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Abstract

Stress is a widespread issue in daily life, often overlooked despite its significant impact on health and mental well-being. Our system addresses this by continuously monitoring and updating users about their stress levels, fostering self-awareness. By alerting users to high stress, it empowers them to take proactive steps toward managing their mental health effectively. Existing stress detection systems often rely on complex models or expensive wearable devices, limiting accessibility. Our solution simplifies this by using less wearable sensors combined with a smartphone's built-in sensors, significantly reducing cost. Our system integrates a Photoplethysmography (PPG) sensor and a Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) sensor for wearable data, along with a smartphone's accelerometer and gyroscope to measure stress levels in real time using fuzzy logic analysis. Our system provides a cost-effective and simplified solution for real-time stress detection eliminating the need for expensive hardware or complex dataset-dependent models. By leveraging lightweight sensors and fuzzy logic, it offers an accessible and reliable alternative to traditional stress-monitoring approaches.

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Introduction

1.1 Introduction

In today's fast-paced world, stress has become a common issue affecting millions of people worldwide. While stress is a natural response to challenges, chronic stress can lead to serious health problems, including anxiety, depression, and cardiovascular diseases. Being able to monitor stress levels in real-time can help individuals take proactive steps to manage their stress and improve overall well-being.

This project aims to develop a real-time stress level detection system using wearable sensors integrated with a smartphone application. By collecting physiological data from sensors like Photoplethysmography (PPG) sensor, Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) and mobile sensor data like accelerometer, and gyroscope, the system continuously monitors the user's stress levels throughout the day. The data is processed using fuzzy logic to classify stress levels as calm, normal, or stressed, offering immediate feedback to the user.

The system leverages Bluetooth technology to sync sensor data with a smartphone app, which provides a user-friendly interface for real-time monitoring and visualization of stress levels. This non-invasive approach to stress monitoring allows for easy access to stress data and empowers users to take timely actions to manage their stress.

1.2 Background

Stress is a significant factor that impacts both physical and mental well-being. Traditional methods of monitoring stress include self-report questionnaires or clinical assessments which can be time-consuming and may not always provide real-time feedback. It is found body parts responses when a person is stressed. So if somehow it could be measured with handy device the problem can be decreased. This has led to a growing interest in using *wearable sensors* & *Smartphone* to monitor stress continuously.

The wearable sensors such as *GSR* , *PPG* provide continuous ways to monitor physiological changes in the body. GSR, for example, measures skin conductance which increases when a person is under stress while the accelerometer tracks movement, which can indicate physical responses to stress. The PPG sensor, which measures heart rate. PPG is particularly valuable in stress detection as it provides insight into the user's cardiovascular response to stress. When combined with other sensors, PPG data can offer a more complete picture of the user's physical state and stress level.

A smartphone can be found in every household. Smartphone data can contribute in measuring stress. The *accelerometer* measures acceleration forces along three axes which helps track movement and physical activity. Increased activity or sudden movements may be linked to stress responses, such as restlessness. The accelerometer plays a critical role in identifying these stress-induced behaviors. The *gyroscope* measures rotational movements and changes in orientation. This sensor can detect small, often involuntary, shifts in body posture, such as tension in the muscles or shifts in stance that may occur under stress. Combined with the accelerometer, the gyroscope provides a more detailed picture of the user's physical responses to stress.

In this context, integrating these sensors with a mobile app that analyzes the data in real-time offers an efficient and accessible way to monitor stress levels. The use of *fuzzy logic* for classification allows for nuanced stress detection, taking into account various sensor data to classify stress levels as calm, normal, or stressed. This approach enables the creation of a system that continuously monitors and provides immediate feedback, giving users a better understanding of their stress levels and empowering them to take timely actions.

1.3 Objectives

In addressing the need for real-time stress monitoring, our system aims to:

1. To Provide real-time monitoring of stress levels by continuously tracking physiological responses using *wearable sensors* and *smartphone sensors*.

2. To classify and display *stress levels* as *calm*, *normal*, or *stressed* using *fuzzy logic* based on the data from sensors like *GSR*, *PPG* , *accelerometer*, and *gyroscope*.

3. To offer immediate feedback to users, empowering them to take proactive steps towards stress management without using any bulky device or self-reporting process and improving their overall mental health.

These objectives are in charge of steering the entire process of completing the project, as well as achieving the desired results and establishing the project's starting points.

1.4 Scope

This project focuses on the development of a real-time stress level detection system using modern wearable sensors and smartphone technology. The system integrates multiple sensors such as GSR , accelerometer, gyroscope and PPG , each playing a crucial role in capturing real-time physiological data to monitor stress levels.

To achieve real-time data processing and stress classification, several modern tools and technologies have been utilized:

1. **Wearable Sensors**: These sensors are the core components of the system. The *GSR sensor* measures skin conductivity, which increases when the body is under stress. The *accelerometer* tracks movement and activity levels, while the *gyroscope* monitors body orientation and rotations. The *PPG sensor* helps assess heart rate and blood flow, offering insights into the user's cardiovascular responses to stress.

2. **Smartphone Integration**: The sensors communicate with a **s**martphone application via Bluetooth technology. The smartphone serves as the central processing unit, gathering data from the wearable sensors and using it to calculate and classify stress levels. This approach ensures continuous, real-time monitoring and feedback for the user.

