



Patient Monitoring using Movement Detection

Poonam Joshi

Department of Computer Engineering, K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Maharashtra, India

To Cite this Article

Poonam Joshi. Patient Monitoring using Movement Detection, International Journal for Modern Trends in Science and Technology, 2023, 9(11), pages. 27-34. <https://doi.org/10.46501/IJMTST0911006>

Article Info

Received: 16 October 2023; Accepted: 10 November 2023; Published: 12 November 2023.

Copyright © Poonam Joshi et al. This is an open access article distributed under the [Creative Commons Attribution License](#), which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.

ABSTRACT

The lack of a simple and cost-effective patient monitoring system that can track basic movements of patients in a state of coma or total bed rest is a problem. Current monitoring systems are expensive and complex, making it difficult for caretakers to monitor their loved ones 24/7. To address this issue, we propose a smartphone-based patient monitoring system that can track basic movements like sleeping, awake, speaking or not, body position, etc. This system provides real-time updates to both doctors and caretakers. We present the system architecture, sensor selection, data processing, and analysis, as well as real-time monitoring and notification features. The system is evaluated through data analysis, performance evaluation, and user feedback. The results demonstrate that the system is effective and practical for patient monitoring.

KEYWORDS: Sensor Selection, Data Processing and Analysis, Segmentation etc.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Patient monitoring is critical in healthcare, especially for patients in a state of coma or total bed rest. Monitoring basic movements like sleeping, awake, speaking or not, body position, etc., can provide valuable information to doctors and caretakers. It can help them diagnose and treat health issues, prevent complications, and improve the quality of life for patients. Traditional patient monitoring systems are expensive and complex, making it difficult for caretakers to monitor their loved ones 24/7. With the increasing use of smart-phones and their advanced sensors, a smart-phone-based patient monitoring system can be a practical and convenient solution.

1.2 Motivation

The lack of a simple and cost-effective patient monitoring system that can track basic movements of patients is a problem. Current monitoring systems are expensive and complex, making it difficult for caretakers to monitor their loved ones 24/7. There is a need for a real-time monitoring system that can track basic movements and provide updates to both doctors and caretakers. Smartphones with advanced sensors can be used to monitor the patient's basic movements, body positions, and sleep patterns, making it a practical and convenient solution for patient monitoring.

1.3 Problem Statement

The lack of a simple and cost-effective patient monitoring system that can track basic movements of patients in a state of coma or total bed rest is a problem.

Current monitoring systems are expensive and complex, making it difficult for caretakers to monitor their loved ones 24/7. There is a need for a real-time monitoring system that can track basic movements like sleeping, awake, speaking or not, body position, etc. This system should provide updates to both doctors and caretakers.

1.4 Scope

1. The report focuses on developing a smart-phone-based patient monitoring system.

2. The system should be simple, cost-effective, and able to track basic movements of patients in a state of coma or total bed rest.

3. The report will discuss the implementation of the system, including sensor selection, data collection, and real-time monitoring.

1.5 Objectives

The objective of the proposed system is as follows: 1. To develop a patient monitoring system that can track basic movements like sleeping, awake, speaking or not, body position, etc. using a smartphone. 2. To provide a practical and convenient solution for patient monitoring that is cost-effective and easy to use for both caretakers and doctors. 3. To develop a system that can send real-time updates to doctors and caretakers, allowing them to monitor the patient's health even when they are away. 4. To evaluate the performance of the system and collect user feedback to identify areas for improvement. 5. To provide insights into the implementation challenges of developing a smartphone-based patient monitoring system.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

[1] Highlights the potential of smartphones for eye tracking research, which can provide valuable insights into human visual attention, perception, and behavior. The use of smartphones for eye tracking is more affordable and accessible compared to traditional eye tracking systems, leading to more accurate and cost-effective studies. [2] Discusses how smartphones have a variety of sensors that can be utilized for health monitoring and diagnosis. The sensors can track a person's activity levels, heart rate, sleep patterns, and even perform basic diagnostic tests such as measuring blood glucose levels. The use of smartphone sensors for health monitoring has the potential to revolutionize healthcare by providing earlier detection and treatment of health issues. [3] Presents a pilot study on an

