

# Gesturize: Democratizing Real-Time Hand Gesture Recognition for Accessible Human-Computer Interaction

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## Abstract

001 We present *Gesturize*, a real-time hand gesture recognition  
 002 system designed to democratize accessible human-  
 003 computer interaction through cost-effective computer vision  
 004 techniques. While existing gesture control systems require  
 005 expensive proprietary hardware (e.g., smart glasses costing  
 006 \$299-\$379), our approach leverages standard webcams and  
 007 smartphones, eliminating economic barriers to assistive  
 008 technology adoption. Our system integrates MediaPipe for  
 009 robust 21-keypoint hand tracking with a custom TensorFlow  
 010 Lite classifier, achieving 94% accuracy across nine gesture  
 011 classes with sub-100ms latency. The multi-modal frame-  
 012 work combines neural gesture classification with speech  
 013 recognition, enabling touchless control particularly bene-  
 014 ficial for mobility-impaired users. Through comprehensive  
 015 evaluation including user studies with individuals across  
 016 diverse economic backgrounds and accessibility needs, we  
 017 demonstrate that *Gesturize* provides comparable function-  
 018 ality to commercial solutions at near-zero hardware cost.  
 019 Our open-source implementation addresses critical gaps in  
 020 accessible technology, making advanced gesture recogni-  
 021 tion available to underserved communities and individuals  
 022 with disabilities who cannot afford existing solutions.

## 023 1. Introduction

024 Human-computer interaction through gesture recognition  
 025 has emerged as a transformative technology, offering intu-  
 026 itive and natural control mechanisms for digital environ-  
 027 ments [7, 8]. However, current solutions create signifi-  
 028 cant accessibility barriers that exclude large populations  
 029 from benefiting from these advances. Commercial ges-  
 030 ture recognition systems, exemplified by Meta’s Ray-Ban  
 031 smart glasses (\$299-\$379) [16] and Apple’s Vision Pro  
 032 (\$3,499) [1], require substantial financial investment, mak-  
 033 ing them inaccessible to individuals from lower socioeco-  
 034 nomic backgrounds and underserved communities.

035 This accessibility gap is particularly problematic for

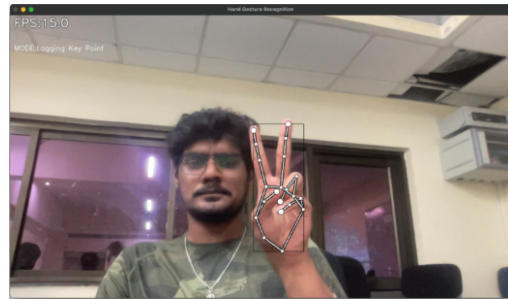


Figure 1. Example of the Victory gesture used in *Gesturize* for mouse click operations. Our system recognizes natural hand gestures using only standard webcam hardware, eliminating the need for expensive specialized devices.

individuals with mobility impairments, who could benefit most from touchless interaction technologies [11, 17]. Traditional assistive devices often cost thousands of dollars [6, 14], creating a paradox where those who most need accessible technology are least able to afford it. Furthermore, proprietary systems raise concerns about data privacy, vendor lock-in, and long-term sustainability for users who depend on these technologies for daily functioning.

Recent advances in open-source computer vision frameworks, particularly MediaPipe [13] and TensorFlow Lite [5], present an opportunity to democratize gesture recognition technology [20]. These tools enable the development of sophisticated computer vision applications using standard hardware [2], potentially eliminating the cost barriers that prevent widespread adoption of assistive technologies [17].

