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The modern world is heavily digital since almost everything around us is managed by digitization and the role modern technologies must contribute to the farm and agriculture fields is more important now than any time before. Modern day research papers have shown great capabilities for Internet of Things (IoT) to have a positive impact on the world in general and specifically in farming. The agricultural industries must grow and evolve their application of IoT to sustain almost 10 billion people by the 2050s. In 2021 the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has started an two initiatives "The Green Saudi Initiative" and "Green Middle East Initiative" that aims to plant 10 billion trees in Saudi Arabia in the next decade. And in 2019 one of the greatest fours projects in Riyadh published by King Salman bin-Abdualaziz is "Green Riyadh", it aims to achieve increase the green space per person from 1.7 meters squared to 28 meters squared by planting 7.5 billion trees in Ryiad. Unforeseen challenges brought upon by climate change must be solved and overcome in order to sustain and feed the population. IoT in farming produce smart ways of growing, harvesting, and sustaining the farmer's crops, and will make work much more efficient in terms in numbers of fertilizers used and farming trucks gas mileage. Hardware and software of the IoT for smart farming have shown successful results. One of the hypotheses suggested is to use a mix of Arduino IoT and Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) to manage modern smart farming. The ecological conditions of agriculture play a big role in the yield of crops and must be observed and measured from time to time. The feature of this report includes the development of a system which can monitor temperature, humidity, and moisture, and in case of any inconsistency generate a notification.

Arabic Abstract

الخلاصة:

العالم الحديث رقمي بشكل كبير لأن كل شيء من حولنا تقريباً يتم إدارته عن طريق الرقمنة والدور الذي يجب أن تساهم به التقنيات الحديثة في الزراعة و مجالات الزراعة أصبح الآن أكثر أهمية من أي وقت مضى. أظهرت الأوراق البحثية الحديثة إمكانات كبيرة لإنترنت الأشياء ليكون لها تأثير إيجابي على العالم بشكل عام وفي الزراعة بشكل خاص. ويجب أن تنمو الصناعات الزراعية وتتطور تطبيقاتها لإنترنت الأشياء للقدرة على توفير إحتياج ما يقارب 10 مليارات شخص بحلول خمسينيات القرن العشرين. في عام 2021 ، أطلقت المملكة العربية السعودية مبادرتين هما المبادرة الخضراء السعودية ومبادرة الشرق الأوسط الأخضر التي تهدف إلى زراعة 10 مليارات شجرة في المملكة العربية السعودية في العقد المقبل. وفي عام 2019 ، كان أحد أكبر المشاريع الأربع في الرياض الذي نشره الملك سلمان بن عبد العزيز هو الرياض الخضراء ، ويهدف إلى تحقيق زيادة المساحة الخضراء للفرد من 7.1 متراً مربعاً إلى 28 متراً مربعاً عن طريق زراعة 5.7 مليار شجرة في الرياض. يجب حل التحديات غير المتوقعة الناجمة عن تغير المناخ والتغلب عليها من أجل الحفاظ على السكان وإطعامهم. تنتج إنترنت الأشياء في الزراعة طرقاً ذكية لزراعة المحاصيل للمزارعين وحصادرها واستدامتها، وستجعل العمل أكثر كفاءة من حيث عدد الأسمدة المستخدمة وكمية الغاز المستخدمة لكل ميل تقطعة الشاحنات الزراعية. أظهرتأجهزة وبرامج إنترنت الأشياء للزراعة الذكية نتائج ناجحة. إحدى الفرضيات المقترحة هي استخدام مزيج من الأردوينو وشبكات الاستشعار اللاسلكية لإدارة الزراعة الذكية الحديثة. تلعب الظروف البيئية للزراعة دوراً كبيراً في غلة المحاصيل ويجب مراقبتها وقياسها من وقت لآخر. من خصائص هذا التقرير تطوير نظام يمكنه مراقبة درجة الحرارة و رطوبة الهواء والتربة ، وفي حالة وجود أي تعارض يقوم النظام بإرسال إشعار.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Problem statement

With the rising problem of global climate change, our local environment could be harmed badly which calls for innovation in the way our farming system works.

This project aims to combat several challenges at once in that it will make farming and agriculture much more accessible to all people, the public would start making mini-farms inside houses and farmers lives will be made much easier with them gaining the ability to possibly remotely monitor and issue general commands regarding their farms [1].

Around the globe water is not being used optimally, but if the option of digitization is implemented water usage efficiency in agricultural systems could increase by up to 70 percent more efficient than traditional watering systems. Added relative adaptation as a possible result of future growth could allow certain fruits and vegetables to grow outside of their environmental comfort zones, like the native winter strawberries belonging to the Al-Qassim region being grown in the summer.

