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### **ABSTRACT**

Sign language, a form of communication using hand signs and gestures, can be converted into text format through a new approach. This system aims to make communication more accessible and convenient for deaf and mute individuals. Utilizing computer vision and deep learning methods, the system recognizes hand gestures and translates them into appropriate text. Key point detection using MediaPipe, along with data pre-processing, label and feature generation, and LSTM neural network training, form the core of this method. This innovation holds significant potential for improving communication for deaf and mute people, reducing barriers with the wider world.

The system employs key point detection algorithms such as MediaPipe to identify hand gestures, with an LSTM model converting them into corresponding text output. Data collected from sign language is pre-processed and used to train an LSTM neural network to accurately recognize gestures and produce text output. This conversion method aids not only in communication between deaf and mute individuals and the hearing population but also serves as an assistive tool for those learning sign language. Overall, this solution has the potential to greatly enhance communication and reduce barriers for deaf and mute individuals.

### INTRODUCTION

The project "HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION TO TEXT CONVERSION" represents a groundbreaking effort to enhance communication accessibility and inclusivity by transforming sign language gestures into easily understandable text. Leveraging cutting-edge techniques in computer vision and deep learning, the system utilizes MediaPipe for precise key point detection and an LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) neural network for robust translation capabilities. This integration enables the accurate identification and tracking of hand gestures, which are then processed and converted into corresponding text output. By breaking down communication barriers, the system aims to facilitate seamless interactions between individuals who are deaf or mute and those who are hearing, thereby promoting greater participation in education, employment, and social activities.

The development process involves several critical steps: starting with MediaPipe for key point detection to accurately track hand gestures, followed by data pre-processing to prepare collected sign language data for effective training of the LSTM model. This model is trained on pre-processed data to recognize gestures and generate accurate text outputs, enhancing its usability as both a communication tool and a learning resource for understanding sign language. By fostering mutual understanding and bridging the gap between sign language users and non-users, the system strives to create a more cohesive and accessible society where communication barriers no longer hinder interactions.

Ultimately, the project's vision is to contribute to a world where communication is barrier-free, empowering individuals regardless of their hearing or speech abilities to interact and connect effortlessly. Through these technological advancements, the project aims to establish a supportive environment that promotes inclusivity, mutual understanding, and accessibility across diverse societal contexts.

#### LITERATURE SURVEY

This chapter includes the description and summary of current strategies, their advantages, results and their shortcomings.

# 2.1 Literature survey

Dr KP Vijaykumar and his team [1] suggested that Sign language and facial expressions are key for communication among individuals with speech impairments, but general people often struggle to understand sign language. The objective was to introduce an electronic system to bridge this communication gap, especially in emergencies. The system features a glove with flex sensors and an accelerometer, converting hand gestures into speech and text, aiding both mute and deaf individuals. Using a Raspberry Pi 3 microcontroller, the system interprets sensor data from finger bending and wrist movement, matching it to pre-programmed messages. Python and its libraries are employed for programming, making this system a valuable tool for improving communication for the speech and hearing impaired.

Victor Chang and his team [2] suggested that Hand Gesture Recognitions (HGRs) is a complicated process that includes many components like image processing, segmentation, pattern matching, machine learning, and even deep learning. The proposed system explores various image processing techniques and machine learning approaches to enhance picture quality and improve hand gesture recognition. Techniques such as erosion, resizing, normalizing, HSV color separation, and thresholding are examined. The feasibility of using advanced algorithms is assessed, and the model's performance is compared to previous studies. Additionally, potential ethical concerns in hand gesture recognition are addressed, aiming to improve human-computer interaction and contribute to the field.

Ashish Sharma and his team [3] suggested that image identification is becoming a crucial step in most of the modern world problem-solving systems. Approaches for image detection, analysis and classification are available in glut, but the difference between such approaches is still arcane. The proposed system focuses on distinguishing and analyzing various image detection, analysis, and classification techniques for American Sign Language (ASL) hand gestures. Using a dataset of hand images taken under different conditions, the study proposes a novel approach incorporating canny edge detection, ORB, and bag of words technique, compared against popular models. Preprocessing techniques like Histogram of Gradients, PCA, and Local Binary Patterns are used, and several classifiers (Random Forests, SVM, Naïve Bayes, Logistic Regression, KNN, Multilayer Perceptron) are employed. The new model shows significantly higher accuracy than existing mode.