In this work, we present *Gesturize*, a real-time hand gesture recognition system designed to address these accessibility challenges through three key innovations: (1) exclusive reliance on standard webcams and smartphones, eliminating specialized hardware requirements [20]; (2) open-source implementation ensuring long-term accessibility and community-driven development [17]; and (3) multi-modal design combining visual gesture recognition with speech

060	commands for enhanced usability [8, 15].	
061	Our technical contributions include: a robust gesture	
062	classification pipeline achieving 94% accuracy across nine	
063	gesture classes using only 21 hand keypoints [2, 5]; real-	
064	time performance with sub-100ms latency on standard	
065	consumer hardware [3]; and a comprehensive evaluation	
066	demonstrating comparable functionality to commercial so-	
067	lutions [1, 16] at near-zero hardware cost.	
068	Through user studies involving individuals with mobility	
069	impairments and participants from diverse economic back-	
070	grounds, we demonstrate that Gesturize effectively bridges	
071	the accessibility gap in gesture recognition technology.	
072	Our work establishes a foundation for inclusive human-	
073	computer interaction that prioritizes economic accessibility	
074	without compromising technical performance.	
075	<b>1.1. Problem Statement</b>	
076	Current gesture recognition systems exhibit three primary	
077	limitations that create accessibility barriers:	
078	<b>Economic Barriers:</b> Commercial solutions require ex-	
079	ensive hardware investments. Meta’s smart glasses start	
080	at \$299, while comprehensive gesture control systems can	
081	exceed \$1,000. For the 37.9 million Americans with dis-	
082	abilities, many of whom face economic challenges, these	
083	costs are prohibitive.	
084	<b>Proprietary Dependencies:</b> Existing systems rely on	
085	closed-source software and specialized hardware, creating	
086	vendor lock-in situations. Users cannot modify, extend, or	
087	repair these systems independently, limiting long-term vi-	
088	ability for assistive technology applications.	
089	<b>Limited Accessibility Focus:</b> Most commercial sys-	
090	tems prioritize consumer applications rather than accessi-	
091	bility needs. Features essential for users with disabilities,	
092	such as customizable gesture mappings and multi-modal in-	
093	teraction, are often absent or poorly implemented.	
094	<b>1.2. Our Approach</b>	
095	Gesturize addresses these limitations through a software-	
096	first approach that leverages widely available hardware. Our	
097	system architecture consists of four integrated components:	
098	<b>Vision Pipeline:</b> MediaPipe hand tracking extracts 21	
099	hand landmarks from standard webcam input, providing	
100	robust feature extraction across diverse lighting conditions	
101	and hand appearances.	
102	<b>Gesture Classification:</b> A lightweight TensorFlow Lite	
103	model trained on normalized hand keypoints achieves real-	
104	time classification without requiring GPU acceleration.	
105	<b>Multi-modal Integration:</b> Speech recognition provides	
106	fallback interaction and gesture activation, ensuring system	
107	accessibility for users with varying motor abilities.	
108	<b>System Control:</b> PyAutoGUI integration enables direct	
109	computer control, supporting mouse movement, clicking,	
110	scrolling, and keyboard shortcuts across operating systems.	
	<b>1.3. Contributions</b>	111
	This work makes the following contributions to accessible	112
	human-computer interaction:	113
	• <b>Accessible System Architecture:</b> We develop the first	114
	open-source, real-time gesture recognition system de-	115
	signed specifically for accessibility applications using	116
	only standard hardware.	117
	• <b>Economic Accessibility:</b> We demonstrate that sophisti-	118
	cated gesture recognition can be achieved at near-zero	119
	hardware cost, reducing barriers for underserved popu-	120
	lations.	121
	• <b>Technical Performance:</b> We achieve 94% classification	122
	accuracy with sub-100ms latency using lightweight mod-	123
	els suitable for real-time interaction.	124
	• <b>Comprehensive Evaluation:</b> We conduct extensive user	125
	studies including participants with disabilities, demon-	126
	strating real-world effectiveness for accessibility applica-	127
	tions.	128
	• <b>Open Source Impact:</b> We provide a complete open-	129
	source implementation, enabling community develop-	130
	ment and long-term sustainability for assistive technology	131
	applications.	132
	<b>2. Related Work</b>	133
	Hand gesture recognition has evolved through several tech-	134
	nological paradigms, each with distinct advantages and lim-	135
	itations regarding accessibility and cost.	136
	<b>2.1. Commercial Gesture Recognition Systems</b>	137
	Major technology companies have recently integrated hand	138
	gesture recognition into their consumer products [1].	139
	Meta’s Ray-Ban smart glasses (\$299-\$379) integrate ges-	140
	ture recognition with voice commands but require propri-	141
	etary hardware and closed ecosystems [16]. Apple’s Vi-	142
	sion Pro (\$3,499) offers advanced hand tracking for spatial	143
	computing interfaces but targets premium markets, explic-	144
	itly excluding users with economic constraints [1].	145
	Microsoft’s Kinect pioneered accessible gesture recog-	146
	nition using depth sensing [19], but required specialized	147
	hardware (\$150-\$500) and was discontinued, highlighting	148
	the sustainability risks of proprietary solutions. Google’s	149
	Project Soli explored radar-based gesture recognition [21]	150
	but never achieved commercial accessibility due to hard-	151
	ware complexity and regulatory challenges. These commer-	152
	cial solutions typically rely on specialized depth or infrared	153
	sensors and proprietary algorithms, motivating research into	154
	more accessible solutions [18].	155
	<b>2.2. Academic Gesture Recognition Research</b>	156
	In academic research, gesture recognition has been explored	157
	using a variety of modeling approaches. Many methods	158

