MEE404.1 MACHINE VISION IN MECHATRONICS FINAL REPORT

Sign Language Recognition

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Introduction

This project focuses on Turkish Sign Language (TSL) recognition, aiming to develop a system capable of accurately identifying and translating TSL gestures into text and speech in real-time. This innovative solution addresses communication barriers faced by hearing-impaired individuals, leveraging machine vision and deep learning technologies to contribute to inclusive and accessible communication tools. The project specifically targets the recognition of the TSL alphabet, translating hand gestures into corresponding letters to build a foundation for future expansions into words and sentences.

Objectives

The objectives of this project include:

1. Accurately identifying TSL alphabet gestures using a live camera feed.
2. Translating recognized gestures into text and speech outputs with high accuracy.
3. Utilizing advanced machine vision techniques to ensure robust gesture recognition.
4. Developing a scalable and efficient framework that can be expanded for word and sentence recognition in future iterations.

Methodology

1. Dataset Utilization

- A publicly available TSL gesture dataset from GitHub was utilized.
- The dataset includes labeled images of the TSL alphabet, representing various hand positions and movements.
- Pre-processing steps involved standardizing image dimensions, enhancing gesture clarity, and augmenting the data to improve model robustness.

2. Technology Stack

- **Mediapipe**: For precise hand landmark detection and feature extraction.
- **OpenCV**: Used for image pre-processing and real-time visualization.
- **TensorFlow/Keras**: To design, train, and optimize a convolutional neural network (CNN) for gesture classification.
- **Python**: The primary programming language for development and integration.

3. Model Development

- A CNN model was trained using the processed dataset to classify TSL alphabet gestures.
- Data augmentation, such as rotation, flipping, and zoom, was applied to enhance model generalization.
- The model was validated on a separate testing set to ensure its reliability and accuracy.

4. System Implementation

- A real-time recognition pipeline was developed using a webcam for live gesture input.
- Video frames were processed to detect gestures, which were then classified by the CNN model.
- Text outputs were displayed in real-time, and Text-to-Speech (TTS) functionality provided audio feedback.

Results

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import os
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import cv2
import skimage
from skimage.transform import resize
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score,precision_score,recall_score,confusion_matrix,roc_curve,roc_auc_score
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
from keras import utils, callbacks
from tensorflow.keras import utils
from tensorflow.keras.applications import ResNet50V2
from tensorflow.keras import layers, models
from keras.layers import Flatten, Dense, Dropout, BatchNormalization, LeakyReLU
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam, SGD
from keras.losses import CategoricalCrossentropy
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
from keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16
from sklearn import metrics
```

```
train_folder = '/kaggle/input/tr-sign-language/tr_signLanguage_dataset/train'
all_data = []
for folder in os.listdir(train_folder):

    label_folder = os.path.join(train_folder, folder)
    onlyfiles = [{'label':folder,'path':os.path.join(label_folder, f)} for f in os.listdir(label_folder) if os.path.isfile(os.path.join(label_folder, f))]
    #print(onlyfiles)
    all_data += onlyfiles
data_df = pd.DataFrame(all_data)
data_df
```

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x_train,x_holdout = train_test_split(data_df, test_size= 0.10, random_state=42,stratify=data_df[['label']])
x_train,x_test = train_test_split(x_train, test_size= 0.20, random_state=42,stratify=x_train[['label']])
```

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img_width, img_height = 64, 64
batch_size = 128
y_col = 'label'
x_col = 'path'
no_of_classes = len(data_df[y_col].unique())


train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale = 1/255.0)

train_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_dataframe(
    dataframe=x_train,x_col=x_col, y_col=y_col,
    target_size=(img_width, img_height),class_mode='categorical', batch_size=batch_size,
    shuffle=False,
)

validation_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale = 1/255.0)
validation_generator = validation_datagen.flow_from_dataframe(
    dataframe=x_test, x_col=x_col, y_col=y_col,
    target_size=(img_width, img_height), class_mode='categorical', batch_size=batch_size,
    shuffle=False
)

holdout_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale = 1/255.0)
holdout_generator = holdout_datagen.flow_from_dataframe(
    dataframe=x_holdout, x_col=x_col, y_col=y_col,
    target_size=(img_width, img_height), class_mode='categorical', batch_size=batch_size,
    shuffle=False
)
```

Found 85968 validated image filenames belonging to 26 classes.

Found 21492 validated image filenames belonging to 26 classes.

Found 11940 validated image filenames belonging to 26 classes.