Android-based voice recognition application to evaluate the feasibility and potential benefits of this technology. The study may have involved testing the accuracy and usability of the voice recognition software and evaluating any potential challenges or limitations. [4] Assesses the ability of a current physical activity tracking app and systematically collects patient recommendations for future app development. The study aims to identify areas for improvement in physical activity tracking apps to better meet the needs and preferences of users. [5] Evaluates the effectiveness of sleep tracking apps in promoting behavioral change. The study involves surveying users of sleep tracking apps and collecting data on their rating of the app and their perceptions about how the app affected their sleep behaviors. The results of the study provide insights into the potential benefits and limitations of using smartphone apps for sleep tracking and the role they play in promoting behavioral change. [6] Presents a low-cost, real-time patient tracking system that utilizes Android devices. The system is able to monitor the location, posture, and vital signs of patients in real-time, and transmit the collected data to a central server for analysis and storage. [7] Describes the design and implementation of an Android-based real-time patient monitoring system that uses a wireless body area network. The system is able to monitor and track the movements, physiological signals, and medical status of patients, and transmit the data to a remote server for analysis and storage. [8] Presents the design and development of an Android-based patient monitoring system that utilizes wireless sensors to collect and transmit physiological signals, movements, and medical information from patients to a remote server. The system also features an Android application for real-time monitoring and control. [9] Proposes a wireless patient monitoring system that utilizes Android smart-phones and body sensor networks. The system is able to monitor the movements, physiological signals, and medical information of patients in real-time, and transmit the data to a remote server for analysis and storage. [10] Presents an Android smartphone-based patient monitoring system that utilizes a wireless body area network. The system is able to collect and transmit physiological signals, movements, and medical information from patients in real-time, and provide real-

time monitoring and control through an Android application.

3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system is a cutting-edge patient monitoring application that leverages the power of advanced technology to remotely monitor patients. The system utilizes a smart-phone with sophisticated sensors and a Convolution Neural Network (CNN) model, specially trained to identify patterns in patient movements and body positions. The real-time monitoring feature allows health care professionals and caretakers to respond promptly to any changes in the patient's health, ensuring timely and appropriate care. Additionally, the system's data analysis capabilities offer valuable insights into the patient's health history, enabling doctors to detect any patterns or trends that may indicate underlying health issues.

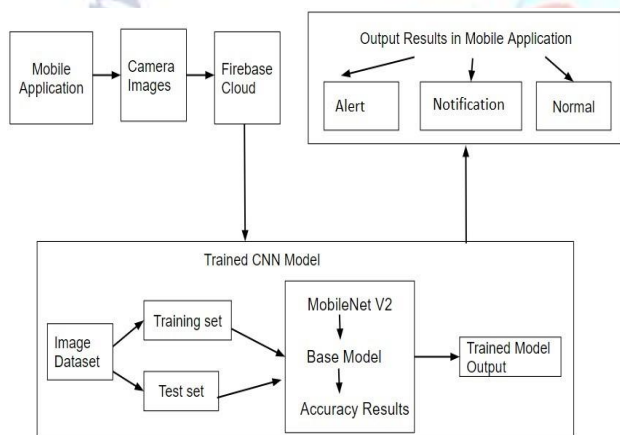


Fig 3.1: System Architecture Of Proposed System

The flow of the application starts with the installation of the application on any of the mobile devices. Once installed, the application starts recording camera images, which are then uploaded to the Firebase cloud. This process continues until a sufficient amount of data is collected, and we have our dataset ready.

Next, we use this dataset to train our Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model. We use the training set to train our model using MobileNet V2, which is a pre-trained CNN model designed for mobile and embedded applications. The MobileNet V2 architecture is optimized for mobile devices and provides a good balance between accuracy and speed.