The kingdom of Saudi Arabia has published the "Green Riyadh" project which aims to solve several problems, one of which is to utilize the used water in irrigation, increase the quality of air, and reduce temperature, to achieve 2030 vision initiative.

Prince Mohammad bin-Salman has initiate two initiatives which are "The Green Saudi Initiative" and "Green Middle East Initiative", to reduce carbon emissions, reducing land degradation, and fungal habitats, and to raise the value of natural resources to ensure economic and ecological sustainability while considering the environment.

1.2 Objective

What is presented in this project is a smart farming system that will help in increasing water usage proficiency, and water level being utilized in a rational manner and the greenhouse does not require the farmer to be around as much since it is automated.

Development of the crops depends on proper scheduling of irrigation and irrigation techniques. Humidity, temperature, and wind speed are some of the factors that need to be monitored, in addition to weather data which is a part of decision-making process [3].

The smart agriculture system proposed in this project will utilize and apply practically IoT and WSN in order to make farmers lives easier an example of which is to use an irrigation schedule for their farming needs, each according to their profile [3].

Water quantity control is easily modified by the end user by the web application which is interconnected with a microcontroller that uses an algorithm to dictate the proper threshold values for moisture of the soil and overall temperature.

Wireless system networks will be used to provide statistics about the plants and will be coupled with a neural network (NN) to provide better options on what to do next for the farmer, like temperature control, irrigation level, and whether or not or not to harvest the plant [2].

1.3 Related Works

The OpenAG™ personal food computer (PFC), is an open-source platform that is personal use which reduces the size, number of a system component, and it is a customizable platform. The PFC hardware uses a raspberry pi to saves pictures and neural network of the plants using two different cameras, and program the Arduino to control the customizable board called shields which are modular circuit boards that reads from all the sensors of the system are: water level sensor, water temperature sensor, PH sensor, EC sensor, CO₂ sensor, and humidity temperature sensor. After gathering the reading. It provides commands to the shield, which is going to activate and deactivate the controlled subsystems as needed. The PFC software uses a graphical user interface (GUI) and a simple readable commands to achieve user-friendly software. It also gathers plant data using the sensors and saves it as a open database [14].

The FarmBot is an Open-Source Computer numerical control Farming Company that have provide a farming robot and provide all their research in the open source website. FarmBot have used aluminium extrusions to every axis. They also use silver extrusions to reduce the temperature. It uses 24V DC power supply which drives raspberry pi, special circuit board Farmduino, and the four custom step motors for the FarmBot movement. Farmduino is the microcontroller that controls and provides power to all the FarmBot electronic parts as shown in Figure 1.1. FarmBot system diagram shows that it communicates with the raspberry pi. This is done using G-code like language [9]. All the work is done by universal tool mount (UTM) which is the main head of all the tools that help the FarmBot to operate by attaching and detaching the tools automatically as needed. The tools are seed injector, weeder and soil sensor. The seed injector is operated by a vacuum pump and a needle. It uses suction to hold the seed at the tip of the needle and releases it into the soil. The weeder is a 3D printable component that pushes the weeds into the soil and disrupt their fragile root systems. The soil sensor accurately reads the soil properties by injecting the sensor into the soil [9]. FarmBot uses a sub-system for controlling light and another one to control the watering system.