```
base_model = VGG16(weights = "imagenet", include_top = False, input_shape = (64, 64, 3))
base_model.trainable = False ## Not trainable weights
```

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tensorflow/core/common_runtime/gpu/gpu_device.cc:1510] Created device /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/device:GPU:0 with 15403 MB memory: -> device: 0, name: Tesla P100-PCIE-16GB, pci bus id: 0000:00:04.0, compute capability: 6.0

Downloading data from https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/keras-applications/vgg16/vgg16_weights_tf_dim_ordering_tf_kernels_notop.h5

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58900480/58889256 [==============================] - 0s 0us/step

```
base_model.summary()
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Layer (type)   Output Shape   Param #

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input_1 (InputLayer)   [(None, 64, 64, 3)]   0

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block1_conv1 (Conv2D)   (None, 64, 64, 64)   1792

block1_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 64, 64, 64)	36928
block1_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 32, 32, 64)	0
block2_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 32, 32, 128)	73856
block2_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 32, 32, 128)	147584
block2_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 16, 16, 128)	0
block3_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 16, 16, 256)	295168
block3_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 16, 16, 256)	590080
block3_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 16, 16, 256)	590080
block3_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 8, 8, 256)	0
block4_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 8, 8, 512)	1180160
block4_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 8, 8, 512)	2359808
block4_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 8, 8, 512)	2359808
block4_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 4, 4, 512)	0
block5_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 4, 4, 512)	2359808

block5_conv2 (Conv2D) (None, 4, 4, 512) 2359808

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block5_conv3 (Conv2D) (None, 4, 4, 512) 2359808

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block5_pool (MaxPooling2D) (None, 2, 2, 512) 0

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Total params: 14,714,688

Trainable params: 0

Non-trainable params: 14,714,688

```
flatten_layer = layers.Flatten()
dense_layer_1 = layers.Dense(512, activation='relu')
dropout_layer_1 = layers.Dropout(0.5)
#dense_layer_2 = layers.Dense(512, activation='relu')
#dropout_layer_2 = layers.Dropout(0.5)
prediction_layer = layers.Dense(26, activation='softmax')


model = models.Sequential([
    base_model,
    flatten_layer,
    dense_layer_1,
    dropout_layer_1,
    #dense_layer_2,
    #dropout_layer_2,
    prediction_layer
])
```

```
model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

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Layer (type) Output Shape Param #

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vgg16 (Functional) (None, 2, 2, 512) 14714688

flatten (Flatten)	(None, 2048)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 512)	1049088
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 26)	13338

Total params: 15,777,114

Trainable params: 1,062,426

Non-trainable params: 14,714,688