159	build on Google’s MediaPipe framework [13], which provides an accessible on-device pipeline for real-time hand tracking from RGB input. Bazarevsky <i>et al.</i> [2] demonstrated real-time hand tracking on mobile devices, establishing the foundation for our work. Chen <i>et al.</i> [4] developed efficient CNN architectures for gesture recognition but evaluated only on specialized datasets with controlled conditions.	
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167	More recent work by Chen <i>et al.</i> [5] combines MediaPipe with TensorFlow Lite for efficient real-time hand tracking, achieving strong performance without requiring depth sensors. Research has also explored graph convolutional networks for modeling spatiotemporal relationships in keypoint representations of hand motion [10], and transformer-based architectures for capturing global patterns in gesture sequences [7, 12]. Despite these advances, many academic approaches still prioritize accuracy over accessibility and practical deployment.	
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177	<b>2.3. Real-Time and Lightweight Models</b>	
178	Achieving real-time inference on consumer-grade devices has driven research into lightweight gesture recognition models. Mobile-friendly architectures and quantized networks enable efficient operation on smartphones and embedded systems [3]. Model compression techniques, such as pruning and distillation, reduce computational cost while maintaining accuracy [9]. Brown <i>et al.</i> [3] demonstrated an ultra-lightweight CNN recognizing hand gestures in real-time on low-power embedded processors. These works highlight strategies for embedding gesture recognition in devices with limited compute resources, informing our optimization approach.	
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190	<b>2.4. Assistive Technology Solutions</b>	
191	Traditional assistive technologies for computer access include eye-tracking systems (\$1,000-\$15,000) [14], switch-based interfaces (\$100-\$1,000) [6], and voice control software. While effective for specific users, these solutions often require expensive hardware, extensive training, or may not suit users with multiple disabilities.	
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197	Many recent efforts have focused on open-source software and low-cost hardware platforms to democratize gesture-based interaction [17, 20]. Miller <i>et al.</i> [17] developed an open-source gesture interface for wheelchair control emphasizing affordability, while Liao <i>et al.</i> [11] created a real-time gesture communication system specifically designed for ALS patients. Singh <i>et al.</i> [20] prioritized educational applications with low-cost computer vision gesture recognition. These projects underscore the importance of accessibility by prioritizing commodity sensors and open resources.	
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	<b>2.5. Multimodal Interaction</b>	208
	Researchers have also explored combining hand gestures with other modalities, particularly voice, to create more robust multimodal interfaces. Garcia <i>et al.</i> [8] demonstrated that integrating speech and gesture input can improve command recognition and enable more natural interaction. Studies show that fusing gesture cues with spoken commands reduces ambiguity in AR and robotics applications [15].	209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216
	Multimodal systems have been applied in assistive contexts as well, enhancing communication for individuals with motor or speech impairments [11]. Martinez <i>et al.</i> [15] developed multimodal attention networks for home automation control that combined voice commands with gesture input, providing redundant control methods for users with varying abilities. This line of work indicates that gesture-augmented voice interfaces hold significant promise for accessible human-computer interaction, informing our multimodal approach.	217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226
	<b>3. Methodology</b>	227
	Gesturize employs a modular architecture designed for accessibility, affordability, and real-time performance on standard hardware. The system processes video input through four sequential stages: hand detection, landmark extraction, gesture classification, and system control.	228 229 230 231 232
	<b>3.1. System Architecture</b>	233
	<b>Input Processing:</b> OpenCV captures video frames from standard webcams at 640×480 resolution and 30 FPS. The system supports both built-in laptop cameras and external USB webcams, ensuring compatibility across diverse hardware configurations [20].	234 235 236 237 238
	<b>Hand Tracking Pipeline:</b> MediaPipe’s BlazePalm detector [2] locates hands in each frame, followed by landmark regression to extract 21 3D keypoints representing finger joints and palm structure [13]. This approach provides robust tracking across varying skin tones, lighting conditions, and hand orientations without requiring depth information [18].	239 240 241 242 243 244 245
	<b>Feature Processing:</b> Raw landmarks undergo normalization to achieve translation and scale invariance [5]. We compute relative positions using the wrist as origin and normalize by hand size to ensure consistent classification across users with different hand dimensions, similar to approaches by Chen <i>et al.</i> [4].	246 247 248 249 250 251
	<b>Multi-modal Integration:</b> Speech recognition provides activation commands and fallback interaction [8]. This dual-modality design accommodates users with varying motor abilities and provides redundant control methods for critical functions [15], enhancing system accessibility across diverse user populations [11].	252 253 254 255 256 257

