks synthesized on-the-fly by a generative network [15, 26, 35, 48]. On the other hand, majority of the proposed defenses against digital manipulation, fine-tune a pre-trained JointCNN (e.g., Xception [9]) on bona fide faces and all available digital manipulation attacks [12, 52, 59]. Due to the availability of a wide variety of physical spoof artifacts in face anti-spoofing datasets (e.g., eyeglasses, print and replay instruments, masks, etc.) along with evident cues for detecting them, studies on anti-spoofs are more sophisticated. The associated JointCNN employs either auxiliary cues, such as depth map and heart pulse signals (rPPG) [37, 56, 67], or a “compactness” loss to prevent overfitting [19, 45]. Recently Stehouwer et al. [55] attempt to learn a spoof detector from imagery of generic objects and apply it to face anti-spoofing. While jointly detecting multiple attack types is promising, detecting attack types across different categories is of the utmost importance. An early attempt proposed a defense against 4 attack types (3 spoofs and 1 digital manipulation) [45]. To the best of our knowledge, we are the first to attempt detecting 25 attack types across 3 categories.

Multi-task Learning. In multi-task learning (MTL), a task, $T_i$, is usually accompanied by a training dataset, $D_{tr}$ consisting of $N_i$ training samples, i.e., $D_{tr} = \{x_i^{tr}, y_i^{tr}\}_{i=1}^{N_i}$, where $x_i^{tr} \in \mathbb{R}$ is the $i$th training sample in $T_i$ and $y_i^{tr}$ is its label. Most MTL methods rely on well-defined tasks [41, 46, 66]. Crawshaw et al. [10] summarize various works on MLT with CNNs. In this work, we propose a MTL framework in an extreme situation where only a single task is available (bona fide vs. 25 attack types) and utilize $k$-means clustering to construct new auxiliary tasks from $D_{tr}$. A recent study also utilized $k$-means for constructing new tasks, however, their approach utilizes a meta-learning framework where the groups themselves can alter throughout training [23]. We show that this is problematic for face attacks since attacks that share similar characteristics should be trained jointly. Instead, we propose a new unified attack detection framework that first utilizes $k$-means to partition the 25 attacks types, and then learns shared and attack-specific representations to distinguish them from bona fides.

3. Dissecting Prevailing Defense Systems

3.1. Datasets

In order to detect 25 attack types (6 adversarial, 6 digital manipulation, and 13 spoofs), we propose the GrandFake dataset, an amalgamation of multiple face attack datasets from each category. We provide additional details of GrandFake in Sec. 5.1.

3.2. Drawback of JointCNN

Consider the diversity in the available attacks: from imperceptible adversarial perturbations to digital manipulation attacks, both of which are entirely different from physical print attacks (hard surface, glossy, 2D). Even within the spoof category, characteristics of mask attacks are quite different from replay attacks. In addition, discriminative cues for some attack types may be observed in high-frequency
domain (e.g., defocused blurriness, chromatic moment), while others exhibit low-frequency cues (e.g., color diversity and specular reflection). For these reasons, learning a common feature space to discriminate all attack types from bona fides is challenging and a JointCNN may fail to generalize well even on attack types seen during training.

We demonstrate this by first training a JointCNN on the 25 attack types in the GrandFake dataset. We then compute an attack similarity matrix between the 25 types (see Fig. 2(b)). The mean feature for each attack type is first computed on a validation set composed of 1,000 images per attack. We then compute the pairwise cosine similarity between mean features from all attack pairs. From Fig. 2, we note that physical attacks have little correlation with adversarial attacks and therefore, learning them jointly within a common feature space may degrade detection performance.

Although prevailing JointCNN-based defense achieve near perfect detection when trained and evaluated on the respective attack types in isolation, we observe a significantly degraded performance when trained and tested on all 3 attack categories together (see Tab. 2). In other words, even when a prevailing SOTA defense system is trained on all 3 categories, it may lead to degraded performance on testing.

3.3. Unifying Multiple JointCNNs

Another possible approach is to consider ensemble techniques; instead of using a single JointCNN detector, we can fuse decisions from multiple individual detectors that are already experts in distinguishing between bona fides and attacks from their respective attack category. Given three SOTA detectors, one per attack category, we perform a comprehensive evaluation on parallel and sequential score-level fusion schemes.

