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ABSTRACT

As the Internet of Things (IoT) continues to expand across diverse domains, the need for touch-free and intuitive human-computer interaction is becoming more critical. This report presents an IoT-enabled gesture recognition system designed to control a 3D-printed robotic arm. The system uses a real-time YOLO model in combination with a webcam to capture hand gestures, which are then translated into precise movements of the robotic arm, allowing smooth and natural interaction. A Raspberry Pi acts as the processing unit, managing gesture detection, classification using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), and communication with the robotic arm. The integration of IoT enables remote monitoring and control, adding versatility to the system. The robotic arm's design focuses on low cost, efficiency, and modularity, making it suitable for scalable deployment. Key challenges such as varying lighting conditions, background noise, and real-time responsiveness are addressed through deep learning-based object detection. The system underwent rigorous testing, demonstrating high recognition accuracy, fast response times, and reliable performance across different environments. This gesture-controlled robotic arm system offers a promising solution for intelligent, touchless interaction, with wide-ranging applications in healthcare, industrial automation, remote assistance, and assistive robotics.

KEYWORDS: Gesture Recognition, Internet of Things (IoT), Robotic Arm, YOLO Algorithm, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Real-Time Processing, Human-Computer Interaction, Raspberry Pi, Webcam, Assistive Technology, Industrial Automation.

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LIST OF ABBREVATION

ACRONYMS	DESCRIPTION
AI	Artificial Intelligence
BLE	Bluetooth Low Energy
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
CV	Computer Vision
DL	Deep Learning
ESP8266	Espressif Systems' Wi-Fi Microcontroller
GPIO	General-Purpose Input/output
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HCI	Human-Computer Interaction
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
I2C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
IoT	Internet of Things
ML	Machine Learning
MQTT	Message Queuing Telemetry Transport
NodeMCU	Node Microcontroller Unit (ESP8266-based)
OS	Operating System
PCA9685	16-channel PWM servo driver IC
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
REST	Representational State Transfer
ROI	Region of Interest
ROS	Robot Operating System
UML	Unified Modelling Language
USB	Universal Serial Bus
VR	Virtual Reality
YOLO	You Only Look Once (object detection model)

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 DOMAIN INTRODUCTION

1. Internet of Things (IoT)

The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the network of physical objects or "things" that are embedded with sensors, software, and other technologies to collect and exchange data over the internet. IoT enables devices to communicate with each other and with central systems, facilitating automation, monitoring, and control. These devices can range from household appliances and wearable health trackers to industrial machines and environmental monitoring systems. The primary objective of IoT is to create a connected ecosystem where devices can autonomously share information, analyse data, and take action, improving efficiency, safety, and convenience in various sectors. In industries like healthcare, transportation, agriculture, and manufacturing, IoT applications can automate tasks, improve decision-making, and enable remote control, thus enhancing productivity and reducing operational costs.

2. Gesture Recognition

Gesture Recognition is a subset of computer vision and human-computer interaction (HCI) that focuses on interpreting human movements, particularly hand and body gestures, as input commands for machines or devices. It allows users to interact with computers or devices without the need for traditional input methods such as keyboards, mice, or touchscreens. Gesture recognition is typically achieved through the use of sensors or cameras that capture the movements, which are then processed and translated into meaningful commands by the system.

Gesture recognition plays a key role in creating more natural, intuitive, and accessible user interfaces. It is increasingly being adopted in fields like virtual reality (VR), gaming, robotics, and assistive technologies for the disabled. The technology enables touchless control and interaction, making it ideal for environments where direct contact is difficult or undesirable, such as healthcare, automotive, and industrial settings.

3. Robotics

Robotics is the interdisciplinary branch of engineering and science dedicated to the design, construction, and operation of robots. Robots are autonomous or semi-autonomous machines that can perform a variety of tasks, ranging from simple repetitive actions to complex decision-making processes. Robotics combines elements from mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, computer science, and artificial intelligence (AI) to create systems capable of performing tasks that traditionally required human intervention. Robotics is transforming many industries by automating tasks that are dangerous, repetitive, or require precision. Applications include industrial robots for manufacturing, service robots for customer interaction, medical robots for surgery, and agricultural robots for crop management. With the advent of AI and machine learning, modern robots are becoming more adaptive, intelligent, and capable of performing increasingly sophisticated tasks.

4. Deep Learning

Deep Learning is a branch of machine learning that uses artificial neural networks to model and solve problems that involve large amounts of unstructured data, such as images, audio, and text. Deep learning models consist of multiple layers of neural networks, which process data in a hierarchical manner, learning from the input data to make predictions or decisions. This structure enables deep

learning models to automatically extract features from raw data, reducing the need for manual feature engineering. Deep learning has become the backbone of many advanced AI applications, such as image and speech recognition, natural language processing, and autonomous vehicles. The ability of deep learning models to process vast amounts of data and learn complex patterns has made them highly effective in tasks that require high accuracy and scalability. In particular, deep learning techniques, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), are widely used in computer vision applications, enabling the recognition and classification of objects in images or video.

5. Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)

Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) is the field of study and practice focused on designing, evaluating, and implementing user interfaces and systems that enable effective communication between humans and computers. HCI involves understanding how people interact with technology and how to design systems that are intuitive, efficient, and accessible. The main goals of HCI are to improve the user experience by creating interfaces that are easy to use, reducing the cognitive load on users, and enhancing the usability of systems. This field incorporates knowledge from computer science, psychology, design, and ergonomics to create user-friendly interfaces, ranging from graphical user interfaces (GUIs) to more advanced forms of interaction like voice commands, touch gestures, and virtual reality. As technology continues to evolve, HCI plays a crucial role in shaping how humans interact with emerging technologies, such as AI, robotics, and wearable devices.

6. Embedded Systems

Embedded Systems are specialized computing systems that are designed to perform dedicated functions within a larger mechanical or electrical system. These systems typically consist of a microcontroller or microprocessor, along with associated software and hardware components, tailored for real-time applications. In the context of gesture-controlled robotics, embedded systems like the Raspberry Pi or Arduino serve as the core platform for processing sensor inputs, executing gesture recognition algorithms, and controlling actuators in the robotic arm. They provide a compact, cost-effective, and energy-efficient solution for integrating intelligence and control in robotic and IoT systems, enabling seamless and responsive operation in real-time environments.

7. Wireless Communication

Wireless Communication is the transmission of data between devices without the use of physical connections such as wires or cables. It includes technologies like Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee, and LoRa, which are commonly used in IoT and robotic applications. In a gesture-based control system, wireless communication enables remote control and monitoring of robotic arms and IoT devices, providing users with flexibility and mobility. It allows commands generated from gesture recognition modules to be transmitted to actuators or cloud platforms in real time, enhancing the efficiency and scalability of the system. Wireless connectivity is crucial in modern automation, particularly for applications requiring remote access or control across large distances.

1.2 PROBLEM DEFINITION

In today's world, the need for intuitive, contactless interaction between humans and machines is rapidly increasing, especially in environments where hygiene, safety, or accessibility are crucial. Traditional input methods like keyboards, joysticks, or remote controls can be limiting or impractical in such scenarios. Additionally, many existing gesture recognition systems face challenges such as poor accuracy in varying lighting conditions, background noise, slow response times, and limited real-time processing capabilities. The core problem is to develop a robust, real-time gesture recognition system that enables smooth, touch-free control of a robotic device, while also being cost-effective, reliable, and adaptable to different environments. The solution should overcome technical challenges in gesture detection, environmental adaptability, and latency while enabling remote control through IoT integration.

1.3 PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

IoT-enabled gesture recognition system designed to control a 3D-printed robotic arm through real-time hand gestures. A webcam is used to capture hand gestures, which are processed using the YOLO (You Only Look Once) deep learning model for fast and accurate recognition. The system runs on a Raspberry Pi, which serves as the processing unit for gesture classification and communication with the robotic arm. Once a gesture is recognized, the corresponding movement is executed by the robotic arm, allowing for intuitive and touch-free control. The integration of IoT allows for remote monitoring and operation, enhancing flexibility and accessibility. Designed to be low-cost, responsive, and reliable, this system demonstrates the potential of combining computer vision, robotics, and IoT for human-computer interaction applications in fields such as automation, healthcare, and assistive technologies.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

PAPER 1

TITLE: Gesture Dependable Robotics ARM Movement: ROS and Machine Learning Perspective

AUTHORS: Miral Desai, Hiren Mewada, Harsh Chhajed, Brijesh Kundaliya

YEAR: 2024

DESCRIPTION:

This research paper investigates the simulation and control of a robotic arm using the Robot Operating System (ROS) integrated with gesture recognition techniques. The system utilizes a camera-based input interface, where human hand gestures are captured and processed using machine learning algorithms for real-time gesture classification. These recognized gestures are then translated into motion commands that control a robotic arm within a simulated ROS environment. The study addresses key challenges such as achieving high recognition accuracy, handling the variability and complexity of human gestures, and maintaining low-latency performance to ensure smooth and responsive interaction.

DRAWBACKS:

System primarily tested in a simulation environment, not validated in real-world hardware. Potential latency issues with complex gestures in dynamic environments.

PAPER 2

TITLE: Design and Implementation of an IoT Enabled Bionic Arm - Gesture Control Robot Using Embedded System

AUTHORS: U. Ramani, J. Rini Angeline Vinshia, T. Manjula, G. G. Sreeja, S. Abirami, M. Thilagaraj

YEAR: 2024

DESCRIPTION:

This paper presents the design and development of an IoT-enabled robotic system that utilizes gesture recognition for intuitive and accessible control, with a particular emphasis on improving human-machine interaction for individuals with mobility impairments. The proposed system integrates embedded hardware platforms with motion-tracking sensors—such as accelerometers, gyroscopes, or depth cameras—to accurately capture and interpret user gestures in real-time. These gestures are processed through signal filtering and pattern recognition algorithms, then transmitted over a network to control the robotic unit remotely. By enabling contactless, gesture-based operation, the system offers a more natural and user-friendly interface, especially for users with limited physical capabilities. Furthermore, the IoT framework allows for remote monitoring and control, expanding the system's applicability to assistive technologies, rehabilitation, and smart home environments where ease of use and accessibility are critical.

