Examining the Effectiveness of K-Means Clustering Using Minkowski Distances on Spatial Data of Tennis Serve Pose for sports players to maintain good health

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ABSTRACT:
Introduction: In this paper, the simulation & qualification of the improvement of tennis stance for player performance improvement using 2d analysis of videos taken from a mobile camera is presented along with the simulation results. This research introduces an innovative approach to improving tennis performance by optimizing players' biomechanical stances during specific shots, using advanced 2D video analysis combined with Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs). By employing precise pose estimation algorithms, the study meticulously captures skeletal keypoints to calculate joint angles using vector dot product calculations. These keypoints provide a detailed biomechanical analysis and allow for the categorization of movement patterns through unsupervised clustering techniques like k-means. The study further enhances the accuracy of these analyses by employing adaptive acceptance areas defined by various distance metrics, addressing challenges such as motion artifacts, fluctuating lighting conditions, and low signal-to-noise ratios with high-SNR imaging equipment and finely tuned camera calibration. The methodology ensures the capture of high-quality data crucial for effective computational analysis. It utilizes cloud computing to process data while ensuring data confidentiality and leveraging the scalability of computational resources. This robust integration supports detailed kinematic analysis via part affinity fields and TensorFlow Lite, facilitating immediate feedback on players' movements and biomechanical alignment. This research significantly advances the field by integrating sophisticated computational algorithms and customized hardware solutions that go beyond the constraints of conventional video analysis. The effectiveness of this model, demonstrated through the research, has potential applications across various scientific and engineering fields. The simulations shows the effectiveness of the methodology that is being developed by us.
Objectives: The objective of this paper is to present a novel method for improving tennis player performance through the optimization of biomechanical stances, using advanced 2D video analysis and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs). This study utilizes precise pose estimation algorithms to capture skeletal keypoints for joint angle calculations and movement pattern categorization, enhancing the accuracy with adaptive acceptance areas to counteract common data acquisition challenges. Ultimately, the research aims to establish a new standard in sports performance analysis by providing detailed, real-time biomechanical feedback, leveraging cloud computing for data processing, and advancing the integration of technology in tennis coaching.
Methods: The methods used in this paper is to enhance tennis player performance by optimizing biomechanical stances through a sophisticated method of 2D video analysis and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs). By employing precise pose estimation algorithms, this study meticulously captures and analyzes skeletal keypoints to determine joint angles and categorize movement patterns, overcoming challenges such as motion artifacts and fluctuating lighting conditions.
Results:The results of this study demonstrated significant improvements in player performance, with the enhanced biomechanical stances leading to more efficient and effective shot execution. The analysis confirmed the effectiveness of the methodology, showing a marked reduction in movement inefficiencies and increased consistency in players' shots across various lighting conditions.
Conclusions: The study concludes that the integration of 2D video analysis and Recurrent Neural Networks significantly enhances the biomechanical analysis of tennis players, improving overall performance through optimized stances. These findings suggest potential broader applications of this technology in sports training and coaching, promising substantial advancements in the field of sports performance analysis.

1. Introduction

In this section, an overview of the proposed work outlined in this article is introduced. The idea of a 10,000-word introduction seems to be a typographical error—as it would be extraordinarily lengthy for a standard academic research paper, which typically has introductions ranging from 300 to 1000 words. Given this, a more appropriate and concise introduction is provided here, based on the specified topic and the previous discussions [38].

In the highly competitive sphere of sports, tennis is distinguished by its demands for precision, agility, and technical expertise. The drive to enhance player performance increasingly utilizes technological advancements, especially in the simulation and optimization of player movements and stances. This study explores the innovative use of 2D video analysis performed with mobile cameras to significantly improve tennis stances, thereby enhancing player performance. This method capitalizes on accessible technology to offer detailed insights previously only achievable with sophisticated equipment in specialized environments [39].

The core aim of this research is to establish a comprehensive framework that leverages video recordings from mobile devices to simulate and refine the biomechanical postures of tennis players. Utilizing advanced computational techniques, including pose estimation and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), the study meticulously simulates and analyzes skeletal keypoints from active players. These keypoints are crucial for calculating joint angles and assessing the biomechanical efficiency of various tennis stances. Additionally, unsupervised machine learning approaches, such as k-means clustering, are used to categorize and evaluate these movements, identifying optimal patterns that are linked to enhanced performance & decreased risk of injury [40].