3. **Fuzzy Logic Algorithm**: A *fuzzy logic* system processes the data from the sensors to classify stress levels as calm, normal, or stressed.

4. **Firebase**: For data storage and synchronization, *Firebase* is used to manage and store the real-time data from the sensors. Firebase ensures that sensor readings are updated continuously and that the user's data is stored securely for future reference.

5. **Mobile Development Framework**: The app is developed using *Android Studio* with *java*, a development framework that allows for a seamless user experience on Android devices. it's extensive library support make it ideal for creating the mobile interface for this project.

6. **Data Visualization Tools**: *MPAndroidChart* is used for real-time graphing of sensor data, providing users with visual feedback on their stress levels and other physiological metrics like heart rate and body movement. This enhances user interaction and provides a clear representation of stress data over time.

1.5 Unfamiliarity of the Problem

Stress is something we all face but most of the existing ways to measure and manage stress are either outdated or not practical for daily use. Traditional methods like questionnaires or clinical assessments are often based on self-reporting and can be time-consuming, making them less effective when it comes to real-time monitoring. Plus, they don't give users immediate feedback on their stress levels, which is crucial for managing stress in the moment.

While there are wearable devices that can track stress, these solutions tend to be either too complicated or too expensive for most people to use regularly. Many systems also focus on just one aspect of stress, like heart rate or skin conductance, but they miss out on other factors, like how much someone is moving or how their body is reacting to stress in real-time. or sometimes only phone built in sensors with self reporting which is time-consuming.

This project introduces a more practical solution by combining *minimal wearable sensors* like *GSR* and *PPG* with *smartphone built- sensors* such as the *accelerometer* and *gyroscope*. By using these sensors, the app provides a continuous, real-time way to measure stress levels in a cost-effective and accessible manner. The app uses *fuzzy logic* to combine data from these sensors, offering users an easy way to track and manage their stress without the need for bulky equipment.

1.6 Project Planning and Work Distribution

This section outlines the detailed project planning for the development of the stress level detection system using wearable sensors and smartphone integration. Each task is represented by a horizontal bar, the length of which indicates the duration of the task. The planning also includes a RACI matrix, defining the responsibilities of each team member. The tasks are distributed between two students with clearly defined roles to ensure timely project completion and efficient teamwork.

1.6.1 Project Planning

The Gantt chart presented here the timeline and progress of various tasks involved in this project. Each task is represented by a horizontal bar, the length of which indicates the duration of the task, spanning across a 13-week period. Here's a detailed breakdown of the tasks shown in the Gantt chart [Figure No 1.1]:

- **Project Idea**: This was where everything starts. It was the brainstorming phase and during this week, we sat down and decided what the project was going to be about, what would be the the estimated output or result we wanted show after 13 weeks.

- **System Design & Architecture**:As We had the idea, it was time to design how the whole system would work. It was filtered out which smartphone sensors, hardwares(wearable sensors) we would use. This included planning out how the wearable sensors (like GSR, PPG) would send data to the app and how we would use fuzzy logic to figure out the user's stress level. We made a clear diagram of the whole work. This phase took a couple of weeks because it was important to get everything structured properly.

- **Wearable Sensor Setup**: In this phase, we learnt how those hardware sensors work individually, how our expected data could be collected. This phase took a considerable amount of time. After facing difficulties finally we desingned and set up the hardware to collect data. We needed to make sure the data from the sensors (like GSR, PPG) was being collected accurately and efficiently. This took about 2 weeks because we would need to test everything to make sure it was working as expected.

- **Basic App UI Development**: Made a UI to collect and show both phone sensor and wearable data accurately.

- **Firebase Integration for Data Storage**: To ensure the app functioned smoothly, we integrated Firebase to store and retrieve sensor data in real-time. Firebase allowed us to save user data and sensor readings, making sure everything stayed synced, so the app always displayed the most up-to-date information.

- **Authentication**: We developed user authentication systems, including login and sign-up features.

- **Fuzzy Logic Stress Classification**: This was the core part of the project. In this phase, we implemented fuzzy logic to take the data from the sensors and classify the user's stress level as calm, normal, or stressed. It was a challenging task because we had to define the correct rules and thresholds but it was essential for the project's effectiveness.

- **App UI Development:** While the backend work was happening, we also focused on designing the user interface (UI) of the app. We worked on creating a clean, user-friendly home screen, displaying the user's stress level clearly and ensuring the data from the sensors was shown in an understandable way. We spent time making sure the UI looked good and was easy to navigate.

- **Testing & Debugging**: After each integration to the project, we tested the system to ensure everything worked as expected. This involved verifying that the app accurately detected stress levels and making sure the sensors were properly integrated. We also spent time troubleshooting and fixing any bugs to ensure smooth performance.

- **Final Evaluation**:we reviewed the entire project. We evaluated how well the system worked, checking that the stress detection was working, fixing UI if needed or other logic or setup for the last time.

- **Documentation**: This phase was dedicated to documenting the entire project, including writing detailed *code comments*, and creating any other necessary project documentation. It was crucial to ensure that the code and the system's functionality were clearly described for future users and developers.

- **Final Report Submission**: After finalizing the implementation, we focused on writing and submitting the final project report. This report summarized the project's objectives, methodology, results and findings. It also included the challenges faced and the solutions implemented. The report was submitted to the supervisor for review.

