

Deep Learning based Sign Language Detection from Hand Gesture Dataset

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Abstract: *The idea of sign language detection by technology is underutilized, despite the fact that a sizable social group could benefit from it. Few technological advancements can help this social group connect to the rest of the world. One of the most crucial elements in enabling sign language users to interact with the rest of society is understanding sign language. This study suggests using powerful artificial intelligence technology known as convolutional neural networks to understand gestures in Indian sign language (CNN). Three alternative sample sizes, each with a different number of persons and viewing angles, are used in CNN training. The trained CNN is evaluated using the final two samples. Different CNN architectures were developed and tested using our selfie sign language to increase recognition accuracy. The proposed methodology's efficiency in detecting sign language is demonstrated by experimental data.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Communication is vital in our daily lives because it allows us to pass information from one person to another. However, communicating with normal people becomes extremely difficult for deaf and dumb persons. The only method to connect with them is through sign language. Normal individuals, on the other hand, are not aware of sign language. There is only one option, which is to translate sign language into text and speech and the other way around. Sign recognition is the term for this. Sign language is a combination of face expressions, hand gestures, and body language. The majority of study focuses on deciphering hand gestures because they provide the majority of the information. The following is a description of two methods for deciphering hand motions: Image-based and sensor-based systems the most difficult option to use and troubleshoot is the sensor-based approach, which calls both hardware and sensor-based hand gloves. The image-based solution, however, is quite easy to construct and utilize. Around the world, there are various sign languages in use, each of which is unique. For instance, ISL (Indian Sign Language) is used in India, while ASL (American Sign Language) is used in the United States. Additional sign languages include FSL, RSL, and others. You can decode the information expressed by the aforementioned categories using hand gesture recognition, which is increasingly being used to interact with cutting-edge applications like serious games, interactive games, emotional expression identifiers, remote controllers in robotics, and sophisticated computer interfaces. The two main types of hand gesture detection techniques are appearance-based and 3D model-based. The first gathers pertinent 3D data from vital bodily parts, whilst the second gathers important elements from images or video clips. It used to require numerous RGB cameras to obtain a 3D representation of the body parts, including the hands.

With a vast amount of data samples collected from various sources, this work provides a deep multi-layered CNN architecture that performs on both static and dynamic gestures. Static gestures are used to indicate the alphabets and numbers, whereas dynamic movements are used to represent emotional responses. 36 classes of static gestures and 23 classes of dynamic gestures were fed into the proposed deep multi-layered CNN structure. The dataset has been split into training, validation, and test sets in the ratio of 60: 20: 20 to make the system more robust. In addition, the input images feature a cluttered background. The outcomes of the experiments demonstrate the capability of the proposed methodology to classify both static and dynamic movements appropriately.

1.1 Motivation

Technology in the form of various software programmers has been developed for the purposes of teaching and interpreting sign language. However, there has been some positive but limited development in using contemporary technology to recognize sign languages. Software that can accurately recognize and translate sign language is in demand. More importantly, it should act as a bridge between those who use sign language and those who do not have a pressing need to learn or comprehend it. By evaluating the effectiveness of one such technique in improving sign language recognition, our research makes a contribution to this effort.

1.2 Project Scope

The training, validation, and testing in this paper were done on images 62187, 20713, and 20713, respectively. Both static and dynamic hand gesture photos are included in the training, validation, and test sets. The test set was evaluated as blind testing, which means that the test photos were never utilized for training or validation. The proposed system is more robust thanks to this blind testing formulation. It shows that the proposed methodology performs well on a blind test dataset. However, this work does not include real-time detection and classification of hand motions. As a result, future research should focus on developing sophisticated approaches for detecting sign language in real time. In this case, a region-based CNN could be used to make detection easier.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

A. Daset.al, the work is based on deep learning-based sign language detection of static gesture images. Convolutional neural networks were used in this paper to successfully recognize images of static sign language motions. Data obtained consistently showed a high accuracy rate of over 90%. This goes on to demonstrate that Inception v3 is a good model for recognizing static sign language motions given the correct dataset and cropped images.

U. Patel et.al, Moment-based sign language recognition for Indian languages is the basis of the proposed effort. In this study, Hindi speaking is done through the use of a wav audio file type. In the future, ISL might be translated into additional Indian languages. To implement, we can utilize ASL or BSL. Using a number of classifier performance criteria, we evaluated the two classification algorithms and found that PNN classification had a higher classification rate. If we take into account the time parameter, we may use this method for video conferencing with dumb and deaf people for advanced communication.

G. A. Rao et.al, Deep convolutional neural networks-based research is being proposed for the recognition of sign language. In this research, we proposed CNN architecture for categorizing gestures in selfie sign language. The CNN architecture consists of four convolutional layers. To improve recognition speed and accuracy, different filtering window sizes are used to evaluate each convolutional layer.

