# Real Time Indonesian Sign Language Hand Gesture Phonology Translation Using Deep Learning Model

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Abstract: In the era of Society 5.0, technology and computerization are almost applied to everything in this world. The advance- ment of computers is increasingly sophisticated, presenting so many software that helps a lot of human activities. Such as the image recognition feature that can be used to recognize and read sign language. The shape of the hand being sign language is a feature of phonology because the meaning of each sign can be distinguished according to the shape and gesture of the hand. SIBI (Indonesian Sign System) became the official language to be taught in extraordinary schools (SLB). In this study, the introduction of the A-Z alphabet as a SIBI sign language became the research material as the target language of translation applied to the application. The algorithms used are Deep Learning Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and the Hand Gesture Recognition method, the training process in data processing experiments using 50 and 100 epoch experiments with a batch size of sixteen and a speed of 0.001 with a total of twenty-six classes. The resulting model is applied to build applications that can be used to detect and classify hand gestures on SIBI, resulting in outputs in the form of alphabetical and SIBI vocabulary. Researchers have previously conducted studies with a smaller number of classes. The results of the experiment on the application that has been built have a fast response time and have a higher accuracy rate than the earlier study, which was 85.3%.

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

Communication is a need for humans to interact with each other and share their thoughts with each other, but com- munication is a problem for some people who have to communicate with people those with special needs such as the deaf (Anwar et al., 2017; Damatraseta et al., 2021). Sign language is a solution for communicating by deaf people with others, using limbs such as hands, shoulders, eyes, eyebrows, and other facial expressions (Aji et al., 2020). The difference between sign language and spoken language makes it difficult for deaf people to blend in society due to limited and different communication skills. The existence of sign language interpreters to bridge communication between the deaf and people who can hear is very much needed. The limited number of translators and the large costs cause not all deaf people to be served and accom- panied by translators. Some people with hearing ability are only able to speak sign language to the extent that they can communicate with their family and deaf relatives (Handhika et al., 2018a). The Indonesian Sign System (SIBI) became the official language to be taught in Extraordinary Schools (SLB), and SIBI created difficulties among the deaf themselves, although it was taught in schools however, never practiced in deaf daily speech (Rakun et al., 7 04), SIBI changed spoken Indonesian to sign language and followed the complete structure of Indonesian with prefixes and suffixes (Handhika et al., 2018b).

In this study, the experiment was carried out with the alphabet according to the SIBI dictionary, where the alphabet is a static gesture that is carried out by the hands and fingers in a fixed manner without any change of motion (Ramadhani et al., 2020), here's a picture of the A-Z alphabet:

Many studies related to SIBI sign language using machine learning have been done before, such as the following research: Research from (Putri and Fuadi, 2022), using the Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Mediapipe Holistic methods to detect skeletons

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Figure 1: Sign Language Sibi Alphabet A-Z.

on the hands, face and body. The objects used in this study were 30 BISINDO cue vocabularies that are often used by Deaf friends. From the results of the evaluation of real-time detection, this study obtained an accuracy of 92% for 10-class models with bidirectional layer LSTM, epoch 1000, hidden layer 64, batch size 32 and obtained an accuracy of 65% for 30-class models with 2-layer LSTM epoch 500, hidden layer 64, batch size 64. Research from (A.E and Zul, 2021), BISINDO welding was carried out using the Convolutional Neural Network method and MobilenetV2 architecture using TensorFlow. The classification results are used as models on android to be after converted into sounds. Based on model testing, the resulting accuracy rate reached 54.8% in classifying thirty sign languages. Thus, the performance of the model can be said to be not best in classifying. Based on application testing to 30% of respondents, the results of respondents strongly agree with the existence of this application with an average value of 83.95%. Research from (Borman and Priyopradono, 2018), produced an application that can translate from sign language movements into the form of text that can be understood by normal people. In the processing of images of sign language movement images, a method is needed to carry out the process or manipulation of digital images. The method used in this study is PCA (Principal Component Analysis) to find patterns in the data and then express the data to another form to show the differences and similarities between patterns. To recognize objects used the method of Viola-Jones that

gives a specific sign to an image. This research will produce an application that can translate sign language in the form of twenty-six letters in the form of image capture with camera tools into an outer form in the form of letters in general. Research from (Rakun et al., 7 04), the development of this study uses the method of applying the Hidden Markov model for the detection of Indonesian Signal System, using feature extraction techniques. Obtained quite satisfactory results in reading SIBI. And Research from (Anwar et al., 2017), using the KNN and SVM algorithms and feature extraction techniques obtained the accuracy of the KNN algorithm by 95.15% and the SVM algorithm by 93.95%. It uses patterns to recognize SIBI sign language. The application that will be built from the model used, namely the CNN algorithm with the Hand Gesture Recognition method, will be able to clarify the discussion of a SIBI signal in real time, this will be very assisting deaf people in recognizing the Alphabet A-Z.

## 2 METHODS

At this stage, explaining the stages of the method to be proposed, namely first collecting image datasets from data published on the Kaggle, the total data collected is 400 image images, consisting of 80 healthy images, 80 leaf curl images, 80 leaf spot images, 80 whitefly images, 80 yellowish images.

