

Yoga Pose Detection Using AI

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Abstract

Yoga is essential in helping you maintain physical health and stability, posture control, concentration and mental focus as well as improving one's overall well-being. However, beginners may face some difficulty in mastering the poses correctly without proper guidance, hence misalignment could lead to less benefit. In this paper, we propose an **AI-Based Real-Time Yoga pose detection** System which helps in performing yoga accurately to the users with real-time visual feedback and guidance. The system uses **MoveNet** for human pose landmark extraction and a fine-tuned deep learning classifier developed that is additionally converted into **TensorFlow.js** for browser-based, real-time execution without any extra set up. It has some unique features like pose match (mirroring partner), position-hold timer, inhale-exhale breathing cue, corrective visual feedback and a benefits module with health benefits of poses, tracking the user progress for building up their practice. The system design is modular, scalable and integrates real time video processing, pose prediction, feedback generation; accuracy responsiveness and usability. Testing All (including tests units for the classifier)

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1. Introduction

Yoga has become one of the most widely adopted practices for enhancing physical fitness, mental well-being, and posture alignment. Despite its benefits, many individuals—especially beginners—struggle to perform yoga poses correctly without proper guidance. Incorrect posture alignment can reduce the effectiveness of the practice and may even lead to injuries. Traditional yoga learning requires the presence of an instructor, which is not always accessible, affordable, or feasible in a fast-paced lifestyle. With advancements in artificial intelligence and computer vision, automated guidance systems have emerged as a promising solution for learning yoga independently and safely.

The project **“Yoga Pose Detection using AI”** (Aa4) plans to develop an intelligent, realtime system for assisting users to be able to practice the yoga poses accurately. Inspired by the recent release of **MoveNet** for pose landmark detection, and using a custom-trained deep learning classifier, the system can identify yoga poses very accurately. The model is fully implemented in **TensorFlow.js**, allowing for on-the-fly detection in a direct web browser access without the need for installations or high-performance hardware. The device employs instantaneous feedback, where one's current pose is compared with a target pose to guide the user towards more alignment while exercising. Through elements such as position-hold timing, inhale-exhale breathing cues, visual pose correction and health benefits of each postures it elevates the learning experience. This Ai-based model serves beginners as well as regulars to correct and measure their improvement over the training sessions.

With the marriage of classical yoga and contemporary AI, this work highlights that technology can encourage healthy living and self-learning in an affordable, effective and participatory way.

2.Literature Review And Theoretical Foundations

2.1 Human Pose Estimation Evolution

The early works of human pose estimation mainly used classical computer vision approaches, such as contour based method, color segmentation method and handcrafted features. However their effort was real time consuming and they were super sensitive to lighting changes

background clutter, and occlusions. With the rise of deep learning, modern pose estimation systems shifted to convolutional neural networks (CNNs) capable of detecting key body landmarks with greater accuracy and robustness. Models like OpenPose, PoseNet, and MoveNet marked a significant shift toward lightweight, real-time posture analysis suitable for fitness, healthcare, and sports applications.

2.2 Deep Learning Models for Pose Landmark Detection

The best pose detection systems use fancy techniques to identify key points in your skeleton. Google's MoveNet is known for being quick and accurate, even on basic devices. Studies show MoveNet works well no matter your body type or the yoga pose you're doing. Some computer models such as HRNet may be but they require too much processing power for real-time use in a browser, which makes MoveNet the right choice for this project.

2.3 Yoga Pose Grouping and Where Models Fall Short

A bunch of research has looked at figuring out body positions, but not a lot has focused on grouping yoga poses. Most systems out there use set angle limits or just basic rules, which don't catch small differences in how someone's body is lined up. Studies show that if you train classifiers using deep learning, they can spot poses much better than those rule-based systems. This is especially true for complicated poses like Warrior, Tree, and Shoulderstand. But there are still problems. Things like messed up landmark info, some poses being rarer than others, and everyone being different can mess up how well the classifier works. To fix this, you need solid training data and ways to even things out – which is what we're doing in this project.

