

# Human Sign Language Recognition Using Deep Learning

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**Abstract**—Human Sign Language Recognition can be used to identify the language expressed by hand movements of a person or can identify a sign from an image and express the movements in the form of text and speech. Our main focus is to recognize the hand signs of a person by using CNN model. Sign language is specially used by handicapped to pass on their thoughts. By implementing sign language recognition using machine learning, we can easily recognize, predict, and infer the meaning behind every single gesture in no time.

**Index Terms**—Machine Learning, Convolutional Neural Network, Hand Gesture Recognition, Natural language Processing, Sign Language

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Main challenge faced by a vocally impaired person is with effective communication. A large communication gap is found between - special person and normal person. Deaf and Dumb people always face difficulty in communicating with normal person. This is a huge challenge that makes them uncomfortable and is the reason for them to isolate themselves from the society and gatherings. It is due to this communication challenge that Deaf and Dumb people feel not to communicate and hence they struggle to express their feelings. A Hand Gesture Recognition and Voice Conversion system localises and tracks the hand gestures of the vocally and hearing-impaired individual in order to maintain a communication channel with the other people. The detection of hand gestures can be done using a web camera. The pictures are then converted into standard size with the help of pre-processing. As the number of people with vocal defects is increasing every day, it is essential for even a normal person to learn how to communicate using Human Sign Language. Sign language Recognition is an efficient way of bridging the communication gap

between a vocal impaired person and a vocal communicator. We aspire to make sign language communication effective through Human Sign language Recognition.

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

*A. Two Way Communicator between Deaf and Dumb People and Normal People.*

Ahire, Prashant G., et al. One of the most precious gifts of nature to human beings is the ability to express himself by responding to the events occurring in his surroundings. Every normal human being sees, listens and then reacts to the situations by speaking himself out. But there are some unfortunate ones who are deprived of this valuable gift. This creates a gap between the normal human beings and the deprived ones. This application will help for both of them to communicate with each other. The system is mainly consists of two modules, first module is drawing out Indian Sign Language (ISL) gestures from real-time video and mapping it with human-understandable speech. Accordingly, second module will take natural languages input and map it with equivalent Indian Sign Language animated gestures. Processing from video to speech will include frame formation from videos, finding region of interest (ROI) and mapping of images with language knowledge base using Correlation based approach then relevant audio generation using Google Text-to-Speech (TTS) API. The other way round, natural language is mapped with equivalent Indian Sign Language gestures by conversion of speech to text using Google Speech-to-Text (STT) API, further mapping the text to relevant animated gestures from the database.

*B. Development Of Hand Gesture Recognition System For Speech Impaired People.*

Ms R. Vinitha and Ms A. Theerthana. The speech impaired people suffer from lack of communication which can be overcome by a hand gesture recognition system. The hardware module consists of a flex sensor and MEMS sensor which is arranged in a manner to

correctly get positioned in fingers. The concept of decoding of hand gesture movements is made possible by considering the axis orientation of the MEMS sensor with respect to gravity and it will generate some voltage values. The accelerations of a hand motion three perpendicular directions are detected by our MEMS sensor and get transmitted to the microcontroller. Gesture is recognized by comparing the acceleration values with the stored templates values and an automatic gesture recognition algorithm is developed to identify individual gestures in a sequential ord

### III.. HARDWARE COMPONENTS

#### A. External Web Camera

An external Webcam with a better resolution (1080px) and pixel is used in this process to increase the efficiency of the system in terms of reducing the noise values that frequently occur while analyzing a video. This webcam is attached to the machine in which the code is being run, and the video of hand gestures is taken through it. The whole idea of using this external webcam is that the built-in webcam quality in many machines is most likely to provide massive noises that can effect the accuracy of the prediction.

### IV. METHODOLOGY

The first step in our project is model generation. We first upload a dataset that has all the necessary handmade signs and their corresponding meanings that are required for our output. The dataset is a mixture of text and images.

With the help of Gaussian Blur and other preprocessing techniques, we will then decrease the noises that the live fed data has so as to increase the accuracy of the system.

The dataset now goes through different layers of CNN to extract the features required for the recognition of hand gestures. Several weights (or importance) is assigned to the given data and the model is trained according to it.

Now from the dataset provide, the preprocessing, and the training, a model is generated that is capable of predicting the signs made by a person's hand.

In our project, the activity of Predicting the hand gestures made by a person will be done through live feed of data in the form of video. The gesture made by a person in the live feed video will first be collected. Using computer vision, we will then be able to detect the most important portion of the fed video, which is the hand, and proceed to Preprocessing of the data received.

Convert image to binary or grey format and back ground removal. The divided frame is then preprocessed. The preprocessing is done to convert the image into binary format and also to remove the background noise or disturbance to get accuracy in the output.