In our experiments, we find that, indeed, fusing score-level decisions from single-category detectors outperforms a single SOTA defense system trained on all attack types. Note that efforts in utilizing prevailing defense systems rely on the assumption that attack categories are independent of each other. However, Fig. 2 shows that some digital manipulation attacks, such as STGAN and StyleGAN, are more closely related to some of the adversarial attacks (e.g., AdvFaces, GFLM, and Semantic) than other digital manipulation types. This is likely because all five methods utilize complementary decisions when fused. Instead of training detectors on groups with manually assigned semantics (e.g., adversarial, digital manipulation, spoofs), it is better to train JointCNNs on coherent attacks. In addition, utilizing decisions from pre-trained JointCNNs may tend to overfit to the attack categories used for training.

4. Proposed Method: UniFAD

We propose a new multi-task learning framework for Unified Attack Detection, namely UniFAD, by training an end-to-end network for improved physical and digital face attack detection. In particular, a $k$-means augmentation module is utilized to automatically construct auxiliary tasks to enhance single task learning (such as a JointCNN). Then, a joint model is decomposed into a feature extractor (shared layers) $F$ that is shared across all tasks, and task-specific branches for each auxiliary task. Fig. 3 illustrates the auxiliary task creation and the training process of UniFAD.

4.1. Problem Definition

Let the “main task” be defined as the overall objective of a unified attack detector: given an input image, $x$, assign a score close to 0 if $x$ is bona fide or close to 1 if $x$ is any of the available face attack types. We are also given a labeled training set, $D_{tr}$. Prevaling defenses follow a single task learning approach where the main task is adopted to be the ultimate training objective. In order to avoid the shortcomings of a JointCNN and unification of multiple JointCNNs, we first use $D_{tr}$ to automatically construct multiple auxiliary tasks $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^T$, where $T_i$ is the $i$th cluster of coherent attack types. If the auxiliary tasks are appropriately con-
structured, jointly learning these tasks along with the main task should improve unified attack detection compared to a single task learning approach.

4.2. Automatic Construction of Auxiliary Tasks

One way to construct auxiliary tasks is to train a separate binary JointCNN on each attack type. Such partitioning massively increases computational burden (e.g., training and testing 25 JointCNNs). Other simple partitioning methods, such as randomly partition are likely to cluster uncorrelated attacks. On the other hand, clustering in the pixel-space is also unappealing due to poor correlation between the distances in the pixel-space, and clustering in the high-dimensional space is challenging [24]. Therefore, we require a reasonable alternative to manual inspection of the attack similarity matrix in Fig. 2 to partition the attack types into appropriate clusters.

Fortunately, we already have a JointCNN trained via a single task learning framework that can extract salient representations. Thus, we can map the data \(\{x\}\) into JointCNN’s embedding space \(Z\), producing \(\{z\}\). We can then utilize a traditional clustering algorithm, \(k\)-means, which takes a set of feature vectors as input, and clusters them into \(k\) distinct groups based on a geometric constraint. Specifically, for each attack type, we first compute the mean feature. We then utilize \(k\)-means clustering to partition the \(L\) features into \(T(\leq L)\) sets, \(P = \{P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_T\}\) such that within-cluster sum of squares (WCSS) is minimized,

\[
\arg\min_P \sum_{i=1}^{T} \sum_{z \in P_i} ||z - \mu_i||^2,
\]

where, \(\bar{z}\) represents a mean feature for an attack type and \(\mu_i\) is the mean of the features in \(P_i\). Fig. 2(c) shows an example on clustering the 25 attack types of GrandFake.

4.3. Multi-Task Learning with Constructed Tasks

With a multi-task learning framework, we learn coherent attack types jointly, while uncorrelated attacks are learned in their own feature spaces. We construct \(T\) “branches” where each branch is a neural network trained on a binary classification problem (i.e., aux. task). The learning objective of each branch, \(B_t\), is to minimize,

\[
\mathcal{L}_{aux_t} = \mathbb{E}_x [\log B_t(x_{bf})] + \mathbb{E}_x \left[ \log \left( 1 - B_t(x_{fake}) \right) \right].
\]

where \(x_{bf}\) denotes bona fide images and \(x_{fake}\), is face attacks corresponding to the attack types in the partition \(P_t\).

4.4. Parameter Sharing

Early Sharing. We adopt a hard parameter sharing module which learns a common feature representation for distinguishing between bona fides and attacks prior to aux. task learning branches. Baxter [5] demonstrated the shared parameters have a lower risk of overfitting than the task-specific parameters. Therefore, adopting early convolutional layers as a pre-processing step prior to branching can help UniFAD in its generalization to all 3 categories. We construct hidden layers between the input and the branches to obtain shared features, \(h = \mathcal{F}(x)\), while the auxiliary learning branches output \(B_t(h)\).

