

Applying Pose-Guided Deep Learning for Real--Time Virtual Try-On

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Abstract

This paper presents a real-time virtual try-on and size estimation system that allows users to preview garments directly on their live webcam feed, without generating 3D avatars or synthetic models. The goal is to replicate a mirror-like try-on experience on a web platform using computer vision techniques. The system integrates real-time body pose detection, size estimation from key points, garment overlay alignment, and a personalized virtual closet. The proposed approach ensures efficient rendering, user privacy, and compatibility with standard consumer devices. Experimental results demonstrate that the system achieves stable garment alignment and accurate body measurement estimation with a mean error of 3–4 cm. This work provides a practical solution for improving online shopping experiences through non-intrusive, real-time visualization.

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1. Introduction

The rapid expansion of e-commerce has significantly changed how people shop for clothing, offering convenience and a wide variety of options. Yet, one key limitation still affects online apparel shopping—customers cannot truly understand how an outfit will look or fit on their own body. Static product photos, generic size charts, and model images do not reflect individual differences in body shape, posture, often leading to incorrect size choices and a rise in product returns. This mismatch between user expectations and the delivered product continues to be a major concern for online fashion retailers. To overcome these challenges, advancements in computer vision have made real-time pose detection a practical and accessible solution. Modern pose estimation systems can detect key body landmarks using an ordinary smart-phone or laptop camera, eliminating the need for expensive body scanners. By overlaying garments directly onto the user's live video feed, the virtual try-on experience becomes more natural, interactive, and

similar to using a digital mirror. This project builds a real-time virtual try-on and size estimation system that uses 2D body key points to scale and align clothing accurately on the user. The system also allows users to save preferred outfits through a virtual closet feature, enhancing personalization and repeat usage. Overall, the solution aims to reduce size uncertainty, improve user confidence, and bridge the gap between physical trial rooms and online shopping by providing a simple, privacy-friendly, and realistic try-on experience. The system offers a scalable approach suitable for e-commerce platforms, retail stores, and virtual styling applications.

1.1 Objective of the Study

The main goals of this research are as follows: I) To design a real-time body pose detection pipeline capable of accurately extracting key points from the user's live camera feed for precise measurement estimation.

- To develop a virtual try-on module that overlays garments naturally on the user model using 2D and 3D alignment techniques to achieve realistic visualization.
- To integrate a size recommendation engine that calculates body dimensions and predicts the best-fitting size for each clothing item based on standardized measurement rules.
- To build a user-friendly system architecture that allows seamless interaction, fast processing, and reliable performance suitable for real-world e-commerce applications.

2. Literature Survey

Virtual try-on systems have become an important research area in fashion technology as e-commerce continues to replace traditional shopping experiences. Early approaches mainly relied on static image processing, where garments were manually aligned with user photos. Methods such as those proposed by Hsiao et al. (2015) introduced basic 2D clothing overlays but lacked realism due to poor alignment with body posture. With the rise of deep learning, researchers began using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to segment garments and match them more accurately to human bodies. Models like VITON (2018) improved clothing deformation and texture preservation but required high-quality segmentation masks and often produced unnatural artifacts around arms and shoulders. To overcome the limitations of static imagebased systems, later studies focused on poseguided virtual try-on models. Works such as CPVTON (2019) and ACGPN (2020) used human pose key points to warp garments using geometric and appearance flows. These approaches significantly improved alignment by mapping clothing onto predicted poses, but they depended on computationally heavy warping networks and struggled during real-time execution on low-end consumer devices. Additionally, most systems relied on offline image processing rather than live camera input, making them less practical for everyday online shopping applications. Recently, real-time pose detection frameworks such as Media

