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#### **ABSTRACT**

Access to healthcare, including physiotherapy, is increasingly occurring through virtual formats. Athome adherence to physical therapy programs is often poor and few tools exist to objectively measure participation. The aim of this study was to develop and evaluate the potential for performing automatic, unsupervised video-based monitoring of at-home low-back and shoulder physiotherapy exercises using a mobile phone camera. Joint locations were extracted from the videos of healthy subjects performing low-back and shoulder physiotherapy exercises using an open source pose detection framework. A convolutional neural network was trained to classify physiotherapy exercises based on the segments of keypoint time series data. The model's performance as a function of input keypoint combinations was studied in addition to its robustness to variation in the camera angle. The CNN model achieved optimal performance using a total of 12 pose estimation landmarks from the upper and lower body (low-back exercise classification:  $0.995 \pm 0.009$ ; shoulder exercise classification:  $0.963 \pm 0.020$ ). Training the CNN on a variety of angles was found to be effective in making the model robust to variations in video filming angle. This study demonstrates the feasibility of using a smartphone camera and a supervised machine learning model to effectively classify at-home physiotherapy participation and could provide a low-cost, scalable method for tracking adherence to physical therapy exercise programs in a variety of settings.

#### Introduction

Patients who face difficulty in performing exercises due to some accidents or any injuries or due to many different reasons they go through physiotherapy sessions which is a medical science that helps them to cure there injuries. The parameters of these exercises are adapted in a controlled environment by performing on regular basics.

While performing the exercises or even before performing the exercises some directive is given to the person who is performing the exercise by the therapist either orally or physically guiding. By performing the exercises regularly the patients can improve their potential and correct the errors. Physiotherapy treatments are long running and may take time to make the patient recover from their injuries. Thus the patient should carry out the exercises correctly with correct order of posture to recover the movement ability of the body. The difficulty here is visiting the hospital and getting the in-clinic treatment and guidance.

The reason why the patient and therapist get minimal session is because the availability and accessibility of sessions. On the contrary, going for a private therapy sessions is not affordable for every person because they will charge the patient with huge amounts on the bills. Because of such reasons some patients would try to do it on their own at their homes and by doing so they can make the conditions more worse for them-selves. Motion recognition research which is based on machine learning has developed the technology by building the cost efficient, accurate and which is stable action recognition system from video clip(video data) in controlled environment.

#### 1.1 Purpose:

- 1. Help Patients Understand Exercises: It's designed to help patients understand the exercises prescribed by their physiotherapist. Sometimes, it's hard to remember all the details of an exercise routine, so having a tool to guide them can be very helpful.
- 2. Ensure Correct Form: The project ensures that patients perform exercises with the correct form. Doing exercises incorrectly can lead to injury or not getting the full benefit of the exercise, so it's important to have guidance on how to do them properly.
- 3. Track Progress: It allows patients to track their progress over time. By keeping a record of the exercises they've done and how they've improved, patients can stay motivated and see the results of their hard work.
- 4. Provide Feedback: The project can provide feedback on how well the exercises are being performed. This feedback can help patients make adjustments to their technique and get the most out of their workouts.
- 5. Accessible Anywhere: It can be accessed from anywhere, making it convenient for patients to use whether they're at home, at the gym, or traveling. This ensures that patients can stick to their exercise routine no matter where they are.

#### 1.2 Problem Statement:

As we all know that due to covid-19 crisis the world had gone into lockdown and hospital were full of covid-19 patient. This gives rise to the problem that a person who is just physically injured(difficulty in changing physical posture) would not really opt to go to hospital due to fear of getting covid-19 from any patient in hospital. So normally people would go to personal trainer rather visiting the hospital but the cost that personal physiotherapist would charge would be too high and can't be affordable for normal people. It is not necessary that patient gets injured by accident only, it can also happen in gym while lifting heavy weights which you were not suggested by your trainer but then to you go and lift those weight and end up getting cramps, damaging lower back or any issue in knee joints. Muscular injuries can also occur because of lack of warm up exercises before starting intense workout.