- **Final Project Showcasing**: In the last phase, the completed project was presented. The showcasing involved preparing a presentation that summarized the project's key points, such as its goals, design, and outcomes. The presentation was delivered to the faculty and other interested stakeholders to demonstrate the effectiveness of the system and its potential applications.

1.6.2 Work Distribution

The project responsibilities were divided using a RACI (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed) framework:

Table 1.1: RACI Matrix for Project Tasks

Task	**K**	**S**
System Design & Architecture	R, A	C
Wearable Sensor Setup	R	A
Basic App UI Development	I	R, A
Firebase Integration	C	R
Authentication	I	R
Fuzzy Logic Implementation	R, A	C
App UI Development	R	R
Testing & Debugging	R	R
Final Evaluation	R, C	R, C
Documentation	R	R
Final Submission	R,A	R,A
Project Showcasing	R,A	R,A

Note: R = Responsible, A = Accountable, C = Consulted, I = Informed
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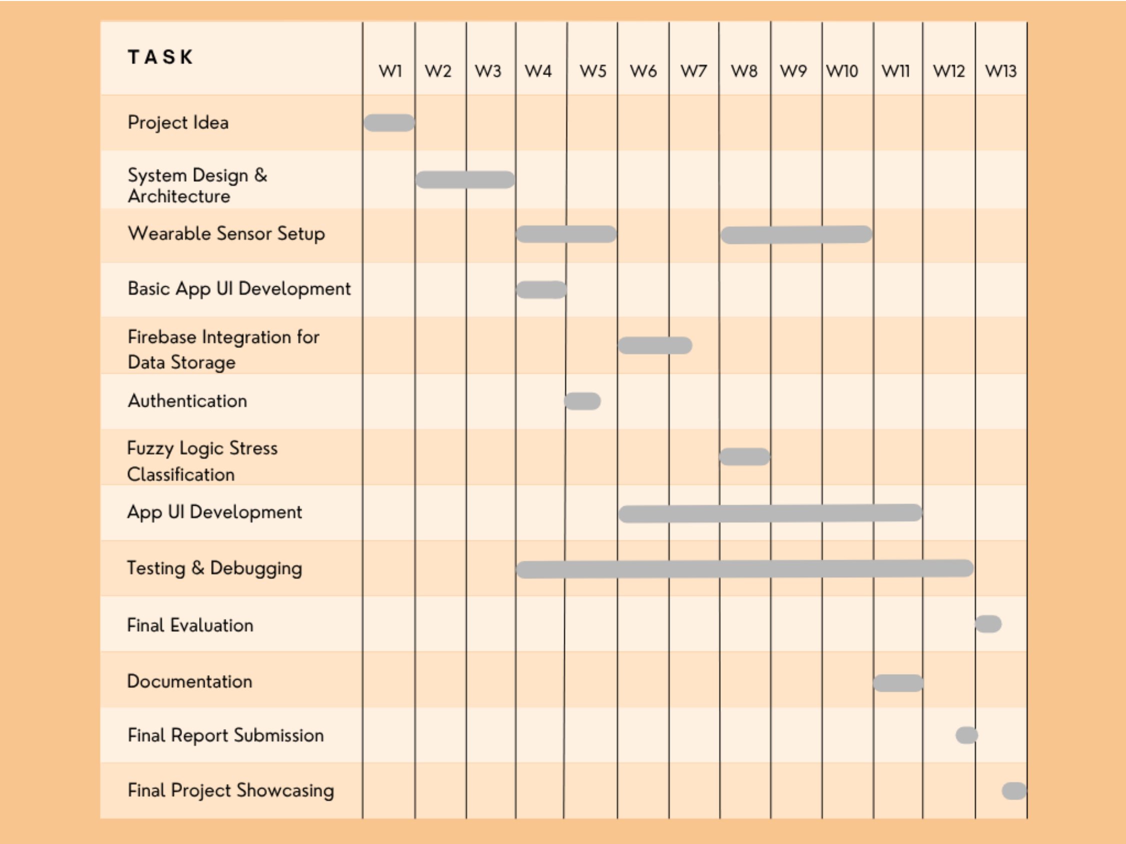

Figure 1.1: Gantt chart showing weekly work distribution and project timeline

The accompanying Gantt chart (Figure 1.1) visually represents the temporal allocation of these tasks across the project duration, highlighting parallel work streams and critical milestones.

1.7 Applications

The application serves as the central interface for real-time stress level monitoring, integrating with wearable sensors. It collects sensor data via Bluetooth and processes it using fuzzy logic to classify the user's stress level into categories like *calm*, *normal* or *stressed*. The app provides visual feedback through real-time graphs and indicators to display sensor readings and the current stress status. In addition to sensor data, the app also tracks the smartphone data like *ringer status*, *phone notification*, *noise level* etc

1.8 Organization of the Project

This report is organized as follows:

- *Chapter 2* reviews existing literature and technologies in stress detection systems

- *Chapter 3* details our methodology and system architecture
- *Chapter 4* presents the implementation process and obtained results
- *Chapter 5* examines ethical, legal, and societal considerations
- *Chapter 6* analyzes the complex engineering problems addressed
- *Chapter 7* concludes with key findings and future research directions

Chapter 2

Related Works

2.1 Introduction

Research on stress detection has evolved from clinical assessments to wearable and mobile-based solutions. This chapter analyzes existing approaches, focusing on sensor modalities (PPG, GSR, accelerometer) and data fusion techniques, while highlighting gaps our work addresses. The increasing demand for accessible mental health monitoring underscores the need for more efficient solutions.