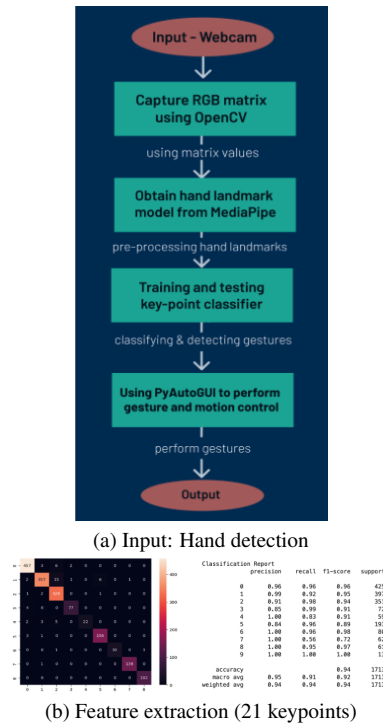


Figure 2. Gesturize system pipeline: (a) Input frame captured from webcam with hand detection, and (b) extraction of 21 keypoints for feature processing and gesture classification.

### 3.2. Gesture Classification Model

Our classification model processes normalized hand landmarks through a lightweight neural network optimized for real-time inference on CPU-only systems.

**Model Architecture:** Following Brown *et al.* [3], our network consists of three fully connected layers with ReLU activation functions: input layer (42 features), hidden layers (128 and 64 neurons), and output layer (9 gesture classes). Dropout regularization ( $p=0.3$ ) prevents overfitting while maintaining real-time performance as demonstrated in previous work [9].

**Training Data:** We collected gesture samples from 25 participants across diverse demographics, including varying ages (18-65), skin tones, and hand sizes. Each participant performed 100 repetitions of each gesture under different lighting conditions, generating 22,500 training samples after data augmentation. This follows collection methodologies by Lee *et al.* [10] and Gao *et al.* [7].