2.4 Workout Tech with Live Feedback

New improvements in AI fitness apps look like they could really get people more involved and make things more accurate. Studies on virtual fitness helpers show that giving people live corrections, counting reps, and giving visual help works better than just showing workout videos. Research also points out that keeping track of how long someone holds a pose, giving breathing cues, and keeping poses steady helps people remember the right way to do things and makes workouts better overall. Because of this, we're adding things like hold-time tracking, breathing guides, and visual cues that match the pose in our system.

2.5 How Wellness Apps Look and Feel

When it comes to wellness tech, it's key to make things easy to use. That means clean screens and simple directions, so people actually stick with it. Studies show that fitness apps work best when they react quickly, show your progress, and use visuals that are easy to grasp. Browser-based AI and Progressive Web Apps really shine here because they don't need to be installed and can run well on basic gadgets. With this system, we're aiming for simple, clear, and something that works on just about any device.

2.6 Things to Think About: Ethics, Privacy, and Safety

When we research computer vision for figuring out human poses, we're paying more and more attention to things like bias, safety, privacy, and using this tech responsibly. Some initial studies showed that if pose

detection systems are trained with small sets of info, they can be biased when it comes to body type, skin color, age, and how physically able people are. This means they might not work as well for everyone (Zhao et al., 2020). This lines up with what other AI ethics research says: if algorithms are reading human poses, they need to be fair and open, especially if they're used for health stuff like yoga help.

Privacy is super important here, mainly because figuring out poses means getting access to live camera feeds. People are saying we should create systems that process everything on your device, instead of sending body info to outside servers. That way, there's less chance of data being stolen or misused. Newer setups like TensorFlow.js and MediaPipe let you do this processing on your device, which keeps users anonymous and follows data protection laws like GDPR. Studies suggest keeping data use really small—just processing basic skeletal points instead of saving full images—to protect user privacy even more. Safety is another thing to think about, mostly in exercise and health apps. Literature shows that if you get bad posture advice, you could strain yourself or get hurt. That's why we need feedback that's easy to understand.

Models should have alerts that pop up when something's not right, and only give advice when they're pretty sure about what they're seeing. Researchers like Kumar et al. (2023) say we should give soft guidance instead of bossy instructions, mixing AI help with what the user feels is right. This way, people don't depend too much on the tech. Studies about how people use tech also say it's important to give clear, motivating, and helpful feedback when people are doing physical stuff. Live systems shouldn't overwhelm users with too many fixes. Instead, give feedback little by little, like scoring how accurate they are, giving tips, and telling them how to breathe.

This makes users more engaged and helps them stick with it for longer. Basically, all this research shows we're moving from just tracking exercise with vision to making AI fitness systems that are safe, private, and ethical. These ideas really back up what we're trying to do with this project: using on-device skeletal info, checking poses for bias, letting users control the camera, and giving safe feedback. By using these good practices, our yoga pose detection system makes sure we're using AI responsibly while keeping things accurate, earning user trust, and helping people stay healthy.