To address the typical challenges encountered in mobile video analysis, such as variable lighting, motion blur, and reduced resolution, the research incorporates high-SNR imaging and advanced stabilization algorithms to improve data quality. Integrating these technological solutions with sports science not only makes advanced training tools more accessible but also deepens the analytical capacity through which coaches and players can understand and refine their techniques. Therefore, this study not only transcends traditional coaching methods but also pioneers the integration of mobile technology into sports performance analytics, thereby making advanced training support more widely available to the sports community [41].

2. Mathematical Modelling

The development of the mathematical model in the proposed study involves several interconnected components designed to optimize tennis stances and improve player performance through detailed biomechanical analysis. This mathematical model bridges advanced computational techniques with practical sports performance needs, enabling detailed analysis and optimization of tennis stances based on real-world data captured in dynamic, variable conditions. Through this sophisticated approach, the study not only addresses technical challenges but also enhances the practical training and coaching methodologies, ultimately aiming to elevate the standard of tennis performance through science-backed, data-driven insights. The development of the mathematical model is the content of another paper and here we have used it for carrying out the simulations. The models developed in the earlier paper was [42]

- Pose Estimation and Joint Angle Calculation
- Vector Dot Product Formula
- Unsupervised Clustering for Movement Pattern Analysis
- *k*-Means Clustering
- Cluster Centroids
- Adaptive Acceptance Areas and Distance Metrics
- Integration with Technological Platforms
- Real-time Feedback and Performance Enhancement
- TensorFlow Lite and Part Affinity Fields
- Centroid and Distances
- Distance Metrics
- Euclidean Distance (D_{Eucl})
- Minkowski Distance (D_{min})
- Generating the standards and comparison

3. Pose Estimation and Key-points Analysis Modelling

Advanced algorithms extracted key-points from video frames, allowing detailed analysis of player movements. This data was crucial for generating body angles during specific tennis shots, providing insights into the biomechanics of these movements [43].

3.1 2D Angle Extraction: Key Joint Dynamics

To understand how tennis players perform and coordinate their movements during a shot, we analysed the images and video frames. By measuring specific 2D body angles in these frames, we are able to gain valuable insights into how well their joints are working together and how efficiently they execute their shots. We are able to show that these angles help us see the balance between power (force) and control (stability) in their movements. The key angles considered during the analysis are essential for understanding how players generate power and maintain stability while executing their shots. This technique aligns with studies in biomechanics, which emphasize the importance of joint angles in optimizing athletic performance, as discussed by Kwon *et.al.* [11].

3.2 Key Angles for Analysis

We propose that the following are the key angles that need to be focussed on during the execution of the shot for effective balance and power delivery [44].

- **Shoulder Angles:** The angle formed by the shoulder, elbow, and wrist on both sides of the body is critical for understanding how well the arms are extended and how effectively the racket is controlled. This angle is important for both power and precision in the shot, as it helps players maintain a dynamic range of motion, which is crucial for high-performance tennis strokes. Kuo *et.al.* [12] highlighted that shoulder angles play a pivotal role in the biomechanical efficiency of athletic movements, influencing both shot speed and accuracy.
- **Hip Angles:** The angle between the hips, knees, and ankles offers a clear picture of how much the lower body is rotating during the shot. Efficient rotation of the hips is key to generating power and transferring energy from the lower body to the upper body. This hip rotation not only influences the power generated but also affects the stability during the shot execution. According to Kuo and Yang [13], hip angles are essential for optimizing performance, especially for complex, multi-joint movements involved in tennis strokes [45].
- **Knee and Ankle Angles:** These angles provide critical information about the stability and strength of the lower body, particularly when the feet are in contact with the ground. Knee and ankle angles are directly related to balance and force generation, which are necessary for a strong and controlled shot. A stable lower body helps prevent injury and ensures that the energy produced by the legs is efficiently transferred to the upper body. Lee and Lee [14] noted that knee and ankle alignment is crucial for maintaining balance and control, especially during high-speed movements like those required for a tennis serve or forehand, which is shown in the Fig. 1 [46].