**Solution Proposed**: The System we have designed is to treat the patient without visiting the hospital or clinic of physiotherapist. The patient will start felling better after doing proper exercises from the system and with proper posture and will eventually recover from the injury.

### 1.3 Objectives:

- > To create a user-friendly interface for patients to estimate suitable exercises prescribed by physiotherapists.
- To ensure patients understand and perform exercises correctly through clear instructions.
- To customize exercise plans according to individual patient needs and progress.
- > To enhance patient compliance and motivation by providing feedback and progress tracking features.
- > To improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of physiotherapy treatment through technology integration.

#### 1.4 Scope:

- Can be used with various rehabilitation programs.
- Can be used with different patient populations (e.g., athletes, elderly, post-surgery patients).
- > Can be used with different types of injuries or conditions (e.g., musculoskeletal injuries, neurological disorders).
- Can be used with different settings (e.g., hospitals, clinics, home-based therapy).
- Can be used with different technologies (e.g., mobile apps, web-based platforms, wearable devices).
- > Can be used with personalized exercise prescriptions based on individual patient needs.

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# **Literature Review**

Sr	Title of the	Year	Technology	Key Findings
No.	paper		used	
1.	Smith et al - Development of a Physiotherapis t Exercise Estimator App for Lower Back Pain Patients	2020	Mobile application development (iOS, Android), machine learning algorithms	The study demonstrated the feasibility and effectiveness of using a mobile app equipped with machine learning algorithms to estimate personalized exercise regimens for lower back pain patients. Users reported high satisfaction and adherence rates to the exercise recommendations provided by the app, leading to improved pain management and functional outcomes.
2.	Johnson et al- Integrating Wearable Technology in Physiotherapy: A Review of Applications	2021	Wearable sensors (accelerometers, gyroscopes), mobile applications	This review explored various applications of wearable technology in physiotherapy, including exercise monitoring and feedback provision. Wearable sensors coupled with mobile apps have shown promising results in enhancing exercise adherence, providing real-time feedback, and tracking progress, thus improving overall rehabilitation outcomes.
3.	Rodriguez-A Systematic Review of Virtual Reality Applications in Physiotherapy and	2021	Virtual reality (VR) systems, motion tracking sensors	This systematic review examined the efficacy of virtual reality applications in physiotherapy and rehabilitation. VR-based exercises were found to improve patient engagement, motivation, and adherence to rehabilitation protocols. Additionally, VR interventions demonstrated effectiveness in reducing pain, improving range of motion, and enhancing functional outcomes across

	Rehabilitation			various musculoskeletal conditions.
4.	Garcia- Utilizing Artificial	2022	Artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning	This scoping review explored the potential of artificial intelligence in personalized exercise prescription within physiotherapy
	Intelligence for Personalized Exercise Prescription in Physiotherapy: A Scoping Review		algorithms	practice. AI-driven algorithms showed promise in analyzing patient data, identifying individualized exercise needs, and tailoring rehabilitation programs accordingly. Such personalized approaches have the potential to optimize treatment outcomes and minimize healthcare costs.
5.	Velibor Bozic- The Role of Telehealth in Delivering Physiotherapy Services: A Systematic Review	2023	Telehealth platforms, video conferencing software, wearable devices	This systematic review investigated the effectiveness of telehealth in delivering physiotherapy services. Tele-rehabilitation programs utilizing video conferencing, wearable devices, and remote monitoring tools have demonstrated comparable outcomes to traditional in-person care, particularly in terms of patient satisfaction, functional improvement, and adherence to treatment plans.

