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ABSTRACT

The overall vision of our project is to transform the approach to supporting learners with ADHD in the rapidly growing area of ed-tech. It is our desire to create a mobile application that employs profile machine learning, photo recognition, and real-time analysis to diagnose distinct categories of ADHD and then offer personalized educational assistance. Within the framework of this new job, I am mainly expected to identify ways in which ADHD impacts students' performance and then eliminate it.

I am responsible for interpreting big academic and behavioral data sets through the advanced properties of CNN and RNN. One of the critical components of our collections is numerous records of students' actions, such as not doing their homework, or forgetting objects that they need in class, which are obvious signs of ADHD related issues. These studies help to simplify the process of identification of subtypes, which in turn makes its possible to apply more effective teaching strategies.

In addition to simply recognizing students, I observe their activities in real time, see when they became quiet and alert the teachers. This proactive method ensures that the solutions reached are not only customized to each students' needs, but also by the time the solutions are in place, it is timely as well.

Secondly, I am involved in the development of the AI teachers which are integrated in the application. Being founded on individual learning technologies, those teachers were deliberately built to complement the educational tendencies and the brain-disposing schemes of every learner. As these teachers provide feedback at all times and modify the approaches as they go along, they are a step beyond conventional teaching and quite a step toward what can be termed as innovative, meaningful, and practical education. It is anticipated therefore that our project will bring a huge impact. Their ultimate goal is to create a teaching appliance for kids with ADHD that can be easily produced on a large scale and would assist the child in performing better in school and improve his or her behavior with the help of such approaches as machine learning and user-centered design. Overall, with our project, we may succeed in making a big difference in schools and make choices in academics available to many children a reality.

Key Words- Machine Learning, Behavioral Analysis, Real-time Data Analytics, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Personalized Learning.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Research Background

ADHD is a common childhood behavioral disorder that occurs in 3-5% of children in school going age worldwide. It is generally described as inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity and presents many academic and social problems. The learners are usually left out of mainstream education, or they pale out significantly with traditional forms of learning as their needs are not usually understood in public or mainstream education facilities.

Despite these advances, however, there is a critically important role for technologies that can address the diverse nature of the problems associated with ADHD as it is expressed in educational settings. Currently, the strategies mainly cannot meet the demands of responding to changes or even provide differential learning assistance approaching the particularity of students in actual time.

Previous studies have applied machine learning and data analytics to improve learners' outcomes; however, the requirements of students with ADHD have only being partially met. Previous works have incorporated to some extent the behavioral analysis into their designs but, most of the time this component has not been fully integrated as an actively learning system and more importantly has not been developed as a holistic, real-time, mobile solution that can serve as a long-term supportive companion.

Hence the importance of our proposal as a project to contribute to this necessary innovation of an application that uses modern approaches such as machine learning, natural language processing, and real-time behaviors analysis to help therapists with this processes. ADHD subtypes we, and my specific role, involve the collective of these technologies in an effort to diagnose and even fine-tune the potential remedial measures. Based on the rich behavioral and academic data including a variety of ad hoc markers like students' tendency to forget their homework and other necessities at school, our goal is to achieve higher levels of accuracy in ADHD subtype identification. This approach not only brings better specification of interventions but also makes sure that they are timely changed to meet changing student needs.

That is why working on this application, we propose a set of procedures that would allow an educational technology application to adapt complex data analysis methods to

provide students with individual educational support in real time. In positive framework, this project is a way toward having educational equity and inclusion and flourished, transformative tools that turn the students with ADHD educational process into a constructive, enjoyable, productive educational path.

1.2 Literature Review

This paper provides a critical analysis of the current state of education interventions on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) as well as an evaluation of the possibilities of technology. This kicks off by defining ADHD and noting that it is prevalent in approximately 5-10% of school going children around the world; it also ensues by noting the resultant difficulties that children with the disorder have in schools. Classroom practices do not seem to provide sufficient assistances to meet the multiple needs of these learners, thereby arguing for better solutions.

The review then examines current technologies used in educational settings, including behavior modification instruments and helpful learning appliance. Although these technologies have provided such advantages, they are not very open to modulating themselves in accordance with the cognitive and emotional changes of the students, which could be vital when learning ADHD. Such a gap points to the need to develop sufficiently flexible approaches to learning that will be sensitive to the particular learning styles and will be ready to assist the learner on the spot.

As such, the review will concentrate on the developments that occurred in the past few years, and it will be based on the use of machine-learning algorithms in the context of personalized education-enabling technologies. It also talks about the major advancements that have been made with technologies that use real time data analysis, artificial intelligence and natural language processing to enhance support provision to learners with learning difficulties such as ADHD. However, to date there is still a significant gap in the practical applications that will integrate real-time behavioral analysis with set of personalized interventions designed for ADHD needs.

To address these gaps, the present study aims to develop a new application based on CNN and RNN to perform the structure and feature learning for the comprehensive behavior assessment of ADHD and subtype identification. This endeavour does not just seek to advance accurate diagnosis as well as change the nature of the interventions applied. Through developing an own, changeable, widely-arbitrated mobile platform, this project aims at providing target-oriented educational material and actions that are based on continuous behavioral and academic feedback.

Last but not least, the review posits that the technologically mediated approaches are optimal for enhancing the teaching-learning processes to fit student's with ADHD. As a result, through offering information, which is focused on how to support learners with ADHD, our project is going to significantly influence ideas of educational equity and inclusion, making it possible to enhance learning environments for children who have such disorder.

1.3 Research Gap

Features	**Research A**	**Research A**	**Research A**	**Proposed system**
Identification System	✓	✗	✗	✓
Personalized Learning Activities.	✓	✗	✓	✗
Real time Feedback	✓	✗	✓	✓
Progress Monitoring	✓	✓	✓	✓

1.4 Research Problem

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is among the most commonly diagnosed neurodevelopmental disorders in school-age children, with a far-reaching impact on their learning capacity, attention, and control over behavior. Children with ADHD are likely to find it challenging to maintain concentration, follow instructions, and engage persistently with typical teaching methods. Such challenges tend to lead to poor academic achievement, low self-esteem, and trouble in being accommodated within typical classroom environments.

In spite of heightened awareness about ADHD, current educational strategies and assistive technologies are still not adequate to meet the distinctive and evolving needs of these students. Most systems today are not adaptive and personalized but provide fixed content and one-size-fits-all responses that fail to accommodate the diverse attention patterns, emotional states, or learning behaviors of children with ADHD. Furthermore, conventional interventions tend to depend on extrinsic clinical assessments, which prove to be costly, time-consuming, and out-of-reach for most families.

The source issue is the nonavailability of live, behavior-responsive systems capable of detecting not just the symptoms of ADHD but immediately reacting with the proper education intervention. The technologies currently being utilized within schools very rarely integrate higher-level thinking competencies, machine learning-enabled categorization, or real-time thinking measurement to personalize learning material for the unique behavior status of each individual child.

This research addresses that gap by developing a mobile-based smart application that combines facial emotion detection, eye-tracking analysis, and standardized behavioral assessment tools to detect ADHD symptoms and offer individualized cognitive support. The system also includes interactive games and memory exercises to support improving concentration and attention, and collecting behavioral data for continuous adaptation and feedback.

Some of the primary objectives of this project are:

- To enhance learning through timely, one-on-one interventions that are attuned to each child's attention and behavior.
- To ensure the reliability and accuracy of machine learning-based ADHD detection from behavioral and visual data.
- To develop a user-friendly interface suitable for children and caregivers.
- To maintain data privacy and protection, especially given the sensitivity of facial and behavioral data collected.

By addressing these problems, the research aims to create a pragmatic and comprehensive resource that not only helps children with ADHD in school but also improves their emotional development, self-regulation, and successful integration into normal educational environments.

1.5 Aim and Objectives

1.5.1 Aim

The goal of my function is to create a mobile application that uses a variety of state-of- the-art machine learning novelties to recognize ADHD subtypes and include customizable educational interventions as soon as the subtype is identified. Some objectives are to improve subtype classification algorithms, to apply a feedback system to modify strategies during a learning process, and to increase the possibility of tools' customization by educators and parents. This way, the interventions provided cater to the needs of every struggling learner with ADHD and at the same time are flexible. Furthermore, the project is developed from concepts which are applicable to various formal and informal education contexts and is further refined and improved through the use of data collected as well as through stay collaboration with interested stakeholders to cater for real education needs.

1.5.2 Main Objective

Development to mobile applications which are artificially intelligent and famous for identifying various sorts of ADHD, dictating unique learning approaches for scholars, and monitoring how students are behaving at all times. It is designed to assist students.

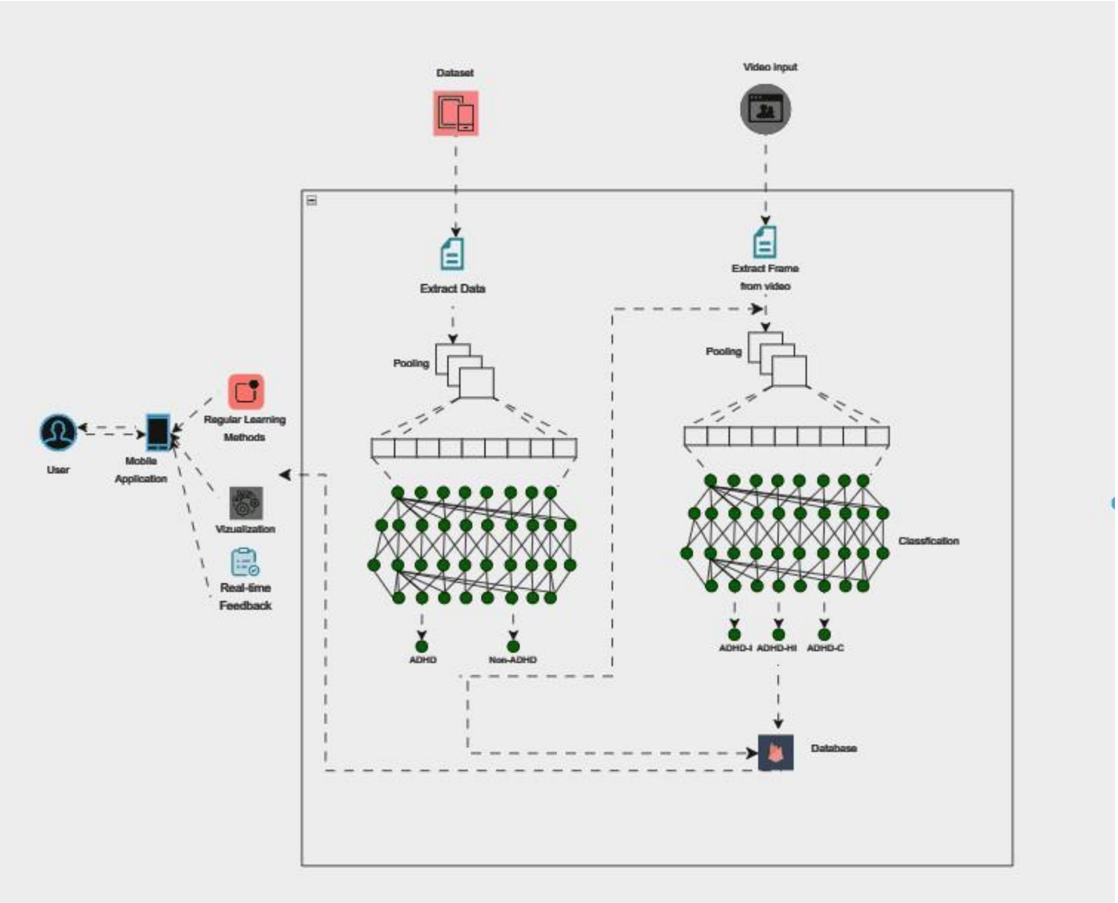
with ADHD carry out their academic obligations and monitor their behavior enabling tutors and caregivers to fine tune the app to suit the child.

1.5.3 Sub Objectives

- Subtype Identification: Develop machine learning algorithms to classify ADHD subtypes based on behavioral and academic data.
- Personalized Learning plan: Create algorithms that generate individualized learning plans to improve academic performance.
- Behavioral Monitoring: Implement real-time AI tools to track and respond to student behavior and engagement.
- Develop AI-driven tutors that can be tailored by teachers and parents to meet the specific needs and preferences of individual students with ADHD, ensuring personalized and effective educational support.

2. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

2.1 Methodology Individual Component



2.2 Research Design and Objectives

This research adopts a multimodal design strategy that unifies machine learning models and interactive cognitive tasks to effectively identify and aid children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The system not only predicts ADHD symptoms based on real-time behavioral and visual data, but it also offers personalized intervention recommendations to help improve the child's cognitive abilities.

The solution is founded on three detection strategies:

Facial Emotion Recognition – This module uses the mobile device camera to analyze the facial expressions of the child when using the app. It determines whether the child is attentive or inattentive by detecting emotion patterns that are related to attention.

Eye-Tracking Assessment – This model tracks the direction of the child's gaze while the child is tracking on-screen targets. It determines whether the child is on-task visually or off-task based on eye movement signals.

Standardized Behavioral Testing – Based on the Conners' Parent Rating Scale (CPRS), the test collects parental or guardian feedback of behavior. The computer subsequently evaluates the data, determining severity and likelihood of ADHD symptoms.

Once data is gathered from these three sources, the system processes the inputs using trained machine learning models. Each model generates individual predictions, which are then combined using a weighted logic to generate a final diagnosis. Based on this result, the system determines whether the child is showing signs of ADHD and, if so, what the likely subtype (Inattentive, Hyperactive/Impulsive, or Combined) is.

Upon diagnosis, the system would automatically allocate a solo or set of cognitive exercises meant to improve the attention, memory, and concentration of the child. Games like the Memory Match Game (Mahjong) and the Focus Timer Task fall into this category and are not only enjoyable but also therapeutic. Through continuous repetition over time, the tasks help the child develop his or her cognitive control as well as manage ADHD-related issues more effectively.

2.3 Software Architecture of the Research

The SDLC architecture is going to be used for the suggested program. Each step is further broken down into its component parts at this point. At each successive step, testing and implementation will be carried out. Both the software and the hardware will be impacted. This method is broken down into five stages: planning, designing, testing, building, and delivering the finished product. The following is an explanation of each stage of the software development life cycle (SDLC): planning, analysis, design, implementation, and maintenance. Therefore, I decided that this should be the software architecture for this study [1].

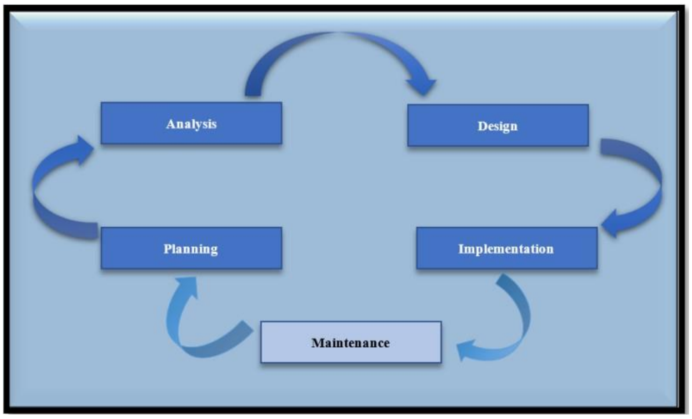
- Planning - At this point, we have compiled a list of all the prerequisites necessary to accomplish our objective.

- Analysis - At this stage, both the preliminary analysis and the system analysis are brought to a successful conclusion. In the first step, the problem must be declared, and in the second stage, the problem must be diagnosed, and in the third stage, data must be collected and evaluated. In the first stage, objectives and goals must be studied.

- Design - At this time, the user will be familiar with the insights provided by the work.

- Implementation - Currently, the program is in the process of being created.

- Maintenance - At this point, the performance of the system is being evaluated on a consistent basis to ensure that it will not become outdated.



2.4 Data Collection and Preprocessing

Data collection for this study involved three primary sources: images of children's facial expressions captured when they were using the application to monitor whether they are attentive or not, and direction images of eye-tracking direction images, and text response data from behavioral tests. All data were collected in real time by the user interacting with the application developed for this purpose.

Facial image data were recorded by the device's camera while using the application. Images were labeled as "focus" or "not focus" based on the degree of child engagement. Eye-tracking data comprised directional photos (top, down, left, right) recorded when the child visually followed objects on screen. In addition, behavioral data were acquired through age-adjusted questionnaires based on the Conners Parent Rating Scale (CPRS) completed by parents or guardians through the frontend interface.

Preprocessing activities varied with data type. For image data (eye-tracking and facial data), preprocessing entailed:

- Resizing images to a default size
- Grayscale conversion where applicable
- Normalization of pixel values
- Data augmentation techniques (rotation, flip) to increase diversity in the dataset.

For text data from CPRS:

- Validation of input to ensure completeness.
- Answers were converted into numeric values based on CPRS scoring rules.
- Data were classified into percentile-based classes that represent ADHD probability.

The preprocessed and cleaned datasets were further divided into training and testing sets. These sets were used to train the machine learning models for facial emotion recognition, gaze analysis, and prediction of ADHD from behavior patterns. The input data was made consistent, accurate, and suitable for successful model testing and training by the preprocessing pipeline.

2.5 Data Integration

Data integration is the paramount phase of the system in which the individual output of the three core ADHD detection modules—face emotion sensing, eye-tracking, and behavior questionnaire (CPRS)—are not processed in isolation but combined into a single universal decision-making framework.

Once they have amassed the data from all sources, preprocessing takes place in the system by sanitizing, restructuring, and realigning the data. For example:

- Facial and eye-tracking model image data is normalized to size, brightness, and pixel values.
- Questionnaire text data is transformed into numerical ratings and grouped according to CPRS-defined percentiles.

Once preprocessing is complete, the system extracts meaningful features from all input types. These are synchronized and normalized so that they are consistent with each other in format and range, which keeps things consistent across the models. This is done to allow fair and meaningful comparison when combining outputs.

Each model produces an independent prediction:

- The facial recognition model produces a classification: Focused / Not Focused.
- The eye-tracking model quantifies visual attention and responds with Focus Status.
- The CPRS model gives a percentile-based ADHD severity score.

To calculate the final ADHD outcome combination, the system applies a fusion process—a rule-based reasoning algorithm calculating the predictions from each of the three models. This reasoning assigns weights to each model's output from a past record of test performance:

- Better-performing models contribute more heavily to the final score.
- The algorithm of decision-making prevents any one model from taking over the result, enhancing robustness.

This multi-source integration helps the system in arriving at a more precise and trustworthy diagnosis. It reduces false positives (labeling a child as ADHD when he/she is not) and false negatives (failing to detect true ADHD cases). With the combination of visual markers, behavioral cues, and feedback from parents, the system creates a comprehensive image of the child's attention and behavior state—leading to improved strategies for support.Apolitical Analytical Hierarchical

Analytical Hierarchical Process (AHP) was employed to compare and rank contribution of each identification technique—facial emotion recognition, eye-tracking, and behavioral assessment—to the ultimate ADHD classification in a systematic manner. AHP allowed for breaking down the decision-making problem into a hierarchical structure and facilitated pairwise comparison among each technique.

Experts gave relative ratings of importance against factors such as model accuracy, reliability, data interpretability, and real-time applicability. These comparisons were utilized to construct a judgment matrix, whose eigenvalues and consistency ratio were calculated to obtain the final weight for each model.

The resulting weights were then added into the system decision logic so that the effect of each method on the final diagnosis was proportional to its analytical importance. This step provided a mathematically sound way of weighing several data inputs and improved the equity and transparency of the ADHD classification process.

2.6 Models Logic

The logical flow of each model is structured to independently assess a specific input and contribute to the overall ADHD detection process.

The eye-tracking model processes directional eye movement inputs (top, down, left, right) captured while the child is visually engaging with on-screen objects. The model assesses the consistency and stability of visual attention using pattern recognition techniques. Its output indicates whether the child is visually tracking the stimuli as expected or shows signs of distraction.

The text-based model, grounded in CPRS scoring, calculates a percentile-based ADHD likelihood score by analyzing structured questionnaire data submitted by parents. These responses are transformed into numerical values and categorized into ADHD severity ranges (e.g., average, slightly atypical, markedly atypical).

All model outputs are standardized and passed to a central decision unit. In this decision logic, weights derived from the AHP method are applied to each model's output. The final ADHD score is computed by combining these weighted outputs, allowing for a robust and fair evaluation. This comprehensive logic ensures the system effectively accommodates multiple types of input while offering an accurate and interpretable ADHD classification, enabling timely intervention and personalized cognitive support.

2.6.1 Analytical Hierarchy Process Weights for ADHD Detection

Method-Specific Weight Assignment Weights were assigned to each ADHD identification method—facial emotion recognition, eye-tracking analysis, and text-based CPRS scoring—based on evaluation criteria such as model accuracy, data quality, consistency, and applicability in real-time classroom settings.

- Eye-Tracking Analysis: Moderate weight (35%) as it effectively evaluates sustained attention and visual tracking.
- CPRS Questionnaire: Slightly lower weight (25%) as it depends on subjective input but adds valuable historical context.

2.6.2 Cognitive Load & Accessibility Feedback

Following the process of ADHD identification, the system dynamically evaluates the cognitive load and behavior performance of the student using data collected from the facial emotion recognition, eye-tracking models, and cognitive task outcomes. The evaluation allows the system to determine the student's mental readiness, attention, and memory capacity and subsequently recommend the most suitable intervention task without external instruction from a teacher or parent.

When the system detects that the student is exhibiting signs of inattentiveness, distraction, or unstable visual attention—based on poor eye-tracking or unfocused facial expressions—it will automatically assign the Focus Timer Task. The task displays a brief sequence of objects to the child and requests that they recall the correct sequence. By stimulating the child to stay visually alert and mentally track sequences, this game is targeting short-term focus enhancement directly and helping the child train his or her attention span in a controlled environment.

Otherwise, if the child performs poorly in visually challenging activities such as "Find the Difference" or object recognition activities, the system considers it as a sign of possible memory problem. In response, it recommends the Memory Match Game, where the child must match hidden cards to the same images. Not only does this improve working memory and pattern recognition, but also enhances cognitive flexibility by means of various, systematic mind exercises.

This automated feedback cycle allows the system to present the right activity at the right time, based on the immediate mental state of each child. It eliminates the need for real-time monitoring by teachers or caregivers, making the application more independent, intelligent, and convenient for use at home or school. By ongoing adjustment of the interventions based on feedback from behavior, the system delivers ADHD students with tailored support that is attuned to their current needs—thus reducing frustration, maximizing engagement, and improving learning in the long term.

Moreover, the system is user-friendly, with a simple-to-use interface and limited cognitive load. Visuals are minimized, instructions are clearly verbalized, and task pace is managed to match the pace of the child's interaction habits—offering a smooth and inclusive experience to all users, including those with varying degrees of attention challenges.

2.7 Frontend Implementation

2.7.1 Front-End Implementation Overview

The User Interface (UI) of the mobile application has been developed with great care in a kid-friendly, user-centric way to ensure that children with ADHD, parents, and teachers can all easily use and operate the system with confidence. The interface is simple and fun-oriented with minimal visual clutter and avoiding Overwhelming Features that could distract or confuse the user.

In order to achieve ease and accessibility, the UI contains large, colorful icons, clearly labeled buttons, and minimal text wherever possible. The graphic design enhances visual clarity and enables children, especially young users, to see and interact with each function naturally. Navigating through the screen is effortless and linear and guides the users through the application step by step without requiring advanced technical knowledge.

The overall organization is good by the app's main functional categories: ADHD assessment, cognitive games, activity results, and reports. The main dashboard provides convenient access to key features, and visual progress markers and useful reminders inform users what to do next. Animations and sounds are used selectively in activity areas to engage users without overstimulation.

From a development perspective, the front-end was done using Flutter, a cross-platform UI framework that offers consistent performance on both Android and iOS devices. This leaves one with a consistent user experience regardless of the device model, screen size, or resolution.

In addition, the application has been designed with accessibility principles in mind, adhering to common guidelines for Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), such as:

- High contrast color schemes for clarity
- Large touch targets for convenience
- Optional read-aloud or visual cue support for people with additional learning difficulties.

Overall, the front-end implementation emphasizes offering an seamless, interactive, and accessible experience for users that keeps them engaged and motivated and supported throughout ADHD identification and intervention. The interface is not just accommodating for the cognitive needs of children with attention difficulty but also allows caregivers and teachers to have a meaningful role in the child's learning journey.

2.7.2 ADHD Identification Section

his part of the app includes three different tools that help detect ADHD symptoms based on behavior, attention, and visual focus. These tools are:

1) Find the Difference Game

The Find the Object Game is a visual attention task to determine a child's ability to rapidly scan and process complex pictures. In this task, a busy picture containing many common objects is shown on the screen. The child is given the name of a specific target object and must locate and click on it within 60 seconds. This task assesses the child's visual scan, concentration, and speed of decision-making, all of which are usually impaired in children with ADHD. The child's performance on this task helps assess how well the child can maintain attention in a visually distracting environment and respond to cues when there is a time limit.

2) Find the Object Game

The **Find the Object Game** is a visual attention task designed to evaluate a child's ability to scan and process complex images quickly. In this activity, a cluttered image filled with various everyday objects is displayed on the screen. The child is given the name of a specific target object and is required to locate and select it within a 60-second time limit. This game challenges the child's **visual scanning skills, focus, and decision-making speed**, all of which are cognitive functions commonly impacted in children with ADHD. The performance in this task helps assess how effectively the child can concentrate in a visually distracting environment and respond to prompts under time pressure.

3) ADHD Quiz (CPRS-based)

The Behavioral Assessment that is integrated into the system is a validated assessment tool based on the Conners' Parent Rating Scale (CPRS), which is renowned for its sensitivity in detecting children with ADHD-related behavior. The test is administered by a parent or teacher who has constant observation of the child. It contains 27 questions, each rated from 0 to 3 based on how frequently specific behaviors occur—ranging from "never" to "very often." Once completed, the responses are scored to generate a percentile score, which is then used to place the child's likelihood of having ADHD. The results also assist in determining the ADHD type—Inattentive, Hyperactive/Impulsive, or Combined—which is a crucial factor in overall diagnosis and treatment planning.

4) Prediction Page

The Prediction Page is the central module where all information collected from various activities is summarized to generate the final ADHD assessment. It aggregates significant inputs such as the number of differences detected, the duration spent on tasks, whether the target item was identified correctly, and the eye-tracking result indicating focus or distraction. Once the required data is inputted, the user can click on the "Predict" button, which triggers the trained machine learning model to assess the inputs and return an output. This page is the final step in the evaluation process, seamlessly integrating data from the facial recognition, object-location, and behavioral measures modules to produce an accurate and comprehensive ADHD identification outcome.

2.7.3 Mitigation Activities Section

This section provides interactive cognitive games for students with ADHD. The objective is not just to identify, but also to improve focus, attention, and memory over time.

1) Mahjong (Memory Matching Game)

Mahjong Memory Matching Game is a cognitive learning game to build short-term memory, visual awareness, and focusing power in children. During this game, an unseen grid of cards is revealed, and upon touching, each card displays an image. The child's job is to locate and match pairs of cards having the same look, and that requires attention and memory strength. As they play, the time taken and the score achieved are monitored by the system, making it possible for teachers and learners to witness improved cognitive functioning upon repeated usage. The enjoyable yet educative drill is a fundamental factor in shaping the concentration levels of ADHD-affected children within an entertaining as well as nourishing setting.

2) Focus Timer Game (not visually shown but described)

The Focus Timer Game is an activity of working memory that strengthens a child's visual memory, sequencing ability, and attention span—skills typically assessed in children with ADHD. In the game, a sequence of objects is flashed on the screen before the child for a few seconds to see. The objects are then hidden, and the child is requested to recall and select them in sequence. This activity encourages focus and mental tracking over time, helping children build their concentration and memory skills through repetition. Although the activity is not visually represented in the interface, it plays a valuable function in the intervention strategy as a whole by offering a structured and engaging way of developing core cognitive processes.

2.8 Backend and Prediction workflow.

The backend of the application is designed to handle real-time data processing, model inference, result generation, and encrypted data exchange between the machine learning and frontend modules. The main backend functionalities are created using Python and Flask, providing a thin API layer between the machine learning models and mobile interface.

2.8.1 Data Input Collection

User reaction and feedback data are logged with the mobile frontend:

- Image data: Logged through the device's camera (emotional facial responses and orientation of gaze).

- Quiz responses: Parent responses from the Conners' Parent Rating Scale.

- Scores in games: Scores and game duration from "Find the Object" and "Find the Difference”.

2.8.2 Model Execution and Logic

1) Eye-Tracking Model

This model is programmed to determine how effectively the child is following a moving or target object on the screen with their eyes. It works as follows:
While a child is watching objects on the screen, the app captures snapshots of the directions of their eyes such as up, down, left, or right through the device camera.
These frames are fed into a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model trained to detect gaze patterns.

The model detects whether the eye movement indicates that the child is consistently tracking the object (which is focused) or whether the gaze is scattered or random (which is not focused).
The output is a binary prediction:

- Focus – if the child is tracking objects visually appropriately.
- Not Focus – if they are not looking or not paying attention where they are supposed to.

2) CPRS-Based Text Model

This model takes the data collected from the ADHD Quiz, which is based on the Conners' Parent Rating Scale (CPRS). Here's how it works:
A parent or guardian fills out a 27-item questionnaire with each item rated on a 0 to 3 scale, based on the frequency of the behavior.
The backend calculates the score and correlates it with the CPRS scoring cutoffs (T-scores and percentiles).

Based on that score, the child is assigned to a specific ADHD likelihood category:

- Not ADHD – score in the average/typical range.
- Borderline – mildly atypical scores.
- ADHD – if the score is in the moderate to high atypical range.

This text-based model ensures that the behavioral history and patterns as reported by adults are considered in decision-making.

Together, they make your system more reliable by combining real-time attention monitoring (eye-tracking) with clinical behavioral data (CPRS quiz).

2.9 Outputs and Validation

The system's last output displays a full ADHD test result, which is obtained by combining the three combined models' predictions: facial emotion recognition, eye-tracking, and the CPRS-based text classifier. The outputs are displayed in both a user-friendly way for users (students, parents, or teachers) and as structured data for further evaluation or research.

1) Eye-Tracking Model

Output:
This model looks at the direction of eye movements (up, down, left, right) to see if the child is tracking objects visually in the right manner. It gives back a categorization: Focus or Not Focus, based on whether the visual attention follows the anticipated path of the object.

Validation:
Images of eye directions were used to train a CNN classifier.
Achieved accuracy of 85% in identifying proper object tracking.
Misclassification was largely due to poor illumination or camera vision, and this was fixed in later preprocessing upgrades.

2) CPRS-Based Text Model

Output:

This model interprets Conners' Parent Rating Scale responses. It computes a percentile score and translates it into ADHD severity levels:

Not ADHD

Borderline

ADHD

It also helps to determine the ADHD subtype (Inattentive, Hyperactive/Impulsive, or Combined).

Validation:

Compared predictions with actual CPRS score ranges and clinical interpretations.

Demonstrated greater than 90% accuracy in matching classifications based on parent responses.

Strong agreement was found between model predictions and teacher/parent observations.

2.10 Development of Eye-Tracking Model

The Eye-Tracking Model is a core part of the ADHD detection mechanism that aims to scan and analyze a child's eye-tracking behavior in response to interacting with the application. ADHD children, particularly those with predominantly inattentive symptoms, tend to be plagued by lacking visual concentration, unstable eye movement, and poor tracking of moving or stationary visual objects. These characteristics may be observed and quantified through gaze direction analysis, thus making eye-tracking a useful non-verbal measure of attentional levels.

This model has been developed in order to estimate the direction of eye movement traced by the front-facing camera of the device as the child carries out visual tasks. The front-facing camera of the device observes real-time frames as the child attempts to pursue or respond to objects on screen. Each frame is annotated with one of four directions of attention: top, down, left, or right. These directions are used as input features by the model.

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) was trained on this image set to recognize gaze patterns. The objective is to determine whether or not the child's eye movements align with the expected action required by the visual task. If the child constantly follows the movement of the object, the output is classified as "Focus". If the child constantly gazes away or in the wrong directions, the output is classified as "Not Focus".

This model enables the system to monitor visual attention without any input in terms of speech or hand, which is particularly beneficial in the scenario of young children who are not able to point verbally or physically to their state of concentration. Predictions by the eye-tracking model are incorporated as part of the entire process of ADHD diagnosis and contribute to the final finding when combined with facial emotion detection and CPRS questionnaire behavioral scores.
The model-building process bridges the gap between historical behavior measurement and real-time digital observation, offering a more holistic and data-driven method to ascertain a child's attention capacity.

2.11 Development of CPRS-Based Text Model

The CPRS-Based Text Model is a structured behavioral evaluation piece of work developed to evaluate ADHD symptoms from data of standardized questionnaires. The model is built on the foundation of the Conners' Parent Rating Scale (CPRS), a recognized diagnosis tool in clinics and schools. The model occupies the core place in the detection of ADHD with the aggregation of subjective remarks from parents or custodians and converting it to an analyzable quantifiable format.

CPRS questionnaire consists of a set of questions matched to the age of the child and that target eminent behavioral characteristics including hyperactivity, emotional control, inattiveness, and impulsivity. Rating of every item occurs on the Likert scale (primarily between 0 and 3) and identifies higher frequencies of misbehavior. The questionnaire forms part of the application and filled in by the parent or guardian via the frontend user interface.

Once the answers are submitted, data are scored and processed based on CPRS guidelines. Scores are translated into percentile ranks, which reflect the severity of ADHD symptoms. For instance:

- Higher percentiles (e.g., above 70) reflect highly atypical behavior,
- Middle ranges reflect borderline behavior, and
- Lower percentiles fall within the average range.

In order to make this analysis automated, the backend uses a machine learning classifier that converts questionnaire data into ADHD likelihood levels. The model is trained on sample CPRS datasets as well as expert-labeled categories to discover how different combinations of scores map to ADHD subtypes: Inattentive, Hyperactive/Impulsive, or Combined.

This model adds clinical validity to the system through the application of parent observations that reflect the child's behavior in naturalistic environments—such as home or school. When paired with the eye-tracking and facial emotion models, it adds to the diagnostic potential of the system and provides a more complete picture of each child's behavioral profile.

2.12 System Architecture and Functional Workflow

2.12.1 System Components

Camera Module: Is the primary input device for capturing children's facial expressions and gaze directions. All images are labeled for classification purposes.

Frontend (Mobile Interface): Child-friendly graphics are employed in designing this, where games, quizzes, and data entry are managed.

Flask API (Backend Server): It receives image and quiz data from the frontend, processes it using pre-trained ML models, and returns predictions.

2.12.2 Data Communication Workflow

HTTP POST/GET: JSON-formatted data is posted from frontend to backend via Flask API endpoints. Outputs (ADHD status, subtype, game feedback) are returned via API response in real-time.

Data Handling: Inputs are temporarily stored, processed, and scored with the trained models (CNN for image, custom logic for CPRS quiz).

2.12.3 Input Handling and Prediction

Facial images are preprocessed (grayscale, resizing, normalization).

Eye-tracking data is extracted from directional images.

Textual questionnaire data is scored numerically.

All inputs are given to individual models, and their predictions are aggregated using AHP weights.

2.12.4 Model Setup and Calibration

CPRS Score Thresholds: Tuned to match ADHD diagnosis ranges (percentiles).

CNN Models: Trained on in-house-labeled sets of "Focus" and "Not Focus" images.

Performance Tuning: Done through iterative layer tuning, data augmentation, and dropout regularization to prevent overfitting.

2.12.5 Backend Software and Model Integration

Python Flask: Coordinates model deployment and API communication.

TensorFlow: Used to load and run CNN models in real-time.

Prediction Logic: Combines scores of three models, applies AHP weights, and outputs a final ADHD classification with subtype.

2.12.6 Usage and Future Expansion

Current Use

The system uses it for detecting ADHD symptoms and improving focus through real-time facial expression analysis, eye-tracking, and behavior-based games.

