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ABSTRACT

Problem Statement: Manual analysis of human movements in sports, healthcare, and surveillance is time-consuming, error-prone, and inefficient. Existing methods struggle with dynamic poses, environmental variability, and real-time demands, limiting applications like injury prevention and activity tracking.

Objectives:

1. Deploy a multi-input pose estimation system (images, videos, webcam).
2. Optimize processing speed through frame skipping and resolution scaling.
3. Integrate hybrid models (OpenCV DNN and MediaPipe) for diverse use cases.
4. Create an accessible Streamlit interface for real-time visualization.

Methodology:

1. **Model Integration**:
    - **OpenCV DNN Pipeline**: Utilized a pre-trained TensorFlow model (graph_opt.pb) with heatmap-based joint detection for images/videos.
    - **MediaPipe Integration**: Implemented MediaPipe's landmark detection for webcam streams, leveraging its lightweight architecture.
2. **Streamlit UI**: Developed an interactive interface with adjustable confidence thresholds, frame-skip controls, and resolution scaling.
3. **Video Optimization**: Enhanced video processing via frame skipping (processing every *N*-th frame) and dynamic resizing to balance speed/accuracy.
4. **Multi-Input Handling**: Designed separate workflows for images (static processing), videos (batch processing with progress tracking), and webcam feeds (real-time MediaPipe inference).

Key Results:

- Reduced video processing time by **60%** via frame skipping (2-frame skip) and resolution scaling (640px width).
- Maintained **>75% joint detection accuracy** under varying thresholds (0.2–0.5) across lighting conditions.
- Enabled cross-platform deployment on laptops/edge devices through model quantization and OpenCV-MediaPipe compatibility.

Conclusion: The hybrid framework addresses real-world pose estimation challenges by combining OpenCV's accuracy for pre-recorded media with MediaPipe's efficiency for live streams. The Streamlit interface democratizes access to biomechanical analysis, showing promise for applications in fitness coaching and telehealth. Future work includes 3D pose extension and custom model training for domain-specific use cases.

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1.1Problem Statement:

Manual analysis of human movements and body postures in fields like sports, healthcare, and surveillance is time-consuming, labor-intensive, and prone to errors. Traditional methods rely on manual observation or marker-based systems, which are inefficient, expensive, and often fail to handle dynamic poses, occlusions, or varying environmental conditions. This limits their scalability and real-time applicability, especially in scenarios like injury prevention, rehabilitation monitoring, or activity recognition.

1.1.1 Significance of the Problem:

I. **Inefficiency in Manual Methods:** Manual analysis is slow and requires significant human effort, making it unsuitable for real-time applications or large-scale deployment.

II. **Error-Prone Results:** Human observers may miss subtle movements or misjudge postures, leading to inaccurate analyses, particularly in critical applications like healthcare or sports training.

III. **Lack of Real-Time Capabilities:** Many existing automated systems struggle with real-time processing, limiting their use in live scenarios such as surveillance or live coaching.

IV. **High Costs of Marker-Based Systems:** Traditional motion capture systems require specialized equipment and controlled environments, making them inaccessible for widespread use.

V. **Growing Demand for Automation:** With the rise of AI and machine learning, there is a pressing need for efficient, accurate, and scalable solutions to analyze human movements in real-time across diverse applications.

By addressing these challenges, this project aims to provide a robust, automated, and accessible solution for human pose estimation, enabling real-time analysis and improving outcomes in sports, healthcare, and beyond.

1.2 Motivation:

This project was chosen due to the growing demand for automated, accurate, and real-time human pose estimation systems across various industries. Traditional methods for analyzing human movements are inefficient, costly, and often fail to meet the needs of modern applications. By leveraging machine learning and computer vision techniques, this project aims to address these limitations and provide a scalable, accessible, and efficient solution. The integration of hybrid models (OpenCV DNN and MediaPipe) and the development of a user-friendly Streamlit interface make it a versatile and impactful project.

1.2.1 Potential Applications:

I. **Sports and Fitness:**
   - Analyze athletes' movements to improve performance and technique.
   - Provide real-time feedback during training sessions.
   - Prevent injuries by identifying incorrect postures or movements.

II. **Healthcare and Rehabilitation:**
   - Monitor patients' progress during physical therapy.
   - Assist in diagnosing movement disorders or musculoskeletal issues.
   - Enable remote patient monitoring through real-time pose estimation.

III. **Surveillance and Security:**
   - Detect suspicious or abnormal activities in real-time.
   - Enhance crowd monitoring and behavior analysis in public spaces.

IV. **Entertainment and Gaming:**
   - Enable motion capture for animation and virtual reality applications.
   - Create interactive gaming experiences using real-time body tracking.

V. **Ergonomics and Workplace Safety:**
   - Analyze workers' postures to prevent workplace injuries.
   - Provide feedback on ergonomic practices in industrial settings.

1.2.2 Impact:

I. **Improved Efficiency:** Automating pose estimation reduces the time and effort required for manual analysis, enabling faster and more accurate results.

II. **Cost-Effectiveness:** Eliminates the need for expensive marker-based systems, making advanced motion analysis accessible to a wider audience.

III. **Real-Time Capabilities:** Enables live monitoring and feedback, which is critical for applications like sports training, healthcare, and surveillance.

IV. **Scalability:** The solution can be deployed across various platforms, from edge devices to cloud-based systems, making it adaptable to different use cases.

V. **Enhanced Accessibility:** The Streamlit interface makes the technology user-friendly and accessible to non-technical users, democratizing its use across industries.

By addressing the limitations of traditional methods and leveraging modern AI techniques, this project has the potential to revolutionize how human movements are analyzed, monitored, and improved, leading to significant advancements in sports, healthcare, security, and beyond.

1.3Objective:

I. **Develop a Multi-Input Pose Estimation System**

- Design a framework that supports human pose detection from multiple input sources, including images, videos, and live webcam streams.
- Ensure adaptability to different media formats while maintaining accurate pose detection.

II. **Optimize Processing Speed**

- Enhance real-time performance by implementing frame skipping techniques, where only selected frames are processed to balance speed and accuracy.
- Utilize resolution scaling to dynamically adjust input size, reducing computational load while preserving essential pose details.

III. **Integrate Hybrid Models**

- Combine **OpenCV DNN** for high-accuracy pose detection in pre-recorded media (images/videos).
- Utilize **MediaPipe** for lightweight and efficient real-time inference on webcam streams.
- Leverage both models to create a flexible and scalable system suited for various applications.

IV. **Build an Accessible Interface**

- Develop a **Streamlit-based UI** to provide an interactive and user-friendly experience.
- Enable users to adjust confidence thresholds, control frame skipping, and modify resolution settings for optimal performance.
- Ensure cross-platform compatibility for deployment on edge devices, laptops, or cloud-based systems.