# **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:**

# 3.1 Software Requirements:

# **Operating System:**

**Windows, macOS, or Linux:** The project should be compatible with these major operating systems. Ensure that the necessary drivers and dependencies are installed for your specific OS.

# **Python:**

Python 3.6 or higher. Ensure Python is installed and configured properly on your system.

# **Libraries and Dependencies:**

- TensorFlow (2.4.1 or compatible version): For machine learning tasks.
- **TensorFlow GPU (optional):** For GPU acceleration, if an NVIDIA GPU is available.
- OpenCV (opency-python): For video capture and image processing.
- MediaPipe: For key point detection and gesture recognition.
- Scikit-learn (sklearn): For evaluation metrics and data processing.
- Matplotlib: For visualization of images and data.

**Additional Tools: "pip"** ,Python's package installer to manage and install the required libraries.

# **Setup Instructions:**

**Install Python:** Download and install Python from <u>python.org</u> if it's not already installed.

**Install Dependencies:**Use pip to install the required libraries. Open a terminal or command prompt and run:

bash

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pip install tensorflow opencv-python mediapipe scikit-learn
matplotlib

Verify Hardware Acceleration (if using GPU): Ensure that CUDA and cuDNN are correctly installed and configured if using TensorFlow GPU.

# 3.2 Hardware Requirements:

# **Computer:**

**Processor:** A modern multi-core CPU. While a basic CPU can work, a more powerful processor will improve performance, especially during training.

**RAM:** At least 8 GB of RAM. More RAM may be required for handling larger datasets or more intensive processing tasks.

# **Graphics Processing Unit (GPU):**

**Optional but Recommended:** An NVIDIA GPU with CUDA support if using TensorFlow GPU. For GPU acceleration, a GPU with at least 4 GB of VRAM is recommended. Examples include NVIDIA GTX 1050 Ti or better.

**If No GPU:** The project can still run on a CPU, but it will be slower, especially for training deep learning models.

#### Webcam:

**Required:** A webcam capable of capturing video at a reasonable resolution (e.g., 720p or higher) for the computer vision tasks.

### PROPOSED MODEL

### 4.1 Problem Statement

# **Diverse Society & Communication Needs**

- Effective communication is essential for personal, professional, and social interactions in today's interconnected and diverse society.
- Traditional communication methods often fail to meet the needs of individuals with hearing and speech impairments.

# **Current Communication Challenges**

- Significant barriers hinder full participation in daily life, including education, employment, and social activities for the deaf and mute community.
- Existing solutions, such as sign language interpreters and written text, are valuable but not always accessible or efficient.

#### **Need for Innovative Solution**

- There is a pressing need for a more innovative and seamless approach to facilitate communication for the deaf and mute community.
- Our proposed system aims to convert sign language into text format, making communication more accessible and convenient.

# **Empowerment & Inclusivity**

- This system will enhance communication for deaf and mute individuals, reducing barriers with the wider world.
- It serves as an assistive tool for both deaf and mute individuals and those learning sign language.

# **Contributing to a Cohesive Society**

- By improving communication methods, this solution fosters greater inclusivity, understanding, and accessibility.
- Ultimately, it contributes to a more cohesive and supportive society for everyone.

# **Data Collection and Preprocessing**

• **Data Sources:** Use a diverse dataset of sign language gestures captured via webcam. Data should include various sign language gestures performed by different individuals to ensure robustness.

• **Preprocessing:** Normalize images, resize to a consistent dimension, and annotate gestures with corresponding text labels. This step ensures uniformity and prepares the data for training.

#### **Feature Extraction**

- **MediaPipe Key Point Detection:** Utilize MediaPipe's Holistic model to extract key points from hand gestures, including face, body, and hand key points. MediaPipe provides detailed spatial information about gestures.
- **Feature Representation:** Convert the extracted key points into a structured format suitable for input into a machine learning model. This involves creating feature vectors representing different hand gestures.

#### **Model Architecture**

- Input Layer: Accepts feature vectors from MediaPipe's key point detection.
- Hidden Layers:
  - **LSTM** (Long Short-Term Memory) Network: Use LSTM layers to capture temporal dependencies and sequential patterns in hand gestures. LSTMs are effective for processing sequences, such as gestures over time.
- Output Layer: Produces text output corresponding to the recognized sign language gesture.