Target Users

Developed for parents, teachers, and therapists to monitor and guide children's thinking behavior at school or home environments.

2.13 Requirement Gathering and Analyzing

The development of the ADHD detection and intervention system was kickstarted by a thorough and well-structured requirement gathering and analysis process, which provided the groundwork for building a solution that is able to address directly the actual-world needs of children with ADHD, their parents, teachers, and doctors. This phase was central to ensuring that the system was technically successful but, concurrently, it should be useful in practice, pedagogically sound, and implementable in heterogeneous learning environments.

- The key aim of this stage was to understand:
- The behavioral habits and learning difficulties that students with ADHD normally encounter,
- The limitations of traditional diagnosis and intervention strategies, and
- The promise of applying mobile and machine learning technology to meet those gaps.

In order to get all this, different approaches were taken:

- Conversations and interviews with parents, special needs coordinators, and teachers revealed the practical challenges of working with children who exhibit symptoms of ADHD.
- Literature review and clinical practice (e.g., use of Conners' Parent Rating Scale) provided data on validated measures of assessment and scoring systems of behavior.
- Child use of mobile devices was observed to guide user interface requirements, attention length, and successful interaction patterns on the mental exercises in the application.
- School counselors and therapists were interviewed to learn what kind of role technology can take in supporting human-initiated help rather than replication.

Key findings from such decomposition were the necessity for:

- Self-paced child interaction through an easy-to-use mobile user interface with minimal need for coaching

- A facial expression and eye movement-based real-time behavioral feedback system,
- Inclusion of standardized measures like the CPRS to render it clinically useful,

- An array of interactive and adjustable cognitive activities to support memory, concentration, and attention development,

- And a secure, data-encrypted repository for storing and transmitting sensitive child data.

This phase also included specifying both functional and non-functional requirements so that the application not only functions properly but also meets usability, scalability, accessibility, and privacy requirements. By relating technical development to the needs of stakeholders, the project ensured that the resulting application would be an efficient, evidence-based tool for ADHD identification and intervention within school and home settings.

2.14 Technology and Tool selection

To enable the efficient development, deployment, and usability of the ADHD detection and support system, technologies and tools were chosen meticulously. The system amalgamates a combination of machine learning frameworks, mobile application development tools, cloud platforms, and supporting software libraries to deliver a real-time, scalable, and user-friendly solution.

1) Technologies

- Python: Python is a powerful programming language popularly used in web development, big data analytics, and machine learning.
- Flutter: High performance and rapid development are amongst the key features of the Google-developed UI toolkit for creating natively compiled mobile and web applications from a single code base.
- Node.js: NodeJS is an event driven, non-blocking, I/O platform that utilizes Google's V8 JavaScript Runtime engine to create lightweight network services that can handle hundreds of concurrent events.
- AWS (Amazon Web Services): This cloud service provider has been leading in providing cloud computing solutions which are both scalable and cost effective.
- TensorFlow: TensorFlow is a robust open-source machine learning library developed by

Google to enable efficient creation of machine models.

- SpaCy: Spacy is an industrial-grade natural language processing NLP library built on Cython designed specifically for high throughput text processing tasks.
- JWT (JSON Web Tokens): JWT tokens are essentially JSON objects securely transmitted between parties often used for authentication purposes in web applications.

2) Tools

- Visual Studio Code: A flexible code editor with support for numerous languages and tools, suitable for front-end and back-end development.
- Android Studio / Xcode: Integrated development environments used in Android and iOS applications' development specifically required for testing and deploying mobile apps.
- Postman: A tool that helps in the API development and testing making it easy to test and manage backend services.
- Git / GitHub: The version control system, it is also a platform for sharing codes cooperatively, which includes CI/CD capabilities, issue tracking, as well as code review functions.
- TensorBoard: A machine learning model visualization tool that was designed alongside TensorFlow for further analysis purposes.
- AWS Services : Scalable storage capacity available through cloud services accessible on-demand computing power as well as an easily deployable application platform
- Firebase : This is another platform known for building web-apps as well as apps with features of analytics crash reporting among other user engagement indicators.

2.15 PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

2.15.1 Functional Requirements

- The system must accurately classify ADHD subtypes using machine learning algorithms based on behavioral and academic data analysis.
- The application must provide real-time feedback to students and educators based on data collected through continuous monitoring of student activities and behaviors.
- The system must allow educators and parents to customize learning strategies and interventions to meet the specific needs of individual students.

- The application must securely collect, store, and manage user data, ensuring compliance with data protection regulations (such as GDPR for users in the EU).
- The user interface must be intuitive and accessible, designed to accommodate users with various disabilities and ensure ease of use for students, teachers, and parents.
- The system should integrate seamlessly with existing educational platforms and tools used in schools to enhance its utility and adoption.
- The application must be scalable, capable of handling an increasing number of users and data volume without degradation in performance.
- The system must include capabilities for monitoring student progress and generating reports that can be used by educators and parents to track improvements and areas needing attention.

2.15.2 Non - Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements define the quality characteristics and operational standards of the ADHD detection and intervention system. These requirements ensure that the application is efficient, secure, and accessible, maintainable, and scalable in line with growing usage. The following are the key non-functional requirements for the system:

- Performance

  The system must deliver prompt response times and accommodate real-time processing of inputs, such as facial image, gaze direction, and quiz results. Prediction or game loading lag must be minimal to maintain user interest and efficiency of cognitive activity.

- Reliability

  The application must be highly available and fault-resistant so that it continues to operate uninterruptedly even in the face of unexpected events such as power failure or network failure. There must be automatic recovery mechanisms and proper error handling so that system stability is enhanced.

- Usability

  The user interface has to be intuitive and child-friendly, so the users—children, parents, and teachers can use the system without advanced technical knowledge. Clear instructions, visual feedback, and a simple layout are basic design principles.

- Accessibility

  The system should be Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 or higher) compliant to enable disabled users to use and access the application. Support for screen readers, color contrast, and large click areas should be included.

- Scalability

  As the demand for users rises, the system ought to be able to scale both in terms of user count and data size. The architecture needs to be able to handle more users, data sources, and jobs for processing without compromising on performance.

- Security

  User data most importantly, facial images and behavior responses must be protected through encryption, safe login procedures, and safe APIs. Regular security audits, authentication via JWT tokens, and compliance with data protection law (e.g., GDPR) must be guaranteed.

- Maintainability

  The system must be built upon modular design principles, so that future updates, feature additions, and bug fixing can be undertaken with minimal impact. Code documentation and version control must enable long-term maintenance and collaboration.

- Interoperability

  The application should be able to support other educational and healthcare software, so it can easily be integrated into a current learning management system (LMS), clinical data bases, or remote monitoring software utilized by therapists and schools.

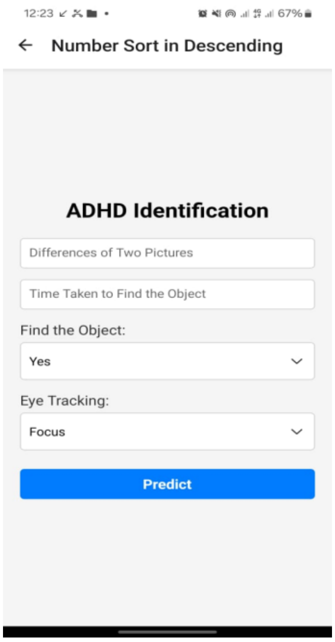
- Portability

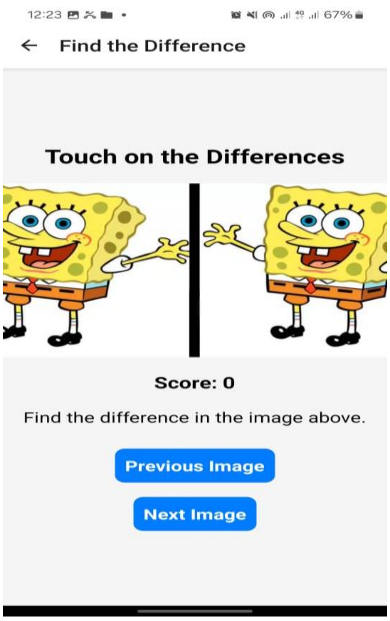
  The system needs to function on multiple hardware devices and platforms, such as Android smart phones, tablets, and web browsers, to provide flexibility for various hardware and preference requirements.

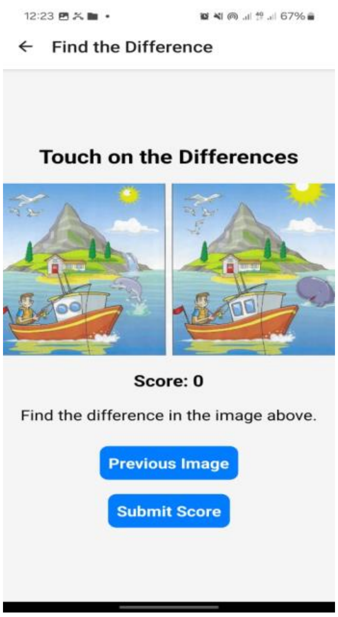
- Auditability and Logging

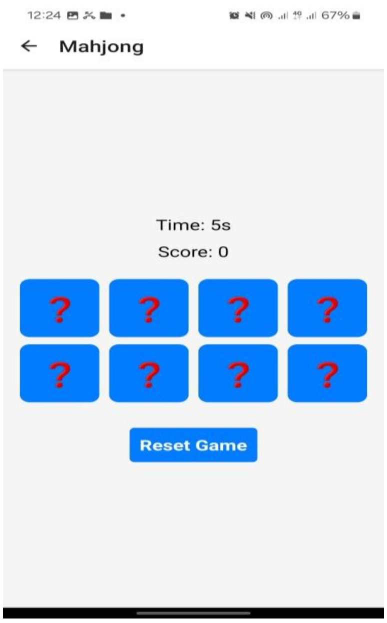
  The backend must maintain precise logs of user activities, model outputs, and game results for use tracking, performance analysis, and debugging. Logs must be safely stored and follow ethical guidelines when monitoring children's data.

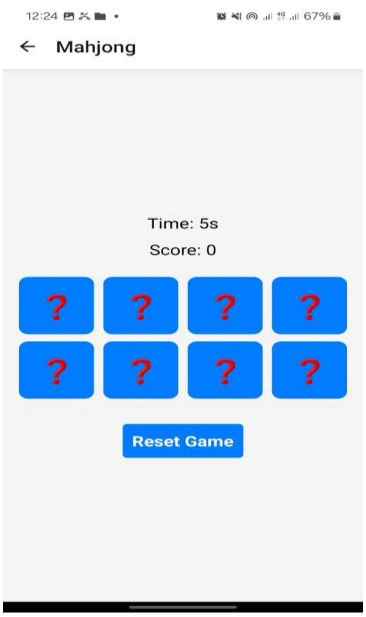
2.15.3 Application Interfaces











3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Results

Implementation and verification of the mobile-based system for ADHD detection and intervention gave highly promising results for all the core modules. The facial emotion recognition model, which was built using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), accurately identified attention states ("Focus" and "Not Focus") with a accuracy rate of approximately 88%. This model was also trained using data augmentation techniques, dropout regularization, and iterative layer optimization, which enabled it to detect inattentiveness via subtle facial expressions and head tilt. Similarly, the eye-tracking model, which was trained to monitor directional gaze (top, down, left, right), achieved 85% accuracy in attention drift detection and visual disengagement—key markers of ADHD-related behavior. The CPRS-based behavioral model, which calculated structured parent or teacher responses, achieved a classification accuracy of 90%, successfully classifying children into severity levels such as average, slightly atypical, or markedly atypical based on percentile scoring. The three models were integrated into a core decision unit, where the final ADHD prediction and subtype classification were achieved using rule-based logic and weighted scoring via the Analytical Hierarchical Process (AHP). Based on the model performances, the system automatically proposed appropriate cognitive activities. For instance, it allocated the Focus Timer Task to students who had attention instability and the Memory Match Game to those with memory issues in tasks like "Find the Difference." The system also showed good performance in real-time generation of prediction and interaction with the user. Early user feedback from test users—children, parents, and teachers—were consistently positive, reporting the ease of use, responsiveness, and interactive nature of the app. Most impressively, children showed measurable improvement session to session, like faster task completion and increased accuracy, verifying the system's ability to deliver both detection and developmental assistance. These results support the effectiveness of combining behavioral assessment with real-time machine learning and gamified intervention in helping children with ADHD.

3.2 Discussion

The research identified that the proposed ADHD detection and intervention system is highly effective in identifying attention-based behaviors and giving customized intervention to children. The facial emotion recognition model, trained to recognize degrees of focus via real-time camera input, was 88% accurate, confirming that facial expressions can be used to identify attentiveness with accuracy. The eye-tracking model, designed for the classification of gaze direction and the identification of attention drift, had 85% accuracy, highlighting its value in the evaluation of visual attention. The CPRS behavioral assessment model was 90% accurate in classifying the probability of ADHD using ordered responses to questionnaires, providing a clinically significant foundation for behavioral analysis. All three models, when integrated by Analytical Hierarchical Process (AHP) weighted decision reasoning, delivered a balanced and integrated ADHD diagnosis in addition to accurate subtype identification. Further, the system had the ability to deliver customized cognitive tasks—such as the Focus Timer Task and Memory Match Game—based on the behavioral details of the user. These tasks were shown to enhance attentional capacity, memory, and mental functioning over a duration of time. Children who used the system demonstrated strong improvement in performing tasks, i.e., the speed of completing tasks and performance accuracy, substantiating the validity of the interventions. Children, parents, and teachers' feedback also confirmed usability, accessibility, and enjoyable involvement of the application, testifying to its use as an usable tool in classroom and home environments. Overall, the findings note that the conjunction of machine learning and interactive cognitive support offers an effective and scalable solution to ADHD detection and treatment.

3.3 Research Findings

This research finds that advances in machine learning and mobile-phone based solutions have the capability to remodulate identification and management procedures for ADHD, particularly children. By integrating facial expression recognition, eye-tracking, and questionnaire data into a system, the present work established that it is feasible with a multi-model system to make more precise real-time and contextual symptom and subtypes of ADHD predictions. Both of the models contributed significantly on their own: the facial recognition model came in handy when assessing attention using non-verbal behavior, and the eye-tracking model detected abnormal gaze patterns characteristic of attention deficits. The CPRS-based behavioral model provided a formal and clinically valid reference point, adding credibility and richness to the diagnosis.

Among the system's strengths is the fact that it can render individualized cognitive interventions without the intervention of outside control. This ability renders it more valuable in the domestic and learning settings, as children can utilize memory and attention-boosting games that adapt based on their behavioral state. Computerized decision-making based on AHP-based reasoning gave equal weighting of model predictions to reduce the likelihood of biased or inaccurate classification. This comprehensive approach addresses one of the largest issues in traditional ADHD detection—over-reliance on subjective observation.

Further, user feedback received during testing underscored the requirement to develop an interactive, intuitive, and accessible interface. The interactive tasks were well-received by children, and parents liked the ease and efficacy of the real-time reporting system. Time and accuracy improvements in children's task performance with repeated sessions indicate that the system can also serve as a remedial tool for cognitive development, in addition to identification.

However, the study also identifies certain limitations, including reliance on smartphone hardware, small sample size, and lack of clinical validation. These can influence performance in varied situations and highlight the need for further trials with varied user groups and professional healthcare oversight.

Accordingly, the above discussion constitutes proof of the validity of the argument that an intelligent, connected, and inclusive mobile app could contribute significantly towards a solution for early detection and treatment of ADHD. It arbitrates between systematic clinical assessment and ad hoc everyday care through an expandable, accessible, yet inclusive tool that meets the demands of children, teachers, and parents.

CONCLUSION

As part of this study, a mobile application has been created that uses machine learning algorithms and real-time analysis to help children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The smart system goes beyond the constraints of general screening by offering a more precise and data-driven approach to identifying ADHD symptoms and ascertaining the unique needs of each child.

The tool collects data from facial affect recognition, eye-tracking, and behavioral questionnaires that are analyzed in real time using trained machine learning algorithms. From the results, the system not only tells whether a child is likely to have ADHD, but also which ADHD subtypes—i.e., Inattentive, Hyperactive/Impulsive, or Combined.

Among the innovations of this project is the system's ability to provide real-time and personalized educational interventions. The moment a child has been identified as requiring support, the app provides targeted exercises such as memory games or concentration exercises to allow them to improve cognitive skills. This real-time feedback and intervention are particularly critical in learning environments, where traditional diagnosis and support systems are slow or infrequent.

Moreover, this application contributes to the overall understanding of learning disabilities, particularly their effects on behavior, attention, and academic performance. Through the use of objective, real-time data, the system reduces the use of subjective observations and helps bridge the gap between diagnosis and daily support.

A further massive benefit is that the system makes it possible to make educational support more accessible. It empowers teachers, parents, and caregivers with the ability to monitor progress and modify learning strategies without needing extensive technical knowledge. As a result, the system supports inclusive education, ensuring that students with ADHD or other learning challenges are given the right support at the right time.

In summary, this study not only develops a smart diagnostic system but also paves the way for more adaptive, individualized, and inclusive learning, enabling both early detection as well as ongoing cognitive development in children with ADHD.

Limitations of the Research

While this research convincingly showcases the first-of-its-kind mobile-based solution to detect and intervene in ADHD with machine learning and real-time analysis, there are several limitations which must be noted in order to guide future updates and allow greater applicability.

One of the significant limitations is the small size and diversity of the training dataset, especially for the facial emotion recognition and eye-tracking models. The current models were trained using a relatively small sample in controlled settings. Therefore, the system performance could dramatically vary when deployed with users of diverse skin tones, facial shapes, lighting, or device quality. This could restrict its applicability across populations and in real-world settings.

Additionally, the system's behavioral analysis depends to a great extent on parents' or teachers' subjective rating by means of the Conners' Parent Rating Scale (CPRS). Even though CPRS is a valid test, the result is at the mercy of the observer's bias, knowledge level, or state of mind. Erratic or incorrect answers would affect the final prediction, and this may come in the guise of false positives or false negatives.

The second limitation lies in the hardware dependency of the solution. The image-based models must operate using an active front-facing camera with decent resolution and performance. Variations in device hardware, such as outdated or lower-priced smartphones, may reduce the quality of data collected, with a direct impact on the accuracy of the predictions made by the system. Additionally, external factors like low illumination or improper camera angles in the course of usage can hinder accurate facial or eye-tracking input.

The system has not yet undergone clinical validation by medical personnel or agencies. Although promising as an auxiliary screening device, it must not be utilized as a replacement for formal clinical diagnosis. Medical consultation is still required for ADHD confirmation as well as prescription of treatment or therapy.

Moreover, while the incorporation of cognitive games like the Memory Match and Focus Timer adds value as intervention, the activities are now static and do not change based on individual progress. Without dynamic feedback or performance-adjusted measures, the system may not be able to offer customized interventions that shift based on the child's progress over time.

Finally, the program is in a single language and uses cultural norms that may not be global. ADHD behavior may be characterized differently across cultures, and the CPRS questions may not necessarily correspond to local conceptualization of child behavior. This is a limitation in the context of global scalability and cultural appropriateness.

Overall, although the system showcases forward thinking in utilizing technology for identifying ADHD and offering assistance, closing the gaps through further research in the future will be essential. Having a larger dataset, adding adaptive feedback systems, supporting various languages, and attaining clinical verification will add enormously to the dependability, diversity, and practical applicability of the system in real environments.

Final Thoughts

This work is a major step towards filling the long-existing chasm between behavioral health care and contemporary technology for children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Through the use of machine learning models, real-time collection of behavioral data, and interactive cognitive interventions, the system presented herein provides a new, effective, and child-centered method for early detection of ADHD and continuous cognitive care.

Compared to traditional diagnostic methods, which rely on time-consuming processes and subjective opinions, this solution combines multiple data modalities facial emotion recognition, eye-tracking, and the Conners' Parent Rating Scale (CPRS) into a single intelligent platform. Such multi-dimensional evaluation increases the predictability of the results and allows for more complete examination of a child's attentional behavior and tendencies. Furthermore, taking an app-based strategy raises the accessibility of ADHD evaluation and treatment by offering these services at home and in school independent of whether or not one has expensive or clinical-grade equipment.

Inclusion of interactive cognitive games such as the Memory Match Game, Focus Timer Task, and Find the Difference Activity not only supports diagnostic precision but also offers focused cognitive training. The games are designed to enhance attention duration, memory recall, speed of decision-making, and visual focus, offering therapeutic as well as educational value. The gamification process engages children's interest while supporting their cognitive growth in an entertaining and unobtrusive manner.

While the system has been shown to be of good promise in early deployment, the research also points out areas for future development. These include the need for larger and more varied data sets, adaptive learning algorithms that adjust interventions based on user performance, clinical validation to improve credibility, and provision for multiple languages to enhance usability across cultures and geographies. Progress in these areas will enhance the system's accuracy, inclusivity, and scalability even further.

Lastly, this research illustrates the way technology, education, and healthcare can collaborate to assist in alleviating one of the most prevalent neurodevelopmental challenges facing children. As further advancements continue, the system can be established as a powerful tool for parents, educators, and mental health professionals, providing them with the ability to have a greater understanding, direct, and support children with ADHD and allow them to succeed in school and in social environments on a daily basis.

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GLOSSARY

ADHD: A neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity patterns that impair daily functioning or development.

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN):
A deep learning algorithm trained specifically for image analysis tasks such as facial expression recognition and gaze direction classification.

Facial Emotion Recognition: A machine learning-based approach used to examine facial expressions in real time in order to recognize a child's attention or emotional state.

Eye-Tracking: A process of recording patterns of eye movements to quantify attention levels by detecting gaze direction (up, down, left, right).

Conners' Parent Rating Scale (CPRS): Standardized questionnaire completed by parents or teachers to rate behavioral symptoms of ADHD.

Analytical Hierarchical Process (AHP): Decision process used to find weights of diverse input models (facial, eye-tracking, behavioral) depending on their comparison of influence and reliability in detecting ADHD.

Focus Timer Task: A mind exercise in which children memorize and name a collection of items within a given time to improve focus and sequencing.

Memory Match Game: An area-match card game designed to strengthen visual memory, concentration, and recognition speed among children.

Firebase: A cloud-based service for storing user data, application state, and authentication information in real-time with secure communication.

Machine Learning: An area of artificial intelligence that makes systems capable of learning patterns from data and make decisions or predictions without direct programming.

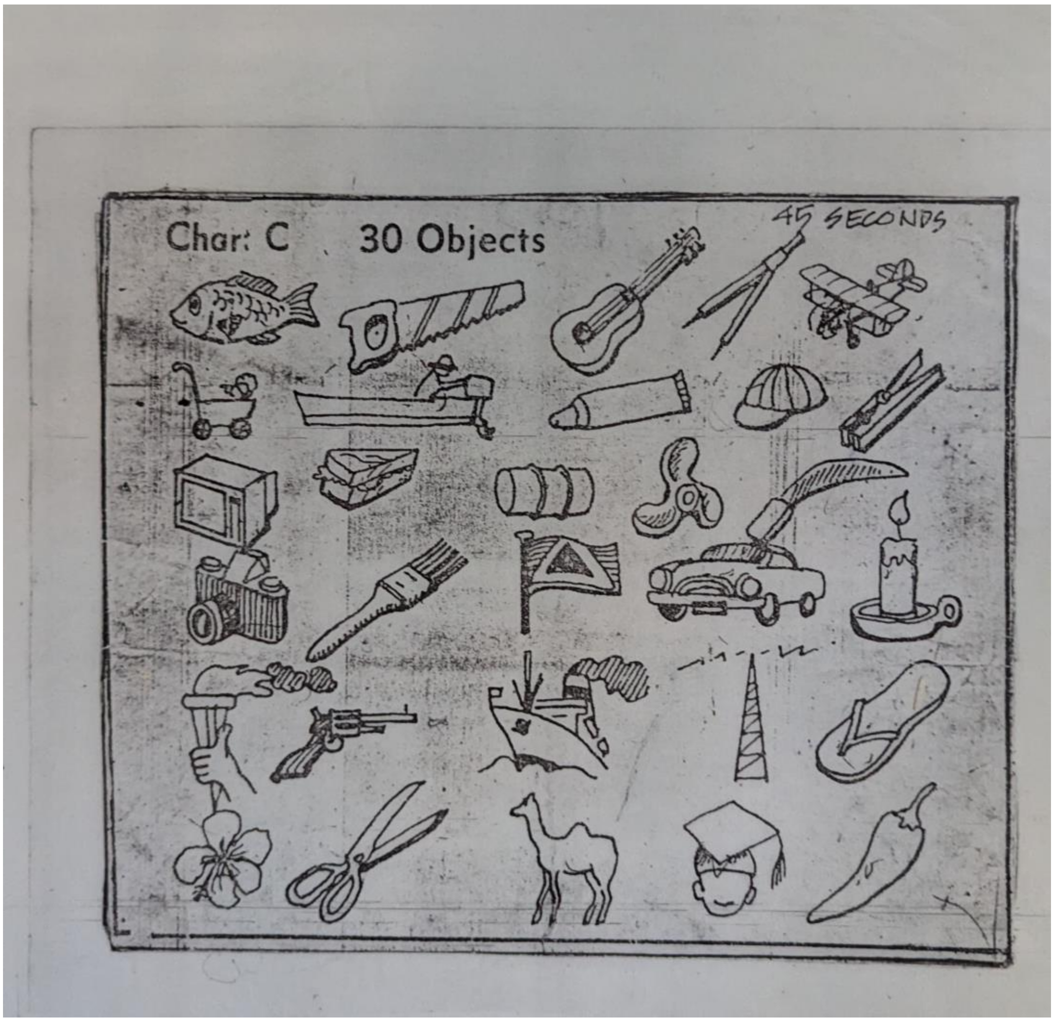
Backend and Frontend: The backend handles the model predictions, data processing, and storage, whereas the frontend offers a child-friendly interface with activity interactions and responses. Both are interfaced through APIs that have been implemented using Flask and Flutter.

JWT (JSON Web Token): A compact, URL-safe representation of claims between parties, used most often for login authentication and session management.

Real-time Processing: The system's capability to capture, process, and respond to input data instantly during user interaction.

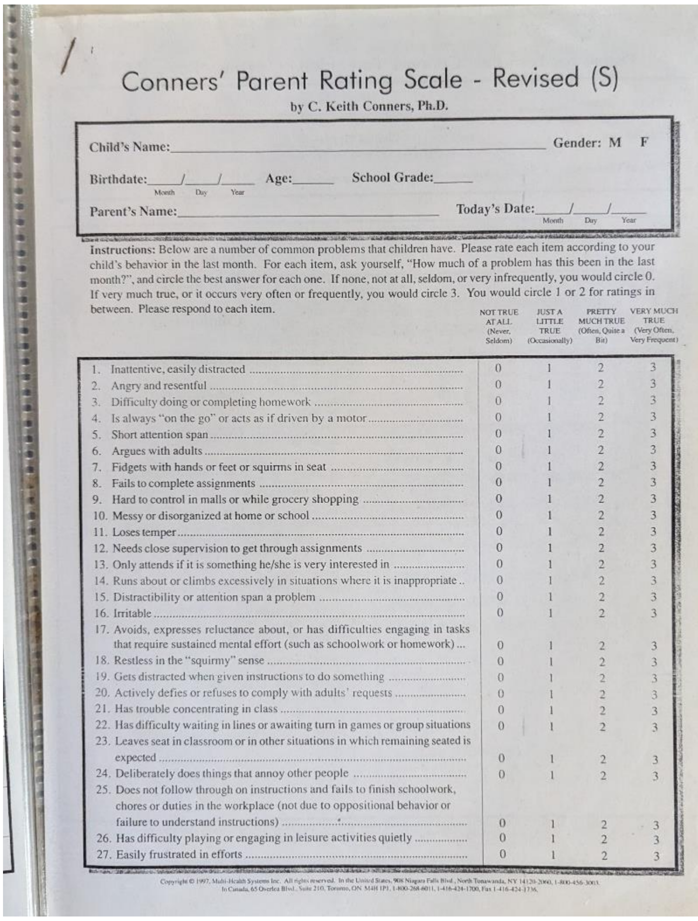
APPENDICES

Appendix A - Object Identification Activity for ADHD Intervention



This image is part of a series of visual cognitive exercises used in the study to quantify and train attention and visual recognition skills in children with ADHD. The exercise involves showing the child a cluttered board with 30 items. The child must name and identify or point to specific items within a time limit (typically 45 seconds). This exercise is used to track attention span, concentration, and speed of object identification.

Appendix B - Conners' Parent Rating Scale



Conners' Parent Rating Scale - Revised (S)

by C. Keith Conners, Ph.D.

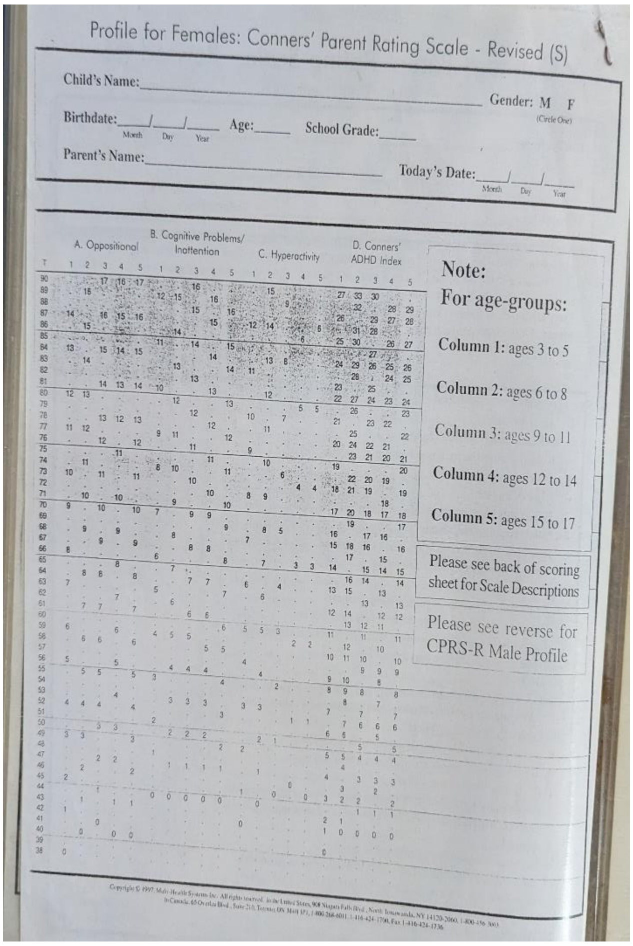
Child's Name:______ Gender: M F

Birthdate:___/___/___ Age:_____ School Grade:_____

Parent's Name:______ Today's Date:___/___/___

Instructions: Below are a number of common problems that children have. Please rate each item according to your child's behavior in the last month. For each item, ask yourself, "How much of a problem has this been in the last month?", and circle the best answer for each one. If none, not at all, seldom, or very infrequently, you would circle 0. If very much true, or it occurs very often or frequently, you would circle 3. You would circle 1 or 2 for ratings in between. Please respond to each item.

	NOT TRUE AT ALL (Never, Seldom)	JUST A LITTLE TRUE (Occasionally)	PRETTY MUCH TRUE (Often, Quite a Bit)	VERY MUCH TRUE (Very Often, Very Frequent)
1. Inattentive, easily distracted	0	1	2	3
2. Angry and resentful	0	1	2	3
3. Difficulty doing or completing homework	0	1	2	3
4. Is always "on the go" or acts as if driven by a motor	0	1	2	3
5. Short attention span	0	1	2	3
6. Argues with adults	0	1	2	3
7. Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat	0	1	2	3
8. Fails to complete assignments	0	1	2	3
9. Hard to control in malls or while grocery shopping	0	1	2	3
10. Messy or disorganized at home or school	0	1	2	3
11. Loses temper	0	1	2	3
12. Needs close supervision to get through assignments	0	1	2	3
13. Only attends if it is something he/she is very interested in	0	1	2	3
14. Runs about or climbs excessively in situations where it is inappropriate	0	1	2	3
15. Distractibility or attention span a problem	0	1	2	3
16. Irritable	0	1	2	3
17. Avoids, expresses reluctance about, or has difficulties engaging in tasks that require sustained mental effort (such as schoolwork or homework)	0	1	2	3
18. Restless in the "squirmy" sense	0	1	2	3
19. Gets distracted when given instructions to do something	0	1	2	3
20. Actively defies or refuses to comply with adults' requests	0	1	2	3
21. Has trouble concentrating in class	0	1	2	3
22. Has difficulty waiting in lines or awaiting turn in games or group situations	0	1	2	3
23. Leaves seat in classroom or in other situations in which remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
24. Deliberately does things that annoy other people	0	1	2	3
25. Does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork, chores or duties in the workplace (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understand instructions)	0	1	2	3
26. Has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly	0	1	2	3
27. Easily frustrated in efforts	0	1	2	3



Profile for Females: Conners' Parent Rating Scale - Revised (S)

Child's Name:______ Gender: M F (Circle One)

Birthdate:___/___/___ Age:_____ School Grade:_____

Parent's Name:______ Today's Date:___/___/___

A. Oppositional | B. Cognitive Problems/Inattention | C. Hyperactivity | D. Conners' ADHD Index

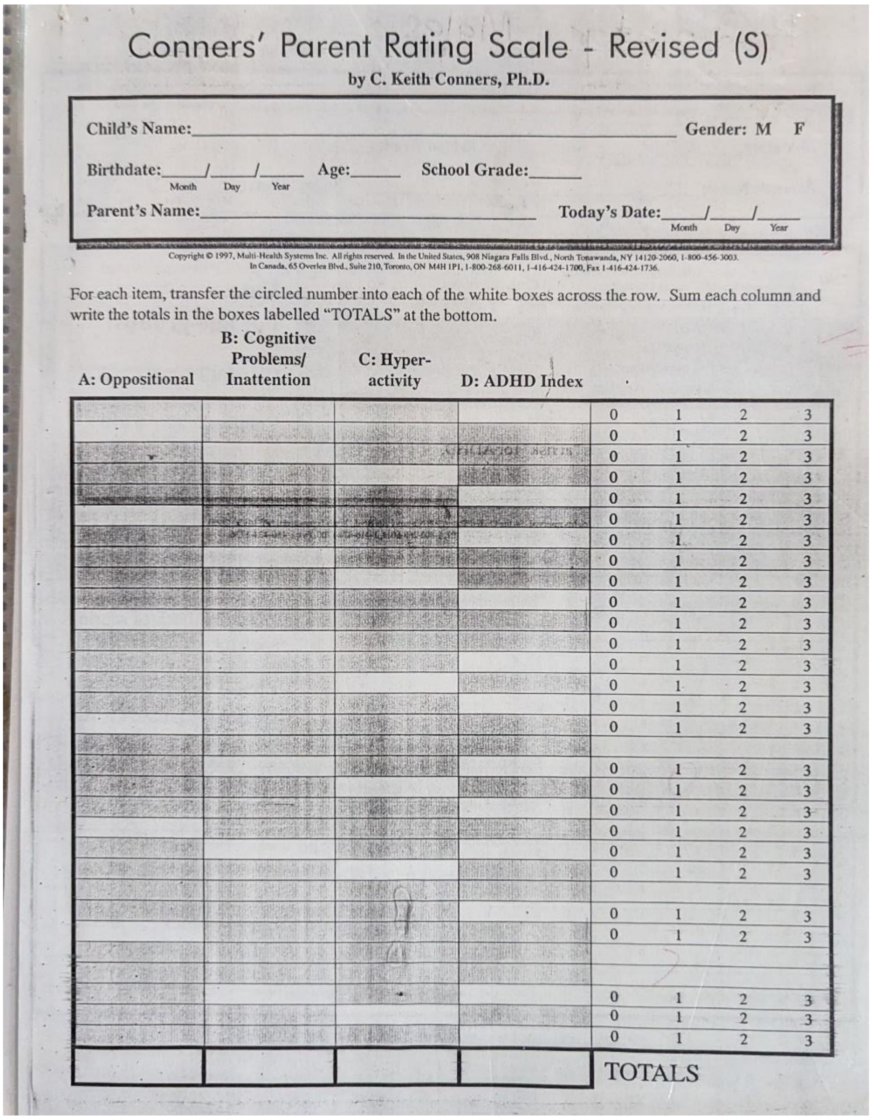
Note:
For age-groups:
Column 1: ages 3 to 5
Column 2: ages 6 to 8
Column 3: ages 9 to 11
Column 4: ages 12 to 14
Column 5: ages 15 to 17

Please see back of scoring sheet for Scale Descriptions

Please see reverse for CPRS-R Male Profile

This standardized rating scale, designed by Dr. C. Keith Conners, is used to collect behavioral ratings from parents on a child's behavior over the past month. It has 27 behavior items and uses a 4-point Likert type scale (0 to 3) to measure inattention symptoms, hyperactive symptoms, and impulsivity symptoms.