Late Sharing. Each branch \(B_t\) is trained to output a decision score where scores closer to 0 indicate that the input image is a bona fide, whereas, scores closer to 1 correspond to attack types pertaining to the branch’s partition. The scores from all \(T\) branches are then concatenated and passed to a final decision layer. For simplicity, we define the final decision output as, \(FC(x) := FC(B_1(h), B_2(h), \ldots, B_T(h))\).

The early shared layers and the final decision layer are learned via a binary cross-entropy loss,

\[
\mathcal{L}_{shared} = \mathbb{E}_x \left[ \log FC(x_{bf}) \right] + \mathbb{E}_x \left[ \log \left( 1 - FC(x_{fake}) \right) \right],
\]

between bona fides and all available attack types.

4.5. Training and Testing

The entire network is trained in an end-to-end manner by minimizing the following composite loss,

\[
\mathcal{L}_{UniFAD} = \mathcal{L}_{shared} + \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathcal{L}_{aux_t}.
\]

The \(\mathcal{L}_{shared}\) loss is backpropagated throughout UniFAD, while \(\mathcal{L}_{aux_t}\) is only responsible for updating the weights of the branch, \(B_t\), and the final classification layer. For the forward and backward passes of \(\mathcal{L}_{shared}\), an equal number of bona fide and attack samples are used for training. On the other hand, for training each branch, \(B_t\), we sample the equal number of bona fides and equal number of attack images from the attack partition \(P_t\).

Attack Detection. During testing, an image passes through the shared layers and then each branch of UniFAD outputs a decision whether the image is bona fide (values close to 0) or an attack (close to 1). The final decision layer outputs the final decision score. Unless stated otherwise, we use the final decision scores to report performance.

Attack Classification. Once an attack is detected, UniFAD can automatically classify the attack type and category. For all \(L\) attack types in the training set, we extract intermediate 128-dim feature vectors from \(T\) branches. The features are then concatenated and the mean feature across all \(L\) attack types is computed, such that, we have \(L\) feature vectors of size \(T \times 128\). For a detected attack, Cosine similarity is computed between the testing sample’s feature vector and the mean training features for \(L\) types. The predicted attack type is the one with the highest similarity score.
5. Experimental Results

5.1. Experimental Settings

Dataset. GrandFake consists of 25 face attacks from 3 attack categories. Both bona fide and fake faces are of varying quality due to different capture conditions.

Bona Fide Faces. We utilize faces from CASIA-WebFace [65], LFW [25], CelebA [40], SiW-M [38], and FFHQ [29] datasets since the faces therein cover a broad variation in race, age, gender, pose, illumination, expression, resolution, and acquisition conditions.

Adversarial Faces. We craft adversarial faces from CASIA-WebFace [65] and LFW [25] via 6 SOTA adversarial attacks: FGSM [21], PGD [42], DeepFool [47], AdvFaces [16], GFLM [1], and SemanticAdv [50]. These attacks were chosen for their success in evading SOTA AFR systems such as ArcFace [17].

Digital Manipulation. There are four broad types of digital face manipulation: identity swap, expression swap, attribute manipulation, and entirely synthesized faces [12]. We use all clips from FaceForensics++ [52], including identity swap by FaceSwap and DeepFake3, and expression swap by Face2Face [57]. We utilize two SOTA models, StarGAN [8] and STGAN [34], to generate attribute manipulated faces in Celeba [40] and FFHQ [29]. We use the pre-trained StyleGAN2 model4 to synthesize 100K fake faces.

Physical Spoofs. We utilize the publicly available SiW-M dataset [38], comprising 13 spoof types. Compared with other spoof datasets (Tab. 1), SiW-M is diverse in spoof attack types, environmental conditions, and face poses.

Protocol. As is common practice in face recognition literature, bona fides and attacks from CASIA-WebFace [65] are used for training, while bona fides and attacks for LFW [25] are sequestered for testing. The bona fides and attacks from other datasets are split into 70% training, 5% validation, and 25% testing.

Implementation. UniFAD is implemented in Tensorflow, and trained with a constant learning rate of $(1e^{-3})$ with a mini-batch size of 180. The objective function, $\mathcal{L}_{UniFAD}$, is minimized using Adam optimizer for $10^6$ iterations. Data augmentation during training involves random horizontal flips with a probability of 0.5.