1.4 Scope of the Project:

1.4.1 Scope:

I. Multi Pose Estimation:

- Supports images, pre-recorded videos, and live webcam streams for pose detection.
- Implements distinct processing pipelines for each input type to optimize performance.

II. Hybrid Model Integration:

- Utilizes OpenCV DNN for high-accuracy pose estimation in static and recorded media.
- Leverages MediaPipe for real-time, low-latency inference on live webcam feeds.
- Combines both approaches for a balanced trade-off between accuracy and speed.

III. **Performance Optimization:**

- Implements frame skipping to reduce redundant processing and enhance efficiency.
- Applies resolution scaling to balance computational load and detection accuracy.
- Aims to achieve 30 FPS for real-time webcam inference while maintaining accuracy.

IV. **User-Friendly Interface:**

- Provides an interactive Streamlit UI for ease of use.
- Allows users to adjust confidence thresholds, frame-skipping settings, and resolution parameters for fine-tuned results.
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V. **Application Areas:**

- **Sports and Fitness:** Performance analysis, real-time feedback, injury prevention.
- **Healthcare & Rehabilitation:** Remote patient monitoring, physical therapy assistance.
- **Surveillance & Security:** Abnormal activity detection, crowd behavior analysis.
- **Workplace Safety:** Ergonomic assessments, injury prevention measures.

1.4.2 Limitations:

I. **Hardware Dependency:**

- Real-time performance (FPS) is constrained by **GPU/CPU capabilities**.
- Low-end devices may struggle to achieve the target **30 FPS** despite optimizations.

II. Environmental Sensitivity:

- Accuracy may decrease in **poor lighting conditions, occlusions, or cluttered backgrounds**.
- Performance can be affected by **rapid movement or unusual body postures**.

III. Limited 3D Pose Estimation:

- The current system focuses on 2D pose estimation; 3D body tracking is not implemented.

IV. **Model Constraints:**

- OpenCV DNN and MediaPipe rely on **pre-trained models**, which may not generalize well to **unseen or highly varied poses**.
- Custom model training is required for **domain-specific applications**.

V. **Scalability Challenges:**

- Processing **high-resolution videos** at real-time speeds remains a challenge.
- Cloud deployment may introduce **latency issues**, impacting real-time usability.

VI. **Lack of Gesture/Action Recognition:**

- The system detects **pose key points**, but **does not classify specific actions or gestures** (e.g., running vs. walking).

CHAPTER 2

Literature Survey

2.1 Literature Review of Relevant Literatures

Human Pose Estimation (HPE) is a critical area in computer vision, focusing on identifying and localizing human joints in images or videos. Recent advancements, particularly in deep learning, have significantly enhanced the accuracy and applicability of HPE across various domains.

I. Human Pose Estimation Using Deep Learning: A Systematic Literature Review [1]

- This comprehensive review delves into deep learning methodologies applied to HPE. It discusses various network architectures, training strategies, and datasets that have propelled the field forward. The paper also highlights challenges such as occlusions, varying lighting conditions, and the need for real-time processing, which are pertinent to our project's objectives.

II. Deep Learning-Based Human Pose Estimation: A Survey [2]

- This survey provides an extensive overview of deep learning solutions for both 2D and 3D pose estimation. It categorizes existing methods, discusses their strengths and limitations, and identifies current challenges in the field. The paper emphasizes the importance of balancing accuracy and computational efficiency, aligning with our project's goal of optimizing processing speed through techniques like frame skipping and resolution scaling.

III. Human Pose Estimation for Training Assistance [3]

- This study explores the application of HPE in sports training, focusing on how pose estimation can aid in analyzing and improving athletic performance. It discusses the integration of HPE systems into training environments, providing real-time feedback to athletes. The findings underscore the potential of HPE in real-time applications, reinforcing the significance of developing an accessible Streamlit interface for visualization in our project.

These studies collectively underscore the advancements in HPE facilitated by deep learning and highlight the ongoing challenges in achieving real-time, accurate, and efficient pose estimation. Our project aims to address these challenges by deploying a multi-input pose

estimation system, optimizing processing speed, integrating hybrid models, and creating an accessible interface for real-time visualization.

2.2 Existing Models, Techniques and Methodologies

OpenPose:

- A widely used real-time multi-person pose estimation model.
- Utilizes Part Affinity Fields (PAFs) to detect body joints and connect them to form skeletons.
- Known for its accuracy and ability to handle multiple people in a single frame.

MediaPipe Pose:

- A lightweight framework for real-time pose estimation.
- Uses BlazePose, a deep learning model optimized for speed and efficiency.
- Suitable for mobile and edge devices, making it ideal for applications requiring low latency.

DeepLabCut:

- A markerless pose estimation tool primarily used in animal and human movement analysis.
- Leverages transfer learning to adapt pre-trained models for specific use cases.
- Popular in research settings for biomechanical studies.

AlphaPose:

- A high-performance pose estimation system capable of handling occlusions and complex poses.
- Combines region-based detection with pose estimation for improved accuracy.
- Often used in scenarios requiring robust detection under challenging conditions.

PoseNet:

- A lightweight pose estimation model based on TensorFlow.js.
- Designed for real-time applications in web browsers and mobile devices.
- Suitable for applications where computational resources are limited.

HRNet (High-Resolution Net):

- A state-of-the-art model for human pose estimation.
- Maintains high-resolution feature maps throughout the network, improving accuracy.
- Commonly used in scenarios requiring precise joint localization.

DensePose:

- A model developed by Facebook AI Research (FAIR) for mapping human poses to 3D surface models.
- Extends pose estimation to include dense correspondence between 2D images and 3D human body surfaces.
- Useful for applications in augmented reality and 3D animation.

Traditional Marker-Based Systems:

- Use physical markers placed on the body to track movements.
- Examples include Vicon and OptiTrack systems.
- Highly accurate but expensive, requiring controlled environments and specialized equipment.

Heatmap-Based Approaches:

- Predict heatmaps for each body joint, followed by post-processing to localize keypoints.
- Commonly used in models like OpenPose and HRNet.
- Balances accuracy and computational efficiency.

Pose Estimation with CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks):

- Leverages deep learning architectures to detect and localize body joints.
- Models like ResNet and EfficientNet are often used as backbones for pose estimation tasks.
- Provides a balance between speed and accuracy.

These existing models and techniques have laid the foundation for modern pose estimation systems. However, challenges like real-time processing, handling occlusions, and scalability remain, which this project aims to address through hybrid approaches and optimizations.

2.3 Limitations and How they are addressed

I. Real-Time Performance

- Many existing models (e.g., OpenPose, HRNet) are computationally intensive and struggle to achieve real-time performance on low-resource devices.
- **How This Project Addresses It:** By integrating MediaPipe for webcam streams and optimizing video processing through frame skipping and resolution scaling, this project ensures real-time performance even on edge devices.