DRAWBACKS:

Limited gesture complexity—system mainly supports basic hand movements. Accuracy and reliability under varying lighting conditions not thoroughly evaluated.

PAPER 3

TITLE: Development of Robotic Arm Grasping Experimental Platform Based on Gesture Guidance

AUTHORS: Zixuan Hui, Zhe Dong, Yue Yang, Zhao Gao

YEAR: 2024

DESCRIPTION:

This paper explores the integration of gesture recognition with robotic arm control using rapid control prototyping (RCP) techniques, aiming to develop a more intuitive and contactless method for human-robot interaction. As robotic arms gain widespread adoption in industrial automation, assistive technology, and educational environments, traditional control methods such as joysticks or programmed sequences are increasingly seen as restrictive and less user-friendly. Gesture recognition offers a natural interface by allowing users to command robotic movements through hand gestures, which can be captured using cameras or sensors and processed using machine learning or computer vision algorithms. The implementation of RCP enables quick development, testing, and refinement of these control systems, significantly reducing the time from concept to deployment. By combining the flexibility of RCP with the accessibility of gesture-based interfaces, the proposed approach facilitates responsive, real-time robotic control, broadening the usability of robotic arms in diverse fields and making them more approachable for non-expert users.

DRAWBACKS:

Prototype scalability and performance under high-load conditions not addressed. No direct integration with IoT or remote access platforms.

PAPER 4

TITLE: Implementation of an Affordable Gesture-Controlled Robotic Arm: Revolutionizing Patient Care with Precision

AUTHORS: Apurba Sarker, Sourav Das Suvro

YEAR: 2024

DESCRIPTION:

This study presents the development of an affordable gesture-controlled robotic arm designed to mimic human arm movements using Arduino technology. The system integrates various components, including servo motors for precise arm movement, flex sensors to detect finger bending, and gyroscopes to capture the orientation and motion of the hand. These sensors work together to interpret gesture inputs in real-time, allowing the robotic arm to replicate the user's arm movements accurately. The Arduino microcontroller processes the sensor data and translates it into corresponding commands for the robotic arm's actuators. This approach not only provides a cost-effective solution for replicating complex human gestures but also makes the technology accessible for educational purposes, prototyping, and even assistive devices. The project highlights the potential of low-cost, flexible robotics for applications in both research and real-world scenarios, particularly where affordability and ease of use are key considerations.

DRAWBACKS:

Arduino-based system has limited processing power, affecting performance for complex gestures. Lacks robust error handling for misinterpretation of gesture input.

PAPER 5

TITLE: Design of an IoT-Enabled Bionic Arm for Gesture-Based Interaction

AUTHORS: J. Rini Angeline Vinshia et al.

YEAR: 2024

DESCRIPTION:

This paper details the design of an IoT-based gesture-controlled robotic arm specifically aimed at users with mobility challenges, providing an accessible and intuitive solution for robotic interaction. The system uses gesture sensors to detect and interpret physical movements, which are then processed by embedded microcontrollers that convert these gestures into actionable commands for the robotic arm. By integrating IoT technologies, the robotic arm can be remotely controlled and monitored, allowing users to operate it from a distance through smartphones or other connected devices. This not only enhances the usability and convenience of the system but also offers greater independence to individuals with mobility impairments, empowering them to perform tasks that would otherwise require assistance. The combination of gesture recognition and IoT connectivity creates a versatile, efficient, and accessible robotic control solution that can be applied in various assistive technology and rehabilitation contexts.

DRAWBACKS:

System may suffer from gesture misclassification in noisy environments. Real-time responsiveness under wireless IoT communication not fully optimized.

PAPER 6

TITLE: Intelligent IoT Control System Based on Hand Gesture Recognition

AUTHORS: Denys Balazh, Vasyl Mrak, Artur Sydor, Volodymyr Andrushchak, Bohdan Rusyn, Taras Maksymyuk

YEAR: 2023

DESCRIPTION:

This paper presents a smart home system that integrates hand gesture recognition with IoT technologies, enabling intuitive and contactless control of household appliances, particularly lighting. By utilizing real-time computer vision and camera-based gesture interpretation, the system accurately detects and responds to hand gestures, allowing users to control lighting settings with simple motions. The combination of gesture recognition and IoT connectivity ensures high responsiveness, with the ability to turn lights on, off, or adjust brightness levels through natural hand movements. This contactless interface enhances user convenience, offering an accessible solution for individuals with mobility limitations or those seeking to improve the ease of interaction with their home environment. The proposed system highlights the potential for gesture-based control in smart homes, contributing to a more seamless, efficient, and hands-free living experience.

DRAWBACKS:

Limited to simple household applications—no support for complex gesture control. Gesture training is not adaptable to individual user behavior patterns.

PAPER 7

TITLE: Research on Gesture Recognition Based on YOLOv5

AUTHOR: Wanbo Luo

YEAR: 2022

DESCRIPTION:

This paper explores gesture recognition using the YOLOv5 deep learning framework, emphasizing its advantages in both accuracy and efficiency for human-computer interaction applications. Traditional gesture recognition methods often relied on external hardware, such as sensors or gloves, to capture hand movements, which could be cumbersome and limit flexibility. In contrast, modern approaches leveraging computer vision and convolutional neural networks (CNNs), like YOLOv5, offer significant improvements in accuracy by enabling real-time gesture detection through cameras alone. The YOLOv5 framework, known for its high-speed processing and precise object localization capabilities, allows for quick and reliable gesture interpretation in dynamic environments. This advancement enhances the usability and scalability of gesture-based control systems, making them more practical for applications such as robotics, virtual reality, and assistive technologies, where natural and efficient human-computer interaction is crucial.

DRAWBACKS:

Real-time performance may degrade on lower-end hardware. Limited scope in physical system control, mainly software demonstration.

PAPER 8

TITLE: Wireless Gesture Controlled Robotic Arm

AUTHORS: Sudarshan M K, Vinamraa V, Adarsh M, Varun H Mer, Deepak M

YEAR: 2022

DESCRIPTION:

This paper presents a method for wirelessly controlling a robotic arm using human gestures, offering an intuitive and efficient way to operate robotic systems without requiring specialized knowledge. The proposed approach integrates human-computer interaction (HCI) techniques for accurate gesture recognition, allowing users to control the robotic arm through natural hand movements. Wireless LAN (Wi-Fi) is used for seamless communication between the gesture recognition system and the robotic arm, ensuring precise, real-time control without the limitations of wired connections. By eliminating the need for complex interfaces or technical expertise, this method enhances accessibility and user-friendliness, making robotic arm control more intuitive for a wide range of users. The system is applicable in various fields, including assistive robotics, remote operations, and educational environments, where ease of use and flexibility are essential.

DRAWBACKS:

Wireless LAN can introduce communication delays or packet loss. Lacks adaptive calibration for different users' hand sizes or motion patterns.

PAPER 9

TITLE: The Research and Design of Smart Mobile Robotic Arm Based on Gesture Controlled

AUTHORS: Hongli He, Yongping Dan

YEAR: 2020

DESCRIPTION:

This paper presents the design of a smart mobile robotic arm controlled through hand gestures, offering an intuitive interface for manipulating the arm in various environments. The system features a robotic arm mounted on a remote-controlled car, providing mobility alongside precise control. The Leap Motion sensor is used to track hand positions and gestures in 3D space, while the Processing API processes the sensor data and translates it into actionable commands for controlling the arm's movements. This setup allows for fine-tuned, real-time control of the robotic arm, responding to gestures such as hand motions and finger positions. By combining mobility with gesture-based control, the system offers an innovative approach to robotics that can be applied to a wide range of applications, including remote handling, exploration, and assistive technologies, with potential for further integration into more advanced systems.

DRAWBACKS:

System relies heavily on Bluetooth, which limits operational range. Leap Motion sensor has reduced effectiveness under bright sunlight or reflective surfaces.

PAPER 10

TITLE: Robotic Control of Dynamic and Static Gesture Recognition

AUTHORS: Xuexiang Zhang, Xuncheng Wu

YEAR: 2019

DESCRIPTION:

This paper explores the control of robots using both dynamic and static gesture recognition, emphasizing their critical role in modern intelligent systems and enhancing flexible human-computer interaction. By leveraging advanced computer vision techniques, the system can interpret both dynamic gestures, which involve motion, and static gestures, which are based on hand shapes or poses, in real-time. The paper highlights the robustness of this approach in complex environments, where factors such as background noise, lighting variations, and object occlusions might otherwise hinder performance. The ability to recognize and process these gestures accurately allows for seamless and intuitive robot control, making it a versatile solution for applications in fields like robotics, assistive technology, and smart environments. This dual-gesture recognition system broadens the scope of human-robot interaction, providing more natural, efficient, and adaptive control mechanisms in diverse real-world scenarios.

DRAWBACKS:

Model complexity makes it hard to deploy on low-power or embedded devices. Gesture recognition accuracy decreases with occlusion or inconsistent backgrounds.

CHAPTER 3
SYSTEM ANALYSIS

System analysis is a crucial phase for the ***IoT-Based Gesture Recognition System for Robotic Arm Control***, helping to define the project's goals, requirements, and architecture. This phase begins with examining current robotic control systems and gesture recognition technologies, identifying their limitations such as poor real-time performance, limited IoT integration, and low accuracy in dynamic environments.

The analysis gathers input from stakeholders, including system developers and end-users, to define both functional requirements (e.g., accurate gesture detection, robotic control, IoT communication) and non-functional requirements (e.g., low latency, scalability, cost-efficiency). This ensures the system will meet user expectations and deliver effective performance across diverse applications.

Additionally, the analysis sets the framework for system design, specifying the components like Raspberry Pi, cameras, and microcontrollers, and selecting algorithms such as YOLO for gesture detection. The outcome is a robust, scalable system tailored for real-time, seamless operation in smart environments.

Furthermore, the system analysis phase also focuses on identifying potential challenges related to hardware limitations, such as processing power and memory constraints on low-cost platforms like Raspberry Pi. Consideration is given to optimizing the system's performance to ensure smooth real-time interaction, especially in complex environments with varying lighting conditions and backgrounds. By addressing these hardware constraints, the system design ensures that the gesture recognition framework remains responsive and adaptable while maintaining a high level of accuracy and reliability, even under demanding conditions.