# **Training and Evaluation**

- **Training:** Train the LSTM model on preprocessed and labeled gesture data. Employ techniques such as cross-validation and hyperparameter tuning to optimize performance.
- Evaluation Metrics: Utilize metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to evaluate the model's performance. Use scikit-learn for computing these metrics and analyzing model effectiveness.

# **Real-Time Processing**

- **Webcam Integration:** Implement real-time video capture using OpenCV. The webcam feed is processed frame by frame to detect and translate gestures.
- **Gesture Recognition:** Apply the trained LSTM model to classify gestures in real-time and convert them into text.

#### User Interface

- **Visualization:** Use Matplotlib to visualize the video feed and detected gestures. This can help in debugging and fine-tuning the system.
- **Text Display:** Implement a user-friendly interface to display translated text in real-time, ensuring that the output is clear and easily readable.

# **Deployment**

- **System Integration:** Integrate all components into a cohesive system. Ensure compatibility with various operating systems and devices.
- **Testing:** Perform extensive testing in different environments and scenarios to validate system performance and reliability.

# 4.2 Advantages

# **Improved Communication**

- Real-Time Translation: Facilitates instantaneous conversion of sign language gestures into text, allowing for smoother, more natural conversations between individuals with hearing and speech impairments and those without.
- Enhanced Inclusivity: Bridges communication gaps, ensuring that individuals with hearing and speech impairments can participate more fully in everyday interactions and activities.

## **Empowerment and Engagement**

- Increased Participation: Enables individuals with hearing and speech impairments to engage more actively in social, educational, and professional environments, promoting their inclusion in various settings.
- Boosted Confidence: Provides users with a reliable communication tool, enhancing their ability to express themselves and interact with others, thereby increasing their confidence and self-esteem.

### **Educational Advancements**

- Learning Support: Acts as a valuable resource for learning and practicing sign language, benefiting both beginners and those looking to improve their skills.
- Educational Accessibility: Helps educational institutions better support students with hearing and speech impairments, contributing to a more inclusive learning environment.