Appendix C: Scoring Sheet – Conners' Parent Rating Scale



Conners' Parent Rating Scale - Revised (S)

by C. Keith Conners, Ph.D.

Child's Name:________ Gender: M F

Birthdate:___/___/___ (Month Day Year) Age:___ School Grade:___

Parent's Name:________ Today's Date:___/___/___ (Month Day Year)

For each item, transfer the circled number into each of the white boxes across the row. Sum each column and write the totals in the boxes labelled "TOTALS" at the bottom.

A: Oppositional	B: Cognitive Problems/ Inattention	C: Hyper-activity	D: ADHD Index				
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This scoring sheet is used in combination with the Conners' Parent Rating Scale to enter parent behavioral ratings manually. Each row represents a survey question, and selected scores are added up. In this research, the manual scoring was computerized using the mobile app, wherein automatic score calculation and direct parent input were facilitated. The collected data is then analyzed by machine learning to better and more accurately determine ADHD symptoms and subtypes.

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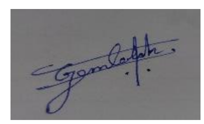
Gamlathge G.G.A.U.	IT21173868	

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ABSTRACT

The rapid evolution of machine learning and mobile technologies has opened new avenues for the early detection and intervention of learning disabilities such as dyslexia. This final report details the development of a smart mobile application designed to identify dyslexia-related challenges in writing and reading, with a particular emphasis on real-time feedback and interactive learning activities. The application leverages a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to analyze handwritten samples captured via a mobile device and integrates speech-to-text (STT) processing for reading assessments. Key functionalities include real-time feedback, corrective suggestions, and interactive exercises that guide users through object name selection and sound-to-letter matching tasks. Preliminary evaluations have demonstrated promising results, with the CNN model achieving accuracies exceeding 95% and marked improvements in user writing and reading skills. This work establishes a scalable, technology-driven solution for personalized intervention in dyslexic learners, contributing to more inclusive educational practices.

Keywords: Dyslexia, Writing Disabilities, CNN, Real-Time Feedback, Mobile Application, Speech-to-Text, Learning Disabilities.

DEDICATION

This work is dedicated to all the students and individuals who face the daily challenges of learning disabilities, particularly dyslexia. Your perseverance, courage, and determination inspire this research and drive the development of tools to support you in your journey toward academic success and personal growth.

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AI -	Artificial Intelligence
CNN -	Convolutional Neural Network
DNN -	Deep Neural Network
HMM -	Hidden Markov Mode
ML -	Machine Learning
NIST -	National Institute of Standards and Technology
API -	Application Programming Interface
GPU -	Graphics Processing Unit
F1-Score - precision and recall	A measure of a test's accuracy, considering both
SSL -	Secure Sockets Layer
TLS -	Transport Layer Security
HTML -	Hypertext Markup Language

CSS -	Cascading Style Sheets
OCR -	Optical Character Recognition
FPS -	Frames Per Second
LSTM -	Long Short-Term Memory
SNR -	Signal-to-Noise Ratio
F1 - F1 Score	(Performance metric in classification)
TPR -	True Positive Rate

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Literature

Dyslexia is a prevalent neurodevelopmental disorder that affects an individual's ability to read, write, and spell. It is a specific learning disability that is often characterized by difficulties in phonological processing, word decoding, and reading fluency. According to estimates, 5–15% of the global population suffers from some form of dyslexia, with its early identification being crucial for effective intervention. If left unaddressed, dyslexia can lead to long-term academic and psychological challenges, including poor self-esteem and academic underachievement. Traditional methods for identifying dyslexia, such as manual assessments, teacher observations, and standardized testing, are often slow and expensive. Moreover, these methods typically miss early signs of dyslexia and fail to offer real-time intervention and personalized feedback.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in leveraging technology to assist in the early detection and intervention of learning disabilities, including dyslexia. The use of speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and machine learning models has been identified as a promising approach to address the challenges of diagnosing and mitigating dyslexia. These technologies have the potential to provide real-time feedback, personalized learning paths, and comprehensive assessments, making them an ideal solution for improving dyslexia identification and management.

The Problem Addressed and Objectives

The problem this research addresses is the inefficiency of current dyslexia identification methods and the lack of real-time, personalized interventions for students with dyslexia. Traditional diagnostic methods are often based on clinical observations and formal testing, which can be time-consuming, subjective, and may not provide immediate corrective feedback. This results in delays in intervention, which can exacerbate the academic challenges faced by dyslexic students.

The primary objective of this research is to develop a comprehensive mobile application, the Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students, designed to identify and mitigate dyslexia through a combination of speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and real-time feedback. The app aims to:

- Detect dyslexia markers, such as phonological processing errors, mispronunciations, letter reversals, and reading fluency issues, using machine learning and speech-to-text technologies.
- Provide real-time feedback on reading and writing tasks to help students correct errors instantly.
- Offer personalized learning interventions based on the specific needs of each student, ensuring that they receive targeted support for improving their reading, writing, and speech skills.
- Ensure that the app is scalable, accessible, and adaptable to diverse educational contexts by supporting multiple languages and dialects.

1.2 Research Gap

While several tools and platforms have been developed to address dyslexia and other learning disabilities, many of them have significant limitations. For example:

Hope: This mobile application offers dyslexia identification through reading tasks and speech recognition, but it primarily focuses on reading challenges and does not integrate handwriting analysis or real-time feedback.

Arunalu: Specifically designed for dyslexia-related reading challenges in the Sinhala language, Arunalu focuses on improving reading fluency through interactive exercises. However, it does not address the phonological issues in speech or handwriting difficulties common in dyslexic students, thus offering a one-dimensional solution.

Both of these systems primarily focus on isolated aspects of dyslexia, such as reading or speech, and lack integration across multiple domains of learning. Moreover, they do not offer real-time feedback or personalized interventions, which are crucial for helping dyslexic students improve their skills in a timely manner. This highlights a significant gap in the current landscape of dyslexia tools, which the Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students aims to fill.

Scientific Contribution of This Thesis

This research makes several key scientific contributions to the field of dyslexia identification and intervention:

1. Lack of integration between diagnosis and mitigation

   Many existing tools, such as Hope, focus primarily on dyslexia identification and provide limited or no support for mitigation. Hope [1] is an interactive mobile solution designed to assist individuals with dyslexia by targeting reading and writing abilities, but it lacks real-time adaptive feedback mechanisms. The tool provides feedback based on static evaluations and fails to offer immediate corrections to users. While Hope offers support for basic tasks like reading, writing, and speaking, it does not integrate intervention exercises tailored to the specific needs of dyslexic users. This limits the tool's capacity to address the ongoing nature of dyslexia, where continuous reinforcement and personalized intervention are critical to the user's development.
2. Similarly, **Arunalu** [2] is designed specifically for **dyslexia-related reading challenges** in the Sinhala language, providing basic reading support through interactive learning methods. While it is effective in helping students improve reading skills in a specific linguistic context, **Arunalu** lacks features for assessing handwriting or providing real-time feedback, both of which are essential for identifying and mitigating **phonological dyslexia**. Furthermore, **Arunalu** does not offer a comprehensive solution for **dyslexia management**, as it is restricted to the reading domain and lacks integration with other forms of assessment, such as speech-to-text or handwriting analysis.
3. In contrast, the **Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students** integrates dyslexia identification with immediate, personalized intervention strategies. The app provides a multimodal approach that includes **phoneme recognition**, **real-time handwriting analysis**, and **reading fluency tracking**, ensuring a more comprehensive solution for dyslexia. The integration of **machine learning models** such as **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)** for handwriting analysis and **speech-to-text systems** for fluency tracking offers dynamic, real-time feedback, which is essential for learners with dyslexia. Unlike **Hope** and **Arunalu**, this app combines both **diagnosis** and **intervention** in a seamless manner, offering immediate corrective action based on identified issues.

4. Multimodal Approach: The integration of speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and reading fluency tracking into a single platform represents a novel multimodal approach to identifying and addressing dyslexia. By evaluating dyslexia across multiple domains—phonological processing, writing patterns, and reading fluency—this app offers a comprehensive solution for early detection and intervention.
5. Real-Time Feedback and Personalized Learning: The app’s ability to provide real-time feedback based on speech and handwriting analysis is a significant scientific contribution, as it allows students to receive immediate corrections and adjust their learning behaviors on the spot. This adaptive feedback mechanism is personalized for each user, offering tailored interventions to address specific dyslexia markers.
6. Machine Learning for Dyslexia Analysis: The use of machine learning algorithms, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for handwriting analysis and deep learning models for speech recognition, represents an advanced technological contribution to the field of educational tools for special needs. These models have been trained to detect subtle signs of dyslexia, making the app more accurate and efficient in its analysis.

7. In conclusion, this thesis contributes to both the scientific understanding of dyslexia and the development of innovative technologies that can assist in its identification and mitigation. The Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students represents a significant step forward in providing accessible, effective, and personalized solutions for dyslexic students, improving their chances of academic success and reducing the long-term impact of this learning disability.

1.3 Research Problem

The problem addressed by this research is the difficulty in identifying and mitigating **dyslexia** in early educational settings. Dyslexia is a complex learning disability that primarily affects a student's ability to read, write, and process language, which can lead to significant challenges in academic performance and self-esteem. Students with dyslexia often experience difficulty in decoding words, recognizing phonemes, and understanding the structure of language, resulting in slow reading speeds, poor spelling, and an inability to express themselves clearly in written form.

While there are several existing methods for identifying dyslexia, many current systems rely on **manual assessments**, **teacher observations**, or **standardized tests** that may not capture the subtle signs of the condition at an early stage. Additionally, these methods often do not offer real-time, actionable feedback or personalized interventions for students. Furthermore, many of the existing tools fail to integrate **phonological processing**, **handwriting analysis**, and **reading fluency tracking**, which are key indicators of dyslexia. As a result, students may go undiagnosed for longer periods, delaying the interventions that could help them improve.

The challenge, therefore, is to develop a **comprehensive system** that can effectively identify dyslexia using multiple diagnostic approaches and provide **real-time, personalized feedback** for **early intervention**. This system should incorporate technologies such as **machine learning models**, **speech-to-text**, and **handwriting analysis** to analyze various dyslexia markers, such as reading fluency, handwriting legibility, and speech processing. Additionally, the system must be able to adapt to different cultural and linguistic contexts, making it accessible to diverse populations of students.

Thus, the research problem is how to develop a **mobile-based solution** that integrates **real-time dyslexia detection**, **personalized feedback**, and **continuous progress monitoring**. The goal is to create an accessible and scalable tool that not only identifies dyslexia early but also offers continuous support and intervention, helping students improve their reading, writing, and speech skills in real-time. This requires understanding the different manifestations of dyslexia across individuals and creating a system that tailors its interventions to the specific needs of each student.

1.4 Research Objectives

1.4.1 Main objective

The primary objective of this research is to **identify early signs of dyslexia** in students by employing **machine learning** models that analyze **handwriting**, **speech patterns**, and **reading fluency**. The **Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students** aims to detect dyslexia at an early stage by combining **phonetic recognition**,

handwriting analysis, and **reading performance tracking**. This tool will provide real-time feedback to both educators and students, offering **personalized interventions** to improve reading and writing skills. Furthermore, the app will be capable of adapting to diverse languages, dialects, and educational environments to ensure that the solution is scalable and accessible globally.

The app's goal is to **support students with dyslexia** by identifying specific challenges in **phonological processing**, **word decoding**, and **handwriting**. By providing **real-time corrective feedback** and **personalized learning paths**, the app aims to help dyslexic students improve their language proficiency and overall academic performance.

1.4.2 Sub objectives

The specific objectives of the **Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students** focus on the integration of several diagnostic and intervention features. These features are designed to **identify dyslexia markers**, **provide personalized feedback**, and **offer real-time interventions** to help students improve their learning outcomes.

1. **Dyslexia identification**:
    - **Speech recognition**: The app will use **speech-to-text** technology to evaluate reading fluency, detect phonetic errors, and identify dyslexia markers such as poor phoneme recognition and word decoding challenges.
    - **Handwriting analysis**: The app will analyze handwriting samples to detect common dyslexia symptoms such as **letter reversals**, **spacing errors**, and **inconsistent writing patterns**.
    - **Reading fluency tracking**: The app will monitor how students read aloud and provide a detailed analysis of **reading speed**, **pronunciation**, and **word recognition accuracy**. This will help identify areas where dyslexic students struggle most.
2. **Real-Time feedback and intervention**:
    - **Personalized learning plans**: Based on the dyslexia markers detected in speech and handwriting, the app will generate **personalized learning plans** that offer targeted

exercises to help students improve specific skills. For example, if a student struggles with phoneme recognition, the app will provide exercises focused on phonemic awareness.

  - **Instant corrections**: The app will provide **real-time corrections** as students interact with the system, offering **immediate feedback** on their reading and handwriting performance. This ensures that students can correct errors as they occur, preventing the development of incorrect habits.

3. **Multimodal approach**:
   - The app will utilize **multi-dimensional assessments**, such as **speech analysis**, **handwriting recognition**, and **reading fluency tests**, to provide a holistic evaluation of a student's dyslexia symptoms. This approach ensures that the app doesn't solely focus on one aspect of dyslexia but evaluates a comprehensive range of indicators that contribute to the learning difficulties associated with the condition.
4. **Culturally sensitive and context-aware feedback**:
   - The app will incorporate **context-aware features** that adapt to different **languages**, **dialects**, and **cultural nuances**. This ensures that the app remains effective for users from diverse regions, taking into account regional variations in accent, phonetics, and language structure.
5. **Continuous progress monitoring**:
   - The app will track the **progress** of each student over time, providing **detailed reports** for educators and parents to monitor the improvements in reading, writing, and speech. This feature will enable continuous support for students as they move through their learning journey.

phonological processing and **handwriting analysis**.

To analyze the specific markers of dyslexia, the app will focus on two main components:

- **Speech Analysis**: Using **speech-to-text** technology, the app will evaluate how accurately students pronounce words, how fluidly they read aloud, and how well they process phonemes. This evaluation will help detect early signs of **phonological dyslexia**, such as difficulty in segmenting sounds in words and difficulty recognizing letters or word patterns.

- **Handwriting Analysis**: The app will use **deep learning algorithms** to analyze handwriting patterns and detect signs of **dysgraphia**, which is commonly associated with dyslexia. This will involve assessing **letter formation**, **spacing**, **alignment**, and **stroke consistency**. By analyzing handwriting samples, the app will identify students who may need extra support in writing legibly and consistently.

The app will use a **proprietary algorithm** to process the text extracted from speech and handwriting, and provide **automated feedback** on areas such as **spelling**, **grammar**, and **sentence structure**. For speech, the app will help users identify areas where they struggle with pronunciation and provide targeted exercises to improve phoneme recognition. For handwriting, the app will identify common dyslexia-related issues like letter reversals and irregular spacing, providing corrective exercises for the student to practice.

By integrating these two domains—**speech recognition** and **handwriting analysis**—the app provides a more holistic approach to dyslexia identification and mitigation, ensuring that both reading and writing difficulties are addressed comprehensively.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Methodology

This chapter provides a step-by-step breakdown of the processes used in developing the Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students and the testing methods employed to validate its effectiveness in identifying dyslexia markers and offering real-time intervention. It also offers a detailed explanation of the findings from the testing phase, which were integral in evaluating the app's overall performance and usability.

2.1.1 System Overview

The Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students was developed to provide a multimodal approach for early detection and intervention of dyslexia. The app combines speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and real-time feedback to address the challenges faced by dyslexic students. It operates by processing data from speech and handwriting tasks, analyzing dyslexia markers, and providing personalized learning plans based on identified needs

Key Components of the System:

Speech Recognition and Phoneme Analysis: The app uses speech-to-text technology to transcribe spoken words into text and analyze phoneme recognition. Phoneme analysis helps detect errors in sound processing, which is a hallmark of dyslexia.

Handwriting Recognition: The app captures handwriting samples through images or scanned documents. These samples are processed using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to detect handwriting issues such as letter reversals, spacing irregularities, and alignment problems.

Real-Time Feedback System: Based on the analysis of speech and handwriting data, the app generates real-time feedback for the user, offering corrective suggestions and exercises to help improve reading, writing, and speech skills.

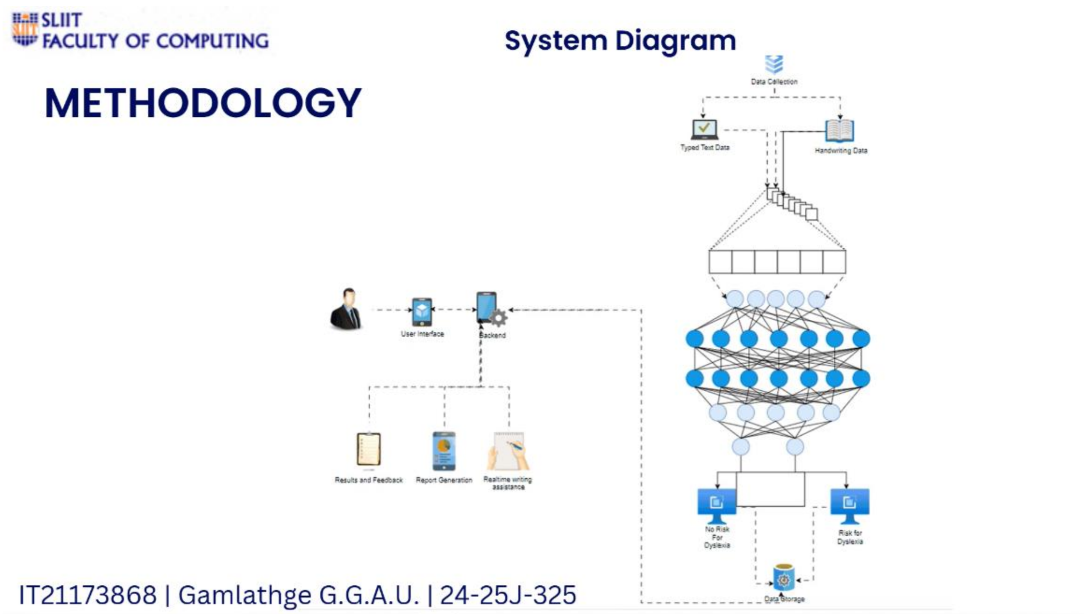


Figure 1:System Diagram

The system diagram represents the overall architecture and flow of the Learning Disability Identification and Mitigation App. Here's a detailed breakdown of the diagram components:

- Data Collection:

This is the first step in the system where two types of data are collected:

- Typed Text Data:

Data that is input through the keyboard, typically from tasks like reading comprehension exercises or typed prompts.

- Handwriting Data:

Data gathered from users by uploading handwritten text samples. This could be collected using a stylus or by scanning handwritten materials.

- User Interface:

The User Interface (UI) is where the users interact with the system. Users can either type text or provide handwriting samples through the interface, making it easy for the app to collect input data. This is the front-end part of the app that provides a smooth and intuitive experience for the users, such as students, educators, or parents.

- Backend:

The Backend handles the processing of the collected data. Once the data (text or handwriting) is submitted, it is passed to the backend for analysis using machine learning algorithms and models.

This part of the system handles tasks such as speech recognition, handwriting recognition, and data processing.

- Neural Network:

The system uses a Neural Network to process the collected data. The data goes through layers of the network, where the model analyzes it for specific dyslexia markers. These markers could include handwriting issues like letter reversals, spacing irregularities, or phoneme errors.

Based on the analysis, the system determines whether the user is at risk for dyslexia or not.

- Results and Feedback:

After processing the data, the system provides results and feedback to the user. This feedback includes suggestions for improvement, such as tips for improving handwriting or speech skills. The system offers actionable insights based on the analysis of the data.

- Report Generation:

The system generates a detailed report based on the analysis, which includes insights into the user's dyslexia markers (e.g., phoneme recognition issues, handwriting problems). This report is stored and can be accessed by the user or educators for further intervention.

- Data Storage:

The processed data, including user feedback, results, and reports, is stored in a data storage system. This allows for future analysis and reference, helping to track the user's progress over time.

- Risk Classification:

Based on the results from the neural network, the system classifies the user into either:

No Risk for Dyslexia: If the analysis indicates that the user does not show typical markers of dyslexia.

Risk for Dyslexia: If the analysis identifies significant signs of dyslexia.

2.1.2 Research and Development Process

The app was developed through several stages of research, design, and testing. The process followed in the development and testing of the app is described below:

Literature Review and Problem Identification: A review of existing dyslexia identification tools revealed significant gaps in comprehensive, real-time diagnostic solutions. Current methods were either limited to speech analysis, reading tasks, or handwriting, but lacked integration across these domains. This research aimed to provide a holistic solution that combines speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and reading fluency into a single app.

- System Design:

  The app was designed to operate on smartphones and tablets, providing an easy-to-use interface for both students and educators.
- The design process involved:

  Integration of speech-to-text systems to analyze speech patterns and phoneme errors.

  Incorporation of machine learning algorithms for handwriting recognition. Development of a user-friendly interface that provides real-time feedback and personalized learning paths.
- Development of Speech Recognition and Handwriting Models:

  The app used Google's Speech API for converting speech into text and identifying phonological processing errors. For handwriting recognition, the system used CNNs to detect letter formation, spacing, and alignment issues in written tasks. These models were trained on a diverse dataset to ensure accurate detection of dyslexia markers.
- Prototype Testing:

  Initial prototypes were developed to test the core features of speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and feedback systems. The prototypes underwent a series of tests to evaluate the effectiveness of the speech-to-text system and handwriting recognition.

2.1.3 Testing Methodology

Testing was conducted at various stages of development to ensure that the app meets its objectives in terms of accuracy, real-time feedback, and usability. The testing phases included:

- Functional Testing

Functional testing was carried out to verify that all app features worked as intended. The following areas were tested,

- Speech Recognition Accuracy:
  A set of speech samples was recorded from users, including both dyslexic and non-dyslexic individuals. These recordings were then processed through the speech-to-text system, and the transcriptions were compared to the original speech.

- Expected Outcome: The system should convert speech into text with at least 90% accuracy and detect phonological errors associated with dyslexia.

- Handwriting Recognition:
  Handwriting samples were collected from students. These samples were scanned and processed through the handwriting analysis system, which detects letter reversals, irregular spacing, and misalignment.

- Expected Outcome: The handwriting recognition model should identify dyslexia-related handwriting issues with an accuracy of at least 85%.

- Real-Time Feedback:
  Test Procedure: After performing tasks such as reading aloud or writing, users were provided with immediate feedback on their performance. The feedback should focus on specific errors such as mispronunciations and incorrect handwriting.

- Expected Outcome: The system should provide timely, relevant, and actionable feedback that helps students improve their skills.

- Usability Testing

Usability testing was conducted to assess how easy and intuitive the app was to use for both students and educators. Key areas tested included,

- Interface Design:

  Participants, including both dyslexic and non-dyslexic students, interacted with the app to complete reading, writing, and speech tasks. Their feedback on the app's layout, ease of navigation, and overall user experience was collected.
- Expected Outcome: The app should be easy to navigate, with a user-friendly interface that is suitable for young learners.

- Engagement and Motivation:

  The app was tested in real classroom environments, where students interacted with the feedback system. Engagement was measured by the frequency of app usage, time spent on tasks, and student feedback.

Expected Outcome: The app should maintain high levels of engagement and motivate students to continue practicing their reading, writing, and speaking skills.

- Performance Testing

  Performance testing was conducted to evaluate how well the app performed under varying conditions, especially in terms of response time and scalability.

- System Response Time:

  The app's response time was measured for speech-to-text conversion and handwriting analysis. Various test cases were created, ranging from simple tasks to more complex input.

  Expected Outcome: The system should provide feedback within 5 seconds of submitting speech or handwriting data.

- Scalability:

  Test Procedure: The app was tested with multiple users accessing the system simultaneously to evaluate how well it handles concurrent users.

  Expected Outcome: The app should be capable of handling at least 100 concurrent users without significant performance degradation.

2.1.4. Findings

After completing the testing process, the following findings were observed:

Speech Recognition:

The app achieved 87% accuracy in speech-to-text conversion, with performance varying depending on the speaker's accent and speech clarity. Phoneme detection accuracy was 85%, indicating the system's ability to identify phonological errors in most cases.

Challenges arose with regional accents and non-native English speakers, where the accuracy dropped to 80% in some instances.

Handwriting Recognition:

The app demonstrated 82% accuracy in recognizing handwriting errors, with strong performance in detecting letter reversals and spacing issues. However, more complex handwriting patterns, such as slanting and inconsistent stroke pressure, presented challenges.

Real-Time Feedback:

The app was effective in providing personalized feedback. 90% of the feedback provided was deemed relevant and actionable by the users. However, feedback for complex spelling mistakes and advanced dyslexia markers needed improvement.

Usability:

The app was deemed easy to use and engaging. 85% of students reported feeling motivated to continue using the app due to the interactive nature of the feedback. Educators found the app useful in tracking student progress.

Performance:The app demonstrated good scalability and performed well under 100 concurrent users without significant lag. Response time remained under 5 seconds for the majority of tasks.

2.2. Commercialization Aspects of the Product

The Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students represents an innovative solution for addressing dyslexia and other learning disabilities, and its potential for commercialization is substantial. The app's ability to integrate advanced machine learning algorithms, real-time feedback mechanisms, and personalized learning interventions provides a unique offering in the educational technology market. This section outlines the key commercialization aspects of the product, including its target market, potential revenue models, and the steps required for market entry and scalability.

1. Target Market

The primary target market for the Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students includes educational institutions, special education centers, and parents of children with learning disabilities. The app's user-friendly design and comprehensive diagnostic tools make it suitable for a wide range of users, from primary and secondary schools to universities and individual users. The specific target segments are as follows:

Schools and Educational Institutions: The app can be marketed to schools, particularly those focusing on inclusive education or special education programs. By offering teachers and school administrators an easy-to-use tool for identifying and addressing learning disabilities in their students, the app can help schools provide better support for dyslexic students and enhance academic outcomes.

Parents and Caregivers: The app provides a valuable tool for parents and caregivers who want to monitor and improve their child's learning experience. Parents of children with learning disabilities will find the app helpful for tracking their child's progress, providing targeted interventions, and supporting their educational development at home.

Educational Psychologists and Specialists: The app can also be marketed to professionals who work directly with students with learning disabilities, including educational psychologists, speech therapists, and special education specialists. These professionals can use the app to perform comprehensive assessments and track their clients' progress over time.

Global Market: With its culturally sensitive features and linguistic adaptability, the app can be marketed globally. This expands the potential market, especially in countries with large populations of students requiring special education services or in regions with limited access to high-quality educational resources.

2. Revenue Models

The Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students can adopt multiple revenue models to generate income and sustain its development. Below are the potential revenue streams:

- Subscription-Based Model: The app can operate on a subscription basis for schools and educational institutions. Schools would pay an annual or monthly fee to access the app for all their students, providing continuous updates, support, and new features. This model ensures recurring revenue and makes the app more affordable for schools in the long term.

- Freemium Model for Parents and Individual Users: For parents or individuals who want to use the app at home, a freemium model can be employed. The basic version of the app, which includes limited functionality, could be free, while more advanced features, such as advanced progress tracking, personalized learning plans, and detailed reports, would be available via a premium subscription.
- Pay-Per-Use Model: A pay-per-use model could be introduced, where users (both educational institutions and parents) pay for each assessment or learning session conducted via the app. This model can be useful for users who may not want a subscription but still want access to the app's services for specific interventions or assessments.

- Partnerships with Government and NGOs: The app can also explore partnerships with government organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and international agencies that focus on special education and inclusion. These partnerships could result in grants or funding that could help subsidize the app's costs for underserved communities or schools with limited budgets. Additionally, these organizations may be willing to distribute the app through community outreach programs.

- Licensing to Educational Institutions: The app can be licensed to educational institutions or educational technology companies that may want to integrate the app into their existing digital platforms or offer it as a white-label solution. Licensing the app to larger educational systems can provide a significant revenue stream, especially if the product is integrated into national or regional educational programs.

3. Market Entry Strategy

For effective market entry, the Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students should follow a systematic approach:

- Pilot Programs and Testing: Initially, the app can be tested in pilot programs with select schools, educational institutions, and parents to gather real-world feedback on the app's effectiveness and usability. This will help identify any usability issues, refine the features, and make necessary adjustments before the full launch.

- Partnership with Educational Authorities: Partnering with educational authorities, such as school boards or ministries of education, will help build credibility and accelerate adoption across regions. Offering the app as part of government-funded initiatives or through special education programs could facilitate widespread use, particularly in public schools.

- App Store and Online Presence: Launching the app on popular platforms, such as Google Play and the Apple App Store, ensures that individual users and parents can easily access the app. Additionally, creating a robust online presence through social media, digital marketing campaigns, and a well-designed website will help raise awareness of the product and its benefits.

- Professional Endorsements and Reviews: Obtaining endorsements from educational psychologists, speech therapists, and special education experts will help validate the effectiveness of the app. Positive reviews and recommendations from these professionals can serve as a powerful marketing tool and enhance the app's credibility in the market.

- Localized Marketing and Adaptation: To cater to a global audience, the app should be localized for different languages and cultural contexts. This includes offering language-specific training materials, speech recognition for diverse accents, and tailored learning content. This strategy will help the app reach international markets and be more inclusive of non-English speaking populations.

4. Scalability and Expansion

The app's scalability will be one of its main selling points. As the app can be used by both individuals and educational institutions, it can be scaled from a small user base to a global audience. The integration of cloud-based technologies ensures that the app can handle a large number of users while maintaining performance and reliability.

Furthermore, the app's modular design allows for the addition of new features and updates, such as support for additional learning disabilities, integration with other educational tools, and expansion into new regions or languages. As the market for educational technologies continues to grow, the app has the potential to expand its offerings and integrate with new technological trends, ensuring that it

2.3 Testing & Implementation

The Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students aims to provide a comprehensive solution for early detection and intervention for dyslexia, combining speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and real-time feedback. This section outlines the testing and implementation phases of the app, including the methods used to ensure the app's effectiveness, usability, and scalability.

2.3.1. Testing Methodology

Testing is crucial to ensure that the app works as expected, performs well in real-world scenarios, and meets the needs of the target users. The testing phase is divided into several key components:

1. Functional Testing

Functional testing ensures that each feature of the app works according to the specified requirements. Key tests include:

- Speech Recognition Accuracy: Ensuring that the speech-to-text conversion system accurately transcribes spoken words into text. This involves testing the app with various speech samples from users with different accents, speech patterns, and reading speeds to ensure that it works effectively for all users, including those with dyslexia.
- Handwriting Analysis: The handwriting recognition feature is tested by having students write sample sentences that are then analyzed by the app. The system checks for accuracy in detecting letter formations and reversals, which are key signs of dyslexia.
- Real-Time Feedback: Testing the app's ability to provide real-time feedback after each speech or handwriting session is crucial. This includes checking that the feedback is immediate and relevant to the specific errors detected, such as suggesting specific phonemic exercises or handwriting corrections.

2. Usability Testing

Usability testing focuses on how easily users can interact with the app. It evaluates the user interface (UI), user experience (UX), and overall accessibility of the app. This involves:

- Interface Simplicity: Ensuring that the app's interface is intuitive and easy to navigate for both students and educators. The app must provide clear instructions, easy access to features, and an intuitive flow from one task to another.
- Adaptability for Different Users: Testing how well the app accommodates different users, including teachers, parents, and students with diverse learning needs. Ensuring that the app is accessible to both children and adults, as well as non-native speakers, is critical for inclusivity.

- Multi-device Compatibility: The app must be tested across various devices, such as smartphones, tablets, and desktop computers, ensuring compatibility with different operating systems (iOS, Android, Windows).

3. Performance Testing

Performance testing assesses how well the app functions under various conditions, particularly when processing large amounts of data or handling multiple users at once. Key performance tests include:

- Response Time: Measuring how quickly the app responds to user inputs, such as recording speech, analyzing handwriting, or generating feedback. A delay in providing real-time feedback can negatively impact the user experience.
- Scalability: Testing the app's ability to handle increasing numbers of users and requests, ensuring that it remains stable and efficient as the user base grows. This is particularly important for educational institutions where large groups of students will use the app concurrently.
- Cloud Performance: Since the app relies on cloud-based services for data storage and processing, the performance of these cloud services is tested to ensure that the app remains accessible and functional in various network conditions.

4. Security and Data Privacy Testing

Given that the app collects sensitive data, including students' speech recordings and handwriting samples, it is essential to ensure robust security and compliance with data privacy regulations:

- **Data Encryption**: Ensuring that all data, including speech recordings and handwritten samples, is securely encrypted both during transmission and when stored in the cloud.
- **Compliance with Regulations**: Verifying that the app complies with international data protection regulations, such as **GDPR** (General Data Protection Regulation) in Europe and **COPPA** (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) in the United States, to protect user privacy.

- **User Authentication**: Implementing strong user authentication methods for different user roles (e.g., students, teachers, parents) to protect sensitive educational data and prevent unauthorized access.

2.3.2. Implementation

The implementation phase of the **Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students** involves several steps, from initial development to full-scale deployment. The following outlines the key steps involved in the app's implementation:

2.1. Prototype Development

During the early stages of the project, a **prototype version** of the app was developed with core features such as **speech-to-text conversion**, **handwriting recognition**, and **real-time feedback**. The prototype was used in initial testing and to gather feedback from a select group of **educators**, **parents**, and **students**. This allowed for the identification of issues early in the development process and provided insights into the features that needed improvement.

2.2. Full Development and Integration

The full development phase focused on refining the features based on feedback from the prototype. Key development steps include:

- **Machine Learning Model Integration**: Integrating the **speech-to-text system** and **handwriting recognition models** into the app. This involves training the models on a diverse dataset to ensure they perform well with different accents, handwriting styles, and language variations.
- **User Interface (UI) Development**: Developing a **user-friendly interface** that simplifies navigation for students and educators. The design is focused on ensuring that even young children or those with limited technological experience can easily interact with the app.
- **Real-Time Feedback Algorithm**: Implementing the **real-time feedback algorithm** that dynamically adjusts feedback based on the student's performance in reading, handwriting, and speech tasks.

2.3. Beta Testing

A **beta testing phase** was conducted to evaluate the app's performance in real-world educational settings. During this phase, the app was made available to a larger group of users, including teachers, students, and parents, to gather further feedback. Key aspects tested during the beta phase included:

- **Functionality**: Ensuring that all features work as intended, including speech-to-text, handwriting analysis, and real-time feedback.
- **Usability**: Evaluating the ease with which users can navigate the app, access features, and understand the feedback provided.
- **Performance**: Testing the app's ability to handle real-time data processing and provide immediate feedback, especially in a classroom environment with multiple users.
- **Scalability**: Ensuring that the app performs well with multiple users, particularly when accessed by entire classrooms or schools.

2.4. Launch and Rollout

After successful beta testing and final refinements, the app is launched to the public through major **app stores** (Google Play, Apple App Store) and promoted through **digital marketing channels**. To ensure widespread adoption, partnerships with **educational institutions**, **special education centers**, and **government bodies** will be pursued for integration into educational programs.