2.2 Related Works

Recent advancements in stress detection have leveraged diverse sensor modalities and machine learning techniques. Prior work demonstrates varying approaches to real-time monitoring, accuracy optimization, and wearable integration. The following studies highlight key developments in this field.

Table 2.1: Comparative Analysis of Stress Detection Approaches

Authors	**Sensors**	**Sensor Data**	**Model**
Gonçalo Ribeiro[1]	PPG, ECG, GSR	HRV, BPM, BP, Skin Resistance	Fuzzy Logic
Alban Maxhuni[2]	Phone Sensors	ACC, Gyro, App usage	Decision Tree
Alina Nechyporenko[3]	PPG, GSR	HRV, Skin Resistance	KNN

Table 2.2: Comparison of Stress Detection Approaches

Authors	**Stress Level Detection**	**Accuracy**
Gonçalo Ribeiro[1]	Low/Medium/High	-
Alban Maxhuni[2]	Stressed/Not Stressed	73. 2%
Alina Nechyporenko[3]	Low/Medium/High	83. 33%

2.3 Discussion

Current stress detection systems are predominantly limited to either costly wearable devices or computationally intensive mobile-based models. Inspired by existing research, a hybrid approach combining wearable sensors with mobile device capabilities was conceptualized. The primary objective was to develop an affordable and user-friendly solution without compromising detection accuracy. By leveraging the complementary strengths of both hardware and mobile sensors, the system was designed to overcome the limitations of conventional approaches. Special emphasis was placed on maintaining cost-effectiveness while ensuring reliable performance.

Chapter 3

Methodology

3.1 Introduction

A hybrid methodology was developed for stress detection by combining data from wearable sensors (PPG and GSR) with smartphone measurements (accelerometer and usage patterns). Special attention was given to the synchronization of multiple data streams and the extraction of meaningful features. The system was designed to process physiological signals alongside behavioral patterns through an integrated analysis approach. This combination of hardware and software components enabled comprehensive stress monitoring during daily activities.

3.2 Detailed Methodology

3.2.1 Problem Design and Analysis

The stress monitoring system was designed as a three-level classification system (low, medium, and high stress) using multiple sensor inputs. Physiological measurements from the PPG sensor (including heart rate patterns) and GSR sensor (measuring skin response) were combined with smartphone data (such as phone usage and movement patterns). These different measurements were processed together through a fuzzy logic system to determine the stress level. This combined approach allowed for more accurate stress detection by using both body signals and daily activity information.

3.2.2 Overall Framework

The system implements a three-stage data processing pipeline:

1. **System Architecture** The *stress level detection system* operates by continuously monitoring physiological data through *wearable sensors* and *smartphone sensors*. The system receives data from sensors such as *GSR* and *PPG* from wearable sen-