# 4.3 System Architecture

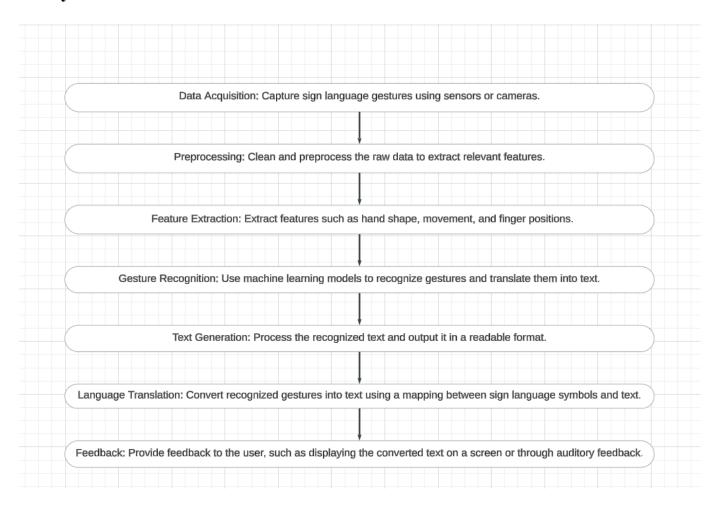


Figure 1: Architecture FlowChart

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

```
import cv2
import numpy as np
import os
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import time
import mediapipe as mp
mp holistic = mp.solutions.holistic # Holistic model
mp drawing = mp.solutions.drawing utils # Drawing utilities
def mediapipe detection(image, model):
  image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) # COLOR_CONVERSION BGR 2 RGB
  image.flags.writeable = False
                                      # Image is no longer writeable
  results = model.process(image)
                                        # Make prediction
  image.flags.writeable = True
                                      # Image is now writeable
  image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR RGB2BGR) # COLOR COVERSION RGB 2 BGR
  return image, results
def draw landmarks(image, results):
  mp drawing.draw landmarks(image, results.face landmarks, mp holistic.FACEMESH CONTOURS) # Draw
face connections
  mp drawing.draw landmarks(image, results.pose landmarks, mp holistic.POSE CONNECTIONS) # Draw pose
connections
  mp drawing.draw landmarks(image, results.left hand landmarks, mp holistic.HAND CONNECTIONS) # Draw
left hand connections
  mp drawing.draw landmarks(image, results.right hand landmarks, mp holistic.HAND CONNECTIONS)
def draw styled landmarks(image, results):
  # Draw face connections
  mp drawing.draw landmarks(image, results.face landmarks, mp holistic.FACEMESH CONTOURS,
                mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(80,110,10), thickness=1, circle_radius=1),
                mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(80,256,121), thickness=1, circle_radius=1)
  # Draw pose connections
  mp drawing.draw landmarks(image, results.pose landmarks, mp holistic.POSE CONNECTIONS,
                mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(80,22,10), thickness=2, circle_radius=4).
                mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(80,44,121), thickness=2, circle_radius=2)
  # Draw left hand connections
  mp drawing.draw landmarks(image, results.left hand landmarks, mp holistic.HAND CONNECTIONS,
                mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(121,22,76), thickness=2, circle_radius=4),
                mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(121,44,250), thickness=2, circle_radius=2)
  # Draw right hand connections
  mp drawing.draw landmarks(image, results.right hand landmarks, mp holistic.HAND CONNECTIONS,
                mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(245,117,66), thickness=2, circle_radius=4),
                mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(245,66,230), thickness=2, circle_radius=2)
                )
```

```
def extract keypoints(results):
  pose = np.array([[res.x, res.y, res.z, res.visibility] for res in results.pose landmarks.landmark]).flatten() if
results.pose landmarks else np.zeros(33*4)
  face = np.array([[res.x, res.y, res.z] for res in results.face landmarks.landmark]).flatten() if results.face landmarks
else np.zeros(468*3)
  lh = np.array([[res.x, res.y, res.z] for res in results.left hand landmarks.landmark]).flatten() if
results.left hand landmarks else np.zeros(21*3)
  rh = np.array([[res.x, res.y, res.z] for res in results.right hand landmarks.landmark]).flatten() if
results.right hand landmarks else np.zeros(21*3)