Metrics. Studies on different attack categories provide their own metrics. Following the recommendation from IARPA ODIN program, we report the TDR @ 0.2% FDR5 and the overall detection accuracy (in Supp.).

5.2. Comparison with Individual SOTA Detectors

In this section, we compare the proposed UniFAD to prevailing face attack detectors via publicly available repositories provided by the authors (see Supp.).

Without Re-training. In Tab. 2, we first report the performance of 4 pre-trained SOTA detectors. These baselines were chosen since they report the best detection performance in datasets with largest numbers of attack types in their respective categories (see Tab. 1). We also report the performance of a generalizable spoof detector with sub-networks, namely MixNet. MixNet semantically assigns spoofs into groups (print, replay, and masks) for training each sub-network without any shared representation. We

| TDR (%) @ 0.2% FDR | Year | Proposed For | Adv. | Dig. Man. | Phys. | Overall | Time (ms) |
|-------------------|------|---------------|------|-----------|-------|---------|-----------|
|                   |      |               | 99.91 | 22.28     | 00.58 | 29.64   | 01.41     |
| FaceGuard [15]    | 2020 | Adversarial   | 99.86 | 41.56     | 04.35 | 56.69   | 01.41     |
| FFD [12]          | 2020 | Digital Manipulation | 76.06 | 91.32     | 87.43 | 68.25   | 11.57     |
| MixNet            | 2020 | Spoofs        | 08.23 | 27.67     | 89.19 | 43.26   | 02.22     |

Table 2: Detection accuracy (TDR (%) @ 0.2% FDR) on GrandFake dataset. Results on fusing FaceGuard [15], FFD [12], and SSRFCN [14] are also reported. We report time taken to detect a single image (on a Nvidia 2080Ti GPU). [Keys: Best, Second best]

3https://github.com/deepfakes/faceswap
4https://github.com/NVlabs/stylegan2
5https://www.iarpa.gov/index.php/research-programs/odin
find that pre-trained methods indeed excel in their specific attack categories, however, generalization performance across all 3 categories deteriorates catastrophically.

With Re-training. After re-training the 4 SOTA detectors on all 25 attack types, we find that they generalize better across categories. FaceGuard [15], FFD [12], SSRFCN [14], and One-Class [19], all employ a JointCNN for detecting attacks. Unsurprisingly, these defenses perform well on some attack categories, while failing on others.

For a fair comparison, we also modify MixNet, namely MixNet-UniFAD such that clusters are assigned via $k$-means with 4 branches. In contrast to MixNet-UniFAD, UniFAD (i) employs early shared layers for generic attack cues, and (ii) each branch learns to distinguish between bona fides and specific attack types. MixNet, on the other hand, assigns a bona fide label (0) to attack types outside a respective branch’s partition. This negatively impacts network convergence. Overall, we find that UniFAD outperforms MixNet-UniFAD with TDR 90.07% $\rightarrow$ 94.73% @ 0.2% FDR.

5.3. Comparison with Fused SOTA Detectors

We also comprehensively evaluate detection performance on fusing SOTA detectors. We utilize three best performing detectors from each attack category, namely FaceGuard [15], FFD [12], and SSRFCN [14]. Inspired by the Viola-Jones object detection [58], we adopt a sequential ensemble technique, namely Cascade [58], where an input probe is passed through each detector sequentially. We also evaluate 5 parallel score fusion rules (min, mean, median, max, and sum) and a SOTA ensemble technique, namely LightGBM [30]. More details are provided in Supp. Indeed, we observe an overhead in detection speed compared to the individual detectors in isolation, however, cascade, max-score fusion and LightGBM [30] can enhance the overall detection performance compared to the individual detectors at the cost of slower inference speed. Since the individual detectors still train with incoherent attack types, we find that proposed UniFAD outperforms all the considered fusion schemes.

In Fig. 2(a), we show the performance degradation of LightGBM [30], the best fusing baseline, w.r.t. UniFAD. We observe that among 4 clusters, the last 2 have the overall largest degradation. Interestingly, these 2 clusters are the only ones including attack types across different attack categories, learned via our $k$-mean clustering. In other words, the cross-category attacks types within a branch benefit each other, leading to the largest performance gain over [30]. This further demonstrates the necessity and importance of a unified detection scheme — the more attack types the detector sees, the more likely it would nourish among each other and be able to generalize.