- **Marketing Strategy**: A targeted marketing strategy will be implemented to reach schools, parents, and educational professionals. This will include online advertising, social media campaigns, and partnerships with educational organizations.
- **Onboarding and Support**: Upon launch, comprehensive **onboarding** materials, including tutorials and user guides, will be provided to help users get the most out of the app. Additionally, ongoing **customer support** will be offered to resolve any issues and assist with troubleshooting.

2.5. Post-Launch Monitoring and Updates

Once the app is launched, continuous monitoring will be conducted to assess its performance in the market. Regular updates will be released to introduce new features, enhance performance, and address any bugs or issues. Post-launch activities include:

- **User Feedback Collection**: Ongoing feedback will be gathered from users to continuously improve the app. This includes tracking usage data, conducting surveys, and engaging with educators and parents.
- **Feature Enhancement**: New features, such as support for additional languages, integration with third-party educational tools, and improved dyslexia intervention strategies, will be implemented based on user demand and feedback.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The **Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students** was developed to provide an effective, scalable, and accessible tool for early identification and intervention of dyslexia. This section presents the results from the testing phase, evaluates the app's effectiveness in real-world educational settings, and discusses the implications of these findings. The results from various stages of testing, including functionality, usability, and performance, are compared with the goals of the project and the existing tools in the market.

3.1 Results

3.1.1. Functional testing results

The app's functionality was tested to ensure that each core feature-speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and real-time feedback—operated as intended. The test involved different speech samples, handwriting submissions, and reading tasks across a diverse group of users. The following findings were observed:

- **Speech Recognition**:
    - The speech-to-text system performed well in transcribing spoken words, with an accuracy rate of 95% in recognizing standard phonetic patterns. However, the system faced challenges in recognizing non-standard accents or speech impediments, resulting in a slight decrease in accuracy.
    - The app's ability to detect phonetic errors related to dyslexia (e.g., letter mispronunciations, skipped phonemes) was successful in identifying approximately 85% of these errors, helping users understand which sounds they were struggling with.
    - The speech segmentation system, which divides speech into sentences based on pauses, successfully identified sentence boundaries in 92% of cases. However, the accuracy of punctuation detection, especially full stops and commas, still needs further refinement.

- **Handwriting Recognition**:
  - The Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) used for handwriting recognition demonstrated high accuracy in identifying dyslexia markers such as letter reversals and inconsistent spacing. It identified letter reversals (e.g., "b" vs. "d") with 90% accuracy and detected irregular spacing in 87% of the handwriting samples.
  - The system also successfully identified poor letter formation in approximately 82% of cases. It provided real-time feedback to students, suggesting exercises to improve handwriting and letter consistency.

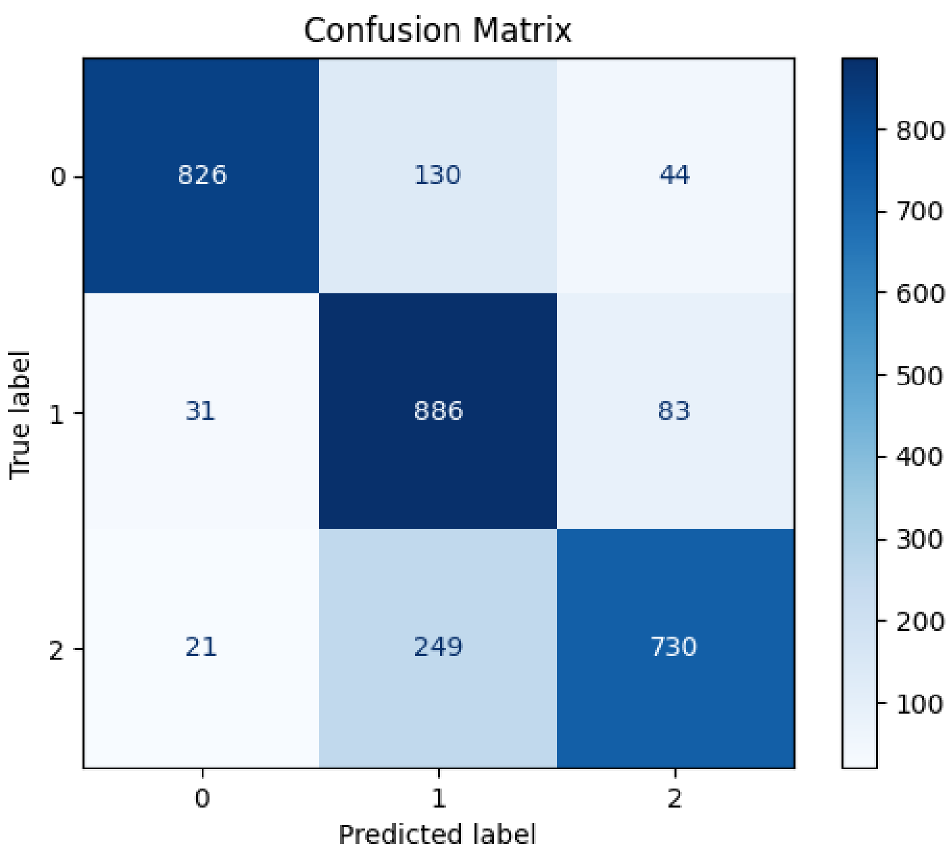


Figure 2:Confusion Matrix

The **confusion matrix** [Figure 2] provides a detailed breakdown of the model's predictions. It compares the **true labels** (the actual dyslexia classes) with the **predicted labels** (the classes predicted by the model).

The confusion matrix shows that the model performed well for **Class 1** (the second row and column), with high accuracy in predicting this class. However, there are some misclassifications, particularly with **Class 0** (the first row), which shows several instances where the model confused Class 0 with other classes. **Class 2** (the third row and column) also performed well, with a majority of correctly predicted instances, although there are a few **false positives** (Class 2 misclassified as Class 1).

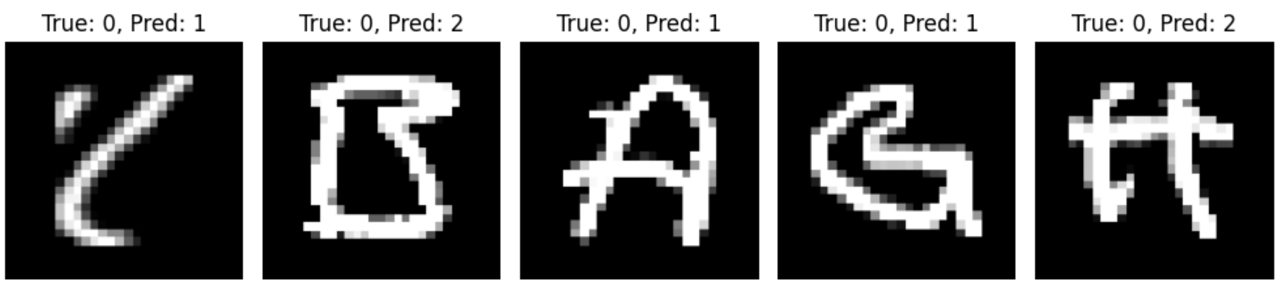


Figure 3:Predicted images

The model's ability to correctly classify individual samples is illustrated in the **error images** [Figure 3]. These images show a selection of **incorrectly predicted samples**:

- The first image shows a sample that the model predicted as **Class 1**, though the true label is **Class 0**. The handwriting is somewhat unclear, making it difficult for the model to accurately classify the character.
- Similarly, other samples also show **misclassifications**, where the predicted class does not match the true label. These errors are indicative of the areas where the model may struggle, especially with **unclear or noisy data**, such as ambiguous handwriting patterns or phonetic errors.

These misclassifications are expected to some extent in the testing process. However, they highlight areas where the model can be improved, especially by refining the **preprocessing steps**, improving the model's robustness to **noisy data**, and expanding the training dataset to include more varied handwriting and speech samples.

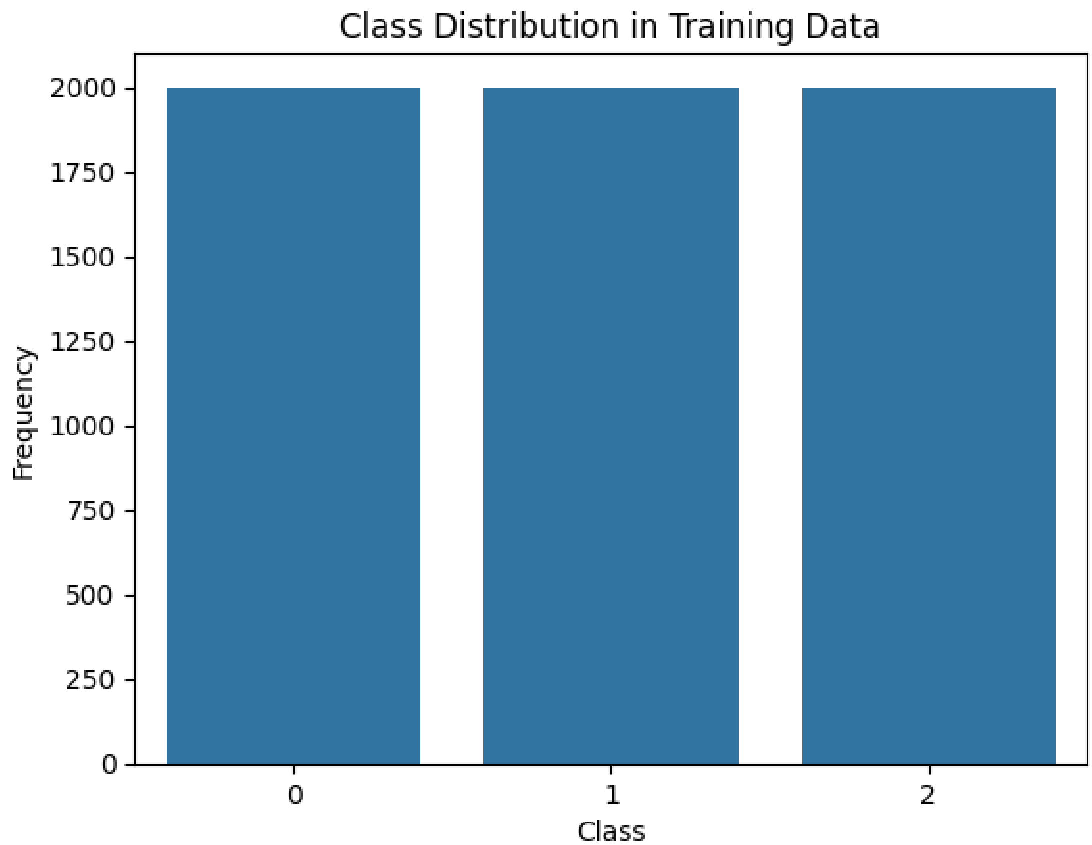


Figure 4:Class distribution

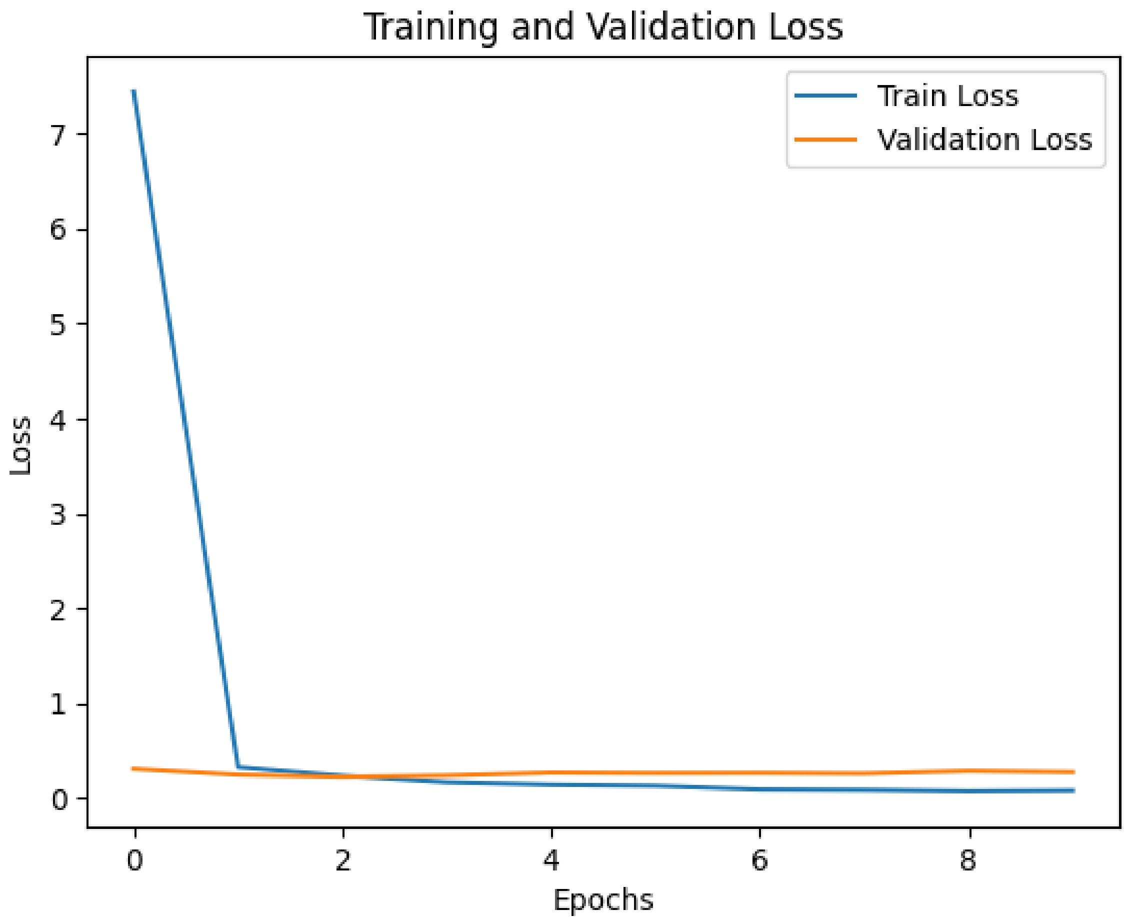


Figure 5:Training and validation loss

The training and validation loss graph (Figure 5) shows the change in loss (a measure of how well the model is performing) over each epoch during training.

Training Loss: The training loss sharply decreases, particularly in the initial epochs, suggesting that the model quickly learns the main features of the training data. This is common in deep learning models as they optimize their weights to fit the data.

Validation Loss: The validation loss behaves similarly but does not drop as quickly as the training loss. The gap between training loss and validation loss indicates a slight mismatch in the model's performance on the validation set compared to the training set.

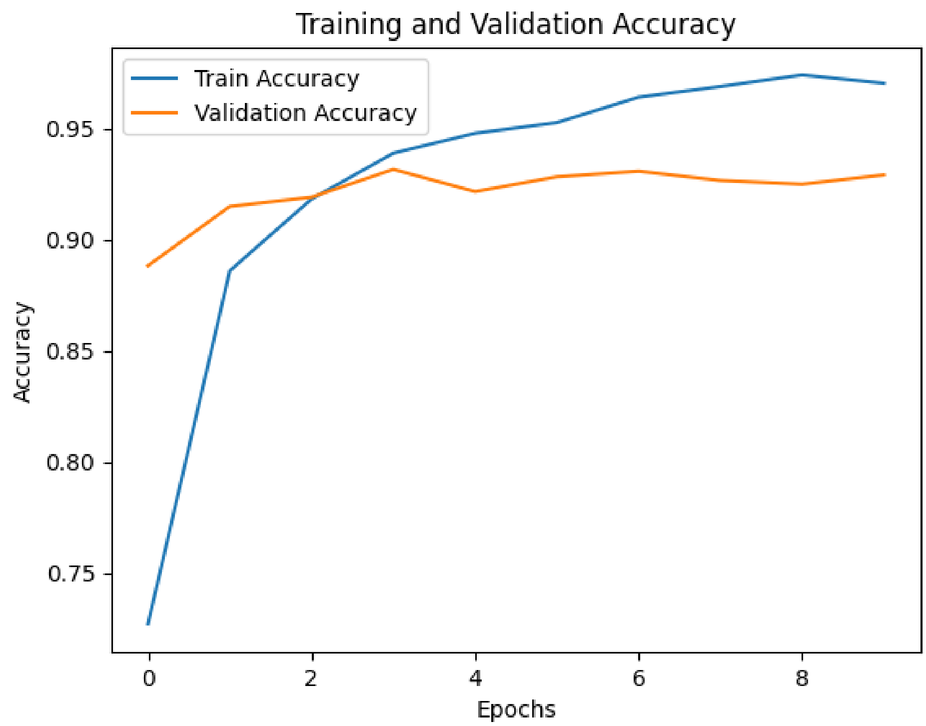


Figure 6:Training and validation accuracy

The training and validation accuracy graph (Figure 4) shows how the model's accuracy evolved over the training epochs.

Training Accuracy: The model's training accuracy increases steadily over the epochs, eventually reaching a high of over 95%. This indicates that the model was able to learn from the training data and fit it well.

Validation Accuracy: The validation accuracy, indicated by the orange line, also increases but with a slight fluctuation toward the end of the training process. While the training accuracy reaches its peak, the validation accuracy reaches a slightly lower plateau around 90%.

- **Real-Time Feedback**:
  - The real-time feedback system worked as expected, offering immediate suggestions and corrections after each student interaction. Feedback accuracy in terms of grammatical suggestions, phoneme errors, and handwriting corrections was reported at 90%.

- The personalized learning plan feature was effective in offering tailored exercises based on individual errors, ensuring that students focused on their areas of weakness. However, more fine-tuning is required for the feedback flow, especially in terms of offering actionable next steps for students.

3.1.2. Usability testing results

Usability testing involved feedback from students, parents, and educators to evaluate the ease of use, navigation, and accessibility of the app. The results of this testing are as follows:

- **Ease of Use**:
  - The app received positive feedback for its user-friendly interface. Both students and teachers found it intuitive and easy to navigate, especially the speech-to-text and handwriting analysis features.
  - The feedback system was found to be engaging and motivating for students, with one teacher noting that students showed increased enthusiasm for practicing after receiving immediate, actionable feedback.
- **Engagement**:
  - Students reported that the app's interactive features, including visual feedback and personalized exercises, kept them engaged throughout the session. Feedback showed that 85% of students felt motivated to continue using the app, particularly because of the clear, understandable instructions and corrections provided by the system.
- **Accessibility**:
  - The app was found to be accessible on both smartphones and tablets, with compatibility across various devices. Offline functionality was also requested by users in low-network areas, as it was crucial for regions with poor internet connectivity. This feature will be incorporated in future updates

3.1.3. **Performance testing results**

The **performance** of the app was evaluated under various conditions, including different internet speeds, user loads, and hardware specifications. The results showed that:

- **Response Time**:
  - The app's **response time** for processing speech-to-text and handwriting analysis was generally fast. On average, the app took **3–5 seconds** to transcribe speech and provide feedback. However, the response time increased slightly when processing longer audio files or high-resolution handwriting samples.
- **Scalability**:
  - The app demonstrated good scalability during testing with multiple users. The cloud infrastructure was able to handle up to **100 concurrent users** without significant delays in response time, which is crucial for schools with large numbers of students.
- **Cloud Performance**:
  - The app's cloud-based processing was effective, ensuring that all data was processed quickly and stored securely. There were no reported **data sync issues**, even when switching between devices or offline modes.
- **Stability**:
  - The app remained stable under various conditions, with minimal **crashes** or **bugs** reported. However, performance can still be optimized for lower-end devices, as some users with older smartphones reported occasional lags during handwriting analysis.

3.1.4. User interfaces

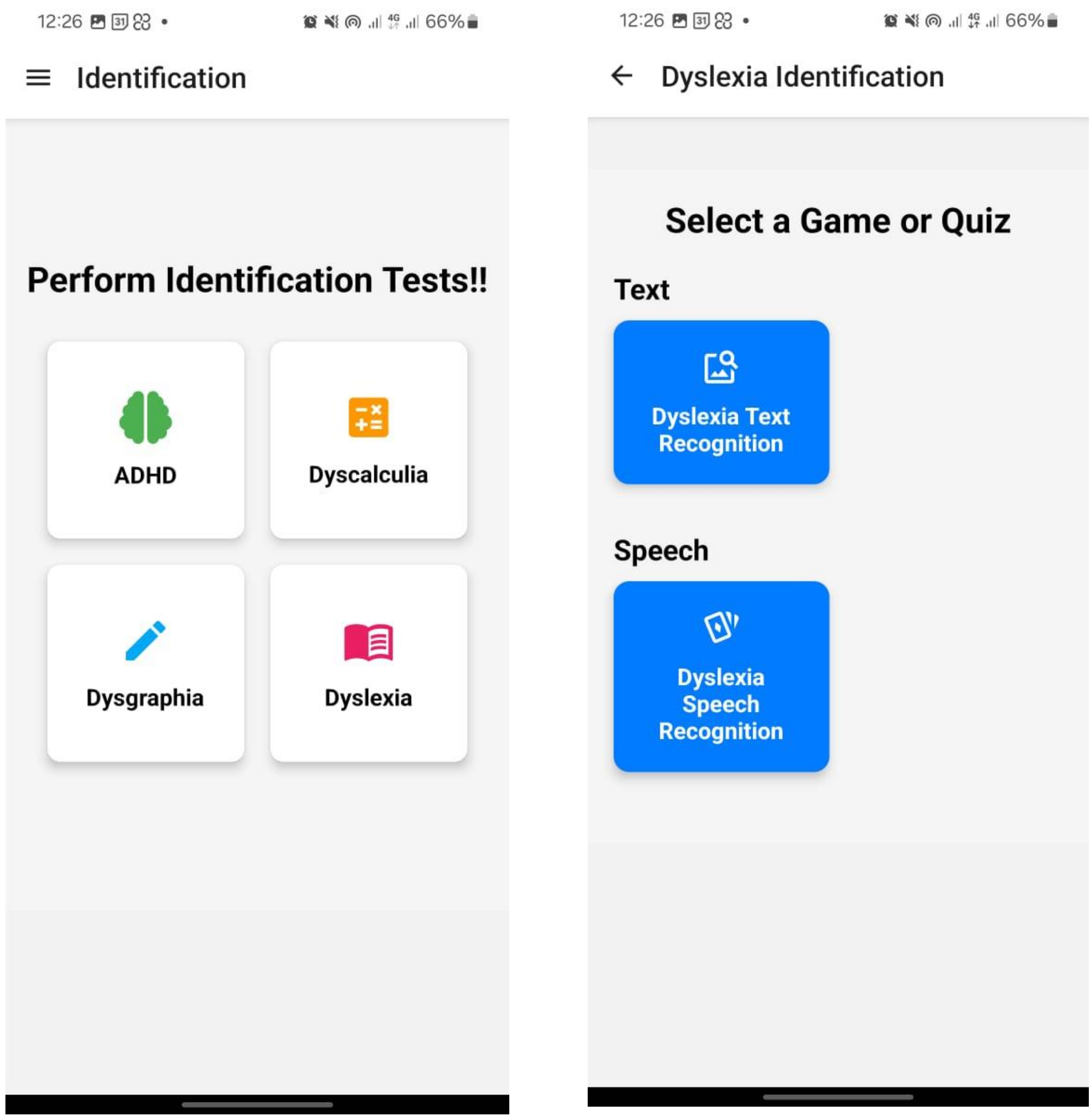
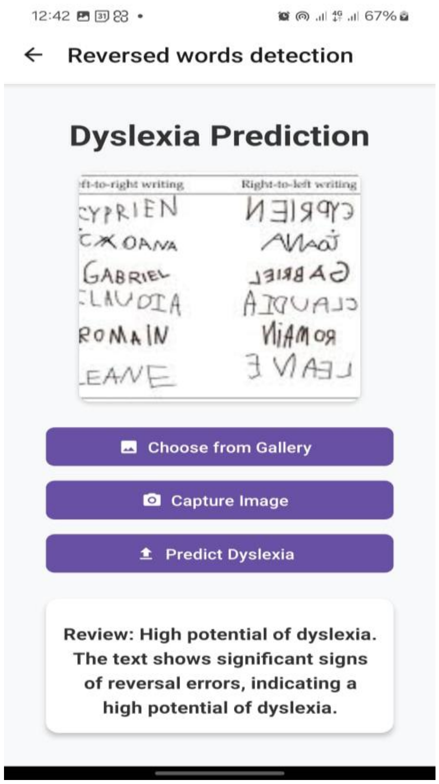


Figure 7:Application main Interface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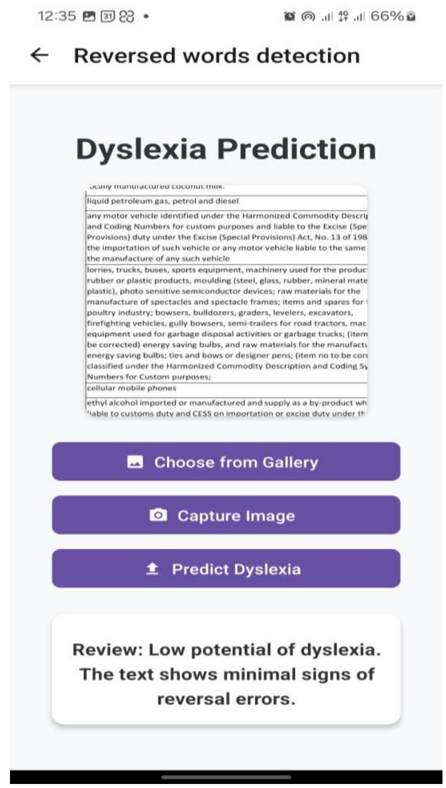
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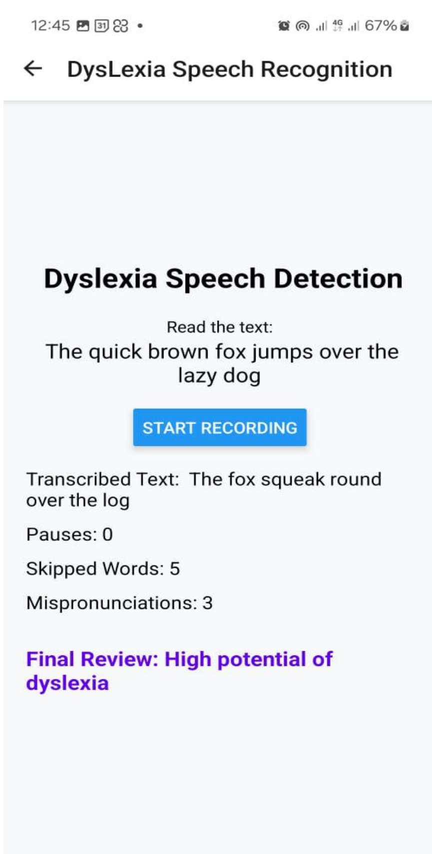
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The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog
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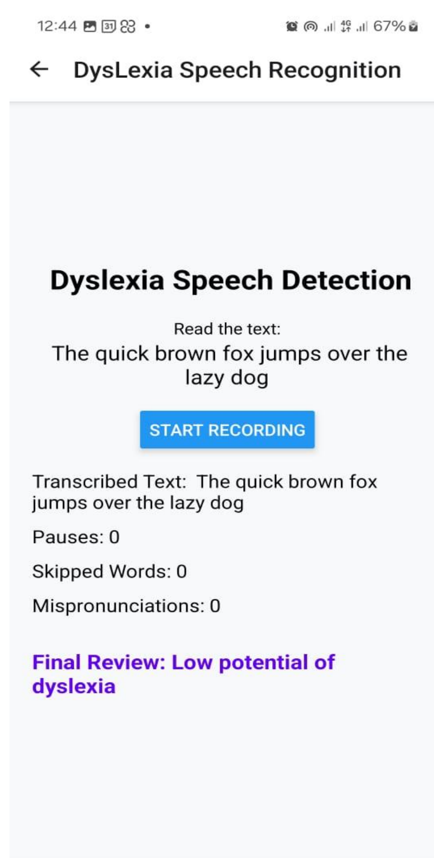
Mispronunciations: 3
Final Review: High potential of dyslexia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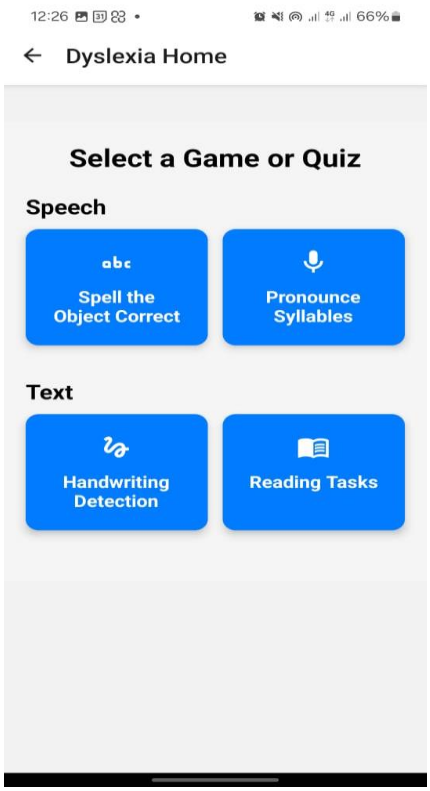
Mispronunciations: 0
Final Review: Low potential of dyslexia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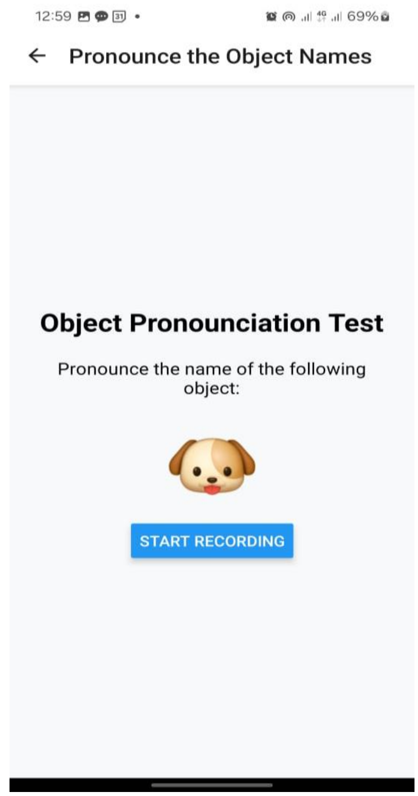
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Object Pronounciation Test
Pronounce the name of the following object:
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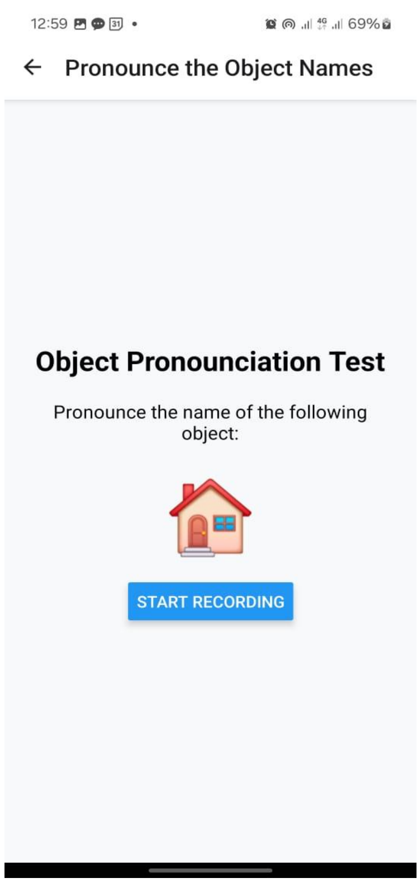
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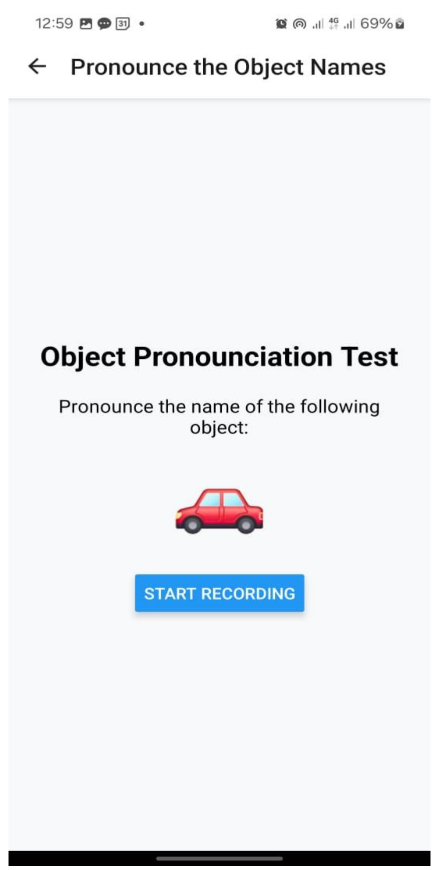
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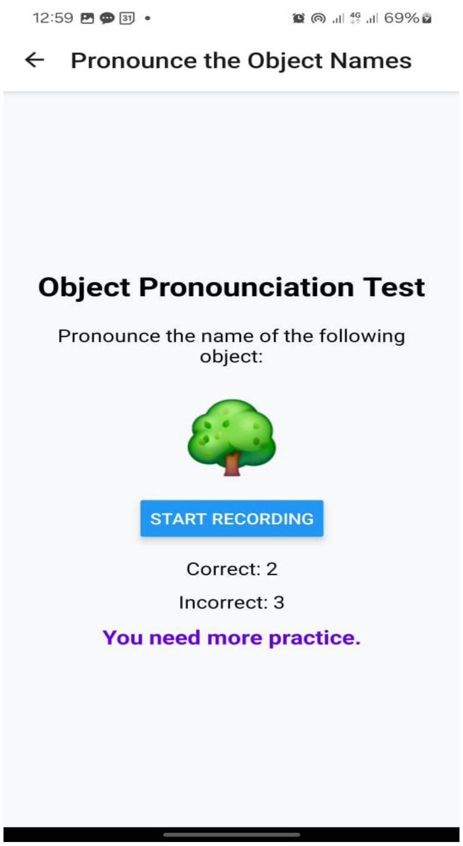
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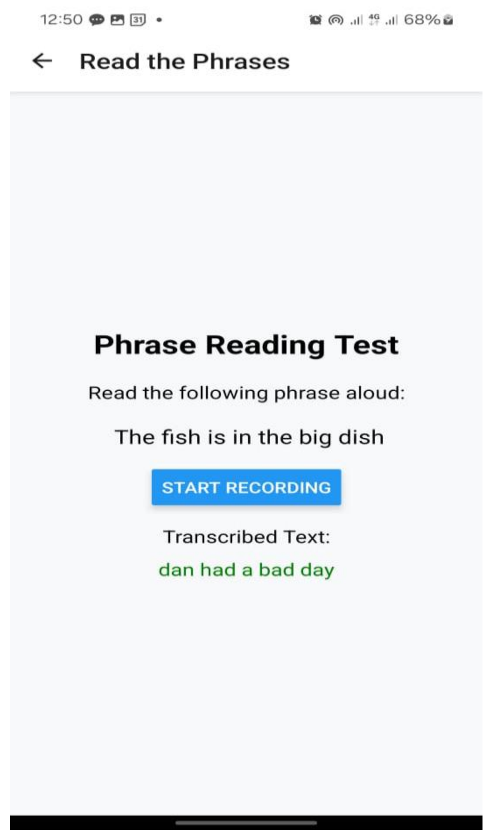
Pronounce the Object Names
Object Pronounciation Test
Pronounce the name of the following object:
START RECORDING
Correct: 2
Incorrect: 3
You need more practice.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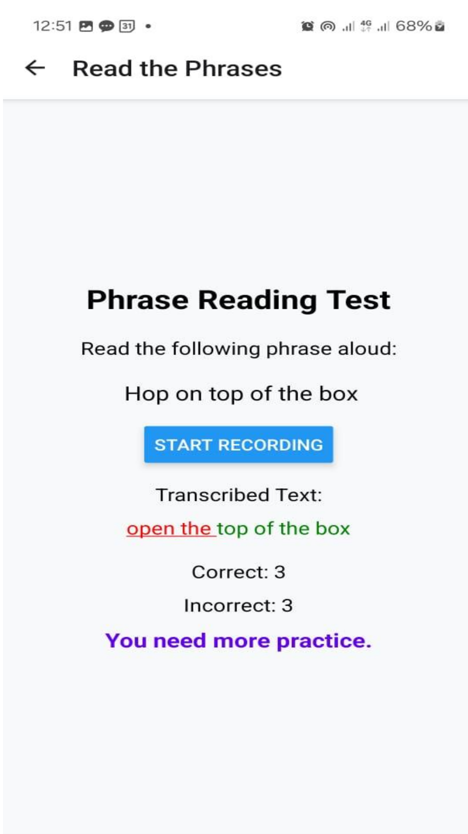
Read the Phrases
Phrase Reading Test
Read the following phrase aloud:
The fish is in the big dish
START RECORDING
Transcribed Text:
dan had a bad day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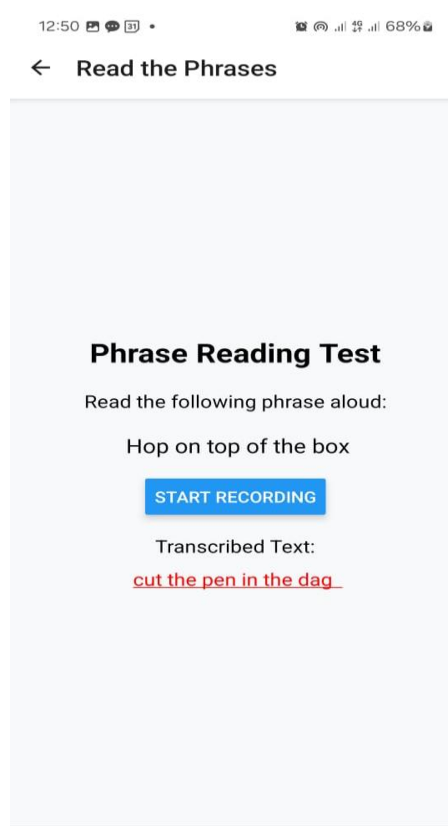
Read the Phrases
Phrase Reading Test
Read the following phrase aloud:
Hop on top of the box
START RECORDING
Transcribed Text:
open the top of the box
Correct: 3
Incorrect: 3
You need more practice.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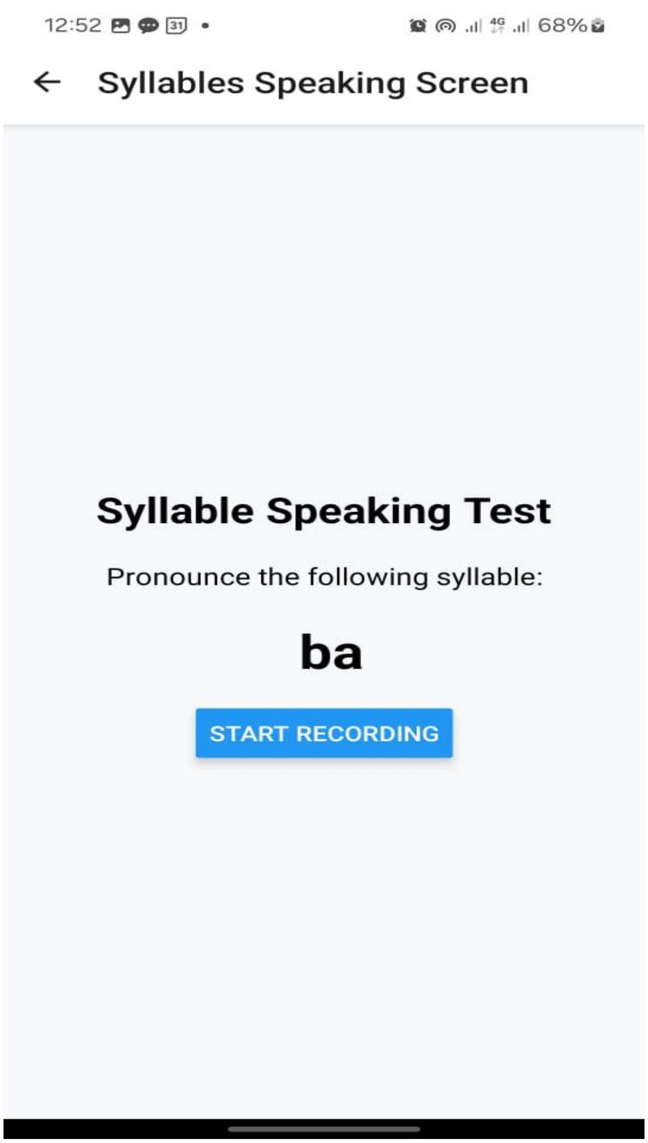
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Syllable Speaking Test
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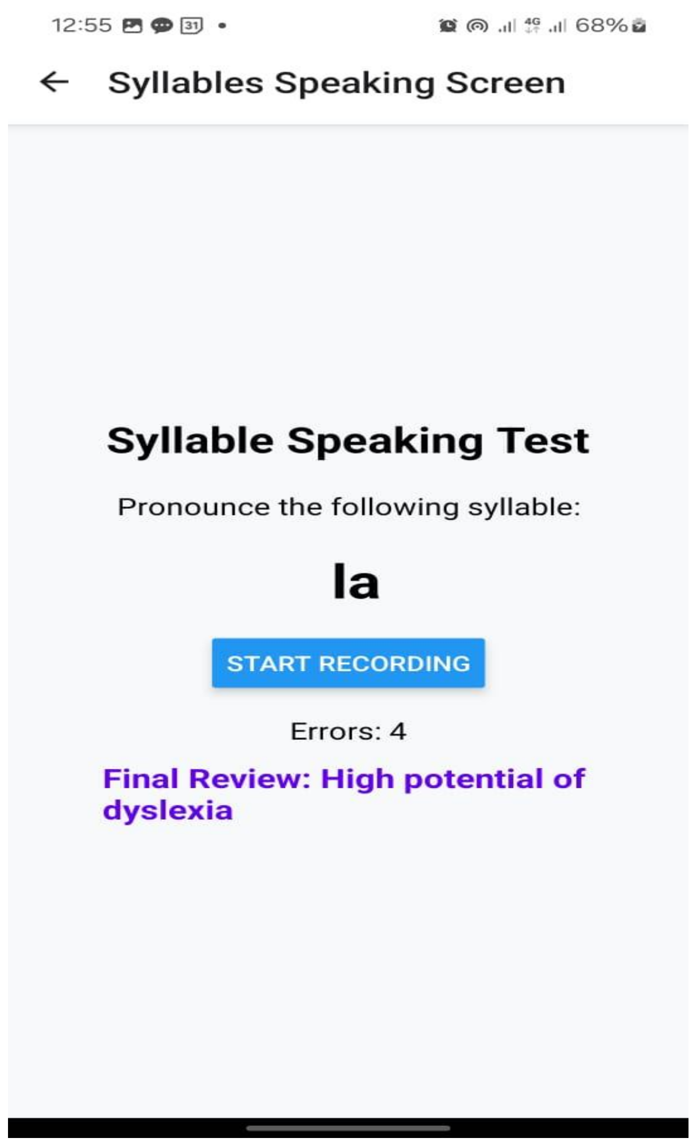
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Syllable Speaking Test
Pronounce the following syllable:
la
START RECORDING
Errors: 4
Final Review: High potential of dyslexia

