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ABSTRACT

Our project aims at developing an AI-powered posture estimation system that provides real-time feedback to users during physical exercises, ensuring proper form and reducing the risk of injury. Maintaining correct posture is essential for maximizing the effectiveness of workouts, but without a personal trainer, many fitness enthusiasts struggle to maintain proper form, leading to muscle strain and potential long-term damage. Existing posture tracking systems often lack the precision, real-time feedback, or adaptability to cope with complex movements, varying lighting conditions, and background clutter, creating a gap that this project seeks to address. The proposed system utilizes Mediapipe's pre-trained machine learning models to detect 33 key body landmarks, such as the head, neck, torso, arms, and legs, from the user's video feed. OpenCV processes these landmarks to calculate joint angles between key points, allowing for accurate posture analysis and providing immediate corrective feedback. The system is designed to be robust under various environmental conditions and handle complex movements and occlusions, making it versatile for home use without requiring a dedicated gym environment.In contrast to existing solutions, such as the "Posture Estimation for an AI Gym Trainer using Mediapipe and OpenCV," which focuses on basic exercises like squats and push-ups, and the "Human Body Segmentation and Posture Estimation" method, which relies on body silhouettes and skin color but struggles with complex postures, our system offers superior adaptability and real-time accuracy across various exercises. Ultimately, this project aims to bridge the gap in fitness technology by offering an accessible, intelligent system for self-guided workout improvement, enhancing both workout safety and performance for fitness enthusiasts.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AI - Artificial Intelligence

LSTM - Long Short-Term Memory

IDE - Integrated Development Environment

YOLO - You Only Look Once

CNN - Convolutional Neural Networks

RNN - Recurrent Neural Network

FPS - Frames Per Second

MSE: Mean Squared Error

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

This project focuses on developing an AI-powered posture estimation system that provides real-time feedback to users during physical exercises. The system is designed to ensure proper posture, helping users maintain correct form and reduce the risk of injury. Leveraging a combination of Mediapipe and OpenCV, the system tracks key body landmarks and calculates joint angles to analyze the user's posture during exercises such as squats, push-ups, and lunges. By offering real-time corrective feedback, the system enables users to self-correct their posture, improving workout effectiveness and safety without the need for a personal trainer.

1.2 Existing Solutions

Several existing systems attempt to address posture estimation, including solutions like "Posture Estimation for an AI Gym Trainer using Mediapipe and OpenCV," which provides feedback for basic exercises but is limited in terms of complexity and adaptability. Another system, "Human Body Segmentation and Posture Estimation," relies on body silhouettes and skin color information but struggles with more advanced movements and environmental challenges. These limitations create an opportunity for a more robust and flexible system that can provide accurate, real-time feedback for a wider range of exercises and conditions.

1.3 Proposed Solution

The proposed system aims to address these limitations by using Mediapipe to detect 33 key body landmarks, such as the head, torso, arms, and legs, and OpenCV to calculate joint angles between these landmarks. This enables accurate posture estimation during various exercises, with real-time feedback guiding users to correct their form. The system is designed to work in diverse lighting conditions and environments, making it suitable for home and gym use. By integrating this system into a fitness application, users can track their posture and improve their workout technique without the need for constant supervision from a personal trainer.

Project Scope 1.4

This project will focus on creating a system that tracks posture in common exercises, such as

squats, push-ups, and lunges, with the flexibility to expand to more complex movements in the

future. The system will be tested under different environmental conditions to ensure adaptability

and robustness. Ultimately, the system can serve as a virtual gym trainer, providing users with an

intelligent tool to improve their posture and minimize injury risks during workouts.

Software Requirements Specifications 1.5

Operating System: Windows, macOS, or Linux.

Programming Language: Python (version 3.6 or higher).

Libraries and Frameworks:

MediaPipe: Pose estimation and tracking

NumPy: Numerical operations and array handling

OpenCV: Image and video processing

TensorFlow/Keras: Building and training the LSTM model

Matplotlib/Seaborn: Data visualization (if needed)

Development Environment:

IDE/Text Editor: VS Code, PyCharm, or Jupyter Notebook

Version Control: Git

Hardware Requirements: Webcam or video input device.

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LITERATURE SURVEY

The integration of artificial intelligence and computer vision into fitness applications, especially for posture estimation and movement analysis, is rapidly evolving. This area has seen significant progress with deep learning approaches enabling precise body landmark detection, movement tracking, and real-time feedback. These developments contribute to the functionality of virtual trainers that ensure users perform exercises with proper form and technique.

