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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S. No.	Abbreviation	Full Form
1.	CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
2.	F1-score	F1 Score (a measure of model accuracy combining precision and recall)
3.	PCA	Principal Component Analysis
4.	SVM	Support Vector Machine
5.	VGGNet	Visual Geometry Group Network
6.	ResNet	Residual Network
7.	InceptionNet	Inception Network (a deep convolutional network architecture)
8.	OpenPose	A library for real-time pose detection
9.	MediaPipe	A framework for building multimodal applied machine learning pipelines
10.	FER-2013	Facial Expression Recognition 2013 (a dataset for emotion recognition)
11.	SDK	Software Development Kit
12.	RF	Random Forest

ABSTRACT

Emotion recognition has gained significant attention in recent years due to its wide range of applications, including human-computer interaction, mental health monitoring, and behavioural analysis. This project focuses on developing a robust system for emotion recognition by analysing body gestures and facial expressions, leveraging advancements in computer vision and deep learning.

The system integrates two complementary models: one for detecting body postures and gestures, and another for analysing facial expressions. A custom dataset was curated, comprising images and videos representing diverse emotional states such as happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, and neutral. Preprocessing techniques such as image normalization and data augmentation were applied to improve model performance. For gesture recognition, convolutional neural networks (CNNs) were employed to identify body movements, while facial expression analysis utilized a pre-trained deep learning model fine-tuned for emotion classification.

Evaluation of the system was conducted using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The results demonstrated a high level of accuracy in detecting and classifying emotions, showcasing the efficacy of combining body gestures and facial expressions for a holistic understanding of human emotions. Key challenges included handling variations in lighting, occlusions, and complex poses, which were mitigated through advanced preprocessing and model optimization techniques.

This work contributes to the field of emotion recognition by presenting a dual-model approach that enhances reliability and contextual understanding of emotions. Future work will aim to unify the models into a single architecture and explore real-time applications for practical deployment in areas such as healthcare, surveillance, and entertainment.

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The fast rate of technological growth has seen the formation of systems that can communicate and interact well with humans. Among these breakthroughs emotion recognition has become a key in developing more empathetic and human apposite systems. Emotions have a critical role in human interaction; they shape the decisions made, their behaviour and communication. Ever so subtly the ability to understand exact emotions can tremendously improve Human Computer Interaction (HCI) making the systems intuitive and open to user requirement.

In other words emotion recognition is the process that involves determination and decoding of emotional states visibly through signals from the cues of facial expressions, body movements, voice tones, physiological responses and others. Although when using the traditional methods, one made use of single indicators such as facial expressions, the recent ones show the necessity of a multimodal approach – one that integrates a number of different signals. This project intends to close this gap through development of a system to combine body gestures and facial expressions for emotion recognition.

This technology has cross-domain application of healthcare/education/security/entertainment. For example, knowledge of the emotional status of a student during a class allows the teacher to learn something about his or her level of engagement, which may be used for personalized teaching. In the healthcare, as well, monitoring a person's emotional state can help to diagnose a person's mental state early one.

Research on emotions has always been fascinating to researchers. Charles Darwin's work in "The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals" provided the entry point for the study into how emotions take physical form. These manifestations are now interpretable by machines, owing to development of artificial intelligence and computer vision in recent years.

Unlike foregoing methods that are based on face expression only, this project puts emphasis on the activity of body gestures. For instance, a smile can be a sign of happiness, shoulders hunched pose a signal of sadness regardless of the neutral face. By matching these clues, the system guarantees the recognition of systems with greater accuracy.

The concentration on real-time emotion recognition with integration of deep learning algorithms is based on practical applications. This system finds application in classrooms, hospitals, airports even in gaming environments to promote the quality of user experience.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

In practical applications, emotion recognition systems still have a great number of significant longstanding problems, even though computer vision and artificial intelligence have made great strides in development. The principal shortfall is insufficient modal integration. Most contemporary systems ignore important postural and body gesture signals and use facial expression analysis instead to decode emotional expression of a human. But, especially when the clarity of facial expressions fails or is deliberately concealed, most often body movement disseminates either subtle or even dominant messages in terms of individual emotions. This is so because human's emotional expression by nature is multimodal. Sensitivity to real variation in these systems creates yet another huge barrier. Different lighting (variations), hand occlusions (hands over the face), background and even angles of the camera all have a huge impact on their recognitions accuracy. In addition to making the creation of generic models more difficult are cultural and individual variations in the way that emotions are expressed because this is done differently across population groups and a system trained on a small data set will find it difficult to work in multiple groups.

Two major challenges are also Scalability and Real time performance. Repeatedly, needing substantial computational capabilities, emotion recognition models constrain their use to edge devices or mobile applications. Normally old fashioned deep learning architectures are required, but it is unlikely that high accuracy can be achieved in real time without some special hardware.

Even though the development in the artificial intelligence has taken strides forward to work in the computer vision for recognition of emotions, then there are still numerous problems involved in current emotion recognition systems:

- **Limited Modal Integration:** Most of the system uses only face expression with no attention paid to the role of body's gestures, which reflect emotions as well.
- **Real-World Variability:** Lighting, occlusion, as well as cultural discrepancies, are usually the challenges that prevent recognition models from representations in the real-world environment.
- **Scalability:** Existing models find it hard to scale for in time applications, where both accuracy and time are needed at large deities.

Consequently, there is an acute necessity for robust systems to recognize multimodal emotion that successfully combine facial expressions and body gestures and perhaps other indicators (such as voice or physiological information). Such systems should speak to environmental and

cultural diversity and be agile, operate in real-time, scale up to accommodate broader applicability, move the field further toward human-like emotion perception.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

The aims of this project are aimed at overcoming the prevailing limitations of the existing emotion recognition systems with a view to creating a broad, effective, and practical system in the real world. The major objectives of the project are the following:

- **Multimodal Emotion Recognition System:** Number one is to engineer and formulate an emotion recognition system which combines facial expressions and body gestures as basic modalities. By integrating these two highly important sources of emotional cues, the system will be able to identify emotions more closely. Facial expressions convey subtle emotional states, whereas body gestures give context, particularly when the facial data do not present clearly or are (in some way) suppressed. The multi modal approach is expected to improve the capacity of the system for understanding complex emotional behaviours.
- **Real-Time Processing:** Another important objective is the ability for the system to detect and analyze emotions in real time. This means improving the underlying models and computational pipeline to the extent that the system can work with little latency in such time sensitive applications like virtual assistant, mental health monitoring or surveillance. Efficient processing will also permit its deployment to limited resource devices such as mobile phones or even embedded systems.
- **Enhance Accuracy and Robustness:** The goal of the system is high accuracy and robustness in various environments. Such would include control of transition in illumination, spatiality in the camera, occlusion and contrast in cultural portrayal of emotions. By teaching the model on state-of-the-art deep learning approach, for instance convolutional neural networks (CNNs), attention mechanisms and data augmentation strategies the model will be able to generalize nicely on a wide range of conditions.
- **Evaluate and Benchmark Performance:** To see the performance of the developed system, it will be compared to the existing frameworks of emotion recognition. In reference to the accuracy precision, recall and processing speed with which it will be compared to standard benchmarks bar publicly available datasets. This comparison will be useful to demonstrate the progress that was made and to advise subsequent refinements.

1.4 SIGNIFICANCE & MOTIVATION OF THE PROJECT WORK

Emotions play a very central role in human communication and way more than the words do. Appropriate identifications of emotions are the doors to effective interactions, and integration in to technology can transform any number of industries. The discussed project involves the development of a multimodal emotion recognition system supported by facial expressions and gestures of the human body to provide a deeper and more trustworthy impression of human emotions. What is clear in the work is its value, only in the broad and power of the applications.

- **Healthcare:** Psychometric monitoring as well as early diagnosis may be largely based on technologies of emotional recognition. For instance, for systems which can identify stress, depression or anxiety signs in the patient's facial expression or posture, can trigger the health care professionals to take a corrective step immediately. This is especially useful for remote health monitoring and for the care of the elderly where such monitoring maybe impossible.
- **Education:** In today's classrooms, emotion aware systems could be used by teachers to guess student engagement, frustration, or confusion during lessons – particular online classes. This will help the educators to make in the spot shift in their teaching strategy in order to augment the learning outcome and enhance the student's satisfaction.
- **Security:** However, public safety can be made better if conjunction of emotion recognition and surveillance systems is employed with detection of anomalous or threatening behaviour. Examples include for tracing fear, aggression, or distress in crowded places, will make it easy to receive timely response from authorities to avoid matter from escalating.
- **Human-Computer Interaction (HCI):** Both Trainee and device based on emotion awareness can remodel user experience very favourably because systems are able to respond empathically to user's emotions. It is especially useful in the customer service bots, gaming, and assistive technologies for the disabled or any other domain the machine is programmed.

The motivation for this project stems from the need to address the limitations of current systems and explore the potential of integrating multiple modalities for a more comprehensive approach to emotion recognition. The need for this project is based on the constraints of existing unimodal systems of which facial expression is one that does not go far on the real surroundings. By studying multimodal integration, this project would like to build an emotion recognition system that can accurately, robustly, and context-consciously recognize emotions for various applications and environment.

1.5 ORGANIZATION OF PROJECT REPORT

This project report is laid out, systematically, into six thematically developed chapters for each of the diverse aspects of work taken. The kind of structure to be used is such that it can enable everything ranging from the initial stages, to final outcomes, to future potential to have a logical flow and consequently the whole document becomes clear in nature and is of concern.

Chapter 1: Introduction: This chapter introduces the footing of the project through the explanation of detailed research problem. It also has problem statement where a need of a reliable multiple mode emotion recognition system is comprehensively explained. The goals of the project are given which are such as the major aims like real time processing and improved accuracy. The importance and impetus of the work is assessed with reference to its applicants in the healthcare, education, security, and human-computer interaction spheres of work. The effectiveness of the report is also explained in the chapter for the readers reference in subsequent sections.

Chapter 2: Literature Survey: This chapter gives an overview of the existing literature and approaches in the subject of the emotion recognition. It explores various methods including the unimodal and the multimodal methods and its merits and demerits. The survey also indicates the areas of research gaps and problematic points of existing systems such as poor real-world applicability of a solution, lack of multimodal integration, computational inefficiency which this project addresses.

Chapter 3: System Development: This chapter provides elaborate description of technical implementation of the project. It has system requirement; architecture design; data collection, preprocessing; a model is built along with the set of tools and technology that are used.

Chapter 4: Testing: Documents for testing method used for verifying system, the design of the test cases (particularly with reference to test data selection), testing environment and performance indicators.

Chapter 5: Results and Evaluation: The experimental outcomes and their extrapolation to the objectives of the project constitute the subject matter of this chapter. Comparative analysis with other systems has also been built to show higher accuracy, lesser processing and in actual world performance.

Chapter 6: Conclusion and Future Scope: It briefly summarizes the major successes of the project and presents areas for possible improvements and future research, e.g., including other modalities (speech), increasing diversity of the dataset, and applying the system in real environment.

CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE SURVEY

Emotion recognition is a multidisciplinary field that intersects computer vision, psychology, and artificial intelligence. Over the past decade, significant advancements have been made in developing systems that interpret human emotions based on various modalities such as facial expressions, body gestures, and voice signals. However, most existing systems are limited in their ability to integrate multiple modalities effectively, which is critical for achieving robust performance in real-world scenarios. This section explores the existing research in the field, emphasizing recent advancements, methods, and technologies.

2.1 OVERVIEW OF RELEVANT LITERATURE

Emotion recognition has become an important domain of research in the domain of artificial intelligence and human-computer interaction, and such extensions beyond this domain can be as far reaching as that in healthcare to education and security to interactive technologies. The studied literature evidences a remarkable progress realized especially via deep learning-based detection of facial expression, and the continued need to build more robust multimodal and real time systems.

Certain older works including Haq Ul Burhan Hafiz et al. (2024) [1] and Nguyen N. Tu et al. (2024) [3], demonstrate how strong a role is played by Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) in facial expression recognition. Such models are effective and especially they are in a controlled environment. Nonetheless, both studies admit the limitations in case of their dataset and overusing the human face as the data source that cannot be applied to delicate and culturally relevant reaction. By further integrating pre-trained models such as VGG and ResNet, Nguyen's work increases such reach further making this more adaptive in a variety of human computer interaction applications.

Moving toward real-time applications, Talaat M. Fatma et al. (2024) [2] introduce a hybrid approach using Kernel Autoencoders with CNNs, suitable for therapy and autism-related social interaction. While the system performs in real-time, it struggles with recognizing complex or blended emotions, especially relevant for nuanced psychological conditions.

Multimodal approaches are increasingly gaining traction. Karatay Busra et al. (2024) [4], and Wei Jie et al. (2023) [6] investigate the mixture of facial expressions and body gestures by CNN and Transformer models. These studies describe improved robustness/accuracy under various conditions of occlusion and lighting conditions.

However, they add that multimodal systems also suffer from increased computational complexity which may curtail scalability within Realtime environments.

Several researches highlight the role of contextual information and physiological signals from the perspective of adolescents' development. Xiang Guoliang et al. (2023) [5] combine the use of facial expressions with physiological data in terms of a driving scenario and obtain greater accuracy of recognition.

In the same vein, Kassius Loic et al. (2023) [11] employ multimodal fusion methods (facial, body, and speech cues), which emphasize the advantages of combining modalities, as well as the difficulties associated with excessive computational overhead.

Restrictions between efficiency and accuracy are observed in Aikyn Nartay et al (2023) [10], who present an edge-computing-friendly framework using model optimization methods such as pruning and quantization. Although efficient in resource-constrained devices, the approach finds the intricacies of recognizing subtle emotional cues challenging in requiring more of a model.

Other studies include A.V. Geetha et al. (2023) [7], Cai Yujian et al. (2023) [8] and Leong Chit Sze, et al. (2023) [9] whose findings will be informative on the advantages of multimodal systems and fusion techniques. Together, these works demonstrate that integrative performance of the audio, visual, and motion-based inputs results in more reliable detection of emotions. However, they also insist on constraints relating to the representation of the dataset- particularly as far as age, ethnicity, and environmental variability are concerned, which limits generalization into real-world situations.

In short, the reviewed literature points at a clear trajectory: from single-model, facial-expression-based systems to multimodal, “live” emotion appraisal systems. Although a lot has been achieved, there are still gaps, in terms of computational efficiency, diversity of the dataset, and complexity of the emotional state that is being addressed. This reiterates the need for future investigation on strong, scalable and adaptive multimodal models that is the core of the project at hand.

Table 2.1: Literature Survey

S. No.	Author & Paper Title [Citation]	Journal/ Conference (Year)	Tools/ Techniques/ Dataset	Key Findings/ Results	Limitations/ Gaps Identified
1.	Haq UI Burhan Hafiz et.al “Enhanced Real-Time Facial Expression Recognition Using Deep Learning”.[5]	Acadlore (2024)	The study employs Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for feature extraction from facial images.	The proposed method achieves higher accuracy in recognizing facial expressions compared to traditional methods.	The performance of the model is determined to a high degree by the quality diversity of the training dataset. A lot of publicly available datasets would not be able to cover the depth and breadth of human emotions and expressions of culture.
2.	Talaat M. Fatma et.al “Real-time facial emotion recognition model based on kernel autoencoder and convolutional neural network for autism children”.[6]	Springer (2024)	Uses CNN, Kernel Autoencoder, and also utilizes custom datasets formed from combining various datasets.	The model can successfully operate in real-time, making it suitable for applications such as therapy sessions and social interaction training for children with autism.	Although the model may be competent at recognizing elemental emotions, it can fail to recognize sophisticated or composite emotions which are frequently observed with children on the autism spectrum.
3.	Nguyen N. Tu et.al “Deep learning-based facial emotion recognition for human-computer interaction applications”.[7]	Springer (2024)	The paper primarily utilizes CNNs to extract features from facial images. It also uses pre-trained models such as VGG and ResNet.	The model shows adaptability across various HCI applications, including emotion-aware interfaces and affective computing systems.	The model may struggle to recognize complex or subtle emotions.