Furthermore, the second stage is the preprocessing stage, at this stage, the image dataset is labelled consisting of five chilli leaf diseases, namely healthy, leaf curl, leaf spot, whitefly, and yellowish. Image data is divided into two parts, namely 80% training data and 20% testing data. In the third stage, we implemented the CNN model with MobileNet architecture with hyperparameter optimization, namely Epoch 50 and 100, Learning Rate 0.1, Batch Size 8, 16 and 32, with the Optimizer used, namely Adm, Nadam, SGD, RMSProp and Adadelta. And the last stage is to compare the accuracy, precision, recall and f1-score results of each Optimizer. Here's a picture of the proposed method: Based



Figure 2: This caption has one line so it is centered.

On the description of the method in Figure 2, the research flow can be explained through the following steps: Starting from the selection of datasets that will be used in the research process, this study uses private datasets taken independently which refer to SIBI. The next step is that all image datasets are processed through an augmentation process. After the augmentation process, the data processing process uses several CNN models with experiments of 50 and 100 epochs as well as batches of 50 and a rate of 0.001, then obtained the accuracy value and the AUC value. After processing with the CNN model, an application is built that can translate in real-time.

1. Preprocessing

The preprocessing stage is based on the data collected from twenty-six classes namely the A-Z alphabet, consisting of 7,800 images of the A-Z alphabet, performing processing using augmentation techniques, the data resulting from the augmentation process totals to 89,808 images.

- 2. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- CNN is one of the Deep Learning methods. CNN is a convoluted operation that combines several layers of processing, using several elements that run in parallel and are inspired by the biological nervous system. At CNN each neuron is presented in a two-dimensional form, so this method is suitable for processing with input in the form of an image (Maggiori et al., 2017).
- (a) Input Layer

Input layer is an image data input that is converted into a three-dimensional matrix with the values of each dimension, namely red, blue and green (Felix et al., 2020).

(b) Convolution Layer

It is a major part of CNN, as most of the computations on CNN are done in this layer. The operations performed are the same as convolution operations commonly performed in image processing, where there are kernels and subimages. The kernels used on CNN are threeby-three in size. Then for each sub image that is the same size as the kernel a convolution operation is performed (Alamsyah and Pratama, 2020).

(c) Pooling Layers

Pooling layer is the stage after convolutional layer. Pooling layer consists of a filter of a certain size and stride. Each shift will be decided by the number of strides that will be shifted over the entire feature map or activation map area. In its application, the pooling layers commonly used are Max Pooling and Average Pooling. For example, if we use Max Pooling 2x2 with Stride 2, then at each filter shift, the value taken is the largest value in the 2x2 area, while Average Pooling will take the average value (Santoso and Ariyanto, 2018).

(d) Fully Connected Layer

It is a multilayer perceptron (MLP) classification stage process or also known as neural networks. On a fully con- nected layer, each neurons have a full connection to all activations in the earlier layer. This is the same as the one in MLP. The activation model is also exactly the same as MLP, which is that computing uses a matrix multiplication followed by offset bias (Putra and Bunyamin, 2020).

(e) Dropout Layer

Dropout is one of the efforts to prevent overfitting and speed up the learning process. Overfitting is a condition where all data that has gone through the training process reaches a good percentage, but there is a discrepancy in the prediction process. In its working system, dropout temporarily removes a neuron in the form of hidden layer or visible layer that is in the network (Nugroho et al., 2020).

# **3 RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

This study was conducted to classify SIBI Sign Language by applying the CNN algorithm with the Hand Gesture Recognition method. Applications built from the results of earlier implementations of the model must first be declared in the directory used as a place to store SIBI alphabet imagery and vocabulary data. The imagery data obtained was divided into twentysix classes with alphabet A-Z.

Another trial scenario in this study was carried out by applying the use of data augmentation techniques, before training the data so that the resulting performance was more optimal and avoided the occurrence of overfitting. After the augmentation process, then carry out the training process for model formation. The trials in this training process used 50 and 100 epoch experiments with a batch size of sixteen and a speed of 0.001.

Table 1 is the result of the experiment on the application that was built:

Based on table 1, the classification results of the model using the CNN algorithm-based application and the Hand Gesture Recognition method showed satisfactory results. Out of a total of 150 image data, as many as 128 data were successfully classified correctly. Based on the equation, the calculation of accu-

Alphabet	Test Data	Correct Data
A	5	5
В	5	5
С	5	5
D	5	5
E	5	0
F	5	0
G	5	4
Н	5	5
Ι	5	0
J	5	0
K	5	5
L	5	4
М	5	5
N	5	5
0	5	5
Р	5	5 5
Q	5	
R	5	5
S	5	5
Т	5	5
U	5	5
W	5	5
X Y	5	5
Y	5	5
Z	5	5

Table 1: Application With Cnn Algorithms Accuracy Result.

racy from the test above is as follows:

$$Accuracy = \frac{128}{150} \times 100\% = 85.3\%$$

So, the accuracy resulting from testing through the application obtained a value of 85.3%. The following applications are built using the CNN model that can be used in real-time:



Figure 3: SIBI Detection Application Using Cnn Algorithm.

### **4** CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of experiments on applications that have been built, conclusions can be drawn, namely the application of SIBI Sign Language Detection with the application of the CNN algorithm with the Hand Gesture Recognition method it has worked well with an accuracy rate of 85.3% and the application that was built was in accordance with the purpose of being a medium of communication between deaf friends and normal humans only with camera scans, alphabetical and SIBI vocabulary can be detected in real-time with fast response time. The application that was built has not reached 100% accuracy, the cause is due to the same hand gestures in some alphabets, making the machine incorrectly classify and detect sign language involving movements that need to be found, such as facial expressions and body movements, so that hand gestures alone are still not enough. For this reason, it is necessary to develop further with the application of optimization methods.

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