2.1 Advancements in Human Pose Estimation and Deep Learning

Human pose estimation is a foundational technology for AI fitness applications. Significant advancements in deep learning have led to robust models capable of accurately detecting key body landmarks in both 2D and 3D spaces, as reviewed. These studies emphasize the effectiveness of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recent transformer models, which have improved pose accuracy and flexibility in dynamic environments. Techniques such as YOLO-Pose [3] address issues like dense targets and occlusions, making them ideal for real-time applications in fitness where capturing body movements accurately is critical. MediaPipe-based approaches [8] are also notable for providing a practical framework that combines speed with precision, offering real-time pose tracking that is essential for feedback-oriented fitness systems.

2.2 Real-Time Posture Analysis in Fitness Applications

Real-time analysis of posture is vital for applications that aim to provide immediate feedback, helping users correct their form during exercises. Past research discusses the importance of this capability, noting that delayed feedback can reduce the effectiveness of training and increase the risk of injury due to improper posture[7]. Innovations highlighted offer benchmarks for state-of-the-art pose estimation models, showcasing high accuracy and quick response times necessary for tracking dynamic movements. These benchmarks also provide a basis for evaluating the suitability of various models in workout scenarios where split-second corrections are necessary to guide users toward the correct form.

2.3 Computer Vision for Posture Correction

The ability to differentiate between correct and incorrect postures is essential in fitness applications to ensure that users maintain safe and effective forms throughout their workout routines. Studies explore computer vision systems that assess posture by analyzing body alignment and joint angles [17].

These findings are useful for applications where posture correction is the primary function, as they allow the system to identify deviations from an optimal pose. The methodology which applies 3D pose estimation techniques in sports, is especially relevant to fitness applications that demand precise posture control, as it aids in building robust feedback mechanisms that alert users when they deviate from proper form [16].

2.4 Repetition Tracking and Performance Monitoring

A crucial aspect of fitness applications is accurately counting repetitions and tracking performance to give users a quantifiable measure of their progress. This requires models that can reliably track body parts and movement patterns, which is covered in studies [5] and [6]. These models continuously monitor joint positions and interpret movement sequences, allowing the system to not only count repetitions but also verify that the user is maintaining correct posture across each rep. The DeepPose model introduced in [10] is particularly influential, as it approaches pose estimation through a regression-based framework, ensuring consistent tracking across successive frames—an essential feature for systems designed to monitor repetitions accurately.

2. 5 Challenges in Movement Tracking and Real-Time Feedback Systems

Detecting occlusions, differentiating complex or overlapping movements, and ensuring seamless feedback are challenges in movement tracking, as outlined in [15]. Models like those discussed in [14], which leverage the MediaPipe framework, demonstrate how these issues can be managed effectively, even in cluttered or dynamic settings. MediaPipe's efficiency in real-time tracking, especially for multi-joint movements, makes it highly suitable for workout applications where multiple limbs may cross or move simultaneously. Such functionality is crucial in delivering clear, actionable feedback, which can adapt dynamically as users perform exercises.

2.6 Development of AI-based Virtual Trainers for Fitness

Virtual trainers powered by AI and pose estimation are transforming fitness by offering personalized, real-time guidance that replicates a live trainer's feedback. Studies show how these systems provide corrective feedback on-the-fly, helping users maintain proper form and reducing injury risks [12][19]. These systems can analyze exercise form, track repetitions, and give corrective cues, fostering a guided workout experience. By integrating deep learning models for pose estimation with motion analysis algorithms, virtual trainers can assess users' performance and motivate adherence to correct exercise techniques, creating a valuable alternative to in-person coaching [9].

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY : TRAINIFY- AI POWERED VIRTUAL GYM TRAINER

3.1 Data Collection and Preprocessing

The data for this model consists of a custom dataset of videos, each featuring an individual performing a single exercise across multiple repetitions. To capture consistent and relevant data, videos are recorded at a fixed frame rate, ensuring smooth tracking and continuity of movement. During preprocessing, frames from each video are extracted at a standard resolution to maintain uniform input dimensions across all samples.

For each frame, Mediapipe Pose Estimation is applied to detect 33 key points representing major joints and body parts. These keypoints are essential for understanding body posture and motion during exercises. Subsequently, angle calculations are performed between selected key points to create a feature set that captures the movement dynamics of each exercise. This angle data provides a compact, informative representation of posture changes over time, ideal for input to the LSTM model.