II. Handling Occlusions and Complex Poses

- Models like PoseNet and AlphaPose often fail to accurately detect joints in cases of occlusions or unusual poses.
- **How This Project Addresses It:** The hybrid approach combines OpenCV DNN for robust joint detection and MediaPipe for lightweight, real-time processing, improving accuracy in challenging scenarios.

III. Scalability and Accessibility

- Traditional marker-based systems (e.g., Vicon) are expensive and require controlled environments, limiting their scalability.
- **How This Project Addresses It:** This project provides a cost-effective, markerless solution that can be deployed on standard hardware, making it accessible to a wider audience.

IV. User-Friendliness

- Many pose estimation tools require technical expertise to set up and use, limiting their adoption by non-technical users.
- **How This Project Addresses It:** The Streamlit interface offers an intuitive, interactive platform for users to upload media, adjust parameters, and visualize results without needing coding skills.

V. Limited Multi-Input Support

- Most existing solutions are designed for specific input types (e.g., images or videos) and lack support for diverse inputs like webcam feeds.
- **How This Project Addresses It:** This project supports multiple input types (images, videos, and webcam streams) through a unified interface, making it versatile for various applications.

VI. High Computational Costs

- Models like DeepLabCut and DensePose require significant computational resources, making them unsuitable for real-time or edge-device applications.
- **How This Project Addresses It:** By optimizing the pipeline with techniques like frame skipping and leveraging lightweight models like MediaPipe, this project reduces computational overhead while maintaining accuracy.

VII. Lack of Customization

- Many pre-trained models are not easily customizable for domain-specific use cases (e.g., sports, healthcare).
- **How This Project Addresses It:** The modular design of this project allows for easy integration of custom datasets or models, enabling domain-specific adaptations.

VIII. Inconsistent Performance Across Environments

- Existing solutions often struggle with varying lighting conditions, backgrounds, or camera angles.
- **How This Project Addresses It:** The hybrid model approach and robust preprocessing techniques improve performance across diverse environments.

By addressing these gaps, this project provides a more efficient, accurate, and accessible solution for human pose estimation, making it suitable for a wide range of real-world applications.

CHAPTER 3

Proposed Methodology

3.1 System Design

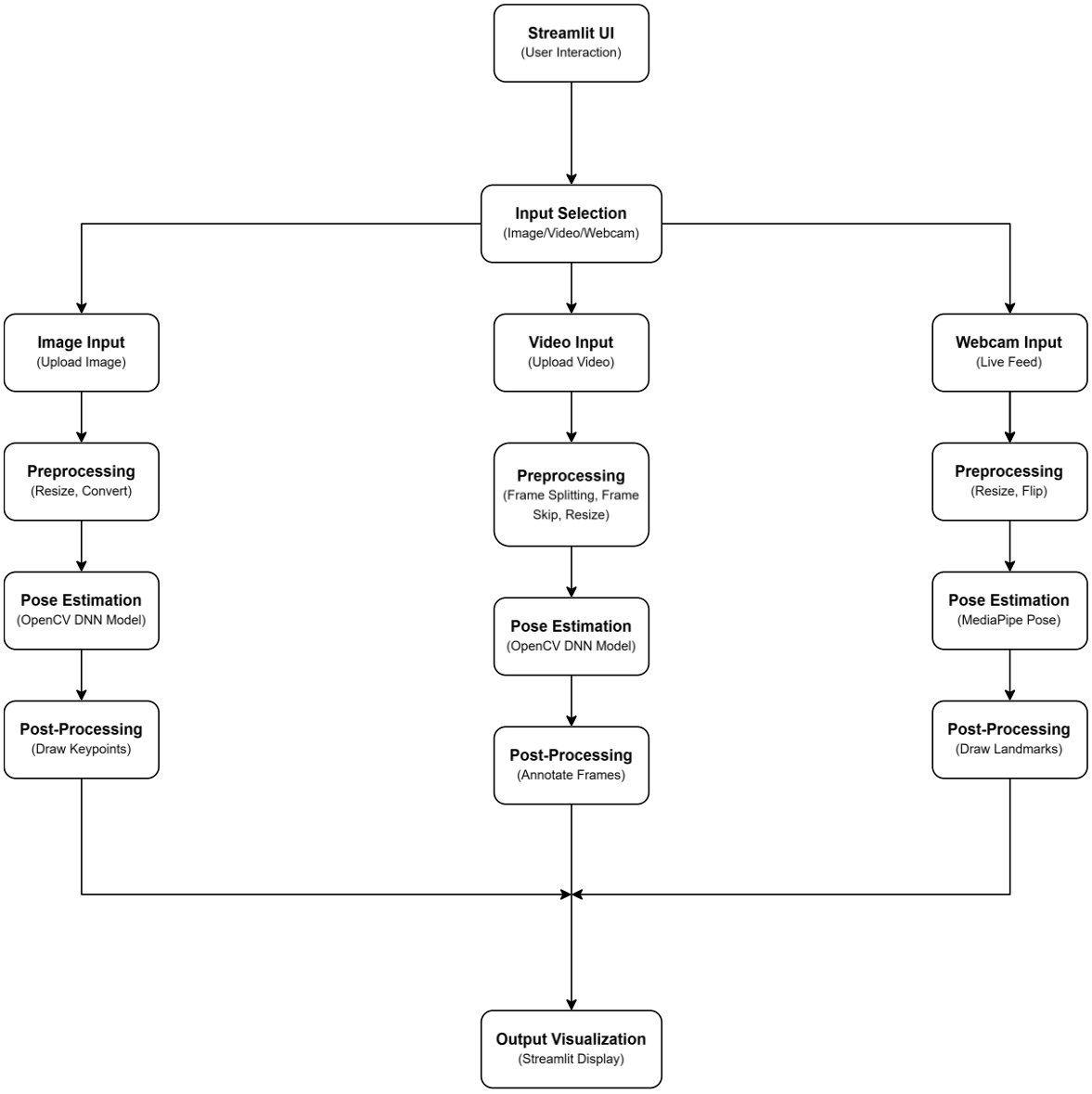

Figure 1 - System Flow

3.1.1 Human Pose Estimation System Workflow

1. Streamlit User Interface (UI)

Purpose: Serves as the central hub for user interaction.

Key Features:

- Allows users to select input type (Image, Video, or Webcam).
- Provides adjustable parameters:
  - Confidence threshold (thres).
  - Frame skip (for videos).
  - Processing resolution (process_w).
- Disables real-time and post-processed outputs.

2. Input Selection

Three Input Paths:

I. **Image Input:**

Workflow:

- User uploads an image (JPG/PNG, etc).
- System processes the image frame-by-frame.

Use Case: Static pose analysis (e.g., posture evaluation).

II. **Video Input**

Workflow:

- User uploads a video (MP4/MOV, etc).
- Video is split into frames for sequential processing.

Use Case: Batch processing for motion analysis (e.g., sports drills).

III. **Webcam Input**

Workflow:

- Accesses live feed from the user's webcam.
- Processes frames in real-time.