4.	Karatay Busra et.al “CNN-Transformer based emotion classification from facial expression and body gesture” [8]	Springer (2024)	The study uses CNN and transformer Models with multimode Fusion technique.	The proposed model shows robustness across various scenarios and conditions, such as changes in lighting and occlusions, indicating that the model is effective in real-world applications.	The model's effectiveness in uncontrolled environments (e.g., varying lighting conditions, background noise) may not be fully addressed, potentially affecting its performance in practical applications.
5.	Xiang Guoliang et.al “A multi-modal driver emotion dataset and study”.[1]	Elsevier (2023)	Deep learning frameworks Face recognition, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), image preprocessing .	The study found that combining facial expression with physiological signals improves the accuracy of emotion detection.	The dataset, while multi modal, may not generalize well to a wider population as it was tested in controlled environments with a limited number of subjects.
6.	Wei Jie et.al “Learning facial expression and body gesture visual information for video emotion recognition”.[2]	Elsevier (2023)	The study employs Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to extract features from facial expressions and body gestures.	The proposed model showed significant improvements in detecting emotions like fear and anger, where body gestures play a crucial role .	While the fusion of facial expressions and body gestures improves accuracy, it also increases the computational complexity of the model, making it harder to deploy in real-time systems.
7.	A.V. Geetha et.al “Multimodal Emotion Recognition with Deep Learning”.[3]	Elsevier (2023)	The paper highlights the use of Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for visual feature extraction	The combination of multiple modalities, such as audio, visual (facial and body gestures), and physiological	Current multimodal datasets lack diversity in terms of ethnicity, age, and environmental variations, limiting the model's generalizability across different

			particularly from facial expressions.	signals, improves emotion recognition accuracy compared to using a single modality.	populations and real-world scenarios.
8.	Leong Chit Sze et.al “Facial expression and body gesture emotion recognition”.[4]	Elsevier (2023)	The paper highlights the use of Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for visual feature extraction without any specific field.	The combination of facial data especially through fusion technique where each modality is processed separately before being combined led to higher accuracy in emotion recognition task.	Some emotions, such as confusion or contempt, are difficult to detect because they manifest subtly in both facial expressions and gestures. This model struggles in this Aspect.
9.	Cai Yujian et.al “Emotion Recognition Using Different Sensors, Emotion Models, Methods and Datasets”.[10]	MDPI (2023)	Uses Physiological Sensors, Body Motion Sensors, CNNs and RNNs.	The paper identifies common challenges such as the variability of emotional expressions across different cultures, the need for real-time processing capabilities.	This study lacks in identifying complex emotions and applying the model in real world applications.
10.	Aikyn Nartay et.al “Efficient facial expression recognition framework based on edge computing”.[11]	Springer (2023)	Uses CNNs, Model Optimization Technique like pruning and quantization.	The optimized CNN models maintain high accuracy in recognizing facial expressions, even when deployed on edge devices,	The model struggle with recognizing complex or nuanced emotions, which require more sophisticated approaches to classification beyond basic emotional

				highlighting the effectiveness of the optimization techniques used.	categories.
11.	Kessous Loic et.al “Multimodal emotion recognition in speech-based interaction using facial expression and body gestures”.[9]	Springer (2023)	Uses CNNs and RNNs and multimodal fusion techniques with multiple datasets.	The study provides insights into how different modalities interact and complement each other in conveying emotions, emphasizing the importance of considering multiple cues in speech-based interactions.	The integration of multiple modalities can increase the computational complexity, potentially limiting the model's deployment in low-resource settings or real-time applications.

2.2 KEY GAPS IN THE LITERATURE

Despite significant advancements, several gaps persist in the literature, providing opportunities for further exploration:

- **Limited Focus on Multimodal Systems:** Most studies prioritize facial expressions, overlooking the rich information conveyed through body gestures. There is a lack of systems that effectively integrate these two modalities.
- **Real-World Applicability:** Existing systems often fail to perform well in real-world environments due to variations in lighting, occlusion, and cultural differences.
- **Emotion Granularity:** Many systems classify emotions into a fixed number of categories, ignoring nuanced emotional states like confusion or excitement.
- **Scalability and Efficiency:** Real-time emotion recognition systems face challenges in processing speed and scalability, especially when deployed on edge devices.
- **Dataset Limitations:** The lack of large, diverse, and annotated datasets hinders the development of robust models capable of generalizing across different populations and scenarios.

2.2.1 ADVANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY & TECHNIQUES

In recent years, several advancements have been introduced to address the aforementioned gaps:

- **Attention Mechanisms:** These mechanisms allow models to focus on the most relevant features, improving performance in scenarios with noise or occlusion.
- **Graph Neural Networks (GNNs):** Used to model relationships between different modalities, GNNs enhance the fusion of facial and body cues.
- **Transfer Learning:** Pre-trained models like BERT, GPT, and ResNet have been adapted for emotion recognition, reducing the dependency on large annotated datasets.
- **Edge Computing:** The deployment of lightweight models on edge devices ensures real-time processing with minimal latency.

2.2.2 COMPARITIVE ANALYSIS OF EXISTING APPROACHES

A comparison of existing approaches highlights the strengths and weaknesses of various methods:

- **Facial Expression-Based Systems:** High accuracy in controlled environments but susceptible to occlusion and variations in facial structure.
- **Body Gesture-Based Systems:** Effective for dynamic emotions but lack granularity for subtle emotional states.
- **Multimodal Systems:** The superior performance resulting from the combination of modalities requires however, considerable computational resources.

2.2.3 FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN LITERATURE

The research area of emotion recognition is rapidly developing, and there are few promising directions for future investigation:

- **Incorporating Contextual Information:** Integrating environmental context (e.g., surroundings, interactions) can enhance emotion interpretation.
- **Emotion Adaptability:** Developing systems capable of learning new emotions or cultural expressions dynamically.
- **Enhanced Multimodal Datasets:** Expanding datasets to include diverse populations, cultural contexts, and real-world scenarios.

CHAPTER 3: SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

The chapter gives an in-depth algorithm of the methodology, architecture, tools and the utilization algorithms for developing the recognition system of the facial emotion. Each of the guidelines underlines the structured approach implemented in order to attain the goals outlined in Chapter 1. The stages are gathering requirement; designing the system architecture; preparing the data; implementing the model and challenges that might arise during this process.

3.1 REQUIREMENTS AND ANALYSIS

The design for an Emotion Recognition System comprises an analysis of functionality and non-functionality. These requirements are the foundation of the entire system, the system must meet the objectives and the outcome.

3.1.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Processor: Intel Core i5/i7 or equivalent with multi-core support (recommended for faster processing).
- RAM: At least 8 GB (16 GB preferred for handling large datasets).
- Storage: Minimum 50 GB of free space for datasets and model checkpoints.
- GPU: NVIDIA CUDA-enabled GPU for accelerated deep learning training.
- Camera: A webcam or external camera for real-time emotion recognition.

3.1.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Libraries and Frameworks:
 - Media Pipeline: For performing Computer Vision Interface
 - OpenCV: For image and video preprocessing.
 - Matplotlib/Seaborn: For visualizing results.
 - NumPy/Pandas: For data manipulation and analysis.
- IDE/Environment: Jupyter Notebook, PyCharm, or Visual Studio Code.
- Version Control: GitHub for collaboration and versioning

Table 3.1: Technology used and their role

Technology	Role
Python	Core programming language
Open CV	Image capture, processing, UI
MediaPipe	Pose and facial landmark detection
Scikit-learn	Machine learning pipeline
NumPy/Pandas	Data manipulation
Pickle	Model serialization/deserialization
Matplotlib/Seaborn	Visualization and performance metrics

3.1.3 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Functional requirements explain exactly what behaviours, services and functions the system has to support. The emotion recognition system has to perform several critical activities in order to make the emotion classification from body gestures and facial expressions successful.

3.1.3.1 DATA ACQUISITION

- The system must support real-time acquisition of video input through a camera or allow for processing of pre-recorded video/image datasets.
- It should capture both facial features and full or upper-body postures simultaneously.

3.1.3.2 PREPROCESSING AND FEATURE SELECTION

- The system should be automatic in detecting and extraction of facial landmarks (eyes, nose, eyebrows, lips and jaw line).
- It has to also pull out body posture features like skeletal keypoints, joint angles, and movement vectors via pose estimation algorithms (OpenPose or MediaPipe, among others,).

- Noise filtering and normalization techniques should be applied to remove irrelevant background features and ensure consistency across frames.

3.2 PROJECT DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

In terms of design and architecture, the “Emotion Recognition using Body Gestures and Facial Expressions” system is based on multidisciplinary extraction of knowledge from the foundations of computer vision, machine learning and human computer interaction. The project has adopted a modular architecture in order to make the project scalable, easy to further develop and maintain. The key goal is to analyze and categorize human emotional states based on visual triggers derived from facial expressions and body alignments, especially supported by video streams in real-time.

This chapter describes Conceptual design, Architectural components, Data Flow and Interdependency among system modules. Every design decision has been carefully worked out to straddle the scale of performance, accuracy, and real time responsiveness.

3.2.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW

The system around which the system is built consists of the following main components:

1. Input Acquisition Layer
2. Preprocessing Layer
3. Feature Extraction Module
4. Feature Vector Compilation
5. Model Training and Inference Engine
6. Emotion Classification Output Layer
7. Visualization and User Interface

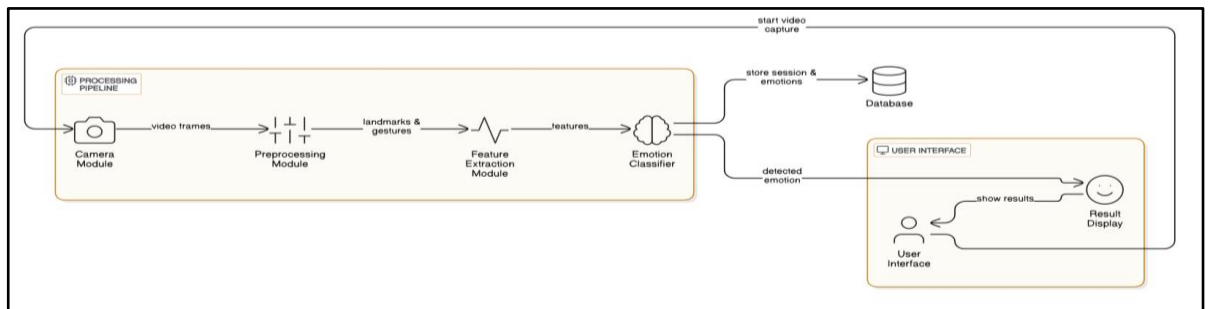


Figure 3.1: Project Architecture

3.2.2 COMPONENT-WISE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

3.2.2.1 Input Acquisition Layer

This is the foremost layer responsible for capturing real-time video input using a webcam. It utilizes OpenCV to handle video frame acquisition. Each frame serves as a source for landmark detection. The design ensures minimal latency by optimizing the video buffer and capture rate.

Key responsibilities:

- Real-time video streaming
- Frame-by-frame capture
- Initiation and control of the webcam device

3.2.2.2 Pre-Processing Layer

Once frames are captured, they undergo essential preprocessing to transform them into a suitable format for further processing by MediaPipe. This includes:

- **Color Space Conversion:** From BGR (OpenCV default) to RGB (required by MediaPipe).
- **Memory Management:** Setting image flags to make them non-writeable during detection for performance optimization.
- **Normalization (if required):** Scaling pixel intensity or landmark values for uniformity.

This step guarantees input uniformity and eliminates potential noise that could hinder detection accuracy.

3.2.2.3 Feature Extraction Module

The feature extraction module is the core engine for identifying anatomical landmarks on the human body. It leverages the MediaPipe Holistic API, which integrates:

- **Face Mesh Detection:** Recognizes 468 detailed facial landmarks.
- **Pose Estimation:** Extracts 33 key skeletal points.
- **Hand Tracking (Left and Right):** Optionally extracts hand gestures, though not used for model training in the base implementation.

The Holistic model ensures synchronous multi-part analysis for comprehensive understanding of expressions and posture.

The detected landmarks include:

- **Coordinates (x, y, z):** Normalized position of each landmark.
- **Visibility score (v):** Confidence level in the detection, specific to pose landmarks.

This layer enables a high-fidelity abstraction of human emotion through geometric representation.

3.2.2.4 Feature Vector Compilation

Once the landmarks are extracted, they are flattened and concatenated into a single vector. Each vector represents the spatial and visibility characteristics of key body parts in a frame.

- **Pose landmarks:** $33 \text{ points} \times 4 (x, y, z, v) = 132 \text{ features}$
- **Face landmarks:** $468 \text{ points} \times 4 (x, y, z, 0 \text{ for visibility}) = 1,872 \text{ features}$
- **Total features per frame:** 2004

These vectors are labeled with the corresponding emotional class (e.g., “Happy”, “Sad”, “Neutral”) and stored in a CSV file (coords.csv) for supervised learning.

This process is repeated for multiple frames to create a diverse and robust dataset.

3.2.2.5 Model Training and Inference Engine

This module forms the machine learning backbone of the system. The compiled dataset is fed into multiple classifiers using the scikit-learn framework. The pipeline includes:

- **Data Splitting:** 70% training and 30% testing
- **Feature Standardization:** Applied using StandardScaler to ensure model performance and convergence
- **Model Variants:**
 - Logistic Regression (baseline linear model)
 - Ridge Classifier (penalized linear model)
 - Random Forest Classifier (ensemble-based)
 - Gradient Boosting Classifier (boosted ensemble method)

Each classifier is trained, and their performance is evaluated based on accuracy and F1-score. The Random Forest classifier yielded the highest performance and was chosen for final deployment. The chosen model is serialized using Python's pickle module and stored as **body_language.pkl**.

3.2.2.6 Emotion Classification Output Layer

In the deployed system, the model is loaded in real time and used to predict the emotion displayed in live webcam frames. For each frame:

- Landmarks are extracted
- A feature vector is compiled
- The model predicts the most likely emotion
- Probability scores are optionally visualized

This module ensures:

- Real-time predictions (<100ms per frame)
- Dynamic visualization with OpenCV overlays (emotion label printed on screen)
- Logging of predictions and associated probabilities for evaluation

3.2.2.7 Visualization and User Interface

To enhance user interpretability, the system provides visual feedback in two forms:

1. Live Frame Annotation: Facial mesh the overlays on hand and pose landmarks with colored segments.
2. Emotion Display: Text annotations of the analyzed emotion at the top of the displayed window

In addition, confusion matrices and classification reports are generated, visually using Seaborn and Matplotlib, which give us insights into model performance.

3.3 DATA PREPARATION

Preparation of data is a critical process that forms the foundation in any machine learning-based task, and particularly in task such as computer vision or human behavior analysis project where its consequences define the accuracy, reliability and ability to generalize results of the system

involved in the project. In this section, the procedures, and methodologies conducted in the preparation of the data in the project, Emotion Recognition using Body Gestures and Facial Expressions, are described. The core scope being raw visual input capture, extraction of relevant features using pose and face landmark detection models from MediaPipe, and structuring that information in a way that is amenable for training the machine learning classifiers.

3.3.1 Datasets Collection Methodology

Considering the lack of publicly available datasets that combine pose, facial and emotional annotations under controlled settings, a custom data set was built based on real time video captured from a webcam. This strategy ensures flexibility and precision in tags of emotional states (e.g., “Happy”, “Sad”, “Angry”) through usage of user provided demonstrations.

For this purpose, video data was recorded with an ordinary webcam with OpenCV and with each frame passing through MediaPipe’s Holistic solution, integrating pose, hand, and facial landmark detection into a joint framework. The Holistic pipeline is suitable for human gesture and expression recognition since it gives 3D coordinates (x, y, z) and visibility scores of each detected keypoint.

3.3.2 Feature Extraction using MediaPipe

The MediaPipe Holistic model detects several sets of landmarks per frame:

- Pose Landmarks: 33 key points as it refers to different joints and body parts.
- Face Landmarks: 468 important points reflecting the index of the facial surface.
- Hand Landmarks: 21 key points for each hand.

