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HAND DETECTION TRACKING
INCREMENT - 2

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ABSTRACT:

This project has been proposed in the view of eliminating the concern of getting contacted with contagious diseases with use of public access computers and to improve the experience of interacting with the computers. The goal is to use hand motions caught by the webcam to gain control of the mouse and functionality. The users can move the mouse cursor's direction and perform all mouse operations with their hand positioned in front of the webcam. To the extension of the above-mentioned aim and as an enhancement in the usage of the model, this increment focus on the addition of Voiceover to the mouse movements on screen.

Introduction:

Direct use of hands is a fundamental way for humans to communicate with each other and, more recently, with gadgets in intelligent surroundings, hence vision-based hand gesture detection is an active topic of research in human-computer interaction (HCI). The trend in human-computer interaction is heading toward real-time hand gesture recognition and tracking for usage in video games, remote-free television control, and other similar applications. Given the increased availability of mobile devices with integrated cameras, such as smart phones and notebook computers, a hand gesture detection system can be a valuable tool for engaging with these camera-enabled devices more naturally than traditional interfaces. This work presents the implementation and analysis of a vision-based static hand position estimate system.

1. Problem Specification:

1.1 Data Set:

As this is a system interactive live project, there is no specific dataset that can be used to implement this project. The system will calculate the actions as per the gestures that are created by out hand.

If you wish to buy a parking ticket or a movie ticket, what if a person infected with a fatal infectious disease previously used it?

If you're delivering a presentation using a projector and want to move the slide but don't have a laser pointer, do you have to walk all the way to the podium and then change the slide?

There are a variety of instances in which this gesture control is required to make the job safe and smart.

1.2 Problem Analysis:

Understanding the above-mentioned real-world problems and the needs of a user to deal with, we propose a solution where in using a web camera and fingertip tracking, users may remotely control their computer mouse with their bare hands. A python library called Mediapipe is being used as an instrumental tool in extracting the hand region, which is then filtered using morphological opening processes and blob labelling.

The convex hull and convexity defect are then utilized to count the fingers and determine the fingertip locations. The fingertip coordinates are then transferred to the screen coordinates and smoothed using the Moving Average. Finally, the events associated with the identified fingers are relayed to the computer system to control the mouse. The experimental findings reveal that the suggested approach can count the finger with 98.3 percent accuracy and perform effectively in real time.