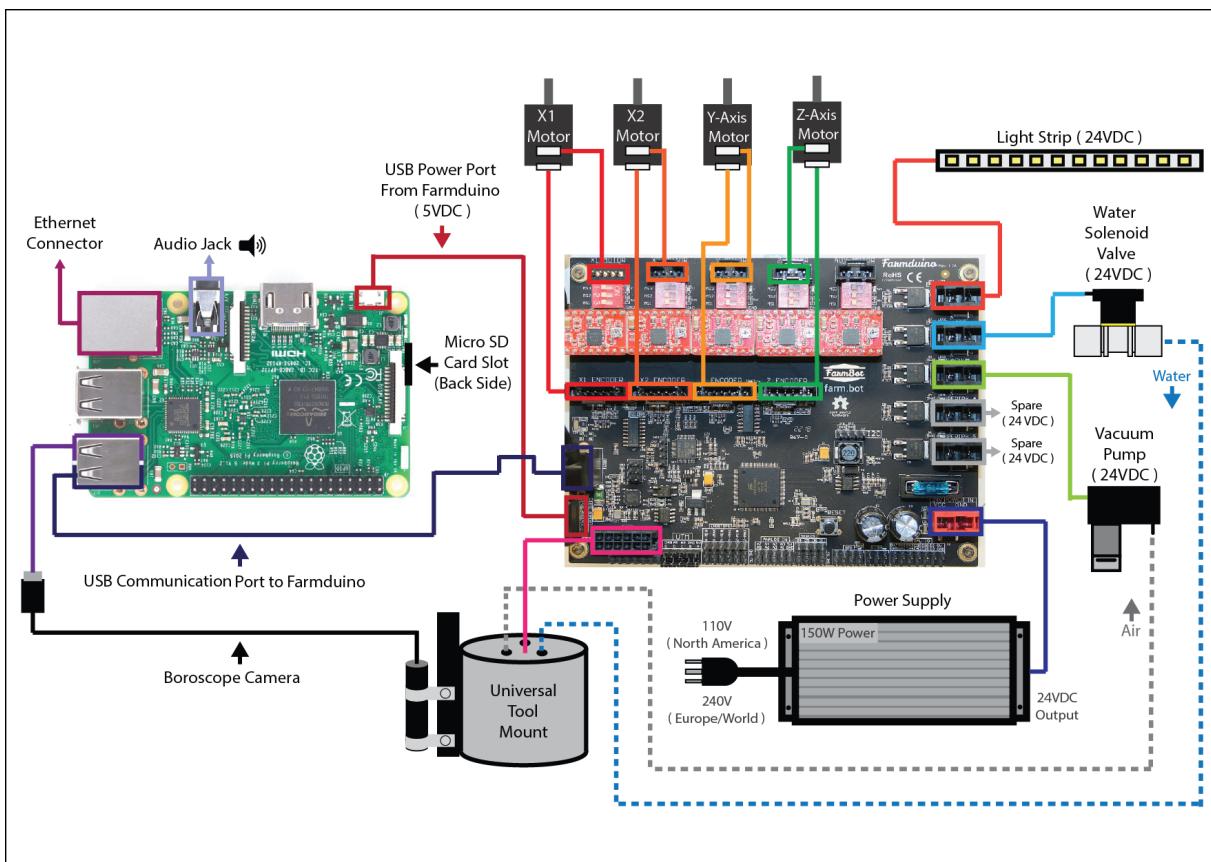


Figure 1.1: FarmBot system diagram [9].

Chapter 2

Greenhouse design

2.1 Introduction

In this section we are going through the three different designs. We will go through each one in details. Initially, we got inspired from MIT's Open Agriculture Initiative: Personal Food Computer [8]. Then we designed a 3D greenhouse to agree on the structure and have an idea about the shape and the layout of the plants and other parts in the greenhouse. We have used the first two designs to satisfy the needs of an effective automated greenhouse system.

2.1.1 First design

In this design we got inspired from MIT's Open Agriculture Initiative: Personal Food Computer [8]. We tried to scale up their design to meet our needs. We have a robotic arm in the greenhouse and the way they place the electrical and the water systems did not work for us. We have listed the advantages and the disadvantages of this design.

- Advantages of using this design
 - 1. Can be assembled and taken apart
 - 2. The joints strength
- Disadvantages of using this design
 - 1. Percentage of the light transition
 - 2. Electrical and water separation
 - 3. Water circulation
 - 4. Not enough space for arm movement



Figure 2.1: MIT's Personal Food Computer design [8].

2.1.2 Second design

In the second design we tried to use our 3D design skills to make a greenhouse with the robotic arm in the center. We decided to have four plants on every corner and the water tank and the water circulation in one side and the electrical circuits and controllers in the other side, isolated from each other.

- Advantages of using this design
 1. Details of water circulation
 2. Details of electrical and water separation
 3. Percentage of the light transition
- Disadvantages of using this design
 1. No exact measurement of the greenhouse
 2. Weak and cannot handle robotic arm movement

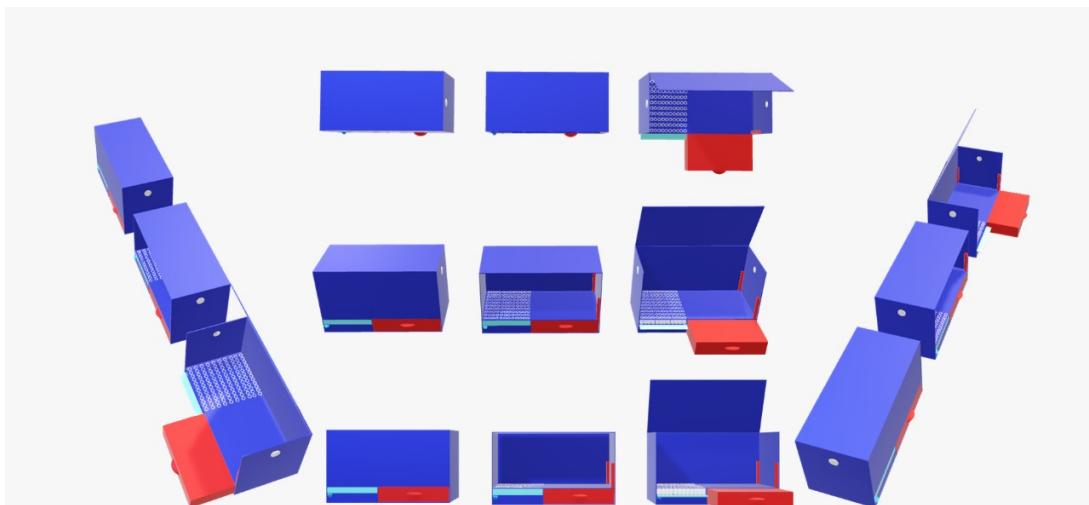


Figure 2.2: Greenhouse 3D design.