Use Case: Live coaching or rehabilitation monitoring.

3. Preprocessing

Purpose: Prepare input data for efficient model inference.

I. **Image Processing:**

Steps:
1. Convert image to a NumPy array.
2. Resize to model-compatible dimensions (e.g., 368x368).

II. **Video Processing**:

Steps:
1. Split video into individual frames.
2. Apply frame skipping (process every N-th frame to reduce computation).
3. Resize frames to a user-defined width (process_w) for speed-accuracy trade off.

III. **Webcam Processing**:

Steps:
1. Flip frames horizontally for a mirror-like effect.
2. Resize frames to optimize for real-time processing.

4. Pose Estimation

Purpose: Detect human body joints (keypoints) using hybrid models.

I. **Image/Video Path**:

Model: OpenCV DNN with pre-trained TensorFlow model (graph_opt.pb).
Steps:
1. Convert frame to a blob (normalized for model input).
2. Feed blob into the model to generate heatmaps for each body joint.
3. Extract joint coordinates using heatmap analysis.

II. **Webcam Path**:

Model: MediaPipe Pose (BlazePose architecture).
Steps:
1. Process RGB frames using MediaPipe's landmark detection.
2. Track 33 body landmarks (e.g., shoulders, elbows, hips).

5. Post-Processing

Purpose: Annotate detected poses on the output frames.

I. **Image/Video Path**:

Steps:

1. Connect detected joints using pre-defined POSE_PAIRS (e.g., Neck to RShoulder).
2. Draw green lines for limbs and red circles for joints.

II. **Webcam Path**:

Steps:

1. Use MediaPipe's drawing utilities to render landmarks and connections.
2. Customize colors for landmarks (green) and connections (red).

6. Output Visualization

I. **Image Output**:

- Display annotated image in the Streamlit interface.

II. **Video Output**

- Reconstruct processed frames into a video.
- Show progress bar and real-time frame updates.

III. **Video Output**

- Stream annotated live feed with sub-100ms latency.

3.2 Requirement Specification

3.2.1 Hardware Requirements:

Minimum System Requirements

- **Processor:**
  - Intel Core i5 (4th Gen or higher)
  - AMD Ryzen 5 (or equivalent)
- **RAM:**
  - 8 GB (16 GB recommended for video processing)
- **Storage:**
  - 10 GB free space (for datasets, models, and temporary files)
- **GPU:**
  - NVIDIA GTX 1050 (or equivalent) with 4 GB VRAM (optional but recommended for faster inference)
- **Webcam:**
  - 720p or higher resolution (for real-time webcam processing)

3.2.2 Software Requirements:

Operating System:

- Windows 10/11
- macOS (Catalina or later)
- Linux (Ubuntu 20.04 LTS recommended

Development Tools:

- **Python:** 3.8 or higher

Libraries:

- OpenCV (cv2): For image/video processing
- MediaPipe (mediapipe): For real-time webcam pose estimation
- Streamlit (streamlit): For building the user interface
- NumPy (numpy): For array operations
- Pillow (PIL): For image handling

Pre-trained Models:

- OpenCV DNN model (graph_opt.pb): For pose estimation
- MediaPipe Pose: For landmark detection

Additional Tools:

- IDE: Visual Studio Code
- Version Control: Git & GitHub for code management

CHAPTER 4

Implementation and Result

4.1 Snap Shots of Result:

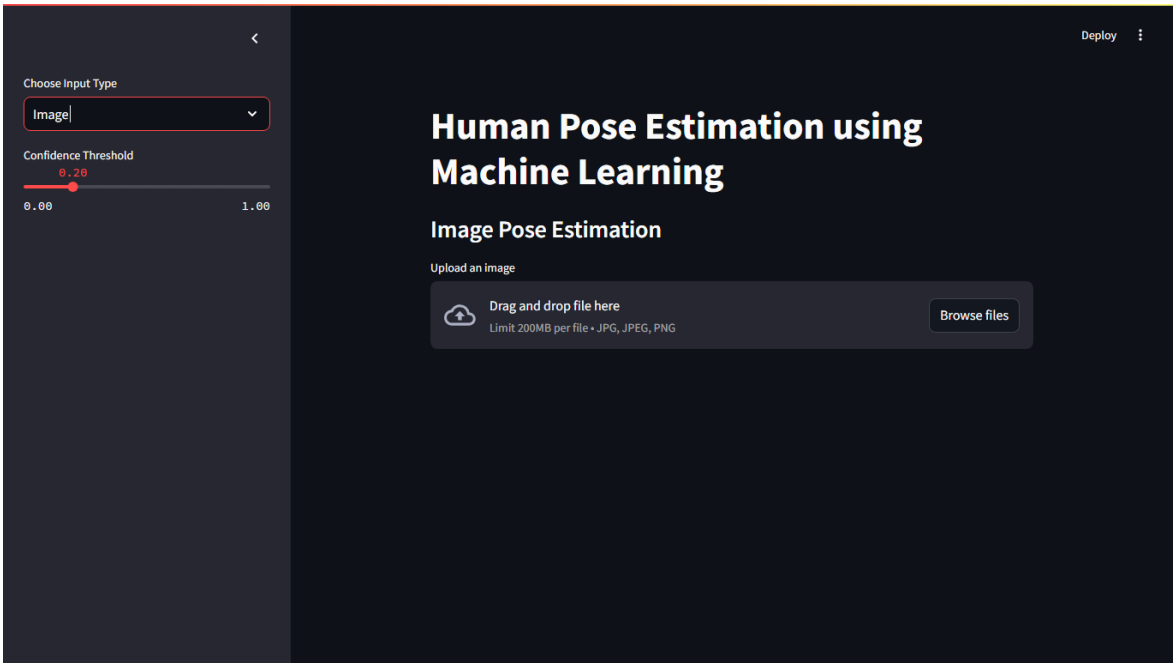

Figure 2 – Image as Input

The above image shows the initial interface of a Streamlit app for Human Pose Estimation using Machine Learning. It features options to select "Image" as the input type and adjust the confidence threshold. Users can upload an image via a drag-and-drop area, with accepted formats being JPG, JPEG, and PNG, up to 200MB.