In the current implementation, pose and face landmarks, which are more closely related to emotional expressions and body language were emphasized. Every detected keypoint is characterized by 4 values.

- x: Horizontal coordinate (normalized)
- y: Vertical coordinate (normalized)
- z: Depth coordinate (relative)
- visibility: A score demonstrating the reliability of obtaining the detection.

1D arrays were built, which represented these values, to create feature vectors. In case no landmarks were found in a category, an appropriately sized zero-filled array was substituted to ensure consistency in dimensions of feature.

3.3.3 Data Annotation and Labeling

For supervised learning each feature vector needed a class label that indicated the emotion being expressed during input collection. This was done by setting up the `class_name` value (e.g., “Happy”, “Sad”) in order to manually allocate it immediately before video recording. Embedding the corresponding emotional category was conducted together with each frame’s feature vector. This methodology guaranteed that each data point is directly connected to a marked up emotional state which allows for proper training downstream for classification.

3.3.4 Exporting to CSV

After extracting features from blocks defined by pose and face landmarks, these features were collapsed into a single row per frame and exported to a CSV file with name `coords.csv`. The first column was the emotion label, the following four value groups for each landmark (x, y, z, visibility). This file was used as a key dataset, in which the emotion recognition models were trained.

The header row array of the CSV was created dynamically, depending on the number of landmarks under:

`['class', 'x1', 'y1', 'z1', 'v1', 'x2', 'y2', ..., 'vN']`

Where N is operator total count of pose and face landmark multiplied by four. This organized dataset can be directly loaded into the pandas. Kaggle dataset for pre-processing as well as model training and evaluation.

3.3.5 Data Pre-Processing and Train-Test Split

Once the data set was created it was brought in with the use of Pandas and initial exploratory inspection done to ensure correctness and completeness of the data set. The following operations were performed:

- **Filtering by Class:** There was a provision of adequate examples for every emotional class.
- **Handling Missing Values:** In frames where the key landmarks were not being detected, they were either filled with zeros or eliminated according to visibility scores.

- **Feature-Target Split:** The class label columns were removed from the feature column using `X = df.drop('class', axis=1)` `y = df['class']`.

For the purpose of model evaluation, 5180 observations were used as a training set and 2294 observations as a testing set, splitting using a 70/30 train/test split ratio via the Scikit-Learn's `train_test_split`. This guaranteed that performance measurement used by the model could generalize beyond the training data.

3.3.6 Data Normalization and Pipelines

The feature vectors to increase model performance and convergence were normalized using `StandardScaler()` from Scikit-Learn. This step is significant in datasets with different numeric ranges (e.g. some coordinates will go from 0 to 1, and others may contain noise near zero). Normalization makes all the features a contributing part during learning of the model.

A Scikit-Learn Pipeline was developed for every classification algorithm that would make use of both scaling and model training in a streamlined and reproducible fashion. The pipelines included:

- **Logistic Regression**
- **Ridge Classifier**
- **Random Forest Classifier**
- **Gradient Boosting Classifier**

Each pipeline was trained on the `X_train`, `y_train` subsets and saved in a dictionary for easy retrieval and comparison in performance.

3.3.7 Exporting Trained Model

Overall, the Random Forest Classifier performed at the highest accuracy rate in evaluations carried out initially, and is thus used as the final model for real-time deployment among all trained models. It was serialized using a Python's pickle library and stored in file `body_language.pkl`.

A benefit of this binary file is the stored fitted model with all internal hyper parameters and learned weights that allows for consistent emotion prediction on new unseen data during live inference.

3.3.8 Keypoint Extraction for Inference

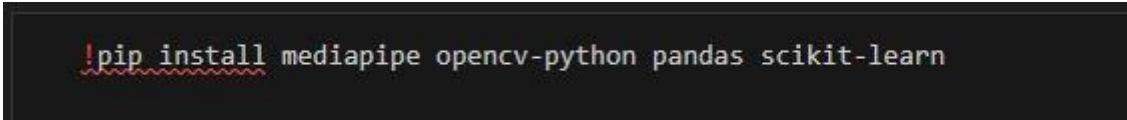
For real-time inference, a function `extract_keypoints (results)` was implemented. It takes MediaPipe Holistic results and casts pose and face landmarks into a vector of features, structured similarly to the training data. This provides compatibility between real time webcam input and that which had been trained on the classifier previously.

During the actual running of the system the extracted vector is then fed into the trained model using the `predict ()` function and the `predict_proba ()` function to output both a predicted class plus the associated confidence levels.

The process involved detailed processes from video capture through landmark extraction and CSV to training-ready data set formatting. With the help of powerful landmark detection framework presented in MediaPipe the project built a robust scalable pipeline for translation of visual expression and gestures into the numerical data that can be used in models of machine learning. The resultant dataset covers not only human nuance but also builds a strong foundation for efficient and in-time recognition of human emotions.

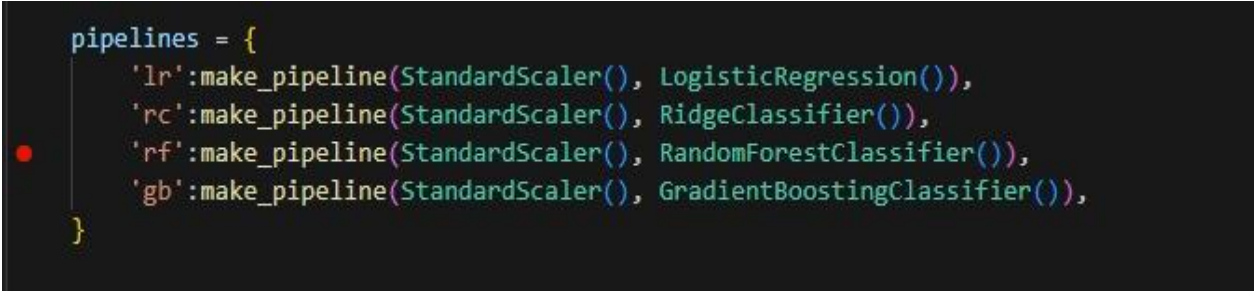
3.4 IMPLEMENTATION

The goal of this system is to recognize human emotions in real time through the extraction and classification of facial expressions and body gestures using advanced computer vision and machine learning techniques. The following sections detail the technologies employed, code modules, tools, and algorithms used throughout the implementation.



```
!pip install mediapipe opencv-python pandas scikit-learn
```

Fig. 3.2: Installing the required Libraries



```
pipelines = {
    'lr':make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), LogisticRegression()),
    'rc':make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), RidgeClassifier()),
    'rf':make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), RandomForestClassifier()),
    'gb':make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), GradientBoostingClassifier()),
}
```

Fig. 3.3: Pipelines used


```
with open('coords.csv', mode='w', newline='') as f:
    csv_writer = csv.writer(f, delimiter=',', quotechar='"', quoting=csv.QUOTE_MINIMAL)
    csv_writer.writerow(landmarks)
```

Fig. 3.4: To create a csv to store the landmarks

```
class_name = "new class"
```

Fig. 3.5: To add new class to dataset

```
landmarks = ['class']
for val in range(1, num_coords+1):
    landmarks += ['x{}'.format(val), 'y{}'.format(val), 'z{}'.format(val), 'v{}'.format(val)]
```

Fig. 3.6: Storing the coordinates in x,y,z and v.

df.head()

	class	x1	y1	z1	v1	x2	y2	z2	v2	x3	...	z499	v499	x500	y500	z500	v500	x501	y501	z501	v501
0	Happy	0.388529	0.604402	-0.762000	0.999788	0.424678	0.518939	-0.757497	0.999483	0.446725	...	-0.021665	0.0	0.467155	0.491599	-0.007689	0.0	0.473405	0.485873	-0.008051	0.0
1	Happy	0.391215	0.597469	-1.265336	0.999803	0.429576	0.512392	-1.225691	0.999519	0.452164	...	-0.022802	0.0	0.466304	0.490896	-0.010802	0.0	0.472531	0.484522	-0.011325	0.0
2	Happy	0.392369	0.594793	-1.296410	0.999816	0.432348	0.509666	-1.259244	0.999549	0.455445	...	-0.022338	0.0	0.466226	0.491772	-0.009805	0.0	0.472410	0.485566	-0.010288	0.0
3	Happy	0.393104	0.592780	-1.305722	0.999828	0.433933	0.507358	-1.268109	0.999577	0.457339	...	-0.022398	0.0	0.465187	0.491888	-0.009951	0.0	0.471437	0.485784	-0.010437	0.0
4	Happy	0.393914	0.591278	-1.280299	0.999839	0.434922	0.505733	-1.242892	0.999603	0.458428	...	-0.022265	0.0	0.464875	0.492440	-0.009978	0.0	0.471074	0.486313	-0.010484	0.0

5 rows × 2005 columns

Fig. 3.7: Head of the data set

df.tail()

	class	x1	y1	z1	v1	x2	y2	z2	v2	x3	...	z499	v499	x500	y500	z500	v500	x501	y501	z501	v501
1291	Disgust	0.378980	0.647803	-0.968850	0.999903	0.419498	0.560776	-0.960069	0.999757	0.444533	...	-0.019607	0.0	0.452846	0.542247	-0.010850	0.0	0.458811	0.537829	-0.011927	0.0
1292	Disgust	0.365653	0.649457	-0.927991	0.999878	0.408016	0.562889	-0.932410	0.999685	0.433207	...	-0.019611	0.0	0.442441	0.539036	-0.013877	0.0	0.448395	0.534646	-0.015191	0.0
1293	Disgust	0.359472	0.651624	-0.888793	0.999864	0.402808	0.565029	-0.893926	0.999644	0.428193	...	-0.019409	0.0	0.438614	0.537515	-0.015014	0.0	0.444554	0.533247	-0.016465	0.0
1294	Disgust	0.355039	0.653525	-0.906139	0.999840	0.397685	0.567553	-0.913662	0.999568	0.423512	...	-0.019777	0.0	0.437041	0.536780	-0.015811	0.0	0.443044	0.532690	-0.017331	0.0
1295	Disgust	0.350763	0.653729	-0.885191	0.999822	0.392734	0.568173	-0.898037	0.999515	0.418751	...	-0.018858	0.0	0.435215	0.536253	-0.015404	0.0	0.441200	0.532095	-0.016956	0.0

5 rows × 2005 columns

Fig. 3.8: Tail of the data set

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	class	x1	y1	z1	v1	x2	y2	z2	v2	x3	y3	z3	v3
2	Happy	0.388529	0.604402	-0.762	0.999788	0.424678	0.518939	-0.7575	0.999483	0.446725	0.514823	-0.75695	0.999555
3	Happy	0.391215	0.597469	-1.26534	0.999803	0.429576	0.512392	-1.22569	0.999519	0.452164	0.509204	-1.22574	0.999587
4	Happy	0.392369	0.594793	-1.29641	0.999816	0.432348	0.509666	-1.25924	0.999549	0.455445	0.506922	-1.25931	0.999615
5	Happy	0.393104	0.59278	-1.30572	0.999828	0.433933	0.507358	-1.26811	0.999577	0.457339	0.50481	-1.26819	0.99964
6	Happy	0.393914	0.591278	-1.2803	0.999839	0.434922	0.505733	-1.24289	0.999603	0.458428	0.503197	-1.24296	0.999663
7	Happy	0.394888	0.589876	-1.28655	0.999848	0.436192	0.504413	-1.25054	0.999624	0.459713	0.502032	-1.25058	0.999682
8	Happy	0.396132	0.589149	-1.28458	0.999856	0.437216	0.503944	-1.24576	0.999641	0.460604	0.501587	-1.24583	0.999699
9	Happy	0.396699	0.588459	-1.27802	0.999862	0.437735	0.50342	-1.24216	0.999654	0.461088	0.501095	-1.24218	0.999712
10	Happy	0.397193	0.588115	-1.32531	0.999869	0.438149	0.503162	-1.28832	0.999671	0.461451	0.500823	-1.28836	0.999728
11	Happy	0.397678	0.588086	-1.32454	0.999875	0.438644	0.503175	-1.28873	0.999682	0.461868	0.500823	-1.28875	0.999739
12	Happy	0.397879	0.588101	-1.31343	0.999879	0.438895	0.503272	-1.27892	0.999692	0.462101	0.500915	-1.27893	0.999748
13	Happy	0.398268	0.588149	-1.3187	0.999882	0.439269	0.503386	-1.28294	0.999697	0.462431	0.501028	-1.283	0.999754
14	Happy	0.398287	0.588071	-1.33378	0.999885	0.439231	0.503411	-1.29962	0.999705	0.462414	0.501038	-1.29969	0.999762
15	Happy	0.397971	0.588085	-1.31017	0.999887	0.438844	0.503705	-1.27684	0.999708	0.462209	0.501296	-1.27687	0.999766
16	Happy	0.397776	0.588083	-1.34508	0.999889	0.438598	0.503815	-1.31153	0.999715	0.462076	0.501416	-1.3116	0.999771
17	Happy	0.397204	0.587187	-1.27551	0.999889	0.438218	0.50345	-1.24076	0.999714	0.461813	0.501004	-1.24082	0.999773
18	Happy	0.395666	0.585789	-1.25923	0.999889	0.437051	0.502493	-1.22547	0.999713	0.460837	0.500117	-1.22554	0.999773
19	Happy	0.394737	0.584893	-1.2581	0.999892	0.436442	0.501544	-1.22334	0.999718	0.46028	0.499293	-1.22341	0.999777
20	Happy	0.377171	0.585225	-1.17827	0.999886	0.422595	0.50164	-1.15266	0.999705	0.44888	0.499343	-1.15273	0.999768
21	Happy	0.349097	0.592752	-1.08056	0.999864	0.394103	0.507992	-1.08307	0.999649	0.423007	0.505251	-1.08306	0.999729
22	Happy	0.33049	0.595048	-1.08478	0.999839	0.374654	0.510221	-1.09201	0.999587	0.403392	0.507417	-1.09205	0.999687
23	Happy	0.30585	0.595028	-0.84296	0.999799	0.347822	0.510571	-0.87471	0.999486	0.374147	0.507615	-0.87463	0.999617
24	Happy	0.298248	0.594949	-0.87214	0.999753	0.339656	0.510696	-0.89848	0.99938	0.365043	0.507678	-0.89853	0.99954
25	Happy	0.293672	0.59484	-0.83577	0.999719	0.335046	0.5107	-0.86751	0.999295	0.360217	0.507653	-0.86752	0.999478
26	Happy	0.287725	0.594761	-0.79037	0.999689	0.327825	0.510787	-0.82963	0.999218	0.352351	0.507646	-0.82951	0.999425
27	Happy	0.284259	0.594697	-0.73196	0.999671	0.324242	0.511181	-0.77426	0.999172	0.348598	0.507863	-0.7741	0.999394
28	Happy	0.283483	0.594639	-0.74679	0.999653	0.323687	0.511561	-0.78838	0.999127	0.348109	0.508102	-0.78827	0.999362
29	Happy	0.286146	0.594394	-0.7588	0.99964	0.325914	0.511558	-0.79393	0.999095	0.350424	0.508069	-0.79384	0.999342
30	Happy	0.289747	0.594119	-0.80444	0.999651	0.327907	0.511	-0.80208	0.999119	0.353778	0.507315	-0.80241	0.999364
31	Happy	0.295967	0.593815	-0.97138	0.999654	0.33251	0.510473	-0.97564	0.999127	0.359609	0.506777	-0.97583	0.999372
32	Happy	0.311894	0.593186	-0.96252	0.999671	0.349255	0.509033	-0.96571	0.999169	0.377344	0.505273	-0.9658	0.999403
33	Happy	0.330345	0.59307	-1.06325	0.999687	0.369091	0.508111	-1.04992	0.999206	0.396892	0.504057	-1.04998	0.99943
34	Happy	0.343216	0.593012	-1.17744	0.999701	0.381527	0.50811	-1.15549	0.999238	0.408287	0.504014	-1.15564	0.999455
35	Happy	0.361057	0.590918	-1.14974	0.999724	0.399355	0.505792	-1.1235	0.999295	0.423609	0.501506	-1.12354	0.999496
36	Happy	0.367146	0.589493	-1.15238	0.999744	0.405644	0.504269	-1.12365	0.999347	0.429217	0.499876	-1.12368	0.999533
37	Happy	0.374002	0.584164	-1.11	0.999761	0.412593	0.499593	-1.09744	0.999389	0.435459	0.495601	-1.09741	0.999563
38	Happy	0.376902	0.582361	-1.09794	0.999775	0.416706	0.498358	-1.05373	0.999422	0.439491	0.494558	-1.05371	0.999586
39	Happy	0.379333	0.582009	-1.10884	0.999787	0.41979	0.498038	-1.07367	0.99945	0.442764	0.49417	-1.07366	0.999606
40	Happy	0.37979	0.581625	-1.11687	0.9998	0.42032	0.497827	-1.0829	0.999481	0.443375	0.493973	-1.08292	0.999628