2.1.3 Third design

In this design we have combined what we wanted from the first and the second designs. We came with a much better design that has the water circulation and the separation from the first design. It has the strength, structure, and maintainable parts from the second design. At the second phase of the project we decided to make some adjustments to the design to add holes to route the wires into the components, so we made it out of wood to make sure the layout of the wires is correct. After that we made the final design out of acrylic glass.

- Advantages of using this design
 1. Can be assembled and taken apart
 2. The joints strength
 3. Well-structured design
 4. Can handle the arm movement
 5. Water circulation
 6. Electrical separation
- Disadvantages of using this design
 1. Cost
 2. Manufacture cutting

First prototype

We have made a rough prototype of third design with Foamcore sheets and glue as shown in figure 2.3, with the exact dimensions but neglecting tiny details such as the teethes joints and corner structure, to verify all general dimensions and start finalizing the details of the design.



Figure 2.3: Proposed greenhouse design out of Foam.

Second prototype

After verifying the dimensions and finalizing the details of the design and to reduce the risk of constructing the costly acrylic greenhouse box, we have decided to manufacture a wooden prototype as shown in figure 2.4 to make sure of all the details of design are met correctly and precisely.



Figure 2.4: Wooden Greenhouse Design.

Actual Acrylic Greenhouse

Lastly, we have made sure that all the finest details of the design are meet, we have purchased 3 sheet of 10mm acrylic to be laser-cut precisely according to the schematic, to be assembled and used as shown in figure 2.5.



Figure 2.5: Acrylic Greenhouse Design.

2.2 Overview of the controlled greenhouse system

The system consists of Arduino Megas, robotic arm, and sensors including but not limited to moisture, temperature, and humidity sensors.

Each subsystem has its own Arduino Mega so that it should not take turns and interrupt or miss data since it would read the sensors line by line.

Arduino Mega has useful features as shown in Figure 2.6, for example, the serial IO to send the data to the raspberry pi and the Bluetooth to control the arm.

The overall block diagram of the controlled greenhouse system includes multiple Arduino Megas. One is used to control the robotic arm, another one is connected to provide the raspberry pi with all the sensors reading, and the others are controlling the subsystems, as shown in Figure 2.7.

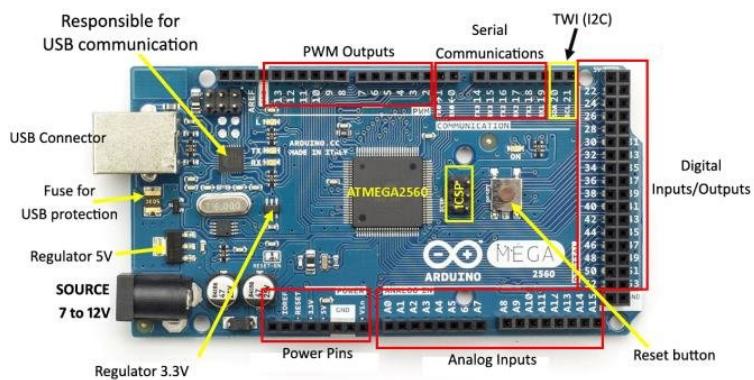


Figure 2.6: Block diagram - Arduino MEGA 2560[7].

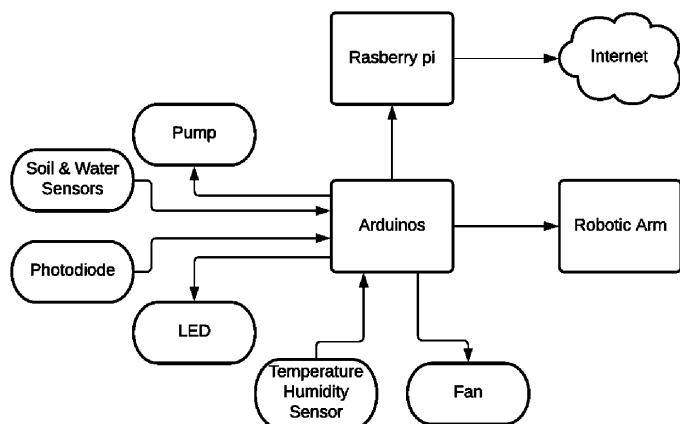


Figure 2.7: Overall block diagram of the controlled greenhouse.