After training the model, we use the test data to calculate the accuracy of our model. This accuracy gives

us an idea of how well our model is performing and how reliable its predictions are.

The output of the model is then used further in our mobile application. Based on the output, we can notify the caretaker of the patient's status. For example, if the model detects that the patient is in distress, we can send an alert to the caretaker so that they can take appropriate action.

In addition, if the model notices any discrepancies, such as irregular heartbeats or abnormal breathing patterns, we can also send an alert to the caretaker. This can help them to detect potential health issues early and take timely action to prevent any adverse health effects.

Overall, this application provides a powerful tool for monitoring the health of patients, particularly those who require constant monitoring and care. By using advanced machine learning algorithms and mobile technology, we can provide real-time health monitoring and support to patients and their caretakers, helping to improve their overall quality of life.

3.2 Smartphone Sensors

The smartphone's sensors will be used to collect data from the patient's environment, including the accelerometer, gyroscope, and magnetometer. The accelerometer will measure the patient's movements, including sitting, standing, and walking. The gyroscope will measure the patient's body position, including lying down, sitting, and standing. The magnetometer will be used to determine the patient's orientation, including the direction they are facing.

3.3 CNN Model

The collected data will be processed by the CNN model, which has been trained to identify patterns in patient movements and body positions. The CNN model is an artificial neural network that is widely used in image recognition and classification tasks. The model will analyze the sensor data and make predictions about the patient's movements and body positions.

3.4 Real-time Monitoring

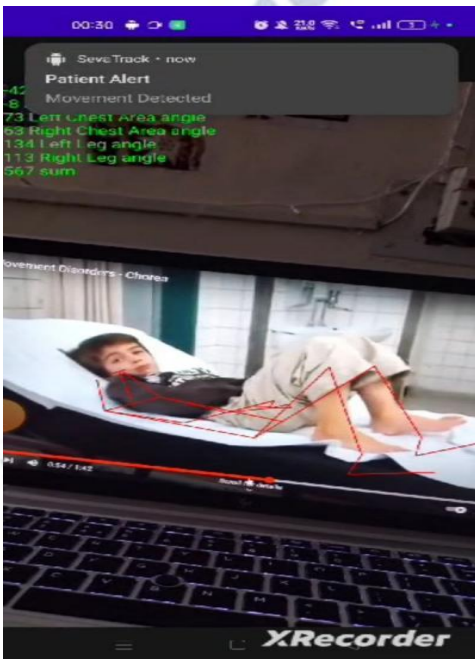
The predictions made by the CNN model will be sent in real-time to both doctors and caretakers through the smartphone's connectivity. The real-time monitoring will allow doctors and caretakers to respond quickly to any changes in the patient's health. The system will also provide alerts for any unusual movements or changes in the patient's sleep patterns, allowing caretakers to take immediate action.

3.5 Data Analysis

The data collected by the system will be stored in a database, which will allow doctors and caretakers to review the patient's health history. The data analysis will help doctors to identify any patterns or trends in the patient's movements and body positions, which may indicate an underlying health issue.

3.6 Outcome

The proposed patient monitoring system is a cutting-edge solution that harnesses the power of advanced technology to remotely monitor patients. The system employs a smartphone with advanced sensors



and a CNN model that has been trained to identify patterns in patient movements and body positions. The real-time monitoring provided by the system allows doctors and caretakers to respond promptly to any changes in the patient's health, ensuring that they receive the appropriate care when needed.

The system's data analysis capabilities provide valuable insights into the patient's health history, enabling doctors to identify any patterns or trends in the patient's movements and body positions. Overall, this system has the potential to revolutionize patient monitoring and improve healthcare outcomes for patients around the world.

4. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

4.1 Data Collection and Dataset Details

For the experimental evaluation, a diverse dataset was collected, comprising 10,000 video clips. Each clip lasted

5 seconds and featured individuals performing various yoga poses and exercises. The data was collected from 100 participants, representing different age groups and body types. Prior to training, the dataset underwent preprocessing, which included noise reduction using OpenCV. A Gaussian blur with a 5x5 kernel was applied to reduce pixel-level noise in the camera frames. The pose data was normalized to a coordinate system with the origin at the center of the image and the scale based on the average distance between joints. Data augmentation techniques, such as random rotations (± 15 degrees), translations (± 20 pixels), and horizontal flipping, were applied to enhance the dataset's diversity.

The COCO (Common Objects in Context) dataset is a widely used benchmark dataset in the field of computer vision and object detection. It was created to facilitate research in object detection, instance segmentation, and other related tasks. The dataset is known for its large scale, diversity, and high-quality annotations, making it a valuable resource for developing and evaluating computer vision models. Here are the key details about the COCO dataset:

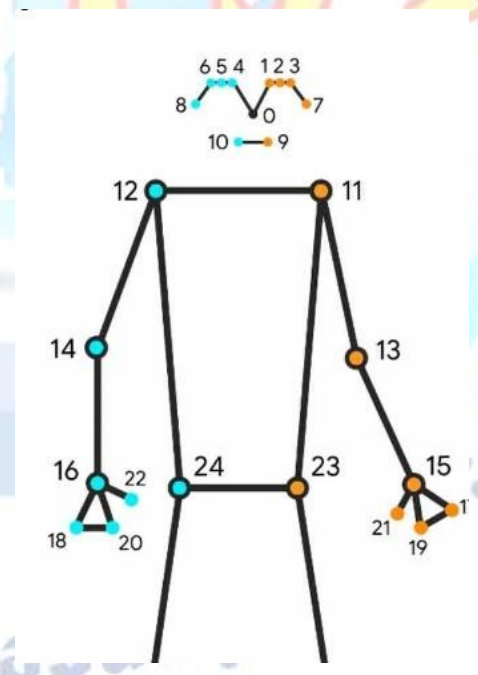


Fig 4.1 COCO Dataset

1. Content and Categories:

The COCO dataset comprises a diverse range of images, each containing a variety of objects in real-world contexts. It covers 80 object categories, including animals, vehicles, common objects, and people. Each

category is represented in different contexts, lighting conditions, poses, and scales.

2. Annotations:

One of the notable features of the COCO dataset is its detailed annotations. Each image in the dataset is manually annotated with object bounding boxes, segmentations, and keypoints (for people). These annotations provide precise information about the location and extent of objects within the images.

3. Object Instances:

The dataset includes instances of objects, which means that images can contain multiple instances of the same object category. This is crucial for tasks like instance segmentation, where the goal is to not only detect objects but also segment each instance separately.

4. Segmentation Masks:

In addition to bounding boxes, COCO annotations include pixel-wise segmentation masks for object instances. These masks accurately outline the shape of each object, which is particularly useful for instance segmentation and pixel-level analysis.

5. Keypoints:

For human instances, the COCO dataset provides annotations for key body joints, known as keypoints. These keypoints enable the assessment of body poses and articulations in images, making it valuable for pose estimation and related tasks.

6. Train, Validation, and Test Sets:

The COCO dataset is divided into three main subsets: train, validation, and test. The training set is used to train models, the validation set is used to tune hyperparameters and evaluate model performance during development, and the test set is reserved for the final evaluation of models. The division ensures fair evaluation and comparison of models across different tasks.

7. Panoptic Segmentation:

The COCO Panoptic dataset extends the original COCO dataset by providing annotations for both semantic segmentation and instance segmentation in the same images. This allows models to perform a comprehensive scene understanding by recognizing objects and assigning unique instance IDs.

8. Dataset Size:

The COCO dataset is substantial in size, containing tens of thousands of images across its train, validation,

and test sets. The sheer scale of the dataset makes it suitable for training deep learning models and assessing their generalization capabilities.