3.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

1. Physical Controllers and Pre-Programmed Commands

- **Rigid Control Mechanisms:** Manual controllers or pre-programmed commands limit flexibility and adaptability, especially in dynamic environments.
- **User Interaction Challenges:** The need for physical controllers or command-based input can be cumbersome for users, particularly in hands-free or assistive applications.

2. Outdated Gesture Recognition Models

- **Accuracy Issues:** Legacy gesture recognition systems struggle with precise detection under different lighting, backgrounds, and hand shapes.
- **Environmental Sensitivity:** The systems are highly sensitive to environmental changes, leading to frequent misrecognition or failure to detect gestures accurately.

3. Lack of IoT Integration

- **Limited Device Interaction:** The absence of IoT connectivity restricts the system's ability to control or interact with other smart devices.
- **Inability to Scale:** Without IoT integration, these systems cannot scale effectively across connected devices, limiting their application in modern smart environments.

4. High Cost and Complexity

- **Expensive Hardware Requirements:** Proprietary hardware often increases the overall cost, making the system impractical for budget-conscious projects.
- **Complicated Setup:** The need for specialized configurations and complex setup procedures makes deployment difficult and time-consuming.

5. Limited User Customization

- **Fixed Control Options:** Many systems offer limited gesture options, making them less adaptable to user needs.
- **One-Size-Fits-All Solutions:** Lack of customization options limits effectiveness, especially in assistive technologies.

6. Latency and Response Time Issues

- **Delayed Actions:** Latency can cause frustration, especially in systems requiring precise movements.
- **Slow Processing:** Insufficient computational power can lead to lag in real-time processing.

7. Limited Gesture Recognition Capabilities

- **Simple Gestures Only:** Many systems only recognize basic gestures, limiting interaction complexity.
- **Lack of Gesture Diversity:** Systems may struggle to interpret varied or complex gestures.

8. Security and Privacy Concerns

- **Data Privacy Risks:** Camera-based systems can raise privacy concerns if sensitive data isn't secured.
- **Vulnerabilities in IoT Connectivity:** IoT integration increases the risk of cyberattacks if not properly protected.

9. Limited Accessibility and Usability

- **Barrier for Non-Experts:** Many systems require technical knowledge for setup and use, making them inaccessible for non-expert users.
- **Physical Limitations:** Some gesture recognition systems may not account for users with limited mobility or dexterity, reducing their effectiveness in assistive applications.

3.1.1 DRAWBACKS

1. Limited Accessibility

Requires technical expertise and manual operation, making it difficult for non-technical users or those with disabilities to operate.

2. Outdated Gesture Recognition

Struggles with accuracy in changing lighting, complex backgrounds, and varying hand shapes, reducing reliability.

3. No IoT Integration

Cannot interact with or control other smart devices, limiting its use in modern smart environments like homes or industries.

4. High Cost and Complexity

Dependence on proprietary hardware and complex setups increases cost and deployment difficulty, hindering scalability.

5. Poor Real-Time Performance

High latency and inefficient processing degrade real-time performance, negatively impacting user experience and responsiveness.

6. Limited Customization

Many systems lack the ability to easily customize commands or adapt to different user needs, reducing their flexibility for various use cases.

7. Poor User Feedback

Current systems often lack immediate feedback for users, making it difficult to gauge if commands or gestures are being correctly recognized or processed

3.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system presents an innovative approach to robotic arm control using real-time hand gesture recognition integrated with IoT technology. By leveraging computer vision through YOLOv5 on a Raspberry Pi and wireless communication via NodeMCU, the system enables intuitive, contactless control of a 6-DOF 3D-printed robotic arm.

With added IoT capabilities through Thing Speak, users can remotely monitor servo motor activity, making the system suitable for applications in smart environments, assistive technology, and industrial automation.

1. Intuitive Gesture-Based Control

The system enables seamless and intuitive control of a 3D-printed robotic arm through hand gestures, eliminating the need for traditional input devices. This makes it accessible and user-friendly, even for individuals without technical expertise.

2. Real-Time, High-Accuracy Gesture Recognition

Leveraging the YOLOv5 algorithm, the system delivers fast and precise gesture detection, maintaining reliable performance in real-time—even under challenging conditions such as changing lighting or complex backgrounds.

3. IoT-Enabled for Remote Monitoring and Control

With built-in support for IoT protocols like MQTT and REST APIs, the system can be remotely accessed and integrated with other smart devices. This functionality makes it well-suited for applications in smart homes, telemedicine, industrial automation, and remote robotics.

4. Cost-Effective and Scalable Architecture

Utilizing affordable hardware like the Raspberry Pi and NodeMCU, the system provides a low-cost solution without compromising functionality. Its modular and scalable design makes it easy to expand for larger systems or different robotic applications.

5. Customizable 3D-Printed Robotic Arm

The robotic arm is built using 3D printing, allowing for flexible design modifications. This makes it adaptable for various use cases—such as object manipulation, sorting, or assistance—across industries like education, manufacturing, and healthcare.

6. Enhanced Accessibility for All Users

The gesture-based interface is especially beneficial for users with physical disabilities or limited mobility. By eliminating the need for complex controls, it promotes inclusivity and ease of use in human-machine interaction.

7. Real-Time Data Visualization with ThingSpeak

The integration of Thing Speak enables real-time visualization and monitoring of servo motor movements through graphical charts. This feature helps in analysing system performance, detecting faults, and validating gesture execution remotely.

8. Environmentally Friendly and Open-Source Design

By utilizing 3D printing and open-source software/hardware components, the system promotes sustainability and reduces electronic waste. It also encourages further innovation and customization by developers, researchers, and students.

3.2.1 ADVANTAGES

1. Intuitive User Interaction

The gesture-based control system offers a natural, hands-free interface, eliminating the need for physical controllers. This makes it especially user-friendly and ideal for individuals with minimal technical background.

2. High Accuracy with YOLOv5

Utilizing the YOLOv5 deep learning model enables real-time gesture recognition with exceptional precision and speed, maintaining consistent performance in diverse lighting conditions and complex visual environments.

3. Robust IoT Integration

Through MQTT and REST API support, the system can seamlessly communicate with IoT networks, enabling remote control, monitoring, and integration with smart home, healthcare, and industrial automation platforms.

4. Affordable and Energy-Efficient

Based on low-cost hardware like the Raspberry Pi and ESP8266, the solution delivers high-performance processing while remaining energy-efficient and budget-friendly—ideal for both prototyping and deployment at scale.

5. Highly Scalable and Adaptable

The modular software and hardware design allows easy expansion. New gestures, functionalities, or robotic modules can be added, making the system versatile for various tasks and industries.

6. Inclusive and Accessible Design

The system enhances accessibility by supporting gesture-based operation, providing an effective interface for users with physical disabilities or limited dexterity, and fostering inclusive human-machine interaction.

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM DESIGN

4.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system architecture of the IoT-Based Gesture Recognition System for Robotic Arm Control is designed to enable real-time, gesture-driven actuation of a 3D-printed robotic arm. A webcam captures hand gestures, which are processed by a Raspberry Pi 4 using computer vision algorithms like YOLO. Based on the recognized gesture, the Raspberry Pi sends control signals wirelessly to an ESP8266 microcontroller using IoT protocols such as MQTT. The ESP8266 then communicates with a servo motor driver that controls six servo motors—three large and three smalls—embedded in the robotic arm. The system is powered by separate batteries for the Raspberry Pi, ESP8266, and motor driver, ensuring stable operation. This architecture ensures efficient processing, low latency, and seamless integration within IoT environments.

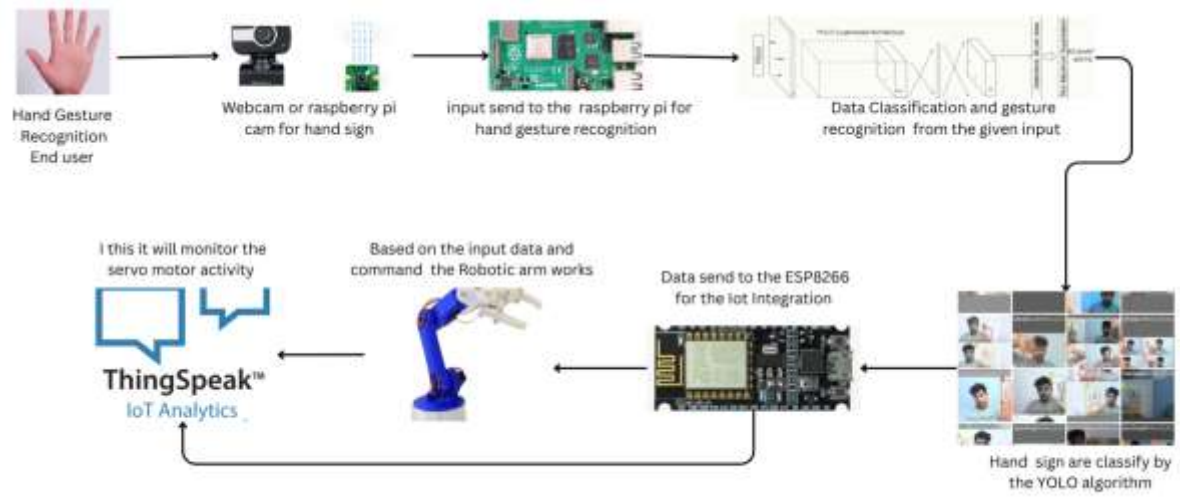

Fig 4.1 System Architecture

4.2 UML DIAGRAMS

Unified Modelling Language (UML) is a standardized modelling language widely used in object-oriented software development. For the **IoT-Based Gesture Recognition System for Robotic Arm Control**, UML helps in visually representing the structure, behaviour, and interactions of the system components. It allows both developers and stakeholders to understand system functionalities, hardware-software relationships, and data flows efficiently.

UML diagrams are used to model various aspects such as how the user interacts with the system, how components like the Raspberry Pi, ESP8266, and Robotic Arm collaborate, and how data flows between modules. The UML notation includes diagrams such as Use Case, Class, Sequence, Activity, and Deployment, which provide a clear and detailed visualization of the system architecture and behaviour.