Chapter 3

Controlled greenhouse subsystems

3.1 Introduction

The controlled greenhouse is divided into subsystems and each subsystem is controlled by an Arduino. The subsystems are (1) the water/pump subsystem to control the watering level and frequency of watering, (2) fan subsystem that is controlling the humidity and temperature level of the environment, and (3) the artificial lights system is controlling the amount of light in the environment.

3.2 Subsystems

3.2.1 Water/Pump

Water is the most important factor for the plant growth and being able to know when the plant requires to be watered is crucial. To automatically water the plants we use a soil moisture sensor and water level sensor which are attached to the soil that contains the plant. When the readings of the sensors are below the threshold value, the pump will start watering the plant using the built-in water tank.

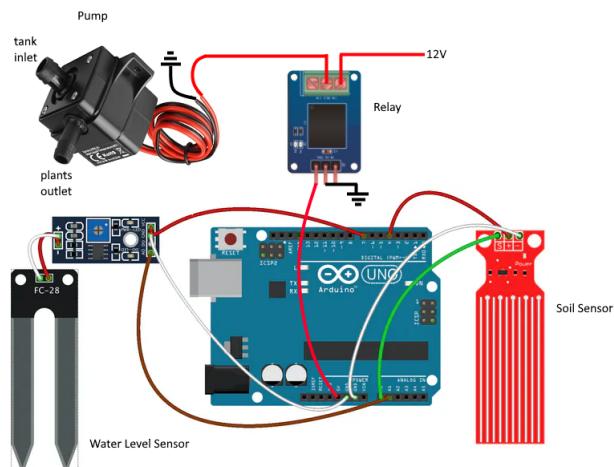


Figure 3.1: Water pump circuit diagram.

Pump activation conditions

To activate the pump we acquire data from the moisture and water level sensor. Based on the soil moisture sensor and the water level sensor values as shown in Table 3.1 the system will be determine when to activate the water pump or when to deactivate it. Soil moisture sensor determines the percentage moisture of the soil, while the water level sensor changes according to the amount of water in contact with the sensor. The pump algorithm controls the function of the water pump.

Soil Moisture Sensor	Water Level Sensor	Water Pump
Soil Sensor < 10%	450 > Water Sensor until 700	High
Soil Sensor \geq 10%	700 \geq Water Sensor \geq 450	Low

Table 3.1: Pump activation conditions.

Pump activation algorithm

Algorithm 1 Pump

```
1: SoilSensorValue = analogRead(SoilSensorPin)
2: remap(SoilSensorValue from 550-0 to 0-100)
3: WaterLevelSensorValue = analogRead(WaterLevelSensorPin)
4: if (SoilSensorValue<10 AND WaterLevelSensorValue<450) then
5:   digitalWrite(Pump, HIGH);
6:   for WaterLevelSensorValue<700 until WaterLevelSensorValue>700 do
7:     SoilSensorValue = analogRead(SoilSensorPin)
8:     remap(SoilSensorValue from 550-0 to 0-100)
9:     WaterLevelSensorValue = analogRead(WaterLevelSensorPin)
10:    Delay for 10 Seconds
11:  end for
12: else
13:   digitalWrite(Pump, LOW);
14: end if
15: Delay for 10 Seconds
```

3.2.2 Fan

Temperature is the second important factor, we can adjust the temperature of the plants since some plants require a different environment than others, not all plants have the same temperature requirements for optimal growth [4]. Furthermore, we can also adjust the humidity level of the environment based on the plant's natural environment since it affects the plant's health. When the temperature reaches a certain threshold, the system activates the fan to reduce the temperature of the environment to accommodate the plant's needs. To read the threshold we use a humidity temperature sensor (DHT11) [10] that provides information about the temperature and humidity of the greenhouse.

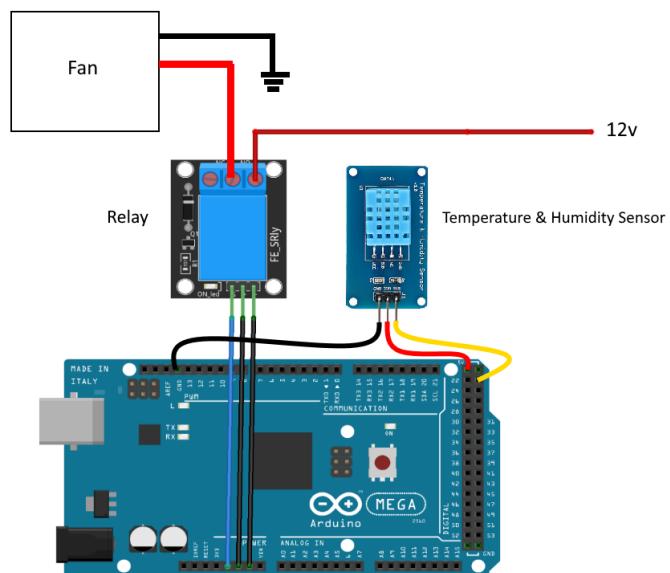


Figure 3.2: Fan circuit diagram.