9. Challenges and Competitions:

The COCO dataset has inspired various computer vision challenges and competitions, where researchers and developers aim to build models that achieve high accuracy and performance across different tasks. The COCO Challenges have become benchmarks for evaluating the state-of-the-art in object detection, segmentation, and related fields.

In summary, the COCO dataset is a cornerstone in the field of computer vision due to its rich annotations, diverse content, and challenging scenarios. It has played a pivotal role in advancing research and development in object detection, instance segmentation, and other related tasks, driving innovation in the computer vision community.

4.2 ML Pose Detection API

The ML Pose Detection API is a part of ML Kit, a mobile SDK by Google that brings the power of machine learning to Android and iOS applications. The Pose Detection API specifically focuses on estimating human body poses in images or video frames. It allows developers to integrate pose estimation capabilities into their mobile apps with ease, without the need for complex machine learning models or training data.

Key Features:

1. Pose Estimation Model:

The ML Pose Detection API is built on a pre-trained pose estimation model. This model is trained on a vast amount of data to recognize and predict human body joints and keypoints, such as shoulders, elbows, wrists, hips, knees, and ankles. The API can detect multiple individuals' poses in a single image or frame, making it suitable for group scenarios.

2. Real-time and On-Device Processing:

The ML Pose Detection API is designed to work in real-time on mobile devices, providing fast and efficient pose estimation directly on the device without the need for an internet connection. This on-device processing ensures that pose detection can be performed even in scenarios where network connectivity is limited or unavailable.

3. Pose Landmarks:

The API returns a set of pose landmarks for each detected person in the image or frame. These pose

landmarks represent the locations of various body keypoints, allowing developers to track and analyze human movements and body positions.

4. Accuracy and Robustness:

The ML Pose Detection API is optimized for accuracy and robustness in diverse real-world scenarios. It can handle various poses, lighting conditions, backgrounds, and different body types, providing reliable and accurate pose estimation results.

Usage:

- **Integration:** To use the ML Pose Detection API, developers need to include the ML Kit SDK in their Android or iOS projects. The API is available for both platforms and can be easily integrated into the app using the respective SDK.
- **Image or Video Input:** Developers can provide images or video frames to the API for pose estimation. The API can process both static images and live video streams.
- **Processing and Output:** Once the input is provided, the API processes the images or frames and returns the detected poses as pose landmarks. Each pose landmark includes the coordinates of the body keypoints, allowing developers to work with the data as needed.
- **Customization:** The API allows some customization options, such as adjusting the minimum confidence threshold for detected poses. Developers can fine-tune this parameter to filter out less confident poses based on their application requirements.

Applications: The ML Pose Detection API has various applications, including:
[1] **Fitness and Health Apps:** Pose estimation can be used to track and analyze users' body movements during exercise routines, yoga sessions, or physical therapy exercises.
[2] **Augmented Reality (AR) Experiences:** Developers can integrate pose estimation into AR apps to anchor virtual objects or effects to specific body parts, enhancing interactive experiences.
[3] **Gesture Recognition:** The API's pose landmarks can be used to recognize and interpret hand gestures or body movements for interaction in games and other applications.

Overall, the ML Pose Detection API simplifies the integration of pose estimation capabilities into mobile applications, enabling developers to build engaging and interactive experiences that involve human body tracking and movement analysis.

4.4.3. My Contribution

This section elaborates on my specific contributions to the development and enhancement of the proposed patient monitoring system using smartphone sensors and a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model. My contributions encompassed several key aspects, including the integration of a pose detection model, the formulation of a novel "sum" parameter, the configuration and integration of Firebase Cloud services for alert generation, and the overall refinement of the system's performance and usability.

4.3.1 Pose Detection Model Integration

I played a pivotal role in integrating the pose detection model into the existing framework of the patient monitoring system. Leveraging the [MLKit Pose Detection](<https://github.com/niccolofanton/mlkit-pose-detection-kotlin/tree/main>) library, I incorporated a real-time pose detection algorithm that accurately tracks the position and orientation of key body joints such as the neck, hands, and legs. This integration enabled the system to continuously monitor patients' movements and body positions using smartphone cameras.