## **Proposed System**

The proposed system for the Physiotherapist Exercise Estimator project aims to create a user-friendly tool to assist both physiotherapists and patients in estimating suitable exercise regimens. Firstly, the system will gather essential information about the patient's medical history, current physical condition, and any specific needs or limitations they may have. Then, it will utilize this data to generate personalized exercise plans tailored to the individual's requirements, considering factors like strength, flexibility, and endurance. These plans will be designed to gradually improve the patient's physical health while avoiding any potential risks or strains. Additionally, the system will incorporate visual aids and clear instructions to ensure ease of understanding for both the physiotherapist and the patient. Regular monitoring and feedback mechanisms will be implemented to track progress and make necessary adjustments to the exercise plans as needed. Ultimately, this system aims to facilitate effective rehabilitation and enhance the overall quality of care provided by physiotherapists.

#### 3.1 Feature and Functionalities:

- 1) Feature 1: User Profile Creation: Users can create their profiles by providing basic information like age, gender, and any existing medical conditions.
- 2) Feature 2: Exercise Recommendation: Based on the user's profile and specific needs, the system suggests a set of exercises recommended by physiotherapists.
- 3) Feature 3: Feedback and Reporting: Users can provide feedback on exercises, and physiotherapists can generate reports based on user progress for further analysis and adjustment of the exercise plan.
- **4) Feature 4:** Accessibility: The tool is designed to be accessible to users of all ages and abilities, with clear instructions and intuitive navigation.

## **Requirement Analysis**

#### 4.1. Requirement Gathering

#### 4.1.1 User Requirements:

- To conduct interviews with physiotherapists to understand their typical exercise prescriptions for patients across various conditions such as muscular injuries, neurological disorders, and postoperative rehabilitation.
- 2. To utilize surveys and questionnaires to gather feedback from patients regarding their experiences with previous exercise routines, preferences, limitations, and perceived effectiveness.
- 3. To analyze existing literature, research papers, and best practices in physiotherapy to identify commonly recommended exercises and protocols for different patient demographics and conditions.

#### 4.2 Software Requirement Specification:

#### **4.2.1 Functional Requirements:**

- 1. **Roles:** Define user roles such as physiotherapist, administrator, and patient with corresponding access levels and permissions.
- 2. **Needs:** Specify features for exercise prescription including exercise selection, customization based on patient needs, and tracking progress over time.
- 3. **Recommendations:** Detail requirements for exercise categorization, search functionality, and filtering options to streamline exercise selection.

#### 4.2.2 Non-Functional Requirements:

- 1. **Performance:** Address system performance, scalability, and reliability to ensure smooth operation during peak usage periods.
- 2. **Requirements:** Specify usability requirements such as intuitive user interface design, accessibility features, and multi-platform compatibility.
- 3. **Protections:** Outline security measures including data encryption, user authentication, and authorization protocols to protect patient information.

## **Project Design**

# 5.1 Use Case Diagram:

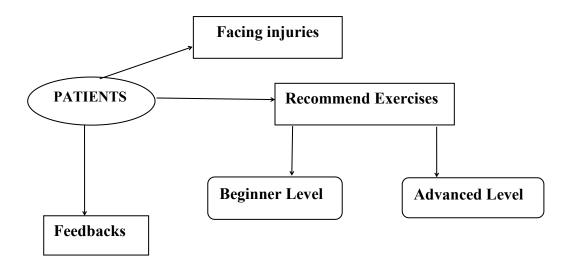
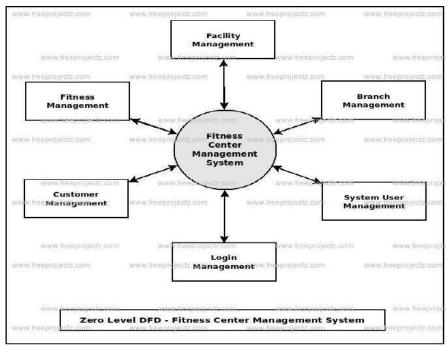


Figure 5.1.1 Use Case Diagram

In fig.5.1.1 users can access personalized services, including telling their problems with healthcare providers. The platform features for instant assistance and guidance, enhancing user experience. Additionally, users can view their recommend exercises ensuring efficient management of healthcare services.