Fan activation algorithm

In this algorithm, the system reads the humidity and the temperature values in the environment using the temperature-humidity sensor (DHT11) [10] and activates the fan when the temperature reaches 30°C or the humidity reach 40% and deactivates it otherwise.

Algorithm 2 Fan

```
1: Temp Value = Temp-Humidity-Sensor.readTemperature()
2: Humidity Value = Temp-Humidity-Sensor.readHumidity()
3: if (Temp Value > 30 OR Humidity Value > 40) then
4:   digitalWrite(Fan, HIGH)
5: else
6:   digitalWrite(Fan, LOW)
7: end if
8: Delay For 10 Seconds
```

3.2.3 Artificial lights

Plants must have enough light to survive and produce food and the general case is that the more light the more food is given by the plant. Since the plants are in a closed environment it cannot get light from the sun thus we use artificial light.

The general case for house plant lights is fluorescent lights since they are the cheapest. They come in compact bulbs or tubes that screw into regular lamp sockets. Their heat is not high enough to damage the plants and can safely be placed next to them. Generic fluorescent tubes and bulbs are higher in blue wavelengths, so it is better to seek a mix of warm and cool bulbs since the cool bulbs emit white light that contain the full light-spectrum. The fluorescent lights are placed 1/3 meters away from the plants for the highest efficiency [5].

It is not recommended to place incandescent lights next to plants since they emit a red wavelength that produces heat that can damage the plant, however, if you wish to help the plant to bloom faster it is recommended to use a balance of incandescent and fluorescent lights to have an even spectrum. Specifically if 1/3 incandescent and 2/3 fluorescent light by watt is used [5].

LED lights are also a low heat, energy-efficient artificial light source. Because LED technology is customized, every diode is different, Diodes that produce blue and red lights are helpful for plants. Horticultural LED grow-lights are used to produce only the wavelengths most utilized by plants [5].

For our project we used LED because of its size, it emits light in a specific direction, it reduces the need for reflectors that can trap light and their very little heat. In comparison, incandescent bulbs release 90 % of their energy as heat and fluorescent lamps release about 80 % of their energy as heat.

LED activation algorithm

For the LED we read light values in the environment using the photoresistor (PGM5539) [11] and turn the LED on when the light value is less than 30% of what the plant needs and turn it off otherwise.

