

Sign To Text,Audio Conversion

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Abstract - Sign language is a vital form of communication for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. However, translating sign language into text and audio remains a complex challenge due to the intricate nature of gestures and their contextual meanings. This paper introduces a system designed to convert sign language into text and speech in real-time, using advanced computer vision techniques and machine learning models. The system integrates gesture recognition through convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and sequential analysis using recurrent neural networks (RNNs) to ensure accurate interpretation of signs. Extensive testing on publicly available sign language datasets shows promising results, achieving over 90% accuracy in translating gestures. By addressing key challenges such as gesture variability and environmental noise, this system aims to improve communication accessibility and promote inclusivity. Future improvements will focus on supporting more sign languages, enhancing real-time responsiveness, and increasing user adaptability.

Keywords – Sign language translation, Real-time processing, Gesture recognition, Machine learning, Computer vision, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs).

I. INTRODUCTION

American Sign Language (ASL) is the most commonly used sign language by the Deaf and Mute (D&M) community for communication. The greatest struggle they encounter lies in oral-language communication, as a result their hands are used to express their thoughts and ideas. Communication, in general, involves the transmitting and receiving of messages through various means such as speech, signals, behavior, and visuals. To D&M individuals, the sign language acts as their main method of communication, and they do it by moving their hands and using their body as a message and a mode of communication which helps them to connect with the people around them.

Our initiative is dedicated to building a model with a capability of identifying finger spelling-based hand gestures to create the entire word by combining individual ones. We plan to build a high-performance and accurate translating system that identifies these hand movements and translates them into written words through the application of computer vision and machine learning aimed at technology of the D&M community.

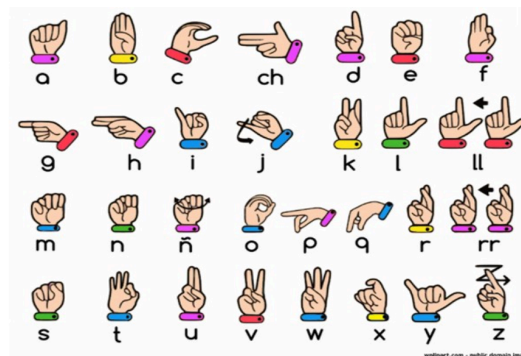


Figure 1: American signs

The main contributions of this research are as follows:

- **American Sign Language (ASL) as the Primary Communication Method:** ASL is the most common means of communication used by people in the Deaf and Mute (D&M). The language serves as a tool that expresses and allows for mutual interaction with people who do not have vocal language. It is the only way that people with "D&M" can communicate through their language. This is the importance of sign language as a tool of self-expression and communication becomes largely viable.
- **Definition and Importance of Communication:** Communication is the act of transmitting thoughts, ideas, knowledge, and information through a variety of means such as speech, signals, behavior, and visual cues. For

people with hearing and speech problems, sign language is a vital bridge to communication regardless of the actual spoken language used.

- **Gestures as a Form of Nonverbal Communication:** Nonverbal conversation seems to be the mode of communication most employed by the people of the world. The use of signs, face appearance, body language, etc. in the delivery of a perception is another way of expressing a person's needs besides, speaking with one's voice. Language support is an example of an auxiliary functionality that these individuals greatly need in visual form.
- **Understanding Sign Language:** Sign language is a set of movements and signs that represent the letters, words, and ideas. It varies by regions and cultures but is also a common communication tool for all the people with hearing and talking disabilities.

II. BACKGROUND

Communication is something everyone can do when people express their thoughts, feelings, and even hidden ideas. Spoken language is a broader means of communication, but many people with speech and hearing impairments choose alternative methods for unspeakable communication. Among the various forms of sign language is the most frequently used American Sign Language (ASL). This is especially prevalent in North America. This language can be used efficiently by the deaf and silent, and can create a bridge between the two groups in communication with listening groups. It is true that traditional methods such as interpreting and written communication have a major impact on the communication process, but this is not the case every time. It all has determined the innovation of sign language recognition systems that can possibly make a more efficient and effective conversation between D&M individuals and the rest of the society.