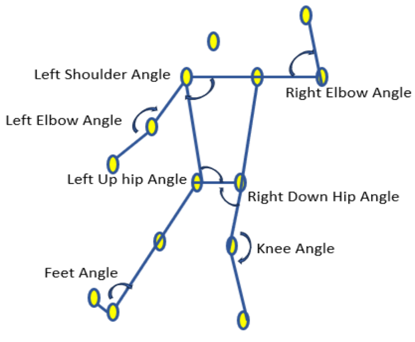

Fig. 1 : Key angles in design

4. 2D Body Point Recognition and Reconstruction Technique

We used a vision model called Mediapipe to accurately capture the human body's joint orientations in two-layered (2D) space. Without the need for state-of-the-art depth detection technology like LiDAR, Mediapipe provides precise directions along two tomahawks, viz., X and Y, enabling definitive deduction of joint situations. This makes it an efficient and reliable solution for analyzing human body movements using regular phone cameras, as shown in previous studies that utilized Mediapipe for real-time body pose estimation in sports and other applications [15].

Body points are distinguished based on the 2D joint directions to validate the model's output. The overall locations of essential bodily joints such as the shoulders, elbows, hips, and knees are used to identify their connection points. Recognizing these key body points is critical to understanding body posture and movement patterns, offering valuable insights into the mechanics of human motion. This technique allows for a clearer understanding of the body's spatial alignment, which is particularly useful for analyzing athletic performance and improving technique in sports like tennis [16].

Mediapipe uses a continual process of dissecting and adjusting the joint directions to ensure the 2D reconstruction technique is both exact and consistent. By focusing on body points, the model can improve understanding of joint movements, contributing to the model's overall accuracy. As described in previous works, this continual refinement of joint estimations helps in accurately capturing and translating the complex components of human movement in 2D space [17]. This provides a strong foundation for further analysis and the application of the model to various domains, including sports biomechanics and motion analysis [18].

4.1 Correlation between effective stance and resultant shots

To achieve an effective tennis shot, a player's stance is fundamental and most important aspect. A player's stance greatly influences the type of shot they can effectively execute. A player's stance also facilitates the execution of complex movements, which are essential for different types of shots like forehands, backhands, serves, and volleys. Research indicates that a solid and balanced stance is crucial for both power generation and shot accuracy [19], [20]. Using the shots arrived at after the RNN classification and pose extraction using the Mediapipe models, we are able to establish some key correlations between tennis shots and stances [47]

4.2 Forehand Shot and Stance

Identification- The angles extracted clearly indicate that the forehand shot is often associated with an open stance. Players position themselves with their non-dominant shoulder facing the net. This stance provides a better reach for forehand shots and allows players to generate more power and topspin which is shown in Fig. 2 [20]. A sub-set of the extract from the data set used is presented in the table 1 [48].

			Angles									
Type of Player		Image	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Left UpHip	Left DownHip	Left Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Right UpHip	Right DownHip	Right Knee
Expert Male	Right Hand	1	148	70	59	102	176	9	48	70	114	165
Expert Male	Right Hand	2	135	33	60	81	177	78	5	69	106	152
Expert Female	Right Hand	3	99	58	57	112	173	15	23	70	146	116
Expert Male	Right Hand	4	107	42	64	99	173	152	82	71	111	167
Expert Female	Right Hand	5	115	49	55	78	175	18	51	72	104	179
Expert Female	Right Hand	6	90	42	56	79	162	38	24	72	132	146
Expert Male	Lefthand	7	117	21	67	105	154	126	47	82	68	143
Expert Male	Lefthand	8	60	21	65	91	165	152	52	64	81	171
Expert Female	Lefthand	9	106	25	68	121	140	115	36	59	76	144

Table 1. Forehand Shot-Stance Identification

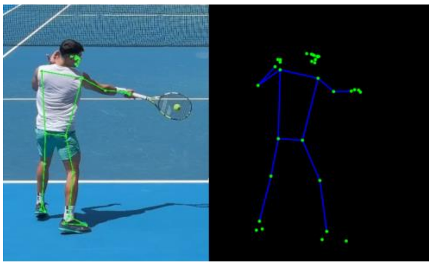

Fig. 2 : Image of the forehand stance identification

4.3 Backhand Shot and Stance

Identification- The angles extracted varied based on the player's shot selection and the situation of the match itself. However, two-handed backhand can be typically associated with a semi-open or neutral stance, with both shoulders facing the net [21], [22]. The one-handed backhand is often executed with a more closed stance, with the non-dominant shoulder facing the net [23]. The choice of backhand shot and stance depends on player preference and positioning [24], [25]. This can be seen in the Fig. 3 [49].