Algorithm 3 LED

```
1: PhotoresistorValue = analogRead(Photoresistorpin);  
2: remap(PhotoresistorValue from maxRead-minRead to 0-100)  
3: if (PhotoresistorValue < 30) then  
4:     digitalWrite(LED, HIGH);  
5: else  
6:     digitalWrite(LED, LOW);  
7: end if  
8: Delay for 10 Seconds
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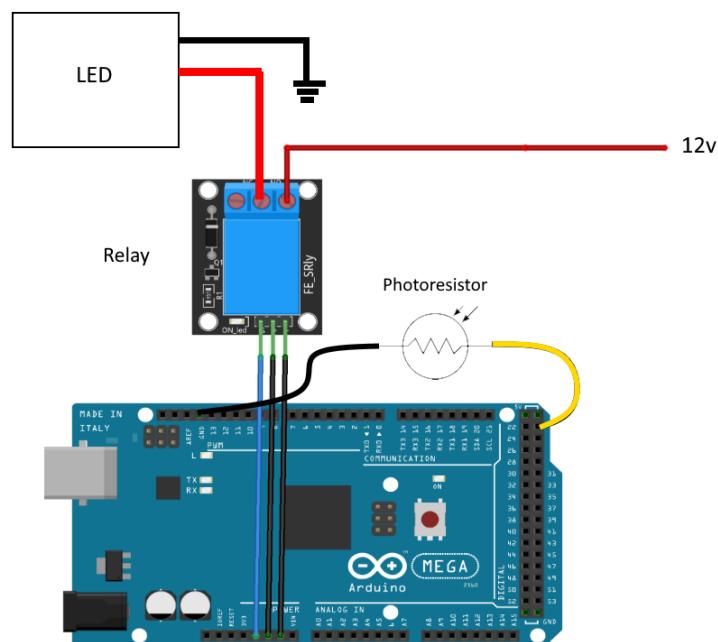


Figure 3.3: LED circuit diagram.

Chapter 4

Arm control system

4.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we will go through the assembly of the Arduino robotic arm from “How to Mechatronics” website [6]. We will also present how we have controlled the arm movement using Arduino and how we send commands wirelessly.

4.2 Assembling the robotic arm

Step 1: Place the first MG996R servo in the base of the arm and attach it using screws, then place the base top on top of the servo and attach it to the servo shaft output.

Step 2: Place the second MG996R servo into the base top and attach it, then attach the shoulder to the output shaft and it will be helpful to include springs to the shoulder to support the servo since it is the servo that hold all the rest parts weight.

Step 3: Repeating step 2 with the elbow in the same way using the third MG996R servo, then attach the rotational joint with the SG90 micro servo and similarly the second SG90 micro servo attached to the head.

Step 4: Use the rest of the parts to connect the SG90 micro servo to gripper as showed in the Figure 4.1. [12][13].

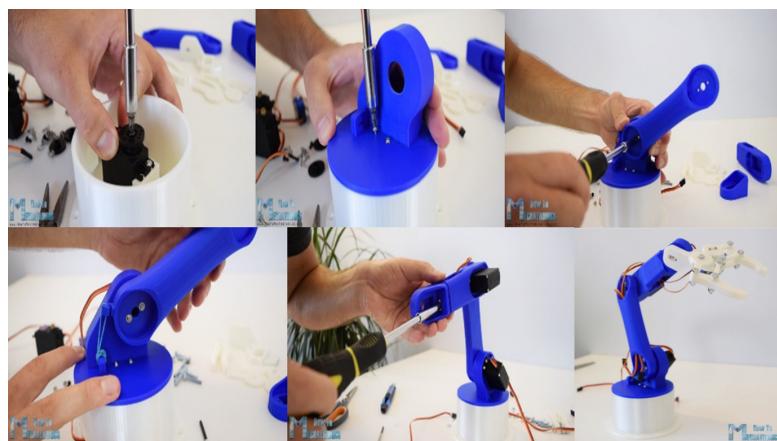


Figure 4.1: Assembling the robotic arm [6].

4.3 Arduino robotic arm code

We have written the Arduino code to control the arm using a Bluetooth module that receives the commands wirelessly to control the arm movement. First, we need to include the Software Serial library for the serial communication of the Bluetooth module as well as the servo library. Both libraries are provided by Arduino IDE. We have defined the six servos, the HC-05 Bluetooth module, the delay between the movement of the servo, and the number of characters the command can have along with the new data flag.

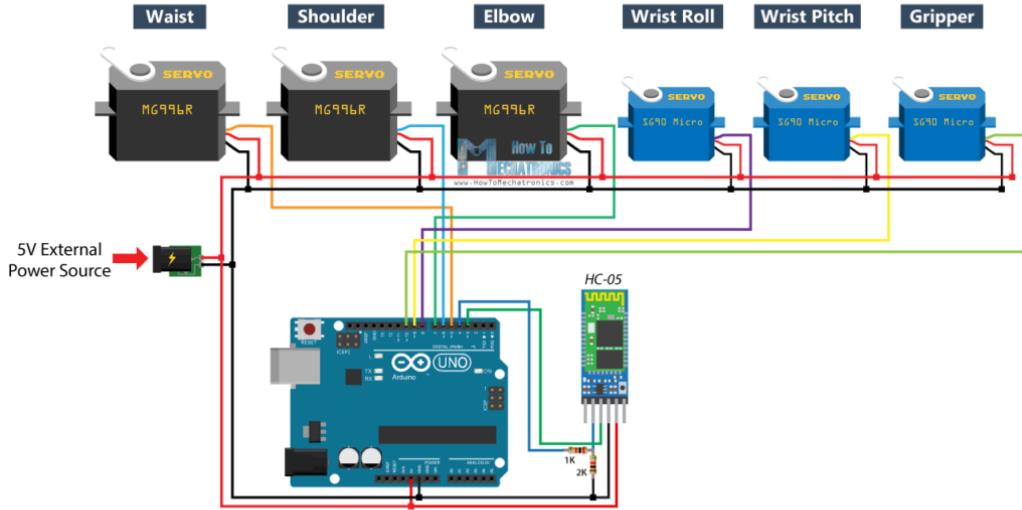


Figure 4.2: Arm control circuit diagram [6].

Arm control setup algorithm

In the setup algorithm we have attached the six servos with their pins in the Arduino. After that we have initiated the arm to the straight arm status by giving each servo with it is a specific angle, then we detach the servos and initiate the Bluetooth with 9600 baud rate.

Algorithm 4 Arm control setup

- 1: Servo Definition and Constant Declarations
 - 2: Variable Declarations
 - 3: Pin attachment to Servo
 - 4: Servo initial positions
-

Arm control loop algorithm

The arm control loop algorithm keeps track of the serial port of the Bluetooth module to read the commands from the buffer using (ReadCurrentBuff) algorithm. It is reading the command and saves it. Then it sets the new data flag. Once the new data flag is true the (receivedChars) string is separated properly and sent to (servoSelector) algorithm which is going to determine

the targeted servo and the desired angle. Then the servoSelector sends the desired angle to the target servo which will apply the command on the servo and the cycle is repeated.

Algorithm 5 Arm control loop