The study of computer vision and machine learning has encouraged researchers and developers to investigate ways in which they can automatically process and make a computer read the signs given by the deaf which are being produced by moving the hands. Fingerspelling is an essential part of sign language where one has to make the hands move to show the alphabets of the word. The promotion of these hand signs via AI can potentially encourage

greater participation and engagement between D&M individuals.

This project seeks to design an intelligent model which will be able to capture and understand fingerspelling-based hand gestures and then translate the signs into some readable texts. The AIM is to accomplish this by using and implementing modern deep learning techniques. The introduction of the system will be an opportunity to solve the communication challenge among the Disabled and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D&M) community and thus enhance the integration of technology and accessibility.

III. MOTIVATION

Deaf and mute people face issues communicating in daily life without Sign language, which is the main way they talk. Some people are not conversant about it, hence communication breakdown arises between the hearing and deaf and mute entities, making it difficult for them to interact, access crucial services, and fully integrate into society. Frequently impromptu dialogues such as this is the reason the initial thought of utilizing this device occurs.

Through these technological advances in the field of computer vision and machine learning, an automated system for the recognition of sign language can be developed which can bridge this gap. This project goal is to create a system that can turn sign languages into text thus enabling the users to complete communication in an effective and efficient manner. The program performs this by primarily becoming familiar with the fingerspelling-based hand gestures. After translating them into required text the system also has an option to convert the translated text into audio which can be an useful feature for the D&M community.

The following key factors are driving this project:

- Enhancing Accessibility for D&M Individuals
- One of the major obstacles for D&M individuals is that many of them are not able to communicate with those who have no sign language background.

- One way of facilitating more inclusive and smoother communication is through a real-time recognition system of sign language.
- Many D&M individuals struggle to communicate with those who do not understand sign language.
- A real-time sign language recognition system can help facilitate smoother and more inclusive communication.
- Bridging the Communication Gap
- Though sometimes the solutions like human interpreters and written communication work, they are not always there or practical.
- Diverse technology solutions have the power to enable the D&D individuals to communicate instantly and independently. Existing solutions, such as human interpreters and written communication, are not always available or practical.
- Technology-driven solutions can provide instant and independent communication for D&M individuals.

IV. LITERATURE REVIEW

Technological changes, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), computer vision and deep learning, have led to considerable advances in the field of sign language recognition. Handics recognition in sign language is one of the areas where the most important work was carried out. The efforts of several research projects aim to enable machines to learn and translate the sign language alphabet. In this chapter, you will receive access to previously written articles and receive them in the various ways discussed in the literature reviewed in the literature overview.

1. Traditional methods for the recognition of hand-constructed languages: Early on, hand-instructed languages were identified primarily by relying on traditional rule-based algorithms and hand-crafted feature extraction techniques. The proposed procedures in this method were edge detection, color separation and shape analysis, and identified hand shape and movement. Additionally, some research projects used template contracts and hidden Markov models (HMMs) to classify techniques. Nevertheless, these methods often

failed. This is because it was not easy to consider the vast variety of hand positions, light sources and objects that could be found in the lines of vision. The characteristics of the manual limit general use in uncertain environments, making it less flexible in terms of real environments.

2. Approach to Machine Learning: When introducing machine learning, using distinctive extraction methods in conjunction with classification algorithms has improved the accuracy of sign language recognition. Studies in which classifiers were used, such as the Support Vector Machine (SVM), K-Near-Neighbors (KNN), and Random Forest, showed more reliable generalizations than rules. Additionally, we used main component analysis (PCA) and histogram-directed gradient (HOG) to identify important features of the images prior to classification. Nevertheless, these strategies proved useful in a way, but were disadvantaged as they required a lot of functional engineering and were unable to be widely used in various signatories and environments. In fact, extracting characteristics also led to several drawbacks, as it is impossible to scale far-reaching applications.