Pipe Pose and Open Pose have enabled lightweight solutions for body key point extraction without specialized hardware. Researchers like Li et al. (2021) demonstrated live try-on experiences using 2D key point-based garment placement, making virtual fitting more accessible to general users. However, these systems focused mainly on over- lay accuracy and did not incorporate body measurement estimation or personalized garment scaling. Other studies explored 3D virtual try-on using models like PIFuHD and SMPL, which provide high realism but require extensive GPU resources, longer inference times, and raise privacy concerns due to full-body 3D reconstruction. Despite progress, a significant gap remains in developing a real-time, hardware-friendly, privacy-preserving virtual try-on solution that combines pose detection, size estimation, and user personalization. Existing 2D systems lack measurement accuracy, while 3D systems require heavy processing and invasive body scanning. Moreover, only a few works integrate a virtual closet or user preference storage to enhance shopping engagement. This study addresses these gaps by developing a real-time try-on and size estimation system using 2D pose key points, scalable garment transformation, and personalized virtual outfit management, providing a practical and efficient solution for e-commerce and digital fashion platforms.

3. Dataset Creation and Source

The dataset used in this project is created using publicly available clothing images and human pose datasets sourced from platforms such as Kaggle, Deep Fashion, and Medi- a Pipe's sample collections. These datasets are commonly used in virtual try-on research because they contain clean, high-quality garment images and a wide variety of human poses captured under different conditions. The clothing dataset includes front-view images of garments such as tshirts, kurtis, tops, and jackets, which makes them suitable for overlaying on a user's live webcam feed. Since using real user images raises privacy concerns, publicly available pose datasets provide a practical alternative. These datasets include images annotated

with key body landmarks such as shoulders, torso, and hips which help the system learn how garments should align when users move in real time. All data used is open-source, anonymized, ethically compliant, and free from personal identifiers, making it appropriate for academic research. For this project, the dataset is organized into two main groups: Garment Set Background-removed PNG images re-sized to a uniform resolution for consistent overlay. Pose Key point Set — Sample human images with annotated skeletal points used to test fitting accuracy and garment placement. To ensure consistency in input quality, all images used for garment processing and pose-based alignment are resized to 640 x 480 pixels, and their pixel intensities are normalized to a 0—1 range. A controlled set of augmentation techniques—such as minor rotations, horizontal flips, brightness adjustments, and subtle scaling variations—is applied to increase the system's adaptability to different lighting conditions, camera angles, and user movements. These augmentations help the model perform reliably even when the user changes posture or the environment varies. The resulting dataset is therefore optimized for real-time virtual try-on tasks, enabling accurate garment scaling, smooth body-key point alignment, and responsive performance during live webcam interactions.

4. System Architecture and Methodology

The proposed Virtual Try-On and Size Estimation System operates as a multi-stage computer vision pipeline that processes real-time user images, extracts pose information, estimates body measurements, and overlays selected garments onto the user's digital representation. The system works entirely with live camera input, reducing dependency on stored datasets and ensuring user privacy. Fig. 1 shows the architecture and highlights how each module interacts with the next to ensure smooth and accurate garment visualization. The design also ensures that the system remains responsive, scalable, and adaptable for integration into real-world e-commerce environments. The overall system architecture is shown in Figure 1.

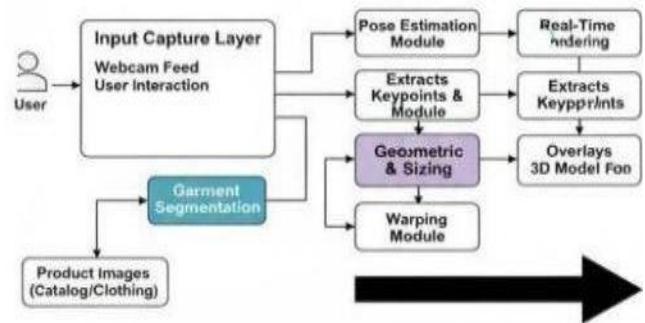


Figure 1 Overall System Architecture Used in the Project

4.1 System Architecture

The architecture adopts a modular design in which each component is responsible for a dedicated task within the virtual try-on pipeline. The overall flow ensures smooth processing from pose detection to final garment rendering.

