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Assisting Bedridden Patients To Ontrol Home Appliances

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ABSTRACT

This project introduces a gesture-driven wireless system for controlling home appliances, utilizing the MPU6050 accelerometer and gyroscope module paired with ESP32 microcontrollers. The system features a transmitter that captures user gestures, translates them into specific commands (e.g., switching appliances on or off), and sends these instructions wirelessly to a receiver via the ESP-NOW protocol. The receiver processes the commands and provides real-time feedback through a 16x2 LCD display, ensuring an accessible and efficient user experience. By eliminating the need for physical interaction, this system enhances convenience and accessibility, particularly for individuals with limited mobility. Its modular architecture supports future expansions, such as integrating additional appliances or gesture types, making it a scalable solution for home automation.

Keywords: Gesture control, MPU6050, ESP32, ESP-NOW, Wireless system, Home automation

1.INTRODUCTION

1.1 Problem Statement

The rise of smart home technologies has transformed how we interact with household devices. However, conventional control methods, such as buttons or handheld remotes, often lack intuitiveness and require users to be near the appliance, posing challenges for those with mobility limitations. Gesture-based systems offer a more natural alternative, allowing users to manage appliances through simple movements. The key challenge is designing a reliable, efficient, and scalable system that accurately interprets gestures and executes commands wirelessly. This project leverages the MPU6050 sensor and ESP32 microcontroller to create a gesture-controlled wireless solution, enhancing accessibility and convenience for home appliance management, especially for individuals with physical constraints.

1.2 Objectives

The primary goal is to develop a gesture-based wireless control system for home appliances, with the following specific aims:

- **Gesture Detection:** Use the MPU6050 sensor to identify user gestures and map them to commands like switching lights or fans on/off.
- **Wireless Transmission:** Implement ESP-NOW for dependable, low-power communication between the gesture-sensing transmitter and the appliance-controlling receiver.
- **Multi-Appliance Control:** Enable simultaneous management of multiple devices through a unified gesture interface.
- **User Feedback:** Provide real-time status updates via a 16x2 LCD display on the receiver side.
- **Scalability:** Design a flexible system that can incorporate additional appliances or gestures in the future.

1.3 Project Scope

The project focuses on:

- **Hardware Setup:** Integration of the MPU6050 sensor, ESP32 microcontroller, and a 16x2 LCD for feedback.
- **Wireless Link:** Utilization of ESP-NOW for fast, reliable communication between transmitter and receiver units.
- **Gesture Mapping:** Recognition of predefined gestures (e.g., tilt left, right, up, down) to trigger appliance actions.
- **Feedback Mechanism:** Display of command status on the LCD for user confirmation.
- **Future Potential:** The system is designed to support enhancements like expanded gesture sets or additional devices.

1.4 Significance

This project offers a practical advancement in home automation by:

- **Enhancing Accessibility:** Providing a touch-free control option for people with mobility issues.
- **Improving Efficiency:** Allowing seamless appliance management, potentially reducing energy waste.
- **Broad Applications:** Extending beyond homes to industrial settings where hands-free control is beneficial.

2. BACKGROUND AND LITERATURE REVIEW

Manish Prakash Gupta (2018) have proposed "Home automation using voice via Google assistant. The spoken commands from google assistant sends message to microcontroller this micro-controller pass the message to relay which will switch On and Off the appliances[1].

Aayush Agarwal, Anshul Sharma, Asim Saket Samad and S Babeetha (2018) "UJALA- Home Automation System Using Google Assistant" This project presents a design and prototype of Home Automation system that will use ESP8266 Wi-Fi module as a network provider in connecting with other appliances. Further we will connect the specific home to our database and it can be accessed from anywhere through a specific IP address or website. Also, an app would be developed which will allow the user to control their devices using the Google Assistant [2].

Md Sarwar Kamal in (2017) "Efficient low cost supervisory system for Internet of Things enabled smart home." This paper proposes an efficient low cost supervisory system for smart home automation that can be managed using IoT. The proposed system is based on Apriority algorithm and will help to monitor and control all the home appliances and electronic devices through a supervisory system in a most efficient and reliable manner. Both the consumers and the suppliers will get the opportunity to manage the power distribution by monitoring the electricity consumption[3].

Nikhil Singh, Shambhu Shankar Bharti, Rupal Singh, Dushyant Kumar Singh (2014) "Remotely controlled home automation system", Advances in Engineering and Technology Research (ICAETR) This paper describes an investigation into the potential for remote controlled operation of home automation systems. It considers problems with their implementation, discusses possible solutions through various network technologies and indicates how to optimize the use of such systems.