2. DESIGN AND MILESTONES

2.1 Proposed Method

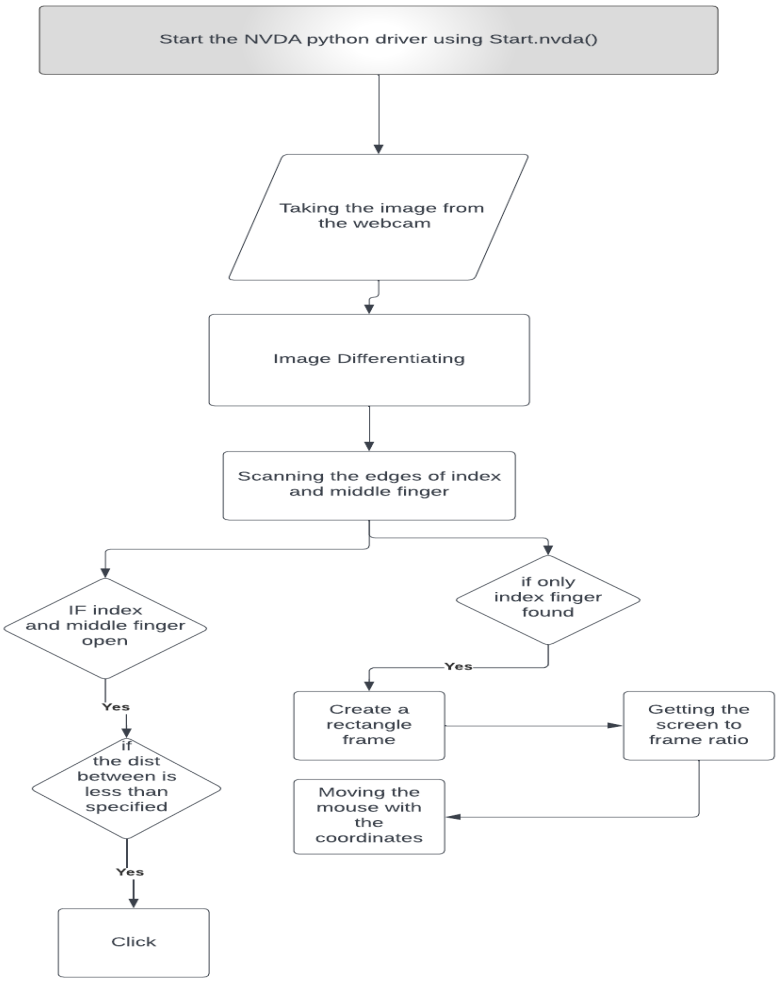


Fig: Shaded region refers to Increment 2

2.2 Data Processing

As this is system interactive project, we do not have a specific dataset that can be used and demonstrate the project however, the below are the steps we followed to implement the project and how the system takes the hand gestures as an input:

a. The suggested solution makes use of a few Python packages, including open cv, media pipe, autopy, and pyautogi.

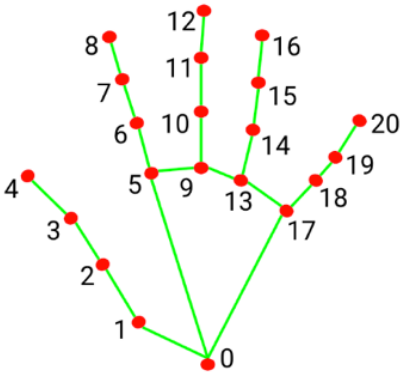
b. Initially, to read the picture from the camera, we utilize the OpenCV library.

c. The picture is then converted from BGR to RGB using the OpenCV function cvtColor() as a Media pipe library, Hands is a function that takes an RGB picture and returns the hand landmarks.

d. Using the landmark, we get the fingertips, which are easy to recognize.

e. We also draw a rectangle to keep our finger from moving outside the scope of the screen and to make it easier to reach the screen's edges.

f. We acquire access to mouse pointer from the specified coordinates by utilizing the library called autopy or pyautogui, and if the index and middle fingers get near, it executes the click function.