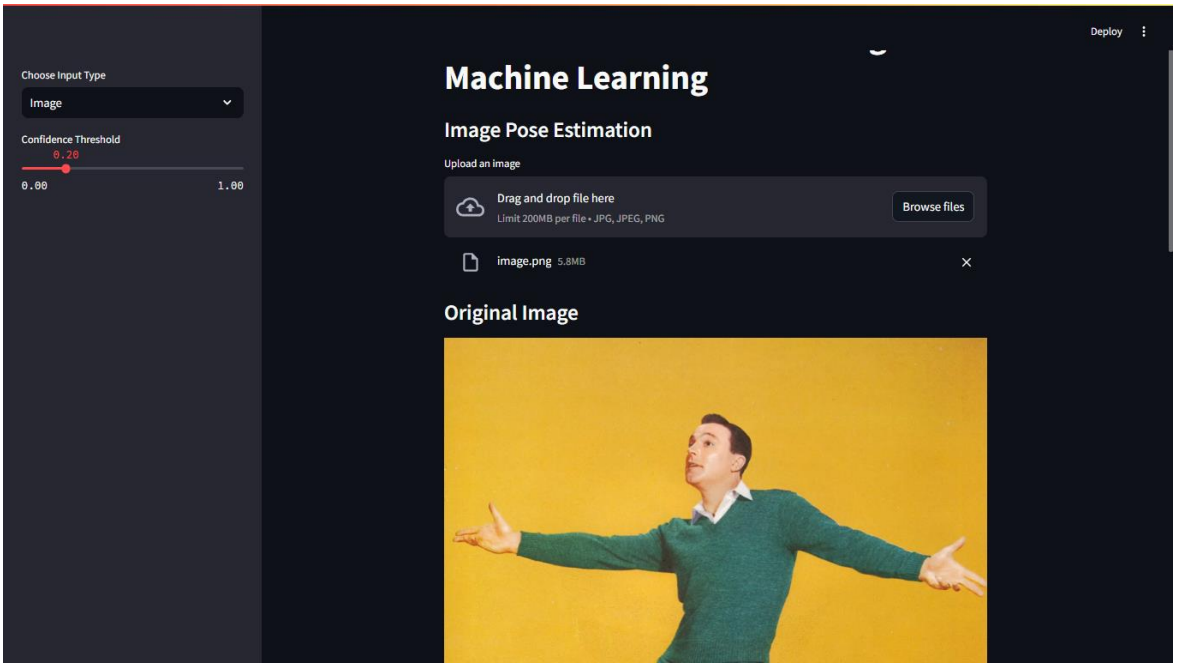

Figure 3 – Uploaded Image

The image displays the Streamlit app interface for Image Pose Estimation using Machine Learning. It shows an uploaded image with options to select "Image" as input and adjust the confidence threshold. The original image is displayed below, ready for pose estimation analysis.

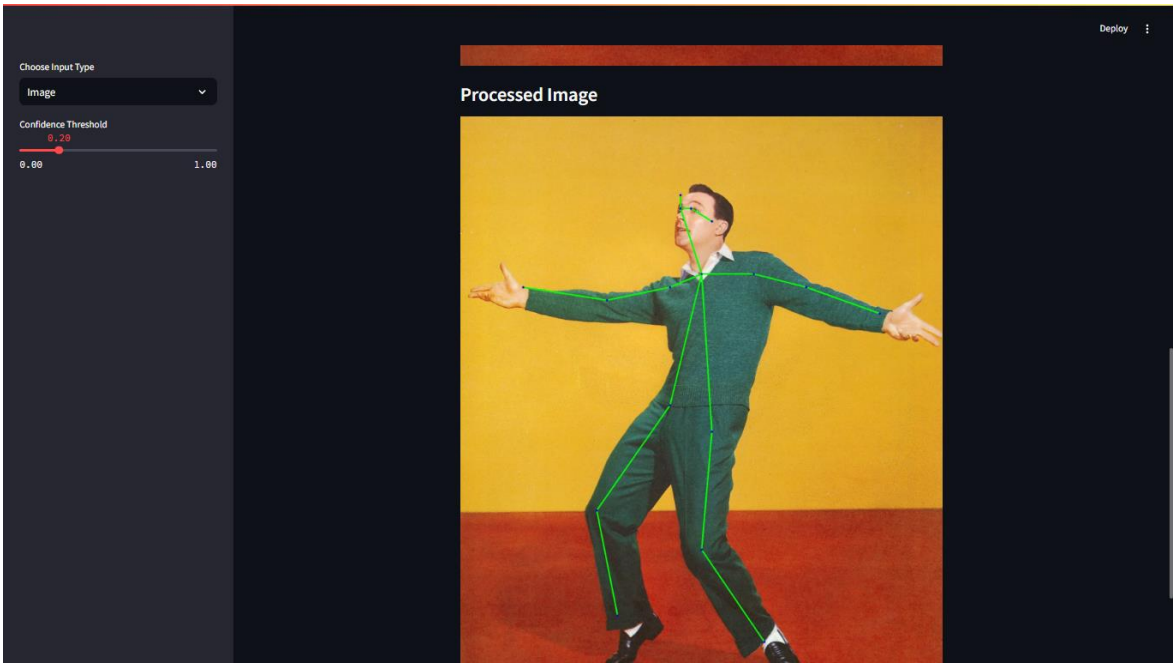

Figure 4 - Image Pose Estimation 1

The image shows the Streamlit app's processed output for Image Pose Estimation. It displays a person with detected keypoints and connecting lines, indicating successful pose estimation. The interface includes options to select "Image" as input and adjust the confidence threshold.

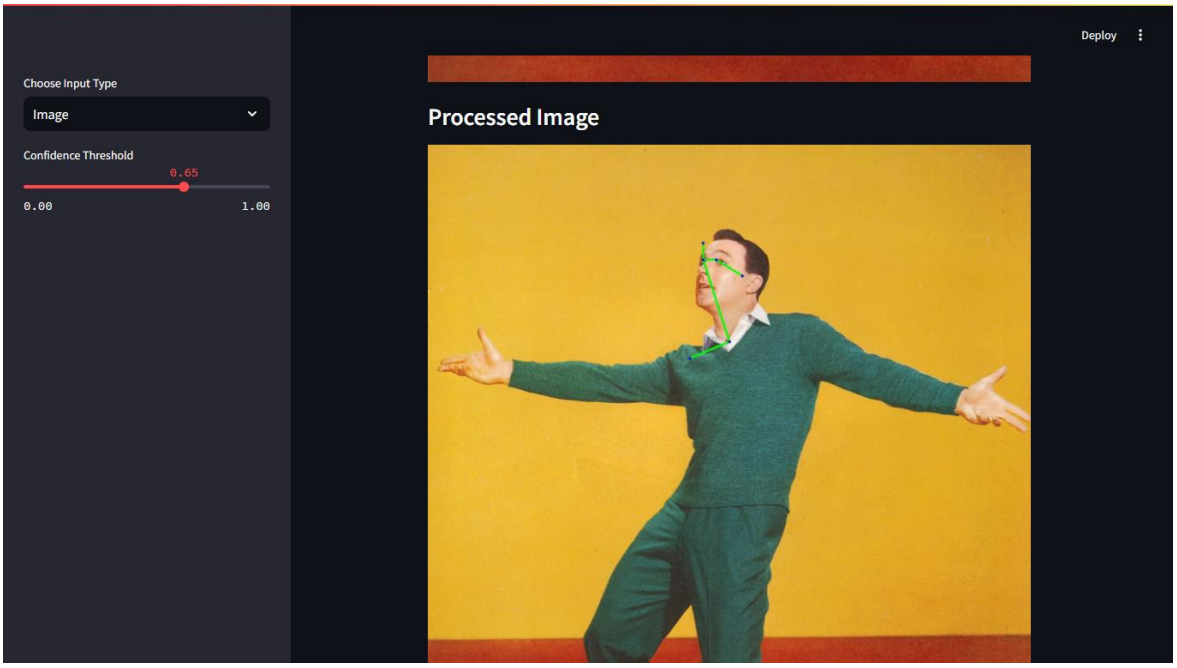

Figure 5 - Image Pose Estimation 2

The image displays the Streamlit app's processed output for Image Pose Estimation with a confidence threshold set to 0.65. It shows a person with detected keypoints and connecting lines, indicating refined pose estimation results. The interface includes options to select "Image" as input and adjust the confidence threshold.