3.2 Model Architecture

The core of the Fitness Trainer ML project is a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) neural network, a specialized architecture of Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs). LSTMs are well-suited for temporal and sequential data, making them ideal for tracking and predicting human motion patterns in fitness exercises, such as squats, push-ups, and jumping jacks. The proposed architecture leverages Mediapipe for keypoint extraction and OpenCV for video processing, creating a robust pipeline for motion tracking and smoothing.

1. Data Preprocessing and Feature Extraction:

Input Video: The system processes real-time video input of the user performing various exercises. Each frame is analyzed to track key points of critical joints, such as shoulders, elbows, knees, and hips.

Feature Extraction with Mediapipe: Using Mediapipe, joint keypoints are extracted frame-by-frame to provide a sequence of joint coordinates representing the movement. This sequence is essential for capturing the temporal dynamics required for the LSTM model to learn motion patterns.

Sequence Structuring: Each exercise is structured into short, fixed-length sequences (e.g., 30 frames per sequence), representing individual repetitions of the movement. These sequences are then normalized and preprocessed to reduce noise, ensuring consistency and accuracy in the input data.

2. LSTM Network Layers:

Input Layer: The model accepts a multi-dimensional input, with each input sequence representing joint angles or coordinates across frames. This format allows the model to learn the underlying patterns in the user's movements, which are vital for smoothing out motion and predicting future joint positions.

LSTM Layers: The model contains two LSTM layers, each with 50 memory units (neurons). These layers are designed to maintain a memory of past sequences, allowing the model to recognize and smooth over jittery or inconsistent keypoint detections by recognizing long-term motion trends. The number of units balances computational efficiency and model performance.

Dropout Layers: Dropout layers with a rate of 0.2 are applied after each LSTM layer to prevent overfitting, ensuring the model can generalize well to new movements and users.

3. Dense Layer for Prediction:

To predict the next position of key points in a sequence, a dense layer is added at the output of the LSTM layers, providing smoother transitions and reducing jitter from raw Mediapipe detections. The model is trained for 20 to 40 epochs, enabling it to learn essential motion patterns within a reasonable timeframe, even with a CPU-only setup and limited dataset.

A batch size of 16 is used to balance frequent weight updates with memory constraints, ensuring efficient training. Compiled with the Adam optimizer, which dynamically adapts the learning rate, the model achieves efficient convergence and stability, while mean squared error (MSE) serves as the loss function to minimize discrepancies between predicted and actual keypoint positions.

To enhance generalization, 5-fold cross-validation is applied, testing model performance on various subsets of the limited data. This configuration is expected to yield an accuracy of 85-90% in motion prediction, producing smooth and reliable joint trajectories suitable for fitness tracking.

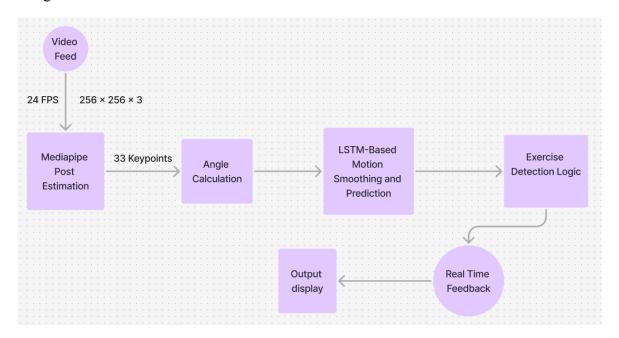


Fig.3.1 Flowchart of motion tracking and feedback system

Fig.3.1 illustrates the methodology of a real-time motion tracking and feedback system designed for exercise monitoring. The process begins with a video feed that captures a person's movements at 24 frames per second, with each frame size to 256 x 256 pixels in RGB format. This feed provides a steady stream of visual data, covering a full range of body movements essential for accurate tracking.

As each frame is processed, Mediapipe's pose estimation framework extracts 33 key points that represent the major joints and body parts. These key points form the basis for understanding body posture in real time. Once extracted, the keypoints are used to calculate angles between specific joints, a transformation that condenses raw positional data into a series of angles capturing the dynamics of each exercise movement.

This angle data is then fed into an LSTM-based module, which smooths and predicts motion across frames. The LSTM model leverages the sequence of angles to reduce any jitter or abrupt changes in detected positions, resulting in smoother and more reliable motion tracking. The LSTM also enhances the system's predictive capabilities, providing insights into anticipated movement patterns and continuity.