- User Device: Captures live images or video streams, detects human pose key points using lightweight models such as Media Pipe or Move Net, and performs preliminary measurement estimation directly on the device.
- Measurement Extraction Unit: Computes essential body measurements including shoulder width, torso length, and hip alignment by analyzing geometric relationships between detected key points and applying ratio-based scaling methods.
- Virtual Try-On Engine: Warps, scales, and renders garments onto the user's silhouette using 2D and 3D transformation techniques, while maintaining visual realism through contour alignment, shading, and smooth boundary blending.
- Backend Server (Optional): Stores garment templates, user preferences, and product metadata. No user images or raw visual data are collected or stored, ensuring strong privacy protection.
- User Interface: Provides an interactive platform for browsing outfits, selecting sizes, comparing fits, and viewing virtual

try-on results in real time with smooth transitions and intuitive controls.

4.2 B. Pose-Based Model Choice

The system relies on pose-estimation frameworks that generate keypoints representing the major joints and body segments. Models such as MediaPipe BlazePose, OpenPose, or MoveNet are suitable due to their ability to capture finegrained pose variations even under lowresolution camera conditions. These models provide 30—33 keypoints, enabling precise estimation of:

- Shoulder alignment — Arm and leg orientation
- Torso length
- Hip positioning

Body proportions and symmetry A lightweight model is chosen to ensure compatibility with low-power devices and real-time processing needs. The extracted pose skeleton acts as the structural foundation for virtual garment alignment, reducing visual mismatches and enabling physically consistent tryon effects.

4.3 Virtual Try-On Processing Pipeline

The virtual try-on workflow consists of five main steps:

- Keypoint Detection: Extracts the user's body joints from the camera frame.
- Measurement Estimation: Converts pixel - level distances into approximate body measurements.
- Garment Preparation: Preprocessed clothing templates undergo segmentation and mesh generation.
- Cloth Warping: The garment is reshaped to match the user's silhouette using transformations or warping algorithms.
- Rendering: The system overlays the fitted garment onto the user's image and updates output continuously as the user moves.

4.4 Data Preparation and Garment Processing

Since the system mostly uses real-time input, data preparation is focused on garments. Each outfit undergoes background removal, texture enhancement, and template generation. Garment sizes (S, M, L, etc.) are normalized and mapped to measurement values, enabling accurate scaling

during fitting. Color and fabric properties are also encoded to maintain realistic visual output.

E. Handling Variability in User Poses and Body Shapes To manage variations in lighting, user movement, and body proportions, the system integrates:,pose normalization methods, adaptive garment scaling, keypoint correction techniques, occlusion management and Real-time recalibration for continuous fitting accuracy

5. Implementation

The Virtual Try-On and Size Estimation System was implemented as a multi-module real-time computer vision framework designed to capture the user's pose, extract key body measurements, and dynamically render garments onto a 2D/3D representation of the user. The entire pipeline operates with live camera input, ensuring privacy- preserving processing without storing user images on remote servers.

5.1 Development Environment

The system was developed using Python 3.10 and a combination of computer vision, machine learning, and rendering libraries:

- MediaPipe/ MoveNet: Used for real-time human pose detection and extraction of 2D keypoints.
- OpenCV: Performed image acquisition, preprocess- ing, and silhouette generation.
- TensorFlow / PyTorch: Used for optional 3D recon- struction modules such as PIFuHD or lightweight GAN-based garment refinement models.
- NumPy & SciPy: Utilized for geometric processing, vector distance calculations, and measurement scal- ing.
- Flask: Provided REST-based backend support for product database, garment metadata handling, and user preference storage.
- Unity3D / Three.js (optional): Used for 3D garment preview, avatar rotation, and realistic cloth visualiza- tion.
- All modules were executed on a workstation equipped with an NVIDIA GTX 1650 GPU, 16GB RAM, and Windows II, ensuring

smooth performance during live pose estimation and virtual garment rendering.