UML promotes better system planning and communication, especially in a multi-component system that integrates gesture recognition, IoT communication, and hardware control. By using UML, we can ensure that the design is scalable, understandable, and consistent from early development through final implementation.

GOALS OF USING UML IN THIS PROJECT

Visual Modelling Language: To provide a simple and expressive visual way to model user interactions, data flow, hardware coordination, and gesture recognition logic.

Extendibility and Specialization: To allow adaptation of core UML elements for specific hardware and IoT functionalities like MQTT communication and sensor control.

Platform Independence: To design a system model that is independent of specific programming languages or platforms (e.g., Python, Arduino IDE), enabling easy migration or expansion.

Formal Understanding: To build a clear and structured model that explains the working of gesture recognition, motor control, and IoT integration in a formalized manner.

Tool Support: To support the development of reliable documentation and encourage the use of design tools like Smart Draw, enabling easier collaboration and system validation.

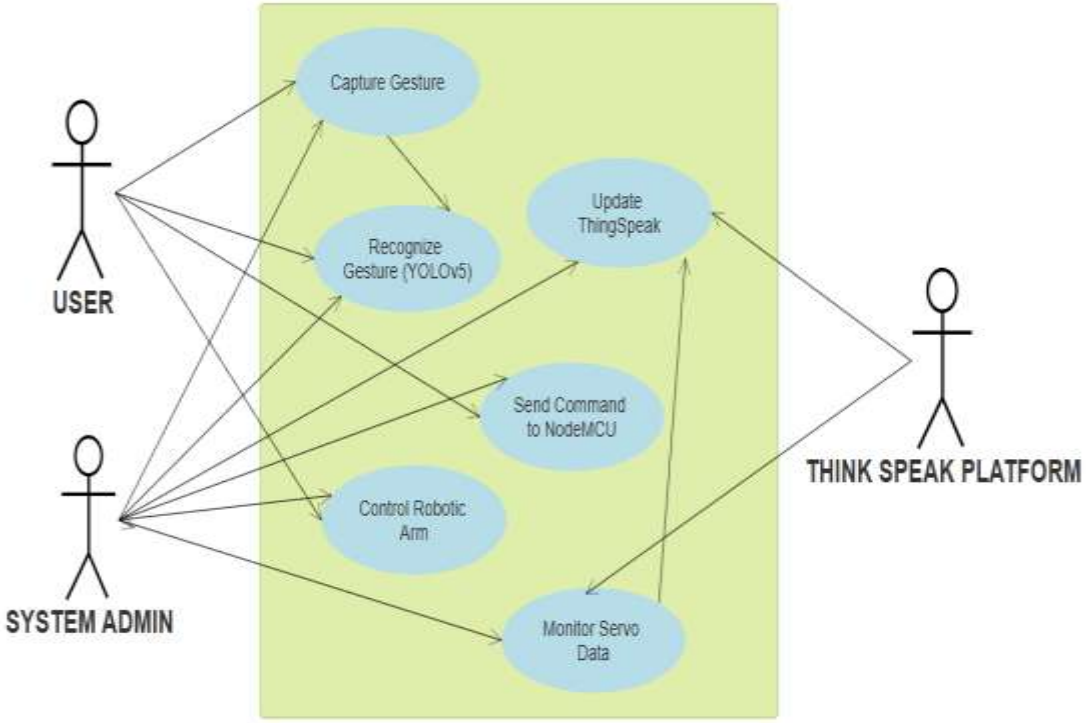

Fig.4.2 Use case diagram

4.2.2 CLASS DIAGRAM

The **Class Diagram** for the ***IoT-Based Gesture Recognition System for Robotic Arm Control*** shows the main system components and their relationships. Key classes include **User**, **Gesture Processor**, **Raspberry Pi**, **ESP8266Module**, **Motor Controller**, and **Robotic Arm**.

The **User** performs gestures, which are detected by the **Gesture Processor**. The **Raspberry pi** processes the gesture and sends signals via the **ESP8266Module** to the **Motor Controller**, which controls the **Robotic Arm**.

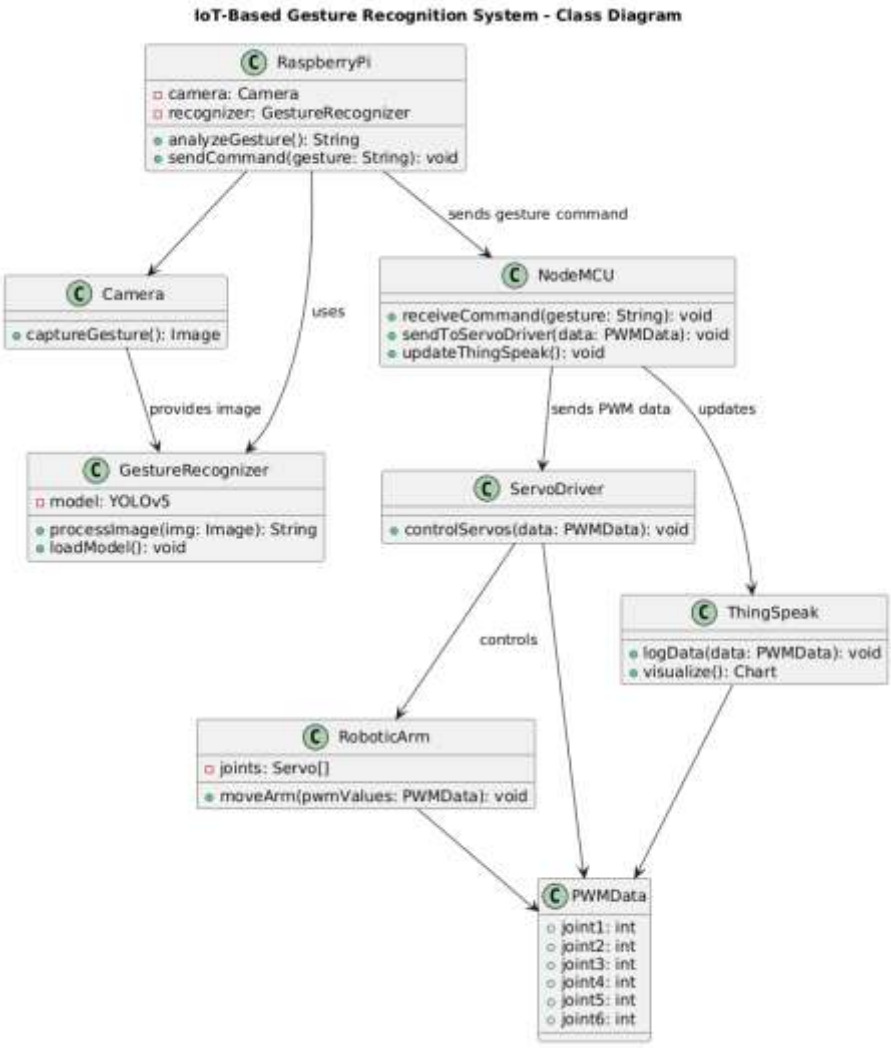

Fig 4.3 Class diagram

4.2.3 SEQUENCE DIAGRAM

The **Sequence Diagram** is an essential part of system design that visually represents the interaction between different components of the *IoT-Based Gesture Recognition System for Robotic Arm Control* over time. It captures the flow of messages exchanged in a specific sequence, starting from when the user performs a gesture to when the robotic arm executes the corresponding action. The diagram highlights how the **webcam captures the gesture**, how the **Raspberry Pi processes it**, and how the **ESP8266 module communicates the signal** to the **motor driver**, which then activates the **robotic arm**. This time-ordered representation helps developers understand the system's real-time behavior, coordinate interactions, and ensure proper communication between hardware and software components.

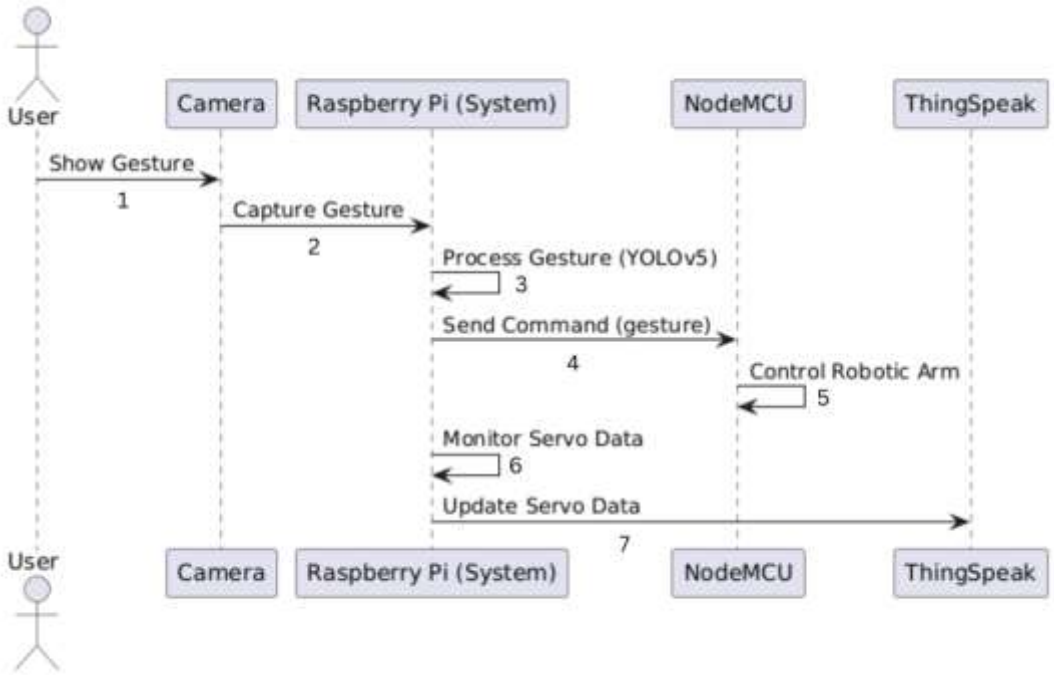

Fig 4.4 Sequence diagram

4.2.4 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM

IoT-Based Gesture Recognition System for controlling a 3D-Printed Robotic Arm, the Activity Diagram is a crucial component that visualizes the step-by-step flow of actions within the system. It helps in illustrating how the system interacts with the user, processes gestures, and controls the robotic arm, as well as how IoT integration plays a role in remote monitoring. The activity diagram specifically represents the sequence of activities from the user input (gestures) to the final control of the robotic arm, along with real-time monitoring of servo data on Thing Speak.