```
classes = 26
epochs = 10
learning_rate = 0.0001

adam = Adam(lr=learning_rate)
model.compile(optimizer=adam, loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
history = model.fit(train_generator,
                    epochs=epochs,
                    verbose=1,
                    validation_data=validation_generator, shuffle=True)
```

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"The `lr` argument is deprecated, use `learning_rate` instead.")

2022-06-18 15:39:54.386893: I tensorflow/compiler/mlir/mlir_graph_optimization_pass.cc:185] None of the MLIR Optimization Passes are enabled (registered 2)

Epoch 1/10

2022-06-18 15:39:56.564198: I tensorflow/stream_executor/cuda/cuda_dnn.cc:369] Loaded cuDNN version 8005

672/672 [==============================] - 647s 952ms/step - loss: 1.8093 - accuracy: 0.4743 - val_loss: 1.0296 - val_accuracy: 0.7386

Epoch 2/10

672/672 [==============================] - 159s 237ms/step - loss: 1.0021 - accuracy: 0.7062 - val_loss: 0.7196 - val_accuracy: 0.8186

Epoch 3/10

672/672 [==============================] - 159s 237ms/step - loss: 0.7548 - accuracy: 0.7817 - val_loss: 0.5656 - val_accuracy: 0.8566

Epoch 4/10