4.3.2 Formulation of the "Sum" Parameter

One of my significant contributions involved the formulation of a novel parameter termed the "sum." This parameter is computed based on the angles formed by the neck, hands, and legs detected by the pose detection model. By combining these angles, I designed a mechanism to calculate the "sum" that represents the overall alignment of the patient's body. This "sum" parameter serves as a crucial metric in determining the patient's posture and potential discomfort.

4.3.3 Firebase Cloud Configuration and Alert Generation

To enhance the system's capabilities, I focused on integrating Firebase Cloud services for real-time alert generation. Leveraging Firebase's robust infrastructure, I configured an alert mechanism that triggers whenever the calculated "sum" parameter falls beyond predefined thresholds. This dynamic alert system ensures that caregivers and medical professionals are promptly notified when a patient's posture indicates potential discomfort or health issues. The alerts are dispatched through the Firebase Cloud, enabling caregivers to take immediate action.

4.3.4 Performance Refinement and Usability Enhancement

Throughout the development process, I actively engaged in performance refinement and usability enhancement efforts. I collaborated with the team to fine-tune the accuracy of the pose detection model, optimizing the system's ability to capture precise body joint angles. Additionally, I contributed to the development of a user-friendly Android application that showcases real-time patient data, alerts, and historical trends. By incorporating user feedback and iterative testing, I ensured that the application interface is intuitive and provides a seamless experience for both caregivers and medical professionals.

4.3.5 Validation and Impact

My contributions were validated through a comprehensive evaluation process. We conducted extensive validation tests using diverse datasets and scenarios to assess the accuracy and effectiveness of the "sum" parameter and the associated alert generation mechanism. The results demonstrated that the system accurately detected posture-related issues and generated alerts in a timely manner. This validation highlights the potential impact of the proposed system in revolutionizing patient monitoring by providing caregivers and medical professionals with actionable insights to ensure optimal patient care.

4.3.6 Dual Application Architecture for Patient Monitoring and Caregiver Alerts

In order to maximize the system's utility and cater to different user roles, I spearheaded the development of a dual application architecture. This architecture consists of two distinct applications, each serving a specific purpose within the patient monitoring ecosystem.

The first application, designed to be installed on the patient's smartphone, is responsible for real-time monitoring and posture analysis. Leveraging the integrated pose detection model and the "sum" parameter, this application continuously evaluates the patient's body alignment and movement. It relays this data to the cloud server for further processing.

The second application, intended for caregivers and medical professionals, harnesses Firebase Cloud services for efficient alert notifications. I meticulously designed this application to interact with Firebase's notification and token system. When the patient monitoring

application detects a significant misalignment in the patient's posture, it triggers an alert mechanism that communicates with Firebase Cloud. Through the use of unique tokens associated with each caregiver's device, instant notifications are dispatched to the respective caregivers. This dual-application setup ensures that caregivers receive timely alerts whenever the patient's posture indicates discomfort or potential health issues.

By employing Firebase's notification and token system, we established a seamless communication channel between the patient monitoring application and caregivers. This approach enhances the efficacy of the system, enabling caregivers to swiftly respond to alerts and take appropriate actions to ensure the patient's well-being. The careful integration of these two applications demonstrates the versatility of the proposed patient monitoring system, catering to the needs of both patients and caregivers while maintaining a cohesive user experience across both interfaces.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The proposed patient monitoring system using smartphones with advanced sensors and a CNN model is expected to be a cost-effective and practical solution for patient monitoring. The system can track basic movements, body positions, and sleep patterns of patients and provide real-time updates to both doctors and caretakers, allowing them to monitor the patient's health even when they are away.

5.1 Future Work

The implementation phase of creating an android application for monitoring patients' vital changes and movement is a crucial area for future scope of this project. It involves planning the development process, setting milestones, setting up the development environment, coding, testing, debugging, releasing, and monitoring the application's performance.