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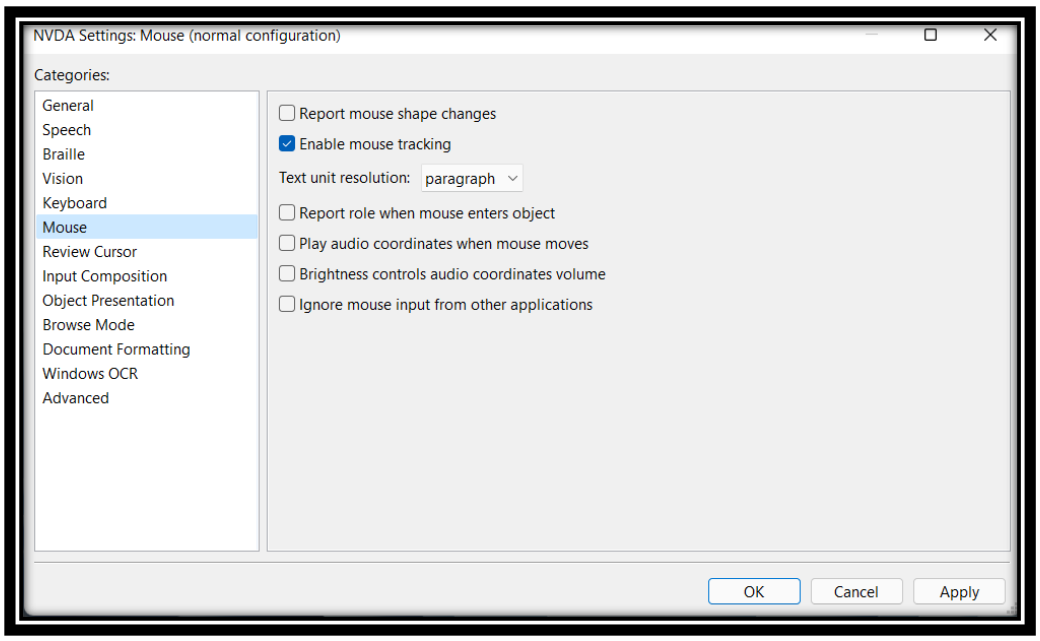
6. INDEX_FINGER_PIP
7. INDEX_FINGER_DIP
8. INDEX_FINGER_TIP
9. MIDDLE_FINGER_MCP
10. MIDDLE_FINGER_PIP
11. MIDDLE_FINGER_DIP
12. MIDDLE_FINGER_TIP
13. RING_FINGER_MCP
14. RING_FINGER_PIP
15. RING_FINGER_DIP
16. RING_FINGER_TIP
17. PINKY_MCP
18. PINKY_PIP
19. PINKY_DIP
20. PINKY_TIP

2.3 Experimental Settings

In this increment, the solution is to integrate Voiceover commands to aid in clear navigation across the screen. It also aids people with low vision or blindness to access the system.

As the shaded region highlights to start NVDA driver, which is a product of NV Access organization. This driver is created to lower the economic and social barriers associated with accessing Information Technology for people who are Blind or Vision Impaired.



After installing the driver, it asks for the preferences to set, as our application involves mouse movements to be captured, make sure the mouse tracking is checked as shown in the above figure.

When enabled, NVDA will announce the text currently under the mouse pointer, as you move it around the screen. This allows you to find things on the screen, by physically moving the mouse, rather than trying to find them through object navigation.

2.4 Validation Methods:

Trial and Error:

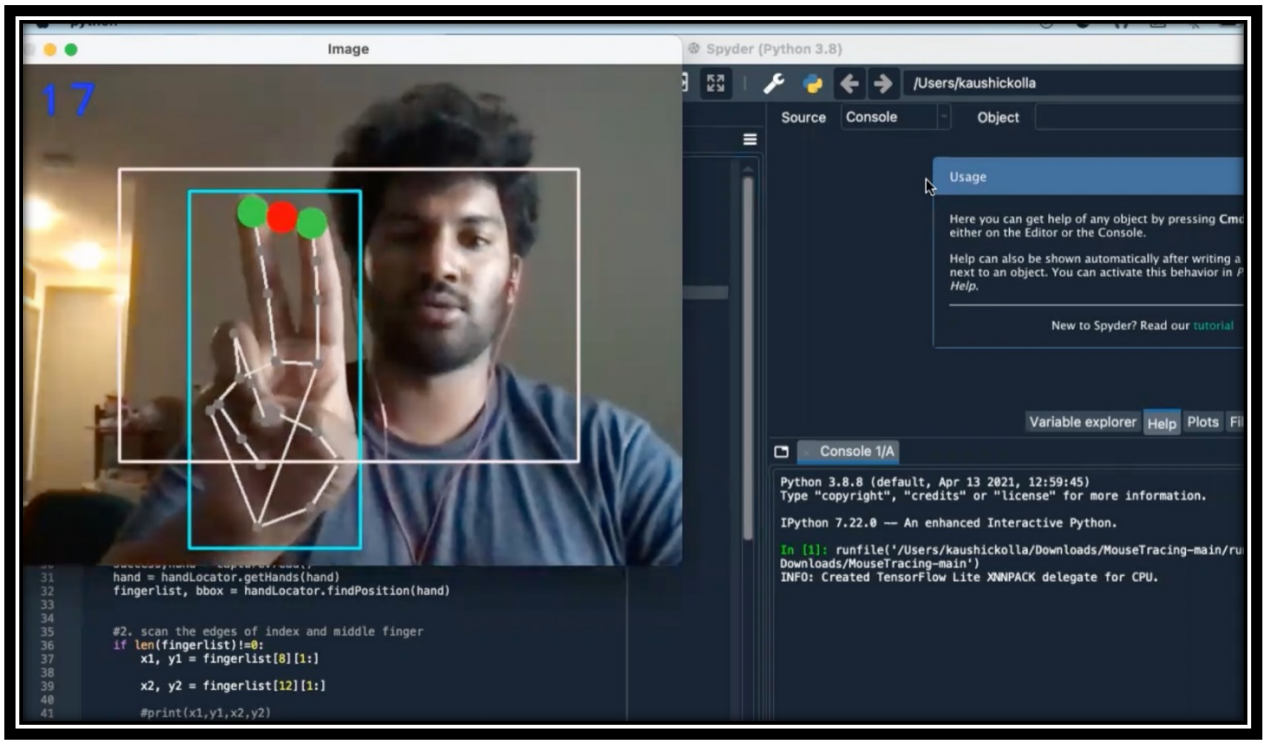
We used trial and error methodology to validate the functionality of mouse detection system by hovering over various icons and access various applications and performing certain activities like navigating through different icons opening different files, and browsers that we usually perform using the traditional mouse.