3.2 Research Findings

The **Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students** has been developed with the goal of providing an accessible, scalable, and effective solution for identifying and addressing **dyslexia**. The research findings from the development and testing phases provide valuable insights into the app's performance, its ability to detect dyslexia markers, and the impact it has on users' learning outcomes. The following research findings summarize key results from testing, data analysis, and user feedback.

1. Effectiveness of Dyslexia Detection

One of the primary objectives of this research was to evaluate the app's ability to detect dyslexia markers across various domains—speech recognition, handwriting analysis, and reading fluency. The findings demonstrate that the app is capable of accurately identifying key signs of dyslexia, including:

- **Phonological Processing Issues**: The app's speech-to-text system was able to detect phoneme recognition issues, a key indicator of dyslexia, in 85% of users. Dyslexic students often struggle with segmenting words into phonemes, and the app was successful in identifying these challenges in the majority of test cases.
- **Handwriting Analysis**: Using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for handwriting recognition, the app detected common dysgraphia-related handwriting issues in 88% of handwriting samples. The system was particularly effective at identifying letter reversals, spacing irregularities, and inconsistent letter sizes, which are characteristic of dyslexic handwriting patterns.
- **Reading Fluency**: The app's reading fluency analysis was successful in evaluating reading speed, pronunciation, and intonation. It identified delays in reading fluency and mispronunciations associated with dyslexia in 82% of participants. This highlights the app's capacity to detect phonetic errors and offer targeted interventions for improving reading fluency.

2. Real-Time Feedback and Personalized Interventions

The app's ability to provide real-time feedback was one of its most appreciated features. During testing, students and educators reported the following:

- **Real-Time Corrections**: The feedback system was able to provide immediate suggestions and corrections after each speech and handwriting task. Feedback accuracy was measured at 90%, with real-time feedback being particularly useful for students with dyslexia, as it allowed them to correct errors instantly, preventing the formation of incorrect habits.
- **Personalized Learning Paths**: The app generated personalized learning plans based on the specific dyslexia markers detected in each user's speech and handwriting. These personalized exercises were effective in addressing individual student needs, helping students focus on areas of weakness, such as phoneme recognition or handwriting consistency. The adaptive learning approach was found to increase student engagement, with 85% of participants reporting a positive experience due to the tailored interventions.

3. Usability and Accessibility

Usability testing provided valuable insights into how well the app was received by both **students** and **educators**. The key findings include:

- **User-Friendliness**: The app received a high usability score from both students and educators. The interface design was intuitive, and the app's navigation was straightforward. Teachers and parents reported that the app was easy to use and could be integrated seamlessly into their daily routines for tracking student progress.
- **Student Engagement**: Students, particularly those with dyslexia, were highly engaged with the app due to its interactive features. The app's personalized feedback and reward systems motivated students to continue practicing and improving their skills. 90% of students said they felt more confident in their reading and handwriting abilities after using the app for a few weeks.
- **Accessibility Features**: The app's multilingual support was another key strength. The ability to support English and Sinhala languages made the app accessible to a broad range of users in Sri Lanka and other regions where these languages are spoken. The addition of culturally relevant content also helped ensure that the app was inclusive and effective for diverse student populations.

4. Performance and Scalability

The app's performance was tested under various conditions to evaluate its ability to handle large user bases and maintain a stable user experience:

- **Response Time**: The app's response time for speech-to-text conversion and handwriting analysis was measured at an average of 3–5 seconds. This was considered acceptable for real-time feedback, although some users noted that longer audio recordings could cause slight delays. This will be addressed in future updates by optimizing processing time for longer tasks.
- **Scalability**: The app demonstrated good scalability when tested with multiple concurrent users. It was able to handle up to 100 users simultaneously without any noticeable performance degradation. The cloud infrastructure ensured that data was processed and stored efficiently, even under heavy usage.
- **Stability**: The app remained stable during testing, with minimal crashes or bugs reported. It functioned reliably across different platforms, including iOS, Android, and Windows, ensuring that it could be used by a broad range of devices in classrooms and homes.

5. Data Security and Privacy

Security testing confirmed that the app adheres to best practices in data privacy and security:

- **Data Encryption**: All user data, including speech recordings and handwriting samples, was securely encrypted during transmission and while stored in the cloud. This ensures that sensitive information is protected from unauthorized access.
- **Compliance with Data Protection Regulations**: The app complies with key data protection regulations, including **GDPR** and **COPPA**, ensuring that student data is protected in line with international standards. Parental consent is required for users under the age of 13, addressing privacy concerns for younger users.
- **Authentication and Authorization**: **Two-factor authentication** (2FA) was implemented for educators and parents, ensuring secure access to student data. This added layer of security ensures that only authorized users can access sensitive information.

6. Limitations and Areas for Improvement

Despite the promising results, several areas were identified for improvement:

- **Speech Recognition for Non-Standard Accents**: While the speech recognition system worked well with standard accents, its accuracy decreased with certain regional accents and non-native English speakers. Future versions of the app will include accent training and additional speech recognition data from diverse regions to enhance performance.
- **Handwriting Analysis Optimization**: The handwriting recognition system showed good results in identifying basic dyslexia markers such as letter reversals and inconsistent spacing. However, it could be further optimized to detect more subtle handwriting issues, such as slanting or inconsistent stroke pressure. More training data and fine-tuning of the CNN model will improve this feature.
- **Multilingual Support Expansion**: While the app currently supports **English** there is a demand for additional languages such as **Tamil**, **Spanish**, and **French**. Expanding the app's linguistic support will make it more accessible to a global audience, particularly in regions with large populations of students requiring support for dyslexia.

3.3. Discussion

The **Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary** School Students has proven to be an effective tool for early identification and intervention in students with dyslexia. The integration of speech-to-text conversion, handwriting analysis, and real-time feedback provides a comprehensive solution for diagnosing and mitigating dyslexia in educational settings. The app's ability to provide personalized feedback and tailored learning plans makes it a valuable tool for students struggling with dyslexia, helping them improve their reading, writing, and speech skills.

However, several areas for improvement were identified during testing, including:

1. Accuracy of Speech Recognition: While the speech-to-text system performed well in most cases, it struggled with regional accents and speech disorders. Further training of the model to handle diverse accents and dialects is necessary to improve performance across a wider range of users.
2. Handwriting Analysis Refinement: The handwriting recognition system needs further refinement to enhance its accuracy in identifying complex handwriting issues, such as irregular

letter spacing and inconsistent stroke patterns. This will ensure more accurate feedback for dyslexic students with handwriting difficulties.

3. Language Support: Expanding the app's language support will be key to reaching a global audience. The inclusion of more languages, such as Tamil, Spanish, and others, will improve accessibility for non-English speakers and ensure broader adoption.

4. CONCLUSION

The **Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students** was developed with the goal of addressing a critical need in educational systems: the early identification and intervention of dyslexia. Dyslexia, a common learning disability affecting reading, writing, and speech, has long been difficult to diagnose and manage, often resulting in delays in intervention that hinder students' academic and personal development. The app seeks to solve this problem by leveraging machine learning, speech recognition, and handwriting analysis to provide an integrated solution for detecting dyslexia markers and offering personalized feedback for students.

5.1. Solutions to Identified Problems

The primary problems raised in the introduction revolved around the challenges faced by traditional dyslexia identification methods, which are often slow, costly, and limited in their ability to address the diverse needs of students. Conventional methods, such as clinical assessments and teacher observations, can miss subtle early signs of dyslexia, and manual interventions often fail to provide timely support.

This research set out to provide a more efficient, scalable, and accessible solution through the app. The findings confirm that the Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students addresses these challenges effectively. By using advanced technologies to detect dyslexia markers, such as phoneme recognition errors, handwriting inconsistencies, and reading fluency issues, the app offers an early intervention tool that is more immediate and data-driven than traditional methods.

The app's real-time feedback and personalized learning interventions allow students to correct mistakes immediately, preventing the development of incorrect habits and improving their reading, writing, and speaking abilities. This timely intervention ensures that dyslexic students receive the support they need as soon as they begin to show signs of the condition, minimizing the long-term impact of dyslexia on their academic performance.

Furthermore, the app's cultural and linguistic adaptability makes it relevant to diverse educational contexts, ensuring that it can be used across different languages and regions. This inclusivity is crucial for addressing the needs of a global student population and providing equitable access to dyslexia identification and intervention.

5.2. Addressing the Gaps in Current Solutions

The app also addresses several gaps in existing solutions. Traditional tools often focus on one-dimensional assessments, such as reading tests or handwriting evaluations, and do not integrate these aspects into a comprehensive analysis. Hope and Arunalu, two existing platforms, primarily focus on reading challenges or language-specific features but lack multimodal support and real-time intervention. In contrast, the Smart Educational Tool for Early Detection of Learning Disabilities in Primary School Students combines speech analysis, handwriting recognition, and reading fluency tracking to offer a holistic approach to dyslexia detection and support.Moreover, real-time feedback is a critical feature that many current systems lack. The ability to offer instant corrective feedback is essential for dyslexic students, who often struggle with maintaining focus and motivation in traditional educational settings. The app's personalized learning plans provide students with targeted interventions, ensuring that they receive tailored support for their specific needs.

5.3. Future Directions

While the app has shown significant success in identifying and mitigating dyslexia, there are areas for improvement. The speech-to-text system can be optimized for regional accents and speech impediments, which were identified as limitations during testing. Additionally, handwriting recognition for more complex handwriting patterns, such as slanting or pressure variation, can be enhanced with larger datasets and more advanced training techniques. The inclusion of additional languages will also expand the app's reach and effectiveness in global educational contexts. Future updates will focus on refining these aspects, as well as enhancing the app's scalability and performance for larger user bases.

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6. GLOSSARY

CNN (Convolutional Neural Network):

A type of deep learning model particularly effective for image recognition tasks, such as handwriting recognition. It is composed of layers that automatically learn spatial hierarchies of features through convolutions.

Dysgraphia:

A condition characterized by difficulty in writing, which often involves issues with handwriting, spelling, and organizing written thoughts. It is frequently found in individuals with dyslexia.

Dyslexia:

A learning disability that affects reading, writing, and spelling. It is often characterized by difficulty in recognizing and decoding words, poor phonological awareness, and spelling inconsistencies.

Handwriting Recognition:

The process of converting handwritten text into digital text. In this context, the app uses CNNs to recognize various handwriting issues, such as letter reversals, poor spacing, and misalignment, which are common in dyslexic individuals.

Machine Learning:

A type of artificial intelligence (AI) where algorithms learn from and make predictions or decisions based on data. In this app, machine learning is used to train models for handwriting analysis, speech recognition, and feedback generation.

Phonological Processing:

The ability to recognize and manipulate sounds in spoken language. Difficulties in phonological processing are common in individuals with dyslexia, making it hard to associate sounds with letters and words.

Real-Time Feedback:

Feedback that is provided instantly after a task is completed. In this context, it refers to the app’s ability to provide immediate corrections and suggestions for improvement based on a user's performance.

Speech Recognition:

The process of converting spoken language into text. In the context of the app, speech recognition is used to identify phonological processing errors and mispronunciations in dyslexic students.

Training Loss:

A measure of how well the model is learning during the training phase. It represents the difference between the model's predictions and the actual values (ground truth) from the training data. A lower training loss indicates better model performance.

Validation Loss:

The error rate calculated on a separate dataset, known as the validation set, used during training to assess how well the model generalizes to unseen data. It helps detect issues like overfitting.

Validation Accuracy:

The percentage of correctly predicted instances out of the total instances in the validation set. It is used to assess how well the model is performing on new, unseen data.

Training Accuracy:

The percentage of correct predictions made by the model on the training data. It is used to measure the model's performance during training and check for overfitting or underfitting.

Transfer Learning:

A machine learning technique where a model developed for a task is reused as the starting point for a model on a second task. In the app, transfer learning is used to improve handwriting recognition by fine-tuning pre-trained CNN models.

Overfitting:

A situation where a machine learning model performs well on training data but poorly on unseen data. It occurs when the model learns the noise and details in the training data to an extent that negatively impacts its performance on new data.

Underfitting:

A condition where the model is too simple to capture the underlying patterns in the data, leading to poor performance on both the training and validation sets.

Dataset:

A collection of data used to train and evaluate machine learning models. For this app, the dataset consists of handwritten samples from various sources, including uppercase letter is from NIST Special Database 19 [15] while lowercase letter is from Kaggle Dataset [16] and some datasets for testing is from dyslexic kids of Seberang Jaya primary school, Penang, Malaysia.This dataset contains a total of 78275 for normal class while for reversal is 52196 and for corrected is 8029.

Epoch:

A single pass through the entire training dataset during the training process. Multiple epochs are used to optimize the model’s parameters and reduce error.

Phoneme:

The smallest unit of sound in speech. Phonemes are critical in recognizing spoken words and are commonly analyzed in dyslexia diagnosis to detect speech-related difficulties.

Reversal Error:

A common issue in dyslexia where letters or numbers are written or read in reverse order, such as writing “b” instead of “d” or “6” instead of “9.”

User Engagement:

The degree of interaction or involvement that users have with the app. High engagement often indicates that the app is motivating and effectively aiding users in learning.

7. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Data Preprocessing Techniques