5.4. Attack Classification

We classify the exact attack type and categories using the method described in Sec. 4.5. In Fig. 4, we find that UniFAD can predict the attack type with 75.81% classification accuracy. While predicting the exact type may be challenging, we highlight that majority of the misclassifications occurs within attack’s category. Without human intervention, once UniFAD is deployed in AFR pipelines, it can predict whether an input image is adversarial, digitally manipulated, or contains spoof artifacts with 97.37% accuracy.

5.5. Analysis of UniFAD

Architecture. We first ablate and analyze our architecture.

Ratio of Shared Layers. Our backbone network consists of a 4-layer CNN. In Fig. 5a, we report the detection performance when we incorporate 0, 1 (25%), 2 (50%), 3 (75%), and 4 (100%) layers for early sharing. We observe a trade-off between detection performance and the number of early layers: too many reduces the effects of learning task-specific features via branching, whereas, less number of shared layers inhibits the network from learning generic features that distinguish any attack from bona fides. We find that an even split results in superior detection performance.
Number of Branches. In Fig. 5b, we vary the number of branches (aux. tasks constructed via kMeans) and report the detection performance. Indeed, increasing the number of branches via additional clusters enhances detection performance. However, the performance saturates after 4 branches. UniFAD with 4 branches achieves TDR = 94.73% @ 0.2% FDR, whereas, 5 and 6 branches achieve TDRs of 94.33 and 94.62 at 0.2%, respectively. For $T = 5$, we notice that StyleGAN is isolated from Cluster 3 (see Fig. 2(c)) into a separate cluster. Learning to discriminate StyleGAN separately may offer no significant advantage than learning jointly with FGSM and PGD. Thus, we choose $T = 4$ due to lower network complexity and higher inference efficiency.

Branch Generalizability. In Fig. 6, scores from the 4 branches are used to compute the detection performance on attack types within respective partitions and those outside a branch’s partition (see Fig. 2(b)). Since attack types outside a branch’s partition are purportedly incoherent, we see a drop in performance; validating the drawback of JointCNN. We find that the lowest performance branch, Branch 4, also exhibits the best generalization performance across other attack types. This is likely because learning to distinguish bona fides from imperceptible perturbations from FGSM, PGD, and minute synthetic noises from StyleGAN yields a tighter decision boundary which may contribute to better generalization across digital attacks. Anti-spoofing (Branch 1) itself does not directly aid in detecting digital attacks.

Ablation Study. In Tab. 3, we conduct a component-wise ablation study over UniFAD. We study different partitioning techniques to group the 25 attack types. We employ semantic partitioning, $B_{Semantic}$ where attack types are clustered into the 3 categories. Another technique is to split the 25 attack types into 4 clusters randomly, $B_{Random}$. We report the mean and standard deviation across 3 trials of random splitting. We also report the performance of clustering via kMeans. We find that both $B_{Semantic}$ and $B_{Random}$ outperforms JointCNN. Thus, learning separate feature spaces via MTL for disjoint attack types can improve overall detection compared to a JointCNN. We also find that incorporating early shared layers into $B_{Semantic}$, namely $B_{SharedSemantic}$, can further improve detection from 86.17% → 92.44% TDR @ 0.2% FDR. However, as we observed in Fig. 2, even within semantic categories, some attack types may be incoherent. By automatic construction of auxiliary tasks with k-Means clustering and shared representation (Proposed), we can further enhance the detection performance to TDR = 94.73% @ 0.2% FDR.

Failure Cases. Fig. 7 shows a few failure cases. Majority of the failure cases for digital attacks are due to imperceptible perturbations. In contrast, failure to detect spoofs can likely be attributed to the subtle nature of transparent masks, blurring, and illumination changes.

6. Conclusions

With new and sophisticated attacks being crafted against AFR systems in both digital and physical spaces, detectors need to be robust across all 3 categories. Prevailing methods indeed excel at detecting attacks in their respective categories, however, they fall short in generalizing across categories. While, ensemble techniques can enhance the overall performance, they still fail to meet the desired accuracy levels. Poor generalization can be predominantly attributed towards learning incoherent attacks jointly. With a new multi-task learning framework along with k-means augmentation, the proposed UniFAD achieved SOTA detec-
tion performance (TDR = 94.73% @ 0.2% FDR) on 25 face attacks across 3 categories. UniFAD can further identify categories with a 97.37% accuracy. We are exploring whether an attention module can further improve detection, or the proposed approach can be applied to generic image manipulation detection beyond faces [36].

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A. Details

Here, we provide additional details on the proposed *GrandFake* dataset and *UniFAD* and baselines.

