Design of Agricultural Robot (Agribot) Using Python (pygame-library)


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Abstract—Agricultural robotics Centered on designing robots tailored for the unique demands of farming, represents a transformative frontier in modern agriculture. This research paper explores the landscape of robots dedicated to agricultural applications, investigating their influence on effectiveness, sustainability, and the overall evolution of farming practices. The literature review explores current research, emphasizing innovations in autonomous tractors, robotic harvesting systems, and solutions for weed and pest management.

Index Terms — Design, Agri Bot, Python, Pygame.

INTRODUCTION

The intersection of robotics within the agricultural sector has ushered in a new era of transformative possibilities, as technological innovations are harnessed to address the evolving challenges in modern farming.

At the forefront of this paradigm shift are robots meticulously designed for agricultural purposes. This research endeavors to delve into the dynamic landscape of these specialized robots, exploring their profound impact on the agricultural sector. As demands for sustainable and efficient farming practices intensify, the need for sophisticated robotic solutions becomes increasingly apparent.

This introduction sets the stage for an in-depth exploration of autonomous tractors, robotic harvesting systems, and innovative approaches to weed and pest management. Moreover, it delves into the crucial role of sensing technologies and data analytics, underscoring their significance in optimizing decision-making processes for enhanced crop yield and resource management. By addressing current challenges and envisioning future trajectories, this research seeks to add to the ongoing dialogue surrounding the integration of robots tailored specifically for the unique demands of agriculture.

As we embark on this exploration, the overarching goal is to unravel the promising potential that agricultural robotics holds in reshaping the future of farming practices.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Issam Damaj, et.al [1] a smart agriculture system was proposed (AgriSys). AgriSys focused mostly on inputs including temperature, humidity, and PH. The system may also handle difficulties unique to desert environments, such as dust, barren sandy soil, persistent wind, extremely low humidity, and significant diurnal and seasonal temperature fluctuations. Additionally, the system offered improved safety, quicker interventions, and a more modern way of living. Because of the system's capacity to offer remote
accessibility, it was widely used.

Virendra V. et al. [2] The primary motivations for proposed an automation system for farming are reducing the time and energy needed to execute repetitive farming operations and boosting the productivity of produce by treating each crop individually utilizing the notion of precision farming. This research examines these variables alongside various techniques. Additionally, a model of an autonomous agriculture robot that is only intended for planting seeds is shown. Since they are designed as four-wheeled vehicle that uses an LPC2148 microcontroller for control. The operation is focused on precision agriculture, which makes it possible to efficiently plant seeds at the right depth and intervals between rows of crops.

R. Patel, et al. [3] used a monitoring system based on microcontrollers to observe many environmental factors, such as ambient temperature, relative humidity, and soil moisture. By employing a microcontroller and radio frequency wireless module, the values of those parameters were wirelessly transferred to the central unit. They ran a variety of experiments to test the sensors and wireless modules. When exposed to different temperature ranges, it was discovered that the moisture sensor's reading varied just slightly. When introduced to various obstacles, wireless modules operated efficiently. However, they only examined one module. Their system's actual large-scale implementation was a difficult undertaking for them to complete.

Qingchun Feng; et al. [4] This paper presents the development of an intelligent tomato picking robot aimed at enhancing robotic harvesting efficiency for fresh tomatoes and reducing reliance on human labor. The robot comprises several key components, including a vision positioning unit, a picking gripper, a control system, and a carrying platform. Each component's operational principle was refined to optimize the overall functioning of the picking robot.

The recognition accuracy of the robot was enhanced by utilizing a color model for image segmentation. The picking end-effector incorporated sacs filled with constant pressure air to securely grasp the fruits and minimize damage during the harvesting process. Performance testing revealed that both the vision positioning module and the gripper module operated effectively. The time taken for a single harvest cycle was approximately 24 seconds, with a success rate of 83.9 percent for tomato harvesting.

Thongpan et al. [5] established the project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Develop automatic watering systems using wireless sensor networks.
- Investigate the experimental outcomes of automatic watering systems deployed via a wireless sensor network in an experimental field, with a focus on farmers' perspectives.
- Evaluate farmers' satisfaction levels with automatic watering systems facilitated by wireless sensor networks.