672/672 [==============================] - 162s 241ms/step - loss: 0.6141 - accuracy: 0.8211 - val_loss: 0.4692 - val_accuracy: 0.8776

Epoch 5/10

672/672 [==============================] - 159s 237ms/step - loss: 0.5202 - accuracy: 0.8494 - val_loss: 0.4014 - val_accuracy: 0.8945

Epoch 6/10

672/672 [==============================] - 173s 257ms/step - loss: 0.4476 - accuracy: 0.8688 - val_loss: 0.3492 - val_accuracy: 0.9084

Epoch 7/10

672/672 [==============================] - 212s 315ms/step - loss: 0.3984 - accuracy: 0.8851 - val_loss: 0.3128 - val_accuracy: 0.9173

Epoch 8/10

672/672 [==============================] - 191s 285ms/step - loss: 0.3544 - accuracy: 0.8979 - val_loss: 0.2787 - val_accuracy: 0.9249

Epoch 9/10

672/672 [==============================] - 159s 237ms/step - loss: 0.3153 - accuracy: 0.9099 - val_loss: 0.2561 - val_accuracy: 0.9306

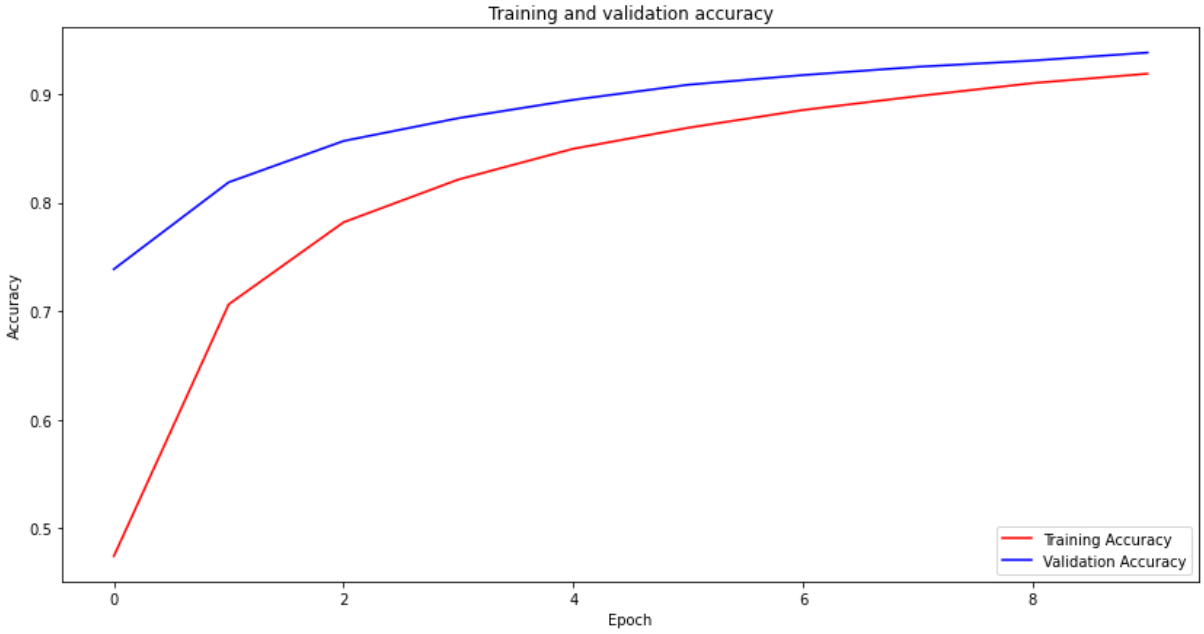
Epoch 10/10

672/672 [==============================] - 163s 243ms/step - loss: 0.2867 - accuracy: 0.9185 - val_loss: 0.2333 - val_accuracy: 0.9380

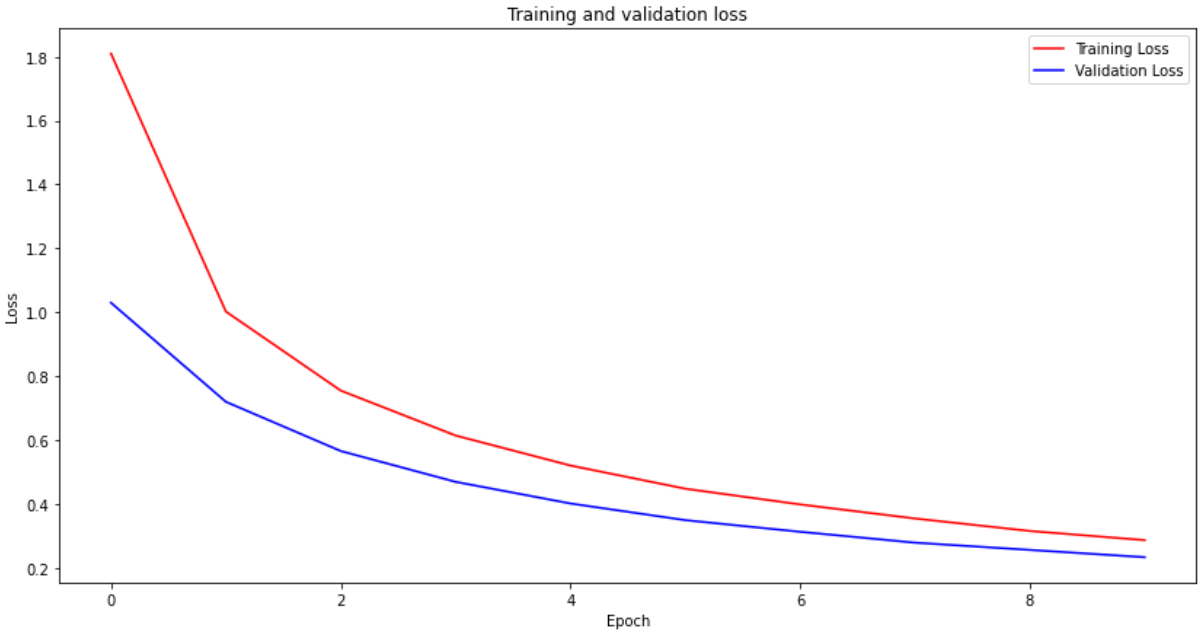
```
acc=history.history['accuracy']
val_acc=history.history['val_accuracy']
loss=history.history['loss']
val_loss=history.history['val_loss']