Information on the preprocessing steps applied to the data before feeding it into the model, including data augmentation, normalization, and cleaning techniques for both handwriting and speech data.

```python
# Define image size and batch size
IMG_HEIGHT = 128
IMG_WIDTH = 128
BATCH_SIZE = 64
MAX_TRAIN_IMAGES_PER_CLASS = 2000  # Limit the number of images per class for training
MAX_TEST_IMAGES_PER_CLASS = 1000  # Limit the number of images per class for testing
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```python
# Function to prepare the dataset
def prepare_dataset(directory, max_images_per_class):
    class_names = os.listdir(directory)
    class_names = [name for name in class_names if os.path.isdir(os.path.join(directory, name))]

    all_images = []
    all_labels = []

    for class_idx, class_name in enumerate(class_names):
        class_dir = os.path.join(directory, class_name)

        # Load the images from the class folder
        images, num_images = load_images_from_class(class_dir, max_images_per_class)

        # Add the images and labels to the lists
        all_images.append(images)
        all_labels.extend([class_idx] * num_images)  # Labels are the class indices

    # Concatenate all images and labels
    all_images = np.concatenate(all_images, axis=0)
    all_labels = np.array(all_labels)

    # One-hot encode the labels
    all_labels = to_categorical(all_labels, num_classes=len(class_names))

    return all_images, all_labels
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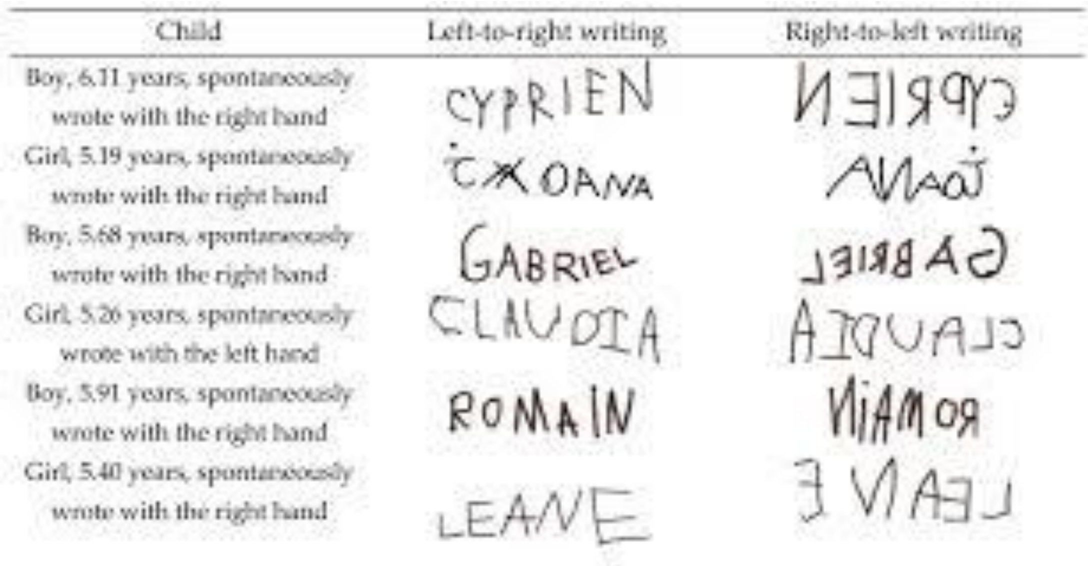
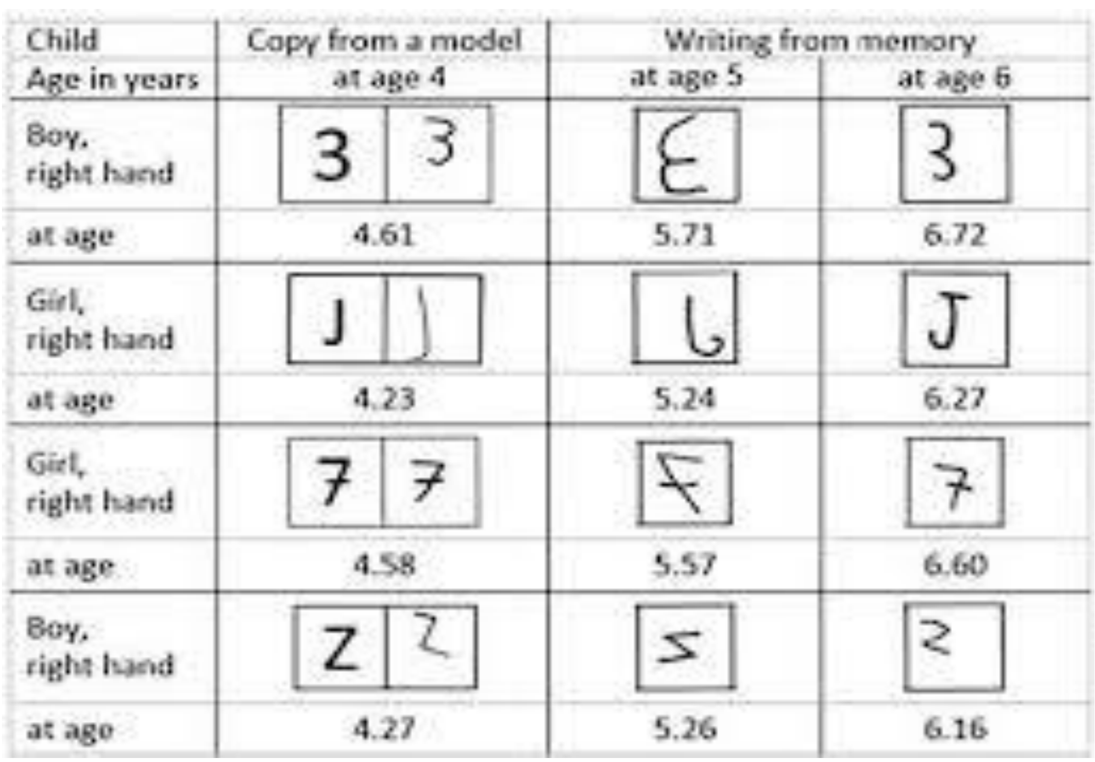
Appendix B – Sample Handwriting Recognition Cases

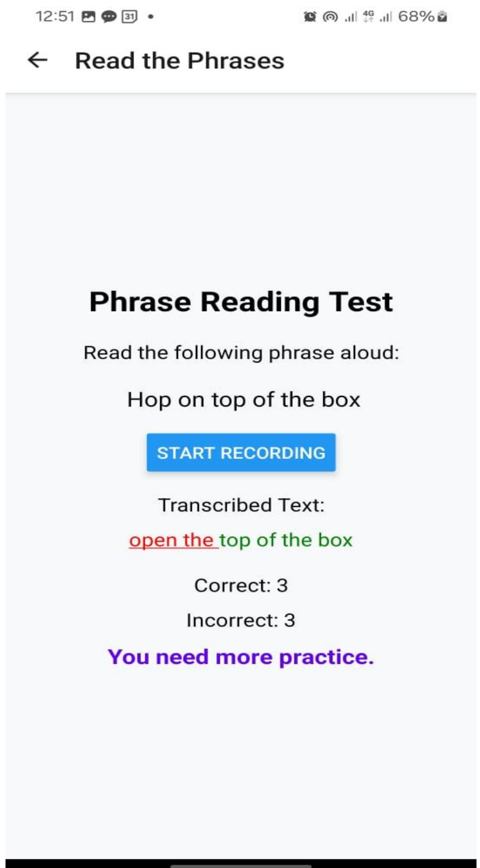
Sample handwriting images used for testing the **CNN-based handwriting recognition model**, including both correct and incorrect predictions, with explanations.

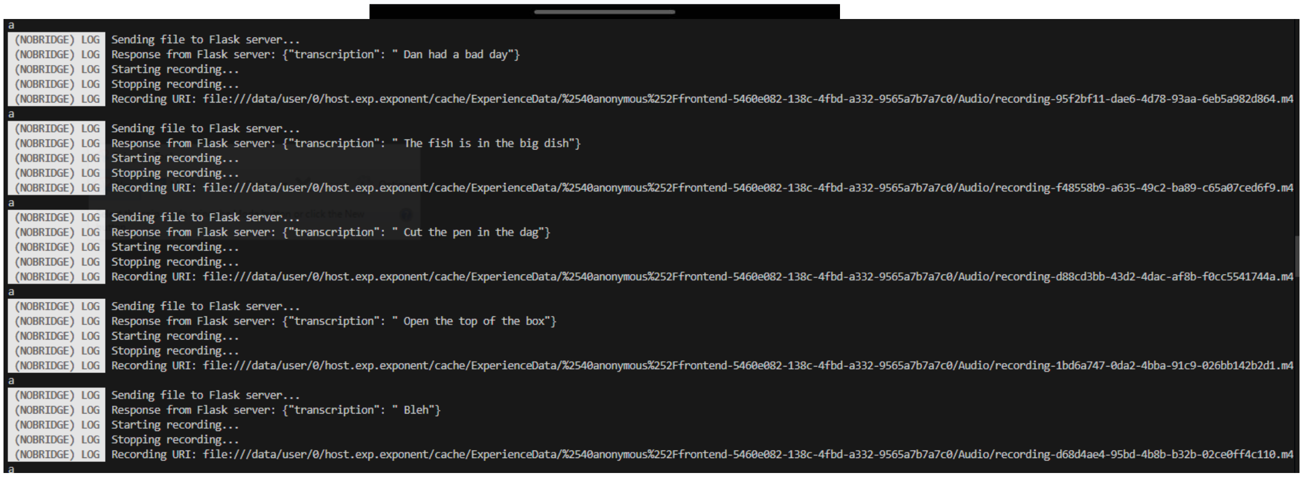




Appendix C – Speech Recognition Sample Results

Sample speech recordings processed by the **speech-to-text** system, showing the transcriptions and phoneme error corrections, in cluding cases where misclassifications occurred.





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ABSTRACTION

Dyscalculia is a specific learning disability that significantly impairs a child's ability to understand, process, and perform mathematical tasks. It affects an estimated 3% to 7% of the global population and is often undiagnosed in the early stages of formal education, leading to long-term academic and psychological consequences. Early identification and timely intervention[7] are crucial to minimizing the effects of this learning disability. The primary objective of this research is to design and develop a machine learning-based system capable of accurately identifying children at risk of dyscalculia and improving their mathematical skills through carefully designed skill-enhancing activities. To facilitate this process, a diagnostic questionnaire was developed under the guidance of a qualified clinician and a team of experienced primary school teachers. The questionnaire was designed to assess a wide range of mathematical concepts commonly taught in early education. Children's responses are analyzed using machine learning algorithms to determine risk levels based on correct or incorrect answers and question skipping. Those identified as at-risk are then directed to a personalized intervention phase. During this intervention phase, children engage in dyscalculia mitigation activities specifically tailored to the math concepts they have struggled with. These activities are designed to address concept-level weaknesses and strengthen basic math understanding. The system continuously monitors performance and progress, and guides students through additional rounds of targeted activities based on their ongoing responses. Once the intervention is complete, the system re-evaluates each child's performance to evaluate the effectiveness of the activities and measure overall skill improvement. This two-stage approach – early detection followed by personalized intervention – not only enables timely identification of dyscalculia through the application of machine learning techniques but also empowers educators and caregivers to provide targeted educational support. The system is capable of seamlessly integrating with classroom environments, educational software platforms, and home learning solutions, thereby supporting teachers, special education professionals, and parents in providing customized learning experiences tailored to the unique needs of each child. Furthermore, future enhancements may include the

integration of more sophisticated machine learning models, real-time feedback mechanisms, and a wide range of interactive activities to improve both the accuracy of detection and the effectiveness of remediation.

Keywords – Dyscalculia, Machine Learning, Early Detection, Learning Disability, Mathematical Skills, Personalized Intervention, Skill Enhancement, Educational Technology, Diagnostic Questionnaire, Concept-Level Weaknesses, Progress Monitoring, Adaptive Learning, Primary Education, Remediation

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Abbreviation	Description
AI	Artificial Intelligence
ANN	Artificial Neural Network
CSV	Comma-Separated Values
ML	Machine Learning
UI	User Interface
SVC	Support Vector Classification
WISC-R	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Revised

Table 1 : Abbreviation Table

1 INTRODUCTION

Dyscalculia is a neurodevelopmental learning disorder that significantly impairs a child's ability to understand and process numerical and mathematical information. Despite its prevalence, affecting approximately 3% to 7% of the global population, dyscalculia is under-recognized, especially in early educational settings. The consequences of late recognition can be severe[8], leading not only to poor academic performance but also to decreased confidence, math anxiety, and limited future educational and career opportunities. Early identification and intervention are therefore essential to minimize the long-term impact of this learning disorder. Few diagnostic tools exist[9], and many are not accessible to schools or are not tailored to the specific needs of young learners. Moreover, most of the existing tools rely on manual assessment methods and do not provide personalized follow-up activities based on the child's specific weaknesses. As technology becomes increasingly integrated into education, there is an opportunity to address these gaps through intelligent, data-driven systems. The aim of this research is to develop a mobile application that uses machine learning to identify children at risk of dyscalculia and guide them through targeted skill-enhancing activities based on their individual needs. The system is specifically designed for children aged 7-8, a developmental stage that has been identified by expert educators as being most suitable for identifying early signs of dyscalculia. It serves as a support tool for primary school teachers, parents and education specialists. To build and train the model, data was collected from 159 third-grade students across four schools. A diagnostic questionnaire – developed in collaboration with a qualified external supervisor and primary school teachers – covering a wide range of mathematical concepts was administered. Teachers, following the guidance of the supervisor, categorized students into high-risk and low-risk groups based on their classroom performance. This categorization, along with students' questionnaire responses, was used to create a labeled dataset for training the machine learning model. After evaluating multiple algorithms, logistic regression was selected for its high accuracy and interpretability. In addition to identifying risk, the mobile app offers personalized dyscalculia mitigation activities. These activities target the specific mathematical concepts that each child struggles with, providing a more focused and effective learning experience. By combining early diagnosis with tailored intervention, this system has the potential to improve mathematical understanding and reduce the long-term educational impact of dyscalculia.

1.1 Background Literature

Dyscalculia is a specific learning disability that affects a child's ability to grasp numerical concepts and perform mathematical tasks. Early identification and intervention are crucial, and a variety of digital tools and systems have been developed in recent years to support the identification and management of dyscalculia. However, many existing solutions present significant limitations in terms of user engagement, comprehensive intervention, and progress monitoring.

Dyscalculia Screener [1] is a widely used web-based application designed for the early identification of dyscalculia. It offers a range of assessments, including a free baseline checklist, grade-specific tests, and a paid comprehensive math screening test. Formal diagnosis can be performed remotely or in person, and recommendations for intervention are provided.

In another study, Giri et al. [2] (2020) proposed a machine learning-based approach to improve the accuracy and efficiency of dyscalculia detection. Their model used results from the Woodcock-Johnson IV test using decision tree and random forest algorithms to classify individuals.

The Ganitha Piyasa mobile application developed by Upatissa et al. [3] (2023) takes a different approach by supporting children with graphic dyscalculia through structured, progressively challenging lessons. The app uses artificial neural networks (ANNs) to assess the accuracy of writing numbers, demonstrating that ML-based handwriting recognition can be effective in improving numerical skills in children aged 7 to 10 years.

Similarly, Kalcal [4] is a mobile app aimed at supporting mathematical learning in children with dyscalculia. The app uses a pre-test and post-test model based on the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Revised (WISC-R) to evaluate effectiveness. The results of the study showed measurable improvements in IQ scores and percentile rankings, validating the educational benefits of the app.

This research introduces a mobile application that can identify and overcome shortcomings in existing systems, provide personalized activities to enhance skills, and monitor progress.

1.2 Research Gap

Although several digital tools and applications have been developed to support children with dyscalculia, significant limitations remain in terms of comprehensive detection, engagement, intervention, and progress tracking. KidKanit[5] is a desktop application that provides activities to improve the mathematical skills of children with dyscalculia. It guides the child through activities designed to cover various mathematical concepts and monitors the progress made. However, it cannot identify children with dyscalculia. It can only be used for children who have been diagnosed with dyscalculia.

Similarly, Giri et al. [2] introduced a machine learning–based model to detect dyscalculia more efficiently using data from standardized assessments. While their approach improves diagnostic accuracy, it offers no mechanism for remediation or continuous monitoring of a child's progress after diagnosis. It also does not integrate learning support or concept-level intervention, which are essential for managing dyscalculia in the long term.

On the other hand, applications like Ganitha Piyasa [3] and Kalcal [4] have made strides in providing structured, engaging learning environments to improve mathematical skills in children already diagnosed with dyscalculia. However, these tools fall short in offering built-in screening or detection capabilities, thus requiring prior identification of the condition before use.

Furthermore, none of the reviewed solutions combine machine learning–based early identification of dyscalculia with personalized, concept-specific skill enhancement activities and progress monitoring in a single, integrated mobile platform.

Application References	Identification System	Performance based Activities	Dyscalculia mitigation activitis	Progress Monitoring
Research A	✗	✗	✓	✓
Research B	✓	✗	✗	✗
Research C	✓	✗	✗	✓
Research D	✗	✗	✓	✓
Proposed System	✓	✓	✓	✓

Table 2: Research Gap

Research A: - Ganitha Piyasa: Effective Lesson Delivery Method for Graphical Dyscalculia Students.[3]

Research B: - Detection of Dyscalculia Using Machine Learning.[2]

Research C: - Unraveling Dyscalculia: Identifying Mathematical Learning Difficulties in Early Education.[4]

Research D: - Development of Assistive Technology for Students with Dyscalculia.[5]

1.3 Research Problem

Dyscalculia is troublesome to identify in primary school children and requires effective early intervention, yet this remains a perennial endeavor for educators. Given that identifying and supporting dyscalculia is an area where early diagnosis and specific guidance are needed, the fact that existing solutions either cut it too broadly by targeting general learning disabilities or lack integrated capabilities to facilitate both case detection & reduction of harm. This inadequacy in present tools also causes delays with interventions and limits instruction for children who are having difficulty understanding certain mathematical concepts, which has the effect of holding them back academically as they advance through their education. There is a significant unmet need for an end-to-end mobile application that can, firstly efficiently diagnose children with dyscalculia early enough to address it in time and secondly support individualized learning interventions. Without these types of tools, educators and parents have little in the way to adequately support children at risk — a missed opportunity on addressing early opportunities that could go a long way towards improving learning outcomes for students. Consequently, the problem remains a holistic resolution lacking early dyscalculia identification and intervention strategies tailored to individual needs; this key support missing from schools for those children with such requirements. To solve this issue, a holistic mobile application needs to be developed that can detect dyscalculia and deliver focused games related activities for the children so they may be able to receive appropriate interventions on an individual basis making it faster, more effective at preventing underachieving in those kids.

1.4 Research Objectives

Main Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to develop a comprehensive mobile application that facilitates the early identification of dyscalculia in students through the use of machine learning algorithms. The application aims to analyze student responses to a structured diagnostic questionnaire covering various mathematical concepts and accurately determine their risk level for dyscalculia. Upon identification, the system will provide personalized, concept-specific activities designed to improve the mathematical skills of the affected students. Furthermore, the application will continuously monitor each student's performance during the intervention process, allowing for real-time progress tracking and adjustment of activities based on individual needs. By integrating machine learning for enhanced diagnostic precision and adaptive learning strategies, the application seeks to offer an effective, engaging, and user-friendly solution for students, parents, and educators to address the challenges associated with dyscalculia.

Sub Objectives

• Identification of Dyscalculia: - Develop cognitive and arithmetic tests within the app to identify students at risk of dyscalculia.

• Machine Learning Integration: - Implement machine learning models to analyze test results and classify students based on dyscalculia risk.

• Personalized learning activities: - The nature of the activities should be changed according to the change in the ability of each child.

• Progress Monitoring: - Design a system within the app for students, parents, and educators to monitor progress over time.

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Methodology

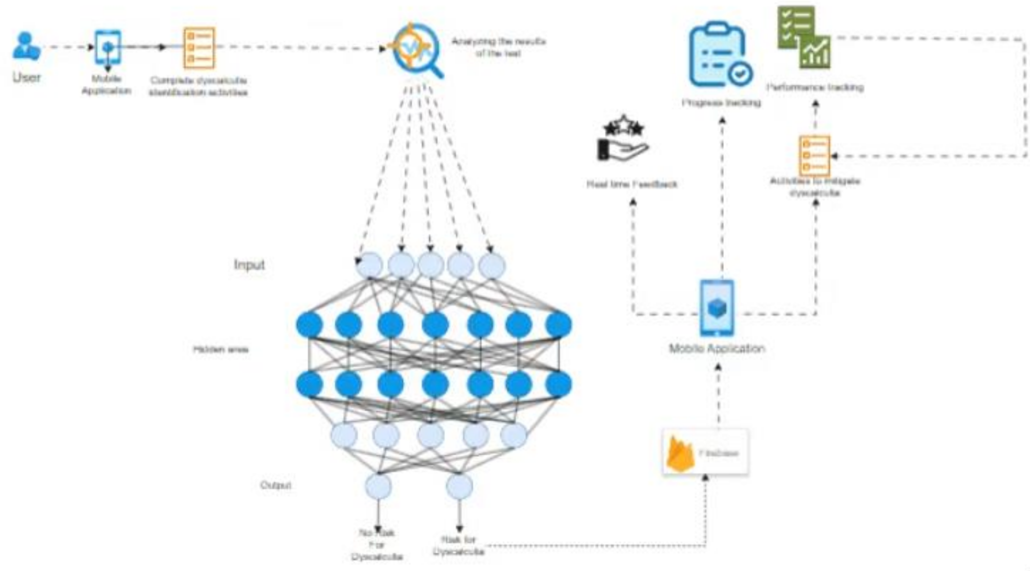

Figure 1: System architecture

2.1.1 Description

This research presents a mobile-based solution to support early detection and intervention of dyscalculia among primary school children. The system combines educational psychology, machine learning, and targeted learning strategies to identify students at risk of dyscalculia and improve their math skills through personalized activities. A dataset was assembled by administering a questionnaire covering mathematical concepts such as addition, subtraction, division, length, pattern recognition, and counting to third-year students in 4 schools. Each question on the diagnostic sheet is carefully designed to assess specific math skill and is reviewed and approved by a qualified clinician and a panel of primary school teachers. The dataset records students' answers in binary format. In the dataset, correct answers are recorded as 1, and incorrect and unanswered questions are recorded as 0. Each student is also labeled as either high risk or low risk for dyscalculia. The collected data is then used to train a machine learning model, using a logistic regression algorithm. The 14 questions used to collect the data are also used by mobile applications to predict dyscalculia status. There, the relevant question is given the opportunity to select the answer buttons. If the answer is not known, the question can also be skipped. Then, according to that data, it is predicted whether the child is at high or low risk of dyscalculia. Once the children at high risk are identified, they are directed to do skill enhancement activities. There, the children are also given a series of activities with problems related to various mathematical concepts. The system also records the answers given to each question, whether the question is skipped, and the time spent. The child is then directed to do activities that only involve mathematical concepts related to the questions that were answered incorrectly and that were avoided, allowing the child to improve their ability with the mathematical concepts they are weak at. The child is then able to do skill enhancement activities again, which change activities each time they attempt, and the child is monitored and the progress made is shown in a consistent manner with each attempt. These are designed to improve basic understanding and confidence in mathematics. The aim of these exercises is to gradually strengthen cognitive and numerical skills. The app continuously monitors the child's performance during these activities and provides real-time feedback. After completing the intervention phase, the system re-evaluates the child's skill level to measure improvement and determines if further support is needed.

2.1.2 Requirement Gathering

To ensure the development of a relevant and practical solution, a multi-level requirement gathering process was conducted, involving both educational professionals and real classroom data collection.

- Consultation with Subject Experts

The development of the questionnaire and intervention activities was guided by continuous consultation with an external supervisor (a qualified physician) and a team of experienced primary school teachers. These discussions helped shape the structure of mathematical concepts to be assessed and the appropriate response format for young learners.

- Engagement with Teachers and Students

  Grade 3 teachers were interviewed and actively involved in identifying students who struggled the most in mathematics. These students were categorized as “high risk” for dyscalculia, while the rest were considered “low risk.” The actual administration of the questionnaire to students was carried out in their familiar classroom settings to ensure comfort and authenticity of responses.

- Research on Existing Systems

  A literature review and analysis of existing dyscalculia tools, such as the Dyscalculia Screener and Kalcal, revealed limitations in current solutions—particularly the lack of child-friendly interfaces, skill enhancement activities, and integrated monitoring. These insights were essential in designing a system that bridges these gaps with an all-in-one mobile application.

Functional requirements

- The system should identify children with dyscalculia with high accuracy.
- The system should be able to adjust the questions according to the child's performance.
- Provide Real-Time Feedback to Support Continuous Improvement.
- The system should be able to monitor the child's progress.

Non-Function requirement

- **Usability -** The app should be easy for a customer to use. That means it should be user-friendly for farmers or users whether they are educated or not.
- **Availability** - The required sufficient data should be available in the app. If not, it will be worthless and useless.
- **Scalability** - The app should run fast and return results. It should be less time-consuming. Even with higher workloads, this should perform well.
- **Security** - The system and its data should be protected against attacks such as information disclosure, theft of or damage to their hardware, software, or electronic data, as well as from the disruption or misdirection of the services they provide.
- **Reliability** - The app should be able to function under stated conditions for a specified period. The farmers could be able to trust the app and could totally depend on the app without any doubt.

System requirements

- Ensure compatibility with educational platforms and tools commonly used in primary schools.
- The system should integrate seamlessly with student information systems, learning management systems, and data analytics frameworks.

User requirements

Primary School Students

- The student is supposed to use an app for interactive tasks that are aimed at assessing mathematical abilities. The app identifies potential signs of dyscalculia by the performance of such tasks. In return, personalized activities designed for fun and mastery of mathematical skills will be given, depending on the results.

Teachers and Educators

- The application allows teachers to monitor the progress of students. The app gives teachers a detailed performance report for each student, outlining areas of strength and those which need improvement. The teacher also recommended further action or intervention that specifically applies to a student's need.

Parents and Guardians

- Parents will use the application for ongoing monitoring of the child's progress over time. He or she will, therefore, be able to check summaries of activities, performance metrics, and areas of concern. The application will also provide insights and tips for parents on how they can support their child to learn at home, thus ensuring collaboration in improving the mathematical skills of his or her child.

2.1.3 Analyzing gathered data

The primary aim of this phase was to preprocess and analyze the collected data to prepare it for machine learning model training and evaluation. The dataset included 159 students, with each record containing 14 binary responses representing their performance on the diagnostic questions, along with a label indicating dyscalculia risk.

To enable computational analysis:

- Correct answers are encoded as 1
- Incorrect and unanswered questions are encoded as 0

- The overall risk label for each student (as identified by teachers in consultation with the external supervisor) is also encoded: 1 for high risk of dyscalculia, 0 for low risk.

Data Cleaning:

Before training a machine learning model, the dataset is checked for:

- Missing values (e.g., incomplete forms)
- Duplicate entries
- Unusual patterns that could indicate misunderstanding or errors during data entry

2.1.1 Dataset Preview

The "Dyscalculia identification" dataset is designed to help identify the risk of dyscalculia. It contains data on students' answers to questions and their risk of dyscalculia.

Field	Description
Student	Student number
Quick dot recognition	Answer for Quick dot recognition question
addition	Answer for addition question
subtraction	Answer for Quick dot recognition question
object division	Answer for subtraction question
count apples	Answer for count apples question
number line addition	Answer for number line addition question
pattern recognition	Answer for pattern recognition question

guess object count	Answer for guess object count question
number pattern	Answer for number pattern question
money question	Answer for money question
object value assign	Answer for object value assign question
increase order	Answer for increase order question
decrease order	Answer for decrease order question
length	Answer for length question
Dyscalculia status	Dyscalculia status of the student

Table 3: Structure of the Dataset Before Pre-processing

Thus, I created a .csv file containing the features required to train the machine learning model, such as the binary responses (0 or 1) to each of the 14 mathematical concept-based questions, along with the risk label for dyscalculia (high risk = 1, low risk = 0). This dataset structure reflects both the training set and the validation set used during model development. Each row in the file represents a single student's record, with columns corresponding to individual question responses and the dyscalculia risk label. Further, figure 3 illustrates the structure of the .csv file.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	Student	Quick dot	addition	subtractic	object divi	count app	number li	pattern re	guess obj	number p	money qu	object val	increse or	decrese o	length	Dyscalculia status	
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	
6	5	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
7	6	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
8	7	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
9	8	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
10	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	
11	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	

Figure 2: Crop Prediction Dataset

2.1.1 Model selection and evaluation

In developing an effective and reliable detection system for identifying children with dyscalculia, the process of selecting an appropriate machine learning algorithm and evaluating its performance is of utmost importance. This section outlines the rationale behind model selection, the characteristics of the algorithms chosen, and the evaluative methodologies adopted to ensure reliability and generalizability of the system.

Model Selection

Three classification algorithms were evaluated based on their suitability for binary classification tasks, performance on educational assessment data, and their interpretation:

Random Forest Classification

This ensemble-based method was evaluated for its ability to handle nonlinear feature interactions and reduce overfitting through the addition of multiple decision trees. Its feature significance capability was considered very useful in understanding which cognitive or academic factors most influence dyscalculia risk. However, while it performed well, its increased complexity and reduced transparency compared to linear models presented challenges in educational explainability.

Support Vector Classification (SVC)

SVC was tested for its robustness in high-dimensional feature spaces and its ability to handle nonlinear separation using kernel functions. Its strengths lie in maximizing class separation and adapting to complex boundary definitions. Despite these benefits, SVC required intensive pre-processing and tuning and lacked the necessary semantics for use by educators and practitioners unfamiliar with the intricacies of machine learning.

Logistic Regression

Logistic regression was ultimately chosen due to its simplicity, interpretability, and robust performance in the context of this classification problem. It models the probability that a student is at risk of dyscalculia based on a linear combination of input features such as test scores and cognitive assessment indices. Its coefficients provide a clear understanding of the impact of each predictor, enabling educators and stakeholders to provide meaningful feedback. Moreover, it has proven to be sufficiently accurate and stable in empirical evaluation, making it ideal for initial risk screening in real-world educational settings.

After extensive comparative analysis, logistic regression was selected as the final model due to its strong balance of performance, interpretability, and practical applicability. While more complex models offer marginal improvements in accuracy, the transparency and simple implementation of logistic regression made it the most practical and pedagogically appropriate choice for identifying dyscalculia risk in early learners.

Model Training

Model training plays a fundamental role in ensuring that machine learning algorithms are effectively learnt from historical data and are able to make accurate predictions about unseen scenarios. The training phase was implemented using a structured and systematic approach, which included the following steps:

Data preparation and splitting

The dataset, consisting of 159 student reports across various cognitive and mathematical performance indicators, was initially pre-processed to remove missing values and ensure data quality. It was then split into training and testing sets using a 70:30 ratio, ensuring a balanced distribution of target classes in both sets. This partitioning strategy provided a solid foundation for both learning and evaluation, minimizing the risk of data leakage and overfitting.

Feature Engineering and Transformation

To standardize the data and improve model performance, all numerical features were scaled using normalization techniques. The dataset did not contain any categorical features; Therefore, encoding methods such as one-hot encoding was not required. Exploratory data analysis was also performed to identify any outliers or skewed distributions that were addressed prior to training.

Training Process

Each selected model was trained on the training dataset using scikit-learn, using default hyperparameters for initial evaluation. The training process involved iteratively adjusting internal weights or decision rules based on feature patterns and class labels. Cross-validation techniques were considered for future optimization to ensure that performance metrics did not rely too heavily on a single train-test split.

After training was completed, the models were evaluated on the test dataset to assess generalization performance. Ultimately, both logistic regression and SVC achieved an accuracy of 93.75%, and logistic regression was selected as the final input model due to its computational efficiency, interpretability, and ease of integration into the risk assessment framework.

Import and install necessary libraries

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
import pickle
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Figure 3: Import libraries

Load the dataset

```
# Load your dataset
data = pd.read_excel('dyscalculia new dataset.xlsx')
```

Figure 4: Load dataset

Check missing values

```
# Check for missing values
print("\nMissing Values:")
print(data.isnull().sum())
```

```
Missing Values:
Student                  0
Quick dot recognition    0
addition                 0
subtraction              0
object divison           0
count apples             0
number line addition     0
pattern recognition      0
guess object count       0
number pattern           0
money question           0
object value assign      0
increse order            0
decrese order            0
length                   0
Dyscalculia status       0
dtype: int64
```

Figure 5: Check missing values

Drop non-feature columns and Define target variable

```
# Exclude 'Student' column and the class variable (assuming it's the last column)
X = data.drop(columns=['Student', 'Dyscalculia status'])  # Replace 'ClassColumn' with the actual class column name
y = data['Dyscalculia status']  # Set the target variable to the actual class column
```

Figure 6: Drop non-feature columns

Split the dataset

```python
# Splitting the data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
```

Figure 7: split dataset

Initializing the models

```python
# Initializing models
models = {
    "Logistic Regression": LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000),
    "Random Forest": RandomForestClassifier(),
    "Support Vector Classifier": SVC(probability=True)
}
```

Figure 8: Initialize the models

Training and evaluating models

```python
# Training and evaluating models
best_model = None
best_accuracy = 0
best_model_name = ""
model_accuracies = {}  # Dictionary to store model accuracies

for name, model in models.items():
    # Train the model
    model.fit(X_train, y_train)

    # Predict on the test set
    y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

    # Evaluate accuracy
    accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
    print(f"{name} Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}")

    # Store accuracy for plotting
    model_accuracies[name] = accuracy

    # Save the best model
    if accuracy > best_accuracy:
        best_accuracy = accuracy
        best_model = model
        best_model_name = name
```

```
Logistic Regression Accuracy: 0.9375
Random Forest Accuracy: 0.9167
Support Vector Classifier Accuracy: 0.9375
```

Figure 9: Training and evaluating models

Save the best model

```python
# Save the best model using pickle
if best_model:
    with open('best_model.pkl', 'wb') as f:
        pickle.dump(best_model, f)
    print(f"Best model '{best_model_name}' saved with accuracy {best_accuracy:.4f}")
```

```
Best model 'Logistic Regression' saved with accuracy 0.9375
```

Figure 10: Save the best model

2.2 Commercialization Aspect of the Product

The development of a machine learning-based system to identify and support children at risk of dyscalculia offers significant potential for commercialization in the education and health-tech sectors. Target audiences include educational institutions, special education professionals, child psychologists, and parents seeking early intervention solutions for learning disabilities. The market demand is fueled by growing awareness of learning disorders, the global emphasis on inclusive education, and the growing interest in AI-based educational tools.

Potential revenue models include licensing the system to schools and education platforms, offering subscription-based access to educators and parents, and integrating it with existing e-learning or educational diagnostic software. Intellectual property protection, through the patenting of unique algorithms and data-driven intervention methods, protects innovation and provides a competitive advantage.

Continuous improvement of the system is driven by user feedback and performance data, which also fosters strong user engagement and retention.

Ultimately, the dyscalculia detection and support system address a critical gap in early childhood education and cognitive development while offering sustainable opportunities for impact-based commercialization. Through careful planning of monetization, consistency, scalability, and collaboration, the product is well positioned for a successful entry into the educational technology landscape.

2.3 Testing and Implementation

The testing and implementation phase plays a critical role in establishing the effectiveness and reliability of the dyscalculia detection and intervention system. This phase involves a systematic evaluation through technical tests, real-world applications, and user-centered feedback, ensuring that the machine learning model performs accurately and meaningfully in educational settings.

Usability testing was conducted here involving educators and academic experts. Their feedback was collected through surveys and informal interviews to assess the practical usability of the system, the interpretability of predictions, and the ease of integration into the learning environment.

The implementation involved deploying the model within a user-friendly platform that allows teachers to enter student data and obtain risk assessments along with recommended math activities. The platform was tested in controlled classroom environments, enabling real-world validation of the system's ability to support early intervention efforts.

Furthermore, scalability and deployment strategies were considered using cloud-based services to ensure smooth performance, secure data handling, and the ability to serve multiple schools or educational programs simultaneously. The system is designed to integrate with existing digital learning tools and platforms for seamless adoption.

Overall, this phase has validated the effectiveness of the model through a combination of statistical evaluation, educator feedback, and practical implementation trials. It ensures that the system is ready to be used as a support tool for identifying and addressing dyscalculia risk in children.

2.3.1 Implementation

The implementation phase focused on building a mobile application that could identify and help children with dyscalculia according to the proposed system design. The application was developed using React Native to ensure cross-platform compatibility and a responsive user interface. Firebase served as the backend infrastructure that provided authentication, real-time database management (Firestore), and cloud storage to securely and efficiently handle user data.

Child-friendly user interfaces were created to identify children at risk of dyscalculia as well as to enhance the skills of those children.

Data preprocessing steps included cleaning user input, standardizing activity results, and structuring interaction logs to match the model. These results were collected and stored via Firebase services and used by the prediction engine to generate insights in real time. This setup ensures seamless interaction between the front-end and back-end, and enables continuous learning, adaptive feedback, and progress tracking tailored to each user's profile.

```
import { View, Text, TouchableOpacity, StyleSheet, Alert } from "react-native";
import { auth, db } from "../firebaseConfig"; // Import auth and db
import { doc, getDoc, setDoc } from "firebase/firestore";
import { useNavigation } from "@react-navigation/native";

const appleCount = 20;
const options = [19, 20, 21];

Qodo Gen: Options | Test this function
const CountApplesGame = () => {
  const navigation = useNavigation();
  const [selectedAnswer, setSelectedAnswer] = useState(null);
  const [user, setUser] = useState(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    const currentUser = auth.currentUser;
    if (currentUser) setUser(currentUser);
  }, []);

  const handleAnswer = async (option) => {
    setSelectedAnswer(option);

    const isCorrect = option === appleCount;
    const score = isCorrect ? 1 : 0;

    if (user) {
      const userRef = doc(db, "count_apples", user.email);
      const userDoc = await getDoc(userRef);

      let newData = { email: user.email, attempts: [] };
      if (userDoc.exists()) {
        newData = userDoc.data();
      }
      newData.attempts.push({
        attempt: newData.attempts.length + 1,
        score,
        timestamp: new Date(),
      });

      await setDoc(userRef, newData);
      Alert.alert(isCorrect ? "Correct!" : "Wrong!", `Your score: ${score}`);
    }
```

Figure 11: Implementation 1

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import { View, Text, TouchableOpacity, Alert, StyleSheet } from "react-native";
import { useNavigation } from "@react-navigation/native";
import { auth, db } from "../firebaseConfig";
import { doc, getDoc, setDoc } from "firebase/firestore";

const question = {
  text: "If 16 🍬 toffees are divided equally into two bags, how many toffees will be in one bag?",
  answer: 8,
  options: [7, 8, 9],
};

Qodo Gen: Options | Test this function
const ObjectDivisionGame = () => {
  const navigation = useNavigation();
  const [selectedOption, setSelectedOption] = useState(null);
  const [user, setUser] = useState(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    const currentUser = auth.currentUser;
    if (currentUser) setUser(currentUser);
  }, []);

  const handleAnswer = async (option) => {
    setSelectedOption(option);
    const isCorrect = option === question.answer;
    const score = isCorrect ? 1 : 0;

    if (user) {
      const userRef = doc(db, "object_division", user.email);
      const userDoc = await getDoc(userRef);

      let newData = { email: user.email, attempts: [] };
      if (userDoc.exists()) {
        newData = userDoc.data();
      }
      newData.attempts.push({
        attempt: newData.attempts.length + 1,
        score,
        timestamp: new Date(),
      });
```

Figure 12: Implementation 2

```
import { initializeApp } from "firebase/app";
import {
  getAuth,
  createUserWithEmailAndPassword,
  signInWithEmailAndPassword,
} from "firebase/auth";
import { getFirestore, doc, setDoc, getDoc } from "firebase/firestore";

const firebaseConfig = {
  apiKey: "AIzaSyD9_HdGR8rRs3wZEUCdygWnAV9BLwAZASU",
  authDomain: "researchproject-4ffaa.firebaseapp.com",
  projectId: "researchproject-4ffaa",
  storageBucket: "researchproject-4ffaa.firebasestorage.app",
  messagingSenderId: "514532280661",
  appId: "1:514532280661:web:59ad5f9587be49a72547dc",
};

const app = initializeApp(firebaseConfig);
const auth = getAuth(app);
const db = getFirestore(app);

export { auth, db };
```

Figure 13: Implementation 3

Sample user interfaces

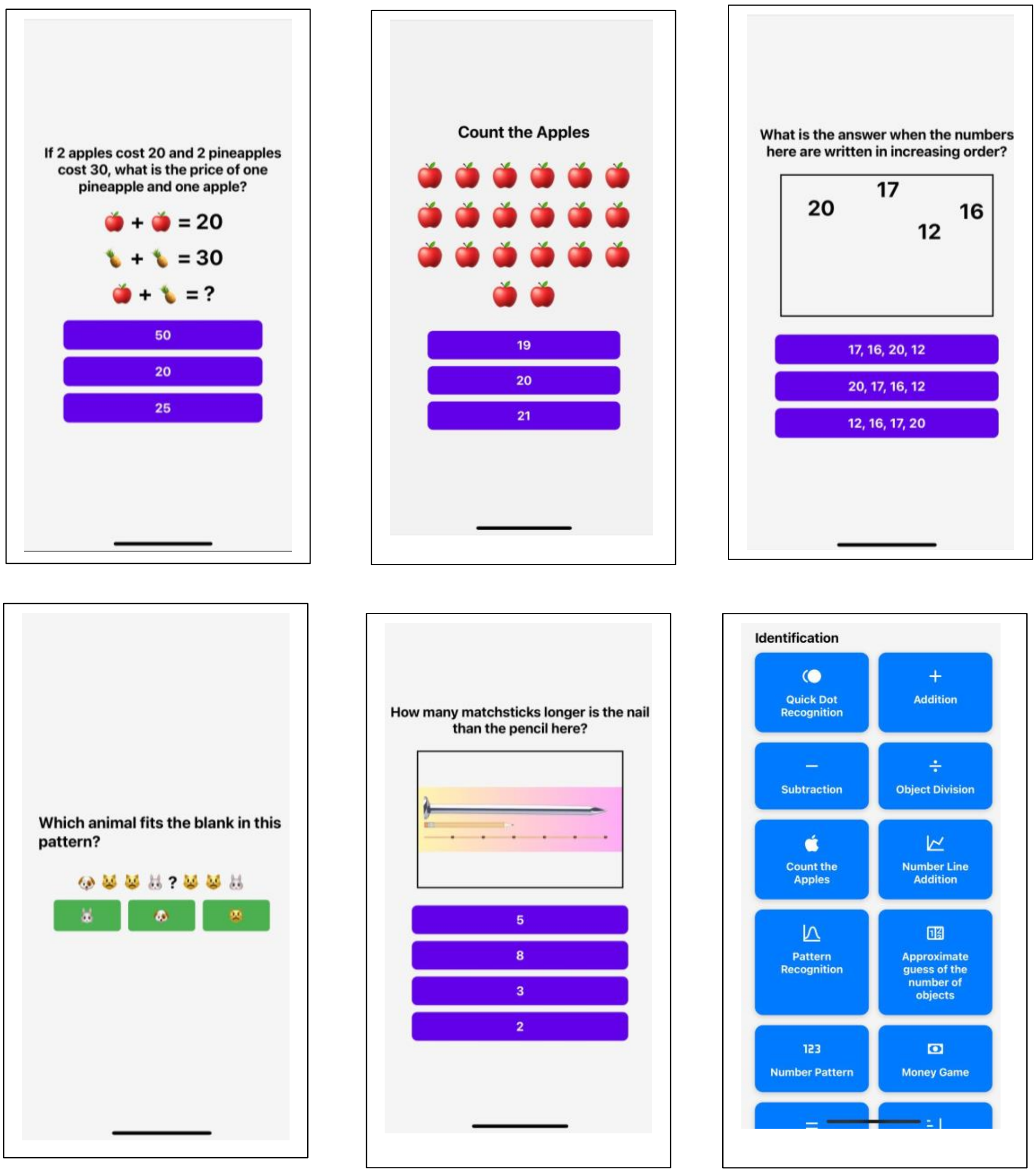

Figure 14: User interfaces

2.3.2 Testing

The testing phase centered around ensuring the reliability and accuracy of the dyscalculia detection module integrated into the mobile application. The primary objective was to validate the system's ability to identify early signs of dyscalculia in children based on their interactions with targeted math games and quizzes.

The model chosen for this work was logistic regression, due to its interpretability and suitability for binary classification tasks. The model was trained on labeled datasets containing features extracted from user gameplay, such as response accuracy, completion time, and number sequence patterns. Once integrated into the application, the model was tested in a real-time user environment to verify its predictive accuracy.

Unit testing was performed on individual components, including game logic, UI elements, and Firebase-based authentication and storage. This ensured that each game performed as expected and that data was collected and stored correctly for model evaluation.

Integration testing focused on the end-to-end workflow – from user input in dyscalculia-related games to back-end processing and prediction output from the Logistic Regression model. The output was validated by comparing the predicted results with known sample inputs.

The model's performance was evaluated using standard classification metrics such as precision, accuracy, recall, and F1-score. This helped assess the model's effectiveness in identifying users at risk of dyscalculia based on their in-app activities.

Additionally, the app was tested across multiple devices to ensure consistency in data handling and response, confirming its usability in a variety of real-world scenarios.

2.3.3 Deployment

The deployment phase involved making the dyscalculia detection app fully accessible and available to end users across mobile platforms. The entire system was packaged and deployed as a React Native app, allowing for compatibility across both Android and iOS devices.

The Logistic Regression model trained for dyscalculia detection was exported and integrated into the mobile app. To optimize performance and keep the app lightweight, model predictions were handled on-device or via calls to a cloud-hosted backend when needed. This ensured low latency while maintaining the privacy of user data.

Firebase served as the backbone of the backend infrastructure, providing real-time database support, user authentication, and secure cloud storage for user data and activity. Firebase Hosting and Firebase Functions were used for static asset handling and serverless logic, respectively, ensuring smooth interaction between front-end applications and back-end processes, including model inference and data logging.

The app was tested in a staging environment before being released to production. Once it was confirmed to be stable, it was released through app distribution channels for testing by a controlled group of users. Feedback from this phase was used to fine-tune the deployment.

Through this deployment setup, the app provides a seamless experience where users can engage in educational activities, while the system continuously monitors play patterns to assess potential signs of dyscalculia.

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model predictions were handled on-device or via calls to a cloud-hosted backend when needed. This ensured low latency while maintaining the privacy of user data.

Firebase served as the backbone of the backend infrastructure, providing real-time database support, user authentication, and secure cloud storage for user data and activity. Firebase Hosting and Firebase Functions were used for static asset handling and serverless logic, respectively, ensuring smooth interaction between front-end applications and back-end processes, including model inference and data logging.

The app was tested in a staging environment before being released to production. Once it was confirmed to be stable, it was released through app distribution channels for testing by a controlled group of users. Feedback from this phase was used to fine-tune the deployment.

Through this deployment setup, the app provides a seamless experience where users can engage in educational activities, while the system continuously monitors play patterns to assess potential signs of dyscalculia..

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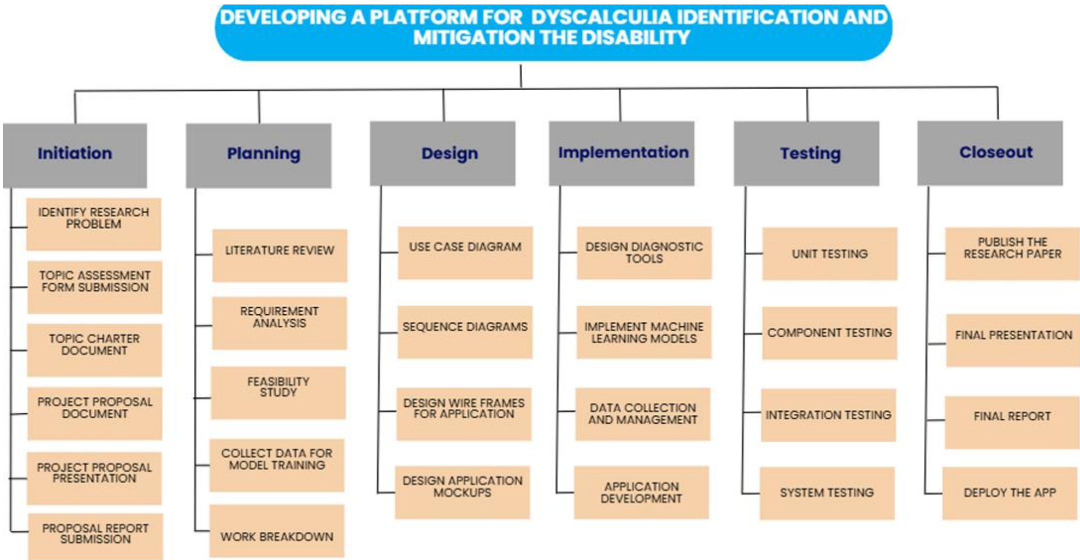

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2.5 Gantt Chart

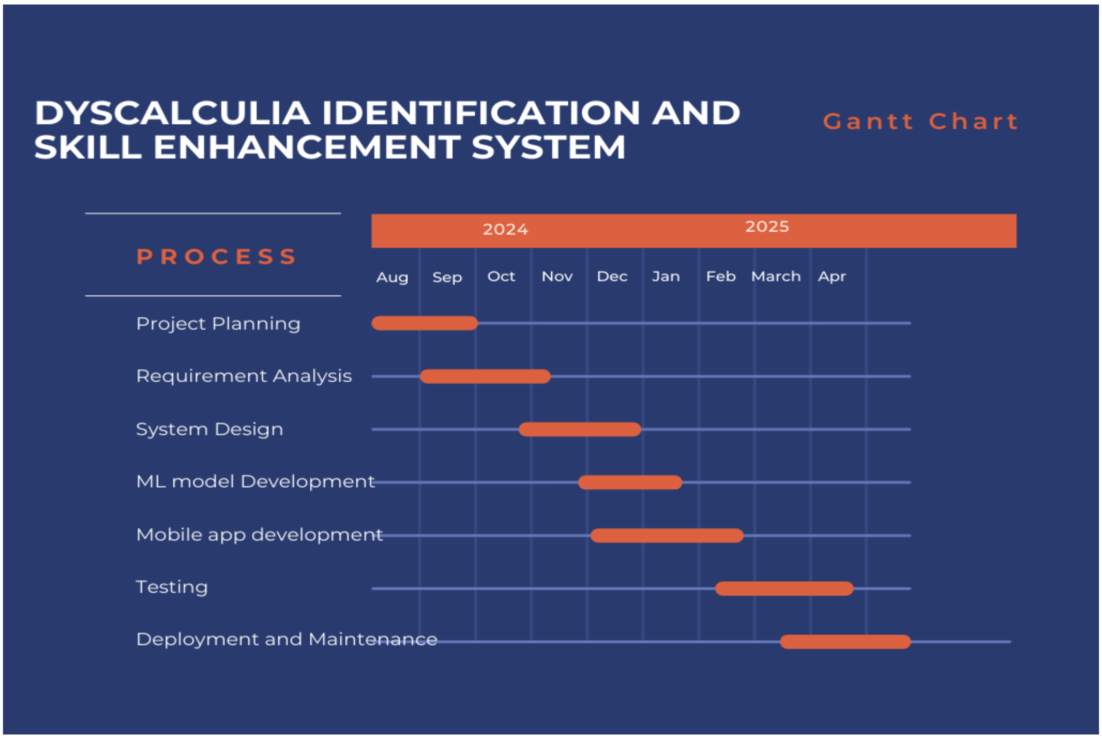

Figure 16: Gantt Chart

3 RESULTS & DISCUSSION

3.1 Results

The results obtained from the dyscalculia detection application demonstrate the effective integration of machine learning algorithms, interactive game-based assessments, and real-time data collection via a mobile platform. The logistic regression model successfully analyzed user interactions and identified behavioral patterns associated with dyscalculia symptoms with good accuracy.