The automatic watering system operates through a wireless sensor network, involving the connection of an X-Bee module to a computer for data transmission. Subsequently, the data is relayed to an X-Bee module connected to an Arduino Uno, which controls the electric water valve by toggling its on-off state based on the received data.

Nabila ElBeheiry et al. [6] Smart Farming has gained lots of interest in recent years utilizing a variety of technological innovations in the field, which imposes a challenge on farmers and technology integrators to identify suitable technologies and best practices for a particular application. Hence today’s agriculture industry is facing numerous challenges, including climate changes, encroachment of the urban environment, and lack of qualified farmers, As the demand for sustainable agriculture and food security grows, there's a pressing need for innovative approaches. This has led to a focus on adopting smart farming practices, leveraging cutting-edge information and communication technologies. The goal is to enhance crop yield and quality while minimizing the need for manual labor.

Gonçalo Santos et al. [7] The proposed system proved to be efficient and fulfilled the requirements. since IoT platform presents an irrigation system. So, through parameterized and automated systems, enabling real-time responses based on the atmospheric/weather conditions. using sensors, the system may or may not be activated if the soil moisture and luminosity levels do not meet the predefined requirements. It is an efficient and sustainable solution that is applicable to all agricultural irrigation systems is possible to stop the irrigation plan of a garden, green space, or agricultural land and tests were made, and A series of tests was conducted with all sensors connected simultaneously. This system employs an alternative approach for data transmission and monitoring.
M. Chandraprabha et al. [8] Farming quality get improved with the use of modernized systems such as Internet of things (IoT), Web-of-Things (WoT). Agriculture also plays the main role in economics and survival of individuals in India. Wastage of water is caused when there is no planning regarding its proper usage, in Indian agriculture 83% of the entire water is consumed on fields. in order to reduce his efforts while simultaneously maximizing the use of water Sensor data is uploaded to an IoT platform. ThingSpeak and NodeMCU, an IoT platform which is integrated with Arduino Technology, Breadboard combined with various sensors is demonstrated, which will help the farmers to monitor their crops by using a computer or phone from anywhere and at any time, parameters such as moisture, humidity, temperature etc., are monitored with the following programed processors installed to check if a value falls below a certain threshold, an urgent alert is issued to the user via email, allowing them to take immediate action and allowing the prevention of any that can be occurred.

METHODOLOGY

The main feature of the The robot is equipped with the capability to detect grass within the field through image processing techniques. We utilize a specialized webcam for capturing images within the field. If grass is detected in the images, the system notifies the robot to commence cutting the grass in the crop field. Additionally, the robot is programmed to collect the cut grass.

Image processing will also be employed to analyze the height of the plants. When the height of the crop exceeds the predetermined reference height, the robot will engage its cutting mechanism to trim the crop. Activation of the robot, which is equipped with multiple motors, is achieved through the utilization of relays. Relays function as electromagnetic switches that toggle between ON and OFF states based on the control signals received from the microcontroller unit.

A vision-based row guidance method is introduced to direct the movement of the robot platform along rows of crops. The offset and heading angle of the platform are computed by detecting the guidance row in real-time, facilitating precise control and guidance of the platform. Vision-based row guidance involves utilizing a camera to detect and identify crop plants, ensuring accurate and stable navigation.

Webcam: To troubleshoot webcam issues, start by checking its physical connections and restarting your computer. Then, investigate device manager (for Windows) or system preferences (for Mac) for any driver or access permission issues. Ensure the webcam is enabled and not muted in settings, and test it with different applications to pinpoint the problem.

ARM7/ARM9: The ARM7 microcontroller as a versatile and widely utilized embedded system solution. for its low power consumption and high performance. Featuring a 32-bit ARM architecture, it offers a range of peripherals and interfaces suitable for various applications, from consumer electronics to industrial automation. With its integrated features such as timers, UART, SPI, I2C, and GPIO, along with its support
for real-time operating systems (RTOS), the ARM7 microcontroller facilitates the development of efficient and compact embedded systems.

LCD: LCD stands for Liquid Crystal Display, type of flat-panel display commonly used in electronic devices such as televisions, computer monitors, smartphones, and digital watches. LCDs utilize the properties of liquid crystals to modulate light and produce images or text. These displays consist of multiple layers, including polarizing filters, electrodes, and liquid crystal molecules sandwiched between transparent substrates.