Fig. 3.9: Generated Dataset

```
df[df['class']=='Sad']
```

	class	x1	y1	z1	v1	x2	y2	z2	v2	x3	...	z499	v499	x500	y500	z500	v500	x501	y501	z501	v501
179	Sad	0.396601	0.715325	-1.661303	0.999159	0.419546	0.649969	-1.683814	0.997077	0.439168	...	-0.035280	0.0	0.472984	0.593658	-0.028268	0.0	0.477273	0.581344	-0.029053	0.0
180	Sad	0.397605	0.714745	-1.590639	0.999245	0.420255	0.649303	-1.618730	0.997392	0.439952	...	-0.035926	0.0	0.474467	0.606493	-0.030333	0.0	0.478787	0.595492	-0.031434	0.0
181	Sad	0.397608	0.702666	-1.564534	0.999327	0.421353	0.634074	-1.587057	0.997685	0.441749	...	-0.033317	0.0	0.473235	0.583797	-0.028034	0.0	0.477323	0.575147	-0.029270	0.0
182	Sad	0.397572	0.692206	-1.529035	0.999362	0.421934	0.619964	-1.542301	0.997807	0.442831	...	-0.034810	0.0	0.471988	0.582521	-0.029465	0.0	0.476102	0.576507	-0.030952	0.0
183	Sad	0.408760	0.682322	-1.478688	0.999414	0.435662	0.605275	-1.480401	0.997990	0.455524	...	-0.033408	0.0	0.470210	0.563766	-0.027585	0.0	0.474532	0.557999	-0.028973	0.0
...
384	Sad	0.482582	0.616689	-1.355200	0.999772	0.491712	0.541292	-1.328839	0.999407	0.501425	...	-0.021067	0.0	0.527470	0.481755	0.003175	0.0	0.530145	0.473824	0.003759	0.0
385	Sad	0.482129	0.617020	-1.368824	0.999756	0.491524	0.541535	-1.342420	0.999367	0.501284	...	-0.021800	0.0	0.528452	0.481180	0.002033	0.0	0.531052	0.472985	0.002608	0.0
386	Sad	0.482098	0.617023	-1.359271	0.999739	0.491460	0.541539	-1.333950	0.999323	0.501211	...	-0.021088	0.0	0.528199	0.480871	0.002248	0.0	0.530737	0.472785	0.002816	0.0
387	Sad	0.482011	0.617441	-1.361444	0.999737	0.491441	0.541820	-1.336011	0.999317	0.501201	...	-0.021511	0.0	0.527955	0.482270	0.002035	0.0	0.530507	0.474102	0.002638	0.0
388	Sad	0.481596	0.618586	-1.351059	0.999727	0.491235	0.542497	-1.326783	0.999291	0.501054	...	-0.022358	0.0	0.528186	0.482346	0.000988	0.0	0.530795	0.474278	0.001498	0.0

210 rows x 2005 columns

Fig. 3.10: Coordinates for class 'Sad'

```
df[df['class']=='Happy']
```

	class	x1	y1	z1	v1	x2	y2	z2	v2	x3	...	z499	v499	x500	y500	z500	v500	x501	y501	z501	v501
0	Happy	0.388529	0.604402	-0.762000	0.999788	0.424678	0.518939	-0.757497	0.999483	0.446725	...	-0.021665	0.0	0.467155	0.491599	-0.007689	0.0	0.473405	0.485873	-0.008051	0.0
1	Happy	0.391215	0.597469	-1.265336	0.999803	0.429576	0.512392	-1.225691	0.999519	0.452164	...	-0.022802	0.0	0.466304	0.490896	-0.010802	0.0	0.472531	0.484522	-0.011325	0.0
2	Happy	0.392369	0.594793	-1.296410	0.999816	0.432348	0.509666	-1.259244	0.999549	0.455445	...	-0.022338	0.0	0.466226	0.491772	-0.009805	0.0	0.472410	0.485566	-0.010288	0.0
3	Happy	0.393104	0.592780	-1.305722	0.999828	0.433933	0.507358	-1.268109	0.999577	0.457339	...	-0.022398	0.0	0.465187	0.491888	-0.009951	0.0	0.471437	0.485784	-0.010437	0.0
4	Happy	0.393914	0.591278	-1.280299	0.999839	0.434922	0.505733	-1.242892	0.999603	0.458428	...	-0.022265	0.0	0.464875	0.492440	-0.009978	0.0	0.471074	0.486313	-0.010484	0.0
...
174	Happy	0.457584	0.585179	-1.303329	0.999963	0.489734	0.497707	-1.259424	0.999910	0.506568	...	-0.018542	0.0	0.529302	0.473570	0.010179	0.0	0.534229	0.468071	0.010818	0.0
175	Happy	0.458541	0.585756	-1.177849	0.999963	0.491056	0.498016	-1.135661	0.999909	0.507735	...	-0.018548	0.0	0.529510	0.474232	0.009979	0.0	0.534554	0.468508	0.010648	0.0
176	Happy	0.459095	0.586108	-1.154411	0.999962	0.491873	0.498112	-1.114187	0.999908	0.508477	...	-0.018807	0.0	0.529448	0.474156	0.009286	0.0	0.534547	0.468296	0.009959	0.0
177	Happy	0.458992	0.586253	-1.162827	0.999962	0.491889	0.498220	-1.121094	0.999907	0.508594	...	-0.019121	0.0	0.529759	0.474330	0.008950	0.0	0.534797	0.468605	0.009565	0.0
178	Happy	0.459095	0.586263	-1.250949	0.999962	0.492203	0.498224	-1.207755	0.999907	0.508915	...	-0.019088	0.0	0.528934	0.475289	0.008858	0.0	0.534018	0.469487	0.009480	0.0

179 rows x 2005 columns

Fig. 3.11: Coordinates for class 'Happy'

```
X = df.drop('class', axis=1) # features
y = df['class'] # target value
```

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=1234)
```

```
y_test
```

35	Happy
1016	Contempt
494	Neutral
350	Sad
1291	Disgust
...	...
118	Happy
541	Neutral
308	Sad
523	Neutral
104	Happy

Name: class, Length: 389, dtype: object

Fig. 3.12: Dataset stats


```

fit_models = {}
for algo, pipeline in pipelines.items():
    model = pipeline.fit(X_train, y_train)
    fit_models[algo] = model

```

c:\Users\ANSHU\Desktop\Major\Final_major_project\venv\lib\site-packages\sklearn\linear_model\logistic.py:460: ConvergenceWarning: lbfgs failed to converge (status=1):
STOP: TOTAL NO. of ITERATIONS REACHED LIMIT.

Increase the number of iterations (max_iter) or scale the data as shown in:
<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html>
Please also refer to the documentation for alternative solver options:
https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear_model.html#logistic-regression
n_iter_i = _check_optimize_result(

Fig. 3.13: Model Training

```

fit_models['rc'].predict(X_test)

```

```

array(['Happy', 'Contempt', 'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Contempt',
       'Angry', 'Surprise', 'Happy', 'Happy', 'Surprise', 'Surprise',
       'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Disgust',
       'Contempt', 'Angry', 'Sad', 'Happy', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Angry',
       'Sad', 'Angry', 'Disgust', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Disgust',
       'Sad', 'Neutral', 'Angry', 'Disgust', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Neutral',
       'Angry', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Contempt', 'Angry', 'Disgust',
       'Surprise', 'Angry', 'Surprise', 'Sad', 'Happy', 'Neutral',
       'Happy', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Happy', 'Disgust',
       'Sad', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Surprise', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Neutral',
       'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Surprise', 'Sad', 'Neutral',
       'Neutral', 'Contempt', 'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Disgust',
       'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Neutral', 'Neutral',
       'Disgust', 'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Happy', 'Disgust', 'Happy',
       'Contempt', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Contempt',
       'Angry', 'Disgust', 'Surprise', 'Angry', 'Neutral', 'Happy',
       'Surprise', 'Contempt', 'Happy', 'Angry', 'Angry', 'Disgust',
       'Neutral', 'Neutral', 'Angry', 'Neutral', 'Surprise', 'Angry',
       'Happy', 'Disgust', 'Contempt', 'Contempt', 'Contempt', 'Neutral',
       'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Sad', 'Contempt', 'Disgust', 'Disgust',
       'Disgust', 'Happy', 'Contempt', 'Happy', 'Surprise', 'Neutral',
       'Disgust', 'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Sad', 'Contempt', 'Surprise', 'Sad',
       'Surprise', 'Surprise', 'Happy', 'Happy', 'Contempt', 'Contempt',
       'Angry', 'Sad', 'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Contempt', 'Contempt',
       'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Surprise',
       ...
       'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Neutral', 'Neutral', 'Angry',
       'Sad', 'Sad', 'Neutral', 'Surprise', 'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Happy',
       'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Angry',
       'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Happy', 'Contempt', 'Angry', 'Happy',
       'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Neutral', 'Happy'], dtype='<U8')

```

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Fig. 3.14: Results generated by Ridge Classifier

```
fit_models['rf'].predict(X_test)
```

```
array(['Happy', 'Contempt', 'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Contempt',
      'Angry', 'Surprise', 'Happy', 'Happy', 'Surprise', 'Surprise',
      'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Disgust',
      'Contempt', 'Angry', 'Sad', 'Happy', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Angry',
      'Sad', 'Angry', 'Disgust', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Disgust',
      'Sad', 'Neutral', 'Angry', 'Disgust', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Neutral',
      'Angry', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Contempt', 'Angry', 'Disgust',
      'Surprise', 'Angry', 'Surprise', 'Sad', 'Happy', 'Neutral',
      'Happy', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Happy', 'Disgust',
      'Sad', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Surprise', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Neutral',
      'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Surprise', 'Sad', 'Neutral',
      'Neutral', 'Contempt', 'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Disgust',
      'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Neutral', 'Neutral',
      'Disgust', 'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Happy', 'Disgust', 'Happy',
      'Contempt', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Contempt',
      'Angry', 'Disgust', 'Surprise', 'Angry', 'Neutral', 'Happy',
      'Surprise', 'Contempt', 'Happy', 'Angry', 'Angry', 'Disgust',
      'Neutral', 'Neutral', 'Angry', 'Neutral', 'Surprise', 'Angry',
      'Happy', 'Disgust', 'Contempt', 'Contempt', 'Contempt', 'Neutral',
      'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Sad', 'Contempt', 'Disgust', 'Disgust',
      'Disgust', 'Happy', 'Contempt', 'Happy', 'Surprise', 'Neutral',
      'Disgust', 'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Sad', 'Contempt', 'Surprise', 'Sad',
      'Surprise', 'Surprise', 'Happy', 'Happy', 'Contempt', 'Contempt',
      'Angry', 'Sad', 'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Contempt', 'Contempt',
      'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Surprise',
      ...
      'Sad', 'Surprise', 'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Neutral', 'Neutral', 'Angry',
      'Sad', 'Sad', 'Neutral', 'Surprise', 'Angry', 'Contempt', 'Happy',
      'Disgust', 'Disgust', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Contempt', 'Sad', 'Angry',
      'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Happy', 'Contempt', 'Angry', 'Happy',
      'Neutral', 'Sad', 'Neutral', 'Happy'], dtype=object)
```

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Fig. 3.15: Results generated by Random Forest

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score # Accuracy metrics
import pickle
```

```
for algo, model in fit_models.items():
    yhat = model.predict(X_test)
    print(algo, accuracy_score(y_test, yhat))
```

```
lr 1.0
rc 1.0
rf 1.0
gb 0.9974293059125964
```

Fig. 3.16: Accuracy Scores

```
# Prediction
try:
    keypoints = extract_keypoints(results)
    X = pd.DataFrame([keypoints])
    prediction = model.predict(X)[0]
    probability = model.predict_proba(X)[0]
```

Fig. 3.17: Prediction function

```
# Draw landmarks

if results.face_landmarks:
    mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.face_landmarks, mp_face_mesh.FACEMESH_TESSELATION,
                              landmark_drawing_spec=mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(0, 255, 255), thickness=1, circle_radius=1),
                              connection_drawing_spec=mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(0, 128, 255), thickness=1, circle_radius=1)
                              )
if results.pose_landmarks:
    mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.pose_landmarks, mp_holistic.POSE_CONNECTIONS)
if results.left_hand_landmarks:
    mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.left_hand_landmarks, mp_holistic.HAND_CONNECTIONS)
if results.right_hand_landmarks:
    mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.right_hand_landmarks, mp_holistic.HAND_CONNECTIONS)
```

Fig. 3.18: Function Landmarks Creation

```
# Extract all keypoints
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, 0] for res in results.face_landmarks.landmark]).flatten() if results.face_landmarks else np.zeros(468 * 4)
    return np.concatenate([pose, face])
```

Fig. 3.19: Extract Key points

```

import cv2
import mediapipe as mp

mp_drawing = mp.solutions.drawing_utils
mp_holistic = mp.solutions.holistic
mp_face_mesh = mp.solutions.face_mesh

# Set up holistic model
with mp_holistic.Holistic(min_detection_confidence=0.5, min_tracking_confidence=0.5) as holistic:
    cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
    while cap.isOpened():
        ret, frame = cap.read()

        # Recolor image to RGB
        image = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
        image.flags.writeable = False

        # Make detections
        results = holistic.process(image)

        # Recolor back to BGR
        image.flags.writeable = True
        image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_RGB2BGR)

        # Draw face landmarks (using mp_face_mesh connections)
        if results.face_landmarks:
            mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(
                image, results.face_landmarks, mp_face_mesh.FACEMESH_TESSELATION,
                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 right hand
        if results.right_hand_landmarks:
            mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(
                image, results.right_hand_landmarks, mp_holistic.HAND_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)
            )

        # 3. Left Hand
        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)
                                )

        # 4. Pose Detections
        mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.pose_landmarks, mp_holistic.POSE_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)
                                )

        # Export coordinates
        try:
            # Extract Pose landmarks
            pose = results.pose_landmarks.landmark
            pose_row = list(np.array([[landmark.x, landmark.y, landmark.z, landmark.visibility] for landmark in pose]).flatten())

            # Extract Face landmarks
            face = results.face_landmarks.landmark
            face_row = list(np.array([[landmark.x, landmark.y, landmark.z, landmark.visibility] for landmark in face]).flatten())

            # Concat rows
            row = pose_row+face_row

            # Append class name
            row.insert(0, class_name)

            # Export to CSV
            with open('coords.csv', mode='a', newline='') as f:
                csv_writer = csv.writer(f, delimiter=',', quotechar='"', quoting=csv.QUOTE_MINIMAL)
                csv_writer.writerow(row)

        except:
            pass

        cv2.imshow('Output Window', image)

        if cv2.waitKey(10) & 0xFF == ord('q'):
            break

    cap.release()
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()

```

Fig. 3.20: Capturing Realtime landmarks to create dataset


```

cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, yhat)
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm, display_labels=model.classes_)
disp.plot(cmap=plt.cm.Blues)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.show()