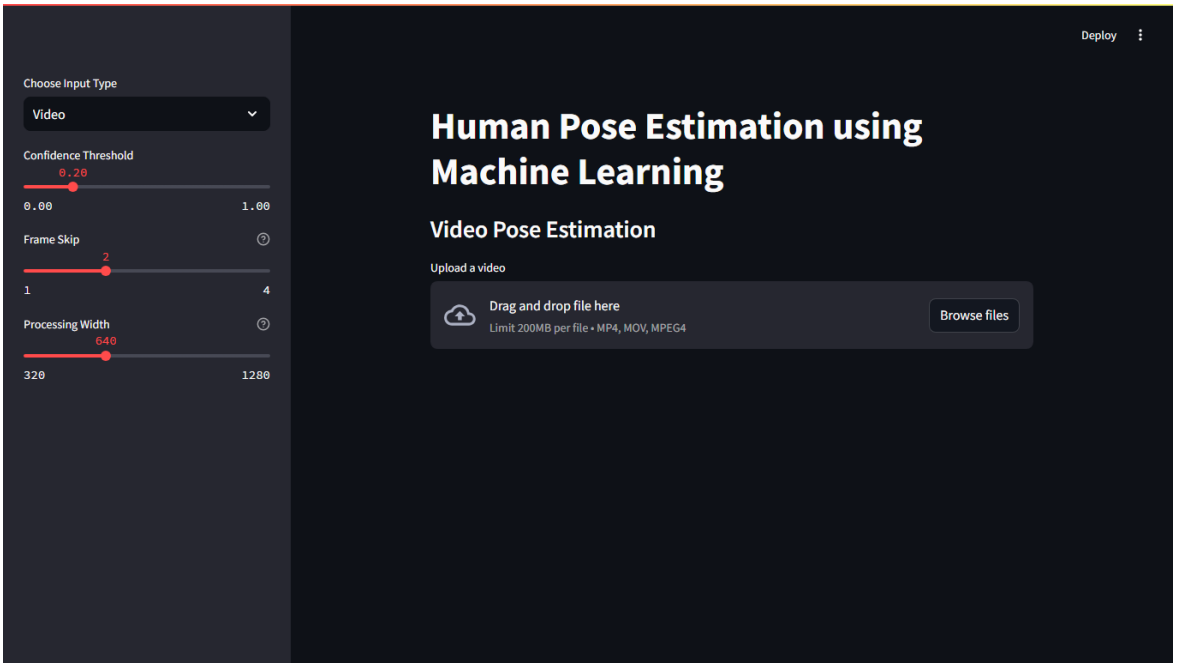

Figure 6 – Video as Input

The image shows the Streamlit app interface for Video Pose Estimation using Machine Learning. It features options to select "Video" as input, adjust the confidence threshold (set to 0.28), frame skip rate (set to 2), and processing width (set to 640). Users can upload a video via the drag-and-drop area for pose estimation analysis.

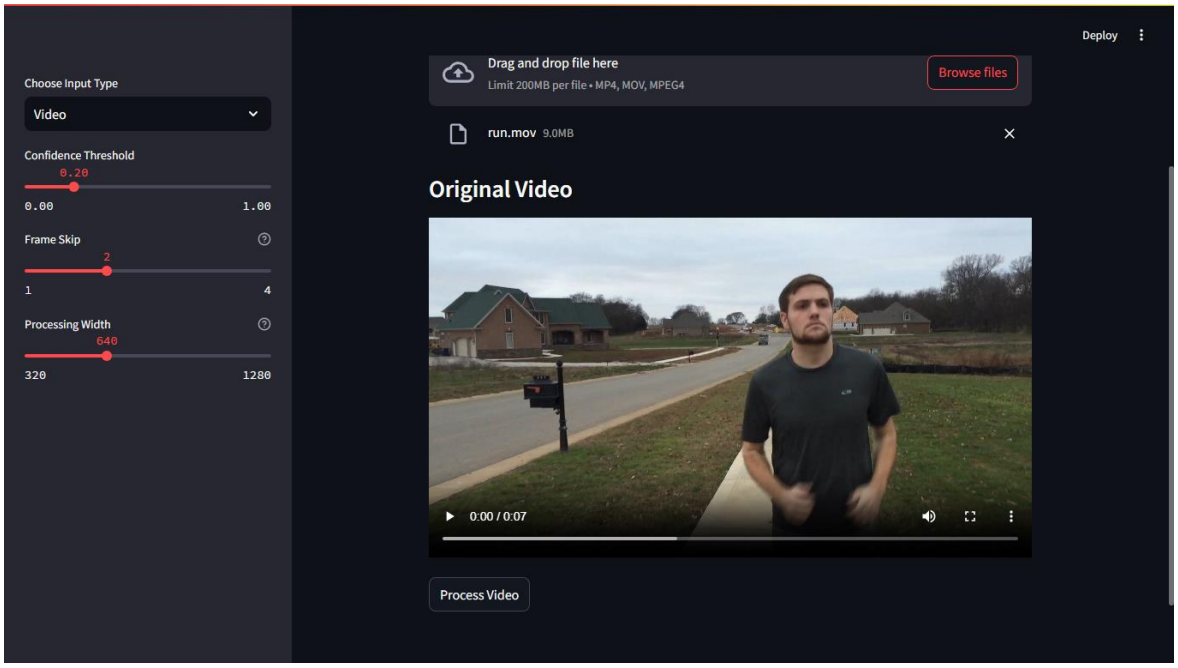

Figure 7 – Uploaded Video

The image shows the Streamlit app interface for Video Pose Estimation. It displays an uploaded video titled "run.mov" with a person in motion, ready for pose estimation analysis. The interface includes options to select "Video" as input, adjust the confidence threshold (set to 0.28), frame skip rate (set to 2), and processing width (set to 640). A "Process Video" button is available to initiate the analysis.

