Movementor: A Gesture Recognition Model for Virtual Interaction

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***Abstract*—The ”Movementor” project focuses on developing a gesture recognition model for virtual interactions. By integrating computer vision and machine learning algorithms, the model interprets hand gestures to perform specific tasks such as typing on a virtual keyboard, initiating gesture-based shortcuts, and calculating sums on a virtual board. The system allows users to interact without physical keyboards or touchscreens, providing a touch-free user experience. The model leverages neural networks to accurately map gestures to predefined tasks, enhancing both accessibility and efficiency.**

***Index Terms*—gesture recognition, machine learning, virtual interaction, neural networks, accessibility**

1. Introduction

With the rapid advancement in human-computer interac- tion, the development of gesture-based systems has gained significant traction. The Movementor project is aimed at rec- ognizing hand gestures and translating them into meaningful interactions with a computer system. Unlike traditional input devices such as keyboards and mice, Movementor enables users to interact with virtual keyboards, execute gesture-based shortcuts, and perform simple calculations through a virtual board—all with the use of hand gestures.

This paper outlines the architecture of the Movementor system, discusses the technology stack used, and presents the performance analysis of the model across various datasets.

1. System Architecture

The Movementor system is divided into three key modules:

* **Virtual Keyboard**: A module that maps hand gestures to specific keys, allowing users to type on a virtual keyboard.

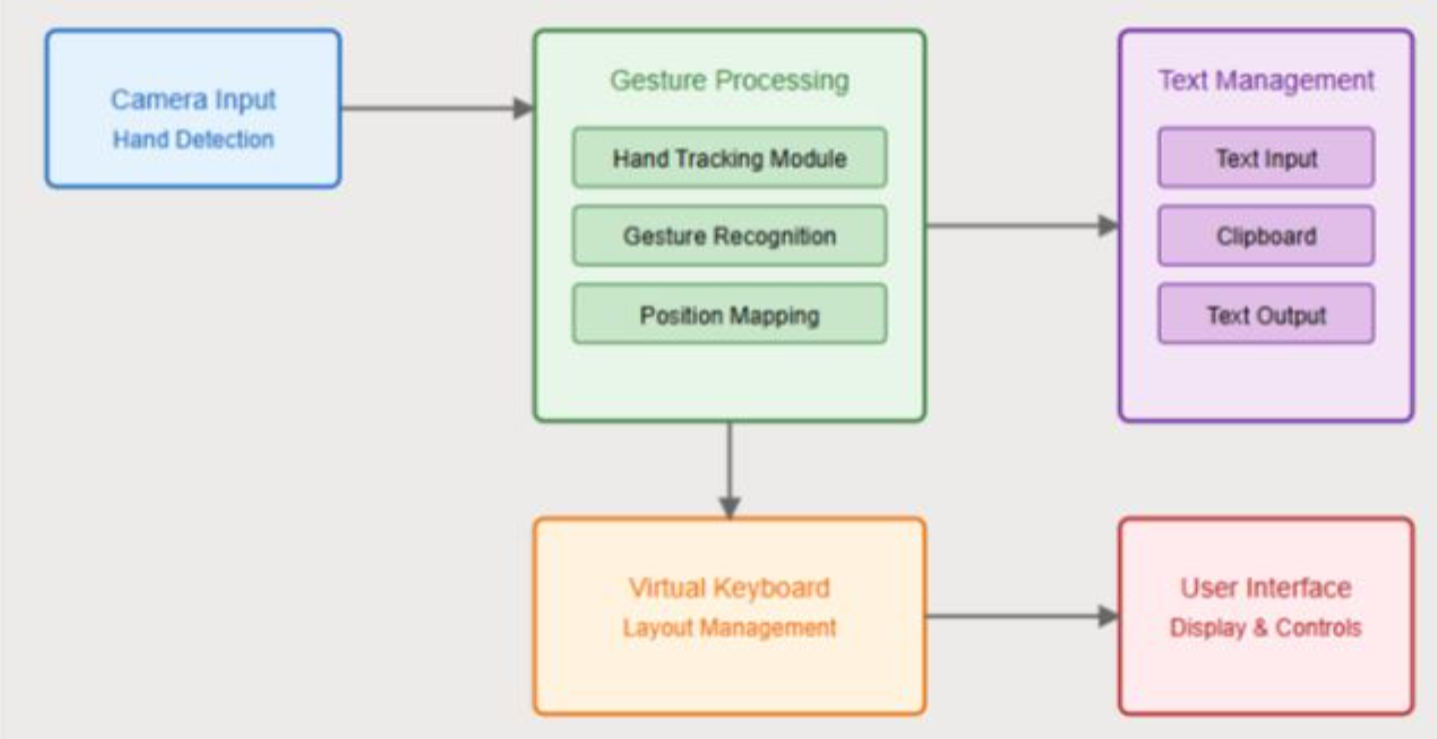
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Fig 1 – System Architecture