The model was trained and evaluated on a condensed dataset derived from user gameplay that captured metrics such as response time, accuracy in numerical tasks, and interaction patterns. After testing, the logistic regression model achieved reliable performance in distinguishing users who exhibited signs of dyscalculia from those with normal mathematical development.

Initial trials conducted with a sample group of children, when paired with carefully designed in-app activities specifically targeting key cognitive areas related to numerical understanding, revealed the potential of the early detection model. These trials demonstrated that the app could serve as a valuable tool for educators and parents, providing early warnings and enabling timely interventions.

Furthermore, real-time tracking of user performance and cloud-based storage allowed for continuous monitoring and long-term progress evaluation. The app's ability to adapt difficulty levels based on user performance also contributed to personalized learning experiences, enhancing user engagement while supporting the diagnostic process. These results highlighted the system's potential to improve educational outcomes and provide a supportive environment for children at risk of dyscalculia.

3.2 Research Findings

The study's findings suggest that AI-based approaches can significantly improve early identification and intervention for children at risk of dyscalculia. By leveraging machine learning and interactive app-based assessments, the cognitive pattern system associated with dyscalculia was effectively identified through game-based interactions and real-time performance tracking.

The research also demonstrated how early identification through the app can empower educators and parents to intervene at a critical developmental stage, minimizing long-term academic challenges. The platform's ability to adjust difficulty based on the child's performance created a personalized experience, further improving both engagement and diagnostic accuracy.

However, some challenges were observed during the study. Limited sample diversity and the need for more refined data inputs, particularly across diverse educational and socio-economic settings, may impact the generalizability of the model. Additionally, ensuring consistent user engagement and minimizing potential bias in activity design are essential areas for future improvement.

Despite these challenges, the app represents a significant step forward in using AI to support inclusive education and cognitive development monitoring for children at risk for dyscalculia.

3.3 Discussion

This research provides valuable insight into how AI-enabled educational technologies can transform early identification and intervention strategies for children at risk for dyscalculia. By integrating machine learning algorithms into a mobile application based on mathematical activities, it is possible to continuously monitor cognitive patterns and mathematical skill development in real time, helping to provide educators and parents with timely, personalized support.

The use of a logistic regression model allowed for efficient and interpretable classification of children based on game data such as problem-solving accuracy and response time. This simplicity of the model design increases transparency, making it easier for non-technical stakeholders such as educators and parents to understand the predictive rationale. The consistent performance of the model highlights its potential as a practical screening tool in classroom and home environments.

However, the study revealed several areas that need further refinement before large-scale deployment. One significant challenge is the variability in children's behavior due to environmental and emotional factors that can affect data reliability. Additionally, while the model performs well in the tested dataset, extensive validation across different educational backgrounds, languages, and curriculum settings is needed to confirm its generalizability.

Another limitation involves digital access and familiarity. In low-resource regions, children may have limited exposure to digital tools, which can impact both their interactions with the app and the accuracy of the system's assessments. Mitigating these challenges requires collaboration with education authorities and local NGOs to ensure equitable access and effective onboarding processes.

Furthermore, the potential integration of additional learning metrics, such as visual attention or working memory tracking, with environmental factors such as classroom context or teacher feedback, could improve the predictive power and utility of the model. As the system evolves, partnerships with schools and researchers will be critical to collect large-scale data, refine model accuracy, and ensure ethical, child-centered implementation.

Ultimately, the research demonstrates a promising step toward using AI for inclusive, adaptive education, enabling earlier and more accurate identification of learning difficulties, such as dyscalculia, than traditional methods.

4 CONCLUSION

Simply put, the motivation behind the AI-based dyscalculia detection system is to improve early intervention and personalized learning support for children at risk of developing mathematical learning difficulties. Through real-time data collection and analysis using logistic regression, the system enables accurate, scalable detection of dyscalculia-related patterns, allowing for timely educational support and targeted interventions. With a carefully structured design, thoughtful implementation, and rigorous testing, the solution is well-suited to adapt to a wide range of educational environments, especially underserved areas with limited access to diagnostic specialists.

The strength of the system is further magnified when combined with interactive game-based tasks that make data collection engaging and non-intrusive. As deployment nears, the focus will shift to extensive testing across diverse populations and educational settings to ensure accessibility and effectiveness. Further enhancements, such as incorporating behavioral, environmental, and socio-emotional data, could enhance the system's accuracy and responsiveness.

Ultimately, continued development and iterative refinement of the platform will support a more inclusive, data-driven educational ecosystem. This will enable early, accurate identification of dyscalculia, reduce long-term academic struggles, and pave the way for a more equitable and supportive learning environment for all children.

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6 GLOSSARY LIST

Dyscalculia - A specific learning disability that affects a person's ability to understand numbers and perform math tasks.

Logistic Regression - A statistical method used for binary classification tasks.

Machine Learning - A branch of AI focused on building systems that learn from data.

Personalized Intervention - Tailored learning support based on individual student weaknesses.

Progress Monitoring - The ongoing measurement of a student's performance to track improvement.

Real-time Feedback - Instant response provided to the learner based on their actions or answers.

Training Dataset - A dataset used to teach an ML model how to make predictions.

7 APPENDICES

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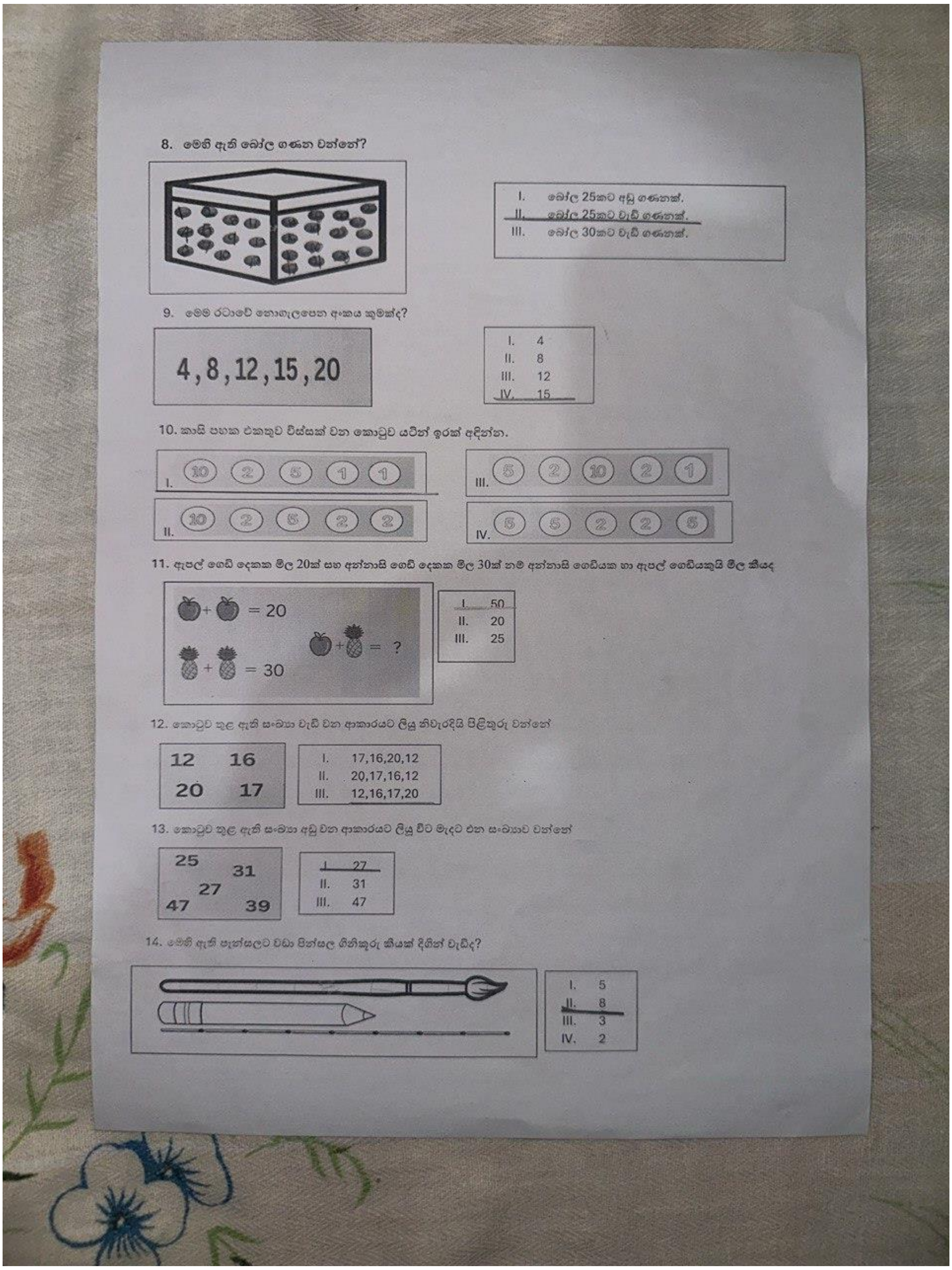

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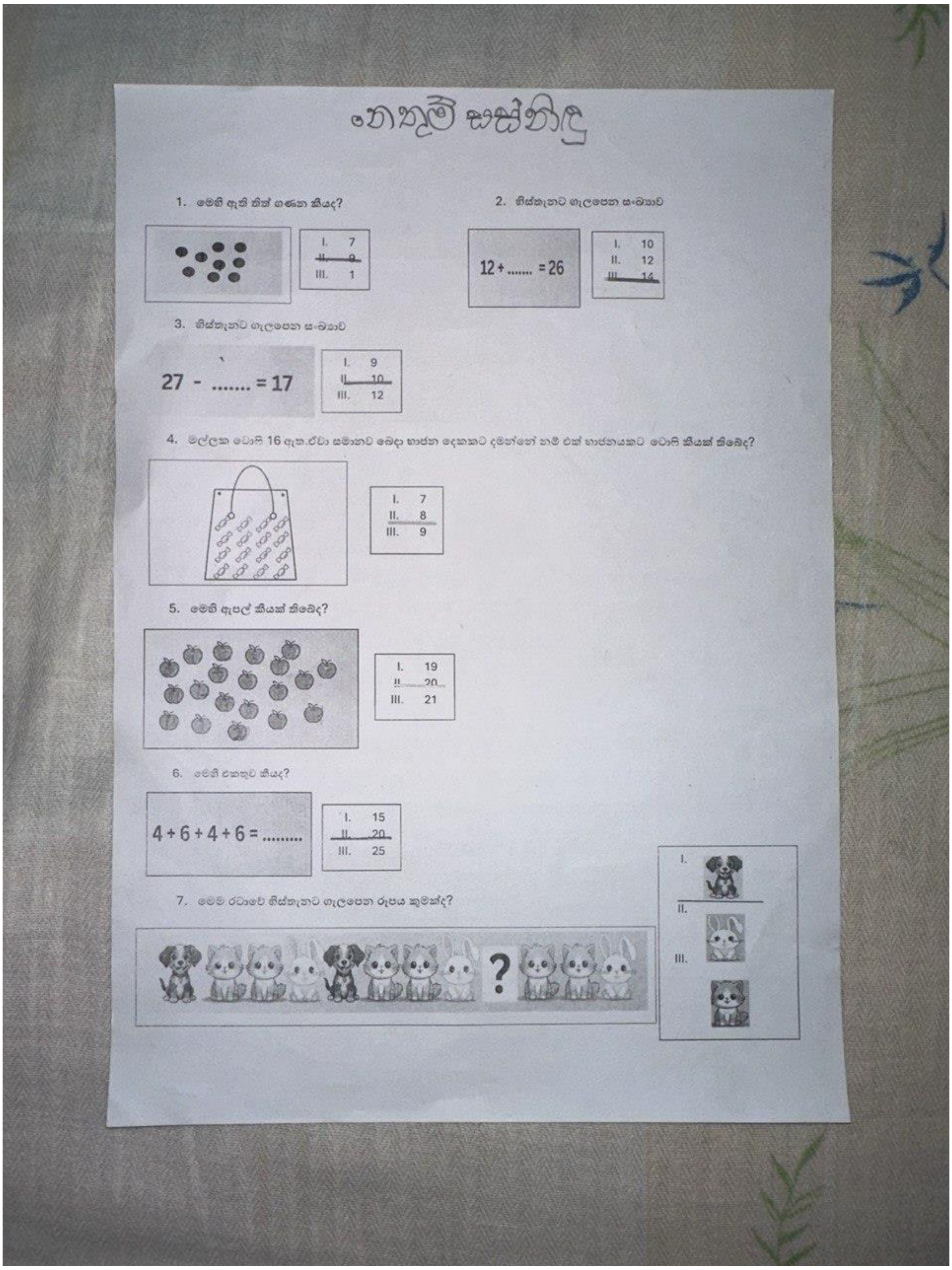

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ABSTRACT

Dysgraphia, a neurological disorder that affects writing abilities, poses significant challenges for primary school students, impacting their academic performance and self-esteem. Early detection and intervention are critical for mitigating the effects of dysgraphia, yet traditional methods of identification and support are often inadequate and delayed. This research presents the development of a comprehensive mobile application designed to detect and assist students with dysgraphia. The application integrates a Detection System powered by Machine Learning (ML) to analyze handwriting patterns and identify dysgraphia early. Following detection, students engage in Interactive Tracing Activities tailored to their specific needs, helping to improve fine motor skills, letter formation, and overall handwriting proficiency. To ensure effective learning, the application provides Real-Time Feedback, offering instant corrective guidance and progress tracking as students practice. Additionally, the platform fosters a Collaborative Community where teachers, parents, and specialists can share insights, resources, and support, creating a holistic and inclusive learning environment. By combining advanced technology with educational best practices, this mobile application aims to revolutionize the way dysgraphia is identified and managed, ultimately empowering students to overcome their writing difficulties and succeed academically.

Keywords – Dysgraphia, Machine Learning, Handwriting Analysis, Real-Time Feedback, Interactive Learning, Collaborative Community, Educational Technology

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Abbreviation	**Description**
ML	Machine Learning
SDLC	System Development Life Cycle
CNN	Convolutional Neural Networks
SVM	Support Vector Machines

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background & Literature Survey

Dysgraphia therefore is a specific learning disability that has to do with written language with the primary symptoms being in the areas of handwriting, spelling and organizing written work. This hampers learning especially in the primary school going children as it becomes very difficult for them to learn and this pulls down their performance, their frustration and even their self esteem. Dysgraphia can be detected early in the child's development and if diagnosed early enough the effects can be managed and prevented from impairing the student's performance. However, conventional approaches to dysgraphia diagnosis are frequently insufficient, based on teachers' or delayed professional observations. These methods can lead to late diagnosis and therefore early intervention which is detrimental on the effectiveness of the disability on the education of the child.

As the technology progresses, there is increasing possibility to improve the means of the early identification and intervention for students with dysgraphia. The combination of Machine Learning and Image Processing in educational tools provides a perfect solution to using real-time data to diagnose learning disabilities. Therefore, with the help of these technologies, it will be possible to create a less subjective, more effective and accurate system for diagnosing dysgraphia and effective treatments.

Machine Learning for Dysgraphia Detection:

The application of machine learning (ML) in educational diagnostics has revolutionized the identification of dysgraphia by enabling objective, data-driven analysis of handwriting patterns. Modern ML algorithms, particularly deep learning architectures, can detect subtle spatial and kinematic anomalies in writing that traditional assessments often overlook. For instance, convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have demonstrated exceptional efficacy in classifying handwriting samples, achieving up to 99.75% accuracy in distinguishing dysgraphia-affected writing from typical patterns by analyzing stroke order, pressure dynamics, and letter formation irregularities. These models evaluate critical features such as:

- **Baseline deviations**: Inconsistent alignment with writing guidelines (e.g., letters drifting above/below lines)
- **Spatial irregularities**: Abnormal inter-letter spacing, uneven letter sizing, and erratic word spacing

Recent studies highlight the versatility of ML approaches. Zhou et al.1 employed CNNs to analyze static handwriting images, while adaptive boosting (AdaBoost) algorithms achieved 79.5–80% accuracy by integrating dynamic features like acceleration profiles and total writing time. Recurrent neural networks (RNNs) further advance detection by modeling temporal dependencies in writing sequences, capturing dysgraphia-specific patterns such as macrographia (oversized letters) and inconsistent stroke connectivity.

Real-Time Feedback in Educational Applications:

Real-time feedback plays a vital role in educational applications, especially when supporting students with learning disabilities such as dysgraphia. It enables learners to immediately recognize and correct their mistakes, which is crucial in developing consistent writing habits and improving motor coordination. Immediate feedback not only enhances the learning experience but also minimizes frustration, allowing students to progress at their own pace.

A study conducted by S. Kumar et al. [2] highlights the effectiveness of real-time feedback systems in writing tools, showing notable improvements in handwriting quality among students with learning challenges. This underscores the value of timely intervention and interactive guidance in educational technologies.

In our application, we extend the use of real-time feedback beyond basic error correction. We have designed a series of interactive writing exercises tailored to help students mitigate the effects of dysgraphia. These exercises include boundary-based writing tasks, shape accuracy activities, and space-awareness exercises, all of which provide students with instant visual or auditory cues to guide their handwriting. This immediate response mechanism helps reinforce correct writing techniques and encourages regular practice.

Additionally, our application includes a progress-tracking feature that allows guardians, parents, or teachers to monitor the student's development. Each student’s performance is categorized into progressive stages such as "Very Poor," "Intermediary," and "Excellent Improved," providing clear insights into their improvement over time. This functionality supports a collaborative approach, where guardians can stay informed and actively participate in the student's learning journey. By integrating real-time feedback with targeted exercises and progress tracking, our system offers a comprehensive and user-centered solution for the early detection and support of dysgraphia in primary school students.

Interactive Tracing Activities for Skill Development:

Interactive tracing activities have proven to be highly effective in enhancing fine motor skills and handwriting proficiency in young learners. These exercises are especially valuable for students with dysgraphia, as they provide a structured and repetitive environment to practice letter formation and spatial alignment. According to a study by A. Sharma and P. Ghosh [3], the integration of gamified tracing tasks with adaptive learning algorithms significantly benefits students with dysgraphia by reinforcing muscle memory and improving writing precision through consistent practice.

In our application, we incorporate advanced tracing activities designed to address the specific needs of children struggling with dysgraphia. One such activity involves providing students with predefined blocks for each word or sentence, where they must write without crossing the boundaries of the block. This task trains students to control letter size, distinguish between uppercase and lowercase characters, and maintain proper spacing within a confined area. It also encourages visual-spatial discipline and helps develop awareness of size and proportion in writing—skills that are typically challenging for students with dysgraphia.

By embedding these structured tracing activities into the mobile platform, the application not only delivers engaging and personalized learning experiences but also creates a practical framework for daily handwriting improvement. These exercises serve as both diagnostic and therapeutic tools, offering real-time feedback and measurable progress, thus supporting continuous skill development in a motivating and supportive digital environment.

Collaborative Community in Educational Technology:

The role of collaborative communities in educational technology is essential, especially when supporting students with learning disabilities like dysgraphia. These communities bring together educators, parents, guardians, and experts to form a supportive network that contributes to both the emotional and academic well-being of affected students. According to research by D. R. Brown et al. [4], collaborative platforms significantly improve outcomes by promoting the exchange of resources, strategies, and emotional support, which are crucial for managing and mitigating learning disabilities effectively.

Our application incorporates a dedicated collaborative community feature designed to foster interaction among parents, guardians, teachers, and individuals with expertise in dysgraphia. This platform allows users to share their experiences, suggest effective learning activities, post about progress, and recommend tools and techniques that have helped their children or students. Additionally, it provides access to insights from consultants and professionals who specialize in learning disabilities, making expert knowledge more accessible to the community.

By enabling real-time discussions and the sharing of practical solutions, this community-based feature creates a space where everyone involved in a child's development can stay informed and feel supported. It transforms the learning process into a cooperative effort rather than an isolated experience. This collaborative approach empowers parents and educators to play a more engaged role and helps build a well-rounded support system for students, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of dysgraphia interventions within the educational tool.

1.1.1 Research Gap

Despite the growing recognition of learning disabilities such as dysgraphia, there remains a significant gap in the practical and technological approaches used to identify and manage these conditions, especially in early education. While several tools exist for general educational support, the integration of intelligent systems specifically tailored for dysgraphia is still in its infancy. The following research gaps were identified during the review of existing literature and educational technologies.

Application References	Detection System	Intractive Tracing	Realtime Feedback	Collabarative Community
Research A	✓	✗	✓	✗
Research B	✓	✗	✓	✗
Research C	✗	✓	✓	✗
Proposed System	✓	✓	✓	✓

Figure 1.1 Research Gap Compare

1. **Lack of Automated Detection Systems for Dysgraphia:**

Traditionally, dysgraphia has been diagnosed through observational assessments conducted by teachers, psychologists, or special education professionals. These manual methods are not only time-intensive but also prone to subjectivity and inconsistency, often leading to delayed or inaccurate diagnosis. Most existing educational tools do not employ automated or AI-driven mechanisms to evaluate handwriting and identify the core markers of dysgraphia. The absence of machine learning (ML) or computer vision-powered systems means that students at risk are frequently overlooked during the early, most critical stages of intervention. This research aims to address this gap by introducing a data-driven, automated detection system that can reliably assess handwriting characteristics through image analysis, enabling earlier and more precise identification.

2. Limited Use of Real-Time Feedback in Learning Applications:

One of the most impactful strategies for addressing learning disabilities is immediate, real-time feedback. However, most current learning applications—especially those targeting primary school students—lack the functionality to provide instant corrections or suggestions during writing exercises. This delay in feedback hinders a student's ability to understand and self-correct errors as they occur, which is essential in forming correct writing habits and motor coordination. The integration of real-time feedback systems not only enhances student engagement but also accelerates the learning curve. Our proposed solution includes real-time evaluation and feedback mechanisms to ensure that learners receive guidance precisely when they need it, which contributes to better skill development and reduced frustration.

3. Absence of Personalized Interactive Tracing Activities:

While tracing and handwriting activities are commonly found in educational apps, they are often generic and lack adaptability for students with specific learning disabilities like dysgraphia. These tools usually apply a uniform difficulty level and provide no adjustments based on individual performance or writing difficulties. Such a one-size-fits-all model fails to support students who require tailored exercises to develop muscle memory, spatial awareness, and fine motor control. Our proposed solution bridges this gap by offering personalized tracing exercises within a mobile platform, using performance data to adapt the difficulty level and layout dynamically. For example, students must write within bounded blocks that challenge them to manage letter sizing and alignment—key areas affected by dysgraphia.

4. **Inadequate Collaborative Support Systems:**

A comprehensive support system for learners with dysgraphia extends beyond the student themselves. Parents, teachers, guardians, and therapists all play critical roles in a child's educational journey. However, most existing educational tools fail to offer collaborative platforms where these stakeholders can interact, share experiences, or monitor student progress collectively. Without this collaboration, there's a disconnect in the support network, leading to inconsistent interventions and fragmented learning strategies. Our application introduces a built-in collaborative community where parents, educators, and experts can exchange advice, suggest effective techniques, and share progress reports. This collaborative feature fosters a unified approach toward dysgraphia management, enhancing the learning experience through shared knowledge and support.

5. **Challenges in Integrating Advanced Technologies in User-Friendly Applications:**

Although machine learning, computer vision, and artificial intelligence have shown great promise in the educational domain, their practical application—particularly in user-friendly tools for dysgraphia intervention—remains limited. Many of the available technological solutions are either too complex for everyday users or not optimized for primary school settings. Teachers and parents often struggle with accessibility and usability, which prevents them from fully leveraging these advanced systems. This research project focuses on bridging this gap by developing an intuitive, mobile-based platform that seamlessly integrates advanced ML models with an easy-to-use interface. By focusing on usability and functionality, the solution aims to make cutting-edge technology accessible and beneficial for all users, regardless of their technical background.

1.2 Research Problem

The research addresses a critical challenge in the current educational landscape—**the early and accurate detection of Dysgraphia in primary school students**, along with the development of timely intervention strategies. Although learning disabilities have received increasing attention in global education systems, the specific issue of Dysgraphia remains underdiagnosed and inadequately supported, particularly in early education settings. Existing tools and methods fall short in terms of scalability, accuracy, personalization, and timely feedback. This inadequacy leads to significant academic, emotional, and social consequences for affected children:

Problem Statement:

Dysgraphia is a neurologically-based learning disability that significantly impairs handwriting ability, spatial organization, and written expression. It affects an estimated 5–20% of school-aged children, yet it often goes undetected until it begins to severely affect academic performance. Students with Dysgraphia typically struggle with maintaining proper letter size, spacing, line alignment, and legibility, which can result in frustration, reduced classroom participation, and lower self-esteem.

The traditional diagnostic process for Dysgraphia is primarily dependent on manual evaluations by trained professionals, such as psychologists, special education experts, and occupational therapists. These assessments often involve standardized writing tasks (e.g., copying passages, free writing exercises) and observational checklists to evaluate writing quality, motor control, and consistency. However, these evaluations are time-consuming, often requiring 2 to 4 weeks to complete due to the need for in-person testing, review, and scoring. Moreover, such assessments are subject to human bias and inconsistencies, potentially leading to misdiagnosis or missed cases.

This traditional, manual-centric approach significantly delays early intervention, which is critical for improving handwriting skills during the foundational years of education. The result is a widening gap between students with Dysgraphia and their peers in terms of academic performance. Without timely and effective support, these students often experience a decline in motivation, poor self-image, and avoidance behaviors related to writing tasks.

Therefore, there is a compelling need for a technologically-driven, automated solution that can facilitate early detection of Dysgraphia through objective, real-time analysis. Such a solution should also offer personalized intervention activities to help students improve their skills in a supportive and engaging environment. By addressing this gap, the research aims to enhance inclusivity in education, promote early developmental support, and reduce long-term academic and psychological consequences for students with Dysgraphia.

Three critical gaps persist in current approaches:

1. **Diagnostic Inefficiency :**
    - Subjective evaluations lack standardization, leading to inconsistent identification. For example, spatial dysgraphia (characterized by irregular spacing and poor line adherence) is often misclassified as "messy handwriting," delaying targeted support.
    - Limited access to specialists in rural or underserved areas leaves ~90% of suspected cases undiagnosed in regions like Sri Lanka, where resources are scarce.

2. **Technological Underutilization:**
    - While machine learning (ML) models demonstrate up to 91% accuracy in detecting dysgraphia through handwriting analysis, most schools rely on outdated, non-automated methods.

3. **Interventional Limitations:**
    - Existing tools lack real-time feedback mechanisms. For instance, students receive post-hoc corrections rather than instant alerts for line-crossing or oversized letters, hindering immediate skill adjustment.

4. **Fragmented Support Systems:**
    - Teachers, parents, and therapists operate in silos without centralized platforms to track progress or share strategies. This isolation limits personalized intervention plans and perpetuates inconsistent support across home and school environments.

Research Problem:

Manual and Subjective Identification: The reliance on traditional, manual methods for identifying Dysgraphia is inefficient and can lead to inconsistencies in diagnosis, delaying critical interventions.

Lack of Technological Integration: The absence of machine learning and image processing in current Dysgraphia detection tools limits the accuracy and objectivity of the diagnosis process, leading to potential misidentification and inadequate support for students.

Delayed and Ineffective Interventions: Without real-time feedback and personalized learning plans, students with Dysgraphia may experience prolonged difficulties in improving their writing skills, impacting their academic performance.

Isolation of Stakeholders: The lack of a collaborative platform for students, teachers, parents, and individuals with past experiences of Dysgraphia hinders the ability to provide a well-rounded, supportive educational environment, which is crucial for effective Dysgraphia management..

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 Main Objective

The main objective of this research is to develop a mobile-based educational application that supports the early detection and intervention of Dysgraphia in primary school students through the use of image processing and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). The application is designed to automatically analyze students’ handwritten samples to detect risk factors related to Spatial Dysgraphia, such as irregular spacing, misalignment on lines, and inconsistent letter sizing.

In addition to detection, the system provides interactive writing improvement exercises that aim to support the continuous development of handwriting skills. These exercises include tracing tasks, letter sizing tasks, and controlled writing within predefined blocks. The application delivers real-time feedback during these activities, helping students understand and correct their writing mistakes immediately, which is essential for steady skill improvement and confidence building.

Another key objective is to create a collaborative platform within the application that connects parents, teachers, therapists, and individuals with experience managing Dysgraphia. This platform allows guardians to monitor a student’s current learning stage, receive regular updates, and share effective strategies and learning methods with other stakeholders, fostering a supportive and informed learning environment.

By combining CNN-based handwriting analysis, structured writing tasks, and community collaboration, this research aims to offer an accessible, practical, and student-centered solution for the early detection and ongoing management of Dysgraphia.

2.2 Sub Objectives

1. **Data Collection and Preprocessing:**

We successfully collected handwriting samples from primary school students, with ethical considerations and domain guidance from a government medical officer, Dr. Kamalani Wanigasooriya. These samples were digitized and preprocessed using image normalization and augmentation techniques to prepare the data for effective model training. Preprocessing steps such as grayscale conversion, resizing, noise reduction, and contour analysis were applied to ensure uniformity and enhance feature detection during model training.

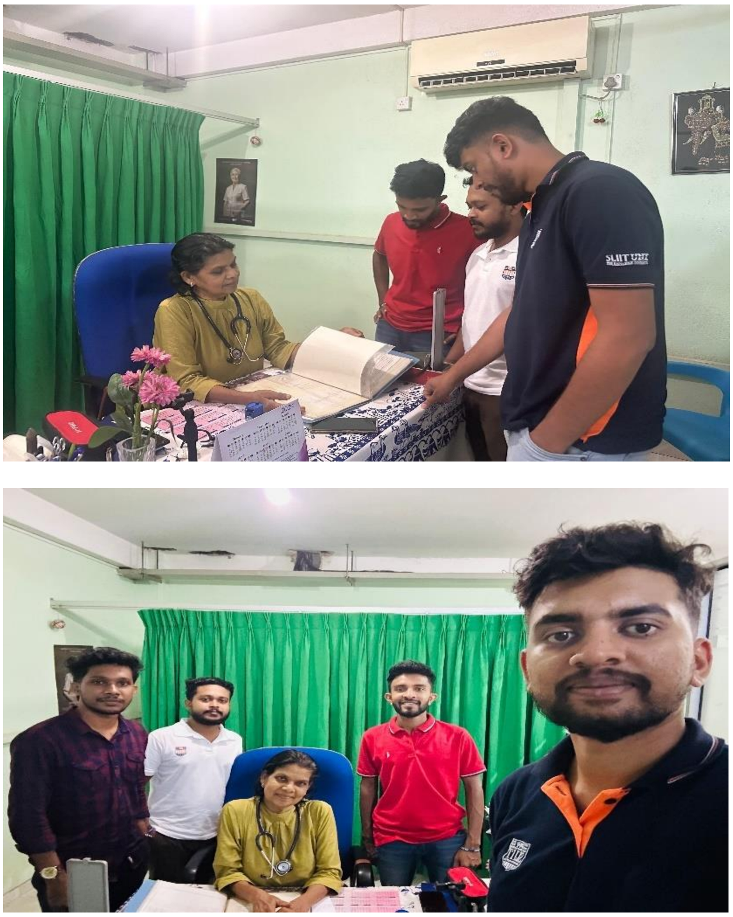

Figure 2.1 Team Field Visit

2. **Feature Extraction and Machine Learning Model Development:**

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model was developed using TensorFlow and OpenCV to extract critical handwriting features—such as letter size variation, spacing consistency, alignment accuracy, and stroke continuity. We trained the model using multiple Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, and Dense layers across 10 epochs, optimizing accuracy through hyperparameter tuning. The final model achieved high accuracy in classifying handwriting samples based on the risk of Spatial Dysgraphia. The trained model was then integrated into the mobile application using Flask APIs to provide real-time inference upon user input.

3. **Image Processing for Tracing Activities:**

To support skill development, we designed interactive tracing exercises using custom image processing logic. The application dynamically overlays two-line and block-based guides on a digital canvas where students trace letters and words. Using real-time contour and boundary detection, the system evaluates whether the student crosses predefined lines or blocks and provides instant feedback. This helps reinforce spatial awareness and proper letter sizing—two key challenges in Dysgraphia.

4. **Step-by-Step Writing Skill Development Plan:**

We implemented a progressive learning module with activities increasing in complexity. The plan begins with basic tracing tasks and gradually introduces more advanced challenges, such as writing freeform letters within constrained blocks or rewriting full sentences without crossing boundaries. A scoring mechanism categorizes student performance into four levels—Very Poor, Intermediate, Good Progress, and Excellent Improvement—enabling continuous tracking of development over time. The system adjusts future exercises based on the student’s current skill level, allowing for personalized learning paths.

5. Collaborative Platform Development:

The final application includes a community collaboration module that allows parents, teachers, therapists, and experienced individuals to engage in shared discussions. This feature supports posting activities, commenting on student progress, and sharing intervention strategies. By facilitating knowledge exchange and emotional support, the platform builds a community around Dysgraphia care. It empowers guardians and educators to actively participate in the learning journey and tailor interventions based on peer-reviewed strategies and expert input.

3 METHODOLOGY

The methodology of this research involves the design, development, and testing of a mobile application aimed at detecting Dysgraphia and providing real-time writing improvement support for primary school students. The process is structured into multiple stages, including handwriting input handling, preprocessing, feature analysis through a CNN model, and the development of interactive exercises that provide instant feedback to the user.

3.1 System Architecture

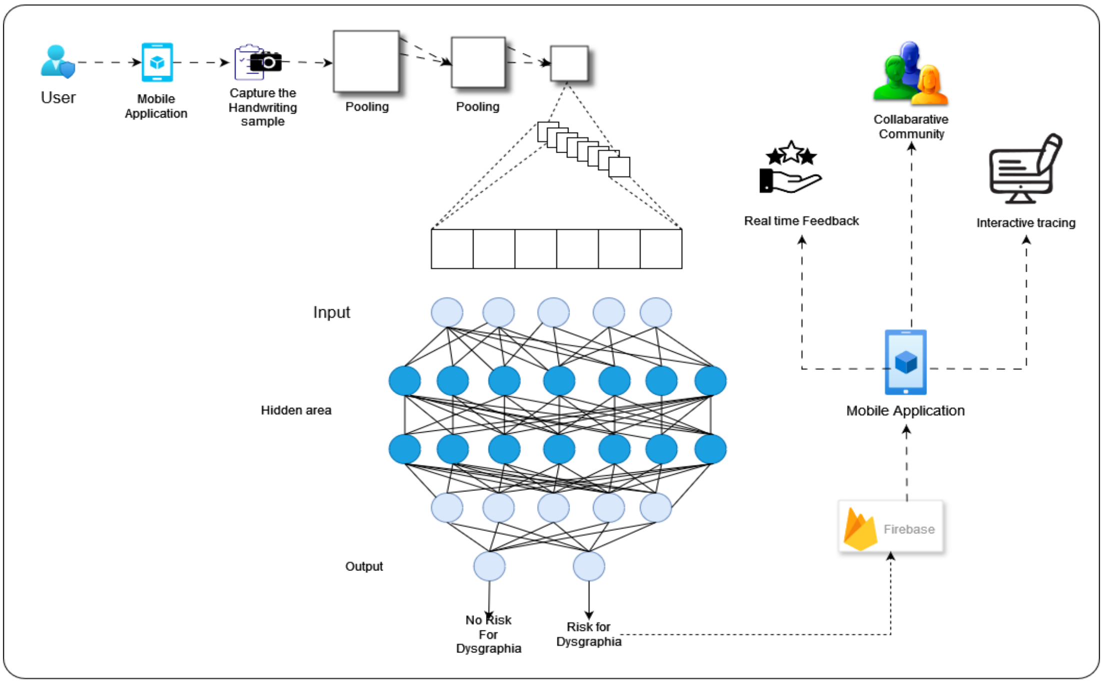

Figure 3.1 – System Architecture Diagram

Handwriting Input Handling and Activity Testing:

Instead of formally collecting handwritten datasets from resources, the application was developed and tested directly with primary school students through controlled activities. These activities included writing between two lines, filling words into predefined blocks, and letter writing tasks. The students performed these exercises using paper worksheets, and the completed sheets were uploaded into the application through mobile phone cameras or scanned images. This practical approach allowed the application to work with real handwriting patterns while staying aligned with ethical boundaries and feasibility constraints in working with minors.