epochs=range(len(acc))

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,7))
plt.plot(epochs, acc, 'r', label="Training Accuracy")
plt.plot(epochs, val_acc, 'b', label="Validation Accuracy")
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.title('Training and validation accuracy')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
```




```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,7))
plt.plot(epochs, loss, 'r', label="Training Loss")
plt.plot(epochs, val_loss, 'b', label="Validation Loss")
plt.legend(loc='upper right')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.title('Training and validation loss')
```




```
predictions = model.predict(holdout_generator, verbose=1)
# Get most likely class
predicted_classes = np.argmax(predictions, axis=-1)
predictions = np.argmax(predictions, axis=-1) #multiple categories

true_classes = holdout_generator.classes
class_labels = list(holdout_generator.class_indices.keys())
report = metrics.classification_report(true_classes, predicted_classes, target_names=class_labels)
print(report)
```

94/94 [==============================] - 98s 1s/step

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
A	0.92	0.95	0.93	480
B	0.97	0.98	0.98	480
C	0.94	0.96	0.95	480
D	0.93	0.90	0.92	480
E	0.96	0.95	0.95	480
F	0.96	0.94	0.95	480
G	0.95	0.92	0.94	480
H	0.95	0.95	0.95	480
I	0.92	0.97	0.94	480
J	0.94	0.88	0.91	480
K	0.93	0.94	0.93	480

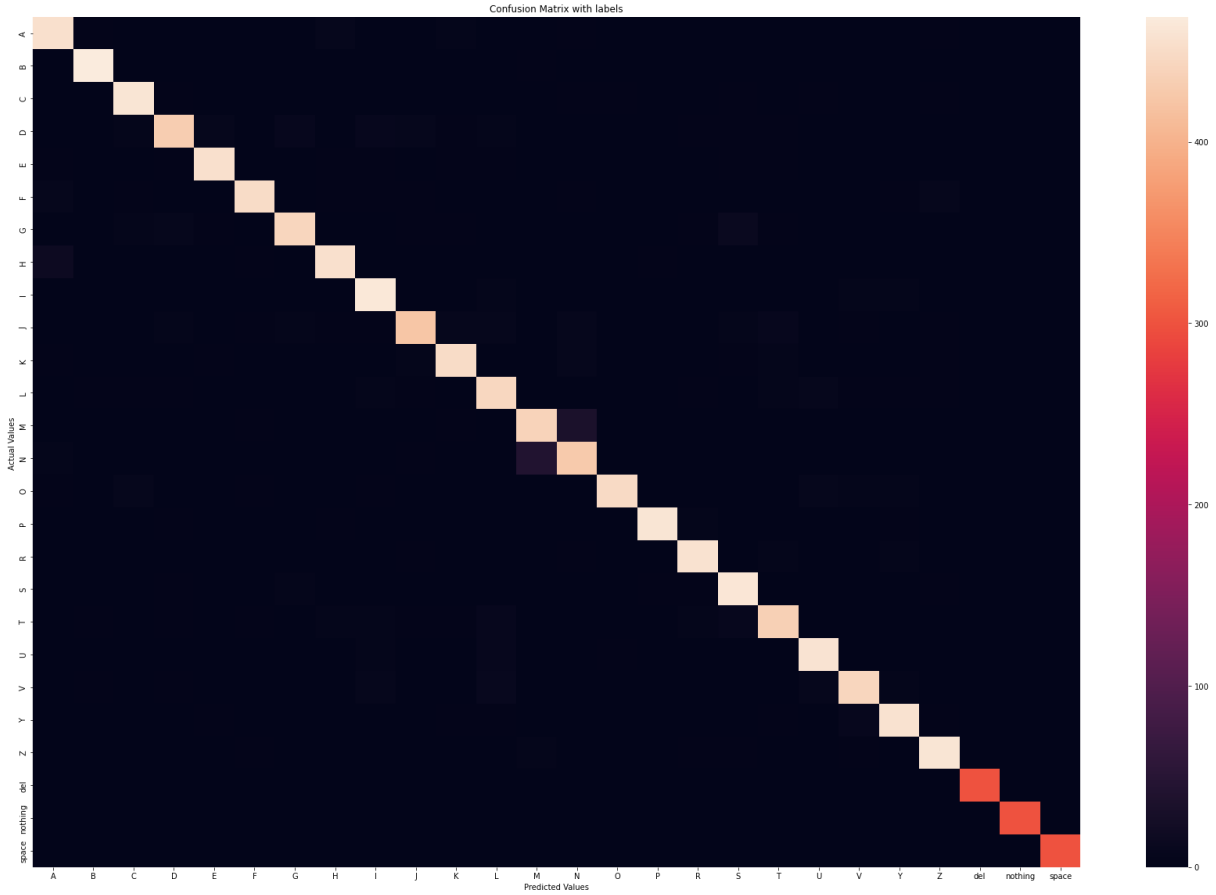
L	0.89	0.93	0.91	480
M	0.89	0.91	0.90	480
N	0.88	0.89	0.88	480
O	0.98	0.93	0.95	480
P	0.98	0.96	0.97	480
R	0.94	0.95	0.95	480
S	0.92	0.96	0.94	480
T	0.93	0.91	0.92	480
U	0.95	0.96	0.95	480
V	0.94	0.92	0.93	480
Y	0.95	0.95	0.95	480
Z	0.94	0.96	0.95	480
del	1.00	1.00	1.00	300
nothing	1.00	1.00	1.00	300
space	1.00	1.00	1.00	300
accuracy			0.94	11940
macro avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	11940
weighted avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	11940