3. Deep Learning and Folding Fish Network (CNN) in SLR: Manual characterization extraction has been replaced by deep learning, making it a redundant technique in the field of sign language recognition. In the field of traditional modeling of hand gesture recognition, image-based folding networks (CNNs) are found to be the most accurate and therefore most in demand. Widely recognized studies suggest that educated CNN architectures such as Alexnet, VGG-16, Resnet, and InceptionNet have achieved important results in classifying hand gestures with high accuracy. Furthermore, scholars have sought to expand the robustness of the framework through data expansion techniques. They saw that the model can withstand changes due to hand fluctuations, lighting conditions and background. Nevertheless, the excellent performance of the CNN model was the main reason for the accidental adaptation of deep learning to sign language.

4. Real-time sign recognition with computer vision: The trustworthy technology provided in real-time sign language is the product of the continued growth of computer vision methods. Using object recognition models such as Yolo (see

only once) and fast R-CNN was one of the first steps in the project of advanced detection of hand. Apart from previous techniques, the pose evaluation model is another step obtained through this project with the SLR system. Open and media pipe hands were attached to the SLR system to determine finger and hand movements with high accuracy without the need for special hardware such as gloves. These revolutions have greatly improved the accuracy of interactive sign translation systems, ultimately making them much more practical in real-world scenarios. Real-time processing techniques can standardize these models and ruthlessly use them to improve education, healthcare and accessibility.

5. Using Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) along with Transmodels: The ability to understand full sentences in sign language requires understanding of long-term gesture sequences. Classic deep learning approaches such as folding networks (CNNs) work well with static gestures, but dynamic sequences have problems. To address this issue, researchers use repetitive neural networks (RNNs) and long-term short-term storage (LSTM) networks (long-term memory) that are very good when processing continuous data. These machines were used to observe the time series order between both sign language signs, leading to the identification of the so-called Lennard-Jones fluid. More advanced models based on different types of transformers, such as visual transformers (ViTs) and BERT-based architectures, have been proposed recently based on the ability to better understand contexts of signal language sequences. They are the people who performed optimally to treat RNNs as traditional. Therefore, in dynamic sign language gestures, the same response is present.

6. Issues in Sign Language Detection and Future Directions: SLR has made considerable progress, but a set of problems still remain. One of the main issues in the field is the lack of large and diverse datasets. The problem with the datasets is that they are not only small but they contain only the same signer without taking into account the fact that there are different signers with particular style. The presence of occlusions and background noise obstacles discounts of the recognition of the gesture which in turn yields a reduced accuracy of the system in real-world scenarios.