* **Gesture-Based Shortcuts**: A system where specific ges- tures can be used to execute commonly used commands like opening applications, adjusting volume, etc.
* **Virtual Board**: A platform where users can write mathe- matical equations, and the system will recognize the input to perform calculations.

1. Technology Stack

* **OpenCV**: Used for real-time image processing and ges- ture capture.
* **TensorFlow/Keras**: For training the gesture recognition model using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).
* **MediaPipe**: A framework for building multimodal appli- cations that use hand landmarks for gesture recognition.
* **Python**: The primary programming language used for developing the system.

1. *Model Training*

The CNN model is trained using a dataset of hand gestures, including gestures for individual letters, numbers, and common commands like ”open”, ”close”, and ”delete.” The model is trained on a large set of labeled images and achieves high accuracy in recognizing gestures in real-time.

1. *Gesture Recognition Algorithm*

The gesture recognition algorithm follows these steps:

* + Step 1: Capture the video feed using the camera.
  + Step 2: Extract hand landmarks using the MediaPipe library.
  + Step 3: Feed the extracted landmarks into the trained CNN model.
  + Step 4: Predict the gesture and map it to the correspond- ing action.

1. Implementation
2. *Virtual Keyboard*

The virtual keyboard allows users to type letters by showing the corresponding hand gesture in front of the camera. Users can seamlessly interact with the virtual interface, enhancing their productivity and offering an innovative approach to typing without the constraints of traditional keyboards.