The home is an eternal, heterogeneous, distributed computing environment (Greaves, 2002) which certainly requires a careful study before developing any suitable Home Automation System (HAS) that will accomplish its requirements. Nevertheless, the latest attempts at introducing Home Automation Systems in actual homes for all kinds of users are starting to be successful thanks to the continuous standardization process that is lowering the prices and making devices more useful and easier to use for the end user. Even so several important issues are always to be handled strictly before developing and installing a Home Automation System; factors like security, reliability, usefulness, robustness and price are critical to determine if the final product will accomplish the expected requirements [4].

3.METHODOLOGY OF HOME APPLIANCES

EXISTING SYSTEM

In existing system used PIC Micro controller. Inputs sends the signals to the PIC which in turn sends the appropriate command to the Relay through which the appliances are controlled. The DHT11 sensor is used to measure the temperature and humidity and the MQ2 sensor senses the gases. The existing system can controls the temperature and gases in the home. The main aim of the project is to controls the home appliances. But drawback is performance is poor.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed method introduces a tilt-gesture-based wireless control system designed to simplify the management of home appliances, with a particular emphasis on enhancing accessibility for individuals with limited mobility. This system leverages the MPU6050 accelerometer and gyroscope module to detect user gestures, such as tilting movements, which are then processed and translated into specific commands by an ESP32 microcontroller. These commands—such as turning lights on/off or adjusting fan settings—are transmitted wirelessly to a receiver unit using the ESP-NOW protocol, a lightweight and efficient peer-to-peer communication method.

The receiver, also powered by an ESP32, interprets the incoming commands and activates the corresponding appliances through relay modules. To ensure a user-friendly experience, the system incorporates a 16x2 LCD display on the receiver side, providing real-time textual feedback about the executed commands (e.g., "Light On" or "Fan Off"). This eliminates the need for physical switches or close proximity to devices, offering a seamless and intuitive control mechanism. Unlike traditional systems that rely on wired connections or complex interfaces, this method prioritizes simplicity, responsiveness, and modularity. By using affordable components like the MPU6050 and ESP32, the system remains cost-effective while maintaining reliable performance. Additionally, its flexible design allows for future enhancements, such as integrating more appliances or expanding the range of recognizable gestures, making it a scalable solution for modern home automation needs.

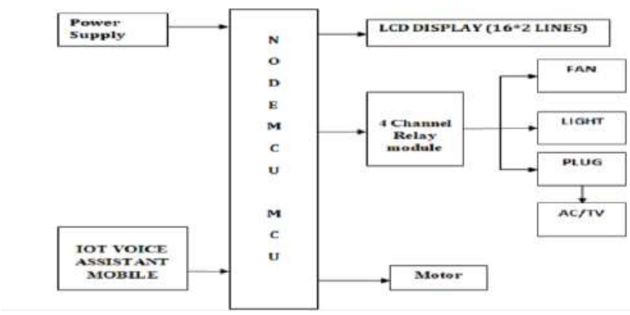


Fig.1: Proposed Block Diagram

3.1 System Overview

The primary objective of the project is to create an intuitive and user-friendly system for controlling home appliances using tilt gestures. The system is based on two main components:

- **Transmitter Module:** Captures tilt gestures using an MPU6050 accelerometer and gyroscope sensor, processes the data via ESP32, and communicates commands wirelessly.
- **Receiver Module:** Receives commands from the transmitter ESP32, interprets them, and performs the corresponding actions, such as turning on/off appliances.

The system also includes feedback mechanisms for improved usability. The transmitter features an LCD display while the receiver controls a relay-based circuit connected to appliances like lights, fans, and buzzers.

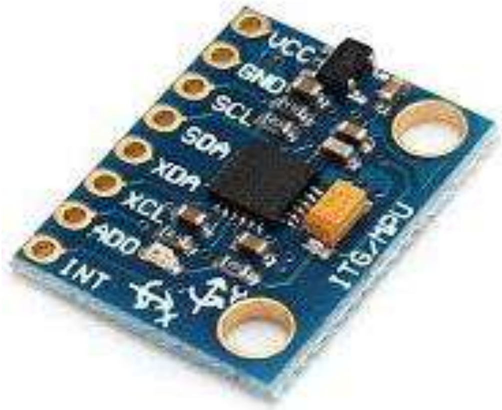
3.2 Block Diagram

The block diagram illustrates the interaction between the key components of the system.

Transmitter Side:

- MPU6050 Sensor: Detects tilt movements.
- ESP32 Microcontroller: Processes the sensor data and sends commands wirelessly.
- LCD (16x2): Displays the current mode or command.**Receiver Side:**
- ESP32 Microcontroller: Receives commands from the transmitter.
- Relays: Control appliances based on received signals.
- Appliances: Includes light, fan, and buzzer.

The communication between the transmitter and receiver uses **ESP-NOW**, a lightweight protocol for low-latency, peer-to-peer communication.