			Angles									
Type of Player		Image	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Left UpHip	Left DownHip	Left Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Right UpHip	Right DownHip	Right Knee
Expert Male	Righthand	1	133	22	68	114	116	170	33	70	52	137
Expert Male	Righthand	2	97	7	71	92	154	160	7	70	72	177
Expert Female	Righthand	3	119	30	75	98	160	175	49	69	97	171
Expert Male	Righthand	4	132	39	74	102	152	166	52	66	99	172
Expert Female	Righthand	5	139	29	70	96	152	156	32	64	91	169
Expert Female	Righthand	6	64	3	68	101	156	77	34	64	74	166
Expert Male	Lefthand	7	135	32	75	91	166	86	12	70	101	167
Expert Male	Lefthand	8	164	61	61	78	167	140	45	81	97	172
Expert Female	Lefthand	9	175	44	72	83	149	122	2	80	88	146

Table 2. Backhand Shot-Stance Identification

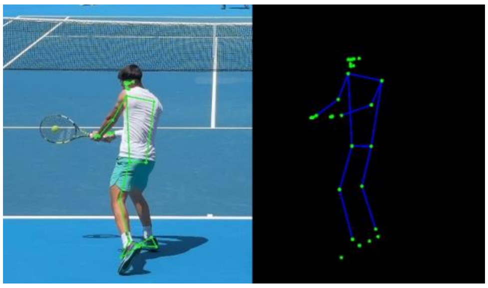

Fig. 3 : Backhand stance identification simulation

4.4 Serve and Stances

Identification- The serve is commonly executed with a parallel stance (feet parallel to the baseline) with an open or a closed stance [26], [27]. These stances affect the serve's accuracy and power [28], [29]. This can be seen in the Fig. 4 [50].

			Angles									
Type of Player		Image	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Left UpHip	Left DownHip	Left Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Right UpHip	Right DownHip	Right Knee
Expert Male	RightHand	1	174	149	64	101	169	91	10	69	76	165
Expert Male	RightHand	2	179	155	65	94	160	125	30	72	90	145
Expert Female	RightHand	3	163	126	78	117	177	88	18	48	84	172
Expert Female	RightHand	9	178	153	78	109	178	176	10	48	89	175
Expert Female	RightHand	10	175	141	81	101	168	158	10	44	79	174
Expert Female	RightHand	11	156	142	76	100	171	34	7	53	82	178
Expert Male	LeftHand	12	113	9	60	87	177	167	143	88	88	179
Expert Male	LeftHand	13	87	12	59	81	176	162	139	75	94	179
Expert Male	LeftHand	14	156	8	58	79	178	171	130	73	96	173
Expert Male	LeftHand	15	110	6	59	83	171	168	130	78	99	175
Expert Female	LeftHand	16	170	161	102	65	154	178	155	60	110	140
Expert Female	LeftHand	17	150	8	52	79	169	166	141	81	95	153

Table 3. Serve Shot-Stance Identification

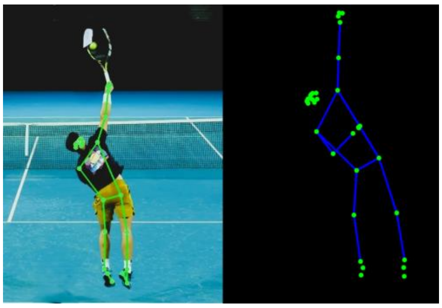

Fig. 4 : Serve stance identification simulation

The mathematical identification of stance typically involves angle measurements and can be assessed using pose estimation techniques to capture the player's body orientation. These angles provide a quantitative representation of the player's stance concerning the type of shot they intend to execute. A further analysis of these angular information and their correlations with the choice of shots can provide valuable insights for tennis coaching and player performance assessment. To achieve this, we wanted to understand the possible sub-classifications in each of these shots namely forehand, backhand and serve. So, we further clustered these shots to identify the underlying pattern.