The preprocessed image is compared with the train data set and the output is represented in the form of text and audio.

### V. ARCHITECTURE

#### A. Block diagram

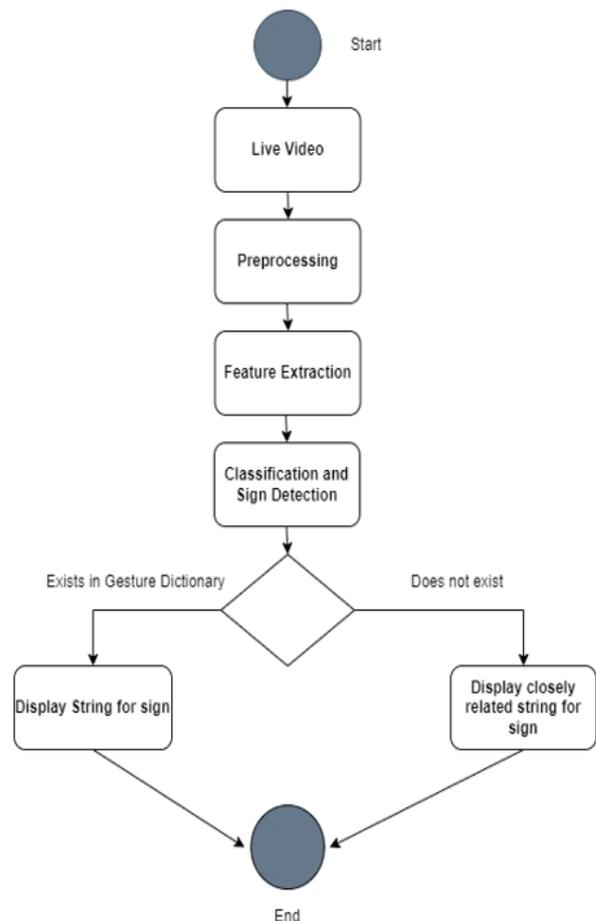
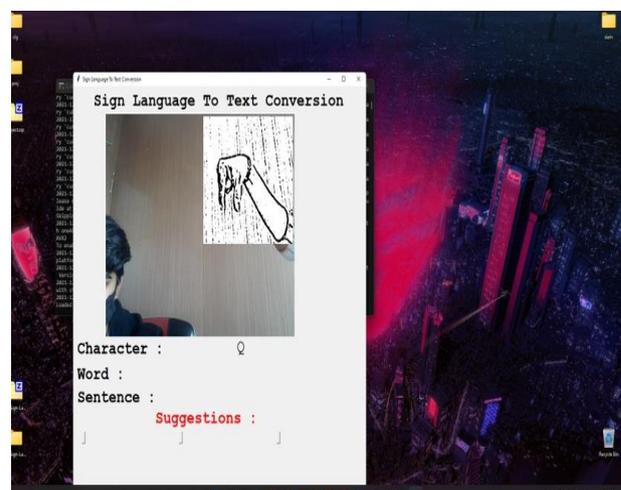


Figure 1 Architecture Block Diagram

#### B. RESULT



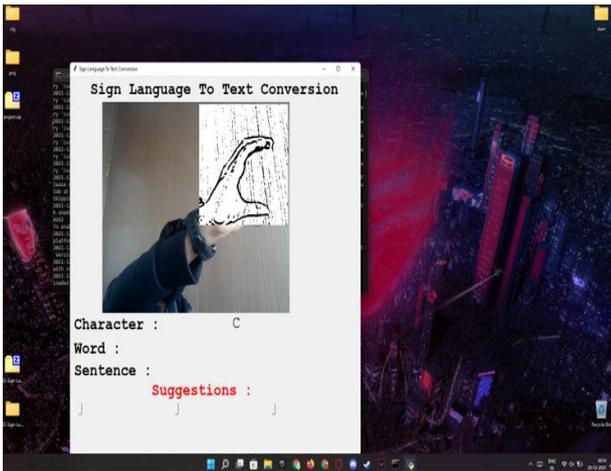


Figure 2 Sign Language to Text conversion

#### CONCLUSION

With this project, we can decrease the testing time for hand gesture recognition which lets us output the intended message even quicker. A lot of resources are saved. This is a much cheaper alternative to the existing mechanisms of testing. As the data increases, the accuracy shall increase. To conclude the project, hand gestures recognition which are widely used in mobile applications, sign language detection, etc are implemented here & the accuracy of the model is maintained.

#### FUTURE ENHANCMENT

A web-based application can be built where-in the user can directly upload the video or use web-cam to take the live feed and use the web app for the overall session and store it in the database. It can also be used in virtual meeting applications such as google meet and other services in identifying the gestures made by a vocally impaired individual and convert the same into text.

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