```
plt.figure(figsize=(30, 20))

ax = sns.heatmap(metrics.confusion_matrix(true_classes,predicted_classes))
ax.set_title('Confusion Matrix with labels')
ax.set_xlabel('Predicted Values')
ax.set_ylabel('Actual Values ')


## Ticket labels - List must be in alphabetical order
ax.xaxis.set_ticklabels(class_labels)
ax.yaxis.set_ticklabels(class_labels)

plt.show()
```




```
confusion = metrics.confusion_matrix(true_classes, predicted_classes)
print('Confusion Matrix\n')
print(confusion)
```

Confusion Matrix

[[455 3 1 0 0 0 0 6 0 0 4 1 1 3 0 1 1 1
0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0]
[0 469 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 2 0 1 1 1 0
0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[1 0 460 2 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 2 3 1 0 2
0 2 1 0 2 0 0 0]
[0 0 5 431 6 0 8 0 9 6 2 4 0 0 1 0 3 2
2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0]
[2 0 1 3 456 0 1 2 2 0 3 3 0 0 0 1 1 2
2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0]

[6 0 2 0 0 450 1 2 2 2 1 0 0 3 0 0 1 1
0 0 0 2 7 0 0 0]
[1 1 4 7 3 0 442 0 0 3 2 1 0 0 0 0 3 11
2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[16 0 1 0 0 2 0 455 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 2 0 0
0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0]
[1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 464 0 0 4 0 0 0 1 0 0
1 1 4 4 0 0 0 0]
[0 1 0 5 1 2 4 2 3 422 7 6 1 7 1 0 1 5
8 0 2 0 2 0 0 0]
[3 0 0 0 3 1 1 1 0 5 450 1 0 6 0 0 0 2
5 0 0 0 2 0 0 0]
[1 2 2 3 0 0 1 0 5 2 1 444 0 0 1 0 2 0
4 6 2 2 2 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 3 0 438 34 0 1 0 1
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[5 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 42 428 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[2 0 6 0 0 2 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 1 448 0 1 1
0 6 5 4 0 0 0 0]
[1 0 1 3 0 0 0 3 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 461 4 0
0 1 1 2 0 0 0 0]
[1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 2 1 1 457 1
