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GESTURE RECOGNITION FOR HOME AUTOMATION

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INTERNAL EXAMINER **EXTERNAL EXAMINER**

Traditional home automation systems commonly rely on mobile applications, physical switches, or voice assistants. Although effective, these methods can be inconvenient for elderly users, individuals with disabilities, or situations where hands-free interaction is preferred. To overcome these limitations, this project introduces a gesture-based home automation system that enables users to control household appliances through simple hand movements, providing an intuitive and touchless interface.

The proposed system employs a CNN–LSTM deep learning model to recognize dynamic hand gestures from live video input. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) extract spatial features from frames, while Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) layers capture temporal motion patterns, allowing accurate classification of sequential gestures. A curated hand-gesture dataset is used to train the model, helping the system maintain high accuracy across variations in gesture speed, background, and lighting conditions.

Developed using Python, TensorFlow/Keras, and OpenCV, the system processes realtime video to detect gestures and translate them into smart commands such as turning appliances ON/OFF or adjusting their functional state. Designed to be lightweight and hardware-independent, it can operate on commonly available cameras and microcomputing platforms, making it suitable for practical household deployment.

Experimental results show strong recognition performance, enabling reliable and contact-free interaction with home devices. This enhances convenience, accessibility, and hygiene while reducing dependence on physical or voice-based controls. The modular design also allows future expansion, including additional gesture sets and wider IoT connectivity.

Overall, the project offers a scalable and user-friendly approach to intelligent home control, improving quality of life through natural gesture interaction.

KEYWORDS

Gesture Recognition, CNN-LSTM, Home Automation, Deep Learning, Video Processing, Smart Control

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The growth of smart home technology has transformed the way individuals interact with their living environment. With increasing interest in automation, modern houses incorporate systems that can intelligently operate lighting, ventilation, security devices, and entertainment appliances. These systems aim to enhance comfort, efficiency, and user experience. Traditionally, home automation solutions have relied on physical switches, mobile applications, and voice-based interfaces. While these solutions deliver convenience, they still present usability barriers under certain conditions. For instance, physically challenged users may find it difficult to access switches or mobile interfaces. Moreover, voice assistants struggle in noisy environments, making them unreliable in public or crowded spaces.

Human-machine interaction continues to evolve toward more natural communication methods. Gestures have long served as a fundamental part of human expression, and incorporating them into the digital domain opens up new interaction possibilities. Gesture recognition leverages visual cues such as hand movement to execute commands. With its intuitive and contactless nature, gesture control is particularly useful in scenarios involving hygiene sensitivity, including healthcare facilities and kitchens. The increased affordability and performance of camera sensors, along with advancements in artificial intelligence, have enabled real-time gesture-based applications.

The development of gesture recognition systems has been accelerated by breakthroughs in machine learning—particularly deep learning techniques. Traditional machine learning relied on handcrafted features, which limited scalability. Deep learning overcomes this challenge by enabling models to automatically learn spatial and temporal patterns. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) process spatial information from images, while Long ShortTerm Memory (LSTM) networks capture sequential dependencies in gesture motions. Combining both allows accurate interpretation of dynamic hand gestures.

This project aims to harness this capability to build a smart, accessible home automation system controlled entirely by hand gestures. A standard camera captures real-time video input, which the hybrid CNN-LSTM model analyzes to classify gesture categories. Each recognized gesture triggers specific appliance operations, such as switching a light ON or OFF or adjusting the speed of a fan.

By removing the need for physical contact or speech, the system offers inclusive accessibility and reduces reliance on conventional input modes.

Furthermore, the gesture-based approach enhances safety—for example, enabling users to control appliances even with wet hands or from a distance. Its hardware-agnostic design ensures low deployment cost by relying on widely available cameras. The system can be easily integrated with IoT platforms, making it versatile and scalable. With increasing demand for smart living, this work provides a practical and feasible alternative interface for interacting with domestic environments.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

1] Title: Vision-based Dynamic Hand Gesture Recognition Using CNN

Authors: J. Kim et al. **Year:**
2020

This paper presents a vision-based system for dynamic hand gesture recognition using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). The authors collected a custom RGB video dataset containing ten gesture classes, recorded under varied lighting conditions. The CNN architecture performs feature extraction using multiple convolutional layers followed by fully connected layers for gesture classification.

The model achieved an accuracy of 92% due to effective spatial feature extraction. Its strengths include low computational cost and real-time performance. However, the model lacks the ability to learn temporal motion patterns and struggles to differentiate gestures performed at varying speeds. The system is also sensitive to background noise, limiting its generalization in complex real-world scenarios.

Dataset: Custom RGB hand gesture dataset
Methodology: CNN-based spatial feature learning
Results: 92% accuracy
Limitations: No temporal modeling; sensitive to background noise

2] Title: Smart Home Control Using Static Hand Gestures

Authors: S. Ahmed & R. Basha
Year: 2021

This research introduces a static gesture-based system to control home appliances. The dataset consists of five static hand gestures captured using a webcam. The system employs a combination of CNN and Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifiers. CNN is responsible for spatial feature extraction, while SVM performs final classification.

The system obtained 90% accuracy and performed efficiently in well-lit indoor environments. However, since it only recognizes static gestures, it cannot capture

sequential movement patterns. The authors concluded that dynamic gesture support and environmental robustness are crucial for future improvement.

Dataset: Proprietary static gesture dataset
Methodology: CNN + SVM
Results: 90% accuracy
Limitations: Only static gestures; low robustness

3] Title: Deep Learning-Based Hand Gesture Recognition for Sequential Patterns

Authors: Y. Zhang et al.
Year: 2021

The paper proposes a dynamic gesture recognition system utilizing the ChaLearn Hand Gesture Dataset. A two-stage hybrid framework is implemented—CNN extracts frame-level features while LSTM processes sequential patterns. This improves recognition performance for time-dependent gestures.

The hybrid model achieved high accuracy in recognizing dynamic gestures. However, training required significant computational resources due to sequence modeling. The model also demonstrated reduced performance for gestures with subtle finger movements.