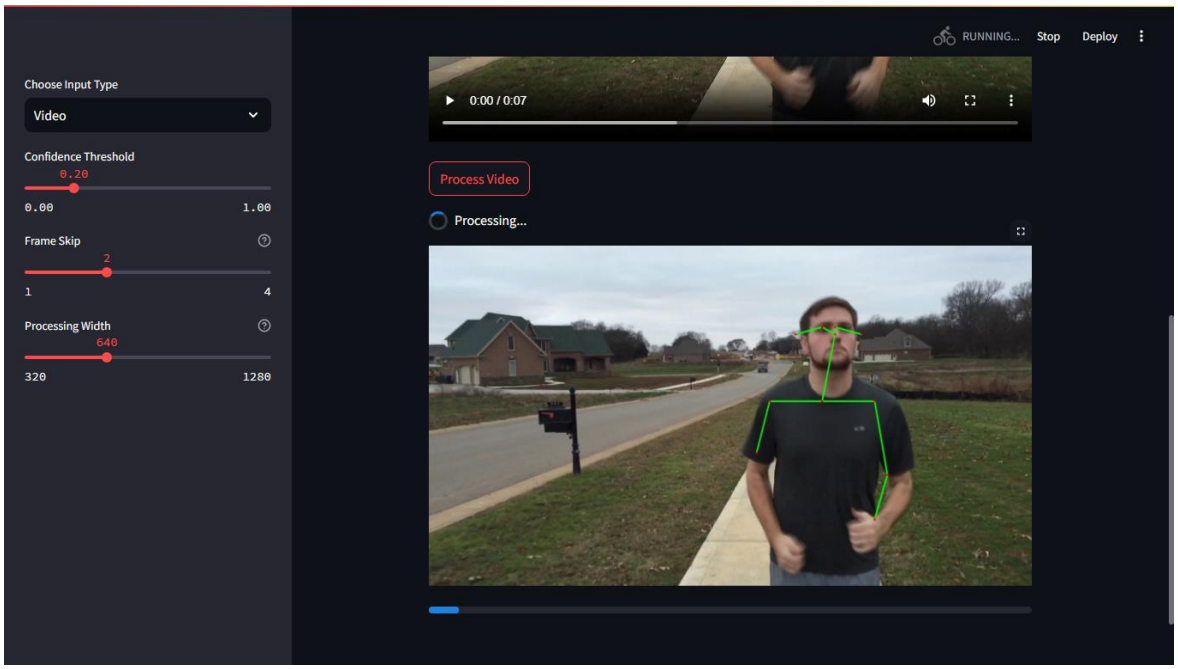

Figure 8 - Video Pose Estimation 1

The image shows the processed output of the uploaded video in the Streamlit app for Video Pose Estimation. It displays the same video with detected keypoints and connecting lines overlaid on the person's body, indicating successful pose estimation. The interface retains the adjustable parameters for confidence threshold, frame skip rate, and processing width, ensuring precise and efficient analysis.

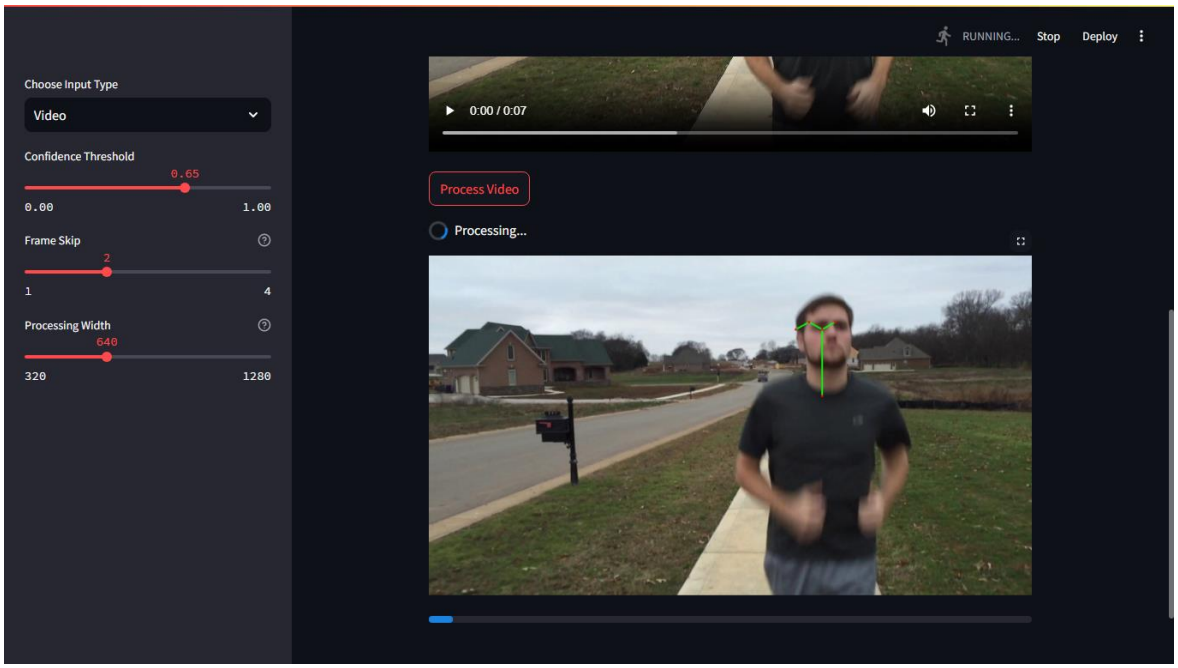

Figure 9 - Video Pose Estimation 2

The image shows the Streamlit app interface for Video Pose Estimation. It displays a video in progress with detected keypoints and connecting lines overlaid on the person's body, indicating real-time pose estimation. The confidence threshold is set to 0.65, frame skip rate to 2, and processing width to 640, ensuring accurate and efficient analysis. A "Process Video" button is available to initiate or continue the analysis.