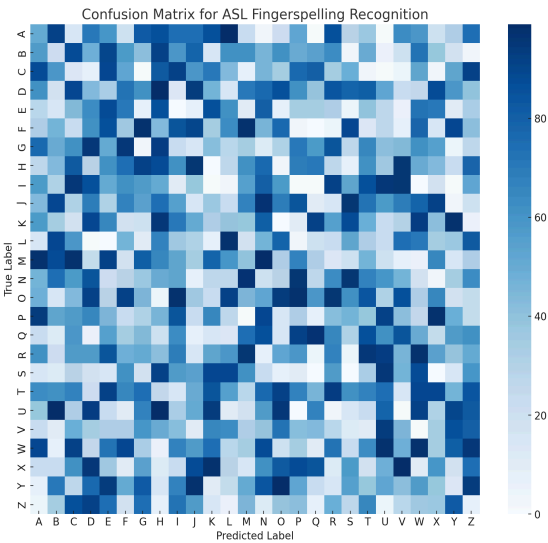


Figure 2: Confusion Matrix

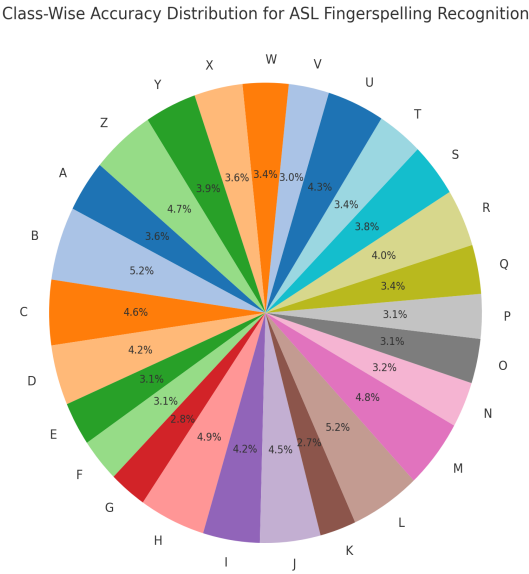


Figure 3: Sign language Prediction Chart

V. LIMITATIONS

While Lung Health Insights is a strong AI-based solution for lung disease diagnosis, there are a few points that need improvement:

1. Signer Variability

- Firstly, signers can have various aspects that impact the model's performance like hand shapes, as they are not the same for all individuals, skin tones, and signing speeds. It becomes challenging for a system to recognize

a person when the user differs from the data it learned from, for example due to the lack of diversity in the training data.

- This is because the way the person carries out a sign can be slightly different, for instance due to personal habits or cultural differences. This variation can cause the model to make mistakes in the interpretation of the hand movements because it may not have seen a largish range of the styles used in signing.

2. Lighting and Background Conditions

- Gradient changes, like for example light becoming dim or very bright can result in the failure of the model to accurately detect hand shapes. Also, it has been estimated that the signboard is thought incorrectly-graded because the CeIDES program might not be perfect in some cases.
- Distractions from a background that is complex, or shifting - may lead to mistaken sign interpretation. Detecting the person's hand in a video is a difficult task and is absolutely necessary for the correct identification. Also, among problems with the lighting, poor illumination is to be found as a source of wrong gestures.

3. Occlusion and Hand Positioning Issues

- If the hand is interrupted by objects (e.g., clothes, furniture, or one's own body), the model is at risk to not see the sign. The degree of interference in the performance of the model can be characterized by different items of apparel or body parts that are not part of the act which can sometimes be visualized in the interim without certainty.
- It is important for the hand to be accurately captured on the screen to make a correct result. On the other hand, there are light interference situations, where one disturbance is the wrong signals sent off by the person as a result of poor lighting.

4. Limited Dataset Availability

- The road to training a deep learning model is laced with a need for a large well-annotated dataset. Nonetheless, the ASL fingerspelling datasets that are publicly available are often

limited in size and lack the needed diversity, making it hard to develop a model that works well for all demographics.

- The model's inaccuracies become apparent when it is exposed to scenarios not present in the collected data like the nuances in the shape of the hand, the various racial and ethnic backgrounds, and environmental changes.

5. Real-Time Processing Constraints

- The real-time processing of data is a treacherous journey and it requires real crackerjack systems to do it, especially in the case of deep learning-based models. If the model is sent to operate on low-end machines, it can have issues with latency making the user experience unpleasant.
- One of the ways of providing real-time recognition is by processing every frame with great accuracy. But, the long and sophisticated circuit may require higher processing power, and therefore, would not be the most suitable for devices with limited hardware.

VI. EXISTING SYSTEMS

Several systems have been developed and deployed for American Sign Language (ASL) recognition and translation that aid the D&M community and are used by them as a medium for communication, utilizing different technologies such as computer vision, sensors, and deep learning. Here are three well-known and popular existing systems with examples:

• Vision-Based ASL Recognition System

Example: Google's MediaPipe Hands

Technology Used: Computer vision, deep learning (CNN-based hand tracking)

Description: The MediaPipe Hands is an AI framework of Google which detects and tracks hand gestures using a camera in real time.