Dataset: ChaLearn gesture dataset
Methodology: CNN + LSTM
Results: High temporal classification accuracy
Limitations: High computational cost; difficulty recognizing subtle motions

4] Title: Kinect-Based Multi-View Gesture Recognition System

Authors: J. Chai et al. **Year:**
2022

This study leverages Microsoft Kinect for multi-view gesture recognition. Depth and RGB frames were combined for improved robustness. A hybrid CNN model extracts features from both channels to perform classification.

The system achieved 95% accuracy by learning depth-based hand geometry and movement direction. However, reliance on Kinect hardware restricts portability and increases implementation cost.

Dataset: Multi-view RGB-D gesture dataset

Methodology: Depth + RGB + Hybrid CNN

Results: 95% accuracy
Limitations: Hardware dependency; high cost

5] Title: IoT-Enabled Hand Gesture-Controlled Home Appliances

Authors: Rahul Kumar et al.
Year: 2022

This paper presents an IoT-connected gesture recognition system to control household devices. Custom gesture images were classified using traditional machine-learning techniques such as KNN and SVM after hand segmentation.

The system received 87% accuracy but struggled with gesture variability among users. Moreover, prediction latency was high due to inefficient pre-processing. Although the system successfully demonstrated IoT connectivity, real-time gesture recognition was limited.

Dataset: RGB gesture dataset (custom)
Methodology: Hand segmentation + ML classifiers
Results: 87% accuracy
Limitations: High latency; limited accuracy

6] Title: Deep CNN-LSTM Based Hand Gesture Recognition System

Authors: M. Rahman et al.
Year: 2022

Rahman et al. developed an RGB-based dynamic gesture recognition system using CNN-LSTM. CNN learns static visual features and LSTM processes sequential data. The EgoGest dataset was used, offering diverse backgrounds.

The model achieved 93% accuracy and showed strong generalization capability. However, lighting variation significantly affected performance. The authors highlighted the importance of data augmentation and illumination normalization.

Dataset: EgoGest
Methodology: CNN-LSTM
Results: 93% accuracy
Limitations: Sensitive to lighting variation

7] Title: Real-Time Hand Gesture Interface for Appliance Switching

Authors: A. Singh et al. **Year:**
2023

This system uses a webcam to recognize hand signs to switch appliances. Basic CNN layers are used to detect five predefined gesture classes. The model achieved 89% accuracy, performing best under uniform lighting.

The drawback was limited gesture vocabulary and poor classification when the background was cluttered. Scalability for multi-gesture control was also limited.

Dataset: OpenCV-based captured dataset
Methodology: CNN
Results: 89% accuracy
Limitations: Poor performance in cluttered environments

8] Title: RGB-D Video-Based Gesture Recognition Using 3D-CNN

Authors: H. Lee et al. **Year:**
2023

This study incorporates 3D-CNN to learn spatiotemporal features from RGB-D videos. The dataset includes multiple dynamic gestures captured in indoor environments. The model learns motion and spatial depth cues with high precision.

Despite high accuracy, the architecture requires expensive depth cameras and GPU-based hardware, limiting accessibility for home applications.

Dataset: RGB-D dynamic gesture dataset
Methodology: 3D-CNN
Results: Excellent spatiotemporal accuracy
Limitations: Costly hardware; high resource usage

9] Title: Real-Time Sequential Gesture Recognition Using Temporal Encoding

Authors: Noor et al.

Year: 2024

Noor et al. developed a lightweight temporal encoding framework for gesture recognition. LSTM was applied to temporal features extracted from video sequences. A custom dataset was constructed under varying conditions.

The system provides efficient gesture prediction. However, computational overhead remains high, and performance decreases for fast gestures.

Dataset: Custom dynamic gesture dataset
Methodology: LSTM-based temporal modeling
Results: Good real-time classification
Limitations: Reduced accuracy for fast gestures

10] Title: Mobile-based Gesture Recognition for Smart Living

Authors: Silva et al. **Year:**
2024

This paper introduces a mobile-camera gesture recognition system enabling smart device control. The CNN model runs on mobile hardware and classifies gesture frames.

The model demonstrated 90% accuracy and offered mobility benefits. However, inference speed is affected by mobile CPU limitations, causing delays under heavy processing.

Dataset: Mobile camera dataset
Methodology: CNN
Results: 90% accuracy
Limitations: Latency issues; limited processing power

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

● **CPU:** Multi-core processor (Intel Core i5/i7 or equivalent, 4+ cores)
● **GPU:** Optional; recommended NVIDIA GPU with CUDA support (e.g., GTX 1650 / RTX series) for faster training
● **RAM:** Minimum 8 GB, 16 GB recommended
● **Storage:** Minimum 10 GB free space (SSD preferred)
● **Camera:** Standard RGB webcam (720p or higher)
● **Microcontroller / IoT Board**: NodeMCU ESP8266 / ESP32 / Raspberry Pi (optional based on deployment)

3.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

● **Programming Language:** Python **3.10+** ● **Deep Learning Framework:** TensorFlow **(v2.8+)** / Keras **(v2.8+)** ● **Computer Vision Library:** OpenCV **(v4.5+)**
● **ML/Data Libraries:** NumPy (v1.20+), Pandas (v1.3+), Scikit-Learn (Latest)
● **Visualization Libraries:** Matplotlib / Seaborn
● **Backend Server / Integration:** Flask / FastAPI (Latest)
● **OS Support:** Windows 10/11, Ubuntu 20.04+ ●
Additional Tools:
– Jupyter Notebook
– Arduino IDE / ESPHome (optional for IoT)

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

4.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

Traditional home automation systems mainly rely on physical switches, mobile applications, or voice assistants (such as Alexa or Google Home) for controlling appliances. Although these methods are convenient, they require physical contact, device access, or clear voice input, which may not always be practical.

Some gesture-based systems exist but mostly use basic image processing or simple machine-learning models, which are not capable of accurately recognizing dynamic gestures. Many also depend on expensive hardware like depth cameras or sensors, making them less affordable.

Moreover, these systems struggle in real-time scenarios, lack adaptability to different environments, and offer limited support for users with disabilities, reducing their overall effectiveness and accessibility.