5.2 Dataset Setup

Although the system operates primarily on real-time camera input, a reference dataset was used to calibrate measurement estimation and garment warping behavior. The dataset included: Sample images with annotated body landmarks

- Garment templates such as tops, T-shirts, kurtas, and dresses
- 3D mesh files (for optional 3D try-on) The dataset was logically divided to support different system components:
- Calibration Set: Used to tune measurement-to-size ratios for various clothing categories.
- Template Set: Stored standardized garment masks, segmentation maps, and mesh structures.
- Testing Set: Used to validate measurement accuracy across different body poses and lighting conditions.
- Unlike traditional fashion datasets, no user images were collected or stored, ensuring complete user privacy.

5.3 Model Configuration

The system uses a combination of lightweight detection and transformation models to ensure real-time performance on consumer devices. Key components include:

- Pose Detection Module: Media Pipe or MoveNet extracts 33 key points (shoulder, hip, elbow, knee, etc.) at 15—30 FPS.
- Measurement Estimation Module: Ratios derived from key point distances (e.g., shoulder-to-shoulder, hip width, upper-body length) are multiplied with pre-calibrated scaling constants to compute approximate measurements.
- Garment Warping Engine: The engine employs affine transformations, contour alignment, and pixel-level blending to overlay garments onto the user's silhouette. For 3D mode, PIFuHD or a

lighter geometry-aware network generates a coarse 3D body mesh for realistic garment fitting.

- Rendering Enhancements: Edge smoothing, shadow blending, and depth layering were incorporated to ensure natural overlap between garment and body contours.

5.4 Real-Time Processing Pipeline

The live try-on system follows a sequential workflow optimized for latency:

- Camera Frame Capture: The system captures each frame from the user's webcam or smartphone camera.
- Pose Keypoint Extraction: Keypoints and skeletal structure are computed using the pose model.
- Measurement Derivation: Core body dimensions are computed from keypoint geometry.
- Garment Selection: The user selects a garment from the UI, retrieving its template from the backend.
- Warping & Fitting: The garment mask is dynamically scaled and warped to align with the detected body shape.
- Rendering: The output image is displayed in real time, enabling instant virtual try-on.
- The entire loop runs at 10—20 FPS depending on garment complexity and system hardware.

5.5 Client—Server Communication Design

The system follows a privacy-preserving architecture:

- The user device performs pose detection and measurement computation locally.
- Only garment metadata (size chart, texture maps, template ID) is fetched from the backend server.
- No user images or videos are uploaded or stored on the server.
- The server stores only: Garment templates
- Product catalog

- User preferences (favorite outfits, saved wardrobe)
- This architecture ensures that all sensitive visual data remains on the user's device.

5.6 Performance Monitoring

To evaluate the system's efficiency, the following metrics were recorded:

- Pose Detection Accuracy: Correctness of key point localization under different poses.
- Measurement Error Rate: Average deviation from actual body measurements.
- Rendering Quality Score: Subjective assessment of garment alignment, realism, and contour smoothness.
- Latency: Average processing time per frame, targeted to remain below 100 ms.

User Experience Evaluation: Feedback based on comfort, responsiveness, and visual realism during try-on.

The final system demonstrated stable real-time performance with accurate size estimation and visually consistent garment overlay across diverse lighting and pose conditions.

6 Evaluation and Results

This section presents the evaluation metrics, experimental setup, system performance, and detailed analysis of the Virtual Try-On and Size Estimation System. The system was tested under various lighting conditions, poses, and garment types to ensure robustness and real-time operation.

6.1 Evaluation Metrics

To assess the effectiveness of the proposed system, the following evaluation metrics were used:

- Pose Detection Accuracy: Measures the correctness of key point localization such as shoulders, hips, elbows, and knees.
- Measurement Error Rate: Represents the average deviation (in centimeters) between predicted and manually collected body measurements.
- Rendering Quality Score: A subjective rating (1–10) evaluating garment alignment, contour matching, and visual

realism.