D. Avola et.al, Utilizing recurrent neural networks and a leap motion controller for the recognition of sign language and semaphoric hand gestures is the foundation of the proposed work. This research introduces a brand-new DLSTM-based hand gesture detection method in this publication. An LSTM-RNN is paired with an affective collection of discriminative characteristics based on joint angles and fingertip placements to produce results with excellent accuracy. When the initial draught of the work was written, there were no other comparable methods. The strategy we suggest performs better on the SHREC dataset than alternative approaches.

B. G. Leet.al, proposed work based on a smart wearable hand device with sensor fusion for sign language interpretation. In this study, we successfully designed and implemented a wearable hand device with an integrated SVM classifier for sign interpretation. An Android-based mobile application was created to show how the recommended smart wearable device can be used with a text-to-speech service. The participants gave the suggested wearable smart sign interpretation system high scores for its comfort, adaptability, and portability.

L. Luet.al, theory and numerical examples for the proposed study based on DyingreLU and initialization. This paper is the first theoretical analysis of the fading ReLU that we are aware of. By concentrating on the worst case of a dying ReLU, we define "the dying ReLU network" as the issue that arises when the ReLU network is dead.

Z. Zhanget.al, Generalized cross entropy loss is a method that has been developed for training deep neural networks with noisy labels. A set of noise-resistant loss functions that are theoretically supported and can be seen as a generalization of MAE and CCE are presented in this paper. Any existing DNN architecture and algorithm may easily

implement the suggested loss functions, and they work well in a range of noisy label environments. The outcomes of experiments employing the datasets CIFAR-10, CIFAR-100, and FASHIONMNIST as well as artificially generated noisy labels are reported.

M. Shahaet.al, proposed study for the classification of images using transfer learning. In order to successfully avoid the impact of an unbalanced data distribution, we present a new cost function based on the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney (WMW) statistic in this paper. We also employ two simultaneous boosting processes on both positive and negative data distributions.

A. G. Howardet.al, proposed work based on Mobilenets: Convolutional neural networks that are effective for mobile vision applications. A brand-new model architecture based on depthwise separable convolutions that we introduced is called MobileNets. We investigated a few of the most important design choices that go into making a good model. Then, we demonstrated how to employ a width multiplier and a resolution multiplier to reduce size and latency while maintaining a decent level of accuracy in MobileNets.

2.1 Existing System

The most difficult part of the previous system was locating the appropriate dataset. There were few photos in some files, and only a few symbols in others. The second hurdle was adapting the Inception v3 model for our needs, as there were few references available online due to its newness. Also, we started using Indian Sign Language but had to convert to American Sign Language owing to a lack of data. Convolutional neural networks are being used to detect motions taken by sensors like the Kinect by taking into account depth data. It was difficult to choose the right dataset-model combination because certain models tended to overfit a dataset.

2.2 Proposed System

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2.3 System Architecture

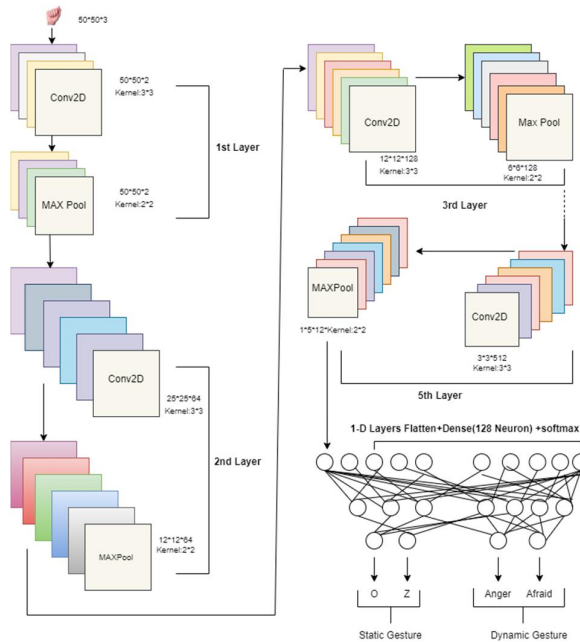


Figure 1: Proposed Multi-layered CNN Architecture

III. CONCLUSION

For the purpose of identifying and categorizing sign languages from photographs of hand gestures, a five-layer deep CNN architecture is proposed in this study. The suggested methodology employs both static (0-9) and dynamic (alone, afraid, angry, etc.) gestures during the training, validation, and blind testing phases to strengthen the system's resilience. The proposed method had a 99.89% accuracy rate in the blind test. Real-time detection and classification of hand motions are not, however, included in this work. Future research should concentrate on creating sophisticated methods for instantaneous sign language recognition. In this situation, sign language detection could be facilitated by a region-based CNN.

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