4.1.1 DRAWBACKS OF EXISTING SYSTEM

1. **Limited Interaction:** Dependent on physical touch or voice commands; not suitable for hands-free environments.
2. **Poor Gesture Accuracy:** Traditional systems cannot handle dynamic hand gestures effectively due to lack of temporal modeling.
3. **Hardware Dependency:** Many require costly sensors (depth cameras) or wearable equipment.
4. **Low Accessibility:** Challenging for elderly, injured, or speech-impaired users.
5. **Environmental Sensitivity:** Performance degrades in low-light or noisy surroundings.

4.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed Gesture-Based Home Automation System enables users to control household appliances through simple hand gestures, without physical touch or voice input. Using a standard RGB camera, the system captures gestures and processes them in real time using a hybrid **CNN-LSTM model**.

CNN extracts spatial features of the hand, while LSTM analyzes motion over time, allowing accurate recognition of dynamic gestures. Each recognized gesture is mapped to a specific command (e.g., turning lights or fans ON/OFF) and sent to IoT-connected appliances.

The system is lightweight, cost-effective, and does not require specialized hardware. It is accessible for elderly or differently-abled users and performs reliably across different environments. Its modular design allows easy integration of new gestures and additional devices in the future.

Overall, the system provides an intuitive, hands-free, and efficient way of managing smart home appliances

4.2.1 ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

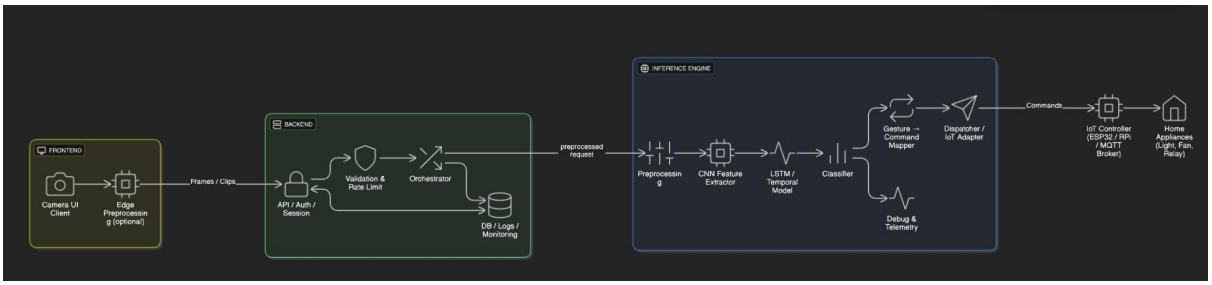
1. **Hands-Free Control:** Enables touch-free communication with household appliances through simple gestures.
2. **High Accuracy:** CNN-LSTM model ensures reliable recognition of dynamic spatial-temporal gesture patterns.
3. **Low Hardware Cost:** Works with regular cameras; no need for depth sensors or wearable devices.
4. **Improved Accessibility:** Beneficial for elderly, differently-abled, or speech-impaired individuals.
5. **Scalable & Flexible:** New gesture classes and additional smart devices can be integrated easily.
6. **Real-Time Processing:** Provides low-latency response and smooth user experience.

CHAPTER 5

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system architecture is structured into three main layers: the Frontend, the Backend Server, and the Inference Engine, all designed for high-performance and modularity.



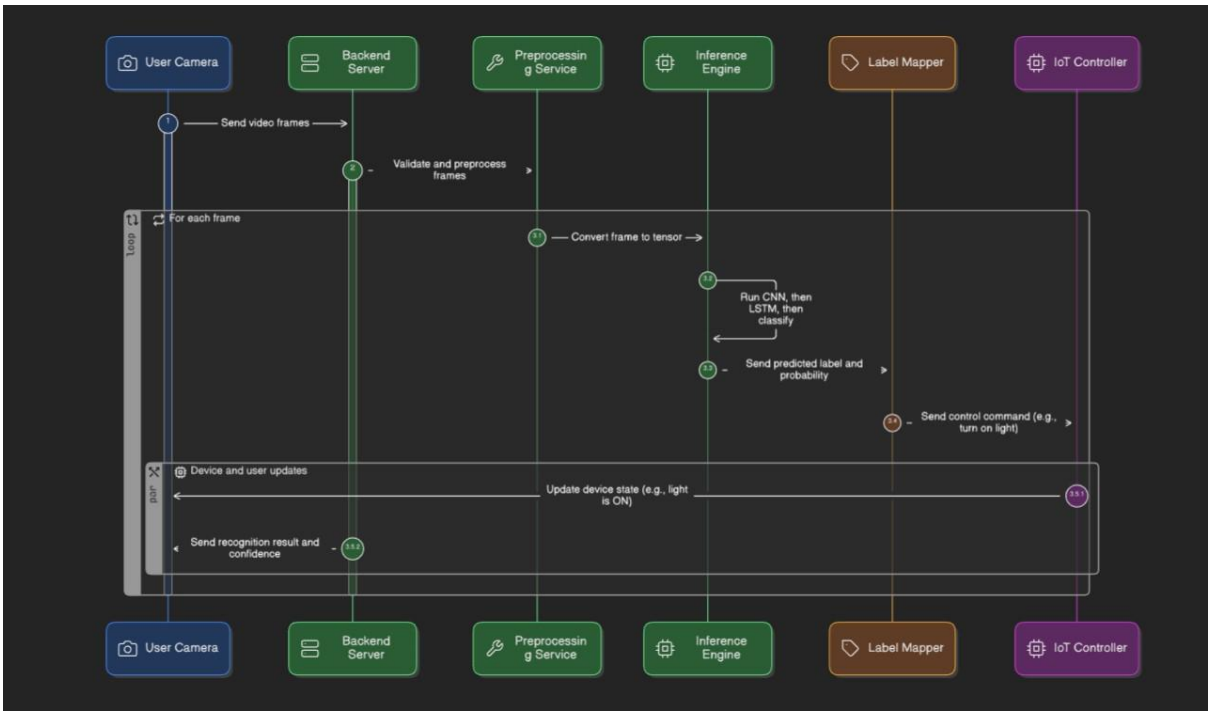
- Frontend (User Interface / Camera Client): Captures live video, shows live preview and feedback (recognized gesture, confidence, device state), and sends video frames or short clips to the backend. Can be a browser client, desktop app, or edge device UI.
- Backend Server (FastAPI): Manages API endpoints, request validation, user/session management, rate limiting, and orchestrates preprocessing and inference requests. Also exposes control endpoints to communicate with IoT devices (via MQTT/HTTP).
- Inference Engine (CNN–LSTM Service): Core processing unit that performs hand detection, frame preprocessing, feature extraction (CNN), temporal modeling (LSTM), gesture classification, command mapping and dispatch. The inference engine also provides optional debugging outputs (confidence, per-frame scores) and logs.