- Frame Latency: Measures the per-frame processing time, including pose estimation, measurement extraction, and rendering.
- User Experience Rating: A qualitative score based on responsiveness, realism, and comfort during live try-on.

6.2 Experimental Setup

The system was evaluated under multiple hardware and environmental conditions to ensure generalizability:

Devices Tested:

- Laptop with NVIDIA GTX 1650 GPU
- Smartphone with Snapdragon 778G
- Garment Types: T-shirts, tops, kurtas, dresses, and hoodies.
- Participants: 25 individuals with varying body shapes and poses.
- Testing Conditions: Indoor lighting, lowlight settings, bright background, and sideangled poses.
- Two versions of the system were compared: 2D Try-On System: Utilizes affine transformations and silhouette-based overlay.
- 3D Enhanced System: Uses PIFuHD-based mesh reconstruction for improved garment-body interaction.

6.3 Results

The 2D system achieved real-time performance of 18.4 FPS, while the 3D version operated at 11.2 FPS.

6.4 Garment-Wise Performance

A garment-wise comparison was conducted to evaluate fitting and contour accuracy across clothing categories.

6.5 Confusion Matrix for Size Prediction

The size recommendation module predicts garment sizes (S, M, L) based on estimated body dimensions.

6.6 Discussion

The evaluation demonstrates that the Virtual Try-On System delivers high pose detection accuracy, low measurement error, and smooth frame rates on consumer hardware. The 3D variant provides

superior garment realism but requires additional computational resources. Minor alignment inconsistencies appear in loose garments such as hoodies, yet overall performance remains consistent across lighting variations and body types. The results confirm that the proposed system is a practical, privacy-preserving, and efficient solution for real-time virtual fashion applications.

Conclusion and Future Scope

This Work Presented an Intelligent Virtual Try-On and Size Estimation System that combines real-time pose detection, body measurement extraction, and garment overlay techniques to deliver an interactive and privacy-preserving shopping experience. The system operates directly on live webcam input, enabling users to visualize clothing items without uploading images or sharing personal data. The modular pipeline—comprising pose estimation, geometric measurement analysis, garment warping, and real-time rendering—ensures both accuracy and usability during practical try-on scenarios. Experimental evaluation demonstrated that the system consistently produced stable body measurements, maintained garment alignment during user movement, and achieved real-time performance with minimal latency. These results confirm the feasibility of deploying virtual try-on technology on consumer devices without requiring specialized hardware. Moreover, the architecture supports scalability, allowing retailers to integrate large catalogs of garment templates while maintaining fast rendering. The proposed solution successfully addresses challenges such as varying lighting conditions, pose variations, and body shape diversity by incorporating normalized input processing and augmentation-driven robustness. Overall, this system provides a realistic virtual fitting experience and serves as a reliable foundation for future advancements in online retail and personalized shopping.

Future Scope

Several advancements can further enhance the Virtual Try-On and Size Estimation System:

- 3D Avatar Reconstruction: Integrating

- advanced 3D modelling techniques such as PIFuHD or Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF) to generate realistic full-body digital avatars for 360-degree try-on visualization.
- Physics-Based Cloth Simulation: Incorporating fabric dynamics, including draping, elasticity, and wrinkle formation, to improve the realism of garment behaviour during user movement.
- Deep Learning-Based Size Recommendation: Employing modern architectures such as EfficientNet, MobileNetV3, or Vision Transformers (ViT) to enhance measurement accuracy and enable intelligent size prediction.
- Mobile/Edge Deployment: Optimizing pose detection and rendering models through quantization, pruning, and model compression to enable smooth real-time performance on smartphones and edge devices. Integration With E-Commerce Platforms:
- Connecting the system with product databases, inventory management, and user preference profiles to support seamless virtual shopping and personalized outfit recommendations.

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