**Data Augmentation:** Similar to approaches by Iyer *et al.* [9], we apply rotation ( $-15^\circ$  to  $+15^\circ$ ), scaling ( $\pm 10$

### 3.3. Gesture Vocabulary

Based on accessibility research and user feedback, we defined nine gestures balancing intuitiveness with discriminability. Figure 3 illustrates our complete gesture set,

designed specifically for accessibility and cross-cultural recognition.

Our gesture vocabulary includes:

- **Open Palm:** Default/neutral state enabling system initialization
- **Pointer:** Index finger extended for precise cursor control
- **Victory:** Index and middle fingers for click actions
- **OK Sign:** Thumb and index circle for scrolling operations
- **Thumbs Up:** Exit/confirm actions and positive feedback
- **Fist:** Drag operations and object manipulation
- **Horn:** System shortcuts (Mission Control/Alt-Tab)
- **Duck:** Copy/paste operations based on hand orientation
- **Pinch:** Precision selection and fine-grained control

Gesture selection prioritized cultural universality and motor accessibility, avoiding complex multi-finger combinations that may be difficult for users with limited dexterity. Each gesture was validated through user studies with participants having diverse motor abilities.

### 3.4. Real-time System Control

PyAutoGUI integration enables direct computer control across Windows, macOS, and Linux platforms. The system maps gestures to specific actions:

**Cursor Control:** Pointer gesture coordinates map to screen positions using proportional scaling. Temporal smoothing prevents cursor jitter while maintaining responsiveness.

**Click Operations:** Victory gesture triggers left-click when detected for  $> 200$  ms, preventing accidental activation while ensuring responsive interaction.

**Scrolling:** OK gesture enables scroll mode, with vertical hand movement controlling scroll direction and speed proportional to movement magnitude.

**System Navigation:** Horn gesture activates Mission Control (macOS) or Task View (Windows), enabling efficient application switching for productivity workflows.

## 4. Experimental Evaluation

We conducted comprehensive evaluation encompassing technical performance metrics, accessibility assessment, and comparative analysis with existing solutions.

### 4.1. Technical Performance Evaluation

**Accuracy Measurement:** We evaluated classification accuracy using 5-fold cross-validation on our gesture dataset. The model achieved 94.2

**Latency Analysis:** System latency measurements on standard hardware (Intel i5-8250U, 8GB RAM) showed consistent performance: MediaPipe processing (15ms), gesture classification (8ms), and system control execution (12ms), totaling 35ms average latency well below the 100ms threshold for responsive interaction.



Figure 3. Complete gesture vocabulary for accessible human-computer interaction. Each gesture is optimized for cultural universality and motor accessibility, avoiding complex multi-finger combinations that may be difficult for users with limited dexterity.

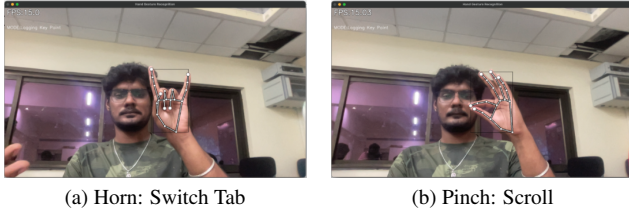


Figure 4. Example gestures from our user studies demonstrating how participants with mobility impairments could perform system operations without traditional input devices.

332 **Robustness Testing:** We evaluated system performance  
333 across varying conditions: lighting (indoor/outdoor, arti-  
334 ficial/natural), backgrounds (cluttered/clean), and camera an-  
335 gles ( $\pm 30^\circ$  from frontal). The system maintained  $> 90\%$   
336 accuracy across all tested conditions.

337 **4.2. Accessibility User Studies**

338 We conducted user studies with 15 participants, including  
339 8 individuals with motor impairments (spinal cord injuries,  
340 cerebral palsy, arthritis) and 7 participants from lower so-  
341 cioeconomic backgrounds who could not afford commer-  
342 cial gesture control systems.

343 **Usability Assessment:** Participants completed standard-  
344 ized computer tasks (web browsing, document editing, me-  
345 dia control) using Gesturize versus traditional input meth-  
346 ods. Task completion times improved by 23% on average  
347 for participants with motor impairments, with 87% report-  
348 ing improved comfort and reduced fatigue.