5 0 1 4 0 0 0 0]
[0 0 1 2 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 3 462
0 0 0 1 3 0 0 0]
[0 2 0 2 1 2 0 4 4 2 3 9 0 0 0 0 4 8
436 0 1 1 1 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 0 0 9 0 0 3 0 0 0

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  1 459   1   1   1   0   0   0]
[ 0   2   0   2   1   0   0   1   7   1   1  10   0   1   0   0   1   0
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  0   0   0   0   0   0   0 300]]
```
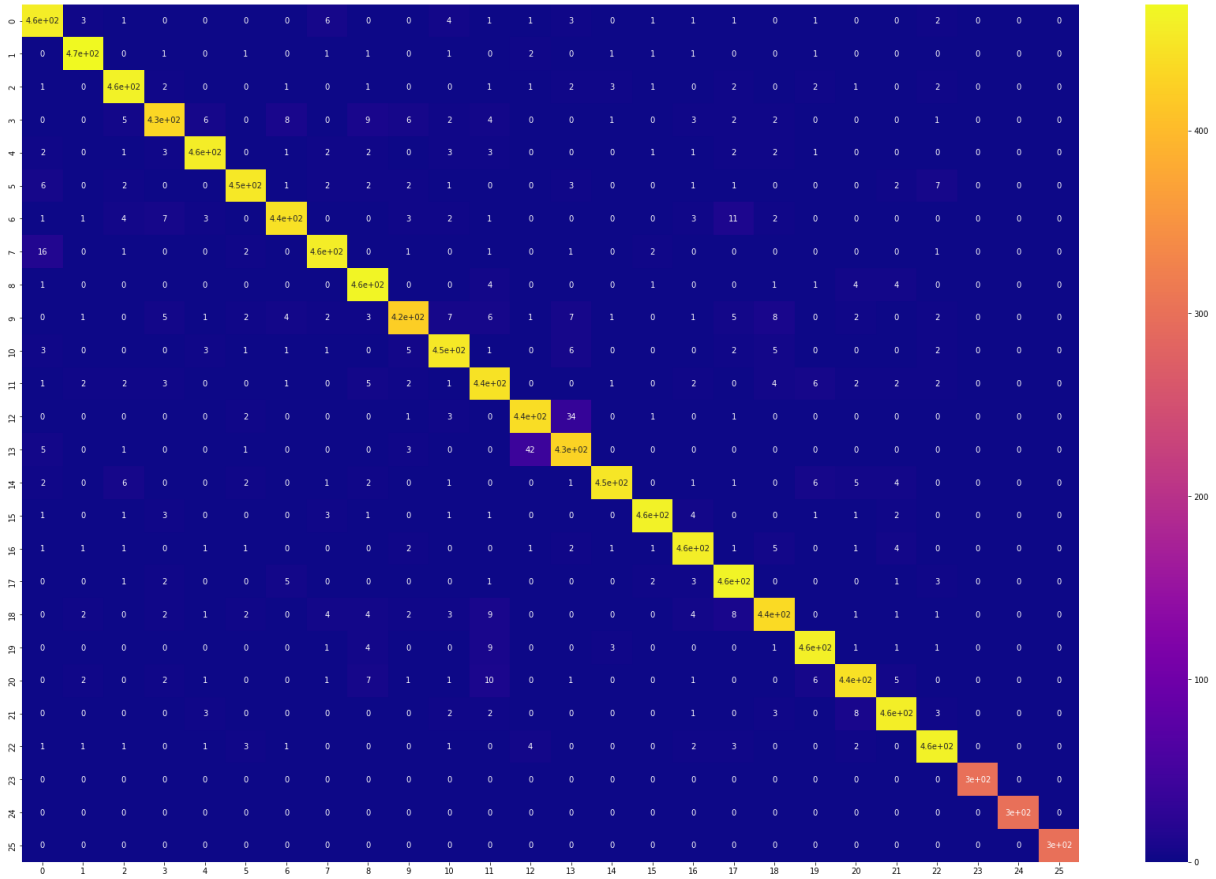

```
plt.figure(figsize=(30, 20))
sns.heatmap(confusion, cmap="plasma", annot=True)
```



Challenges and Solutions

1. **Data Quality and Diversity**:
    - **Challenge**: Limited variability in the dataset.
    - **Solution**: Data augmentation techniques increased variability, enhancing model robustness.
2. **Gesture Similarity**:
    - **Challenge**: High similarity among certain gestures led to potential misclassifications.
    - **Solution**: Fine-tuned feature extraction improved classification accuracy.
3. **Real-Time Processing**:
    - **Challenge**: Ensuring low latency for real-time usability.
    - **Solution**: Optimized CNN architecture and processing pipelines reduced latency.

Discussion

This project demonstrates the feasibility of using machine vision and deep learning for sign language recognition. The system's ability to recognize TSL alphabet gestures with high accuracy and low latency highlights its potential for real-world applications. Challenges such as dataset diversity and gesture similarity were effectively mitigated, laying the groundwork for future advancements in this domain.

Conclusion

The Sign Language Recognition System successfully bridges communication gaps for hearing-impaired individuals by translating TSL alphabet gestures into text and speech. This project exemplifies the integration of machine vision and deep learning technologies to address accessibility challenges, providing a scalable platform for future enhancements.