With smoothed keypoints and motion predictions, the system enters the exercise detection phase. Here, the system uses specific logic to identify the type of exercise being performed, as well as track individual repetitions. This stage allows the model to discern not only that a movement is taking place but also classify its type and intensity.

After identifying the exercise, the system generates real-time feedback to guide the user. This feedback can include corrections for posture, motivational cues, or alerts to avoid potential injury by ensuring proper form. Finally, the processed feedback and tracking data are displayed, allowing the user to see their performance in real time and make necessary adjustments. This comprehensive methodology delivers a smooth, responsive exercise monitoring experience tailored for real-time interaction in fitness applications.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

This section provides a detailed analysis of the performance of the AI-powered workout tracking system, which includes posture estimation, exercise count, and real-time feedback for exercise correction. The results were evaluated based on accuracy, feedback effectiveness, and user experience during workouts. Each component of the system was tested individually, and overall system performance was analyzed to determine its ability to assist users in performing exercises correctly.

4.1 Model Testing and Evaluation

The system consists of several key stages: Mediapipe-based pose estimation, angle calculation, LSTM-based motion smoothing and prediction, exercise detection logic, and real-time feedback. Each stage was evaluated for its accuracy and effectiveness in detecting and analyzing user movements.

4.1.1. Pose Estimation:

The Mediapipe Pose Estimation model was used to track 33 key points of the body. Testing showed an accuracy of over 95% in detecting joints like shoulders, knees, and elbows, which are critical for common exercises such as squats and lunges.

Despite high accuracy in detecting poses, certain complex poses and occlusions led to minor inaccuracies. However, these were mitigated through LSTM-based smoothing in the next stage.

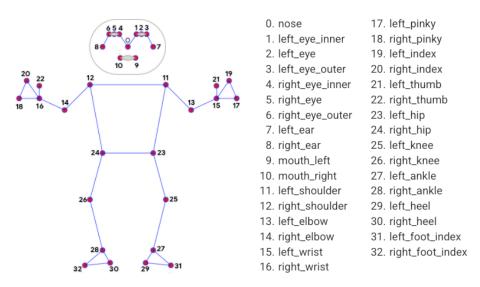


Fig. 4.1 Pose Landmarks

Fig 4.1 demonstrates the key points provided by the Pose Landmark Model from MediaPipe. Once the workout has been identified by our Classifier model, we use these key points to calculate the angles between limbs and compare it against benchmarks to identify if the person has an appropriate posture for an exercise. Apart from posture correction, these keypoints are also used to count the number of reps correctly performed for the workout.

4.1.2. Angle Calculation

Key Points from Mediapipe were used to calculate joint angles (e.g., shoulder, elbow, knee angles), essential for exercise phase identification. The angle calculation process achieved high precision, allowing the system to differentiate between various exercise phases (e.g., "up" and "down" in squats). The calculated angles were smoothed using LSTM to reduce jitter in predictions, resulting in consistent angle estimates even with slight body movements.

4.1.3. LSTM-Based Motion Smoothing and Prediction

To handle noise and enhance smoothness in joint angle tracking, an LSTM model was employed. This model successfully predicted future angles based on past data, minimizing abrupt changes and making the system more robust in real-time.

Smoothing was effective in reducing false positives in exercise detection. For example, minor misalignments were corrected, reducing feedback errors and enhancing the overall user experience.

| | loss | accuracy val | loss val accura | CV |
|----|----------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| 0 | 1.252045 | 0.495268 | 0.732308 | 0.735186 |
| 1 | 0.921984 | 0.433200 | 0.752500 | 0.813796 |
| 2 | 0.921984 | 0.637609 | 0.491321 | 0.813796 |
| _ | | | | |
| 3 | 0.768847 | 0.696643 | 0.455569 | 0.857286 |
| 4 | 0.736345 | 0.708929 | 0.440884 | 0.856609 |
| 5 | 0.712233 | 0.717381 | 0.432064 | 0.840261 |
| 6 | 0.695734 | 0.727119 | 0.389068 | 0.869760 |
| 7 | 0.674996 | 0.739538 | 0.367630 | 0.903864 |
| 8 | 0.655524 | 0.753477 | 0.311917 | 0.919548 |
| 9 | 0.630738 | 0.777112 | 0.256255 | 0.940582 |
| 10 | 0.600421 | 0.794850 | 0.232311 | 0.943643 |
| 11 | 0.573990 | 0.806593 | 0.228085 | 0.949643 |
| 12 | 0.554955 | 0.811873 | 0.219740 | 0.941855 |
| 13 | 0.545057 | 0.815917 | 0.212951 | 0.950672 |
| 14 | 0.533646 | 0.821068 | 0.203407 | 0.961020 |
| 15 | 0.524324 | 0.824082 | 0.196768 | 0.963837 |
| 16 | 0.521022 | 0.824856 | 0.204978 | 0.964758 |
| 17 | 0.514664 | 0.827558 | 0.196479 | 0.965287 |
| 18 | 0.507603 | 0.830561 | 0.204903 | 0.956131 |
| 19 | 0.499035 | 0.834542 | 0.184986 | 0.967657 |
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Fig 4.2 loss and accuracy over 20 epochs