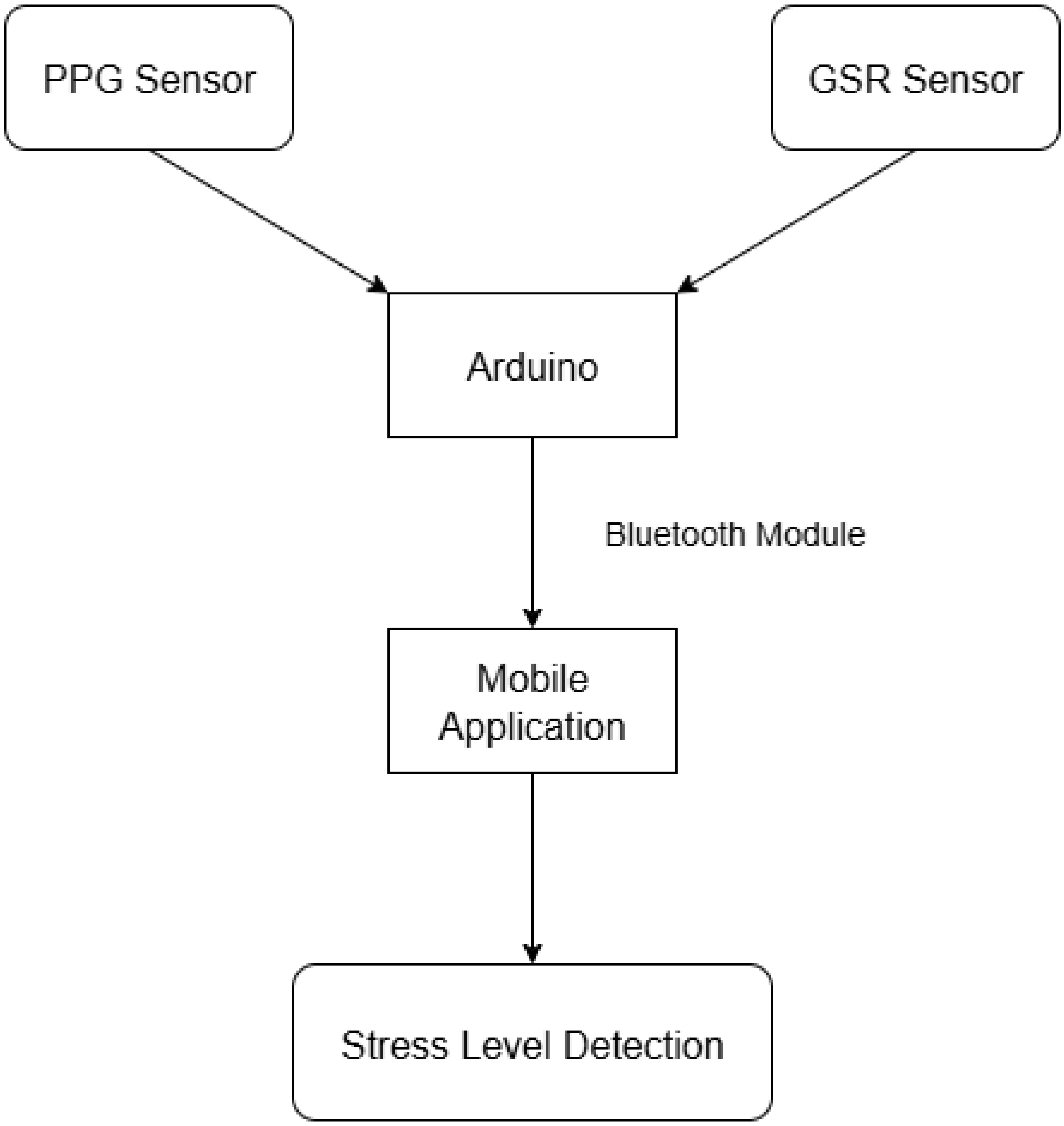

Figure 3.1: System architecture of stress level detection

sors, as well as *accelerometer* and *gyroscope* data from the smartphone. The system processes this input in real-time using:

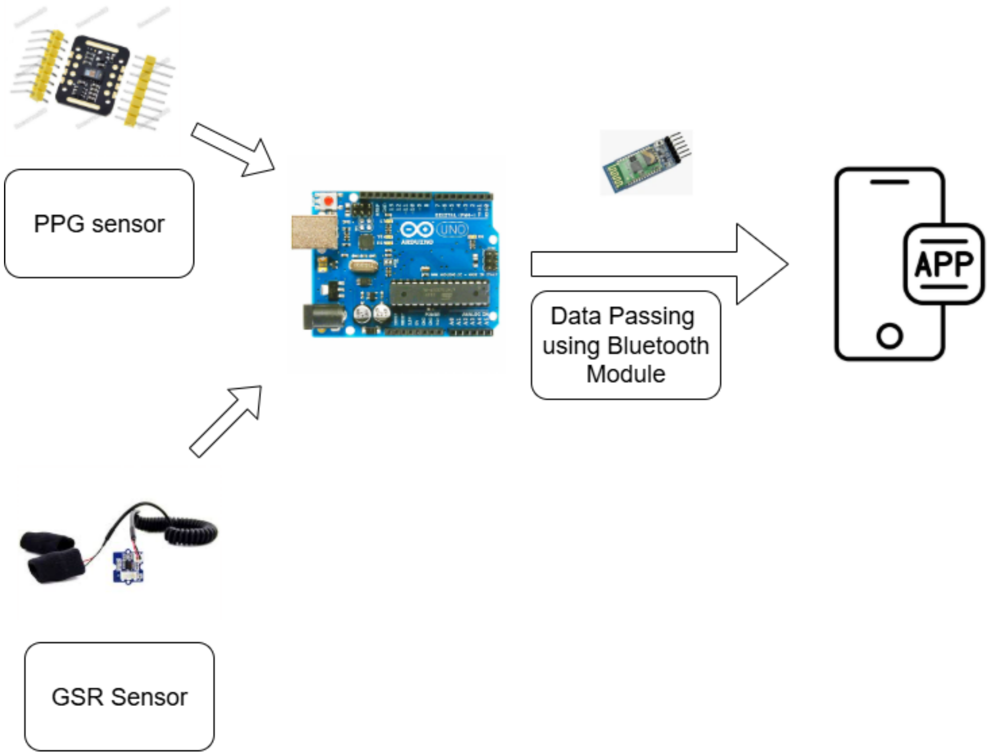

Figure 3.2: Wearable sensor connection scheme illustrating data transmission from physiological sensors to the mobile application

- *Fuzzy Logic* for classifying stress levels into three categories: *calm*, *normal*, and *stressed*.
- *Bluetooth* technology for real-time data transfer between wearable sensors (Arduino-based) and the smartphone.
- *Android app* for displaying the real-time stress levels to the user and providing feedback.

2. **Input Types**

   - ***Physiological Data from Wearable Sensors***:
     - *GSR Sensor*: Measures skin conductance to assess stress-related physiological responses.
     - *PPG Sensor*: Measures heart rate and cardiovascular response to stress.
   - ***Motion Data from Smartphone Sensors***:
     - *Accelerometer*: Tracks movement and activity levels.

- *Gyroscope*: Detects changes in body orientation or posture that may indicate stress-related restlessness.

- ***Data Transfer:***
  - *Bluetooth Communication*: The data from wearable sensors is transferred to the smartphone app for processing and analysis.
  - The *smartphone* also collects data from its built-in sensors.

3. **Output Format**

- *Stress Level Classification*: The app classifies the user's stress level into one of three categories:
  - *Calm*
  - *Normal*
  - *Stressed*
- ***Feedback Mode***:
  - *Visual Display*: Stress levels are displayed in real-time on the app's UI.
  - ***Notifications***: Push notifications or in-app alerts provide feedback when the stress level crosses a certain threshold.