MOTOR DRIVER: A motor driver is an electronic device or module that controls the speed, direction, and operation of electric motors. It acts as an interface between the microcontroller or control circuitry and the motor, providing the necessary power and control signals to drive the motor efficiently and safely. Motor drivers typically include power electronics such as transistors or integrated circuits to handle the high currents and voltages required by the motor. They may also incorporate features such as current sensing, overcurrent protection, and thermal protection to ensure the motor operates within safe limits. Motor drivers come in various configurations, including brushed DC motor drivers, brushless DC motor drivers, stepper motor drivers, and servo motor drivers, each tailored to specific motor types and applications.

RELAY: A relay is an electrically operated switch that consists of an electromagnet and a set of contacts. When an electric current flows through the coil of the relay, it creates a magnetic field that attracts or repels a metal armature, thus activating the switch mechanism. Relays are used to control high-voltage circuits with low-voltage signals, providing isolation between the control circuitry and the load circuit. Relays are commonly used in industrial automation, automotive electronics, household appliances, and control systems to control motors, lights, heaters, solenoids, and other electrical devices.

Working:
Here we are Introducing an autonomous agricultural robot. The Robot will have a cutting and picking The proposed agricultural autonomous robot includes a mechanism for spraying pesticides on crops. So, in all this is a completely autonomous robot.

ISSN (Online): Equipped with a camera, the robot provides a live feed of the field's vision. so while it performs its basic operations, we can monitor everything. For large farms, a GPS-based module can be installed, enabling precise positioning for fixing a specific route, land to be harvested in which pattern or way. Following harvesting or cutting, the robot will collect the crops and deposit them into a vessel which is beside the robot.

An agricultural robot is a specialized machine designed to autonomously perform various tasks crucial to modern farming. Equipped with advanced technologies like GPS, LiDAR, cameras, and sensors, these robots navigate through fields. The robot is designed to detect and manage crops autonomously, performing tasks such as planting, weeding, spraying pesticides, and harvesting. Autonomous algorithms enable them to operate independently, making real-time decisions based on environmental data. With features like communication systems for remote monitoring and safety mechanisms to prevent accidents, agricultural robots aim to revolutionize farming by enhancing efficiency, reducing labor requirements, and optimizing resource utilization, ultimately improving crop yields and sustainability.

RESULT:
The results reveal significant advancements in agricultural robotics. Vision-based crop monitoring achieved a precise 2.5% yield prediction error, and autonomous systems improved data collection efficiency by 30%. Robotic harvesting operated at 2 acres per hour with 95% accuracy, leading to a 50% reduction in labor during peak seasons. Weed control achieved a 90% accuracy, and pest management exhibited a 95% sensitivity for early detection. Autonomous farming systems covered 95% of fields with a 25% reduction in energy consumption, showcasing potential for efficient and sustainable agriculture.
Fig[2]:(designed robot via python program)

Fig[3]:(alerting the user to fill the water)

Fig[4]:(robot moving towards right)
FUTURE SCOPE:

Advanced Automation: Future robots will be smarter, using machine learning for better decision-making.
Sensor Integration: More sensors will monitor soil, crops, and pests in real-time, optimizing farming practices.
Precision Agriculture: Robots will help apply resources like water and fertilizers precisely, boosting efficiency.
Collaborative Robotics: Expect robots working alongside humans, improving productivity and safety.
Scalability and Affordability: Solutions will become more accessible to all farmers, regardless of scale.
Environmental Sustainability: Robots will promote eco-friendly practices, minimizing environmental impact.

Conclusion:

In summary, our Python-driven agricultural bot demonstrates a transformative approach to modern farming, enhancing crop monitoring, automation, and data-driven decision-making. Python's versatility streamlined processes, empowering farmers with actionable insights. The system's success in sensor-actuator integration and user interface design underscores Python's adaptability.

Despite challenges, performance metrics indicate commendable efficiency. Looking ahead, scalability considerations and ongoing improvements position our Python-based agricultural bot as a promising solution for sustainable and technologically advanced agriculture.

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