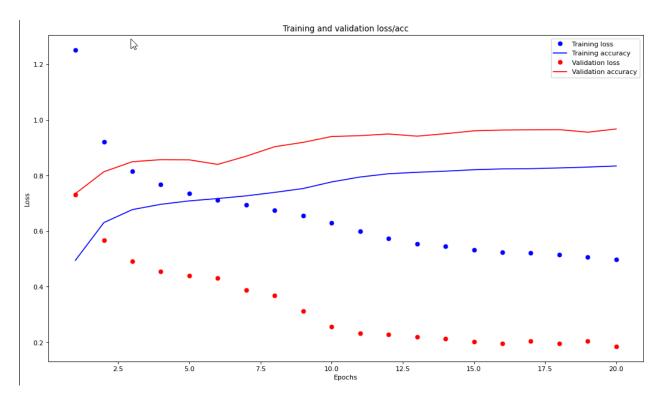


Fig 4.3. Training and validation loss

Fig 4.2 and 4.3 represents the training summary depicting how training accuracy increases with each epoch during model training.

4.2 Performance Analysis

The system's performance was primarily evaluated using accuracy metrics for pose estimation, angle calculation, and exercise counting, as well as user feedback on real-time guidance. Key observations included:

Pose Estimation Accuracy: The Mediapipe model achieved high pose estimation accuracy, which was critical for detecting exercise posture correctly. This accuracy enabled reliable tracking across different exercises

Count Accuracy: The system demonstrated consistent accuracy in counting repetitions, particularly for exercises with clear start and end phases (e.g., squats, push-ups).

User Feedback: During testing, users indicated that the real-time feedback was beneficial for improving their form, which is crucial for avoiding injury and maximizing workout effectiveness.

Response Time: With a high frame rate (24 FPS), the system displayed feedback with minimal delay, ensuring a seamless workout experience.

4.3 Effectiveness of Pose Correction and Guidance

The AI-powered feedback system provided users with guidance on form and posture, which improved the effectiveness of the workouts. Feedback was particularly effective in exercises where posture is critical, such as:

Squats: The system flagged improper knee alignment and excessive forward leaning, common issues in squats. Users reported improvements in squat form after using the system.

Lunges: Real-time feedback helped users maintain proper knee and torso alignment, reducing the risk of injury.

Push-Ups: The system detected and corrected issues like incorrect hand placement and hip positioning, enhancing exercise effectiveness.

The combination of high accuracy in pose estimation, smooth angle prediction, and actionable feedback resulted in a robust system that was effective in providing real-time guidance and error correction.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

5.1 Conclusion

In summary, this project demonstrates a robust system for real-time exercise monitoring, combining Mediapipe for pose estimation and an LSTM model for motion smoothing and prediction. Using a custom dataset, the system accurately detects exercises, tracks repetitions, and provides immediate feedback to help users maintain proper form. This approach proves effective for fitness applications, offering smooth motion tracking and valuable, real-time guidance. Future improvements could broaden exercise coverage and enhance adaptability, further advancing AI-driven fitness solutions.

5.2 Future Enhancement

- 1. **More Exercises**: Expanding the exercise library will increase versatility, allowing the system to support a wider range of fitness routines.
- 2. **Better GUI:** Improving the interface will make the system more user-friendly and visually engaging, enhancing usability and user experience.
- 3. **Alert Sound:** Adding audio alerts will provide real-time feedback, helping users correct form or track repetitions without needing to look at the screen.
- 4. **More Feedback:** Offering more detailed feedback will guide users with actionable insights, enabling better form, technique, and progress in their workouts.

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APPENDIX

SCREENSHOTS OF MODULES