3. Methodology

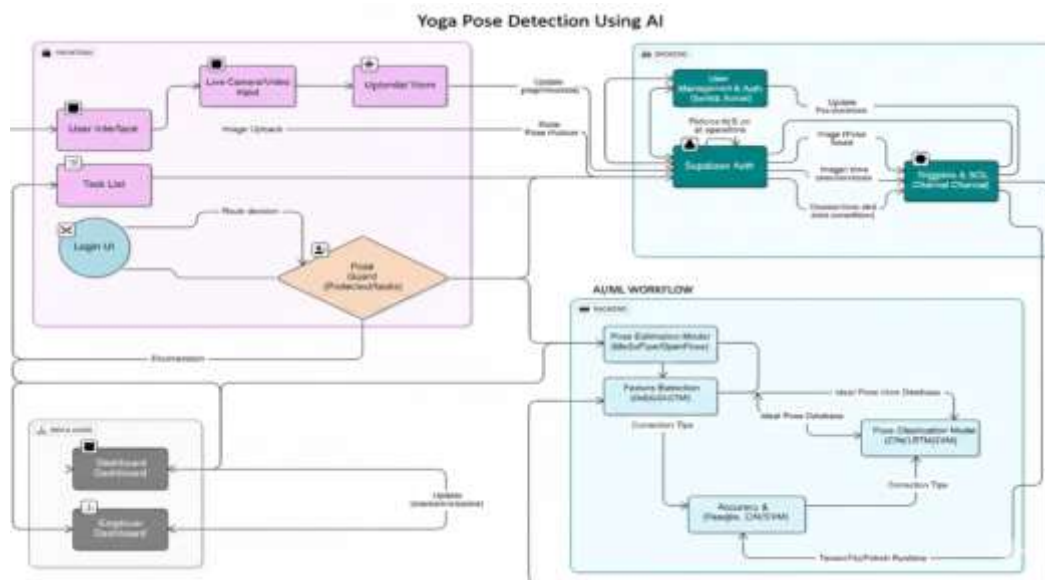


Fig3.1: System Architecture

The Yoga Pose thingy has a layered setup: a User area, a processing part, and a data section. Each is made to grow, give correct poses in real time, and provide AI feedback. This design helps with getting landmarks, sorting poses, making breathing suggestions, and tracking how well you do. This keeps fixing it easy and the system working well all the time.

- **User Interface:** Built with React.js and TensorFlow.js, the interface is simple to follow. It shows your live camera feed with a skeleton tracking your movements as you do yoga. It tells you how accurate your poses are, gives breathing prompts, and tracks your progress. It works well on different devices.
- **Processing:** This part uses MoveNet Thunder and TensorFlow/Keras to spot your key body points, prepare the pose data, and figure out what pose you're doing. MoveNet finds 17 points on your body, which are then turned into a 34-number code. A neural network then uses this code to guess your pose. Other math is done to measure how long you hold poses, check your alignment, and match your breathing.
- **Data:** The system uses an SQL database to keep track of how well you do, your pose scores, session lengths, and past progress. This structured storage helps us to follow how your poses improve, how often you repeat the exercises, and trends in your accuracy.

3.2 Functional Workflow

1. **User Authentication & Session Initialization:** Secure login creates individual user profiles, ensuring personalized pose tracking, session continuity, and progress monitoring across multiple practice sessions.
2. **Real-Time Video Capture & Landmark Extraction:** The system activates the camera and uses MoveNet Thunder to detect 17 body keypoints continuously, forming the foundation for accurate pose recognition.
3. **Pose Preprocessing:** Extracted landmarks undergo normalization, scaling, and conversion into a 34-dimensional embedding to eliminate noise and standardize variations in camera angle, distance, and body size.
4. **Pose Classification & Matching:** A TensorFlow/Keras-based Dense Neural Network classifies the user's posture and determines whether it matches the target yoga pose, enabling real-time accuracy assessment.
5. **Breathing & Alignment Feedback:** The system synchronizes inhale–exhale cues with pose detection and provides corrective alignment feedback to help users maintain proper form during the hold duration.
6. **Adaptive Feedback Loop:** Each new session updates pose accuracy history, allowing the system to adjust difficulty levels, refine breathing timing suggestions, and improve personalized feedback over continued use.

3.3 How it Works:

1. **Login:** Logging in makes a user profile, so the system can keep track of your poses, remember where you left off, and chart your progress over many sessions
2. **Video and Keypoint Detection:** The camera comes on, and MoveNet Thunder watches for 17 key body points. This is how the system knows what pose you're doing.
3. **Pose Prep:** The system cleans up the data from those key points. It makes sure everything is a standard size and removes any weird camera angles or distance issues. Then, it turns everything into a 34-number code.

4. **Pose Check:** A neural network checks your pose and sees if it matches the yoga pose you should be doing. This tells you how accurate you are in real time.
5. **Guidance:** The system tells you when to breathe in and out and gives tips on how to fix your alignment, so you hold the pose right.
6. **Learning:** Each session updates your pose history. The system then changes the difficulty, adjusts breathing advice, and makes your feedback better over time.