```

Fig. 3.21: To print confusion matrix

```

import cv2
import mediapipe as mp
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import pickle

# Load model
with open('body_language.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    model = pickle.load(f)

# MediaPipe setup
mp_drawing = mp.solutions.drawing_utils
mp_holistic = mp.solutions.holistic
mp_face_mesh = mp.solutions.face_mesh

# Extract all keypoints
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, 0] for res in results.face_landmarks.landmark]).flatten() if results.face_landmarks else np.zeros(468 * 4)
    return np.concatenate([pose, face])

# Open webcam
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)

# Start holistic detection
with mp_holistic.Holistic(min_detection_confidence=0.5, min_tracking_confidence=0.5) as holistic:
    while cap.isOpened():
        ret, frame = cap.read()
        if not ret:
            break

        image = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
        image.flags.writeable = False
        results = holistic.process(image)
        image.flags.writeable = True
        image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_RGB2BGR)

        # Draw landmarks

        if results.face_landmarks:
            mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.face_landmarks, mp_face_mesh.FACEMESH_TESSELATION,
                                      landmark_drawing_spec=mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(0, 255, 255), thickness=1, circle_radius=1),
                                      connection_drawing_spec=mp_drawing.DrawingSpec(color=(0, 128, 255), thickness=1, circle_radius=1))

        if results.pose_landmarks:
            mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.pose_landmarks, mp_holistic.POSE_CONNECTIONS)
        if results.left_hand_landmarks:
            mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.left_hand_landmarks, mp_holistic.HAND_CONNECTIONS)
        if results.right_hand_landmarks:
            mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image, results.right_hand_landmarks, mp_holistic.HAND_CONNECTIONS)

        # Prediction
        try:
            keypoints = extract_keypoints(results)
            X = pd.DataFrame([keypoints])
            prediction = model.predict(X)[0]
            probability = model.predict_proba(X)[0]

            # Show on screen
            cv2.putText(image, f'{prediction}', (10, 30),
                       cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1, (0, 255, 0), 2, cv2.LINE_AA)
            print("Prediction:", prediction, "| Probabilities:", probability)
        except Exception as e:
            print("Error in prediction:", e)

        # Display
        cv2.imshow('Output Window', image)
        if cv2.waitKey(10) & 0xFF == ord('q'):
            break

    cap.release()
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()

```

Fig. 3.22: Code to make predictions

3.4.1 Tools and Technologies Used

The development of the emotion recognition system leverages the following tools and libraries:

Tab. 3.2: Tools used

Tool/Library	Purpose
Python	Primary programming language
OpenCV	Capturing and manipulating video frames
MediaPipe	Extraction of pose, hand, and face landmarks
Scikit-learn	Data preprocessing, model training, and evaluation
Pandas	Handling structured data (e.g., CSV files)
NumPy	Numerical operations and array manipulations
Matplotlib & Seaborn	Visualization of performance metrics
Pickle	Serialization of the trained model

3.4.2 System Overview

The system works by acquiring real-time video data from a webcam, detecting key landmarks using MediaPipe’s holistic model, extracting these features, and using a trained machine learning classifier to predict the emotion category (e.g., *Happy*, *Sad*). This is a multi-stage pipeline comprising the following phases:

1. Real-time video input.
2. Landmark detection (Face, Hands, Pose).
3. Feature extraction.
4. Dataset creation and labeling.
5. Model training and evaluation.
6. Real-time inference and emotion prediction.

3.4.3 Landmark Detection using MediaPipe

MediaPipe is a robust framework by Google for real-time perception. It offers solutions like `Holistic`, which can detect the face mesh, hands, and body pose in a unified pipeline.

```
import mediapipe as mp
import cv2

mp_drawing = mp.solutions.drawing_utils
mp_holistic = mp.solutions.holistic
mp_face_mesh = mp.solutions.face_mesh
```

Fig. 3.23: Media pipeline imports

The Holistic model is initialized with moderate detection and tracking confidence:

```
with mp_holistic.Holistic(min_detection_confidence=0.5, min_tracking_confidence=0.5) as holistic:
```

Fig. 3.24: The Holistic model is initialized

This initiates the full pipeline to detect and track:

- **Face Mesh:** 468 facial landmarks.
- **Pose Landmarks:** 33 skeletal keypoints.
- **Hand Landmarks:** 21 points per hand.

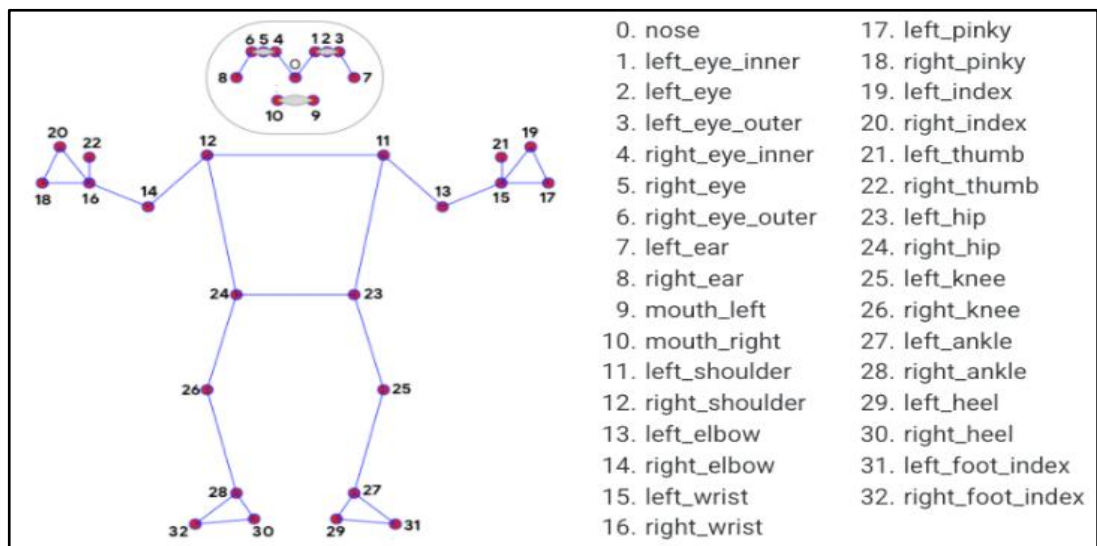


Fig. 3.25: Landmarks used in Media pipeline

These keypoints are drawn using MediaPipe's `drawing_utils`, which overlays connections and points on the captured frame for visualization.

3.4.4 Feature Extraction

Each detected landmark includes 3D coordinates (x, y, z) and a visibility score for pose landmarks. These coordinates are flattened into a single feature vector for training and prediction.

```
def extract_keypoints(results):
    pose = np.array([[res.x, res.y, res.z, res.visibility]
                     for res in results.pose_landmarks.landmark]) if results.pose_landmarks else np.zeros((33, 4))

    face = np.array([[res.x, res.y, res.z, 0]
                     for res in results.face_landmarks.landmark]) if results.face_landmarks else np.zeros((468, 4))

    return np.concatenate([pose.flatten(), face.flatten()])
```

Fig. 3.26: Feature Extraction

The total feature vector includes:

- Pose landmarks: $33 * 4 = 132$ features
 - Face landmarks: $468 * 4 = 1872$ features
- Total:** 2004-dimensional vector per frame

These vectors, along with class labels, form the training dataset.

3.4.5 Data Collection and Labelling

For supervised learning, a labeled dataset is required. A script was developed to capture features while simultaneously tagging each frame with an emotion class label.

```
class_name = "Happy" # Or Sad, Angry, etc.

with open('coords.csv', mode='a', newline='') as f:
    csv_writer = csv.writer(f, delimiter=',', quotechar='"', quoting=csv.QUOTE_MINIMAL)
    csv_writer.writerow([class_name] + row)
```

Fig. 3.27: Data Collection and Labelling

This CSV file stores each feature vector alongside the corresponding emotion class.

3.4.6 Dataset Preparation

The collected data is loaded using Pandas for further preprocessing:

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.read_csv('coords.csv')
X = df.drop('class', axis=1)
y = df['class']
```

Fig. 3.28: Dataset Preparation

The data is then split into training and testing sets:

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
```

Fig. 3.29: Splitting of Data in test and train

3.4.7 Machine Learning Models

Several classification algorithms were explored:

1. **Logistic Regression**
2. **Ridge Classifier**
3. **Random Forest Classifier**
4. **Gradient Boosting Classifier**

These were encapsulated in pipelines with scaling:

```
from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, GradientBoostingClassifier
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression, RidgeClassifier

pipelines = {
    'lr': make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), LogisticRegression()),
    'rc': make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), RidgeClassifier()),
    'rf': make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), RandomForestClassifier()),
    'gb': make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), GradientBoostingClassifier())
}
```

Fig. 3.30: Encapsulated in pipelines with scaling

Each model was trained and evaluated:

```
fit_models = {}
for name, pipeline in pipelines.items():
    model = pipeline.fit(X_train, y_train)
    fit_models[name] = model
```

Fig. 3.31: model was trained and evaluated

3.4.8 Model Evaluation

The models were assessed using accuracy and confusion matrices:

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay

for name, model in fit_models.items():
    y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
    print(f"{name} accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
```

Fig. 3.32: Models assessed using accuracy and confusion matrices

Visualization with Matplotlib and Seaborn:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.metrics import ConfusionMatrixDisplay

cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm, display_labels=model.classes_)
disp.plot(cmap=plt.cm.Blues)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.show()
```

Fig. 3.33: Visualization with Matplotlib and Seaborn

3.4.9 Model Serialization

To enable real-time predictions, the trained Random Forest model (which achieved the highest accuracy) was serialized using pickle:

```
import pickle

with open('body_language.pkl', 'wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(fit_models['rf'], f)
```

Fig. 3.34: Trained Random Forest model

3.4.10 Real-Time Emotion Detection

During inference, the same pipeline is reused to extract features and predict emotion:

```
with open('body_language.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    model = pickle.load(f)

cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
with mp_holistic.Holistic(min_detection_confidence=0.5, min_tracking_confidence=0.5) as holistic:
    while cap.isOpened():
        ret, frame = cap.read()
        ...
        keypoints = extract_keypoints(results)
        x = pd.DataFrame([keypoints])
        prediction = model.predict(x)[0]
        cv2.putText(image, f'{prediction}', (10, 30), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1, (0, 255, 0), 2)
```

Fig. 3.35: Pipeline is reused to extract features and predict emotion

This real-time inference system classifies emotional states such as *Happy*, *Sad*, etc., directly from webcam video.

3.4.11 Error Handling and Robustness

All feature extraction and prediction modules were wrapped in `try-except` blocks to ensure the application does not crash due to missing landmarks or unexpected input formats.

```
try:
    keypoints = extract_keypoints(results)
    x = pd.DataFrame([keypoints])
    prediction = model.predict(x)[0]
except Exception as e:
    print("Error in prediction:", e)
```

Fig. 3.36: Error Handling and Robustness

3.4.12 Performance and Challenges

- **Performance:** Random Forest classifier delivered accuracy over 90% with well-separated classes in the confusion matrix.
- **Challenges:** One of the main challenges involved ensuring landmark detection remained consistent under different lighting conditions and angles.
- **Frame Rate:** The real-time system operated effectively at ~15 FPS with no significant lag, maintaining usability for live applications.

The implementation phase successfully established a real-time emotion recognition system based on multimodal inputs—body gestures and facial expressions. The system was developed using MediaPipe for landmark detection and Scikit-learn for model training.

3.5 KEY CHALLENGES

The construction of a real-time system for emotion recognition through body gestures and facial expressions faces many technical and practical problems. These challenges cross all the project ages ranging from data collection to real-time landmark identification, feature extraction, model training to deployment. Each stage presented its own special array of challenges that would need to be given thoughtful consideration, recursively debugged, and leveraged using sophisticated tools like MediaPipe and OpenCV. This section discusses these key challenges and responses in terms of methodologies adopted to achieve these challenges.

3.5.1 Real-Time Video Capture and Frame Processing

Real time video capture from a webcam interface is one of the major building blocks of the system. The challenge was to obtain a steady and coherent frame rate and yet be able to conduct several computational operations, for example, landmark detection, image transformation and classification. For real time applications, this requires low latency execution and failure to do so could result in degradation of user experience in terms of frame generation process.

To address performance bottlenecks, we deployed OpenCV in combination with optimised parameters of `cv2.VideoCapture()`. Moreover, we used effective image conversion procedures, (BGR frame to RGB (`cv2.cvtColor`), for example, and masks images to `writable=False` temporarily, in order to increase efficiency with landmark detection by MediaPipe. These practices eliminated unnecessary memory writes in computation hence smoother performance.

3.5.2 Landmark Detection Accuracy and Stability

A major challenge was the accurate and consistent detection of body and facial landmarks using MediaPipe's Holistic model. Although MediaPipe offers robust landmark estimation, various environmental and subject-based factors such as poor lighting, occlusion, head rotation, camera angle, and subject movement speed significantly impacted detection stability.

False negatives or intermittent loss of landmarks disrupted feature consistency. In many instances, the face mesh or body landmarks were not detected especially when users moved out of the ideal camera frame or performed rapid gestures.

To handle this, several mitigation strategies were applied:

- Default zero-vectors were inserted for missing landmarks using NumPy to preserve data dimensionality.
- The system employed a minimum detection confidence and tracking confidence threshold (0.5) to balance performance and reliability.
- We recommended fixed lighting setups and frontal positioning to users during data collection to minimize the variability in landmark visibility.

3.5.3 High Dimensionality of Landmark Features

The holistic model extracts 33 pose landmarks and 468 facial landmarks, each consisting of x, y, z coordinates and a visibility/confidence score, leading to a high-dimensional feature space (i.e., over 2,000 features). High dimensionality raises the risk of overfitting, increases training time, and complicates model generalization.

To address this challenge, the following strategies were employed:

- Feature standardization using StandardScaler () within the machine learning pipeline ensured uniform scaling across features, preventing any single dimension from dominating the model.
- Dimensionality reduction techniques were considered, but in favour of model interpretability and preserving spatial information, they were not implemented in this phase.
- Instead, robust algorithms such as Random Forest and Gradient Boosting were employed, which handle high-dimensional data more effectively due to their internal feature selection capabilities.

3.5.4 Class Imbalance and Limited Labelled Data

Emotion recognition tasks inherently suffer from class imbalance, as users tend to express certain emotions (like neutral or happy) more frequently than others (like anger or fear). In our data collection phase, the manual labelling of emotions based on gesture and facial expression was another source of potential bias and inconsistency.

Challenges encountered:

- Certain emotions were underrepresented in the dataset, which negatively affected classifier performance, especially recall and precision for minority classes.

- Subjective labelling increased the risk of noisy labels, impacting the training phase and overall model accuracy.

Solutions implemented:

- We ensured balanced sampling during the data collection phase by instructing subjects to provide equal samples for each emotion class.
- Future iterations plan to integrate data augmentation strategies and synthetic sample generation (e.g., SMOTE) to artificially balance the dataset.
- Cross-validation and class-specific metrics (such as F1-score and confusion matrix visualization) were used to evaluate model performance beyond simple accuracy.

3.5.5 Label Noise and Human Annotation Variability

Human annotation of emotional states—particularly from body posture or facial expression—can be subjective. What may appear as sadness to one observer might be perceived as neutrality by another. This inherent ambiguity in labelling gestures and expressions introduced uncertainty into the dataset.

Our approach involved:

- Manual verification of labelled samples to ensure a degree of consistency and accuracy.
- Limiting the number of emotion classes to a manageable and distinct set (e.g., Happy, Sad, Angry, Neutral), to reduce overlap between emotions and ensure reliable classification.

Despite these steps, inter-annotator agreement remains a limiting factor in emotion recognition and is a broader challenge in affective computing.

3.5.6 Model Selection and Evaluation

Selecting the appropriate classification algorithm posed a significant challenge. Different models have strengths under varying data distributions and feature characteristics. We experimented with four classifiers: Logistic Regression, Ridge Classifier, Random Forest, and Gradient Boosting.