A.1. GrandFake Dataset

The *GrandFake* dataset is composed of several widely adopted face datasets for face recognition, face attribute manipulation, and synthesis. Specific details on the source datasets along with training and testing splits are provided in Tab. 4. We ensure that there is no identity overlap between any of the training and testing splits as follows:

1. We removed 84 subjects in CASIA-WebFace that overlap with LFW. In addition, CASIA-WebFace is only used for training, while LFW is only used for testing.

2. SiW-M comprises of high-resolution photos of non-celebrity subjects without any identity overlap with other datasets. Training and testing splits are composed of videos pertaining to different identities.

3. Identities in CelebA training set are different than those in testing.

4. FFHQ comprises of high-resolution photos of non-celebrity subjects on Flicker. FFHQ is utilized solely for bone fides in order to add diversity to the quality of face images.

A.2. Implementation Details

All the models in the paper are implemented using Tensorflow r1.12. A single NVIDIA GeForce GTX 2080Ti GPU is used for training *UniFAD* on *GrandFake* dataset. Code, pre-trained models and dataset will be publicly available.

**Preprocessing** All face images are first passed through MTCNN face detector [68] to detect 5 facial landmarks (two eyes, nose and two mouth corners). Then, similarity transformation is used to normalize the face images based on the five landmarks. After transformation, the images are resized to 160 × 160. Before passing into *UniFAD* and baselines, each pixel in the RGB image is normalized ∈ [−1, 1] by subtracting 128 and dividing by 128. All the testing images in the main paper and this supplementary material are from the identities in the test dataset.

**Network Architecture** The backbone network, JointCNN, comprises of a 4-layer binary CNN:

- d32, d64, d128, d256, fc128, fc1,

where dk denotes a 4 × 4 convolutional layer with k filters and stride 2 and fcN refers to a fully-connected layer with N neuron outputs.

The proposed *UniFAD* with 4 branches is composed of:

- Early Layers: d32, d64,
- Branch 1: d128, d256, fc128, fc1,
- Branch 2: d128, d256, fc128, fc1,
- Branch 3: d128, d256, fc128, fc1,
- Branch 4: d128, d256, fc128, fc1,

A.3. Digital Attack Implementation

Adversarial attacks are synthesized via publicly available author codes:

- FGSM/PGD/DeepFool: https://github.com/tensorflow/cleverhans
- AdvFaces: https://github.com/ronny3050/AdvFaces
- GFLM: https://github.com/alldbi/FLM
- SemanticAdv: https://github.com/AI-secure/SemanticAdv

Digital manipulation attacks are also generated via publicly available author codes:

- DeepFake/Face2Face/FaceSwap: https://github.com/ondyari/FaceForensics/tree/original
- STGAN: https://github.com/csmliu/STGAN
- StarGAN: https://github.com/yunjey/stargan
- StyleGAN-v2: https://github.com/NVlabs/stylegan2

A.4. Baseline Implementation

**Individual Detectors.** We evaluate all individual defense methods, except MixNet [53], via publicly available repositories provided by the authors. We provide the public links to the author codes below:

- FaceGuard [15]: https://github.com/ronny3050/FaceGuard
### Training

| Datasets  | # Total Samples | # Training | # Validation | # Testing |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| CelebA [40] | 193,506 | 134,954 | 500 | 58,052 |
| LFW [25] | 9,164 | 0 | 0 | 9,164 |
| FFHQ [29] | 20,999 | 14,200 | 500 | 6,299 |
| SiW-M [38] | 107,494 | 74,746 | 500 | 32,248 |
| Total | 341,738 | 233,975 | 2,000 | 105,763 |

### Validation

| Attacks  | # Total Samples | # Training | # Validation | # Testing |
|----------|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| DeepFake | 18,165 | 10,393 | 80 | 7,692 |
| Face2Face | 18,204 | 10,385 | 80 | 7,739 |
| FaceSwap | 14,492 | 8,299 | 80 | 6,113 |
| STGAN | 29,983 | 9,903 | 80 | 20,000 |
| StarGAN | 45,473 | 10,406 | 80 | 34,987 |
| StyleGAN | 76,604 | 10,919 | 80 | 65,605 |
| Total | 447,674 | 210,114 | 2,000 | 235,560 |

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Fusion of JointCNNs. In our work, we employ 5 parallel score-level fusion rules. For a testing input image, we extract three scores (in [0,1]) from three SOTA individual detectors (FaceGuard [15], FFD [12], and SSRFCN [14]). The final decision score is computed via the fusion rule operator, namely min, mean, median, max, and sum. LightGBM [30] is a tree-ensemble learning method where a Gradient Boosted Decision Tree is trained from the three scores (from individual SOTA detectors) to output to the final decision. We use Microsoft’s LightGBM implementation: https://github.com/microsoft/LightGBM. We train the LightGBM model on the training set of GrandFake.

