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Gesture Recognition for SOS: A Hand Gesture-Based Approach

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A B S T R A C T

The project revolves around the development of a system that employs gesture recognition technology for Signaling in through hand gesture. In circumstances where verbal communication or access to a phone is constrained, the system provides an alternative and dependable means of seeking assistance. The Proposed system operates with a camera-equipped device, like a smartphone or dedicated sensor, capturing and interpreting specific hand gestures denoting an SOS signal. These gestures are predefined and standardized to ensure clarity and accuracy. Upon recognition of the SOS gesture, the system initiates an emergency response protocol. This protocol encompasses sending SMS alerts to predetermined emergency contacts, notifying them of the distress signal and the user's location. Concurrently, the system alerts emergency services by transmitting an alert with the user's location details.

Additionally, the system offers feedback to the user, confirming the successful transmission of the distress signal to both close contacts and emergency services. Through user studies and simulations replicating emergency scenarios, we have assessed the system's usability, reliability, and efficiency. The outcomes underscore the system's potential to save lives and enhance emergency response outcomes in situations where conventional communication methods are restricted or unavailable and the accuracy of the system is 0.95 using CNN.

Keywords: CNN- Convolutional Neural Network, RNN- Recurrent Neural Network , SOS - Save Our Souls

Introduction

In today's world, the ability to quickly and effectively communicate during emergency situations is important. Traditional methods of emergency signaling such as phone calls or alarms, may not always be accessible in certain scenarios. As technology continues to advance, there is a growing need for innovative solutions that enable rapid and efficient communication during emergencies. One of the solutions is gesture recognition technology, which uses hand gestures as a means of communication. By using specific hand movements or gestures, this technology has the potential to provide an efficient way for individuals to signal for help or indicate an emergency situation. This project focuses on the development of a gesture recognition system specifically tailored for SOS (Save Our Souls) situations. The objective is to create a hand gesture-based approach that allows users to discreetly and effectively convey emergency signals using simple hand movements.

Nomenclature

CNN -Convolutional Neural Networks
RNN - Recurrent Neural Network

1.1. Proposed Methodology

The proposed methodology for "Gesture Recognition for SOS: A Hand Gesture-Based Approach" involves several key steps to develop an effective system for recognizing SOS signals through hand gestures Gathering from existing research and studies in the field of gesture recognition, focusing particularly on hand gesture recognition and its applications in emergency scenarios a diverse dataset of hand gestures will be collected, including various SOS signals and non-SOS gestures, from multiple individuals. This dataset will be preprocessed to enhance its quality and usability. The project involves designing and implementing a gesture recognition algorithm created specifically for SOS signals. Machine learning and computer vision techniques convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are used to develop an accurate and efficient recognition system.

1.2. System Architecture

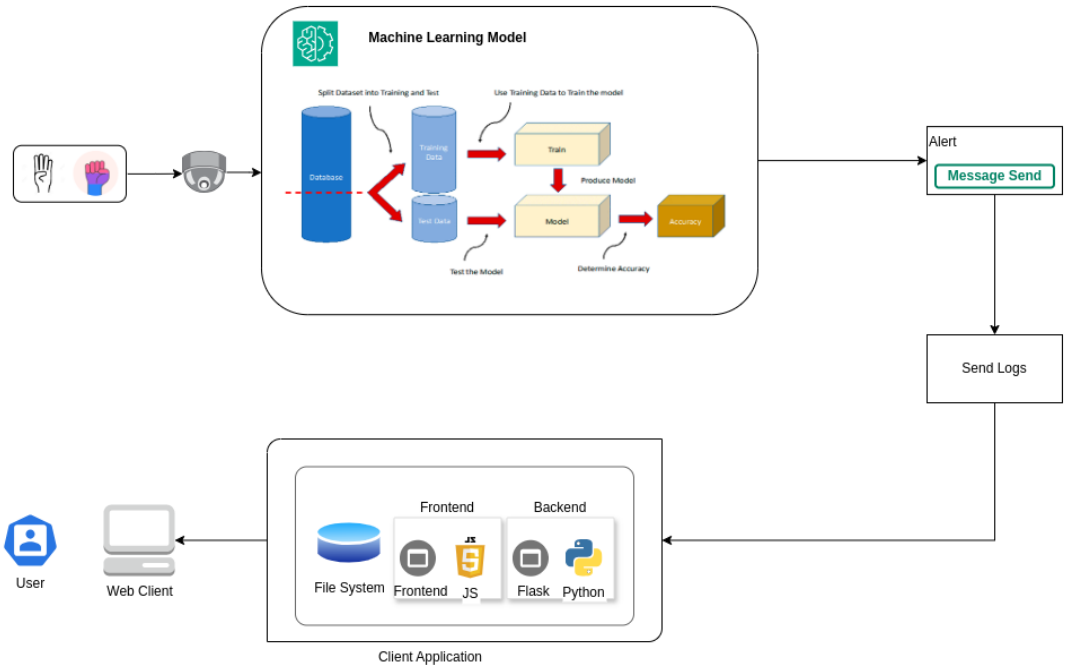

Fig 1: System Architecture

Based on the provided headings, here's a breakdown of the architecture diagram:

User:

The user interacts with the system as input.

Image(Captured by Camera):

The input to the image can be of any format, like jpg, jpeg, etc.

Machine Learning Model (Dataset):

The dataset consists of images and This dataset will serve as the training data for the model, enabling it to learn the relationship between hand gestures and their associated actions. Using this dataset, the image captured by camera is recognized and the emergency signal is transmitted. If the correct gesture is recognized the system will send emergency message to the corresponding emergency rescue organizations or their close ones. If the hand sign is not clearly captured the system will ignore the message.