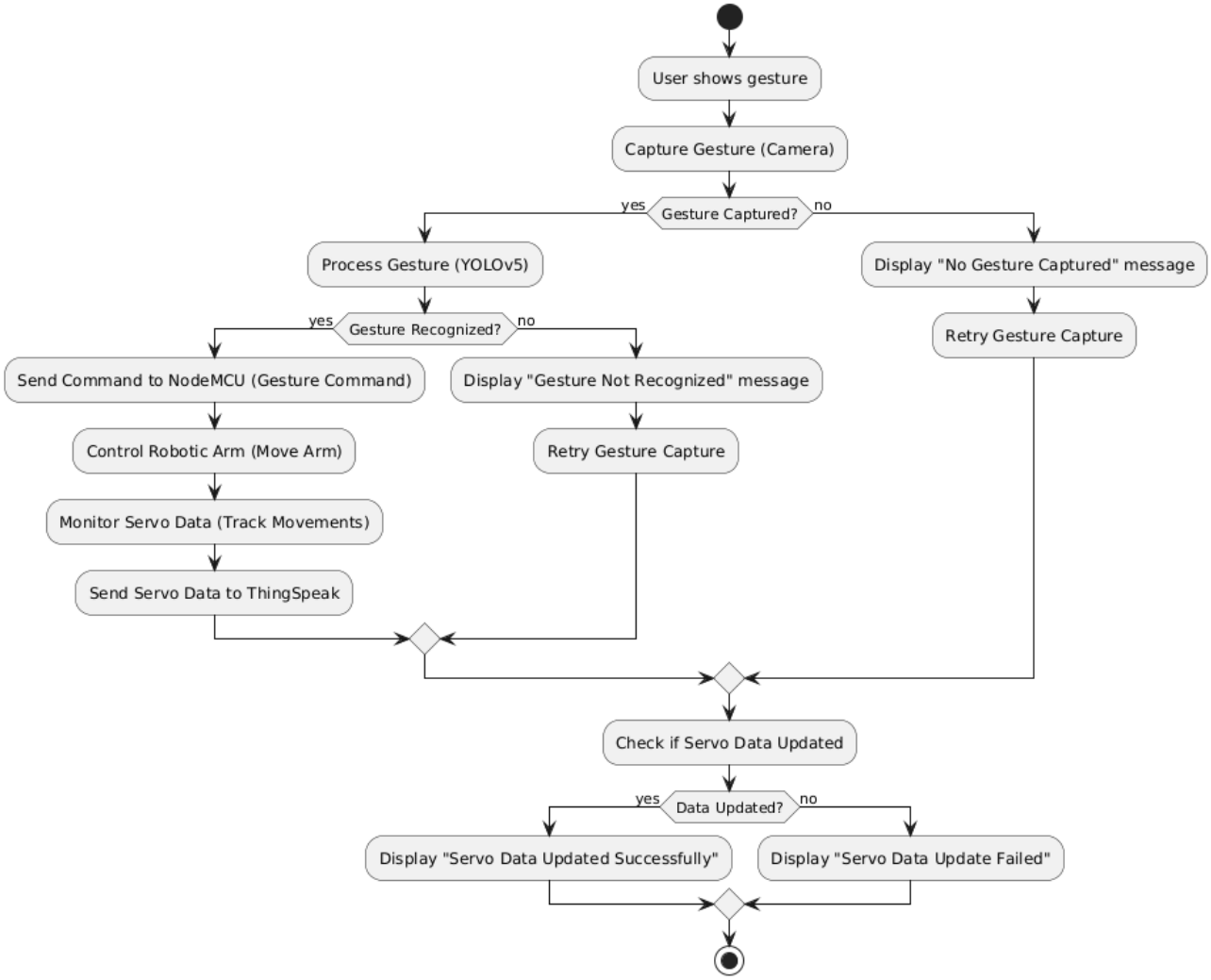

Fig 4.5 Activity diagram

4.2.5 COLLABORATION DIAGRAM

The User shows a gesture to the Camera, which captures the image and sends it to the Raspberry Pi. The Raspberry Pi processes the image and forwards it to the YOLOv5 model for recognition. The recognized gesture is sent to the NodeMCU, which controls the Servo Motors to move the robotic arm.

The Servo Motors send data to Thing Speak for monitoring and feedback. Thing Speak updates the Raspberry Pi, which provides feedback to the User. The diagram illustrates how these components interact to control the robotic arm based on the user's gesture.

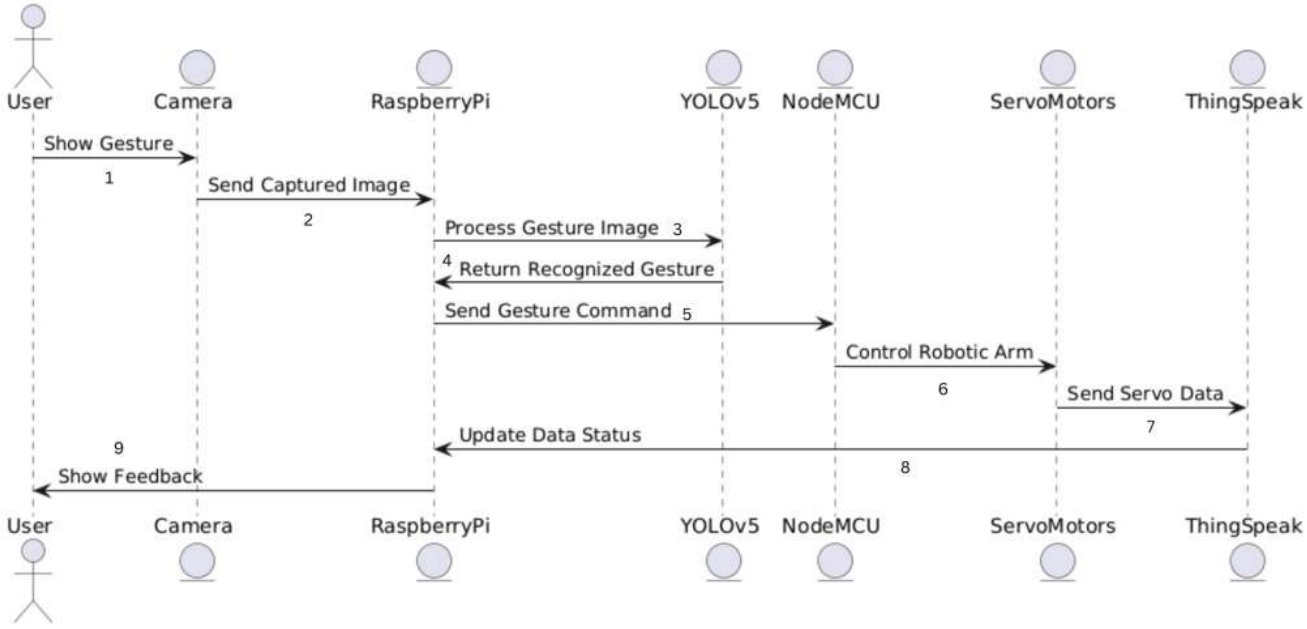

Fig 4.7 Collaboration diagram

4.2.6 DEPLOYMENT DIAGRAM

A deployment diagram for the robotic arm control system shows how various components, such as the camera, Raspberry Pi, ESP8266, motor drivers, and robotic arm, are distributed across physical devices and interact to control the arm's movement based on gesture recognition.

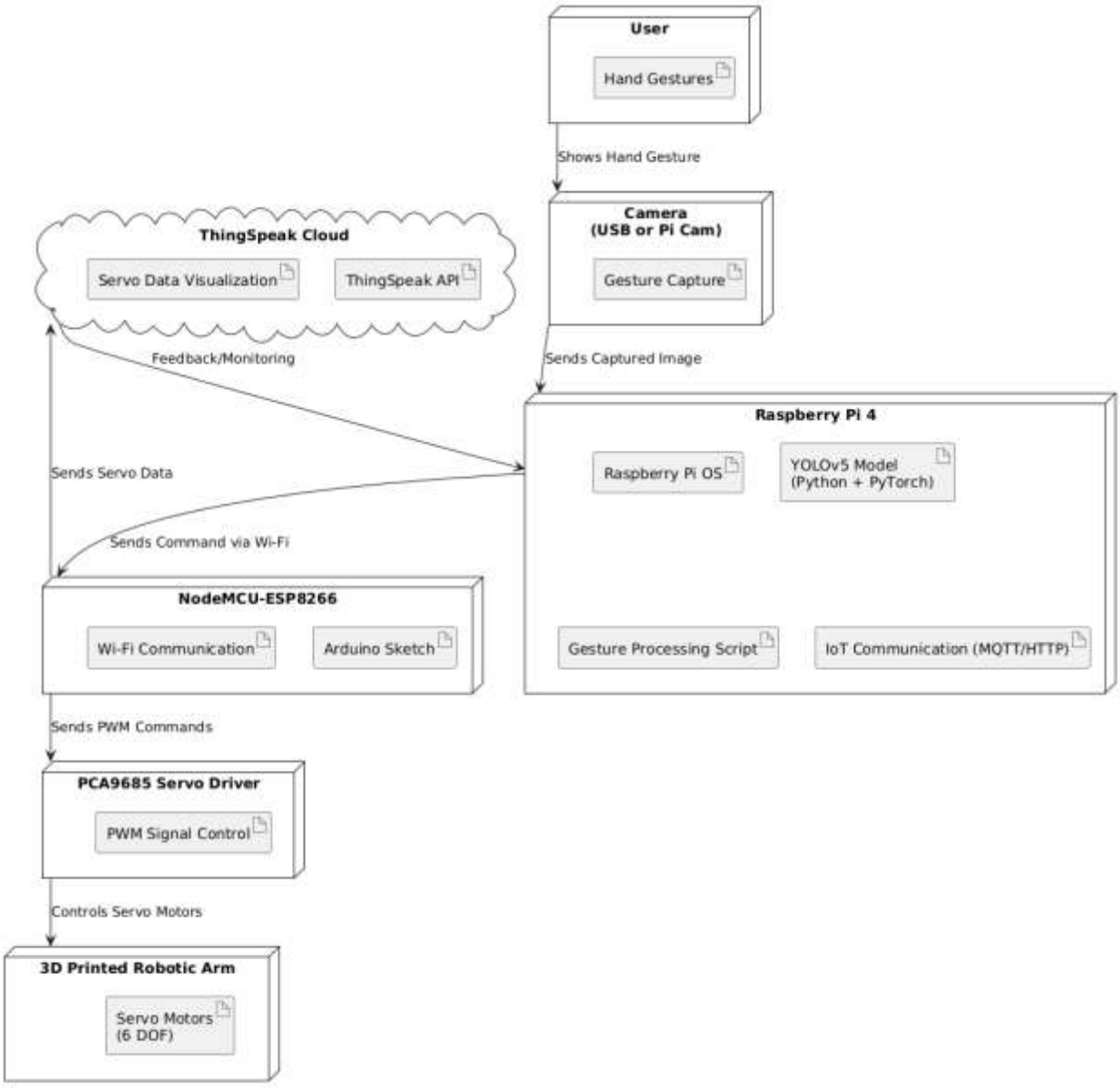

Fig 4.8 Deployment diagram

4.2.7 DATA FLOW DIAGRAM

A data flow diagram for the robotic arm control system illustrates how gesture input from the user flows through processes like image capture, gesture recognition, signal generation, and actuation to control the arm's movement.