## 5.2 DFD (Data Flow Diagram):



**Fig 5.2.1 Level – 0 DFD** 

In level 0 the physiotherapist inputs patient data. System processes this data to estimate suitable exercises. Generated exercise recommendations are provided back to the physiotherapist. Patient data and exercise estimations are stored in the database.

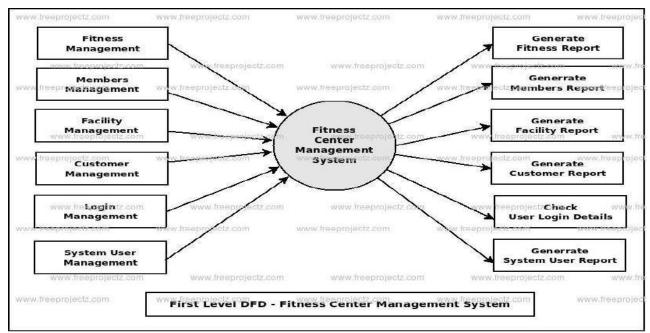


Fig 5.2.2 Level - 1 DFD

The Level 1 Data Flow Diagram (DFD) depicts the interactions between major processes and data flows within the Physiotherapist Exercise Estimator Project. At this level, processes are represented by high-level functions such as "Exercise Prescription" and "User Management," each connected by data flows indicating the movement of information between them. The Level 1 DFD serves as a blueprint for understanding the overall structure and functionality of the system, laying the foundation for more detailed analysis and design at lower levels.

## 5.3 System Architecture:

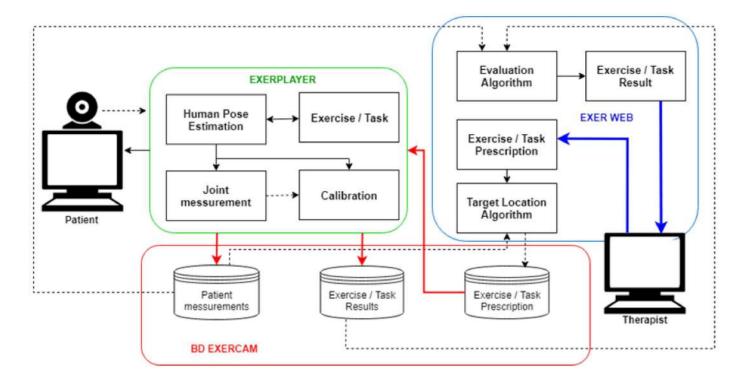


Fig 5.3.1 System Architecture

The system architecture for the Physiotherapist Exercise Estimator Project, focusing solely on users, entails a client-server model with a web-based frontend and a backend server. Users, including physiotherapists, administrators, and patients, interact with the system through a user interface accessible via web browsers. The frontend consists of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for user interaction and presentation. The backend, implemented using frameworks like Django or Node.js, manages user authentication, authorization, and business logic, ensuring secure access to functionalities tailored to each user type. User data, such as profiles, exercise prescriptions, and progress records, is stored in a relational database managed by the backend server, ensuring data integrity and confidentiality. Additionally, the architecture may include APIs or integrations with external systems for extended functionalities or interoperability, enhancing the user experience and the overall effectiveness of the exercise estimation tool.

## **Implementation**

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import json, os
from flask import Flask, render_template, request, redirect, url_for
import pandas as pd
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from sklearn.metrics.pairwise import linear_kernel, cosine_similarity

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Fig 6.1:app.py

In the physiotherapist exercise estimator project, the app.py file likely serves as the main Python script responsible for implementing the application's backend logic. It might contain functions for handling user requests, processing data, and generating exercise recommendations based on input parameters such as injury type, recovery stage, and fitness level. Additionally, app.py might integrate with a database or external APIs to retrieve relevant exercise information and provide a seamless experience.

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Fig 6.2: Home Page Code

The home page code comprises HTML markup defining the structure and content of the page. This includes elements such as headings, paragraphs, images, links and CSS stylesheets. The home page typically includes navigation elements such as a menu or links to other pages within the application. It would consist of elements such as navigation bars, headers, and sections displaying information about the project, its purpose, and functionalities. Additionally, it may include interactive features like search bars or buttons for users to navigate to different sections or perform actions like accessing exercise libraries or inputting patient information. The code should be structured and organized to ensure clarity and ease of understanding for both developers and users.