  return np.concatenate([pose, face, lh, rh])
# Path for exported data, numpy arrays
DATA PATH = os.path.join('MP Data')
# Actions that we try to detect
actions = np.array(['hello', 'thanks', 'iloveyou'])
# Thirty videos worth of data
no sequences = 30
# Videos are going to be 30 frames in length
sequence length = 30
for action in actions:
  for sequence in range(no sequences):
    try:
       os.makedirs(os.path.join(DATA PATH, action, str(sequence)))
     except:
       pass
Creation
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
# Set mediapipe model
with mp holistic.Holistic(min detection confidence=0.5, min tracking confidence=0.5) as holistic:
  # NEW LOOP
  # Loop through actions
  for action in actions:
     # Loop through sequences aka videos
     for sequence in range(no sequences):
       # Loop through video length aka sequence length
       for frame num in range(sequence length):
          # Read feed
         ret, frame = cap.read()
         # Make detections
          image, results = mediapipe detection(frame, holistic)
         # Draw landmarks
          draw styled landmarks(image, results)
```

```
# NEW Apply wait logic
         if frame num == 0:
           cv2.putText(image, 'STARTING COLLECTION', (120,200),
                  cv2.FONT HERSHEY SIMPLEX, 1, (0,255, 0), 4, cv2.LINE AA)
           cv2.putText(image, 'Collecting frames for {} Video Number {}'.format(action, sequence), (15,12),
                  cv2.FONT HERSHEY SIMPLEX, 0.5, (0, 0, 255), 1, cv2.LINE_AA)
           # Show to screen
           cv2.imshow('OpenCV Feed', image)
           cv2.waitKey(500)
           cv2.putText(image, 'Collecting frames for {} Video Number {}'.format(action, sequence), (15,12),
                  cv2.FONT HERSHEY SIMPLEX, 0.5, (0, 0, 255), 1, cv2.LINE AA)
           # Show to screen
           cv2.imshow('OpenCV Feed', image)
         # NEW Export keypoints
         keypoints = extract keypoints(results)
         npy path = os.path.join(DATA PATH, action, str(sequence), str(frame num))
         np.save(npy path, keypoints)
         # Break gracefully
         if cv2.waitKey(10) & 0xFF == ord('q'):
           break
  cap.release()
  cv2.destroyAllWindows()
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to categorical
label map = {label:num for num, label in enumerate(actions)}
sequences, labels = [], []
for action in actions:
  for sequence in np.array(os.listdir(os.path.join(DATA PATH, action))).astype(int):
     window = []
     for frame num in range(sequence length):
       res = np.load(os.path.join(DATA_PATH, action, str(sequence), "{}.npy".format(frame_num)))
       window.append(res)
     sequences.append(window)
    labels.append(label map[action])
np.array(sequences).shape
X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.05)
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM, Dense
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import TensorBoard
log dir = os.path.join('Logs')
tb callback = TensorBoard(log dir=log dir)
```

```
model = Sequential()
model.add(LSTM(64, return_sequences=True, activation='relu', input_shape=(30,1662)))
model.add(LSTM(128, return_sequences=True, activation='relu'))
model.add(LSTM(64, return_sequences=False, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dense(actions.shape[0], activation='softmax'))

model.compile(optimizer='Adam', loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['categorical_accuracy'])
model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=500, callbacks=[tb_callback])
```