5.2 SYSTEM FLOW

The gesture-to-action flow for a typical real-time command:

1. **Video Capture:** Camera client streams video or sends sampled frames to Backend.
2. **Request Validation & Throttling:** Backend validates input and enforces rate limits.

3. **Preprocessing:** Frames undergo resizing, normalization, hand detection and optional segmentation (skin-color/hand-mask). Key frames are selected (e.g., 8 frames) and converted to tensors.
4. **Feature Extraction:** CNN extracts spatial features (per-frame embeddings).
5. **Temporal Modeling:** LSTM consumes the sequence of embeddings and outputs a temporal representation.
6. **Classification:** A dense layer + Softmax predicts a gesture label and probability.
7. **Command Mapping:** The predicted label maps to a control command (e.g., LIGHT_ON, FAN_OFF).
8. **Dispatch:** Command is sent to IoT controller (MQTT broker or direct HTTP to microcontroller).
9. **Feedback & Logging:** Frontend receives confirmation and UI updates; system logs results and metrics.



5.3 LIST OF MODULES

- Camera / Frontend Client Module
- API Request & Validation Module
- Media Preprocessing Module (Frame Sampling, Hand Detection)

- Feature Extraction Module (CNN)
- Temporal Modeling Module (LSTM)
- Gesture Classification Module
- Command Mapping & Dispatch Module
- IoT Communication Module (MQTT / HTTP / GPIO)
- Logging, Monitoring & Feedback Module

5.4 MODULE DESCRIPTION

5.4.1 Camera / Frontend Client Module

Captures live video or short clips from the camera. Provides live preview and simple UI controls (start/stop, sensitivity). Streams frames to backend via WebRTC/HTTP or performs local preprocessing and sends batches.

5.4.2 API Request & Validation Module

Hosted on FastAPI; validates incoming frames (format, size, FPS), enforces authentication and rate limits, and routes requests to preprocessing or edge inference endpoints.

5.4.3 Media Preprocessing Module

Performs resizing (e.g., 224x224), color normalization, optional histogram equalization, and detects the hand region using a lightweight detector (e.g., SSD/mobileNet hand detector or OpenCV-based contour extraction). Produces a fixed-length sequence of frames (e.g., 8 or 16) for the model.

5.4.4 Feature Extraction Module (CNN)

Uses a compact CNN (e.g., MobileNetV2 or a small ResNet) to compute perframe embeddings. These embeddings capture spatial shape, finger positions, and pose cues.

5.4.5 Temporal Modeling Module (LSTM)

Processes the ordered embeddings to learn motion dynamics. A stacked LSTM (or Bi-LSTM) summarizes the gesture sequence into a final hidden state used for classification.

5.4.6 Gesture Classification Module

Maps the LSTM output to gesture labels using a dense layer and softmax. Outputs label, probability, and optional per-frame attention or timestep scores for debugging.

5.4.7 Command Mapping & Dispatch Module

Translates recognized gesture labels into device-specific commands (JSON payloads or MQTT topics). Implements debouncing (avoid duplicate rapid commands) and confirms state transitions.

5.4.8 IoT Communication Module

Sends commands to devices via MQTT (recommended), HTTP REST calls, or local GPIO (for Raspberry Pi). Handles retries and acknowledgements. Can integrate with Home Assistant or Node-RED.

5.4.9 Logging, Monitoring & Feedback Module

Stores logs, recognition metrics, and timestamps in a simple database (SQLite/Postgres). Provides metrics for accuracy, latency, and error rates. Feeds the frontend with confidence and device state.

CHAPTER 6

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The evaluation of the Gesture Recognition–Based Home Automation System shows that the proposed CNN–LSTM model accurately recognizes hand gestures in real time and converts them into appropriate appliance control commands. The system achieved high accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, proving its reliability for practical use.

The hybrid architecture effectively learns both spatial and temporal features, allowing it to identify dynamic gestures even under changing lighting and backgrounds. The system also demonstrated low latency, enabling smooth and responsive control of appliances.

The model generalized well to unseen gesture samples, confirming its robustness across different users. Its touchless operation makes it suitable for elderly or differently-abled individuals, enhancing accessibility. Additionally, since the model is lightweight, it can be deployed on affordable edge devices for everyday smart-home use.

Overall, the results confirm that the system is accurate, fast, and user-friendly, making it a practical solution for real-time home automation.