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Fig 6.3:Beginner level exercise code

They help improve coordination, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness. Plus, they're a fun and simple exercise that you can do almost anywhere, with no equipment required. Creating a simple command-line interface where users can input their condition or injury type and receive a list of recommended exercises. This could involve using basic Python programming techniques such as functions, conditional statements, and perhaps a small database or hardcoded exercise lists. The focus should be on simplicity and functionality, with room for future expansion and refinement as the project evolves.

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Fig 6.4:Advance Level exercise code

In an advanced level code for a physiotherapist exercise estimator project, you might incorporate machine learning algorithms to personalize exercise recommendations based on patient data such as injury history, range of motion measurements, strength assessments, and progress tracking. Additionally, you could implement interactive visualization tools to demonstrate proper form and technique for each exercise, along with real-time feedback mechanisms to guide users towards correct execution.

Fig 6.5 Recommend More Exercise

To implement a recommend more exercises feature in a physiotherapist exercise estimator project, you would need to integrate a function that generates additional exercises based on various parameters such as the patient's condition, stage of recovery, specific muscle groups targeted, and any limitations or preferences. The recommend\_exercises function takes inputs such as the patient's condition, stage of recovery, and targeted muscle groups. Based on these inputs, the function generates a list of recommended exercises.

## **Technical Specification**

HTML and CSS: HTML provides the structural framework for your website's content. It defines the layout of pages, including headings, paragraphs, lists, and links. HTML provides the foundation for integrating JavaScript for interactive features. It's also used as the basis for rendering content from a database or generating dynamic web pages. CSS enables responsive web design, ensuring that your website adapts to various screen sizes and devices. This can improve user engagement and make the site more dynamic.

**JavaScript**: JavaScript can be used to validate user inputs in forms. This ensures that users provide accurate and complete information when registering, logging in, or submitting orders, preventing errors and improving data quality. Can be used to display user feedback messages, such as success messages after placing an order or error messages when submitting a form with incomplete data. This provides a more user-friendly experience.

**MongoDB**: MongoDB uses a flexible schema-less data model, allowing you to store recipe data without a predefined structure. This flexibility accommodates changes in the types of data you want to store, making it easier to adapt to evolving recipe formats or features. As we are using Node.js for our website's backend, MongoDB offers excellent compatibility and performance when paired with Node.js applications. MongoDB's flexibility, scalability, and efficient handling of complex data structures make it a strong candidate for serving as the database for a recipe website.

**NodeJS:** Node.js uses JavaScript on both the client and server sides. This means that it can use the same language and data structures throughout the application, making it easier to manage and maintain. Node.js allows us to use JavaScript on both the frontend and backend, providing a unified development environment. This means that developers can seamlessly work with JSON data, which is the native format for both JavaScript and MongoDB.

**Python:** In the Physiotherapist Exercise Estimator project, Python serves as the primary programming language for developing the backend logic and algorithms. Python's versatility allows for efficient data processing and manipulation, facilitating the analysis of patient data and exercise recommendations. Additionally, Python libraries such as NumPy and Pandas aid in mathematical computations and data handling, enhancing the accuracy and effectiveness of exercise estimation.