This architecture ensures synchronized processing while maintaining modularity between hardware and software components.

3.3 Conclusion

The system successfully bridges wearable sensors and smartphone technology to deliver practical stress monitoring. By combining real-time physiological data with movement patterns through fuzzy logic, it provides nuanced stress assessment across three intensity levels. This approach eliminates the need for complex machine learning while maintaining clinical relevance. The wearable integration ensures continuous monitoring without disrupting daily activities. Future enhancements could explore personalized stress thresholds and advanced signal processing. Ultimately, this methodology demonstrates how simple, rule-based systems can effectively address complex health monitoring challenges.

Chapter 4

Implementation, Results and Discussions

4.1 Introduction

The implementation and evaluation of the real-time stress monitoring system are presented in this chapter. The system was designed to process continuous sensor data streams without reliance on pre-collected datasets, utilizing instantaneous measurements from wearable sensors and smartphone inputs.

4.2 Experimental Setup

The hardware configuration consisted of an Arduino Uno microcontroller interfaced with both PPG and GSR sensors, with physiological data transmitted to a mobile device via Bluetooth. Concurrently, accelerometer and gyroscope data were acquired directly from the smartphone's built-in motion sensors. A custom Android application was developed to receive and synchronize all sensor streams.

4.3 Evaluation Approach

The stress detection thresholds for each sensor were established by analyzing values reported in relevant literature studies. These reference ranges were then implemented in the system's fuzzy logic algorithm to calculate composite stress levels. The evaluation focused on verifying the appropriateness of these published thresholds when applied to real-time sensor data processing.

4.4 Implementation Method

A fuzzy logic system was implemented to analyze stress levels using four sensor inputs: PPG (heart rate variability), GSR (skin conductance), accelerometer (movement

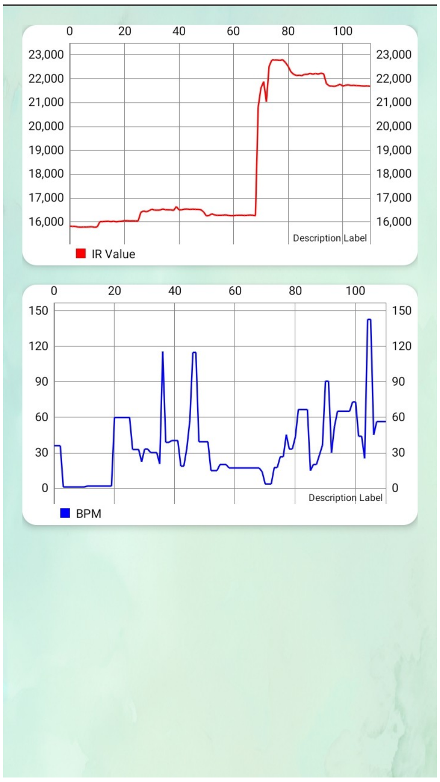

Figure 4.1: PPG sensor data (RMSSD) during stress intervals.

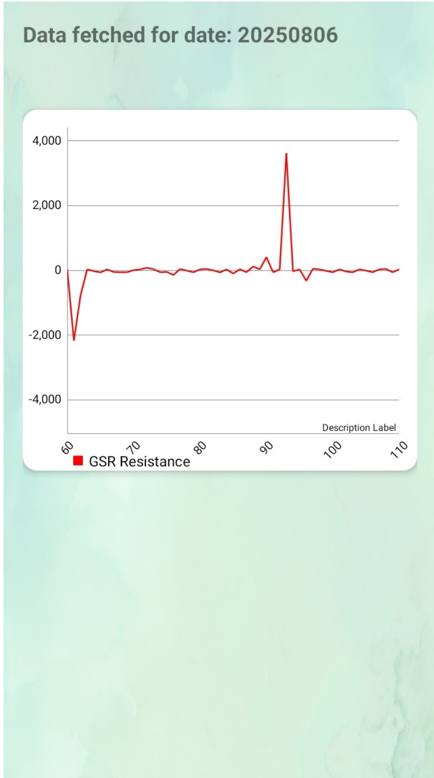

Figure 4.2: GSR readings (kΩ) during stress events.

patterns), and gyroscope (orientation changes). The sensor values were classified into three stress levels (low, medium, high) based on experimental calibration.

Table 4.1: Sensor Value Ranges for Stress Level Classification

Sensor	**Low Stress**	**Medium Stress**	**High Stress**
PPG (RMSSD ms)[1]	< 60	$60 - 90$	> 90
GSR (kΩ)[1]	< 30	$30 - 50$	> 50
Accelerometer (m/s^2)[4]	$0.1 - 0.3$	$0.3 - 2.4$	> 2.4
Gyroscope (rad/s)[4]	< 2.62	$2.62 - 4.19$	> 4.19

The fuzzy logic rules combine these inputs, where consistent high readings trigger high stress classification.

4.5 Results and Analysis

The system demonstrated real-time stress detection using PPG (Figure 4.1) and GSR (Figure 4.2) sensors. Fuzzy logic algorithms processed these signals alongside motion data.

The Android app (Figure 4.5) provided live feedback, while motion sensors (Figure 4.4) captured activity correlations.