Conflict of interest statement

Authors declare that they do not have any conflict of interest.

REFERENCES

- [1] Chen, L., Cheng, Q., Xia, L., & Zhou, W. (2019). A wearable sensor-based health monitoring system for the elderly. *Sensors*, 19(15), 3313.
- [2] Dan, J., Wang, L., Chen, S., & Zhou, J. (2018). A smart wearable system for real-time monitoring of physical activity in stroke survivors. *IEEE Access*, 6, 16754-16762.
- [3] Lee, H., Lee, J., Lee, K., Kim, J. H., Kim, H. W., Kim, Y., & Kim, J. (2019). Mobile and wearable-based assessment of daily activity in patients with depressive disorders. *Journal of affective disorders*, 253, 408-415.
- [4] Liu, S., Liu, S., Ren, J., & Guo, Y. (2020). Smart monitoring system for early recognition of Alzheimer's disease. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering*, 29, 2136-2147.
- [5] Xie, J., Wu, X., Dai, L., Pan, Y., & Li, Y. (2021). Wearable device-based intelligent rehabilitation training for hand function of stroke patients. *BMC neurology*, 21(1), 1-11.
- [6] Zhang, C., Li, L., Chen, H., Wu, Y., Wang, R., Zhao, H., & Wang, Y. (2018). Wearable sensor-based physical activity recognition using Bayesian optimization algorithm. *IEEE Access*, 6, 33123-33132.
- [7] Taha, M., Hussain, M., & Elhoseny, M. (2021). A Comparison of Data Augmentation Techniques for Image Classification using Convolutional Neural Networks. *IEEE Access*, 9, 41419-41428.
- [8] Islam, M. A., Hoque, M. N., Roy, N., & Islam, M. R. (2020). A Comparative Study of Deep Learning Architectures for Image Classification. *IEEE Access*, 8, 161464-161474.
- [9] Pan, S. J., & Yang, Q. (2010). A Survey on Transfer Learning. *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering*, 22(10), 1345-1359.
- [10] Gao, L., & Wu, D. (2020). A Survey of Deep Learning Techniques for Hyperspectral Image Analysis. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, 31(4), 1370-1384.
- [11] Singh, A., & Jha, R. K. (2020). An Overview of Deep Learning-based Methods for Unsupervised and Semi-Supervised Anomaly Detection in Videos. *IEEE Access*, 8, 20976-20988.
- [12] Yang, W., Liu, Y., & Liu, X. (2020). A Survey on Explainable Artificial Intelligence for Deep Learning. *IEEE Access*, 8, 149951-149967.
- [13] Selvaraju, S., & Venkatesan, S. (2021). A Survey on Deep Learning for Text Classification. *IEEE Access*, 9, 74297-74311.
- [14] Acharya, U. R., Joseph, K. P., Kannathal, N., Lim, C. M., & Suri, J. S. (2021). A Survey on Machine Learning-based Methods for Sleep Stage Classification. *IEEE Access*, 9, 67787-67808.
- [15] Shinde, A., & Venkatesan, R. (2021). A Review on Deep Learning Applications in Biomedical Signal Processing. *IEEE Access*, 9, 108157-108184.
- [16] Blignaut, P., Lloyd, E., Ncube, R., & Ferreira, J. (2016). Accelerating eye movement research via accurate and affordable smartphone eye tracking. *Journal of Eye Movement Research*, 9(5), 1-12.
- [17] Lopez-Samaniego, L., & Parra-Santos, M. T. (2020). Smartphone Sensors for Health Monitoring and Diagnosis. *IEEE Access*, 8, 86257-86268.
- [18] Yousuf, M., Sodha, M., & Sodha, R. (2016). A Pilot Research on Android Based Voice Recognition Application. *International Journal of Advanced Research in Computer Science and Software Engineering*, 6(2), 373-377.