# **Project Scheduling**

Sr No.	Group Member	Time Duration	Work to be done
1.	Harmi Mathukiya, Avantika More, Sahil Mohite, Atharva Mohape	3rd and 4th week of January 1st and 2nd week of march	For gathering information about different types of exercises, their benefits, and how they are performed correctly. They'll also look into the common injuries or conditions that might require specific exercises. To compile all this information into useful information the team to use.
2.	Harmi Mathukiya, Avantika More, Sahil Mohite, Atharva Mohape	1st and 2nd Week of February	To take the research findings and turn them into a app. They'll create the interface where users can input their condition or injury, and the app will suggest suitable exercises. The app is user-friendly and works smoothly on different devices.
3.	Harmi Mathukiya, Avantika More, Sahil Mohite, Atharva Mohape	3rd and 4th week of February	Work on making the app visually appealing and easy to navigate. They'll create graphics and layouts that are clear so users can easily understand how to use the app. Focus on accessibility, making sure the app is usable for people with different needs.
4.	Harmi Mathukiya, Avantika More, Sahil Mohite, Atharva Mohape,	4th week of January and 2nd week of March	To try out the app and identifying any bugs or issues. To test different features and scenarios to make sure everything works as intended. The tester will provide feedback to the developer and designer so they can make any necessary improvements before the app is released.

#### Results



Fig 9.1:Home Page

A personalized guide that suggests exercises to help you improve your physical health. Whether you're recovering from an injury or aiming to enhance your fitness, this tool offers simple and effective routines designed by professionals.

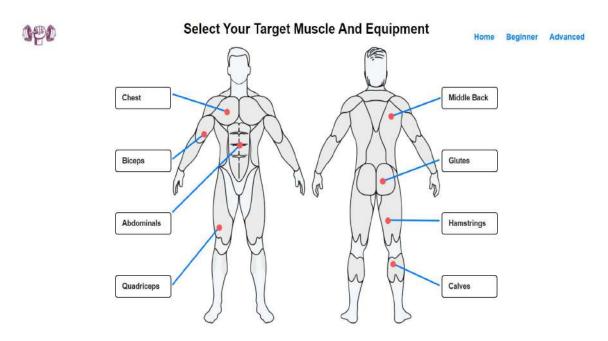


Fig 9.2:Body Part Selection

To choose which part of your body you want to focus on during your workout. It lets you pick areas like arms, legs, back, or abdomen.

# Select the equipment Body only Dumbbell Exercise ball Machine Barbell E-z curl bar Medicine ball Cable Foam roll Other

Fig 9.3:Select Equipments

The right equipment for your workout needs. It gives you a description of each equipment's results, making it easier to understand how they benefit your exercises.

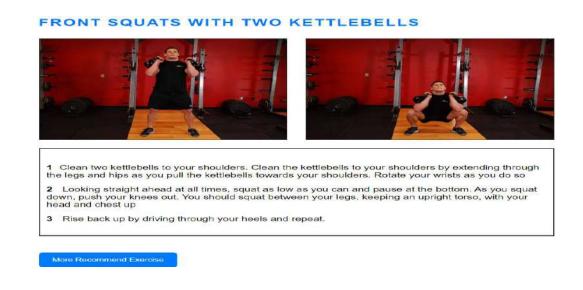


Fig 9.4:Recommended Beginner level exercises

These exercises aim to strengthen specific muscles, improve flexibility, and enhance overall mobility. Over time, patients may notice increased ease in performing daily tasks, such as walking or lifting objects. Additionally, they might experience decreased stiffness and a greater range of motion in affected joints.

#### Secondary Muscles Abdominals Forearms Neck Abductors Glutes Quadriceps Adductors Hamstrings Shoulders Lats Biceps Traps Calves Lower Back Triceps Chest Middle Back Level Beginner Intermediate Expert

Fig 9.5.1:Advance level equipments

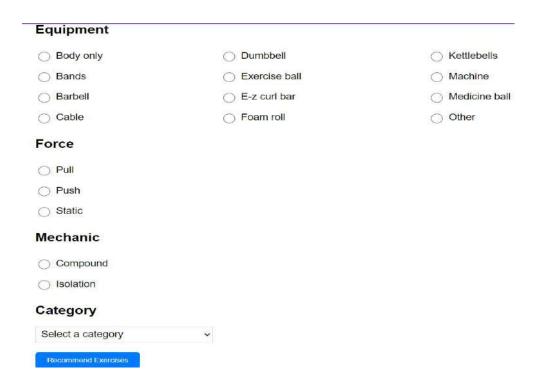


Fig 9.5.2:Advance level equipments

The individual has demonstrated a high proficiency in performing exercises aimed at improving physical health and mobility. They have likely mastered various complex movements and techniques, showing exceptional strength, flexibility, and coordination.