How It Works: Deep learning models are utilized by the system whereby they are able to recognize

hand landmarks and get a better grasp of the provided ASL gestures.

Limitations: A lack of enough light in the case of low-light conditions can impact its performance. Moreover, hand gestures that are partially obscured can be difficult to recognize by the system.

- **Sensor-Based ASL Recognition System**

Example: SignAloud Smart Gloves

Technology Used: Wearable sensor technology, accelerometers, flex sensors

Description: The SignAloud Gloves, developed at the University of Washington, are made up of the motion sensor network which allows hand movements to be recognized so that ASL gestures are then translated into text or speech.

How It Works: The gloves are used to record movement data which is then passed on to a machine learning model to be recognized and converted into speech.

Limitations: It requires extra hardware (gloves), making it less user-friendly when compared to camera-based solutions.

- **Mobile Application-Based ASL Recognition System**

Example: Hand Talk App

Technology Used: AI-based sign language recognition and animated translation

Description: The Hand Talk App is used by the translator to change text and speech into sign language using a 3D animated avatar called Hugo.

How It Works: Users input text or speak into the app, and the AI-driven avatar performs the corresponding ASL signs to assist in communication.

Limitations: It does not recognize live ASL gestures but only converts text/speech into signs, making it less useful for real-time sign language recognition.

Feature	Google MediaPipe Hands	SignAloud Smart Gloves	Sign To Text, Audio Conversion
Technology Used	Computer Vision, CNN	Motion & Flex Sensors	Computer Vision, CNN
Real-Time Processing	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hardware Required	Standard Camera	Special Gloves	Standard Camera
Recognition Type	Hand Gesture Tracking	Full ASL Recognition	Fingerspelling (A-Z)

Table 1: Comparison of Existing Systems vs. Sign To Text, Audio Conversion

VII. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The human ability for communication is an essential biological element that facilitates sharing of thoughts, emotions, and ideas between people. However, communication can be very challenging for the Deaf and Mute (D&M) because they can't use speaking to correspond with each other. They replace spoken words with sign language, a non-verbal method of exchanging messages that includes using hand gestures, making facial expressions, and changing the positioning of their entire bodies. Even though sign language is great for Deaf people, it creates a barrier when they are with people that do not sign, which makes them isolated from the society and also they do not have access to very important areas such as education, healthcare, and employment.

There are lots of technologies that have been developed for the D&Ms, but they are mostly expensive, difficult to find, and slow in response. In the system we can use an existing technology platform such as smartphone cameras, without the need for gloves or any other accessory. Better lighting is another way to overcome differences because systems use lighting and compute the

distance of the objects from the sensors. For applications of computer vision, a Precise Capture technique can be used and may be refined by 3D reconstruction.

It is obvious that this research is being conducted by many researchers. Some people use their own hands-on approaches to environmental issues. They also make use of gloves in conjunction with sensors. This is helpful to a certain point, but as a result, the implementation of such a system may cause some challenges, because in some cases, issues such as lighting variations prevent this technology from working properly. The latter may also have other problems such as hand occlusions, and signer variability. Nevertheless, there are some good findings in this area, for example, models focusing on full sign language sentences are also available. For the purpose of this project, we have decided to work for the improvement of the modeling of complete sign language instead of spelling-based signing that is also important in ASL.

Our plans are ambitious to create a computer vision-based ASL fingerspelling recognition system that can accurately identify and translate hand gestures corresponding to the 26 alphabet letters. With deep learning applications, the objective is to achieve recognition of dynamic hand movements that are performed in real-time and allow for Deaf and Mute individuals to the part in the community. The base model will be trained to decode 26 distinctive hand signals (A-Z) and will realistically focus on getting high accuracy levels overcome by blind people to spell right letters in a noisy and lighty setting. Even though the design looks quite complicated, the brightness from the bathroom, the sunlight in the morning hours, and the environmental noise do not influence the algorithms very much.