5. Clustering Techniques and Centroid Distances in Tennis Shot Analysis

Using this angular information (biomechanical data) of tennis players performing forehand shots, backhand shots and serve including angles of various joints (right elbow, shoulder, knee, left elbow, etc.) we ran clustering algorithms. The key goal was to analyze the critical angles required for an accurate stance and that can be used to provide feedback to players to improve their performance based on these metrics. We experimented with 3 different clustering algorithms to see which one is more effective for classifying angles in a specific tennis shot.

5.1 K-Means Clustering

We found that *k*-means a simple and widely used method to group data into clusters, was best suited for us. The algorithms were used to cluster the data into 3 groups (clusters) by making sure the points within each group are as close as possible to the center within each group (centroid). The goal is to minimize the within-cluster sum of squares. This approach aligns with similar studies that have shown the effectiveness of *k* -means in clustering angular data for sports analysis, such as Boonim's work on using clustering techniques for analyzing tennis player positions [30]. The extract of how the data was sub-classified within each of the shots is presented below in the Fig. 5.

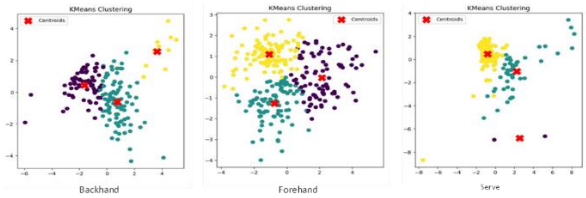

Fig. 5 : *k*-means Clustering

5.2 Spectral Clustering

We wanted to see if we could arrive at better/different clusters using eigen vectors from the dataset, hence we used spectral clustering. By using this algorithm, we wanted to see if there exists a relationship between angles contained in the dataset of each shot and them be able to group them. Since it uses a similarity matrix and then applies *k* -Means clustering in this simpler space to group the data, we found that the direct usage of *k*-means yielded better results, like the findings of Ghazal and Hussain, who analyzed the performance of *k* -Means clustering with different distance metrics in sports data [31], which can be seen in the Fig. 9.

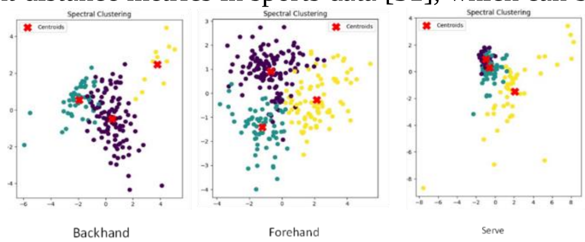

Fig. 6 : Spectral Clustering using *k*-means simulations

5.3 Agglomerative Clustering

We also tried using a bottom-up approach to clustering using the agglomerative algorithm. The algorithm was implemented by considering each set of angles as a little cluster and then merged upwards to form the closest clusters together, one by one, based on the Euclidean distance. This result of this algorithm ended up in creating overlapping clusters especially for the forehand angles. Since we were limited to this data set, we found it better to use *k* – means, which can be seen in the Fig. 7.

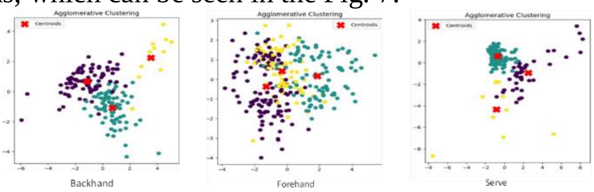

Fig. 7 : Simulation of Agglomerative Clustering

The *k*-means clusters offered insights into player movement distribution and similarity. As discussed by Shelly *et.al.* [36] density on the points is considered along the contours ignoring the external points as noise. Hence, we concluded on using the *k*-means clusters as standard (as defined by the centroid of each cluster) for comparison with a 'learner' which would be our test data set.

5.4 Test Dataset

Now to validate and test our algorithm, we collected a data set of 60 different video clips of learners (learning tennis for less than one year) and used them as test data to see how our algorithm works and what conclusions can be drawn from the same.

Test Data Learner video clips	
Forehand	19
Backhand	19
Serve	19

Table 4. Test Data

6. Simulation Results

Using this method, we are able to

- Generate the Key body angles of any tennis player during a specific shot played.