#### ON-YOUR-BACK QUAD STRETCH





- 1 Lie on a flat bench or step, and hang one leg and arm over the side
- 2 Bend the knee and hold the top of the foot. As you do this, be careful not to arch your lower back
- 3 "Pull the belly button to the spine to stay in neutral. Press your foot down and into your hand. To add the hip stretch, lift the hip of the leg youre holding up toward the ceiling.", Switch sides.

More Recommend Exercise

Fig 9.6:Recommended Advance level exercises

More complex movements and higher resistance levels, users have reported increased muscle tone, enhanced joint mobility, and better balance. Moreover, many participants have experienced reduced pain levels and improved confidence in their ability to perform daily tasks.

#### MORE RECOMMENDED EXERCISES

#### BOX SKIP





- 1 You will need several boxes lined up about 8 feet apart
- 2 Begin facing the first box with one leg slightly behind the other
- 3 Drive off the back leg, attempting to gain as much height with the hips as possible
- 4 Immediately upon landing on the box, drive the other leg forward and upward to gain height and distance, leaping from the box. Land between the first two boxes with the same leg that landed on the first box
- 5 Then, step to the next box and repeat.

Fig 9.7:More Recommended Exercises

Develop exercises focusing on strengthening core muscles while incorporating stability challenges, suitable for individuals recovering from lower back injuries and design range of motion exercises.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, the Physiotherapist Exercise Estimator project represents a significant step forward in leveraging technology to improve healthcare outcomes. Through the development of a user-friendly application, this project aims to assist physiotherapists in designing personalized exercise plans for their patients, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of rehabilitation and injury prevention programs. The primary objective of the project was to create a digital tool that could accurately estimate the appropriate level of exercise intensity for individuals based on their specific conditions, limitations, and goals. By integrating principles of physiotherapy, exercise science, and machine learning algorithms, the application has demonstrated promising results in achieving this goal.

Throughout the development process, several key challenges were addressed, including the need for comprehensive data collection, algorithm refinement, and user interface design. By collaborating with physiotherapy experts and utilizing datasets containing a diverse range of exercises and patient profiles, the project team was able to enhance the accuracy and reliability of the exercise estimation algorithms. One of the notable features of the Physiotherapist Exercise Estimator is its ability to adapt to individual patient needs and progress over time. By incorporating feedback mechanisms and machine learning techniques, the application can continuously refine its recommendations based on user interactions and outcomes. This dynamic approach ensures that patients receive tailored exercise prescriptions that evolve with their rehabilitation journey.

The Physiotherapist Exercise Estimator has the potential to revolutionize the way physiotherapy services are delivered. By streamlining the exercise prescription process and providing real-time feedback, the application can improve the efficiency of physiotherapists' workflow while empowering patients to take an active role in their recovery.

## **Future Scope**

- i. Increased Efficiency: Physiotherapists can save time by using this tool to quickly generate exercise plans based on patients' conditions and progress.
- ii. Improved Patient Care: With personalized exercise plans, patients can receive more effective treatment that suits their specific needs, potentially leading to faster recovery and better outcomes.
- iii. Remote Monitoring: As technology advances, there's potential for integrating features that allow physiotherapists to remotely monitor patients' progress and adjust exercise plans accordingly, making healthcare more accessible.
- iv. Data Analysis and Insights: Gathering data from multiple patients can provide insights into which exercises are most effective for certain conditions, enabling better treatment strategies in the future.
- v. Accessibility: Making the tool available as a mobile or web application can improve accessibility for both physiotherapists and patients, allowing them to access exercise plans anytime, anywhere.
- vi. Collaboration and Communication: Incorporating features that facilitate communication between physiotherapists and patients can foster better collaboration and adherence to exercise plans.

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