### Additional Experiments

In this section, we compare the proposed UniFAD to prevailing face attack detectors under the seen attack scenario and also generalization performance under unseen attack types.

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**FFD** [12]: https://github.com/JStehouwer/FFD_CVPR2020

**SSRFCN** [14]: https://github.com/ronny3050/SSRFCN

**One-Class** [19]: https://github.com/anjith2006/bob.paper.oneclass_mccnn_2019

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**Table 4:** Composition and statistics for the proposed GrandFake dataset. We also include the evaluation protocol for the seen attack scenario (main paper). While SiW-M [38] is temporarily unavailable, we received a SiW-M-v2 dataset from the authors [38], which covers the same 13 different spoof types and will be released to the public as a replacement of SiW-M.
B.1. Seen Attacks

Tab. 5 reports the detection performance (TDR (%) @ 0.2% FDR and Accuracy (%)) of UniFAD and baselines on GrandFake dataset under the seen attack scenario. Training and testing splits are provided in Tab. 4. Overall, UniFAD outperforms all fusion schemes and baselines.

B.2. Generalizability to Unseen Attacks

Under this setting, we evaluate the generalization performance on 3 folds (see Fig. 8). The folds are computed as follows: we hold out 1/3 of the total attack types in a branch for testing and the remaining are used for training. For e.g., branch 1 consisting of 13 attack types are randomly split such that we test on 4 unseen attack types, while the remaining 9 attack types are used for training. We perform 3 folds of such random splitting. In total, each fold consists of 17 seen and 8 unseen attacks. For LightGBM, we utilize scores from FaceGuard [15], FFD [12], and SSRFCN [14] which are all trained only on the known attack types. We

| Method                | Year | Proposed For   | Metric   | Adv. | Dig. Man. | Phys. | Overall |
|-----------------------|------|---------------|----------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| FaceGuard [15]        | 2020 | Adversarial   | TDR      | 99.91| 22.28     | 00.58 | 29.64   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 99.78| 67.12     | 51.02 | 71.03   |
| FFD [12]              | 2020 | Digital Manipulation | TDR | 90.49| 94.57     | 01.25 | 34.55   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 56.42| 97.87     | 53.42 | 75.29   |
| SSRFCN [14]           | 2020 | Spoofs        | TDR      | 00.25| 00.76     | 93.19 | 22.71   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 50.01| 50.93     | 96.12 | 69.11   |
| MixNet [53]           | 2020 | Spoofs        | TDR      | 00.36| 69.83     | 78.21 | 21.12   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 50.43| 55.98     | 85.47 | 61.26   |
| FaceGuard [15]        | 2020 | Adversarial   | TDR      | 99.86| 41.56     | 04.35 | 56.69   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 99.71| 71.23     | 54.06 | 81.88   |
| FFD [12]              | 2020 | Digital Manipulation | TDR | 76.06| 91.32     | 87.43 | 68.25   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 87.15| 93.40     | 91.37 | 89.06   |
| SSRFCN [14]           | 2020 | Spoofs        | TDR      | 08.23| 27.67     | 89.10 | 43.26   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 54.02| 69.18     | 90.91 | 83.41   |
| One-class [19]        | 2020 | Spoofs        | TDR      | 04.81| 45.96     | 79.32 | 39.40   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 53.99| 64.08     | 86.65 | 80.74   |
| MixNet-UniFAD         | 2021 | All           | TDR      | 82.33| 91.59     | 94.60 | 90.07   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 89.32| 94.50     | 96.18 | 93.19   |
| Cascade [58]          | -    | -             | TDR      | 88.39| 81.98     | 69.19 | 77.46   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 91.33| 89.17     | 79.92 | 85.16   |
| Min-score             | -    | -             | TDR      | 03.65| 11.08     | 00.43 | 07.22   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 51.61| 66.76     | 50.88 | 55.62   |
| Median-score          | -    | -             | TDR      | 10.87| 42.33     | 47.19 | 39.48   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 55.12| 59.58     | 57.44 | 59.22   |
| Mean-score            | -    | -             | TDR      | 14.53| 47.18     | 61.32 | 38.23   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 55.69| 54.19     | 73.87 | 55.92   |
| Max-score             | -    | -             | TDR      | 09.32| 61.93     | 56.87 | 73.89   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 89.26| 68.11     | 60.08 | 69.93   |
| Sum-score             | -    | -             | TDR      | 74.93| 58.01     | 50.34 | 69.21   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 83.85| 67.48     | 64.72 | 73.10   |
| LightGBM [30]         | -    | -             | TDR      | 76.25| 81.28     | 88.52 | 85.97   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 84.19| 89.46     | 94.56 | 90.56   |