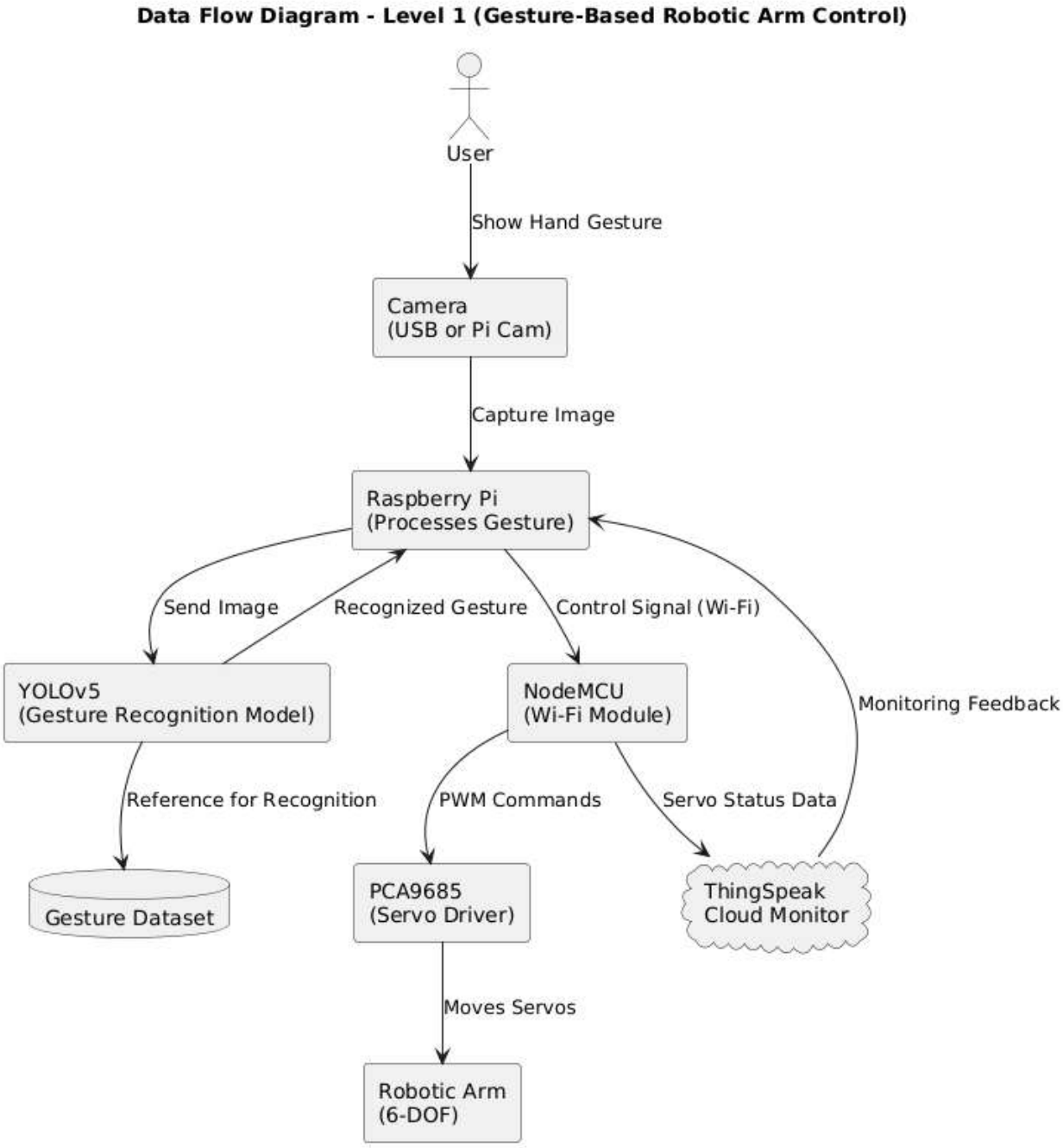

Fig 4.9 Data Flow diagram

4.3 CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

The circuit diagram for the robotic arm control system shows how components are connected to enable gesture-based control. A camera module captures hand gestures and sends the image data to a Raspberry Pi, which processes the input using a gesture recognition algorithm. Based on the recognized gesture, the Raspberry Pi generates control signals that are either sent directly to a motor driver module (like L298N) or through a Wi-Fi module such as the ESP8266 if wireless communication is used. The motor driver then amplifies these signals and sends them to the servo motors attached to the robotic arm, allowing it to move according to the user's gesture. The system is powered through regulated power sources, ensuring stable operation for both control and movement components.

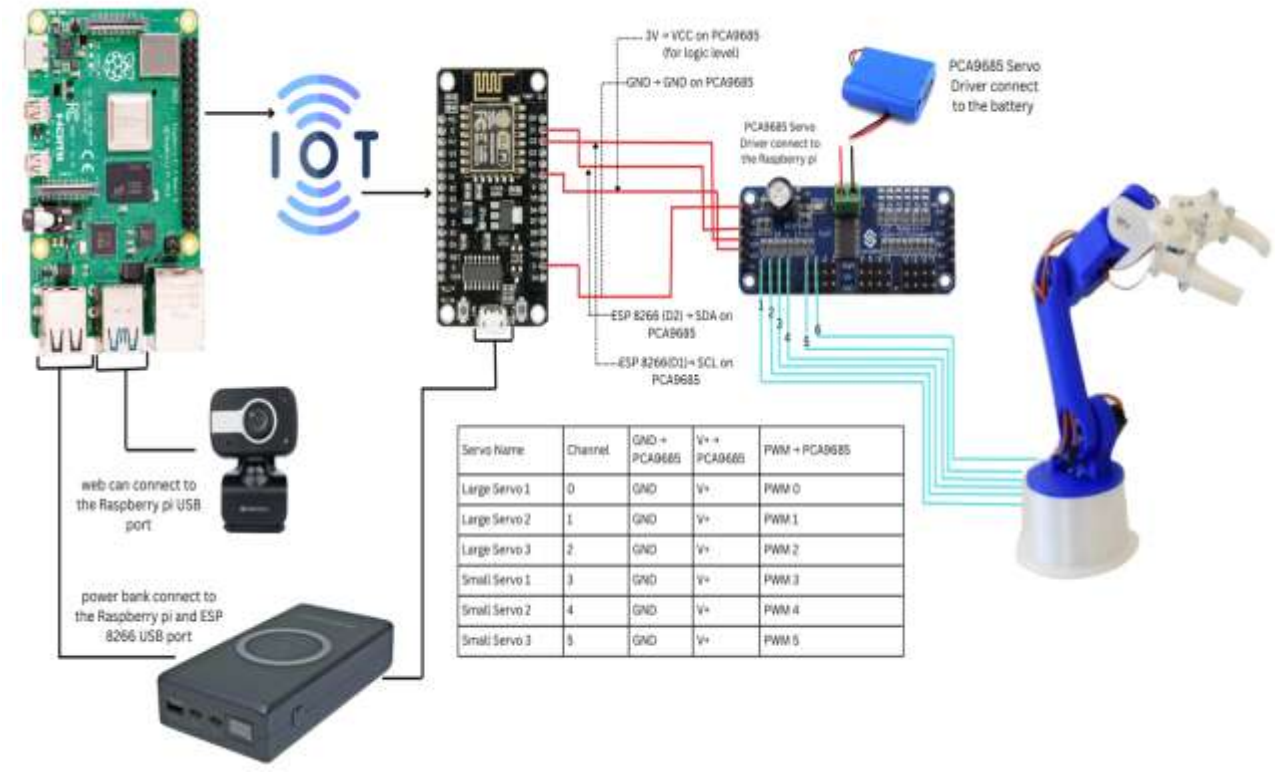

Fig 4.10 Circuit Diagram (with IoT Integration)

CHAPTER 5

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

5.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

1.Raspberry pi 4 model B

2.USB Camera

3.PCA9685 Servo Driver

4.Servo Motors

5.Robotic Arm Frame

6. NodeMCU-ESP8266

7. Jump Wires

8.Bread Board

9.Lead acid Battery or Rechargeable Battery

5.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

1. Raspberry Pi OS (formerly Raspbian)

2. Python 3, Arduino (C/C++)

3. YOLOv5, PyTorch

4. Arduino IDE

5. Thing Speak (by MathWorks)

6. MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport)

CHAPTER 6

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

1. Gesture Recognition Module

The Gesture Recognition Module is the heart of the user interface, responsible for capturing hand gestures through a camera and processing them for control commands. This module begins with the camera capturing a real-time video feed, either through a USB camera or a Raspberry Pi Camera module, both of which are integrated with the Raspberry Pi. Once the video feed is captured, the YOLOv5 (You Only Look Once version 5) model processes the images using deep learning techniques to identify hand gestures. YOLOv5, a popular object detection algorithm, is particularly effective in real-time applications due to its speed and accuracy.

