**Gesture Recognition – Deep Learning**

# Problem Statement

As a data scientist at a home electronics company which manufactures state of the art smart televisions. We want to develop a cool feature in the smart-TV that can recognize five different gestures performed by the user which will help users control the TV without using a remote.

* Thumbs up :  Increase the volume.
* Thumbs down : Decrease the volume.
* Left swipe : 'Jump' backwards 10 seconds.
* Right swipe :  'Jump' forward 10 seconds.
* Stop : Pause the movie.

# Observations

* The resolution of Image, number of frames in sequence and number of layers in the model have more impact on training time
* Batch Size around 15-40 would be ideal
* The resolution can be 160X160, 120X120 depending upon the model performance
* With Image Resolution 160X160 and Number of Frames = 30 we are getting Out of Memory Issue. So we need to crop image further while experimenting with model
* With Image resolution 160X160 and Batch size 20 & 40 we have observed model is overfitting and there is huge gap between Training and Validation Accuracy
* Reducing Image Resolution to 120X120 along with reduction in layers, lowering learning rate to 0.2 has removed the overfitting and we have managed to reduce gap between Training & Validation Accuracy. With this model we can see Validation Loss also reduced to < 1.
* CNN based model has given us good result and we have managed to achieve 92% training and 79% validation accuracy in the model
* For more detailed information on the Observations and Inference, please refer below Tables for more details.

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| Experiment# | Model | Hyper-parameters | Result | Decision + Explanation |
| 1 | Conv3D | image\_height=160  image\_width=160  frames\_to\_sample=30  batch\_size=15 | Refer to Sample Models.  This is giving OOM error. | * 1. Image Resolution and number of frames in sequence have more impact on training time   2. Batch Size around 15-40 would be ideal   3. The resoulution can be 160X160, 128X128, 120X120 depending upon the model performance |
| 2 | Conv3D | image\_height=160  image\_width=160  frames\_to\_sample=20  batch\_size=40  num\_epochs=15 | Model1:  Training Accuracy = 0.93  Validation Accuracy = 0.21 | Validation Loss doesn’t improved post 1.67941  Huge Gap between Training & Validation Accuracies  Model Overfitting  Add Some Dropouts |
| 3 | Conv3D | image\_height=160  image\_width=160  frames\_to\_sample=20  batch\_size=20  num\_epochs=15  Dropout = 0.5 | Model2:  Training Accuracy = 0.82  Validation Accuracy = 0.22 | Model is overfitting  Validation Loss doesn’t improved post 2.7660  Lets reduce filter size, image resolution and apply learning rate 0.02 |
| 4 | Conv3D | image\_height=120  image\_width=120  frames\_to\_sample=16  batch\_size=30  num\_epochs=25  Dropout = 0.5  LR = 0.02 | Model3:  Training Accuracy = 0.79  Validation Accuracy = 0.72  At Epoch = 22  Training Accuracy = 0.81  Validation Accuracy = 0.73 | This has reduced overfitting however accuracy still needs to be increased.  Lets reduce Dropout and number of layers  model-00022-0.49264-0.81222-0.77594-0.73000.h5 |
| 5 | Conv3D | image\_height=120  image\_width=120  frames\_to\_sample=16  batch\_size=20  num\_epochs=25  Dropout = 0.25  LR = 0.02 | Model4:  Training Accuracy = 0.92  Validation Accuracy = 0.75  At Epoch = 21  Training Accuracy = 0.92  Validation Accuracy = 0.79 | This has helped us get more improvement in the model  Validation Loss further reduced to 0.7048  Still there is a gap between these training & validation accuracies.  Lets try reducing dropout  model-00021-0.24294-0.91629-0.61091-0.79000.h5 |
| 6 | Conv3D | image\_height=128  image\_width=128  frames\_to\_sample=16  batch\_size=15  num\_epochs=25  Dropout = 0.2  LR = 0.01 | Model5:  Training Accuracy = 0.93  Validation Accuracy = 0.79  At Epoch = 24  Training Accuracy = 0.93  Validation Accuracy = 0.81 | Validation Loss further reduced to 0.5998  This is the best model with Conv3D Architecture.  model-00024-0.19574-0.92609-0.57976-0.81000.h5 |
| 7 | Conv3D + LSTM | image\_height=120  image\_width=120  frames\_to\_sample=18  batch\_size=15  num\_epochs=40  Dropout = 0.2  LSTM Cells = 128  LR = 0.01 | Model6:  Training Accuracy = 0.69  Validation Accuracy = 0.62 | Though there is no improvement in Val Loss after 0.78924 at Epoch 26 we can see both training and validation accuracy is 66%  Lets try reducing No. frames to 10 and LSTM Cells to 64 |
| 8 | Conv3D + LSTM | image\_height=120  image\_width=120  frames\_to\_sample=16  batch\_size=15  num\_epochs=40  Dropout = 0.2  LSTM Cells = 64  LR = 0.01 | Model7:  Training Accuracy = 0.53  Validation Accuracy = 0.59 | With Image Resolution 120X120, LSTM Cells 64 we are unable to significant improvement in the Accuracy.  Lets try reducing no. of frames to 10 |
| 9 | Conv3D + LSTM | image\_height=120  image\_width=120  frames\_to\_sample=10  batch\_size=15  num\_epochs=40  Dropout = 0.2  LSTM Cells = 64  LR = 0.01 | Model8:  Training Accuracy = 0.56  Validation Accuracy = 0.58 | Though model is not overfitting the accuracy for the model is around ~50%  Let’s try selecting alternate frames from 5-26 since after analyzing first 5 and last 5 frames doesn’t have much significant gesture information  Also increasing learning rate to 0.002 |
| 10 | Conv3D + LSTM | image\_height=120  image\_width=120  frames\_to\_sample=11  batch\_size=15  num\_epochs=50  Dropout = 0.2  LSTM Cells = 64  LR = 0.01 | Model9:  Training Accuracy = 0.46  Validation Accuracy = 0.54 | Validation Loss is > 1  Model is having 54% accuracy so it’s not a good model.  Let’s try reducing layers and increasing learning rate to 0.02 |
| 11 | Conv3D | image\_height=120  image\_width=120  frames\_to\_sample=16  batch\_size=15  num\_epochs=22  Dropout = 0.2  LR = 0.01 | Model10:  Training Accuracy = 0.33  Validation Accuracy = 0.33 | Model is having 33% accuracy so it’s not a good model. |

# Summary

* After doing all the experiments, we finalized **Model4 – CNN**, which performed well.

**Reasons:**

* Training Accuracy: 92%
* Validation Accuracy: 79%
* Number of Parameters 504,709 less compared to other models
* Weight of the model is 5.89MB which can easily fit in any webcam