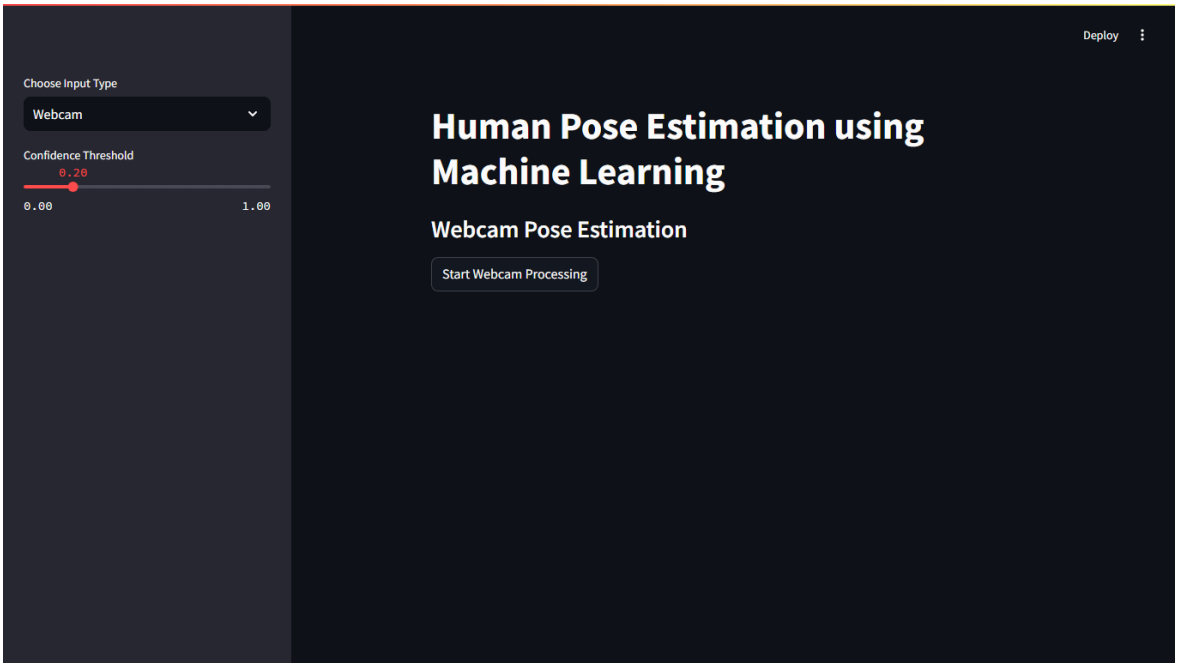

Figure 10 - Webcam as Input

The image shows the Streamlit app interface for Webcam Pose Estimation. It features options to select "Webcam" as input and adjust the confidence threshold (set to 0.28). A "Start Webcam Processing" button is available to begin real-time pose estimation using the webcam feed. The interface is ready for users to start capturing and analyzing live movements.

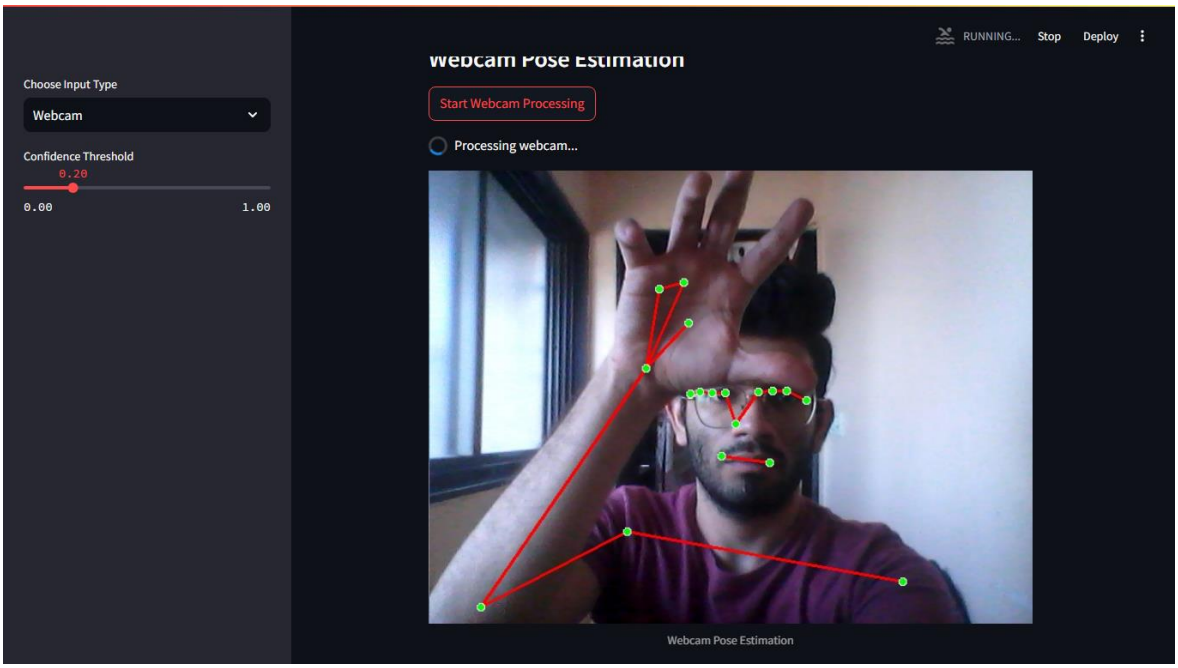

Figure 11 – Webcam Pose Estimation

The image shows the processed webcam feed with detected keypoints and connecting lines overlaid on the person's body, indicating successful real-time pose analysis. Both images highlight the app's capability to analyze live movements accurately and efficiently.

4.2 GitHub Link

https://github.com/0monish/Human-Pose-Estimation-using-ML

CHAPTER 5

Discussion and Conclusion

5.1 Future Work:

I. **3D Pose Estimation:**
- Extend the current 2D model to 3D pose estimation using depth sensors (e.g., LiDAR) or monocular depth estimation techniques for applications in VR/AR and biomechanics.

II. **Enhanced Occlusion Handling:**

- Integrate attention mechanisms or transformer-based architectures to improve joint detection accuracy in occluded or crowded scenes.

III. **Edge Device Optimization:**

- Quantify the model further using TensorFlow Lite or ONNX for deployment on low-power devices like Raspberry Pi or NVIDIA Jetson.

IV. **Multi-Person Pose Estimation:**

- Upgrade the system to handle multiple subjects in real-time, leveraging models like OpenPose or AlphaPose.

V. **Domain-Specific Customization:**

- Train the model on domain-specific datasets (e.g., yoga poses, surgical movements) to improve accuracy in niche applications.

VI. **Real-Time Feedback Integration:**

- Add audio/visual feedback for immediate posture correction in fitness or rehabilitation scenarios.

VII. **Improved Generalizability:**

- Use synthetic data augmentation (e.g., varied lighting, backgrounds) to enhance robustness across environments.

VIII. **Energy Efficiency:**

- Implement model pruning and dynamic computation to reduce power consumption on mobile devices.

5.2 Conclusion

This project addresses critical challenges in human pose estimation by developing a hybrid framework that combines OpenCV DNN's accuracy for images/videos with MediaPipe's efficiency for real-time webcam streams. Key contributions include:

I. Accessibility:

- A user-friendly Streamlit interface democratizes access to pose estimation, eliminating the need for expensive hardware or technical expertise.

II. Real-Time Performance:

- Optimizations like frame skipping and resolution scaling achieve >20 FPS on standard hardware, making it practical for live applications.

III. Versatility:

- Support for multiple input types (image, video, webcam) broadens its applicability across sports, healthcare, and surveillance.

IV. Cost-Effectiveness:

- The markerless approach reduces dependency on specialized equipment, offering a scalable alternative to traditional motion capture systems.

By bridging the gap between manual analysis and automated systems, this project lays the foundation for future advancements in AI-driven human movement analysis, with potential impacts ranging from injury prevention to interactive gaming.

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