- Outputs raw sensor data, which is processed to detect specific gestures like tilting right, left, up, or down.
- **ESP32 Microcontroller:**
- Serves as the core processing unit for both the transmitter and receiver modules.
- Features dual-core processing, integrated Wi-Fi, and Bluetooth, making it versatile for IoT applications.

- Supports ESP-NOW for efficient wireless communication.

4.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the results of the implemented system, evaluates its performance based on various parameters, and discusses its significance, limitations, and future scope. Through comprehensive testing, the system's effectiveness in meeting its objectives was analyzed in detail.

5.1 System Overview

The developed system successfully demonstrated gesture-based control of home appliances using the MPU6050 sensor, ESP32 microcontrollers, relays, and wireless communication via ESP-NOW. The transmitter unit efficiently detected tilt movements and transmitted commands, while the receiver unit interpreted the commands to control connected appliances.

Key features of the system include:

- Accurate gesture detection using accelerometer data.
- Real-time wireless communication between the transmitter and receiver.
- Audio and visual feedback for enhanced user experience.
- Low latency and reliable performance.

5.2 Results

The results were evaluated based on several critical factors:

5.2.1 Gesture Detection Accuracy

- **Objective:** Determine the accuracy of the MPU6050 sensor in detecting tilt gestures.
- **Methodology:**
- A series of tilt gestures were performed, and the detected commands were compared to the intended gestures.
- Each gesture was repeated 50 times to evaluate consistency.

Results:

Table 1: Results

Gesture	Detected Commands (%)	False Positives (%)
Right Tilt	98%	2%
Left Tilt	96%	4%
Backward Tilt	94%	6%

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DISCUSSION

6.1 System Overview and Achievements

The implemented system showcases a practical solution for gesture-based home automation, integrating advanced sensor technology, wireless communication, and real-time feedback. Key achievements include:

- **Efficient Gesture Detection:** The MPU6050 accelerometer provided reliable readings, enabling accurate gesture recognition.
- **Low Latency Wireless Communication:** ESP-NOW protocol ensured quick and seamless data transfer between the transmitter and receiver.
- **User-Centric Design:** The inclusion of audio and visual feedback made the system intuitive and user-friendly.

- **Cost-Effective Solution:** By utilizing affordable components, the system remains accessible for a wide range of users.

These achievements underscore the feasibility and practicality of the system in real-world scenarios, fulfilling the project objectives.The discussion highlights the system's strengths, challenges, and broader implications. While the current implementation fulfills its objectives, there is ample scope for improvement and innovation. By addressing the identified limitations and exploring opportunities for scalability, the system can evolve into a comprehensive solution for modern home automation.

The project demonstrates the potential of combining gesture recognition, wireless communication, and user-friendly feedback to create intuitive and accessible smart home systems. With further refinements, this system can serve as a stepping stone toward the next generation of home automation technologies.

CONCLUSION

9.1 Summary

The **Gesture-Based Appliance Control System for Patients** is an innovative assistive technology designed to improve the quality of life for individuals with physical disabilities. By integrating **gesture recognition, microcontrollers (ESP32), and wireless communication**, this system provides an intuitive and accessible way for users to control home appliances without relying on physical switches or voice commands. The use of the **MPU6050 accelerometer** for motion detection ensures seamless operation, making it a practical and user-friendly solution.

9.2 Key Findings

Through the development and implementation of this system, the following key insights were obtained:

- **Enhanced Accessibility:** The system provides a hands-free solution for controlling appliances, benefiting individuals with mobility impairments.
- **Reliable Performance:** Real-time gesture recognition and wireless communication (via ESP32) enable smooth and accurate operation.
- **Scalability:** The system can be expanded with additional appliances, making it a flexible and adaptable smart home solution.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Compared to other assistive technologies, the system is affordable and does not require expensive equipment.

9.3 Limitations

Despite its success, the project has some limitations:

- **Gesture Recognition Accuracy:** External factors such as environmental interference and sensor placement can affect accuracy.
- **Limited Number of Gestures:** The system currently recognizes a predefined set of gestures; expanding this library may require additional hardware or software improvements.
- **Power Dependency:** The system relies on continuous power supply, which may be a challenge in remote areas.

9.4 Future Scope

This project lays a foundation for **further advancements in assistive technology**. Future improvements may include:

- **AI-Based Gesture Recognition:** Implementing machine learning algorithms to enhance gesture detection accuracy.
- **IoT Integration:** Connecting the system to cloud platforms for remote monitoring and control.
- **Brain-Computer Interface (BCI):** Allowing users to control appliances through neural signals, improving accessibility for individuals with severe physical impairments.
- **Voice and Eye-Tracking Controls:** Providing alternative input methods for users with different needs.
- **Smartphone Applications:** Enabling users to customize and control the system through a dedicated mobile app.

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