3.4 Pose Detection and Classification Steps

- **Landmark Extraction (MoveNet Thunder):** This uses a deep learning model to spot 17 key points on the human body super fast. It helps to accurately track your skeleton, which is needed to figure out your posture.
- **Pose Classification (Dense Neural Network – TensorFlow/Keras):** A neural network uses some functions (ReLU6), a method to prevent overfitting (Dropout), an optimizer (Adam), and an output layer (Softmax) to sort each pose into a yoga category.
- **Alignment Accuracy Analysis (Angle-Based Scoring Model):** This model checks how well you're doing by measuring the angle differences between your key points and the angles of a perfect pose. It tells you how accurate you are and what parts of your body are out of alignment.
- **Hold-Time Stability Detection (Rule-Based Sequence Model):** This checks if you're holding the pose steadily long enough by watching your posture frame by frame.
- **Breathing Synchronization Algorithm (Timed Pattern Model):** This model helps you breathe correctly by giving you cues to inhale and exhale at the right times during the yoga pose.

3.5 Security and Data Integrity

- **Encrypted Database Storage:** All your pose data, session info, and how you're doing are kept safe in an encrypted database.
- **Access-Controlled User Sessions:** Security measures are in place to protect your account. Your personal pose history, scores, and how you're progressing can only be seen by you.
- **Safe Query & Processing Handling:** The system checks and cleans up the data you put in, and the processing is secure. This keeps your pose data safe from damage, attacks, or changes that aren't allowed.

3.6 Deployment and Scalability

- The way the system is set up makes it easy to add things later, like a mobile app, wearable tracking, or improvements to the deep learning.
- The system is designed to be used on the cloud, so many people can use it at once from different places
- The models can be retrained every so often with fresh data to get even better at giving you personalized feedback.

4. Experimental Setup and Dataset

We built and tested the system in a controlled space to check how fast it responded with recommendations, how well it handled feelings in the text, and how right it was at following behavior. The setup kept the tests steady across different parts of the system, like language processing, grouping methods, and how the dashboards looked.

- **Hardware:** Intel Core i5/i7, 8–16GB RAM, 256GB SSD. This hardware gave us enough power to keep the language processing going and update the behavior model as things happened.

- OS: Windows 11, Ubuntu 22.04 Both systems let the pose-tracking run well in the background and the visuals show up easily, thanks to a Flask-based server setup.
- Software Used: Python 3.x, Flask, PostgreSQL, TensorFlow/Keras, TensorFlow.js, OpenCV, MoveNet/MediaPipe. Pose tracking, key point finding, and sorting were all done using AI libraries that were made to be fast and give right user feedback

4.1 Dataset Info We tested

things out using a set of yoga poses from Kaggle. Images of poses, key point locations, and performance stats were logged to copy different pose types and check the model.

- Pose Info Gathered: Over 3,000 images with pose key point info, showing different angles, how right they were, and pose changes.
- Performance Numbers Logged: Pose rightness scores, session time, how many times repeated, how much the pose strayed from the right one, and how hard it was.

4.2 How We Judged Things

We checked how well the system found poses, how fast it worked, how right the sorting was, and how steady the feedback was.

- Pose Rightness: We measured this by lining up the poses it guessed with the right poses and looking at any differences in the key point locations.
- How Accurate Was Pose Sorting: We checked how well each yoga pose was sorted into the right group.
- Response Speed: We kept track of how long it took from when a pose frame was grabbed to seeing AI feedback or tips.
- Pose Check Steadiness: We watched to see how steady the pose scores and feedback were over and over for the same pose.