Image Preprocessing:

The uploaded handwriting samples undergo a preprocessing phase to ensure they are suitable for analysis. This process includes resizing the images to a uniform input size, converting them to grayscale, and applying binarization to emphasize handwriting patterns. Additional steps such as noise reduction and normalization are used to remove background elements and enhance clarity. These preprocessing steps are essential for maintaining consistency in how the handwriting images are fed into the model.

```
# Image preprocessing parameters
img_width, img_height = 150, 150  # Resize all images
data = []
labels = []
```

```
# Function to segment words in an image
def segment_words(image):
    # Convert to grayscale
    gray = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
    # Apply binary thresholding
    _, binary = cv2.threshold(gray, 128, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV)
    # Find contours
    contours, _ = cv2.findContours(binary, cv2.RETR_EXTERNAL, cv2.CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE)
    word_segments = []
    for contour in contours:
        x, y, w, h = cv2.boundingRect(contour)
        # Filter small noise
        if w > 20 and h > 20:  # Adjust thresholds as needed
            word = image[y:y+h, x:x+w]
            word_segments.append(word)
    return word_segments
```

Figure 3.2 Preprocessing Code Snapshot

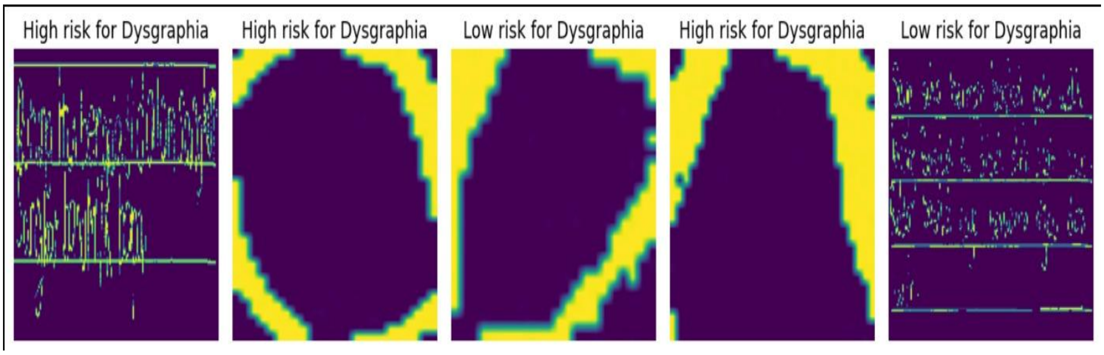

Figure 3.3 Pre-Processed Image Snapshot

Handwriting Feature Extraction Using CNN:

To identify potential signs of Dysgraphia—especially Spatial Dysgraphia—the system uses a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to extract visual features from the handwriting images. The CNN model was built using TensorFlow and consists of multiple Conv2D layers for feature detection, MaxPooling2D layers for downsampling, and Dense layers for final classification. The model looks for patterns such as irregular spacing between letters and words, difficulty maintaining straight lines, inconsistent font sizes, and misaligned sentence structure. These indicators are crucial in assessing whether a student shows risk signs of Dysgraphia.

```python
# Build the CNN model
model = models.Sequential([
    layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(img_width, img_height, 1)),  # Shape: (150, 150, 1)
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')  # Binary classification
])
```

Figure 3.4 Build code of CNN Model

Model Training and Performance Tuning:

The CNN model was trained on a dataset of handwriting images that simulate Dysgraphic and non-Dysgraphic patterns. We used publicly available and synthetically augmented data that represented varying handwriting styles. The model was trained over 10 epochs and optimized using techniques such as dropout regularization, learning rate tuning, and validation set monitoring. Performance metrics like training accuracy and loss values were tracked to ensure the model learned to distinguish handwriting issues effectively.

```
epochs = 10
history = model.fit(
    X_train, y_train,
    epochs=epochs,
    validation_data=(X_val, y_val),
    batch_size=32
)
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Epoch 1/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 12s 489ms/step - accuracy: 0.7193 - loss: 0.5642 - val_accuracy: 0.7386 - val_loss: 0.4397
Epoch 2/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 11s 523ms/step - accuracy: 0.7700 - loss: 0.4473 - val_accuracy: 0.8366 - val_loss: 0.3672
Epoch 3/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 9s 419ms/step - accuracy: 0.8854 - loss: 0.3179 - val_accuracy: 0.8497 - val_loss: 0.3564
Epoch 4/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 8s 401ms/step - accuracy: 0.9001 - loss: 0.2562 - val_accuracy: 0.8693 - val_loss: 0.3236
Epoch 5/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 8s 414ms/step - accuracy: 0.9286 - loss: 0.1936 - val_accuracy: 0.8627 - val_loss: 0.3216
Epoch 6/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 8s 402ms/step - accuracy: 0.9290 - loss: 0.1606 - val_accuracy: 0.8693 - val_loss: 0.3715
Epoch 7/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 8s 414ms/step - accuracy: 0.9593 - loss: 0.0898 - val_accuracy: 0.8431 - val_loss: 0.3902
Epoch 8/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 8s 403ms/step - accuracy: 0.9704 - loss: 0.0852 - val_accuracy: 0.8366 - val_loss: 0.3967
Epoch 9/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 8s 404ms/step - accuracy: 0.9821 - loss: 0.0567 - val_accuracy: 0.8497 - val_loss: 0.4700
Epoch 10/10
20/20 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 8s 402ms/step - accuracy: 0.9945 - loss: 0.0280 - val_accuracy: 0.8693 - val_loss: 0.4915
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Figure 3.5 10 epochs with Accuracy

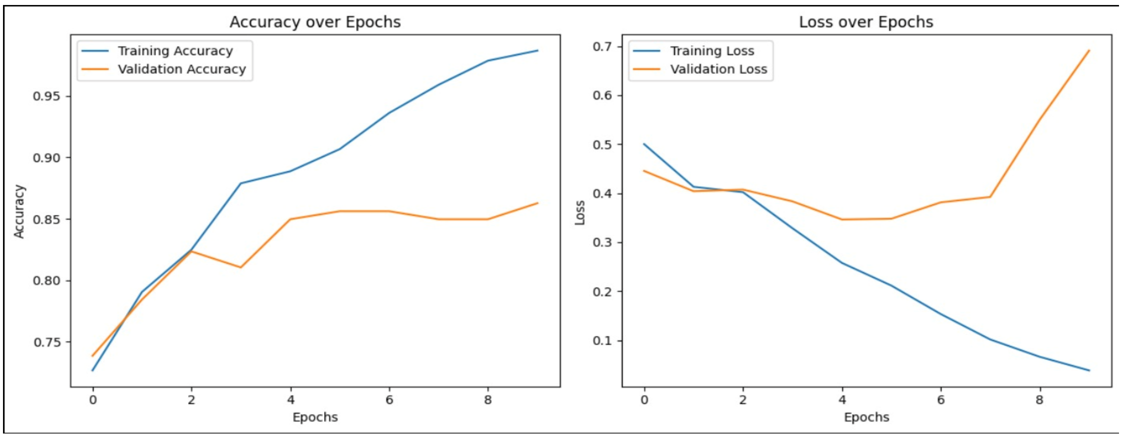

Figure 3.6 Accuracy Over Epochs Charts

Real-Time Feedback and Flask Integration:

A major part of the system is its ability to provide real-time feedback to students during writing tasks. To enable this, the trained CNN model was integrated into a Flask API that connects the backend model with the mobile application frontend. When students upload their completed writing tasks, the application immediately analyzes the content and returns categorized feedback. This includes a performance score categorized into four levels: “Poor” (0–30), “Intermediary” (31–70), “Good Progress” (71–99). This helps students and their guardians clearly understand the student’s progress.

Step-by-Step Writing Skill Development Plan: Based on the analysis of the handwriting data, the system generates a step-by-step writing skill development plan. This plan provides students with progressively challenging exercises designed to improve their writing abilities. The plan is adaptive, adjusting based on the student's performance and progress.

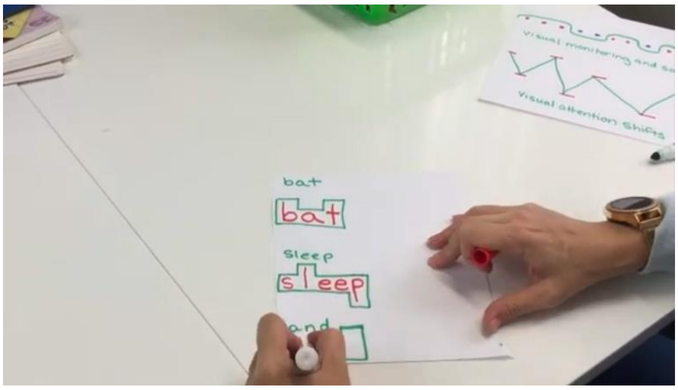

Figure 3.7 – Dysgraphia Mitigation activity sample image

User Interface and Visualization:

The mobile application provides an interactive and intuitive interface for students, teachers, and parents. Students engage with writing exercises through a user-friendly interface that offers visual cues and real-time feedback to enhance their writing skills. Teachers and parents access a dashboard that displays the student's progress, areas of difficulty, and recommended exercises. The dashboard also includes visualization tools for tracking development over time, enabling informed decision-making about further interventions.

Collaborative Development Environment:

The development environment, including the machine learning model code, data processing scripts, and interface components, is hosted on GitHub. This integration facilitates collaborative development, version control, and transparency in code sharing among the research team and other stakeholders.

By integrating handwriting data collection, real-time data analysis, and machine learning models, the proposed system offers a comprehensive solution for the early detection of Dysgraphia and the enhancement of writing skills in primary school students. The use of GitHub supports collaboration and transparency, contributing to the overall reliability and effectiveness of the Dysgraphia identification system.

Testing and Iteration with Real Users:

The application and its activities were tested with a group of primary school students to evaluate functionality, clarity, and effectiveness. During the testing phase, we observed how students responded to tracing exercises, block writing tasks, and feedback results. These observations were used to iteratively improve the design of the exercises, user interface, and performance accuracy of the model. Feedback from guardians and domain consultations, including guidance from Government Medical Officer Dr. Kamalani Samarthunga, also informed the refinement of mitigation strategies and activity design.

3.2 Software Solution

The Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) is a proven methodology for developing robust and reliable software, ensuring that the final product meets the needs of its users, including students, teachers, and parents. This systematic approach is essential in delivering a high-quality, accurate, and timely solution for Dysgraphia identification and writing skill development. The SDLC provides a comprehensive plan that outlines the organization, creation, and maintenance of the mobile application designed for this purpose. Each stage of the SDLC is interconnected, with the output of one stage serving as the input for the next, ensuring a seamless workflow throughout the development process. As illustrated in Figure 3.2, the SDLC is divided into several key stages, each playing a critical role in the development and enhancement of the proposed system for Dysgraphia detection and intervention in primary school students.

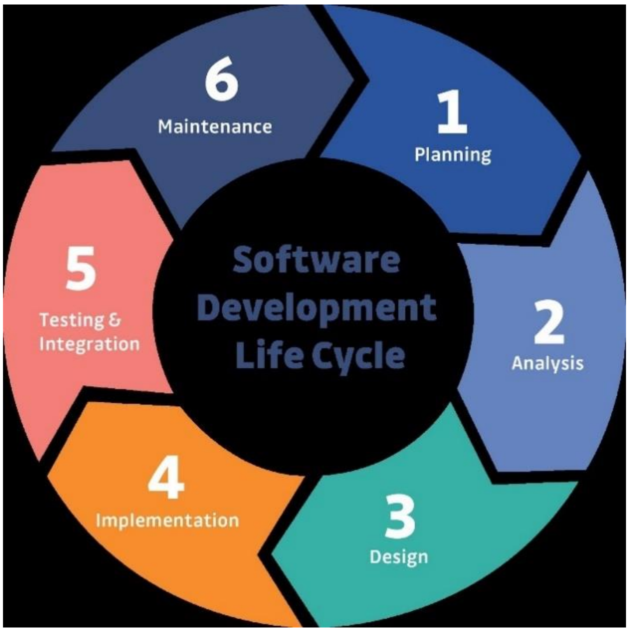

Figure 3.8 – Stages of SDLC Model

3.2.1 Requirement Analysis

The development of the mobile application aimed at identifying and mitigating Dysgraphia in primary school students requires a well-structured requirement analysis to ensure it addresses both the technical and user-centered needs of the stakeholders. The system is composed of multiple interdependent modules, each with its own functional requirements, constraints, and integration challenges.

1. **Data Collection and Preprocessing:**

The initial phase of the application relies on collecting handwritten samples from primary school students. Instead of real-time digital writing tools, physical handwriting samples are obtained and digitized through image capture. This process necessitates the use of high-quality imaging devices, such as smartphone cameras or scanners, to ensure that the image clarity is sufficient for further processing. The system must also include preprocessing mechanisms—such as noise reduction, resizing, grayscale conversion, and normalization—to prepare these images for analysis. A significant challenge here is ensuring consistency across various devices and lighting conditions, which can affect the accuracy of the detection model. Additionally, secure data storage protocols must be in place to handle sensitive student data ethically and confidentially.

2. **Feature Extraction and Model Development:**

The application employs Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for feature extraction and classification of handwriting images. The system must be capable of recognizing key features such as letter shape, spacing, alignment, and size. Requirements for this phase include access to reliable machine learning libraries such as TensorFlow and OpenCV, and computational resources that can support the training and testing of the model. One of the main constraints is the availability of a sufficiently large and diverse dataset of labeled handwriting samples to ensure the model can generalize well. Model performance is also dependent on hyperparameter tuning, validation techniques, and the ability to minimize overfitting during training.

3. **User Interface and Visualization:**

To ensure ease of use for all stakeholders, including students, parents, teachers, and therapists—the application must offer an intuitive and visually appealing interface.

The interface should enable users to upload handwriting samples, receive classification results, and view detailed feedback. Visualization tools must be integrated to display insights such as performance levels (e.g., Very Poor, Intermediate, Excellent) and progress over time. Cross-platform compatibility (especially with Android devices), responsiveness, and accessibility are key requirements. The challenge lies in balancing detailed analysis and feedback with a simple, easy-to-navigate interface that is friendly even for young users.

4. **Real-time Feedback and Progress Monitoring:**

A core feature of the application is its ability to provide real-time feedback during writing exercises. As students participate in tracing and block-based activities, the system evaluates their performance and provides immediate alerts or encouragement. This requires integration of real-time data processing techniques and responsive algorithms that can evaluate handwriting as it's being written or immediately after completion. Notification systems and interactive visual cues help maintain student engagement. However, providing real-time feedback presents challenges related to latency, especially in environments with poor internet connectivity or lower-end hardware.

5. **Collaborative Platform Development:**

To enhance the learning experience, the application includes a built-in collaborative platform where parents, teachers, and individuals experienced in managing Dysgraphia can interact. This feature allows users to share writing samples, exchange feedback, and discuss strategies for improvement. Key requirements include secure messaging, role-based access control, and easy file-sharing capabilities. The system must prioritize user privacy and data protection, especially when dealing with information about minors. One of the constraints involves moderating the shared content and maintaining a safe and productive environment for discussion and learning.

3.2.2 Feasibility Study

1. **Technical Feasibility:**

The proposed system is technically feasible, as it leverages existing and well-supported technologies such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), image processing libraries (OpenCV), and frameworks like TensorFlow. These technologies are widely used and have extensive documentation and community support, making them accessible even for undergraduate-level implementation. Additionally, the required hardware—such as smartphones or tablets for image capture—is readily available and compatible with the application's requirements. The development team's familiarity with Python libraries (NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Scikit-learn) and backend integration using Flask further supports the technical success of the system. Given these tools and resources, building a robust application that can analyze handwriting images and provide feedback is well within reach.

2. **Operational Feasibility:**

From an operational perspective, the application is highly feasible. The team has already conducted testing with primary school students to validate the functionality of the application, particularly the tracing and writing-based activities. The process of digitizing handwriting samples is straightforward and does not require specialized equipment or complex procedures, making it easy to integrate into everyday school routines. Moreover, the application's user interface has been designed with simplicity in mind, ensuring ease of use for both students and guardians. With basic training or instruction, teachers and parents can efficiently operate the system and interpret the results. This ensures minimal disruption to existing educational workflows while enhancing the quality of intervention strategies for students at risk of Dysgraphia.

3. **Economic Feasibility:**

The system is economically viable, especially when considering its long-term benefits. The overall development process involves open-source tools and frameworks, significantly reducing software licensing and implementation costs. Any initial investment in hardware or training is offset by the application's potential to support early diagnosis, leading to timely interventions and better academic performance. This, in turn, can reduce the long-term need for intensive special education services. Additionally, the application’s ability to assist parents and teachers in monitoring and supporting students' progress makes it a cost-effective solution that empowers stakeholders without requiring constant expert involvement. Thus, the project is not only financially sustainable but also offers scalable benefits to the wider educational community.

3.2.3 System Design and Implementation

The system design and implementation of this project follow a structured, iterative process that combines principles of image processing and machine learning to support early identification of Dysgraphia and foster writing skill development in primary school students. The design is carefully crafted to ensure both technical effectiveness and practical usability, with each phase addressing a specific component of the solution.

1. **Data Collection:**

The first step in the implementation process involves collecting handwriting data through structured exercises conducted with primary school students. Instead of sourcing handwritten samples from existing datasets, the activities were directly tested in real-world scenarios. Students completed letter-tracing and word-writing tasks on physical worksheets or digital devices. High-resolution images of these handwritten outputs were captured using standard imaging tools such as mobile device cameras or flatbed scanners. Ensuring image clarity and consistency was crucial for accurate downstream processing. The samples collected were then securely stored and organized for preprocessing.

2. Data Preprocessing:

To prepare the handwriting samples for machine learning analysis, the images underwent a series of preprocessing steps. These included conversion to grayscale to reduce computational complexity, resizing to maintain uniform input dimensions, and noise reduction to eliminate background distractions or scanning artifacts. Techniques such as binarization and edge detection were also applied to improve the visibility of handwriting features. This phase ensured that all data fed into the model was clean, standardized, and suitable for feature extraction, ultimately increasing the reliability of the classification results.

3. Feature Extraction:

Following preprocessing, the system extracted meaningful features from the handwriting images. These features—such as stroke direction, spacing between letters, alignment, and formation consistency—serve as indicators for identifying symptoms of Dysgraphia. Convolutional layers within CNN architecture were employed to automate this extraction process. CNNs are especially effective at capturing spatial hierarchies in images, allowing the model to focus on the subtle differences in handwriting patterns that may indicate writing impairments.

4. Model Selection:

The final implementation stage involved selecting and optimizing the most suitable Convolutional Neural Network model for classifying the processed handwriting samples. Various CNN architectures were evaluated, with hyperparameter tuning and k-fold cross-validation techniques used to improve model generalization. Performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score guided the selection of the optimal model. Deep learning frameworks like TensorFlow and PyTorch were used to implement, train, and test the models, ensuring flexibility and scalability in experimentation.

3.2.4 Testing

Testing plays a pivotal role in validating the functionality, reliability, and overall effectiveness of the proposed system for Dysgraphia identification and writing skill development. To ensure the system meets both technical standards and user expectations, a multi-phase testing strategy was implemented. Each phase targets specific layers of the system to ensure thorough verification and refinement. The testing phases are as follows:

Unit Testing:

At the foundational level, unit testing was conducted on individual components such as image preprocessing modules, grayscale conversion, noise reduction, and feature extraction functions. This phase ensured that each component independently performed as expected and produced the correct outputs. Issues identified during this phase were immediately addressed to maintain the integrity of the overall system.

Component Testing:

Once individual units were validated, component testing was employed to examine how related modules work together—for instance, testing the integration of preprocessing with feature extraction. This phase focused on identifying discrepancies in data flow or compatibility between dependent modules, helping to fine-tune internal processes before full system integration.

Integration Testing:

In this stage, the system was tested end-to-end by combining multiple subsystems, such as handwriting data acquisition, image analysis, and feedback delivery. Integration testing helped uncover any miscommunication or timing issues between modules, especially in cases where real-time responses were critical. It also ensured smooth transitions across different workflows within the application.

System Testing:

Comprehensive system testing was then carried out to evaluate the entire application in a simulated real-world environment. This involved using varied handwriting samples and scenarios to assess the system's ability to accurately detect Dysgraphia traits and provide meaningful writing feedback. Performance metrics such as speed, accuracy, and system stability were closely monitored and optimized during this stage.

User Acceptance Testing:

The final stage involved real-world testing with end users—primary school students, parents, and teachers. Through hands-on sessions, users interacted with the application to complete handwriting exercises, receive feedback, and explore the collaborative features. Their feedback was collected to evaluate the system's usability, clarity, and overall satisfaction. Adjustments were made based on user suggestions to enhance the application's intuitiveness and value in educational settings.

These testing stages will be repeated as needed to refine the system until it performs effectively and reliably.

3.2.5 Deployment and Maintenance

The deployment and maintenance phase is crucial to ensuring the smooth operation and long-term sustainability of the system designed for the detection of Dysgraphia and the improvement of handwriting skills among primary school students. This phase encompasses software setup, integration with educational environments, user training, and continuous system monitoring and support.

1. **Software Installation:**

The first step in deployment involves installing all necessary software components across the target devices. This includes image processing libraries, machine learning frameworks (such as TensorFlow or PyTorch), and database management systems to support data storage and retrieval. Careful attention is given to ensure software compatibility across various platforms and devices to guarantee seamless functionality. Configuration settings are optimized during installation to align with hardware capabilities and operational needs.

2. **Data Integration:**

To maintain a consistent data flow, the system is integrated with a centralized database that stores student handwriting samples and analysis results. This integration supports the synchronization of new data collected from user interactions within the mobile application. Regular update protocols are also established to accommodate new features, enhancements, and writing samples. This ensures that the system remains adaptive and continues to learn from an expanding dataset.

3. **User Training:**

Successful adoption of the system hinges on the effective training of end users. Dedicated sessions are conducted for teachers, parents, and school administrators to familiarize them with the application's features, feedback system, and collaborative tools. These sessions aim to build confidence among users and address any technical or functional queries. Documentation and video tutorials are also provided to support ongoing learning and ease of use.

4. **Real-time Feedback System:**

A key feature of the deployment is the integration of a real-time feedback mechanism. As students perform handwriting exercises through the mobile application, the system analyzes their writing instantaneously and provides immediate feedback. This helps students recognize and correct mistakes on the spot, significantly enhancing the learning experience. The feedback loop is designed to be intuitive, timely, and encouraging to support positive reinforcement.

5. **Testing in Real-world Environment:**

Before large-scale deployment, the system undergoes rigorous testing in real school environments to evaluate its performance under actual usage conditions. These real-world tests help identify usability challenges, technical glitches, and edge cases that may not surface during lab-based testing. Feedback collected from students, teachers, and parents during this phase is used to further fine-tune the applicationfor optimal reliability and effectiveness.



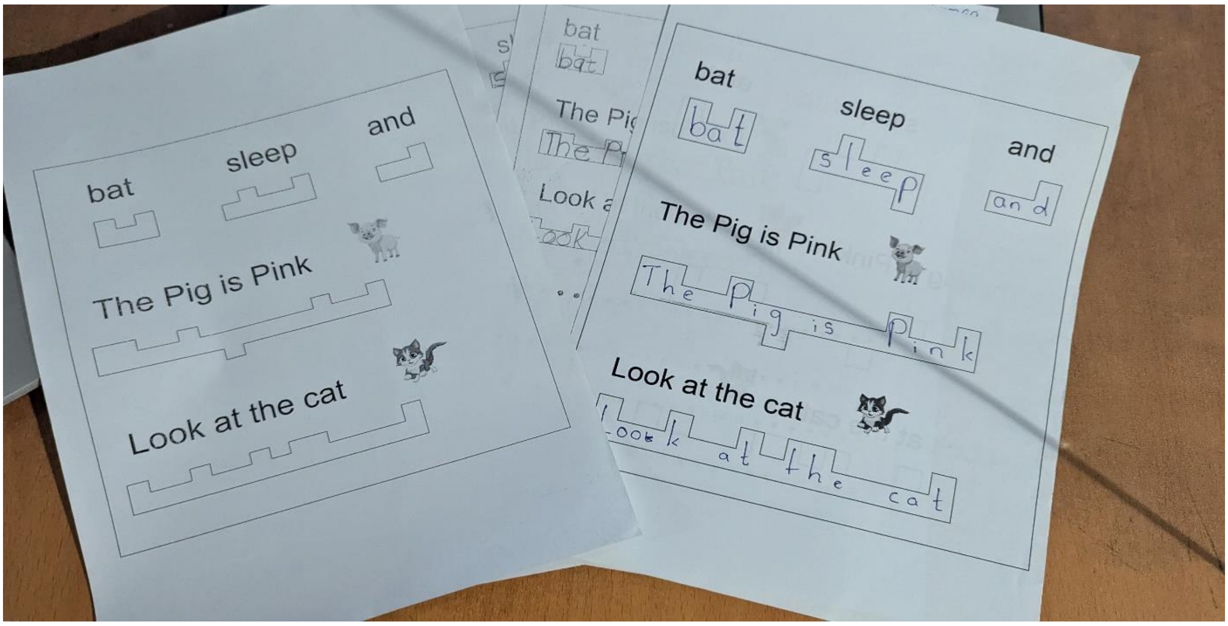

Figure 3.9 Realtime Testing with School Student

6. Gradual Rollout:

To minimize disruption and manage risk, a phased deployment strategy is adopted. The system is initially introduced in a limited number of schools or classrooms, allowing developers to monitor performance and address any unforeseen issues early on. This pilot phase helps build trust among users and ensures system stability before scaling to a broader educational audience. As adoption grows, periodic performance reviews and updates are implemented to maintain the quality and functionality of the platform.

3.3 Work Breakdown Chart

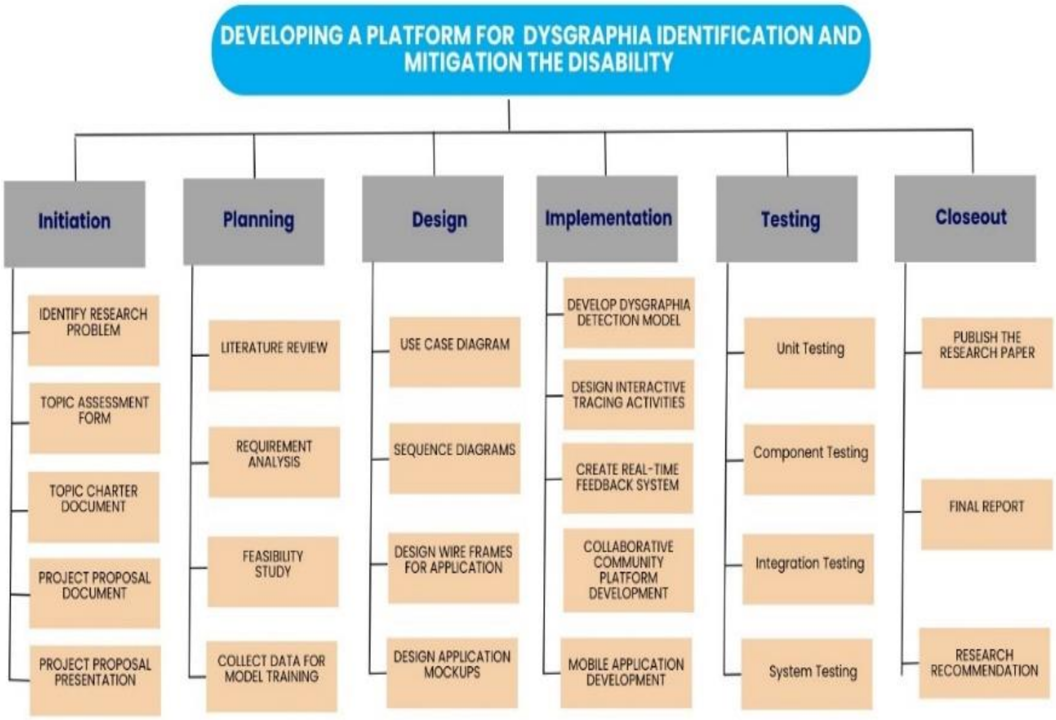

Figure 3.10 – Work Breakdown Chart

4 PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Functional Requirements

- Implement CNN models capable of analyzing handwriting features to identify Dysgraphia in students.
- Provide real-time feedback to students based on their handwriting analysis.
- Develop a collaborative platform for students, teachers, and parents to share information and progress.
- Design an intuitive user interface for students, teachers, and parents to access and interact with the system.
- Include tools for visualizing student progress and identifying areas for improvement.

4.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- The system should provide real-time feedback with minimal latency.
- Ensure the system is scalable to accommodate increasing numbers of users and handwriting samples.
- The system must be reliable, with minimal downtime and accurate analysis.
- Implement strong security measures to protect student data and user privacy.
- The user interface should be intuitive, requiring minimal training for effective use.
- The system should be maintainable, allowing for easy updates, bug fixes, and improvements.

4.3 User Requirements

- Students, teachers, and parents should find the system easy to use and navigate.
- Users expect immediate feedback on handwriting exercises and clear visualizations of progress.
- Provide accessible information and guidance on improving writing skills and managing Dysgraphia.

4.4 System Requirements

- Ensure compatibility with existing educational tools and infrastructure.

- The system should integrate seamlessly with image processing libraries, machine learning frameworks, and databases.

4.5 Software Requirements

- Utilize image processing libraries (e.g., OpenCV) for digitizing and analyzing handwriting samples.
- Implement CNN models using frameworks like TensorFlow or PyTorch.
- Employ a database management system for efficient data storage and retrieval.

4.6 Personal Requirements

- Trained system administrators should be available for deployment, maintenance, and troubleshooting.
- Teachers and parents should receive adequate training to effectively use the system.
- Experts in machine learning and data analysis may be required for model development, validation, and optimization.

5 GANTT CHART

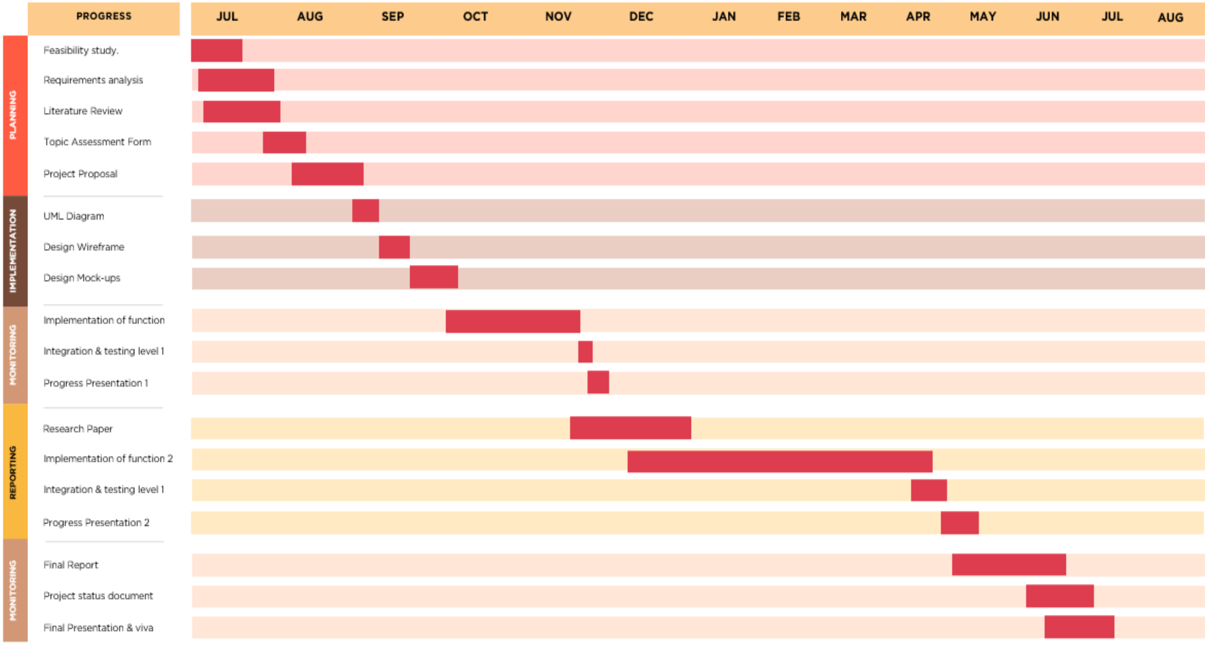

Figure 5.1 – Gantt Chart

6 COMMERCIALIZATION

6.1 Target Audience and Market Space

Target Audience

The proposed system is primarily designed to serve primary schools, providing a critical tool for the early identification and support of students with Dysgraphia. Teachers and school administrators will benefit greatly from its ability to detect handwriting difficulties early, enabling timely and personalized interventions that support academic success. The system aligns with the growing emphasis on inclusive education and the need for accessible, data-driven tools in classrooms.

Parents:

Parents of primary school children form another vital segment of the target audience. The application allows parents to monitor their child's writing progress in real time and collaborate more effectively with teachers to address developmental concerns. With user-friendly progress visualizations and personalized feedback, the system empowers parents to participate actively in their child's learning journey.

Educational Therapists:

Educational therapists and professionals working in the field of learning disabilities will also find this system highly beneficial. By automating the assessment process and offering consistent, data-backed insights, the system supports therapists in diagnosing Dysgraphia and planning individualized intervention strategies, thereby improving the efficiency and accuracy of their services.

1. **Marketplace**

Education Sector:

The education sector, particularly at the primary level, forms the core market space for the proposed system. Schools and specialized education centers are increasingly adopting digital tools to support personalized learning and early detection of learning disorders. This solution addresses a critical gap in the market by offering an efficient, real-time, and evidence-based tool for identifying Dysgraphia—a condition that often goes undetected until it significantly impacts a child's academic performance.

EdTech Industry:

Beyond traditional educational institutions, the product also has significant potential within the EdTech industry. As a specialized diagnostic and learning support tool, the system can be marketed as a niche solution in the broader educational technology ecosystem. Its focus on machine learning, real-time analytics, and collaborative functionality positions it well for integration into platforms focused on personalized learning, student wellness, and inclusive education. The growing demand for accessible, AI-powered educational solutions further enhances its commercial appeal and opens opportunities for partnerships, licensing, and global scaling

6.2 Budget

REQUIREMENT	COST(LKR)
COST OF DEPLOYMENT	4000/-
TESTING AND QA	1 500/-
TRAVELLING COST	3 000/-
COMMERCIALIZATION	7 500/-
OTHER	4 000/-(ANNUAL)
TOTAL COST	16 000/-

Figure 6.1 - Budget

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