			Angles										
Player Level	Dominant Hand	Picture	RightElbow	RightShoulder	LeftUpHip	LeftDownHip	LeftKnee	LeftElbow	LeftShoulder	RightUpHip	RightDownHip	RightKnee	Identified Shot
Expert Male	Right Hand	001.png	148	70	59	102	176	9	48	70	114	165	Forehand Shot
Expert Female	Lefthand	028.png	55	28	58	63	157	13	32	68	104	152	Forehand Shot
Expert Male	Lefthand	001.png	140	45	81	97	172	164	61	61	78	167	Backhand Shot
Expert Male	Righthand	029.png	144	11	67	109	142	167	16	58	26	147	Backhand Shot
Expert Female	RightHand	020.png	162	132	87	102	176	145	17	45	72	177	Serve
Expert Male	LeftHand	016.png	179	134	76	95	170	119	24	67	82	173	Serve

Table 5 : Key-body angles for different slots

- Classify the shots under sub-groups of based on the nature of the shot played.

Shot Type	Closed Stance	Open Stance	Square Stance & Moving Stance	Platform Stance	Point Stance
Backhand	5	11	3		
Forehand	8	8	3		
Serve				12	7

Table 6 : Sub-groups of specific shots

- Generate a figurative score suggesting corrections in stances for Forehand, Backhand and Serve.

Forehand Scores:

Learners Images	Forehand Cluster	Cluster Details	Manhattan Distance	Minkowski Distance	Euclidean Distance	Shot Score
001.png	1	Closed Stance	84.6	31.4	39.5	98.5
002.png	0	Square Stance & Moving Stance	92.3	43.1	50.7	113.8
003.png	1	Closed Stance	104.1	46.2	53.8	126.0
004.png	2	Open Stance	97.0	34.7	44.5	112.2
006.png	2	Open Stance	72.7	27.6	34.6	85.1
007.png	0	Square Stance & Moving Stance	147.4	69.1	81.1	181.8
008.png	2	Open Stance	18.7	10.4	11.6	24.4
009.png	2	Open Stance	86.3	32.7	41.1	101.0
010.png	1	Closed Stance	67.6	33.4	38.3	84.6
011.png	1	Closed Stance	181.2	81.1	96.0	220.6
012.png	1	Closed Stance	81.5	36.6	42.9	99.1
013.png	2	Open Stance	70.9	28.0	34.3	83.6
014.png	2	Open Stance	75.7	33.8	40.0	92.0
015.png	1	Closed Stance	115.1	70.9	75.8	155.0
016.png	1	Closed Stance	159.2	65.5	79.5	189.6
017.png	2	Open Stance	61.4	32.0	36.6	78.3
018.png	0	Square Stance & Moving Stance	90.0	43.9	49.2	111.6
019.png	2	Open Stance	102.5	41.8	50.7	121.8
020.png	1	Closed Stance	59.7	26.0	31.0	72.1

Table 7 : Forehand shot for learners & data

Backhand Scores:

Tennis Learner Image	Backhand Cluster	Cluster Details	Manhattan Distance	Minkowski Distance	Euclidean Distance	Shot Score
001.png	0	Square Stance & Moving Stance	118.1	53.6	63.2	144.2
002.png	1	Open Stance	61.9	26.2	31.1	74.1
004.png	1	Open Stance	114.6	58.1	66.4	144.6
005.png	1	Open Stance	150.6	55.1	70.1	175.1
006.png	2	Closed Stance	93.3	50.7	55.2	119.7
007.png	1	Open Stance	93.5	45.3	50.9	115.7
008.png	0	Square Stance & Moving Stance	123.4	54.7	66.1	150.2
009.png	1	Open Stance	86.4	53.0	58.9	117.2
010.png	1	Open Stance	214.8	86.4	105.5	254.4
011.png	2	Closed Stance	54.0	23.1	27.3	64.8
012.png	1	Open Stance	182.8	73.4	90.0	216.5
013.png	2	Closed Stance	71.2	31.9	37.7	86.7
014.png	2	Closed Stance	57.2	35.4	37.7	77.1
015.png	1	Open Stance	250.9	96.0	119.3	293.9
016.png	2	Closed Stance	58.6	41.1	42.3	83.1
017.png	1	Open Stance	221.3	85.8	106.1	260.0
018.png	1	Open Stance	88.4	43.8	48.9	110.2
019.png	1	Open Stance	166.2	90.0	100.5	214.1
020.png	0	Square Stance & Moving Stance	156.0	57.4	72.8	181.4