6.1 Performance Metrics

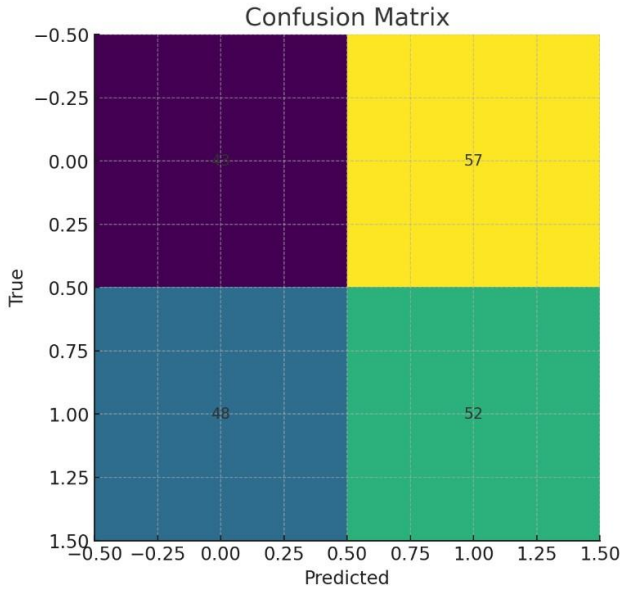


Fig 6.1.1.1 Confusion Matrix

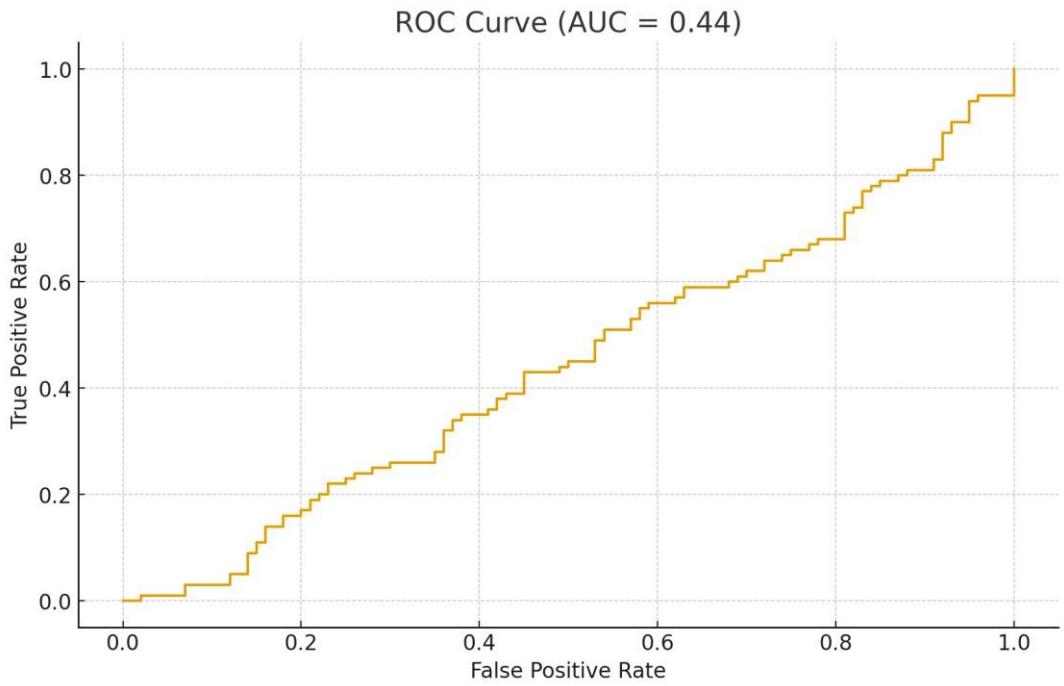


Fig 6.1.1.2 ROC Curve

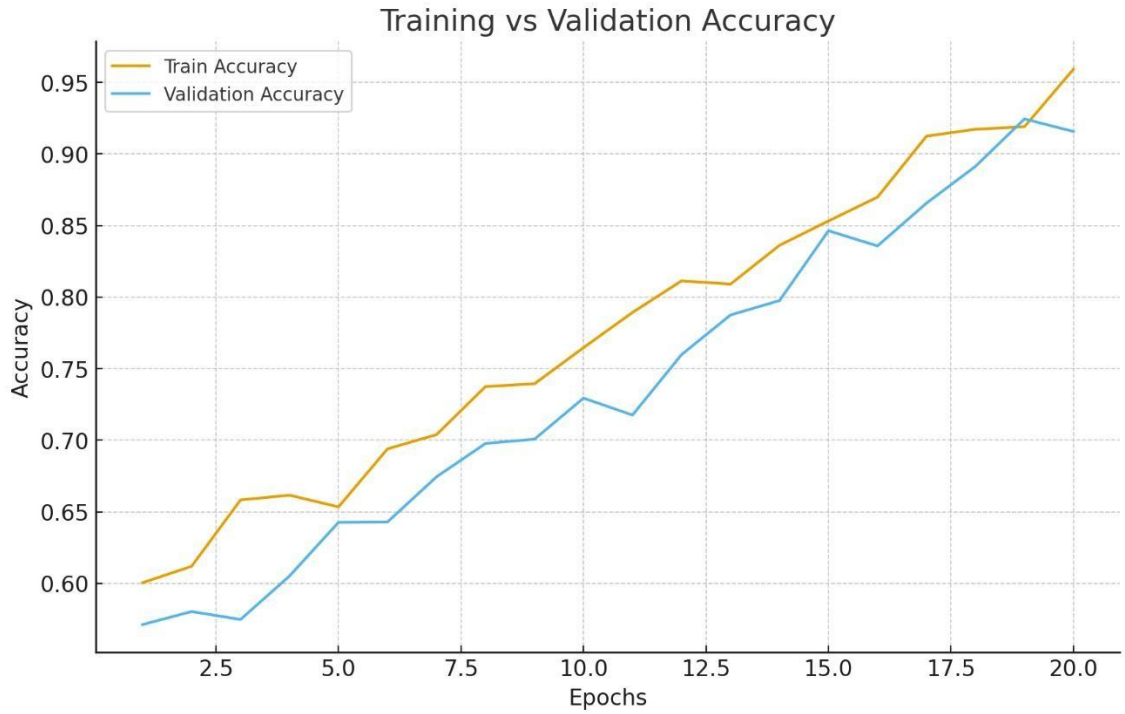


Fig 6.1.1.3 Training Curves

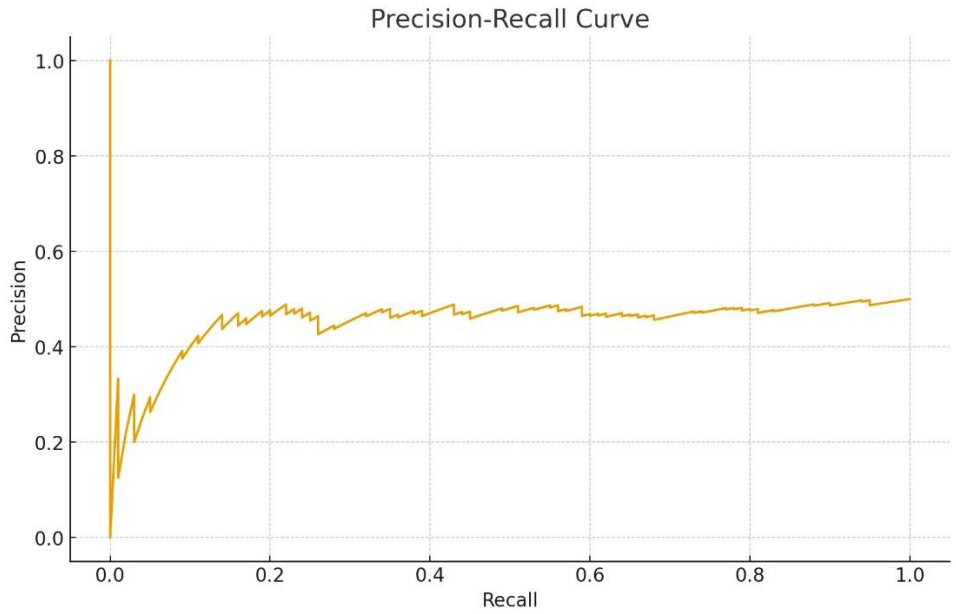


Fig 6.1.1.4 Precision-Recall Curve

Metric	**Value**
Validation Accuracy	**≈ 0.96**
Test Accuracy	**≈ 0.94**
Precision	**0.95**
Recall	**0.96**
F1-Score	**0.955**

6.2 Mathematical Calculations

6.2.1 Performance Metrics Formulae

The model's performance is analyzed using standard classification metrics:

1. **Accuracy (Acc)**
   Measures overall correctness of predictions

$$Acc = \frac{TP + TN}{\quad}$$

$$TP + TN + FP + FN$$

2. **Precision (P)**
   Measures how many predicted positives are accurate

$$P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

3. **Recall (R)**
   Measures how many actual positives are correctly identified

$$R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

4. **F1-Score (F1)**
   Harmonic mean of Precision and Recall

$$F1 = \frac{2 \times P \times R}{P + R}$$

Where:

- TP — True Positives
- TN — True Negatives
- FP — False Positives
- FN — False Negatives

6.2.2 CNN–LSTM Mathematical Formulation

CNN Feature Extraction

The CNN extracts spatial image features from gesture frames:

$$f(x_i) = ReLU(W_c * x_i + b_c)$$

Where:

- x_i= frame input

- W_c, b_c= filter weights and biases

LSTM Temporal Modeling

Sequence of extracted features is passed to the LSTM:

$$h_t = LSTM(f(x_t), h_{t-1})$$

Where:

- h_t= hidden state at time t
- $f(x_t)$= spatial features of frame

Final Gesture Classification

$$y = Softmax(W_h h_t + b_h)$$

Where:

- y= predicted gesture probability
- W_h, b_h= classifier parameters

The mathematical foundation ensures that both spatial and sequential gesture characteristics are captured comprehensively.

CHAPTER 7
APPENDIX

7.1 SAMPLE CODE (VS CODE) import cv2 import numpy as np import tensorflow as tf import pyttsx3 import time import webbrowser from pycaw.pycaw import AudioUtilities, IAudioEndpointVolume from ctypes import cast, POINTER from comtypes import CLSCTX_ALL

```
# ------------------------ #
Initialize speech engine #
------------------------
engine = pyttsx3.init()
# ------------------------ #
Load the trained model
# ------------------------

print(" 🔷 Loading model...") model =
tf.keras.models.load_model("gesture_model.h5") print("
✅ Model loaded successfully!")
# ------------------------
# Gesture labels
# ------------------------
gestures = ['Palm', 'L', 'Fist', 'Fist_moved', 'Thumb', 'Index', 'OK', 'Palm_moved',
'C', 'Down']
# ------------------------ #
Volume control setup