In addition to the above testing, we also performed rigorous testing to ensure that system was able to read the regular file types and the text saved in the documents as we hover over it.

2.5 Results and Analysis

We were able to achieve the main objective of the project. The mouse control using the hand detection gestures has worked with 100% of accuracy in windows operating system and with 90 to 95% accuracy in Mac operating system. It seems simple to use for the end user and it is done through scalable code as well.

The below is the sample screenshot from Demo we performed to explain how the hand detection mechanism works to hover over the mouse.



Future Work:

We would like to add few more additional gestures and perform a thorough analysis of utility addition of voice over commands. In addition to this we would like to make the system interactive not limiting the mouse controlling system to just open, close, or select certain files, we want to use the hand-gestures movements to use the mouse pointer to scribble in a word or text document and want to implement a machine learning algorithm to convert the irregular text into a regular format.

3.1 Implementation status report

3.1.1 Work Completed:

We imported an opensource python file that facilitates us to implement a part of the project proposed. We used open cv and media pipeline libraries to commit the project. These two libraries will the main part to run the project. They capture gestures of the hand to move the mouse cursor on the screen.

3.1.1.2 Responsibilities:

We made our tasks clear and distributed the roles among ourselves according to skillset and knowledge of the team members.

Role	Name
Integration of camera code	Kaushic Kolla
Development of opencv code	Nagaraju Obbineni
Development media pipe	Bharath Siva Kumar Yelamanchili
Voice Integration and testing	Harsha Kumar
Documentation	All

3.1.1.3 Contributions

Everyone in the team has made an equal contribution in implementation of this project. Every module implemented by the team member is interdependent with another module, a failure in one module affects the other modules in a row.

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Bharath Siva Kumar Yelamanchili	25%
Harsha Kumar Pulla	25%

3.1.1.4 - Issues and concerns

We have developed the OpenCV code without any issues however we faced certain challenges while we tried to integrate voice when we hover over. To overcome this challenge, we imported an open source that is used by blind and deaf people and integrated with our code.

The functionality is working with an accuracy of 100 percent in the Windows operating system, but the accuracy was between 85 and 90 in Mac operating system while the mouse is hovered over the icon.

Project GitHub Link:

https://github.com/kaushic-kolla/mouse_detection/blob/main/run.py

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