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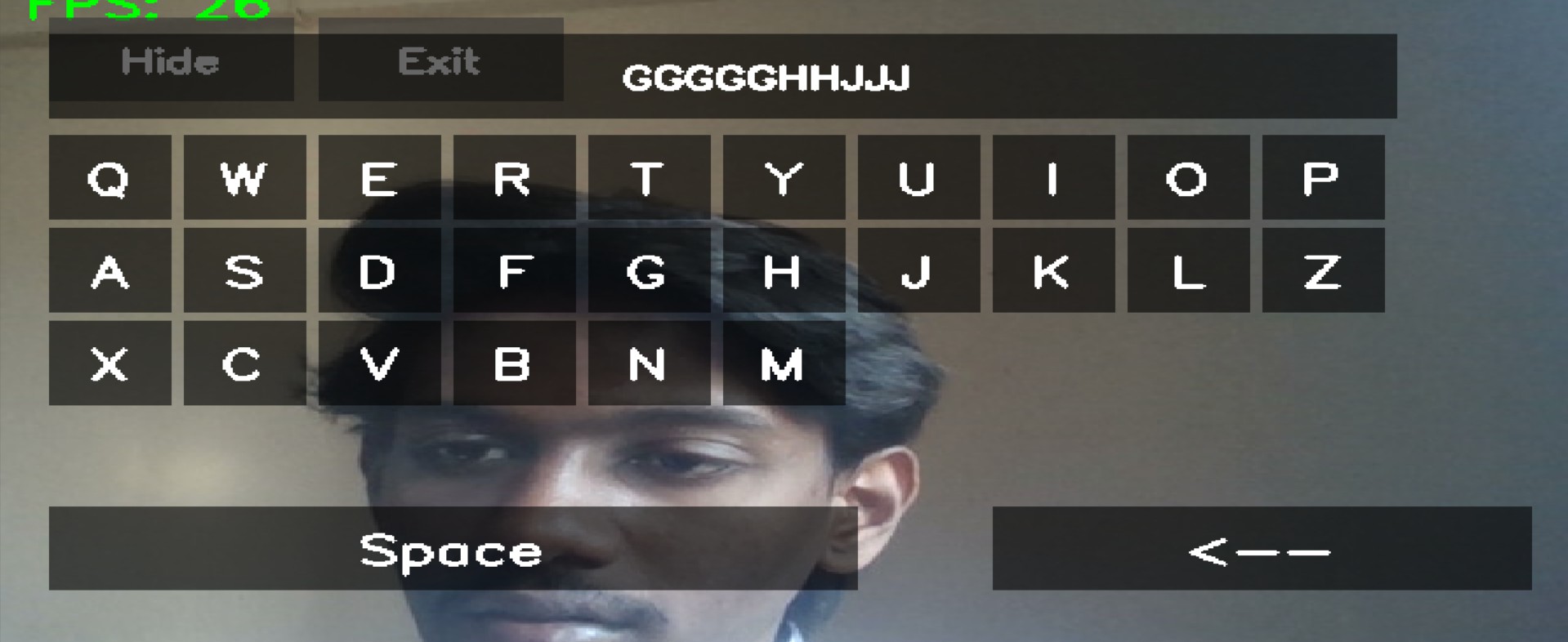
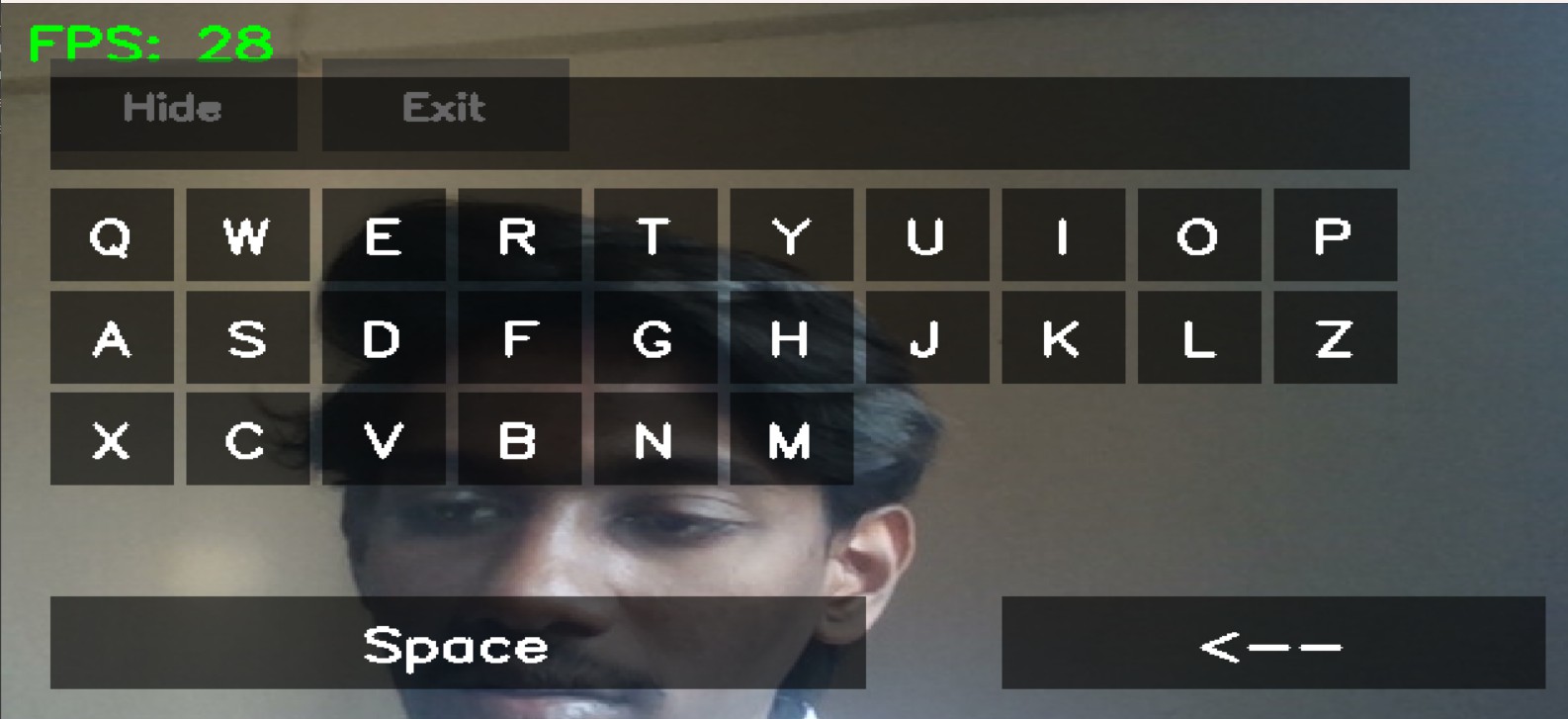
****The implementation of the Movementor system goes beyond core gesture recognition modules to create a seamless and user-