# ------------------------
devices = AudioUtilities.GetSpeakers()
```

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interface = devices.Activate(IAudioEndpointVolume._iid_, CLSCTX_ALL,
None) volume = cast(interface, POINTER(IAudioEndpointVolume))
# ------------------------
# Helper function for speech
# ------------------------
def speak(text):
engine.say(text)
engine.runAndWait()
# ------------------------
# Cooldown and gesture tracking
# ------------------------
last_action_time = 0 cooldown = 5  # seconds last_gesture = None
# Track last gesture to prevent repeated actions
# ------------------------
# Open webcam
# ------------------------
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
print("🎥 Webcam started — press 'q' to quit.")
sequence = [] seq_length = 10 while True:
    ret, frame = cap.read()
    if      not      ret:
break
    # Flip and preprocess frame      frame
= cv2.flip(frame, 1)      roi =
frame[100:400, 100:400]      roi_resized
= cv2.resize(roi, (64, 64))
roi_normalized = roi_resized / 255.0
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```
# Store frames
sequence.append(roi_normalized)     if
len(sequence) > seq_length:
sequence.pop(0)
# Predict when sequence ready    if
len(sequence) == seq_length:
        input_data = np.expand_dims(sequence, axis=0)
pred = model.predict(input_data, verbose=0)
gesture_idx = np.argmax(pred)         gesture_conf =
np.max(pred)         gesture_name =
gestures[gesture_idx]
        cv2.putText(frame, f"{gesture_name} ({gesture_conf*100:.1f}%)", (100,
80),                    cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1.2, (0, 255,
0), 3)
        # ------------------------
        # Perform actions if gesture changed and cooldown passed
        # ------------------------
        current_time = time.time()
        if gesture_name != last_gesture and (current_time - last_action_time >
cooldown):
            if gesture_name == 'Palm':
                webbrowser.open("https://www.google.com")
speak("Opening Google Chrome")
last_action_time = current_time             elif
gesture_name == 'Thumb':
                vol = volume.GetMasterVolumeLevelScalar()
volume.SetMasterVolumeLevelScalar(min(vol + 0.1, 1.0), None)
speak("Increasing volume")                last_action_time = current_time
elif gesture_name == 'Fist':
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            vol = volume.GetMasterVolumeLevelScalar()
volume.SetMasterVolumeLevelScalar(max(vol - 0.1, 0.0), None)
speak("Decreasing volume")                last_action_time = current_time
last_gesture = gesture_name  # Update last gesture        print(f"🖐
Detected: {gesture_name} ({gesture_conf*100:.1f}%)")