| Proposed UniFAD       | 2021 | All           | TDR      | 92.56| 97.21     | 98.76 | 94.73   |
|                       |      |               | Acc.     | 95.18| 98.32     | 98.96 | 96.89   |

Table 5: Detection performance (TDR (%) @ 0.2% FDR and Accuracy (%)) on GrandFake dataset under the seen attack scenario. [Keys: Best, Second best]

| Method               | Metric (%) | Fold 1 | Fold 2 | Fold 3 | Mean ± Std. |
|----------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| FaceGuard [15]       | TDR        | 41.38  | 54.19  | 36.82  | 44.13 ± 9.01 |
|                      | Acc.       | 58.42  | 64.19  | 55.74  | 59.45 ± 4.32 |
| FFD [12]             | TDR        | 53.19  | 62.45  | 52.94  | 56.20 ± 5.42 |
|                      | Acc.       | 66.15  | 69.33  | 67.86  | 67.78 ± 1.59 |
| SSRFCN [14]          | TDR        | 49.10  | 64.92  | 61.18  | 58.84 ± 8.26 |
|                      | Acc.       | 60.07  | 72.77  | 69.83  | 66.57 ± 6.64 |
| MixNet-UniFAD        | TDR        | 67.19  | 73.18  | 72.74  | 71.04 ± 3.33 |
|                      | Acc.       | 75.64  | 79.40  | 78.73  | 77.93 ± 2.00 |
| LightGBM             | TDR        | 51.65  | 65.73  | 67.91  | 61.76 ± 8.83 |
|                      | Acc.       | 69.34  | 73.66  | 75.80  | 72.93 ± 3.29 |
| Proposed UniFAD      | TDR        | 76.18  | 83.19  | 82.67  | 80.68 ± 3.91 |
|                      | Acc.       | 85.35  | 89.02  | 85.88  | 86.95 ± 2.32 |

Table 6: Generalization performance (TDR (%) @ 0.2% FDR and Accuracy (%)) on GrandFake dataset under unseen attack setting. Each fold comprises of 8 unseen attacks from all 4 branches. [Keys: Best, Second best]
report the detection performance and the average and standard deviation across all folds in Tab. 6.

We find that branching-based methods, such as MixNet-UniFAD and the proposed UniFAD, significantly outperforms JointCNN-based methods such as FaceGuard [15], FFD [12], SSRFCN [14], and LightGBM (fusion of the three). The superiority of the proposed UniFAD under unseen attacks is evident. By incorporating branches with coherent attacks, removing some attack types within a branch does not drastically affect the generalization performance.

In addition to superior generalization performance to unseen attack types, the proposed UniFAD also reduces the gap between seen and unseen attacks. Overall, the proposed UniFAD achieves 94.73% and 80.68% TDRs at 0.2% FDR under seen and unseen attack scenario. That is, we observe a relative reduction in TDR of 15% under unseen attacks, compared to the second best method, namely MixNet-UniFAD, which has a relative reduction in TDR of 22% under unseen attacks.

### C. Attack Category Classification

In Fig. 9, we find that UniFAD can predict the attack category with 97.37% classification accuracy. We emphasize that majority of the misclassifications occurs within the digital attack space. That is, misclassifying adversarial attacks as digital manipulation attacks and vice-versa.

Among spoofs, 1.7% of them are misclassified as digital manipulation attacks. Majority of these are makeup attacks which have some correlation with some digital manipulation attacks such as DeepFake, Face2Face, and FaceSwap (see Fig. 2 in main paper). We posit that this likely because cosmetic and impersonation attacks apply makeup to eyebrows and cheeks which may appear similar to ID-swapping methods such as DeepFake and Face2Face which also majorly alter the eyebrows and cheeks.

![Figure 8: Training and testing splits for generalizability study.](image-url)
Figure 9: Confusion matrix representing the classification accuracy of UniFAD in identifying the 3 attack categories, namely adversarial faces, digital face manipulation, and spoofs. Majority of confusion occurs within digital attacks (adversarial and digital manipulation attacks).