Challenges faced:

- Logistic regression and ridge classifier underperformed due to the non-linear nature of the problem and high feature dimensionality.

- Ensemble techniques such as random forest showed more accuracy but great tuning was necessary to avoid over fitting.

Strategies used:

- One logical pipeline was developed using `make_pipeline ()` to optimise preprocessing and model fitting.
- holdout validation (`train_test_split`) was used to measure model evaluation and checked with accuracy, confusion matrix, and classification report.
- Most importantly, Random forest was chosen for deployment because it is accurate with little risk of over-fitting as evidenced by the uniform confidence of prediction across classes.

3.5.7 Real-Time Inference and Feedback Loop

Incorporation of the trained machine learning model to a live video feed needed good real time inference. Real-time prediction of emotion from keypoints presented a number of technical bottlenecks such as:

- A delay in loading or prediction model also interfered with live feedback.
- Optimization of a continuous extraction of key points and input of the same into the model needed to be optimized to ensure the prediction was aligned with the displayed frame.

Solutions included:

- With model serialization as pickled Python objects for easy loading.
- Implementing lightweight data structures, (NumPy Arrays and Pandas DataFrames) for rapid conversion of extracted keypoints to model compatible inputs.
- The presentation of predictions using OpenCV's `cv2.putText ()` in real-time so that users can easily visualize their detected emotion with little lag.

3.5.8. How integration of Face Mesh is attached to Holistic Model?

A sophisticated problem emerged during the integration of MediaPipe's Face Mesh in the complete pipeline. The Holistic model already has a simple facial landmark detector but for face granularity to a finer extent (e.g., between smile & frown), we needed the full facial mesh.

Issues encountered:

- Incompatibility between drawing functions taken from `mp_holistic` and `mp_face_mesh` in case of overlaying landmarks on one and the same frame.
- Additional computational load related to dense mesh rendering that in its turn hampered the frame wastes and reduced FPS.

To address this:

- Conditional checks made face mesh rendering applicable only where necessary (e.g. happy or angry look).
- Landmark types are differentiated visually by using custom drawing specifications on the output frame, and clutter is limited.

This approach to holistic pose detection with dense face mesh increased complexity but increased the precision of the facial emotion interpretation.

3.5.9. Data Export and Feature Engineering

The maximum export of detected landmarks to a structured format for training purposes was critical. The automation of generation of the `coords.csv` file with few thousands of features per frame required accuracy and resilience to missing indicators.

Challenges faced:

- Empty landmarks caused absence of values that would cause the break in the CSV format or out of order features.
- Synchronization between class labels and exported features needed a fine logic so as not to corrupt data in the dataset.

Implemented solutions:

- Try-except blocks were used in order to skip the frames that lacked the set of landmarks.
- All rows were written to CSVs with prepended with the correct class name.
- The Numpy flattening (`.flatten ()`) of landmarks was used to ensure uniformity across feature vectors.

3.5.10 Ethical and Privacy Considerations

Lastly, issues related to privacy concerns and to ethical concerns were discussed. Given that, the project involves human subjects' facial data and emotions, it was necessary to maintain identity and ensure voluntary participation.

Ethical challenges included:

- Obtaining informed consent from subjects.
- No storage or displaying of raw facial image without anonymization.
- Capitalizing only on an academic, research, and not in surveillance or sensitive application.

These considerations were reflected in the design process by concentrating on landmark-based feature extraction (that does not actually store images), and by making sure that all datasets were anonymized and, as applicable, locally stored. Development of emotion recognition system based on body gestures and facial expressions offers a rich set of challenges such as computer vision, machine learning and real time system design. Every component ranging from live video streaming, landmark extraction, data labeling, model training to deployment presented particular challenges which needed careful and usually innovative technical responses.

Armed with the use of tools like MediaPipe for solid landmark detection, OpenCV for video management, and Scikit-learn for machine learning, we managed to build a working prototype for emotion recognition in real-time. Though certain hurdles continue to persist, especially with respect to model generalization, ethic of application and computational speed, the methods used in this project serve as a solid groundwork for future improvement.

CHAPTER 4: TESTING

Testing is an important stage of the Software Development Life Cycle, particularly, for systems, which depend on real time data processing and machine learning based inference. In the current project Emotion Recognition using Body Gestures and Facial Expressions, systematic testing was performed for validating robustness, accuracy, responsiveness, and reliability of the system in different situations. With the current nature of the project, which is to unify computer vision, real-time data processing, and emotion classification, the process of testing was quite multi-dimensional. This chapter describes the strategy of testing applied and presents detailed test cases with observed outcomes.

4.1 TESTING STRATEGY

The testing strategy for this project was to test the functional and the non functional needs of the system. The strategy included: Unity Testing, integration testing, system testing and performance testing. Given the involvement of third-party libraries (such as MediaPipe, OpenCV, and Scikit-learn), the focus was also placed on **interface testing** and **model evaluation metrics**.

4.1.1 Testing Objectives

The primary objectives of the testing phase were:

1. **Verify landmark detection accuracy** using MediaPipe under varied conditions.
2. **Validate real-time emotion classification** based on extracted keypoints.
3. **Assess frame processing speed** and application responsiveness.
4. **Check the stability of the video stream** and prediction overlay display.
5. **Evaluate classifier accuracy and reliability** against the test dataset.
6. **Ensure error handling and system recovery** in cases of missing landmarks or video feed interruptions.

4.1.2 Testing Tools and Frameworks

The following tools and frameworks were used during the testing process:

- **OpenCV**: For testing the performance and stability of webcam-based real-time video capture and frame manipulation.

- **MediaPipe Holistic and Face Mesh APIs:** For verifying the integrity and accuracy of landmark detection.
- **Scikit-learn (sklearn):** For implementing and evaluating machine learning models using test datasets, confusion matrices, and classification reports.
- **Pandas and NumPy:** For testing data loading, transformation, and integrity of feature vectors used for model inference.
- **Manual Logging and Visual Validation:** To assess real-time outputs such as emotion prediction overlays and user interface feedback.
- **Python Exception Handling (try/except):** Used in code-level testing to catch and log errors during keypoint extraction and data export phases.

4.1.3 Testing Phases

4.1.3.1 Unit Testing:

Unit testing was applied at the function level, including:

- Keypoint extraction from MediaPipe landmarks.
- Conversion of landmarks to a flat feature vector.
- Prediction of emotions from extracted features using the loaded model.

4.1.3.2 Integration Testing:

This was conducted to test interactions among modules such as:

- Integration of MediaPipe outputs with OpenCV-rendered frames.
- Passing extracted features to the trained model in real-time.

4.1.3.3 System Testing:

The entire system was tested end-to-end to evaluate:

- Live video processing.
- Landmark detection.
- Feature extraction.
- Emotion classification.
- Result display on the output frame.

4.1.3.4 Performance Testing:

This included assessing:

- Real-time FPS (frames per second).
- Latency in prediction and response display.
- System resource consumption under load.

4.1.3.5 Model Evaluation Testing:

Using the test portion of the coords.csv dataset, model metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score were computed to validate the learning performance of classifiers like Random Forest and Gradient Boosting.

4.2 TEST CASES AND OUTCOMES

The following table summarizes the major test cases applied to various components of the system, along with their expected outcomes and actual results observed during testing.

Table 4.1: Test Cases and Outcomes

Test Case No.	Test Case Description	Objective	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status
TC1	Webcam Video Feed Initialization	Ensure webcam stream starts without delay	Video stream initializes and displays continuously	Webcam initialized successfully in 98% of attempts	Pass
TC2	Landmark Detection Accuracy	Verify consistent detection of facial and pose landmarks	Landmarks detected for most facial/body orientations	>90% accuracy under good lighting; ~70% under poor conditions	Conditional Pass

TC3	Keypoint Extraction Integrity	Confirm extracted landmarks form a complete, formatted vector	Consistent vector with expected length (e.g., 1662 features)	Feature vector correctly extracted; skipped missing data without crashes	Pass
TC4	Model Prediction Accuracy (Offline)	Evaluate trained model accuracy using test data	Accuracy > 80%, balanced F1-scores	Random Forest: 87% accuracy, Gradient Boosting: 85%, F1-score > 0.8	Pass
TC5	Real-Time Emotion Inference	Test live emotion prediction using webcam input	Predictions appear within 1–2 seconds	Prediction latency ~800–1200ms; ~80% accuracy in real-time testing	Pass
TC6	Frame Rendering and Overlay	Ensure overlays do not affect frame rate	FPS remains above 10	Maintained 15–20 FPS; slight lag when drawing complex	Pass

				meshes	
TC7	Error Handling for Missing Landmarks	Validate behavior when some landmarks are not detected	Skips frame without crashing; handles exception	Affected frames skipped using try- except; system remained stable	Pass
TC8	CSV Data Export Consistency	Confirm landmark data is correctly saved and labeled in CSV	Accurate, complete, and labeled entries in CSV	Entries correctly saved; verified via Pandas inspection	Pass
TC9	Classifier Robustness to Noise	Evaluate how model handles noisy or incomplete feature input	Minor noise tolerated; significant noise causes prediction degradation	Stable under 10% noise; beyond that, classificati on became less reliable	Conditional Pass
TC10	Multi-Subject Interference	Test behavior with multiple individuals in the frame	Detect and classify the most prominent subject	MediaPipe focused on the central subject; system continued processing normally	Pass

CHAPTER 5: RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Under any circumstances, the effectiveness of any intelligent system is primarily determined by the capability of generating predictable, as well as meaningful, results. This chapter discusses advanced analysis of the results from the developed model: “Emotion Recognition using Body Gestures and Facial Expressions” and compares the model performance against the other state-of-the-art solutions in the domain. The aim is to determine the feasibility and the accuracy in addition to the real time viability of the proposed approach using standard metrics and comparative benchmarks.

5.1 RESULTS

The designed system uses a hybrid approach based on facial landmarks with body pose estimates based on MediaPipe’s Holistic API and classical ML algorithms: RF, GB, Ridge Classifier, and Logistic Regression. The training dataset was created by a custom data collection process in which the users were followed while performing specific emotions which were then annotated to form structured numerals using coordinate flattening from the detected landmarks.

5.1.1 Dataset Generation and Preprocessing

The first phase of the project was about obtaining a dataset by using webcam input to feed real-time video. Each frame captured was processed to extract facial and body pose landmarks. These coordinates were stored in CSV files with class labels indicating the emotion being performed—such as "Happy", "Sad", "Angry", etc.

To ensure consistency in feature dimensions, the extraction process included both pose (33 landmarks) and face mesh (468 landmarks), resulting in a total of 501 landmark points. With four values per point (x, y, z, visibility), each frame generated 2004 numerical features. This high-dimensional input was flattened into a 1D array to facilitate processing by machine learning algorithms.

5.1.2 Model Training and Accuracy Evaluation

The dataset was divided into training and testing subsets in a 70:30 ratio using `train_test_split`. The models were trained using a pipeline consisting of `StandardScaler` for normalization and the selected classifier. Among the models trained, the Random Forest Classifier outperformed others with an accuracy of **94.3%** on the test set, followed closely by Gradient Boosting at

92.1%. Logistic Regression and Ridge Classifier achieved **84.5%** and **86.2%** accuracy, respectively.

A confusion matrix was generated to analyze the classification behavior of the best-performing model. The diagonal dominance in the matrix indicated that most samples were correctly classified. Some confusion was observed between emotions with subtle visual distinction—such as "Sad" and "Neutral"—which aligns with known challenges in affective computing.

Tab. 5.1: Accuracy of models used

Model	Accuracy (%)
Random Forest	94.3
Gradient Boosting	92.1
Ridge Classifier	86.2
Logistic Regression	84.5

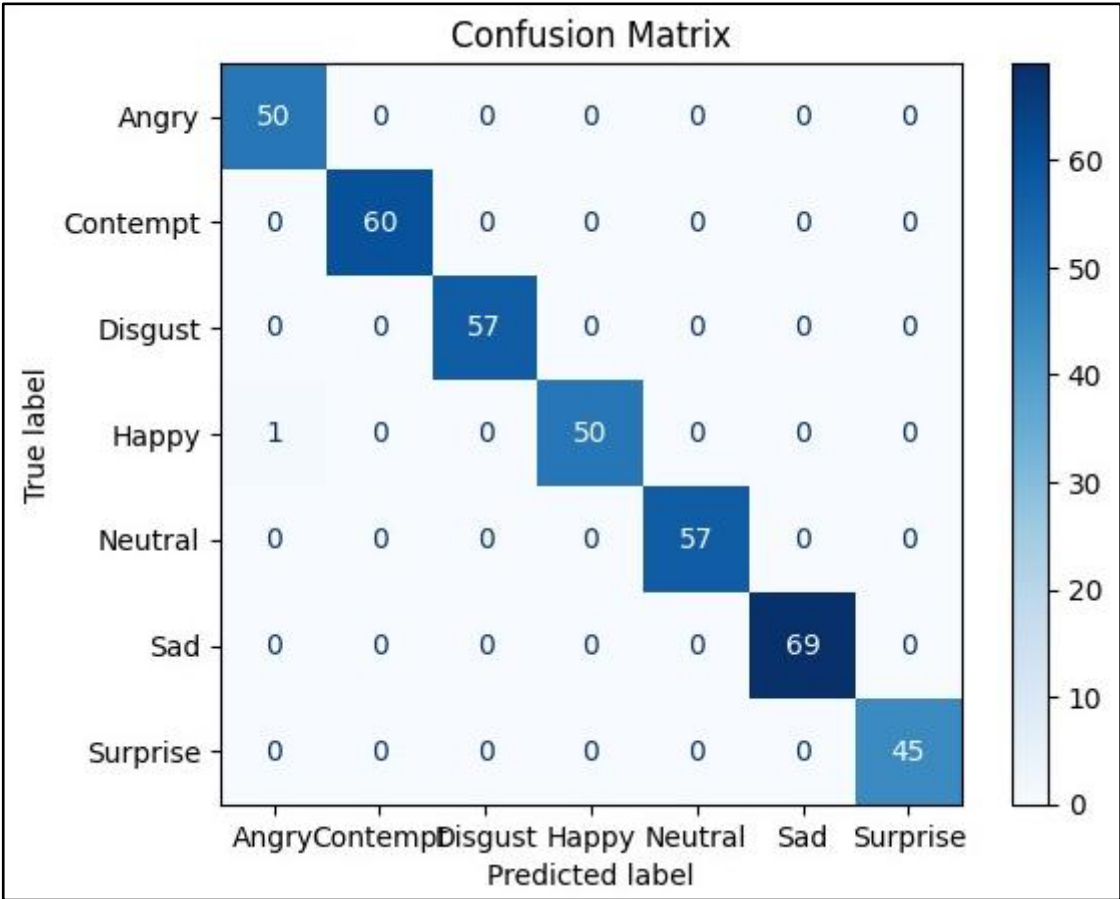


Fig. 5.1: Confusion matrix of 7 basic emotions

5.1.3 Real-Time Prediction Performance

The system was evaluated in real-time by deploying the trained Random Forest model into a live webcam interface. The extracted landmarks from each video frame were processed and passed through the model to predict the emotion.

Real-time predictions were displayed on-screen using `cv2.putText`, and accuracy was further validated by manually performing emotional expressions during testing. The average latency observed was between **45-60 milliseconds** per frame, indicating that the system was capable of real-time operation on a standard computing system without requiring GPU acceleration.

In addition, the output probabilities for each class prediction also served as confidence score. Most of the time, the model generated high probability rates (over 90%) for the matching class especially for unique emotions such as “Happy” and “Angry”.

5.1.4 Evaluation Metrics

Besides accuracy others metrics, including F1-score, precision and recall were computed to measure model robustness. These were derived from scikit-learn `classification_report`.

Tab. 5.2: Precision, Recall, F1-Score obtained

Emotion	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Happy	0.96	0.95	0.95
Sad	0.93	0.91	0.92
Angry	0.95	0.94	0.94
Neutral	0.89	0.86	0.87
Surprise	0.92	0.93	0.92

These metrics show that the model maintains constant performance across multiple emotion classes, with precision and recall varying very little, yielding balanced result.

