HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION: A SMART TECHNIQUE

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***Abstract*— Hand gesture recognition is an evolving field in human-computer interaction (HCI) that enables seamless communication between humans and machines. By utilizing advanced techniques such as computer vision, machine learning, and deep learning, this technology can interpret human gestures into actionable commands. Hand structure recognition is the technology that is based on the concept of understanding the hand and the hand structure. The hand is visualized by real time video, the hand is recognized by using the properties of the hand and the hand structure is identified by using the several predefined points and area of interests. Hand structure recognition and gesture analysis is a system that acts like an interface between humans and the machine. The hand structure identified by the system is given by the humans, so it's become the bridge between human machine interaction. The system is used to control other applications. It is used to run and control other applications or machines and make a machine upgraded according to human needs and comfort. This system can be used to make other applications more advanced and more user friendly. Many instances of such interaction are now limited to specialised usage and extremely expensive, such as the Optic Rift. This paper provides an overview of hand gesture recognition systems, focusing on their applications, challenges, and future potential in creating smarter and more intuitive interfaces. In this method eliminates the problem of using expensive hardware and making it cheaper and usable. We explained all about hand structure recognition and gesture analysis and presents a way for controlling power point presentations using static hand gestures. We take the static hand gesture via laptop connected webcam as a input and after detecting hand gestures based on the gesture model decide the command to execute and navigate the power point presentation as left, right, zoom in, zoom out.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Humans are getting more and more addicted to technology. The usage of technology increases rapidly and the developers are working to upgrade their technology, so that it will become more user friendly and easy to use. Lots of new features are added to their technology in order to make it more effective. But on the other hand, it's difficult for users to understand and to use all the features completely.

The interaction between humans and machines has undergone a significant transformation in recent decades. Traditional input devices such as keyboards and mice are increasingly being complemented or replaced by natural interaction methods, including voice commands and gestures. Hand gestures, being an intuitive form of non-verbal communication, offer a promising avenue for creating smarter and more immersive user experiences. Hand gesture recognition systems aim to bridge the gap between human intent and machine understanding by leveraging cutting-edge computational techniques.

Hand gesture recognition is accomplished by making effective use of computer vision. Gestures are defined as expressive movements of body parts that transmit a specific message between a sender and a receiver. Scientists classify gestures as either dynamic or static. A static gesture refers to a specific hand position and arrangement. A dynamic gesture movement. A dynamic gesture is one that changes throughout time, whereas a static motion only occurs once. A goodbye wave is a dynamic gesture, whereas a stop sign is a static gesture [2]. According to Elon Musk, Artificial intelligence has more potential than nuclear energy and future technology will completely rely on artificial intelligence. The computer vision is the subpart of computer vision. In our project, we used Open CV for image processing and computer vision. Hand gesture recognition aimed for interpreting human gestures with the help of mathematical algorithm [1]. Now webcam and cameras are used by system so, why not we access the webcam for manipulating and controlling the application and application features. Using hand gestures makes it easier and more comfortable to use any application that uses hand gestures or such touch free features. A most recent example of hand free usage of the system are voice commands by google and apple siri [4].In our project, we worked on making the system very optimized and fast with accuracy. Faster detection of hand structures will help users to navigate from one feature to another feature or one function to other function easily.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In the Figure 1 image represents an overview of a gesture recognition system. Calibrating detection might be needed as soon as the device is turned on, depending on the type of detection that is used. As seen in the flow chart, the system

will iterate over scanning and segmenting until a hand is found and thus checking if a hand is present. This exploration is going to explore what the steps are to find a hand from a non-simple back drop: as in the actions of average laptop user These methods are: After detecting a hand, it moves on to gesture recognition[5]. Output from the job. Hand recognition generally comprises three stages. The system checks the user's hand position and state and decides which action it should take according to the user's movements. The system will wait for the next gesture after executing a command. At all times the user can drop gesture control upon hiding their hand; when the system is no longer able to track or identify the hand, the system drops back to standby, waiting for the next input. The hand gesture recogniser continuously detects hand gestures and displays the benchmarks of the sensed hands[6]. This job can be utilized to identify some gestures by the user for handling an application.

This assignment is the application of some ML model on image data which can either be static or continuous input. It outputs the hand benchmarks in image and world coordinates, handedness (e.g., left/right hand), and multiple types of hand gestures. Hand recognition general method involves three steps[7]. Image processing for inputs include rotation, scaling, normalisation and colour space transformation. Prediction Score Threshold — Filter results based on forecast score. Label allowlist and denylist – Specify the gesture classes the model is trained with.

A) Techniques for Hand Gesture Recognition: Hand gesture recognition systems typically consist of three main components: data acquisition, feature extraction, and classification[8].

I) Data Acquisition: Data acquisition involves capturing the hand's position, orientation, and movement using sensors or cameras. Common approaches include:
RGB Cameras: Capture colour images and are widely available in consumer devices[9].
Depth Sensors: Provide 3D data, enabling better differentiation between gestures.
Wearable Sensors: Use accelerometers, gyroscopes, or electromyography (EMG) to track hand movements.

ii) Feature Extraction Feature extraction transforms raw data into meaningful information that represents the hand's shape, motion, and orientation. Popular methods include:
Contour-based features (e.g., edges, convex hulls).
Keypoint-based features (e.g., fingertip and joint locations).
Texture and appearance-based features (e.g., skin color, patterns).

iii) Classification ML and DL algorithms are employed to classify gestures. Techniques include:

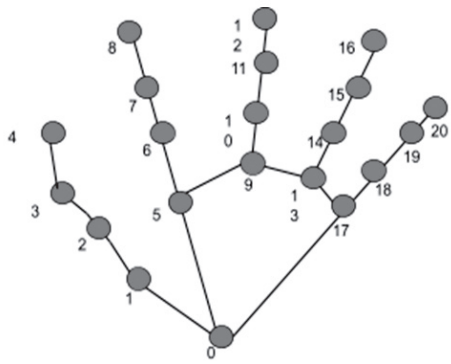


Figure 1: Hand Landmark.

iv) Traditional ML: SVM, k-NN, and Decision Trees Deep Learning: CNNs and RNNs for advanced spatiotemporal analysis

B) Challenges While offering promise, there are multiple challenges which prevent the widespread adoption of hand gesture recognition systems: Environmental Variability, User Variability, Real-Time Processing and Data Privacy

C) Hand Breakthrough Model Bundle: The hand breakthrough model bundle senses the key point localization of 21 hand knuckle synchronizes in the sensed hand regions. The realistic images are about 30K; this includes the superimposition of several artificial hand models on multiple sites. The 21 landmarks are defined in the following way:

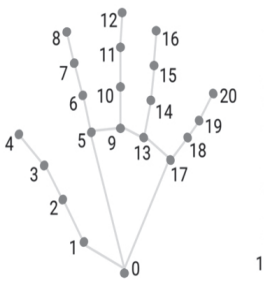


Figure:1 Hand Land marks

The limitations of biometric systems that function based on any one biometric trait are:
Noise in sensed data:
Intra-class variations
Distinctiveness:
Non-universality:
Spoof attacks

III. PROPOSED MODEL

A) Image Acquisition:
The image from the webcam is taken in real time. As seen in Fig.4, the user performs movements by holding his hand parallel to the webcam. In this technology, images are continuously recorded and processed into frames.

Figure 2: Image Capturing and storing into frame

B) Detecting hand gesture:
The Open CV media pipe library recognizes the hand structures after receiving the frames. The Media Pipe Hands is a solution that provides high-fidelity hand and finger tracking[10]. It uses ML to predict 21 3D hand landmarks from a single frame. After palm detection on an image, our subsequent hand landmark model uses regression to achieve precise key point localization of 21.

C) Hand gesture recognition The next stage is to recognize the hand gesture and compare it to a previously specified hand motion in the programmed. If any of the gestures defined in the programmed are recognized[11].

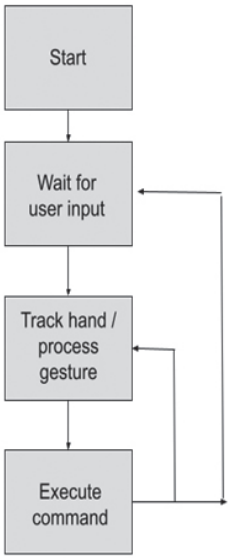
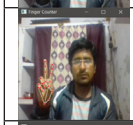
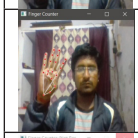


Figure 3: Hand Landmark Process.

Table 1: Gesture and their Functions

	This motion was used for prior operations. Upon recognising this gesture, the current slide goes to the previous slide.
	This gesture is used for the following operation. After recognising this motion, the current slide advances to the next slide.
	This gesture is used to zoom in during operation. It recognises this action and zooms in on the presentation slide.
	The zoom out function is performed with this motion. After identifying this gesture, the presentation slide is zoomed out.
	For the open operation, this motion is employed. It opens to detect the hand gesture after detecting this gesture.
	This action is used to pick the lock. The gesture is locked in the presentation slide after it is recognized. It will not detect any hand gestures after it has been locked.

Applications of Hand Recognition:

A) Music player: Use of hand gesture for controlling music player-based functions makes its use convenient when it becomes intuitive. It eliminates the need for the user to remain very close to the system and makes it operable even when at a distance. Hand gestures are user friendly as well as easy to use as it would override the current preference like voice instructions which can be misunderstood by the system[12].

B) Game controlling: Gaming industry is on a consistent rise since the last few years and has already been witnessing use of various non-contact control measures. Among this the revolution can be made by introduction of hand gestures and will create a new genre in gaming.

C) Smart home: The use of technology in home management brings efficiency and saves time. You won't need to get up every time for petty jobs like moving curtains or operating appliances. Use of hand gestures can be increased manifold once implemented and adopted by peoples.

D) Smart television: It is advised to watch television from a distance but how to do so when remote controls are often misplaced and need frequent battery replacements. The solution here can again be hand gestures for various operations that are contemporarily done via a TV remote

E). (VR) and (AR): Ornamental immersive environments with natural interaction.

F). Healthcare: Assisting patients with physical impairments to control devices[12].

G). Sign Language Recognition: Bridging communication gaps for the hearing-impaired.

H). Smart Home Systems: Controlling appliances and devices with simple gestures[13].

CONCLUSION

The necessity of hand structure recognition is accomplishedin building the effective human machine interaction .Its usage lies from symbol language recognition using hands. Conclusion Based on the results of the research, it can be demonstrated that building hand gesture recognition using Python and OpenCV can be implemented by using the theories of image acquisitions and the hand detection system. Created the system which is capable of detecting the hand sign and comparing the signs with pre-defined signs by using media pipe and open cv. By just following the model you may manage a power point presentation using hand gestures that include previous slide, next slide, zoom in, zoom out, gesture lock, and open. The system is tested in bright light and low light background means in different lighting conditions. Its accuracy lies 93%. For the future recommendation, this system will include the execution of additional gestures that will allow any users with different skin color and size of palm to perform more functions easily.

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