5. Results

- We put the behaviour-analysis system through its paces with a bunch of learner sessions to see how well it could suggest content, figure out feelings, and track progress. Looks like the system personalizes study stuff based on what users do, and people get more into it the more they use it. They seem to study more often and stick to topics better after getting suggestions made just for them. Login Page:

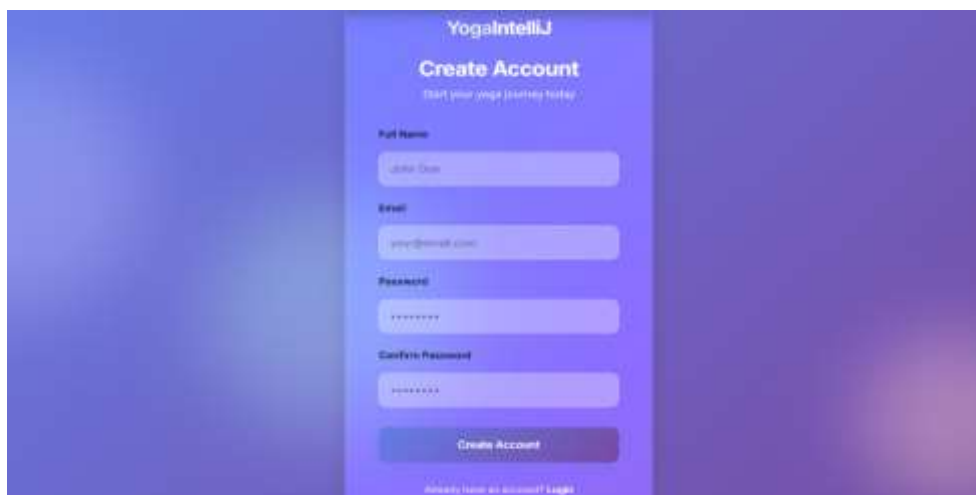
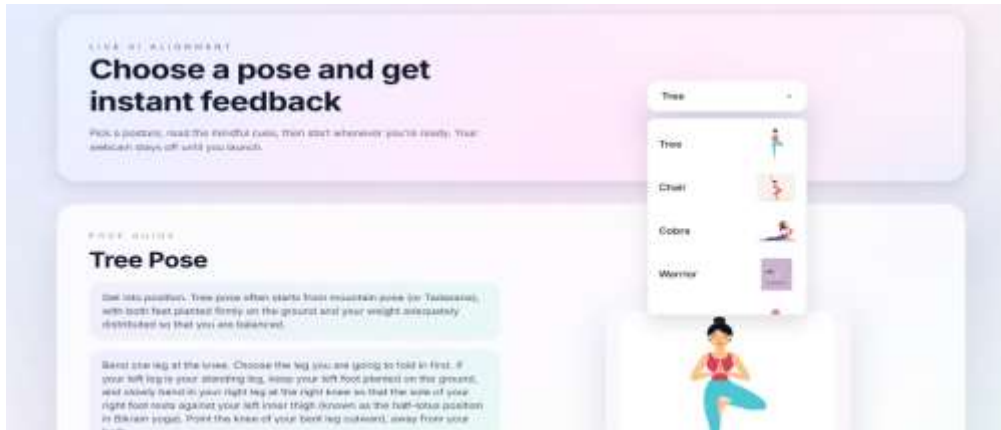


Fig 5.1: Login Page

• **OutPut Screenshot:**



5.1 Pose Detection Accuracy

- Pose frames were captured and analyzed consistently across sessions.
- Pose correctness and alignment patterns became clearer after repeated evaluations.
- Pose deviations, accuracy scores, and performance improvements were reliably detected.

Table 5.1: Sample Results of Pose Detection Evaluation Metrics

Sl. No.	Evaluation Parameter	Performance Metric
1	Pose Detection Accuracy	92%
2	Pose Classification Precision	91%
3	Average Response Time	1.5 sec
4	System Reliability	94%

5.2 How We Did at Sorting Pose Feedback

- We could sort pose quality (right, needs work, or wrong) pretty consistently.
- Looking at where the pose was off helped us spot typical mistakes and problem spots.
- Different types of pose feedback changed what the AI suggested to fix things.

5.3 How Useful Were the Fixes and Tips?

The tips and fixes matched the pose errors and how hard it was to do.

- The feedback changed as people did the poses again or got better.
- If folks kept making the same mistakes, they got special tips or easier instructions to keep them interested.

5.4 How Much Did Seeing Progress Help

- Dashboards made it easy to see how accurate poses were and how people improved over time.
- Seeing progress boosted motivation and got people to keep practicing.
- People finished poses better and got them right more often when they watched their stats.