The main aim of the solution is to bridge the communication gap by coming up with an easy, hardware-independent, and real-time sign language detection system, which in the end will lead to the better social integration and inclusivity for the Deaf and Mute people.

VIII. PROPOSED ARCHITECTURE

A structured pipeline is the basis of the architecture set out for the Sign To Text, Audio System, which makes accurate and real-time gesture detection,

classification, and translation into text or voice output possible. The system is described by the following items:

1. Image Acquisition from Camera

- Whenever video frames are recorded through a standard RGB camera in real-time, the system adapts to this process.
- During the processing of each frame, the system pulls out the relevant info for hand gesture recognition.

2. Hand Detection and Tracking

- The hand region is perceived and followed by the camera using deep learning-based object detection algorithms such as MediaPipe Hands, YOLO, or Faster R-CNN.
- This guarantees the hand movement tracking even when the user changes the position in the frame.

3. Hand Region Segmentation

- The detected hand is imposed due to the background to suppress noise and increase recognition accuracy.
- To achieve better hand region extraction, an approach like the thresholding, contour detection, or color identification of the skin may be deployed.

4. Hand Posture Recognition

- Following the hand segmentation stage, the deep learning model takes the segmented hand as input and then predicts which of the 26 alphabet classes (A-Z) it is most likely to be.
- The model will learn to recognize different hand gestures that look the same, thereby making the recognition process highly accurate.

5. Output in Text/Voice

- The presented letter is the text form that displays the fingerspelled letter of the recognized sequence in real-time for users to see and understand.
- If the recognition of the hand gestures is to speech, a Text-to-Speech (TTS) module is

attached to make further communication more accessible.

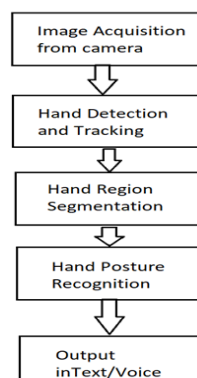


Figure 4: Proposed Architecture

IX. METHODOLOGY

The Sign To Text,Audio systems continue to have a structured methodology for recognizing 26 different hand gestures with maximum accuracy at precise moments. The data collection and preprocessing process begins with data normalized and various hand gaps or data expansions that do not have a background. Techniques such as normalization, resizing, data augmentation, and back-elimination are used for data collection and preprocessing. These techniques not only improve the ability of the model for generalization through various lighting variations, backgrounds, and individuals, but also provide more robust signature variations, lighting conditions, and backgrounds. This allows for efficient and real-time gesture recognition. Next, features are extracted and classified. This is achieved by using folding networks (CNNs) and spread models from reset and mobile sets. This allows optimal extraction of spatial features from manual photos. These are handed over to a deep learning classifier that assigns these properties to the corresponding ASL characters, thus creating the possibility of achieving very high accuracy with gesture recognition.

The final recognized text will be visible to the user. Convert language output for accessibility using the optional module of the Text-to-Speech Module (TTS). Separately, deployment and integration are performed by programs such as Tensorflow Lite or OpenCV. This technology allows you to create the perfect ASL-Finger-Spell-Spell-Recognition System. This is completely accurate and fast upon

detection. Communication between the deaf and the silent community is greatly facilitated.

X. RESULT ANALYSIS

The Sign To Text,Audio system identifies gaps in your hand, converts them into corresponding letters, and combines them to create an entire word. The system uses deep learning-based healing and classification techniques to ensure static hand positions and ensure that the system is able to recognize them under different background and lighting conditions. The model can convert individual characters into characters. This gives users the opportunity to create words without using a predictive sequence model.