Client Application :

The client application consists of two components:

Frontend:

- **User Interface (UI):** The frontend of the client application encompasses the user interface that users interact with directly. This includes graphical elements such as buttons, menus, and visual cues for guiding users in performing hand gestures.
- **Gesture Interaction:** The frontend facilitates the capture of hand gestures through integration with the device's camera. It provides real-time feedback to the user, displaying live video feed from the camera and overlaying visual indicators to guide users in making gestures.
- **User Feedback:** The frontend is responsible for providing feedback to users based on the recognition results of the gesture recognition system. This feedback may include visual or auditory cues to confirm successful recognition of gestures and initiation of the corresponding actions.

Backend:

- Gesture Recognition System: The backend comprises the core gesture recognition system responsible for analyzing the images captured by the camera and recognizing hand gestures. This system processes image data using machine learning algorithms and models trained on the dataset to identify specific gestures, including emergency signals like SOS.
- Communication with Server: The backend handles communication with a server or backend infrastructure to transmit data and trigger actions based on the recognized gestures. This may involve sending captured images for processing, receiving recognition results, and initiating the transmission of emergency alerts to predefined recipients.
- Data Processing: The backend performs data processing tasks related to gesture recognition, such as image preprocessing, feature extraction, and inference using machine learning models. It processes the input data from the frontend and generates output results to be communicated back to the client application.
- Integration with External Services: In some cases, the backend may integrate with external services or APIs for additional functionality, such as geolocation services for including location information in emergency alerts or communication APIs for sending SMS.

Result and Discussion

The confusion matrix showed positive results for CNN. The weighted average and macro average was the same for both the models, but the performance f1 score was the same for both models. Confusion matrices showed positive results for the model, that is it performed well in correctly identifying instances of one or both classes, leading to fewer misclassifications or false positives/negatives compared to the other model.

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Confusion Matrix:
[[12  1]
 [ 0  9]]
Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

     Class 0       1.00      0.92      0.96        13
     Class 1       0.90      1.00      0.95         9

    accuracy                           0.95        22
   macro avg       0.95      0.96      0.95        22
weighted avg       0.96      0.95      0.95        22
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Fig 2: Classification report of CNN Model

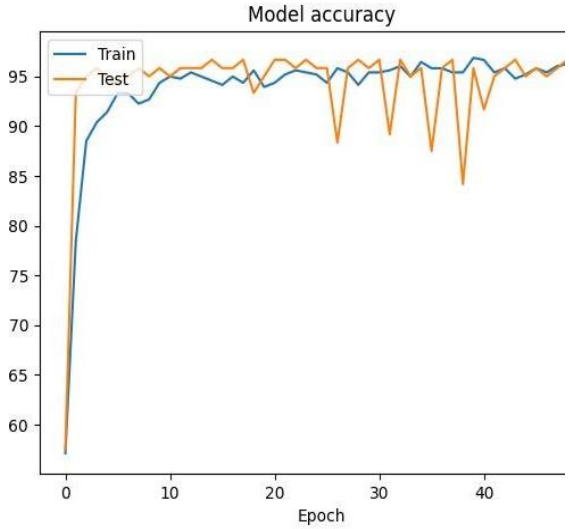
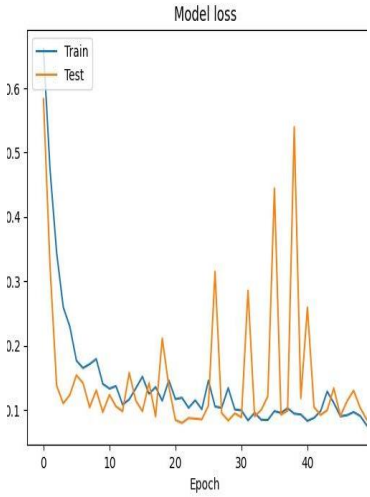


Fig 3: Model Accuracy and loss



The bar graph shows the comparison between different models

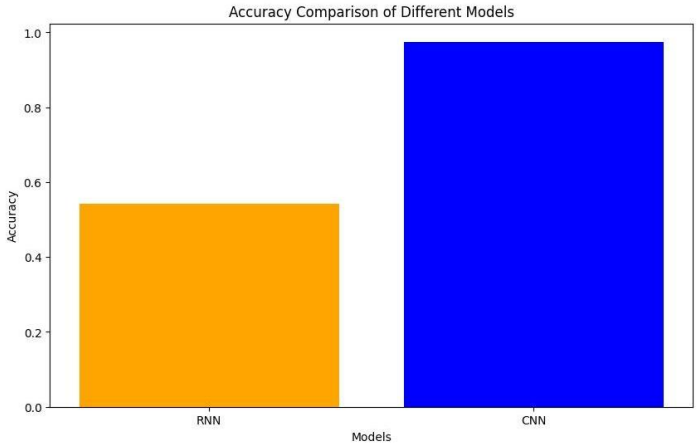


Fig 4: Accuracy Comparison between Different Models

Conclusion

In conclusion, the development of a gesture recognition system for emergency signaling offers a promising solution for quickly and effectively communicating distress signals using hand gestures. By leveraging machine learning techniques and real-time image processing, this system can accurately recognize emergency gestures, such as the SOS signal, and trigger appropriate responses to ensure timely assistance. The development of a gesture recognition system for SOS signaling holds great potential for enhancing emergency response capabilities, particularly in situations where traditional means of communication may be limited or inaccessible. Through continued research, development, and refinement, such systems can contribute significantly to improving safety and security in various environments, ultimately saving lives and mitigating risks during emergency situations.

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