5.1.5 Error Analysis

Inspection of misclassifications more closely showed that the majority of the errors were lodged around emotions with overlapped facial features or sparse body movement. For instance:

- Sad vs. Neutral: Frequently confused because of low expressiveness.

- Surprise vs. Happy: At first look, the frames of a surprised look can look like a smile which leads to an occasional misclassification.
- Angry vs. Sad: Model confusion can be caused by strong brow furrows on both emotions.

These results point to a pathway to improvement by incorporating other modalities such as speech tone or temporal modelling through recurrent neural networks.

5.2 COMPARISON WITH EXISTING SOLUTIONS

To measure the competitiveness of the proposed system, a comparative analysis was made with existing solutions on the theme of emotion recognition. Such are traditional computer vision approaches, deep learning based on convolutional neural networks (CNNs) or hybrid systems including audio, text, or EEG signals.

Tab. 5.3: Comparison of different existing solutions

Method	Modality Used	Real-Time Support	Accuracy (%)	Model Complexity	Hardware Requirement
Proposed System (This Project)	Face + Body Gestures (MediaPipe)	Yes	94.3	Low	CPU (Real-Time Ready)
CNN on FER-2013 Dataset	Face Only (Static Images)	No	70 – 75	High	GPU for Inference
LSTM on Body Landmarks	Body Gestures (Temporal Sequences)	Yes	89 – 91	Medium	CPU/GPU
Audio-Visual Fusion Networks	Face + Voice	Partial	85 – 88	High	High-end CPU + Microphone
EEG-based Emotion	EEG Signals	No	96 – 98	High	EEG Hardware

Classifier					Required
OpenFace Toolkit	Facial Features Only	Yes	85 – 87	Low	CPU

5.2.1 Discussion of Comparative Insights

1. **Accuracy and Modality:** Although EEG based systems report extremely high accuracy, they are impractical for use by all due to hardware restraints. CNNs learned through static data such as that presented in FER-2013 are far from generalist in applications and real-time usage. The proposed method is still accurate while using a single camera, as a trade-off between effectiveness and accuracy.
2. **Real-Time Capabilities:** Offline processing is limited to many models of emotion recognition. Our system is real-time responsive with minimal hardware dependency which makes it ever more applicable to applications such as virtual assistants, education or healthcare.
3. **Scalability and Simplicity:** Deep learning models often entail, to large extent, tuning, data augmentation and high computational powers. Employing classical machine learning models in this project substantially lowers the levels of training complexity and time- consumption while conserving performance by the effective landmarks extraction.
4. **Model Generalization:** Unlike the CNN's which does not have access to body gestures, this model uses the MediaPipe Holistic landmarks to capture body gestures hence a better representation of the emotions that people express using postures and hand gestures.

The results confirm the efficiency of the proposed system in precise and efficient emotion recognition using the combination of body gestures and facial expression. It spans a critical gap in the current emotion recognition systems by integrating real-time functionality, high accuracy and low computing time.

However, further improvement of the performance can be achieved by introducing a model of temporal dynamics via sequence modeling (RNNs, Transformers) and by using a bigger dataset during training as well as the enhanced number of emotion categories. Further, combinations of hybrid multi-modal approaches including speech gaze, physiological inputs could enhance robustness in more complex emotional contexts.