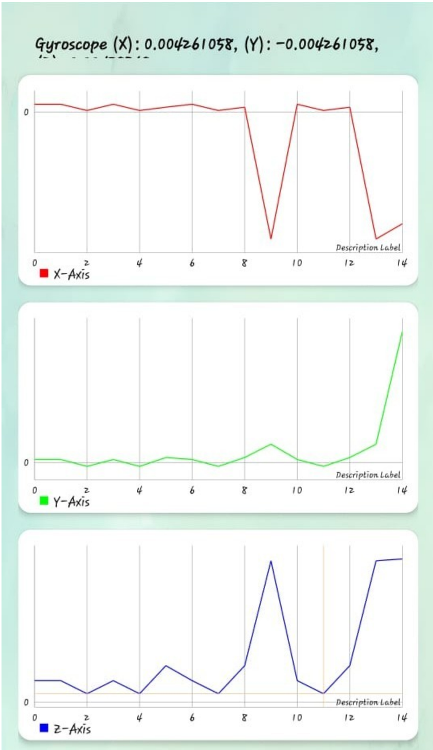

Figure 4.3: Gyroscope readings (rad/s) during sudden movements.

Figure 4.4: Accelerometer data (m/s^2) during activities.

System stability was confirmed by consistent sampling rates (Figures 4.1–4.3).

4.6 Conclusion

The developed system successfully demonstrated real-time stress monitoring through continuous processing of sensor data using fuzzy logic algorithms. The implementation proved effective in providing immediate stress level assessments without requiring pre-collected datasets or machine learning models. The Android application successfully visualized both the computed stress levels and raw sensor data trends, enabling users to observe physiological responses during daily activities. This approach presents a practical solution for personal stress awareness applications, particularly in its ability to process and display physiological data in real-time without complex computational requirements.

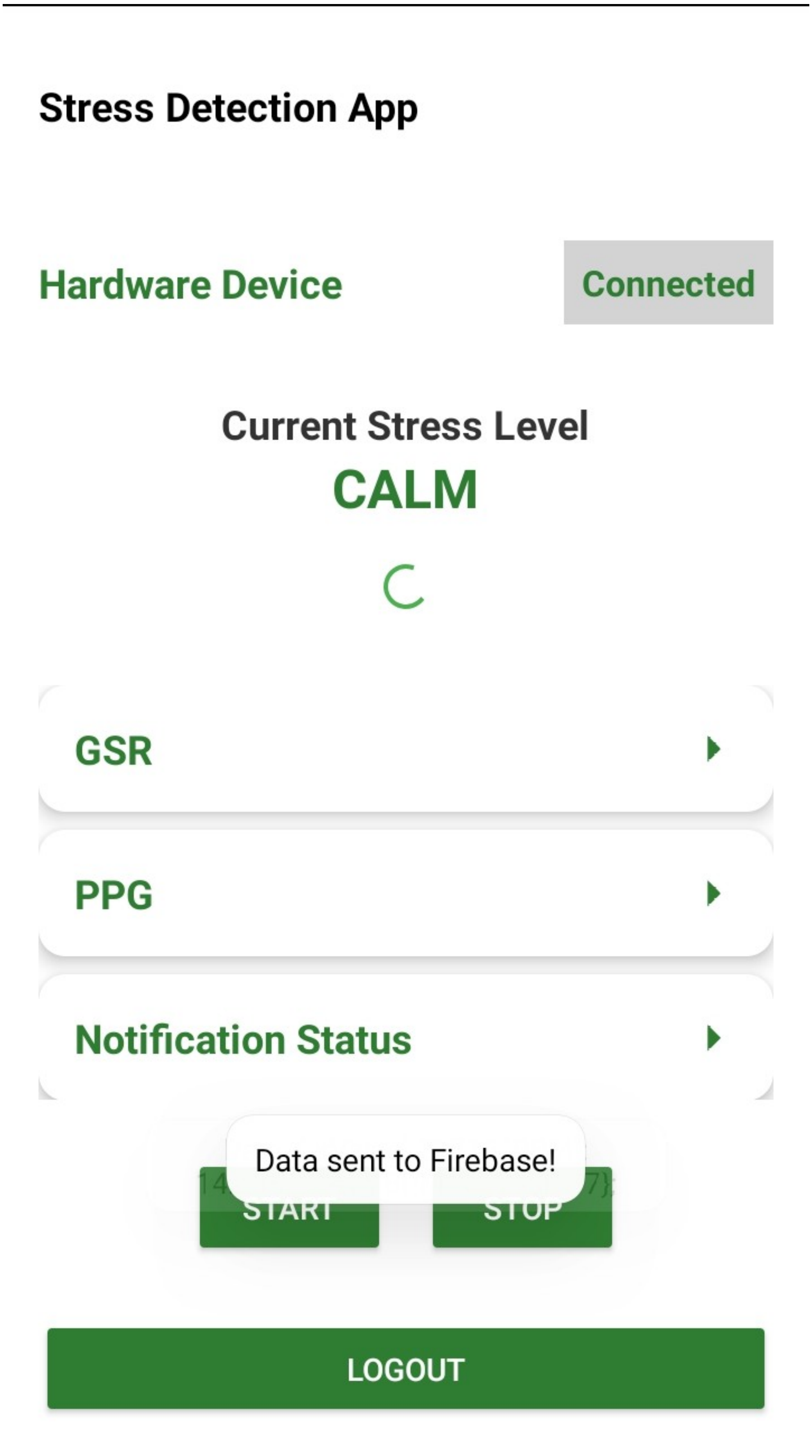

Figure 4.5: Android app interface showing stress levels.