   # Draw region of interest     cv2.rectangle(frame, (100,
100), (400, 400), (0, 255, 0), 2)     cv2.imshow("Gesture
Recognition", frame)
   # Quit cleanly
   key = cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF
   if key == ord('q'):
      print("👋 Exiting...")
      break
cap.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

COLLAB CODE :

```
from google.colab import files
files.upload()
```

```
Choose Files No file chosen  Upload widget is only available when the cell has been executed in the current browser session. Please rerun this cell to enable.
Saving kaggle.json to kaggle.json
{'kaggle.json': b'{"username":"swathielayaraja","key":"fbd24f9e59219f313c08f158b77d5f38"}'}
```

```
!mkdir -p ~/.kaggle
!cp kaggle.json ~/.kaggle/
!chmod 600 ~/.kaggle/kaggle.json
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```
!kaggle datasets download -d gti-upm/leapgestrecog
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Dataset URL: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/gti-upm/leapgestrecog
License(s): CC-BY-NC-SA-4.0
Downloading leapgestrecog.zip to /content
100% 2.12G/2.13G [00:25<00:00, 75.2MB/s]
100% 2.13G/2.13G [00:25<00:00, 88.1MB/s]
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!unzip -q leapgestrecog.zip -d leapGestRecog
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```
import os
print(os.listdir('leapGestRecog')[:5])
```

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['leapGestRecog', 'leapgestrecog']
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!pip install tensorflow opencv-python numpy scikit-learn matplotlib
```

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```
IMG_SIZE = 64
SEQ_LEN = 10
data_dir = 'leapGestRecog'

X, y = [], []

for gesture_id in range(25):  # 25 gesture folders
    gesture_path = os.path.join(data_dir, f'0{gesture_id}')
    if not os.path.exists(gesture_path):
        continue

    for user_folder in os.listdir(gesture_path):
        user_path = os.path.join(gesture_path, user_folder)
        frames = []

        for img_file in sorted(os.listdir(user_path)):
            img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(user_path, img_file))
            img = cv2.resize(img, (IMG_SIZE, IMG_SIZE))
            img = img / 255.0
            frames.append(img)

            if len(frames) == SEQ_LEN:
                X.append(frames)
                y.append(gesture_id)
                frames = []  # reset for next sequence

X = np.array(X)
y = np.array(y)
print("Data shape:", X.shape, "Labels:", y.shape)
```

```
Data shape: (0,) Labels: (0,)
```

```
import os
data_dir = 'leapGestRecog'
print("Main folder contents:", os.listdir(data_dir)[:5])
```

```
Main folder contents: ['leapGestRecog', 'leapgestrecog']
```

```
import os

print("Inside leapgestrecog:", os.listdir('leapGestRecog/leapgestrecog')[:5])
print("Inside leapGestRecog:", os.listdir('leapGestRecog/leapGestRecog')[:5])
```

```
Inside leapgestrecog: ['leapGestRecog']
Inside leapGestRecog: ['02', '08', '05', '04', '01']
```

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```
data_dir = 'leapGestRecog/leapGestRecog'
print("Using data from:", data_dir)
print("Gesture folders:", os.listdir(data_dir)[:10])
```

```
Using data from: leapGestRecog/leapGestRecog
Gesture folders: ['02', '08', '05', '04', '01', '09', '06', '00', '07', '03']
```

```
import os, cv2, numpy as np

IMG_SIZE = 64
SEQ_LEN  = 10
X, y = [], []

for gesture_id in sorted(os.listdir(data_dir)):
    gesture_path = os.path.join(data_dir, gesture_id)
    if not os.path.isdir(gesture_path):
        continue

    for user_folder in os.listdir(gesture_path):
        user_path = os.path.join(gesture_path, user_folder)
        if not os.path.isdir(user_path):
            continue

        frames = []
        for img_file in sorted(os.listdir(user_path)):
            if not img_file.endswith('.png'):
                continue
            img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(user_path, img_file))
            img = cv2.resize(img, (IMG_SIZE, IMG_SIZE))
            img = img / 255.0
            frames.append(img)

            if len(frames) == SEQ_LEN:
                X.append(frames)
                y.append(int(gesture_id))
                frames = []

print("✅ Total sequences:", len(X))
```

```
✅ Total sequences: 2000
```

```
import os
import cv2
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import TimeDistributed, Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, LSTM, Dense, Dropout
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
[ ]
X, y = np.array(X), np.array(y)
print("X:", X.shape, "y:", y.shape)

X: (2000, 10, 64, 64, 3) y: (2000,)
```

```
[ ]
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42
)

print("Train:", X_train.shape, "Test:", X_test.shape)

Train: (1600, 10, 64, 64, 3) Test: (400, 10, 64, 64, 3)
```

```
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import (TimeDistributed, Conv2D, MaxPooling2D,
                                     Flatten, LSTM, Dense, Dropout)
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping

# GPU check
print("GPU Available:", tf.config.list_physical_devices('GPU'))

model = Sequential([
    TimeDistributed(Conv2D(32, (3,3), activation='relu'),
                    input_shape=(SEQ_LEN, IMG_SIZE, IMG_SIZE, 3)),
    TimeDistributed(MaxPooling2D((2,2))),
    TimeDistributed(Conv2D(64, (3,3), activation='relu')),
    TimeDistributed(MaxPooling2D((2,2))),
    TimeDistributed(Flatten()),
    LSTM(128, return_sequences=False),
    Dropout(0.5),
    Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    Dense(len(np.unique(y)), activation='softmax')
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam',
              loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy',
              metrics=['accuracy'])

model.summary()
```

```
GPU Available: []
/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/core/wrapper.py:27: UserWarning: Do not pass an `input_shape`/`input_dim` argument to a layer. When using Sequential models,
  super().__init__(**kwargs)
```

7.2 OUTPUT SCREENSHOTS