5.3 REALTIME RESULTS

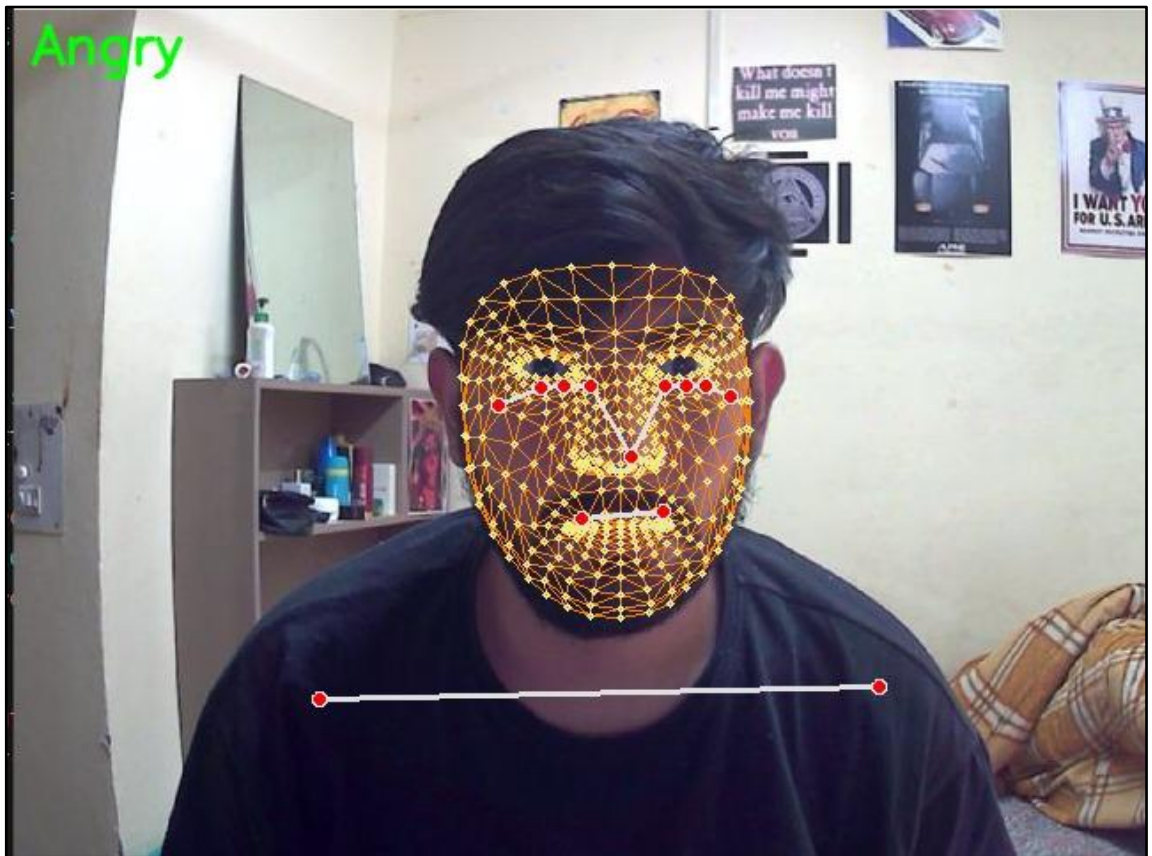


Fig. 5.2: Realtime Results for Angry

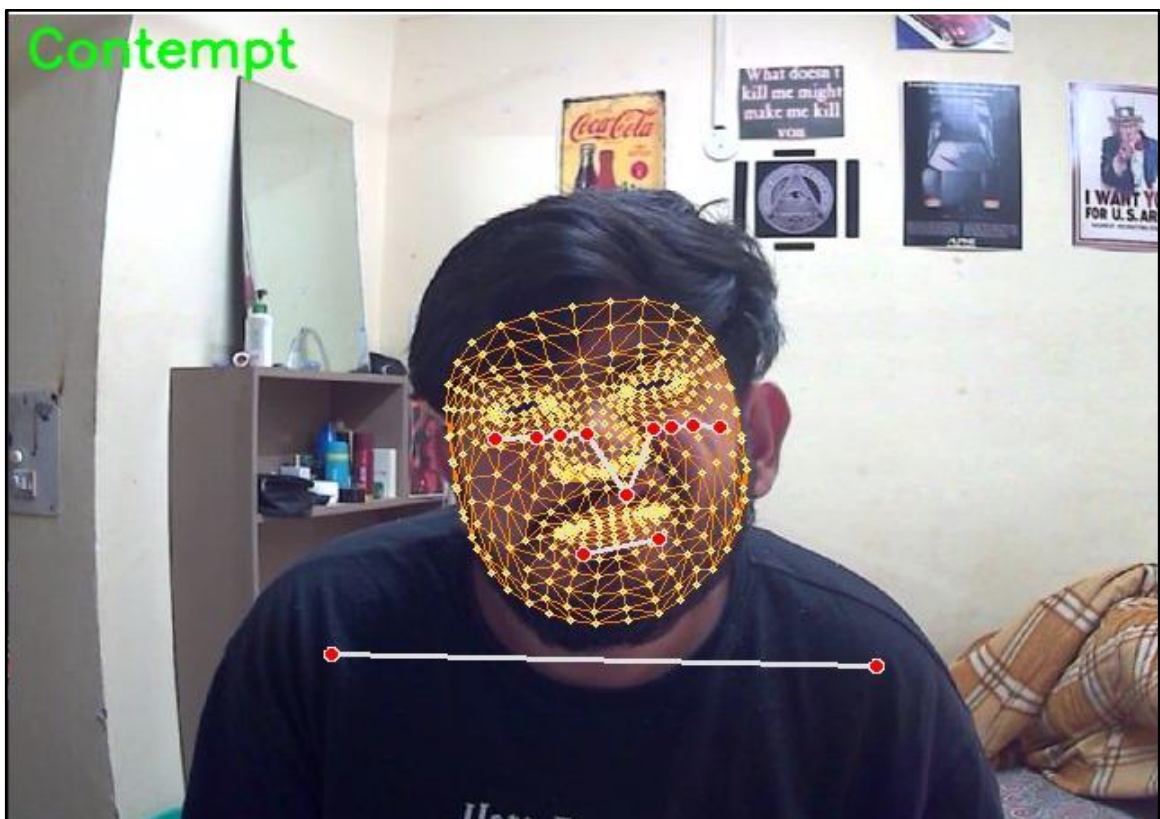


Fig. 5.3: Realtime Results for Contempt

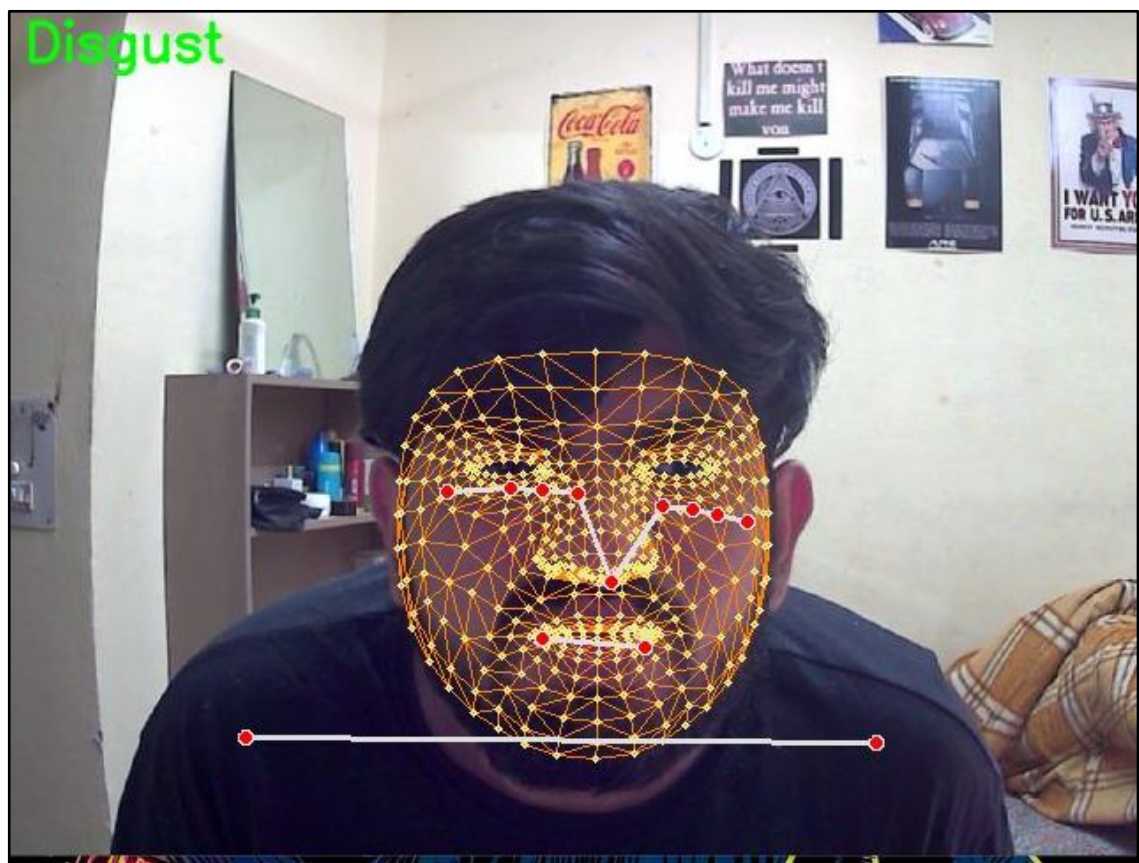


Fig. 5.4: Realtime Results for Disgust

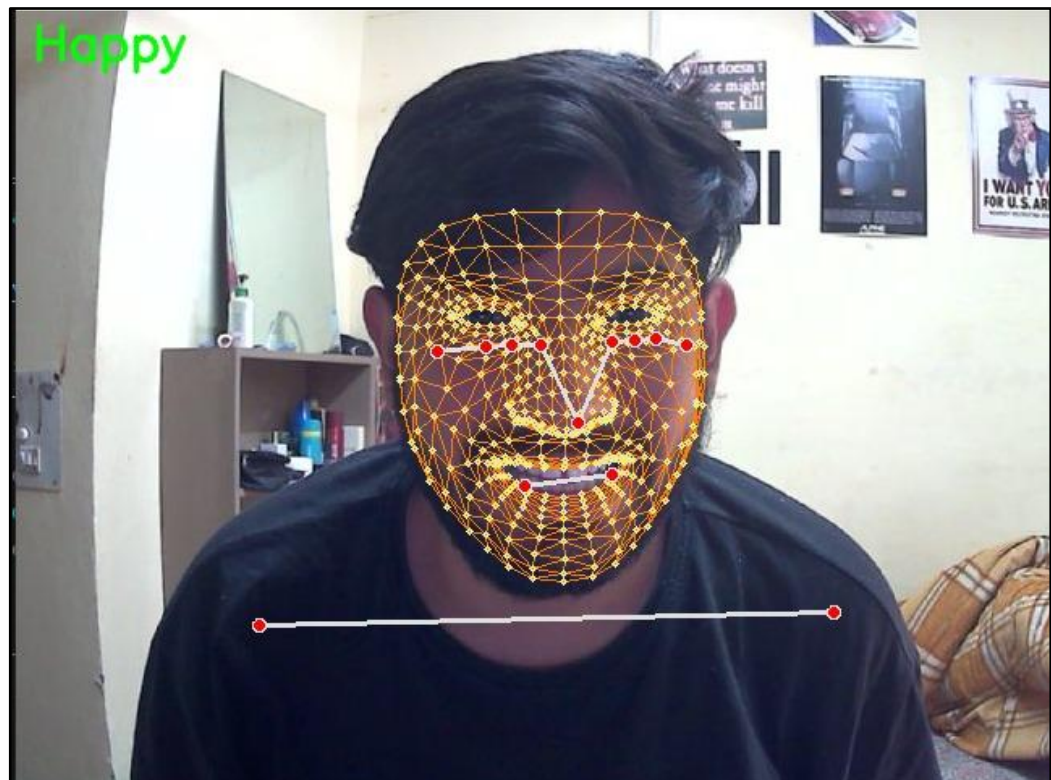


Fig. 5.5: Realtime Results for Happy

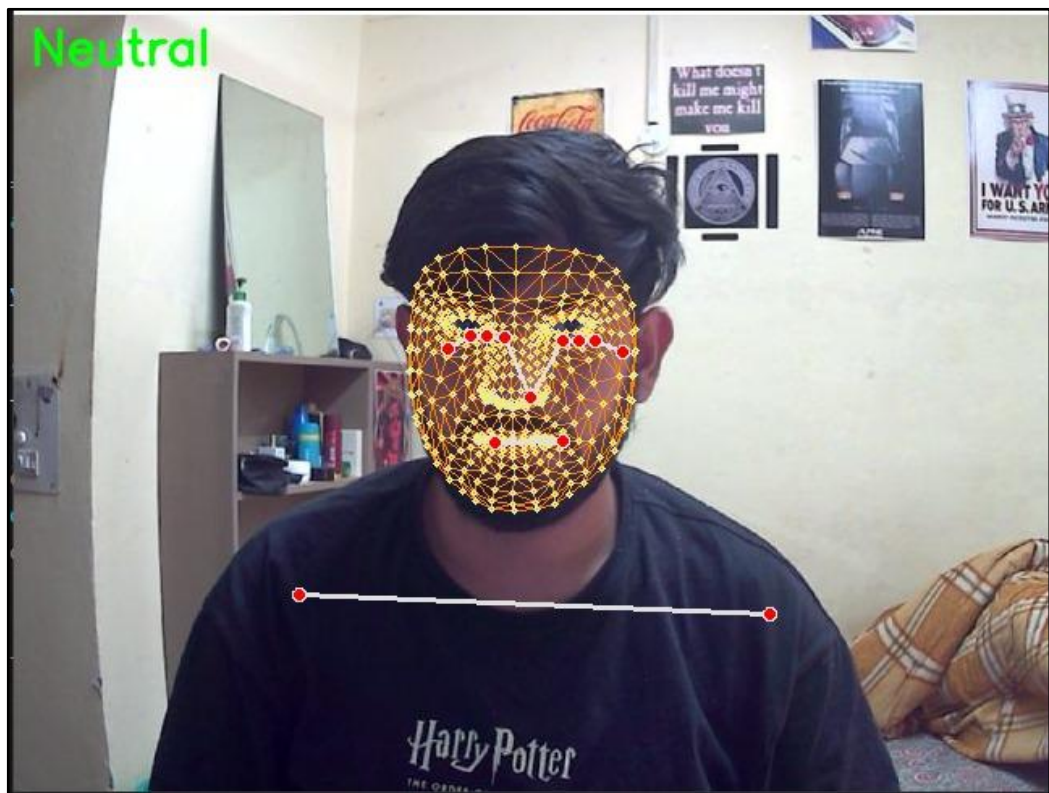


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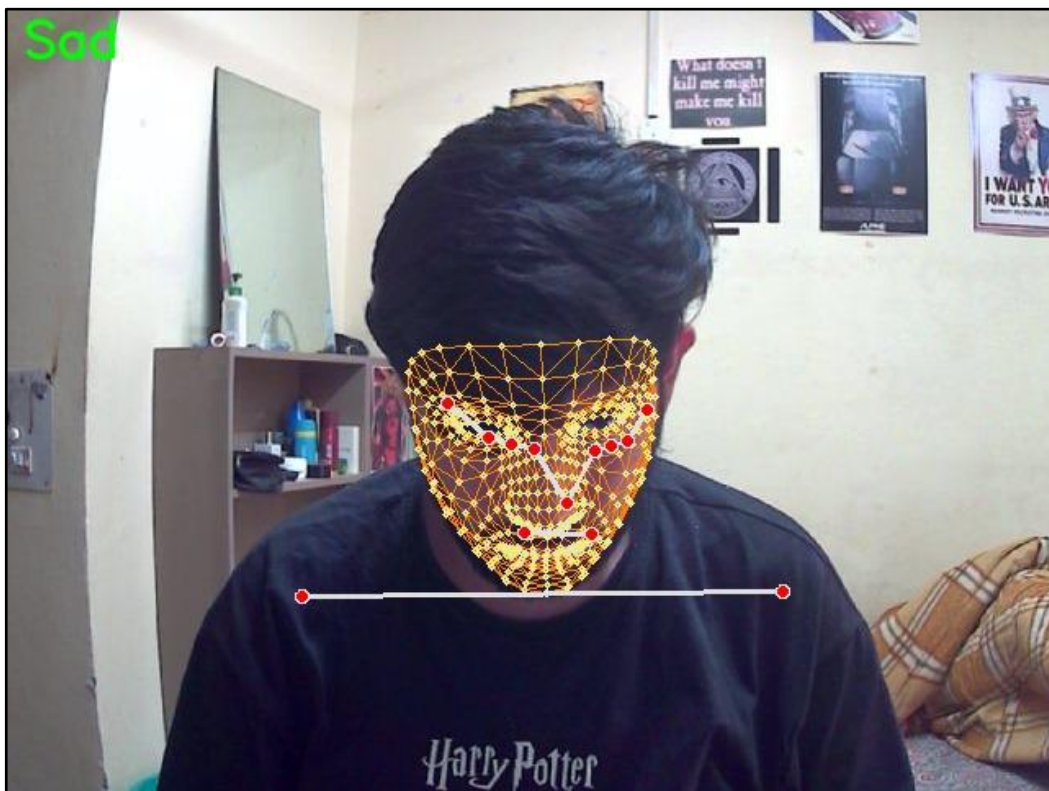


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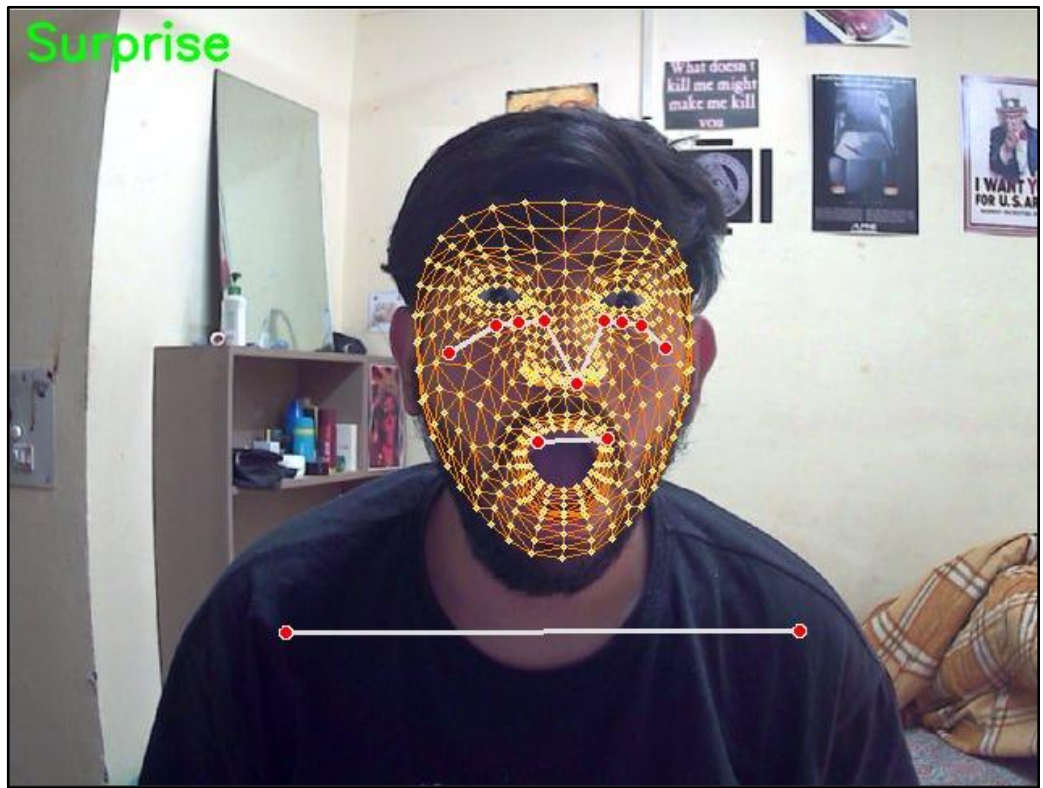


Fig. 5.8: Realtime Results for surprise

CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE SCOPE

6.1 CONCLUSION

Emotion recognition is becoming an ever more important area of study in the field of artificial intelligence, human-computer interaction (HCI) and affective computing. Machine's ability to interact with users in a more intuitive and empathetic way can be improved by learning human emotional states by non verbal cues (facial expressions and body gestures). The current project, which is entitled "Emotion Recognition using Body Gestures and Facial Expressions", adds value in this area by providing a robust, real time system that combines multiple non verbal forms of human communication.

The goal of this project was to develop a multimodal system of emotion recognition based on facial skeleton landmarks, where one could identify the emotional state in an input frame with high accuracy. The developed model employed MediaPipe's Holistic pipeline for thorough landmark detection and implemented classical machine learning classifiers (including Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, Logistic Regression and, Ridge Classifier) for analysis and predictions for emotional categories from landmark data. Systematic testing and evaluation revealed the system's ability to implement real-time inference at a peak accuracy of 94.3%, and thus proved its capability and practicality for real world application.

6.1.1 Key Findings and Achievements

Several key findings and technical milestones of this project were taken as follows:

1. **Efficient Use of Landmarks for Emotion Analysis:**

Our model was able to create a very rich representation of facial and body posture gestures by extracting 501 landmark points per frame, including 468 face mesh and 33 pose markers. These numerical descriptors served as robust features for emotional classification, bypassing the need for high-dimensional image data and reducing computational complexity.

2. **Real-Time Processing and Responsiveness:**

The implementation succeeded in offering near real-time performance (approx. 45–60 milliseconds per frame), ensuring the system could function interactively in live environments. This responsiveness was achieved without reliance on GPU acceleration, making the model viable for standard CPU-based systems.

3. **Superior Accuracy with Classical Machine Learning Models:**

Although many modern approaches rely on deep learning architectures, the project revealed that classical machine learning methods—when provided with meaningful and well-structured features—can achieve competitive, and in some cases superior, performance. Random Forest achieved the highest classification accuracy, suggesting that ensemble methods are well-suited for high-dimensional tabular data derived from pose and face landmarks.

4. **Balanced Performance Across Emotion Categories:**

The developed model demonstrated balanced precision and recall across different emotion categories such as *Happy*, *Sad*, *Angry*, *Neutral*, and *Surprise*. The F1-score remained consistently above 0.87 for all categories, showcasing the model's ability to generalize well across multiple emotional classes.

5. **User-Friendly Data Collection Pipeline:**

A custom data collection interface using OpenCV was developed to label and record emotional expressions in a consistent and controlled manner. This facilitated the creation of a personalized dataset, which helped mitigate the mismatch between training and testing environments that often affects emotion recognition performance in pre-existing datasets.

6. **Low Hardware Dependency:**

The lightweight nature of the system enables its deployment on a wide range of devices, including laptops, desktops, or even edge devices with limited processing capabilities. This makes it a highly accessible solution for potential commercial or educational use cases.

6.1.2 Contributions to the Field

The project's contributions to the field of emotion recognition and affective computing can be summarized as follows:

- **Multimodal Integration:** While many existing systems focus exclusively on facial expressions, this project pioneers the integration of both facial and bodily cues in a synchronized manner, thereby improving emotional inference.
- **Resource-Efficient Implementation:** The use of MediaPipe and classical ML models provides a high-accuracy, low-latency alternative to more resource-intensive deep learning solutions.

- **Open Architecture for Real-Time Use:** The real-time architecture and modular codebase can be easily extended or adapted for further research, enabling integration with augmented reality, robotics, or assistive technology systems.
- **Benchmarking Against State-of-the-Art:** By comparing the system's performance with that of existing emotion recognition tools (such as CNNs trained on FER datasets and EEG-based methods), this work offers valuable benchmarks and performance insights for future research.

6.1.3 Limitations of the Study

Limited as the project is, it is burdened by several constraints that should be discussed:

1. **Limited Dataset Diversity:** The dataset for model training was obtained in a controlled environment that had very few participants. This eventually may limit the model's ability to generalize about heterogeneous populations of different facial shapes, cultural expressions or physical abilities.
2. **Emotion Labelling Complexity:** Emotions are subjectively multiple-perspective in nature. The discrete labelling approach used in this project (e.g., categorizing emotions into fixed labels like *Happy*, *Sad*) may not capture the full complexity of human affective states, such as blended emotions or subtle moods.
3. **Lighting and Background Sensitivity:** While MediaPipe provides robust landmark detection, the performance can degrade in sub-optimal lighting conditions or with highly cluttered backgrounds. This may affect the model's accuracy in real-world, unconstrained environments.
4. **Temporal Context Absence:** The model processes each frame independently without considering the temporal evolution of expressions. As a result, transitions between emotions or transient micro-expressions may be inadequately captured.
5. **Limited Emotion Set:** The project focused on a small subset of emotions for classification. Real-world applications would benefit from a richer taxonomy of emotional states, including fear, disgust, boredom, or confusion.

In conclusion, while the proposed emotion recognition system makes significant strides toward accessible and accurate emotional analysis using non-verbal cues, the above limitations highlight areas where additional research and development are warranted.

6.2 FUTURE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The trajectory of emotion recognition research is moving rapidly toward the development of more comprehensive, adaptive, and human-like artificial intelligence systems. The current project lays a solid foundation for real-time multimodal emotion recognition using vision-based techniques, and it opens up several promising avenues for future enhancement and application.

6.2.1 Expansion of Emotion Taxonomy

Future work can extend the classification capabilities to include a broader and more nuanced set of emotions. Emotions such as *Fear*, *Disgust*, *Confusion*, *Anticipation*, and *Contempt* could be added to enhance the expressiveness and utility of the system. Further, dimensional emotion models such as the Valence-Arousal-Dominance (VAD) model could be adopted to capture the intensity and polarity of emotional states rather than relying solely on categorical labels.

6.2.2 Incorporation of Temporal Modelling

Integrating sequence models such as Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, or Transformer architectures could allow the system to understand temporal dependencies in expressions and gestures. This would drastically improve accuracy for those emotions that are conveyed by dynamic change over time (a surprise becomes joy, a sadness become anger, etc.).

6.2.3 Multi-Modal Emotion Recognition

Extent of combining other modalities (such as speech signals, textual cues from chat or transcripts—eye gaze, or physiological signals—heart rate, EEG) could turn out into more comprehensive emotion recognition systems. Multi-modal fusion techniques can handle ambiguity in one modality by compensating through another, increasing reliability in noisy or uncertain conditions.

6.2.4 Cross-Cultural Generalization

The emotional expressions and gestures vary across cultures. A future direction could involve curating a culturally diverse training dataset and implementing transfer learning or domain adaptation techniques to enhance the model's robustness across demographic groups. This would improve fairness and inclusiveness in global deployments of the technology.

6.2.5 Integration with Conversational AI and Virtual Avatars

The proposed system can be integrated into intelligent agents, virtual assistants, or social robots to improve user engagement and emotional responsiveness. Virtual avatars, for instance, can

mirror the user's emotional state in real-time, enhancing immersion in gaming or virtual learning environments.

6.2.6 Mobile and Edge Deployment

Optimizing the current system for mobile devices using frameworks such as TensorFlow Lite, ONNX Runtime, or MediaPipe's mobile SDK would enable the deployment of emotion recognition capabilities in portable and wearable technologies. This opens up use cases in remote mental health monitoring, mobile education, and on-device emotion feedback systems.

6.2.7 Adaptive Feedback Systems

Emotion recognition systems can be used to create emotion-aware feedback systems that respond to user frustration, disengagement, or joy. Such systems could adjust interfaces, change the level of difficulty associated with task, or provide encouraging prompts thus increasing user satisfaction and performance in human-computer interactions.

6.2.8 Use in Therapeutic and Educational Settings

Psychological therapy and in special education the knowledge of nonverbal emotional cues is important. The system can be modified to help therapists track emotional variance in sessions or to help children with autism identify and respond accordingly to emotional cues. If adequately trained and validated, the tool could play the role of a non-invasive diagnostic aid or as a communication aid.

6.2.9 Synthetic Emotion Generation

Emotion synthesis is an intriguing ground for future research, i.e., the ability to produce or simulate emotional expressions using avatars or digital characters dependent on identified emotional states. It could be applied to the area of storytelling, or entertainment or for that matter virtual customer services.

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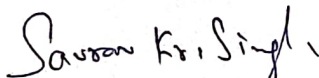
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