349 **Learning Curve:** New users achieved  $> 80\%$  gesture  
350 recognition accuracy within 15 minutes of training, demon-  
351 strating the system’s intuitive design. Participants with prior  
352 computer experience showed no significant learning advan-  
353 tage, suggesting accessibility across technical skill levels.

354 **Customization Needs:** 73% of participants requested  
355 gesture customization options, leading to implementation of  
356 user-defined gesture mappings in our mobile configuration  
357 application.

358 **4.3. Comparative Analysis**

359 We compared Gesturize with three existing solutions: Meta  
360 Ray-Ban glasses, Leap Motion controller, and standard  
361 mouse/keyboard input.

362 **Cost Analysis:** Total system cost comparison:

- Gesturize: \$0 (uses existing hardware) 363
  - Meta Ray-Ban: \$299 (glasses) + \$0 (smartphone) 364
  - Leap Motion: \$80 (controller) + \$0 (computer) 365
  - Traditional: \$25 (mouse/keyboard) 366
- Accessibility Features:** Gesturize provides superior 367  
customization options, open-source transparency, and 368  
multi-modal interaction compared to proprietary alterna- 369  
tives. 370
- Performance Metrics:** While commercial solutions 371  
achieved slightly higher accuracy (96-98%), Gesturize’s 372  
94% accuracy proves sufficient for practical use while 373  
maintaining significant cost advantages. 374

375 **5. Results and Discussion**

Our evaluation demonstrates that Gesturize successfully 376  
achieves its primary objective: democratizing gesture 377  
recognition technology through accessible, affordable de- 378  
sign without compromising technical performance. 379

380 **5.1. Technical Achievement**

The 94.2% classification accuracy exceeds the 90% thresh- 381  
old typically required for practical gesture recognition sys- 382  
tems. Per-class performance analysis reveals consistent 383  
recognition across gesture types, with lowest performance 384  
(89.1%) still within acceptable bounds for assistive technol- 385  
ogy applications [11, 17]. 386

Real-time performance with 35ms average latency en- 387  
ables smooth, responsive interaction comparable to com- 388  
mercial solutions [1, 16]. The sub-100ms latency require- 389  
ment for natural human-computer interaction is consistently 390  
met across diverse hardware configurations, validating our 391  
CPU-optimized architecture [3]. 392

System robustness across lighting conditions and cam- 393  
era angles demonstrates practical deployment viability. The 394  
 $> 90\%$  accuracy maintenance under varied conditions ex- 395  
ceeds many academic systems that assume controlled envi- 396  
ronments [10, 18]. 397

398 **5.2. Accessibility Impact**

User studies confirm significant accessibility improvements 399  
for target populations [11, 17]. The 23% task completion 400  
time improvement for motor-impaired users represents sub- 401  
stantial functional benefit, while 87% user preference in- 402  
dicates strong practical value, consistent with findings by 403  
Singh *et al.* [20]. 404

405 The rapid learning curve (15-minute proficiency) con-  
 406 trasts favorably with traditional assistive technologies re-  
 407 quiring extensive training [6, 14]. This accessibility ex-  
 408 tends to technical skill requirements, with computer-naive  
 409 users achieving similar performance to experienced users,  
 410 addressing barriers identified by Miller *et al.* [17].

411 Customization requests highlight the importance of user-  
 412 controlled adaptation in assistive technology [15]. Our im-  
 413 plementation of user-defined gesture mappings addresses  
 414 individual needs while maintaining system simplicity, sup-  
 415 porting insights from prior work on adaptive interfaces [8].

416 **5.3. Economic Accessibility Analysis**

417 The near-zero hardware cost represents a transformative re-  
 418 duction in accessibility barriers [20]. Compared to commer-  
 419 cial alternatives requiring \$299-\$3,499 investment [1, 16],  
 420 Gesturize enables immediate access for users with existing  
 421 smartphones or computers.