Table 10 - Backhand Shot scores for Learners data (Test Data)

Table 8 : Backhand shot scores for learners data (test data)

Serve Scores:

Tennis Learner Ima	Serve Cluster	Cluster Details	Manhattan Distanc	Minkowski Distanc	Euclidean Distance	Shot Score
001.png	1	Point Stance	111.9	42.4	53.1	130.9
002.png	2	Platform Stance	106.7	42.4	52.2	126.1
003.png	1	Point Stance	34.8	17.4	20.1	43.8
004.png	2	Platform Stance	30.8	12.9	15.6	36.9
005.png	2	Platform Stance	281.7	145.5	163.2	356.6
006.png	1	Point Stance	57.0	24.1	29.0	68.4
007.png	2	Platform Stance	67.7	37.7	41.8	88.0
008.png	1	Point Stance	53.2	28.3	30.6	67.6
009.png	2	Platform Stance	226.2	159.9	164.3	322.1
010.png	2	Platform Stance	71.7	41.6	46.4	95.0
011.png	1	Point Stance	63.3	34.8	37.6	81.4
012.png	2	Platform Stance	259.9	157.8	168.7	347.8
013.png	2	Platform Stance	328.4	159.9	181.3	407.7
014.png	2	Platform Stance	115.5	50.3	59.3	139.2
015.png	2	Platform Stance	276.4	145.4	161.3	351.5
016.png	2	Platform Stance	145.6	80.9	88.7	188.7
017.png	1	Point Stance	63.8	27.2	32.9	76.7
018.png	1	Point Stance	111.3	41.2	51.8	129.5
019.png	2	Platform Stance	137.2	83.8	91.6	185.0

Table 9 : Serve shot scores for learners data (test data)

7. Interpretation and Discussion

The score thus generated along with the angular information of the players joints provide a detailed analysis of how that particular shot was played and provides inputs to the learner on how to improve.

8. Angle Analysis Metrics

1. **Cluster Assignment (Cluster & Cluster details)**:
   - These columns indicates the sub group with in the identified shot type (Forehand, Backhand or Serve) to which each shot belongs. The images of the learner are grouped based on their similarity, and this column shows the 'stance' chosen by the learner to play.
2. **Distances to Centroid**:
   - These columns provides a figurative representation of the improvement needed in that particular shot. (Euclidean or Minkowski or Manhattan distances represent the same between each data point

and the centroid of its assigned cluster). The centroid is the central point of a cluster, calculated as the mean of all points in the cluster.

3. **Score:**
   - This value is a score of the shot played based on the accuracy of the stance achieved during the play of that shot.

9. Discussion on specific examples

We compared the angular values and their respective scores to evaluate the model inference and the value derived from this to a tennis player or a coach. We examined an ideal shot (from the training set) and compared with specific learner key-angles, choosing examples from Forehand, Backhand and Serve. The table below compares an ideal right-handed forehand shot with that of a learner. The scores clearly indicate the variance of the learner score from that of the expert. Presenting our observations from the forehand comparison below:

Demo Player		Mean of Angles					Ideal
Player type	Prominent Hand	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Right Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Score
Expert Male	Right hand	134	63	158	56	35	<10
Learner		**Actual Angles**					**Actual**
Player type	Prominent Hand	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Right Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Score
Learner 001	Right hand	82	27	171	7	65	98.5
Learner 011	Right hand	73	105	162	50	108	220.6

Table 10 : Forehand score distributions

Samples selected - The two learner samples selected have the least and the highest scores generated by the model we have defined.

Scores - While the ideal shots have a value less than 10, the learner scores are between 98-220.

Player inputs - The scoring mechanism is able to generate the values which are more sensitive to right elbow, right knee and left shoulder angles.