Fig 2 – Implementation (UI/UX)

friendly experience. A carefully designed user interface provides real-time visual feedback whenever a gesture is recognized, ensuring users are aware of system responses. Customization options allow users to map their own gestures to specific commands, enhancing personalization. Additionally, Movementor explores integration with Virtual Reality (VR) platforms, enabling gesture-based interactions within immersive environments for applications like gaming or virtual workspaces. Accessibility is a major focus, with features tailored for users with disabilities, including adaptive gesture sensitivity settings based on user needs and surroundings. To support collaboration, a multi-user environment is proposed, allowing multiple individuals to interact simultaneously through synchronized gestures. Security measures such as gesture-based authentication have also been considered to protect user data and ensure privacy. With scalability in mind, Movementor is designed to handle real-time performance across diverse hardware, while future improvements aim to expand the gesture vocabulary and further optimize responsiveness.

1. *Gesture-Based Shortcuts*

This module allows users to perform gestures for specific commands. For example, forming a ’V’ gesture can be mapped to a ”Paste” command, enabling quick actions without navi- gating through menus.

1. *Virtual Board for Calculations*

In this module, users can write mathematical equations on a virtual board, and the system interprets the written input and calculates the result. This functionality is built using digit recognition techniques from the MediaPipe and OpenCV libraries, making calculations accessible and intuitive.

1. Results

The Movementor system was rigorously tested on multiple datasets, resulting in an impressive accuracy of 95% for the gesture classification task. The model demonstrated robustness in recognizing gestures under various lighting conditions and angles, which is critical for real-world applications.

Additionally, user feedback indicated high satisfaction rates, with users appreciating the responsiveness and accuracy of the gesture recognition. The system’s performance was analyzed in terms of latency, with an average response time of less than 200 milliseconds, ensuring a smooth user experience. Further optimization of the gesture recognition algorithms could enhance this performance, making Movementor a viable solution for a broader range of applications, including assistive technologies for individuals with disabilities.

Future enhancements will also consider the incorporation of more complex gestures and multi-user capabilities to broaden its applicability in collaborative environments.

1. Conclusion

Movementor successfully demonstrates the potential of gesture-based systems in replacing traditional input devices. The application of neural networks for gesture recognition al- lows for real-time, efficient processing, making it a promising solution for touch-free interaction systems. This model not only enhances accessibility for users with mobility impair- ments but also opens up avenues for innovation in virtual reality and augmented reality applications, where traditional input methods may be impractical. Future work will focus on expanding the gesture vocabulary and improving the model’s adaptability to diverse user environments and behaviors.

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