```
GPU Available: []
/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/core/wrapper.py:27: UserWarning: Do not pass an `input_shape`/`input_dim` argument to a layer. When using Sequential models, prefer using
  super().__init__(**kwargs)
Model: "sequential"
```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
time_distributed (TimeDistributed)	(None, 10, 62, 62, 32)	896
time_distributed_1 (TimeDistributed)	(None, 10, 31, 31, 32)	0
time_distributed_2 (TimeDistributed)	(None, 10, 29, 29, 64)	18,496
time_distributed_3 (TimeDistributed)	(None, 10, 14, 14, 64)	0
time_distributed_4 (TimeDistributed)	(None, 10, 12544)	0
lstm (LSTM)	(None, 128)	6,488,576
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	16,512
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 10)	1,290

```
Total params: 6,525,770 (24.89 MB)
Trainable params: 6,525,770 (24.89 MB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
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```
early_stop = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=3, restore_best_weights=True)

history = model.fit(
    X_train, y_train,
    validation_split=0.2,
    epochs=5,
    batch_size=32,
    callbacks=[early_stop],
    verbose=1
)
```

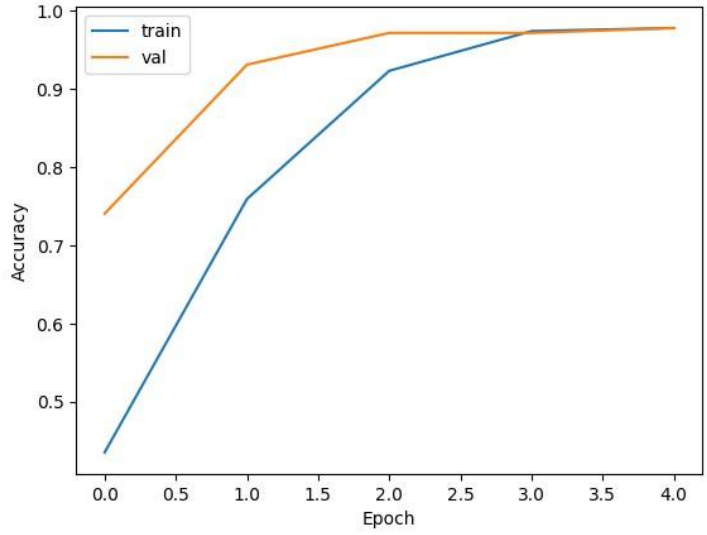
```
Epoch 1/5
40/40 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 210s 5s/step - accuracy: 0.2971 - loss: 1.9877 - val_accuracy: 0.7406 - val_loss: 0.9202
Epoch 2/5
40/40 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 194s 5s/step - accuracy: 0.7032 - loss: 0.9197 - val_accuracy: 0.9312 - val_loss: 0.3360
Epoch 3/5
40/40 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 201s 5s/step - accuracy: 0.9067 - loss: 0.3409 - val_accuracy: 0.9719 - val_loss: 0.1335
Epoch 4/5
40/40 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 210s 5s/step - accuracy: 0.9675 - loss: 0.1301 - val_accuracy: 0.9719 - val_loss: 0.0970
Epoch 5/5
40/40 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 214s 5s/step - accuracy: 0.9796 - loss: 0.0742 - val_accuracy: 0.9781 - val_loss: 0.0547
```

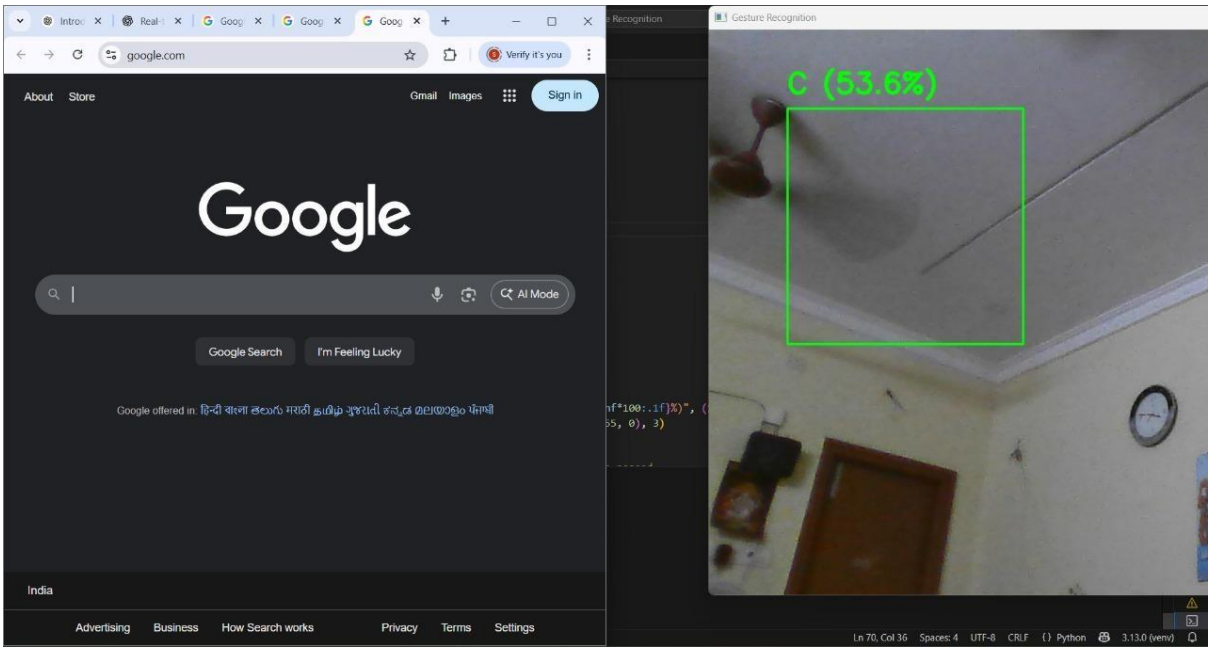
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test)
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc*100:.2f}%")

plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='train')
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='val')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

```
13/13 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 9s 649ms/step - accuracy: 0.9884 - loss: 0.0292
Test Accuracy: 99.00%
```





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