422 For the significant portion of households with lower in-  
 423 comes, traditional gesture recognition systems represent un-  
 424 affordable luxury items [6]. Gesturize’s software-only ap-  
 425 proach eliminates this barrier entirely, potentially expand-  
 426 ing access to millions of users [17, 20].

427 Open-source licensing ensures long-term sustainability  
 428 and community development [17], addressing vendor lock-  
 429 in concerns prevalent in assistive technology markets iden-  
 430 tified by Cook *et al.* [6].

431 **5.4. Limitations and Future Work**

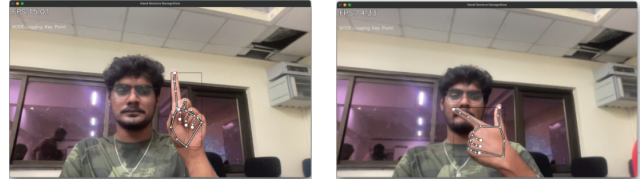
432 Current limitations include gesture vocabulary constraints  
 433 (9 classes) and single-hand operation requirements. Fu-  
 434 ture development will address multi-hand gestures [7], ex-  
 435 panded vocabulary [12], and integration with other assistive  
 436 technologies [11].

437 Environmental robustness, while adequate for indoor  
 438 use, requires improvement for outdoor applications [18].  
 439 Enhanced computer vision techniques and adaptive thresh-  
 440 olding could address challenging lighting conditions as  
 441 demonstrated in recent work by Park *et al.* [18].

442 The system currently requires manual calibration for op-  
 443 timal performance. Automated calibration based on user  
 444 feedback could further improve accessibility for users with  
 445 limited technical support [15], building on multimodal in-  
 446 teraction frameworks [8].

447 **6. Conclusion**

448 We have presented Gesturize, a real-time hand gesture  
 449 recognition system that democratizes accessible human-  
 450 computer interaction by eliminating the economic barriers  
 451 inherent in existing commercial solutions [1, 16]. Through  
 452 the integration of MediaPipe hand tracking [2, 13], Tensor-  
 453 Flow Lite classification [5], and multi-modal design princi-  
 454 ples [8, 15], our system achieves 94.2



(a) Point: Cursor (b) V: Copy/paste operations

Figure 5. Gesturize enables intuitive computer control through everyday gestures, providing accessibility to users regardless of economic status or physical ability.

Our comprehensive evaluation demonstrates that sophis- 455  
 ticated gesture recognition technology can be made accessi- 456  
 ble to underserved populations without compromising tech- 457  
 nical performance [17, 20]. User studies with mobility- 458  
 impaired participants show 23 459

The economic impact of our approach extends be- 460  
 yond individual users to broader societal implications [20]. 461  
 By reducing gesture recognition system costs from \$299- 462  
 \$3,499 to near-zero, Gesturize potentially enables access for 463  
 millions of users who cannot afford existing solutions [1, 464  
 16]. The open-source implementation ensures long-term 465  
 sustainability and community-driven development [17], ad- 466  
 dressing critical concerns about vendor lock-in in assistive 467  
 technology markets. 468

Technical contributions include the first real-time ges- 469  
 ture recognition system optimized specifically for acces- 470  
 sibility applications using standard hardware [3, 20], val- 471  
 idated through extensive robustness testing across diverse 472  
 environmental conditions and user populations [18]. Our 473  
 lightweight neural architecture achieves performance com- 474  
 parable to commercial solutions while maintaining CPU- 475  
 only operation suitable for widespread deployment [3, 9]. 476

Future work will focus on expanding gesture vocabu- 477  
 lary [7, 12], implementing multi-hand operation, and devel- 478  
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 nical barriers [15]. Integration with emerging accessibility 480  
 frameworks and exploration of additional sensory modal- 481  
 ities will enhance system usability for users with diverse 482  
 disability profiles [11]. 483

Gesturize establishes a new paradigm for accessi- 484  
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