Chapter 5

Societal, Health, Environment, Safety, Ethical, Legal and Cultural Issues

5.1 Intellectual Property Considerations

The developed stress monitoring system, including its hardware integration (PPG/GSR sensors with mobile devices) and proprietary fuzzy logic algorithm, constitutes protectable intellectual property. While utilizing standard mobile development frameworks, the unique implementation approach and system architecture represent original innovations

5.2 Ethical Considerations

The system is designed with strict ethical safeguards, ensuring no unauthorized data access. Only essential physiological and phone sensors data are collected with explicit user consent, excluding personal identifiers. All data processing occurs locally on the user's device to maintain privacy. The implementation was reviewed to comply with responsible research standards for human monitoring.

5.3 Safety Considerations

The wearable device is designed with hypoallergenic materials to prevent skin irritation during prolonged use. All data processing within the application is restricted to physiological signals, ensuring no personal or sensitive information is accessed. The application installation and operation are thoroughly tested to guarantee compatibility with existing system resources without compromising other applications or user data.

5.4 Legal Considerations

The system was developed as a research prototype without clinical claims, exempting it from medical device regulations. Basic compliance with data protection principles (like anonymization of user data) was maintained, though no formal legal frameworks were explicitly implemented. The hardware and software utilize commercially available components with standard licenses, avoiding proprietary violations. Institutional guidelines for academic projects were followed as the primary legal reference.

5.5 Impact on Societal, Health, and Cultural Issues

By enabling accessible stress monitoring, the project promotes mental health awareness in workplaces and academia. Cultural sensitivities were addressed by allowing personalized stress thresholds. Long-term use could reduce healthcare burdens linked to stress-related disorders.

5.6 Impact on the Environment and Sustainability

The wearable design emphasizes repairability to minimize e-waste. Energy-efficient algorithms extend device battery life, reducing charging cycles. Future iterations will use biodegradable materials for sensor housings.

Chapter 6

Addressing Complex Engineering Problems and Activities

6.1 Complex Engineering Problems

The development of the stress monitoring system involved solving several challenging engineering problems that required innovative solutions. The most significant technical hurdles included achieving precise real-time synchronization between heterogeneous sensors (PPG, GSR, and smartphone motion sensors), which operated on different sampling rates and communication protocols. Additionally, optimizing the system for energy-efficient mobile processing was critical to ensure practical battery life during continuous monitoring.

Key engineering problems addressed:

- **Real-time sensor synchronization**: Harmonizing data streams from Bluetooth-connected wearables and built-in smartphone sensors
- **Motion artifact removal**: Developing adaptive filtering techniques for noisy PPG signals during movement
- **Power optimization**: Implementing low-power processing algorithms for extended operation

6.2 Complex Engineering Activities

The project required the execution of sophisticated engineering activities that spanned multiple technical domains. A cross-platform development approach was necessary to integrate the embedded sensor hardware with the mobile application and cloud-based components. Specialized techniques were employed to implement machine learning algorithms on resource-constrained mobile devices, balancing computational demands with real-time performance requirements. The system's most complex activity involved the large-scale fusion of multimodal data streams, combining physiological signals with behavioral patterns to generate accurate stress assessments.

Major engineering activities performed:

- **Cross-platform integration**: Bridging Arduino-based firmware, Android app development, and Firebase cloud services
- **Edge computing implementation**: Optimizing fuzzy logic algorithms for mobile processors
- **Multimodal data fusion**: Developing correlation models between physiological and motion data

Chapter 7

Conclusions

7.1 Summary

A novel stress monitoring system was developed utilizing photoplethysmography (PPG) and galvanic skin response (GSR) sensors combined with smartphone-based accelerometer and gyroscope data. Sensor measurements were transmitted via Bluetooth to a custom Android application developed using Java in Android Studio. The acquired physiological and motion data were processed through a fuzzy logic algorithm to determine stress levels, providing a rule-based assessment approach that eliminates the need for dataset training. Real-time analysis was implemented, enabling continuous stress monitoring without requiring machine learning techniques. The system demonstrates how multiple sensor modalities can be effectively combined with fuzzy logic to create a practical stress assessment tool.

7.2 Limitations

- **Wearable Device Dependency**: The system requires continuous wearing of a wristband, which may cause discomfort during prolonged use and could affect user compliance.

- **Smartphone Requirement**: Full functionality depends on pairing with a smartphone device, potentially limiting usage scenarios where carrying a phone is inconvenient or impractical.

- **Connectivity Issues**: The Bluetooth connection between the wearable device and smartphone may experience intermittent disruptions, requiring regular monitoring and troubleshooting to maintain system reliability.

7.3 Recommendations and Future Works

Several improvements can be made to enhance the system's functionality and usability. The wearable components could be redesigned into more compact form factors, while additional sensor modalities may be incorporated to improve measurement accuracy. Furthermore, advanced analytical methods could be implemented to achieve more precise stress assessment.

- The current wearable technology could be miniaturized into chip-based designs, potentially integrated into wristwatches or slim bands for improved comfort and convenience.
- Additional mobile sensor parameters should be incorporated to provide a more comprehensive assessment of stress levels.
- Machine learning or deep learning algorithms could be implemented, either utilizing existing datasets or creating new customized datasets for training purposes.
- The mobile application interface and functionality should be optimized to enhance user experience and accessibility.

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