It identifies various predefined gestures (such as open hand, fist, or pointing) and converts these visual patterns into corresponding action commands for the robotic arm. The recognized gesture is then sent to the Control Logic Module for further processing. The accuracy of this module is crucial for the entire system's performance, as any misclassification in gesture recognition could lead to incorrect arm movements. Furthermore, the system is designed to handle dynamic and variable environments, accounting for changes in lighting and complex backgrounds by leveraging YOLOv5's robustness in real-time detection. In addition to recognizing basic hand gestures, the **Gesture Recognition Module** is also designed to handle a variety of user inputs, allowing for flexibility in controlling the robotic arm. By continuously monitoring and analyzing the video feed, the system is capable of recognizing dynamic hand movements, making the interaction more intuitive and responsive.

2. Control Logic Module

The Control Logic Module, running on the Raspberry Pi, is responsible for interpreting the gesture data received from the Gesture Recognition Module and generating the corresponding movement commands for the robotic arm. Once the gesture is recognized (e.g., an open hand or fist), the system translates these gestures into a specific robotic action, such as rotating an arm joint or opening a gripper.

This module functions by mapping the recognized gestures to specific control signals. For example:

- A fist gesture may command the robotic arm to close its gripper.
- An open hand may trigger the arm to open the gripper.
- A pointing gesture could rotate the wrist or base of the arm.

The control logic is implemented using Python 3 on the Raspberry Pi, which processes the incoming gesture data and decides on the appropriate robotic actions. The processing involves interpreting the gesture, determining the degree of movement needed for the arm's joints, and generating control signals to send to the IoT Communication Module. This module ensures that gestures are translated into accurate robotic movements by processing the logic with minimal latency for real-time performance.

The **Control Logic Module** is designed to be highly responsive, ensuring that the robotic arm reacts almost instantly to user gestures. The system's low-latency processing enables real-time interaction, making it feel natural and intuitive for the user. By continuously monitoring the incoming gesture data and adjusting the movement commands accordingly, the module ensures that the robotic arm performs the correct actions with high precision and fluidity. This is critical for maintaining a seamless and effective control experience.

3. IoT Communication Module

The IoT Communication Module is a crucial link between the Raspberry Pi (which processes the gestures) and the NodeMCU (ESP8266), which controls the robotic arm. This module enables the wireless communication of control signals, which are typically sent over the MQTT or HTTP protocols. The choice of MQTT is driven by its lightweight nature, making it ideal for IoT applications that require minimal bandwidth and low latency.

Once the Control Logic Module generates the movement commands, they are transmitted to the NodeMCU via the IoT Communication Module. The communication is bi-directional, as the module not only sends control signals but also receives feedback from the NodeMCU. This feedback can include status updates or confirmation that the motor has completed the movement, ensuring the system operates smoothly.

In addition to controlling the robotic arm locally, this module is responsible for updating the ThingSpeak platform with real-time data such as the servo motor's position or joint angles. The integration with MQTT ensures that the control and feedback systems work efficiently over the internet, making it possible for users to monitor and control the robotic arm remotely.

The **IoT Communication Module** ensures efficient data transmission between the Raspberry Pi and NodeMCU, enabling real-time control and feedback. By using MQTT or HTTP, it supports remote monitoring via ThingSpeak, providing insights into motor performance and allowing proactive maintenance, enhancing system reliability and scalability.

4. Robotic Arm Control Module

The Robotic Arm Control Module is responsible for the physical movement of the robotic arm. It operates through the NodeMCU (ESP8266) microcontroller, which is connected to a PCA9685 Servo Driver. The NodeMCU receives the control signals from the IoT Communication Module and translates them into Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) signals to control the servo motors.

Each servo motor corresponds to a joint in the robotic arm, and the system supports 6 degrees of freedom (DOF), which allows for complex and precise movements. For example:

- The base of the arm can rotate horizontally.
- The elbow and wrist joints can move vertically.
- The gripper can open and close to handle objects.

The PCA9685 Servo Driver is used to control up to 16 servos at once, ensuring that the multiple joints of the robotic arm can be independently controlled. The PWM signals sent from the NodeMCU determine the angle of rotation of each servo motor, allowing the robotic arm to perform a wide range of tasks. This module ensures that the arm's movements are smooth, accurate, and responsive to the recognized gestures.

Additionally, the **Robotic Arm Control Module** ensures precise synchronization of all six degrees of freedom (DOF) for smooth, coordinated movements. By utilizing PWM signals, the NodeMCU can fine-tune the servo motor positions, enabling the arm to perform intricate tasks like picking up objects, rotating components, or performing automated actions. The PCA9685 Servo Driver provides stability and efficiency, ensuring that even under heavy loads, the robotic arm operates with minimal lag and high precision, making it suitable for a variety of applications.

5. Cloud Monitoring and Feedback Module

The Cloud Monitoring and Feedback Module is an essential part of the system that provides real-time visualization and monitoring of the robotic arm's operations. This module interfaces with the ThingSpeak IoT platform, where data from the servo motors is uploaded and displayed in real time. ThingSpeak allows users to view the movement data of the robotic arm's joints, including joint angles and servo motor positions.

Using ThingSpeak’s cloud-based platform, users can remotely monitor the robotic arm’s performance and verify that the system is functioning correctly. The platform supports visualizations such as graphs and charts that show the servo data, which is essential for debugging, maintenance, or ensuring optimal performance over time.

Additionally, the cloud platform can send notifications or alerts if a servo motor is not functioning within its expected parameters. This feedback loop ensures that the system operates reliably and can be adjusted as needed. For instance, if one of the servos is showing irregular data, it can be identified and fixed remotely through the feedback mechanism.

The **Cloud Monitoring and Feedback Module** enhances the system’s reliability by providing real-time insights into the robotic arm’s performance. The integration with **ThingSpeak** enables users to remotely track crucial parameters like joint angles, servo motor positions, and overall system health. Additionally, the platform's visualizations help identify trends or anomalies, such as sudden changes in servo behavior, which may indicate potential issues with the hardware. Alerts and notifications provide an early warning system, ensuring that maintenance or adjustments can be made proactively, minimizing downtime and improving the system’s long-term functionality.

CHAPTER 7

IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULT

1. Hardware Implementation

The hardware implementation of the IoT-based gesture recognition system involves integrating several components that work together to control the 3D-printed robotic arm. The main hardware components used in the system are:

Raspberry Pi 4 Model B: This serves as the central processing unit for the system, handling image processing and controlling the logic of the robotic arm.

Camera: A USB camera or Raspberry Pi camera is used to capture real-time video feeds of hand gestures. The captured video is then processed using the YOLOv5 algorithm for gesture recognition.

NodeMCU (ESP8266): This microcontroller manages the wireless communication between the Raspberry Pi and the robotic arm, receiving commands from the Raspberry Pi and sending them to the servo motors.

PCA9685 Servo Driver: It is used to control the servo motors in the robotic arm. This driver allows precise control of multiple servos simultaneously, enabling complex arm movements.

Servo Motors: These are used to control the joints and gripper of the robotic arm, providing six degrees of freedom (DOF) for performing a variety of tasks.

3D-Printed Robotic Arm Frame: The arm's structure is custom-built using a 3D printer, which provides flexibility in design and easy modifications for different applications.

2. Software Implementation

The software implementation involves multiple modules working in sync to make the system function efficiently. The key steps in the software implementation are as follows:

Gesture Recognition with YOLOv5: The system utilizes YOLOv5, a deep learning-based object detection model, for real-time gesture recognition. The model is trained on a dataset of various hand gestures, allowing it to classify gestures such as open hand, fist, pointing, and others.

Control Logic Module: Once the gesture is recognized, the control logic module on the Raspberry Pi translates the gesture into a specific action for the robotic arm (e.g., open hand = open gripper, fist = close gripper).

IoT Communication Module: The recognized gesture is sent from the Raspberry Pi to the NodeMCU using the MQTT protocol, enabling remote control of the robotic arm. The communication is bidirectional, allowing the system to send status updates back to the Raspberry Pi.

Robotic Arm Control: The NodeMCU receives the control signals and converts them into Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) signals to control the servo motors through the PCA9685 Servo Driver. This enables precise movements of the robotic arm's joints and gripper.

Cloud Monitoring with ThingSpeak: The system also integrates with ThingSpeak, a cloud-based IoT platform, to monitor the robotic arm's performance in real time. Data such as servo positions, joint angles, and motor status are uploaded to ThingSpeak, where users can track and analyze the performance of the arm.

3. Testing and Results

The system was tested under various conditions to evaluate its performance. The following outcomes were observed:

Gesture Recognition Accuracy: The YOLOv5 model demonstrated high accuracy in recognizing hand gestures in real-time. Even under dynamic lighting conditions, the model consistently identified the gestures with minimal errors. The system was able to detect gestures such as open hand, fist, and pointing, and translate them into corresponding robotic arm actions.

Robotic Arm Response: The robotic arm responded quickly to gesture commands, with minimal latency between gesture recognition and arm movement. The six degrees of freedom (DOF) allowed the arm to perform tasks such as rotating its base, moving its elbow, and opening or closing the gripper with precision.

IoT Communication: The MQTT-based communication between the Raspberry Pi and NodeMCU was seamless, allowing for smooth transmission of control signals. The system was able to operate wirelessly without noticeable delays, and the bi-directional communication ensured that feedback was continuously sent to the Raspberry Pi for monitoring.

Cloud Monitoring: The ThingSpeak platform effectively displayed real-time data on the robotic arm's movements, providing valuable insights into the servo motor positions and system performance. Alerts were successfully triggered when the system detected irregularities in motor behavior, helping to identify potential issues before they became critical.

4. Challenges and Limitations

During the implementation, a few challenges were encountered:

Lighting Conditions: Although the YOLOv5 model performed well in most lighting conditions, there were occasional misclassifications under extremely low or high light settings. This could be improved by adjusting the camera or adding additional lighting sources.

Servo Motor Calibration: Achieving smooth and precise movements of the robotic arm required fine-tuning of the servo motor control signals. Any minor errors in PWM signal calibration led to slight misalignments in the arm's joints.