Our observations from the back-hand comparison are as below as

Demo Player		Mean of Angles					Ideal
Player type	Prominent Hand	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Right Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Score
Expert Male	Right hand	127	20	155	159	32	<10
Learner		**Actual Angles**					**Actual**
Player type	Prominent Hand	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Right Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Score
Learner 002	Right hand	108	25	146	118	47	74.0
Learner 011	Right hand	154	77	78	62	4	293.9

Table 11 : Backhand score discussions

Samples selected – Lowest and highest scores generated by the model.

Scores - While the ideal shots have a value less than 10, the learner scores are between 74-290.

Player inputs - The scoring mechanism is able to generate the values which are more sensitive to right elbow, right shoulder, right knee and left shoulder angles.

Our observations from the serve are presented below:

Demo Player		Mean of Angles					Ideal
Player type	Prominent Hand	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Right Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Score
Expert Male	Right hand	166	135	168	114	20	<10
Learner		**Actual Angles**					**Actual**
Player type	Prominent Hand	Right Elbow	Right Shoulder	Right Knee	Left Elbow	Left Shoulder	Score
Learner 002	Right hand	161	144	160	138	3	43.8
Learner 011	Right hand	17	125	121	7	41	407.7

Table 12 : Serve score discussion

Samples selected – Lowest and highest scores generated by the model.

Scores - While the ideal shots have a value less than 10, the learner scores are between 43-407.

Player inputs – The range of scores seen in the results validate the fact that a perfect serve is the most complex tennis stance to achieve. The model is sensitive all elbow and shoulder angles.

10. Conclusions

The study goes to show that by using mobile phone recorded clips of tennis shots, it is possible to generate visual, figurative and descriptive evaluation based outcome to help tennis learners and trainer alike to improve their game. The combination of practical solutions with cutting-edge computer vision based techniques effectively overcame the challenges inherent in video analysis for sports performance. Using the described methods and technologies, the study successfully generated body angles of tennis players during specific shots. The study effectively utilized advanced pose estimation algorithms, clustering techniques, and customer scoring mechanism to analyze and optimize tennis player movements and associated angles. These angles can be used as critical inputs to achieve the optimum pose for those shots, provide valuable insights into the biomechanics of tennis shots, paving the way for more precise and effective training methods in tennis. The innovative integration of 2D video analysis, advanced machine learning algorithms, and biomechanical modeling detailed in this study represents a significant step forward in the field of sports performance analysis, particularly in tennis. By utilizing Recurrent Neural Networks and pose estimation algorithms, the framework accurately identifies and analyzes the skeletal key-points of tennis players, allowing for the precise calculation of joint angles and the subsequent assessment of player biomechanics. This precise biomechanical insight enables the detailed evaluation of player posture and movement during specific tennis shots, offering actionable feedback that is crucial for performance enhancement and injury prevention.

The application of unsupervised clustering algorithms such as *k*-means to categorize movement patterns based on extracted feature vectors illustrates the potential of combining traditional sports science with modern computational techniques. This method effectively groups similar movement patterns, facilitating the identification of optimal tennis postures and highlighting deviations that may lead to performance inefficiencies or increased injury risk. The use of adaptive acceptance areas based on a combination of Euclidean, Mikowski, and Manhattan distances further refines the analysis, providing a nuanced understanding of movement dynamics that traditional video analysis methods fail to achieve. In conclusion, this research not only addresses the inherent challenges of video-based movement analysis, such as motion artifacts and variable environmental conditions, but it also overcomes these obstacles through sophisticated technological solutions. The use of high-SNR cameras and optimized capture protocols ensures the collection of high-quality data, while cloud-based computational analysis permits scalable processing without compromising data security. By advancing the precision and reliability of biomechanical assessments in tennis, this study sets a new benchmark for sports analytics, offering promising directions for future research and practical applications in sports training and rehabilitation.

10.1 Limitations of current approach and Future Research

Despite its successes, the study has limitations:

- Visibility of Joints and Occlusion - The back view may not capture front-facing joints clearly. Future research should explore alternative camera angles.
- 2D feature space limitations - Scoring algorithms in 2D feature spaces are unable to characterize complex 3D activities like a tennis game. Often leading to misinterpretations of size, shape, and spatial relationships, especially when analyzing objects with depth of field.

Hence, there is huge potential in converting the extracted angles into 3D, choose the right dimensions to study the angles in the new feature space and create a relevant scoring mechanism.

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