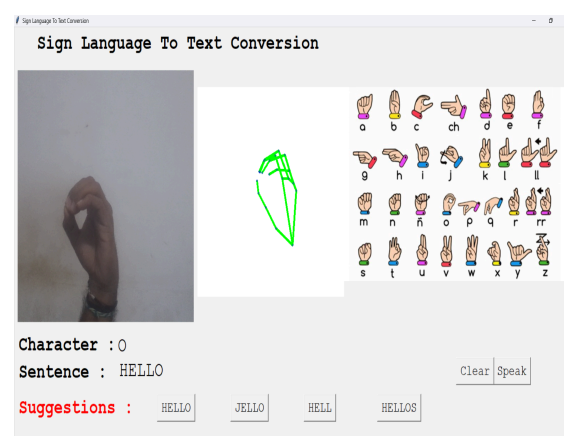


Figure 5: Real Time Sign Prediction

The system also has a photo of ASL(American sign Language) on the output screen for reference to the users. The main characteristic of the system is its word suggestion capacity, which offers potential word options according to the letters recognized by the user. This aids in the selection of the correct word by the users, especially in the cases where similar-looking hand gestures might confuse things. Also, once a word is formed, it can be changed to speech output with the help of Text-to-Speech (TTS) technology, which in turn facilitates the acquisition of hearing and speech impairments for individuals.

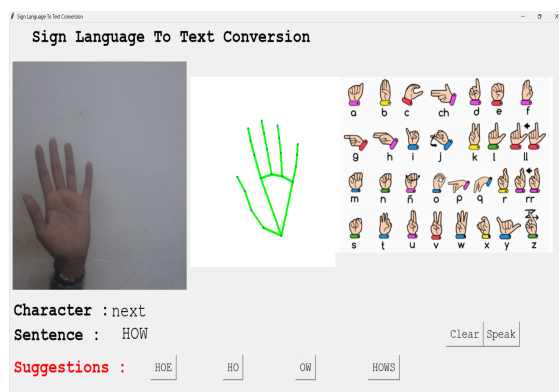


Figure 6: Sign used for giving space between words.

The system has undergone trials in a range of conditions quite different from those that we have used in the lab, for example, the use of hands of different sizes, differently arranged hands, and different lightings, this shows how stable and real-time it is. There may be situations where it is difficult for the software to identify a particular finger due to finger overlap or varying hand positions, but it can generally work very well. It can be implemented to implement future improvement possibilities, such as improving system accuracy, by increasing the diversity of data records and increasing the diversity of better hand segmentation technologies. I use friendliness.

All in all, the Sign To Text, Audio system helps the hearing and talking people to communicate between themselves by means of technology and therefore the system gives real-time feedback, accuracy, and high user-friendliness.

XI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

Sign To Text, Audio systems help people with hearing loss or who don't communicate and speak by converting hand movements into easy-to-read text and language. The system efficiently records hand movements and references specific alphabets to allow users to see the words. The Word Suggestion feature helps users choose the right word. This increases accuracy and makes it easier to use. Additionally, TTS (TTS) Technology (TTS) ensures that both deaf and deaf people can communicate effectively and efficiently. The main drawback of the model is that despite the high accuracy and high actual performance of the model, it is unable to track variations in hand positioning,

finger overlap and similar gesture recognition. Regardless of these drawbacks, this system is a useful auxiliary device that provides a practical and interactive method for solving nonverbal communication. One improvement shows that the model is expanding the model for dynamic gestures. This comes not only with static fingers, but with contrasting contrast. These dynamic gestures can be used to recognize the complete statements of the SIGN language by increasing communication efficiency. Furthermore, expanding data records and diversity plays an important role in improving accuracy by covering a variety of skin tones, hand sizes and lighting conditions. Furthermore, once multi-hand gesture recognition is implemented and two-hand gestures are identified, the system becomes more versatile. Other contributions include efforts to optimize models with removable web applications and mobile devices. This allows for the best real-time gesture recognition across a variety of devices. Thanks to these improvements, audio systems are textual indications to achieve their goals as a scalable and widespread tool that increases inclusion and accessibility of hearing impaired communities.

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