System Latency: While the system generally performed well in real-time, there was some latency in remote control scenarios due to network conditions, particularly when controlling the arm over the internet.

CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS

CONCLUSION

The IoT-based gesture recognition system for robotic arm control has been successfully developed and implemented. The integration of various components, including the Raspberry Pi, camera module, NodeMCU, PCA9685 servo driver, and a 3D-printed robotic arm, has allowed for seamless interaction between the user and the robotic arm through gesture-based control. The YOLOv5 model played a crucial role in ensuring high accuracy in gesture recognition, while the IoT communication module facilitated smooth control of the robotic arm via wireless protocols like MQTT.

The system was tested and performed well, with accurate gesture detection and responsive arm movements. The real-time monitoring through ThingSpeak provided valuable insights into the servo motor's behavior, allowing for effective remote monitoring and debugging. The system's ability to control the robotic arm based on hand gestures offers significant advantages, including increased accessibility for users with physical impairments and greater ease of interaction for non-technical users.

Despite the system’s success, certain challenges were encountered, including issues with lighting conditions affecting gesture recognition accuracy and slight calibration errors in the servo motors. These challenges have been addressed, but further refinements are needed for consistent, high-performance operation.

FUTURE WORK

Improving Gesture Recognition Accuracy: Although the YOLOv5 model performed well, improvements can be made to enhance its performance in varying lighting conditions or more complex backgrounds. Training the model with a larger and more diverse dataset could reduce misclassifications.

Expanding Gesture Set: Currently, the system recognizes a basic set of gestures. Future work could include expanding the gesture library to cover more complex hand movements or multi-gesture sequences, increasing the functionality of the robotic arm.

Enhancing Real-Time Performance: The responsiveness of the system can be further improved by optimizing the communication protocol between the Raspberry Pi and NodeMCU. Additionally, reducing any delay between gesture detection and robotic arm movement will ensure smoother interactions.

Advanced Cloud Integration: Incorporating additional cloud features, such as predictive analytics or remote control through a mobile app, would make the system more versatile and user-friendly. Additionally, implementing machine learning on the cloud side for improved decision-making could enhance system adaptability.

Integration with More Robotic Systems: The modular nature of the system allows for scalability. Future work could include integrating this gesture recognition system with more complex robotic systems or expanding its use in industrial automation, healthcare, or education.

Robustness and Error Handling: Implementing more sophisticated error detection and handling mechanisms can improve system robustness. For example, notifications for system failures or feedback when the system is not operating correctly can enhance user experience and reliability.

APPENDIXES

A. SAMPLE CODE:

```
# import necessary packages
 import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
 import cv2
 import numpy as np
 import mediapipe as mp
 import tensorflow as tf
 from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model
 GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)
 RF =23
 RR=24
 LF =6
 LR=5
 # Set the motor pins as outputs
 GPIO.setup(RF, GPIO.OUT)
 GPIO.setup(RR, GPIO.OUT)
 GPIO.setup(LF, GPIO.OUT)
 GPIO.setup(LR, GPIO.OUT)
 # Load the gesture recognizer model
 model =
 load_model('/home/pi/Downloads/Hand-Gesture-Detection-main/hand-gesture-reco
 gnition/mp_hand_gesture')
 f = open('/home/pi/Downloads/Hand-Gesture-Detection-main/hand-gesture-recognitio /gesture.names', 'r')
 classNames = f.read().split('\n')
 f.close()
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```
print(classNames)
# Initialize the webcam
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
while True:
# Read each frame from the webcam
_, frame = cap.read()
x, y, c = frame.shape
# Flip the frame vertically
frame = cv2.flip(frame, 1)
framergb = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
# Get hand landmark prediction
result = hands.process(framergb)
# print(result)
className = ''
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# post process the result
if result.multi_hand_landmarks:
landmarks = []
for handslms in result.multi_hand_landmarks:
for lm in handslms.landmark:
# print(id, lm)
lmx = int(lm.x * x)
lmy = int(lm.y * y)
landmarks.append([lmx, lmy])
# Drawing landmarks on frames
mpDraw.draw_landmarks(frame, handslms,
mpHands.HAND_CONNECTIONS)
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```
# Predict gesture
prediction = model.predict([landmarks])
# print(prediction)
classID = np.argmax(prediction)
className = classNames[classID]
print(className)
if className == 'left':
GPIO.output(RF, GPIO.HIGH)
GPIO.output(RR, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(LF, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(LR, GPIO.LOW)
elif className == 'right':
GPIO.output(RF, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(RR, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(LF, GPIO.HIGH)
GPIO.output(LR, GPIO.LOW)
elif className == 'reverse':
GPIO.output(RF, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(RR, GPIO.HIGH)
GPIO.output(LF, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(LR, GPIO.HIGH)
elif className == 'stop':
GPIO.output(RF, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(RR, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(LF, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(LR, GPIO.LOW)
elif className == 'forward':
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 GPIO.output(RF, GPIO.HIGH)
 GPIO.output(RR, GPIO.LOW)
 GPIO.output(LF, GPIO.HIGH)
 GPIO.output(LR, GPIO.LOW)
 cv2.putText(frame,className, (10, 50), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX,
 1, (0,0,255), 2, cv2.LINE_AA)
 cv2.imshow("Output", frame)
if cv2.waitKey(1) == ord('q'):
 break
 cap.release()
 cv2.destroyAllWindows()
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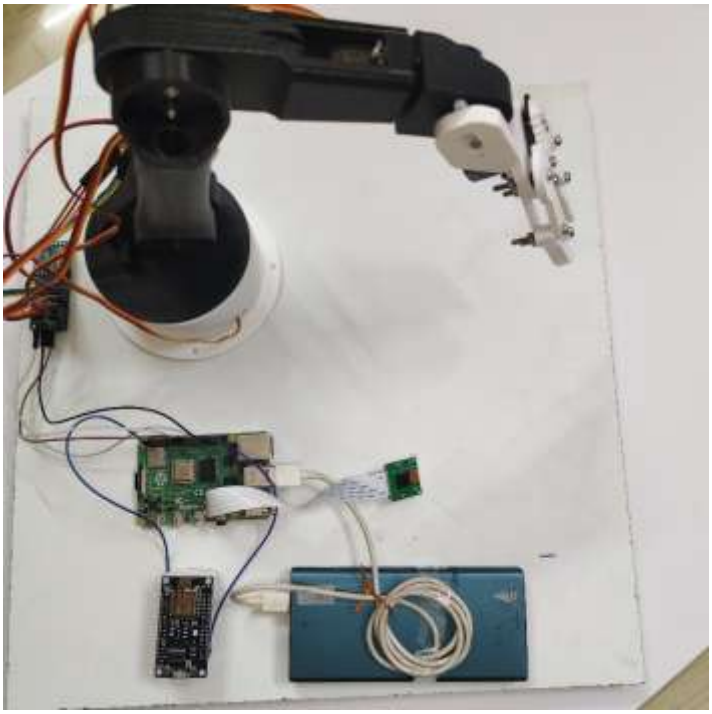
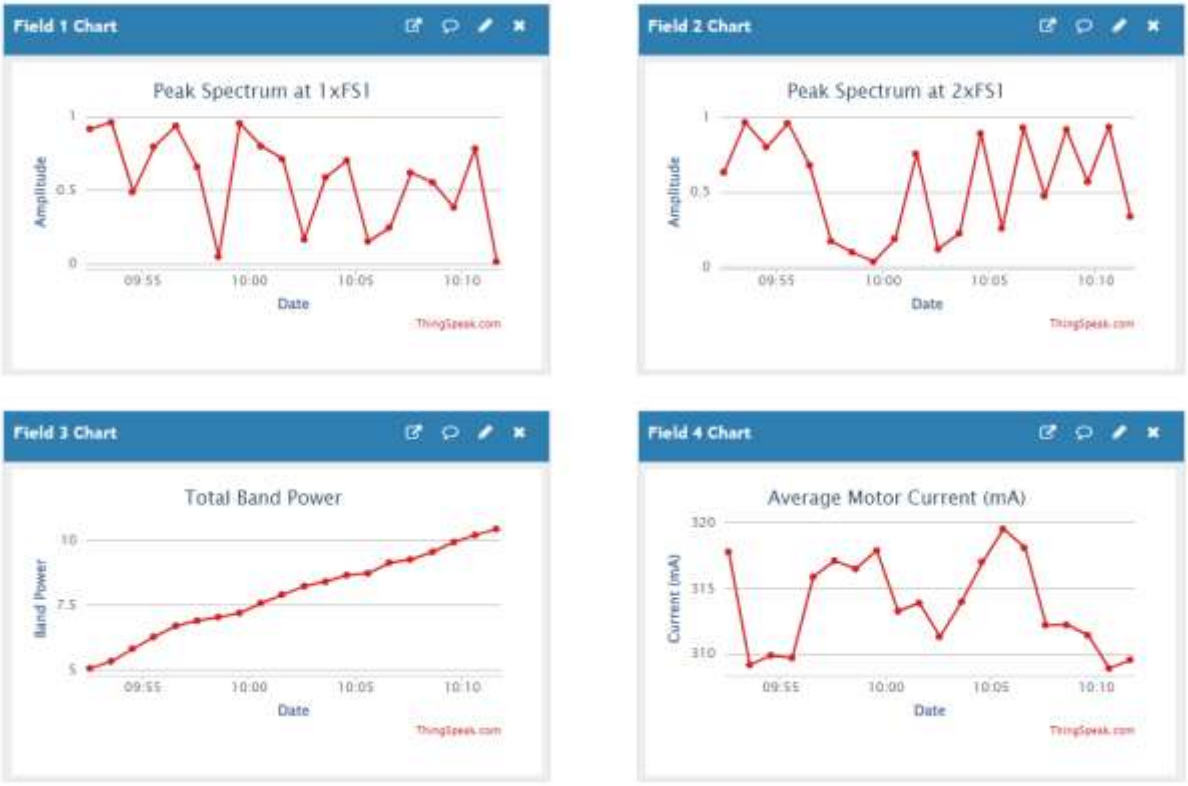


Fig 9.1 Project Setup

Fig 9.2 Robotic arm Grip

Fig 9.3 Raspberry pi Cam

Fig 9.4 Raspberry pi and ESP 8266



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