### **EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS**

#### 6.1 Execution

```
pose = []
for res in results.pose landmarks.landmark:
  test = np.array([res.x, res.y, res.z, res.visibility])
  pose.append(test)
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to categorical
label map = {label:num for num, label in enumerate(actions)}
sequences, labels = [], []
for action in actions:
  for sequence in np.array(os.listdir(os.path.join(DATA PATH, action))).astype(int):
     window = []
     for frame num in range(sequence length):
       res = np.load(os.path.join(DATA PATH, action, str(sequence), "{}.npy".format(frame num)))
       window.append(res)
     sequences.append(window)
     labels.append(label map[action])
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM, Dense
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import TensorBoard
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model.add(LSTM(128, return sequences=True, activation='relu'))
model.add(LSTM(64, return sequences=False, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dense(actions.shape[0], activation='softmax'))
model.compile(optimizer='Adam', loss='categorical crossentropy', metrics=['categorical accuracy'])
model.load weights("action.h5")
colors = [(245,117,16), (117,245,16), (16,117,245)]
def prob viz(res, actions, input frame, colors):
  output frame = input frame.copy()
  for num, prob in enumerate(res):
```

```
cv2.rectangle(output frame, (0,60+num*40), (int(prob*100), 90+num*40), colors[num], -1)
     cv2.putText(output frame, actions[num], (0, 85+num*40), cv2.FONT HERSHEY SIMPLEX, 1,
(255,255,255), 2, cv2.LINE AA)
  return output frame
#1. New detection variables
sequence = []
sentence = []
predictions = []
threshold = 0.5
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
# Set mediapipe model
with mp holistic.Holistic(min detection confidence=0.5, min tracking confidence=0.5) as holistic:
  while cap.isOpened():
    # Read feed
    ret, frame = cap.read()
    # Make detections
    image, results = mediapipe detection(frame, holistic)
    print(results)
    # 2. Prediction logic
    keypoints = extract keypoints(results)
    sequence.append(keypoints)
    sequence = sequence[-30:]
    if len(sequence) == 30:
       res = model.predict(np.expand dims(sequence, axis=0))[0]
       print(actions[np.argmax(res)])
       predictions.append(np.argmax(res))
    #3. Viz logic
       if np.unique(predictions[-10:])[0]==np.argmax(res):
         if res[np.argmax(res)] > threshold:
            if len(sentence) > 0:
              if actions[np.argmax(res)] != sentence[-1]:
                 sentence.append(actions[np.argmax(res)])
            else:
              sentence.append(actions[np.argmax(res)])
       if len(sentence) > 5:
         sentence = sentence[-5:]
       # Viz probabilities
       image = prob viz(res, actions, image, colors)
    cv2.rectangle(image, (0,0), (640, 40), (245, 117, 16), -1)
    cv2.putText(image, ''.join(sentence), (3,30),
              cv2.FONT HERSHEY SIMPLEX, 1, (255, 255, 255), 2, cv2.LINE AA)
```

```
# Show to screen
cv2.imshow('OpenCV Feed', image)

# Break gracefully
if cv2.waitKey(10) & 0xFF == ord('q'):
    break
cap.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

# 6.2 Result (openCV Feed)

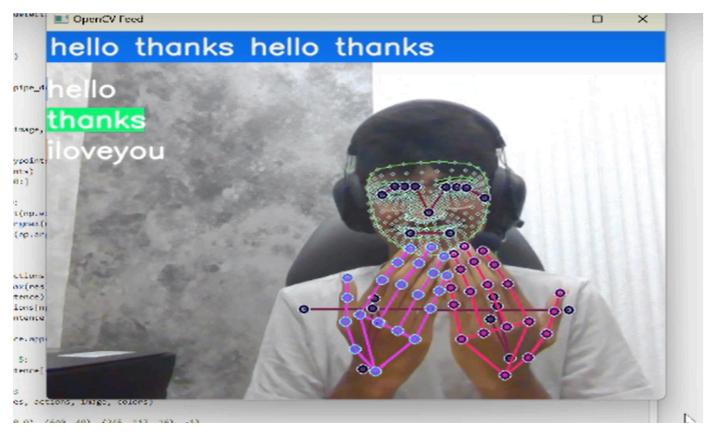


Figure 2: "Thanks" Hand Gesture Recognition

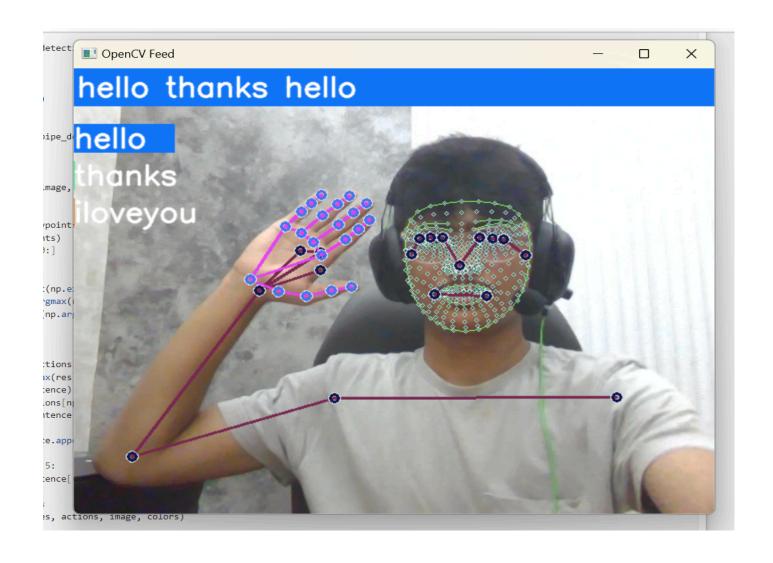


Figure 3: "Hello" Hand Gesture Recognition

### **CONCLUSION**

#### 7.1 Conclusion

The proposed project represents a significant leap forward in enhancing communication accessibility for individuals with hearing and speech impairments. By harnessing advanced hand gesture recognition technologies, the system translates sign language gestures into text in real-time, enabling seamless and inclusive interactions between users. Key features of the project include its focus on effective communication through accurate gesture interpretation and integration of cutting-edge technologies like TensorFlow, MediaPipe, and OpenCV. The system's ability to process gestures immediately enhances conversational fluidity and engagement, supported by efficient webcam use and robust processing techniques. Ultimately, this initiative aims to empower individuals by providing a reliable tool for communication, thereby fostering greater inclusivity and understanding in society at large.

# 7.2 Future Scope

The project aims to significantly enhance gesture recognition capabilities by incorporating a broader spectrum of sign languages and gestures, including regional variations and nuanced expressions like facial expressions and body language. This expansion is geared towards improving the accuracy and expressiveness of sign Additionally, the initiative focuses on multi-platform language translation. integration, ensuring compatibility across diverse devices such as smartphones, tablets, and wearable technology. By developing APIs and SDKs, the system aims to seamlessly integrate with various applications including video conferencing tools, educational software, and social media platforms. Personalization features will be enhanced through machine learning algorithms that adapt to individual users' signing styles and preferences, catering to different communication contexts such as casual conversations, professional settings, and educational environments. The project also emphasizes educational tools, including interactive learning modules collaborative platforms, designed to support users in practicing and advancing their sign language skills while fostering a community for shared learning and improvement.

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