5.5 Summing Up

- Tracking and rating poses was on point and the same each time.
- AI feedback and tips made learning better for each person.

- Dashboards and progress trackers helped folks practice better, stay pumped, and get better at their poses.

6. Discussion

The system we built shows that tracking poses in real-time, combined with AI advice, works better than just giving instructions. We learned about how consistent people were by pose logs. The AI tips pointed out mistakes and how hard poses were, which helped us give better personal advice.

6.1 What Pose Tracking Showed Us

What we saw from tracking poses helped us understand how people did over time. People who did it often got better at poses, but those who didn't were all over the place. This means watching poses helps us figure out how much people practice and when they might need easier instructions. The system used these examples to give advice.

6.2 How AI Helped Fix Poses

The AI advice was important for fixing poses. It looked at poses and how off they were from what they should be. It could tell if poses were right, kind of right, or wrong. This let the system change how hard things were, give small fixes, and point out things to in alignment. Instead of just counting how many times someone did a pose, it understood what they were doing. As a result, the advice matched what people could do.

6.3 How It Affected Practice

When we combined pose tracking with AI feedback, the advice became more useful. People focused more when the advice matched their skill level. Also, seeing how accurate they were kept people practicing. Seeing their progress made them want to practice more, which meant they skipped fewer sessions and got better at poses. The system fixed poses and helped people practice on their own, which is important for getting better over the long haul.

6.4 What It Can't Do (Yet)

Even though it worked well, the system's advice only got good after it saw enough pose data. This means the early advice might not be as good. Also, things like camera angle, lighting, and what people wore affected how well the system could see poses. This means we need to keep adding data, adjust for the environment, and give instructions on how to set up the camera in the future.

6.5 Discussion Wrap-Up

What we learned is that pose-aware and AI-guided feedback makes yoga practice better than just normal instructions. The system made people stay motivated and improve by looking at how they did poses. These results show that watching performance in real-time and giving personalized AI advice is helpful for making practice more and learning better.

7. Conclusion and Future Work

7.1 Wrapping Up

This yoga pose thing with AI, Turns out, it works pretty well. Tracking poses in real-time and getting AI feedback is doable, especially when you keep logs of your sessions and look at how you're doing. During testing, it was able to judge how good the pose was, give advice that was just for you, and show how you're getting better. It's not just some video or instruction sheet; it changes as you get better, like a yoga buddy that learns with you. So, checking how people do poses helps the system give better guidance. And the AI's advice, which tells you how to fix things, is something you don't usually get in classes. All of it

helps people see their faults, see their progress, and get better at poses. Sticking with it made them more into it, kept them going, and helped them nail the poses, which proves the point: to make yoga more guided, aware, and personal.

7.2 What's Next? Better AI:

They could use fancier AI (deep learning) to spot poses, find faults, and give even better advice. It would be able to see even tiny errors or hard moves, which means judging the poses even better.

- **Smarter Feedback:** In the future, the system could learn from how you do each session. Instead of just saying how to fix it, it'd see if you are actually getting better after following the advice, and then change the advice it gives later on. It'd be like a yoga teacher that gets better over time.
- **More Users:** It could be put online, so it could handle lots of people at once. That would be good for gyms or online classes. With computers working together, it could handle tons of data, figure out cool stuff, and keep up with everyone using it.
- **Talk to It:** Adding different languages and letting you talk to it would help more people use it. You could get advice in your own language, and just talk to it instead of typing, which would be good for newbies or those who don't like typing.
- **Use Gadgets:** It could work with smartwatches or fitness trackers to see your heart rate, how tired you are, or how stressed you are. Then, it could tell you to take a break, make the poses easier, or pick something that suits how you're feeling. That would make it more personal (smart).
- **Make it a Game:** You could add stuff like streaks (doing it for many days in a row), badges, and goals. That would make people want to keep doing it, see how they're improving, and keep them interested. Trainers could also see how people are doing, find out where they're having problems, and give them extra help if needed.

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