```
1: if Serial.available>0 then
2:   ReadCurrentBuff()
3:   if (newData == true) then
4:     for (from i=0 to 6) do
5:       angle += receivedChars[i];
6:     end for
7:     servoSelector(receivedChars[0],angle.toInt());
8:     newData = false;
9:     angle="";
10:   end if
11: end if
```

servoSelector algorithm

servoSelector algorithm will receive (servoNum) and (servoPos) then determine the targeted servo based on the (servoNum) and the desired angle based on (servoPos), then send it to the (moveServoFast) algorithm.

Algorithm 6 ServoSelector

```
1: servoSelector(char servoNum,int servoPos)
2: Switch(servoNum)
3: if case 1 then
4:   moveServoFast(servo01,servoPos,5);
5: end if
6: if case 2 then
7:   moveServoFast(servo02,servoPos,6);
8: end if
9: if case 3 then
10:  moveServoFast(servo03,servoPos,7);
11: end if
12: if case 4 then
13:  moveServoFast(servo04,servoPos,8);
14: end if
15: if case 5 then
16:  moveServoFast(servo05,servoPos,9);
17: end if
18: if case 6 then
19:  moveServoFast(servo06,servoPos,10);
20: end if
```

MoveServoFast algorithm

MoveServoFast algorithm will receive the (servo), (newPos), and (pin). It will use the (pin) to attach the selected servo based on (servo) to the desired pin connected to the Arduino board. It will then apply the command based on (newPos) using (writeMicroseconds) algorithm from servo library. Then it will detach the servo after 0.5-second delay.

Algorithm 7 MoveServoFast

```
1: moveServoFast(Servo servo, byte newPos, byte pin)
2: servo.attach(pin);
3: servo.writeMicroseconds(newPos);
4: delay(500);
5: servo.detach();
```

MoveServoSlow algorithm

MoveServoSlow algorithm will receive the (servo), (newPos), and (pin). It will use the (pin) to attach the selected servo based on (servo) to the desired pin connected to the Arduino board. Then it will determine if the new position based on (newPos) is greater/smaller than the current position. Then it will increment/decrement the position of the servo using (writeMicroseconds) algorithm from servo library to apply the command. Then it will detach the servo after 0.5 second delay.

Algorithm 8 MoveServoSlow

```
1: moveServoSlow(Servo servo, byte newPos, byte pin)
2: servo.attach(pin);
3: int currentPos = servo.read();
4: If new position is smaller than current position
5: if (currentPos > newPos) then
6:   for (j = currentPos down to j ≥ newPos) do
7:     Run servo down to new position
8:     servo.write(j);
9:     delay(delaySpeed);
10:    defines the speed at which the servo rotates
11:   end for
12: end if
13: If current position is smaller than new position
14: if (currentPos < newPos) then
15:   for (j = currentPos up to j ≤ newPos) do
16:     Run servo up to new position
17:     servo.write(j);
18:     delay(delaySpeed);
19:   end for
20: end if
21: delay(500);
22: servo.detach();
```

ReadCurrentBuff algorithm

ReadCurrentBuff algorithm starts to read from the serial detecting the start marker of the command then it sets the (recvInProgress) flag to true. Once (recvInProgress) is true it is starts to read the command and saves it in (recvivedChars) string till it reaches the end marker. Then it makes the (recvInProgress) false and terminates the (recvivedChars) string and clear the index and set the (newdata) flag to true.

Algorithm 9 ReadCurrentBuff

```
1: boolean recvInProgress = false;
2: byte ndx = 0;
3: char startMarker = '<';
4: char endMarker = '>';
5: char rc;
6: for Serial.available() > 0 AND newData == false do
7:     rc = Serial.read();
8:     if (recvInProgress == true) then
9:         if (rc != endMarker) then
10:             receivedChars[ndx] = rc;
11:             ndx++;
12:             if (ndx ≥ numChars) then
13:                 ndx = numChars-1;
14:                 end if
15:             else
16:                 receivedChars[ndx] = '\0'; // terminate the string
17:                 recvInProgress = false;
18:                 ndx = 0;
19:                 newData = true;
20:             end if
21:         else
22:             if (rc == startMarker) then
23:                 recvInProgress = true;
24:             end if
25:         end if
26:     end for
```

4.4 Conclusion

We have used a 3D printed robotic arm from the "How to Mechatronics" website [6], and assembled the arm based on the instructions, afterwards we have developed a wireless control system to control the arm wirelessly using Bluetooth module.

Chapter 5

Detecting plant maturity level using convolutional neural network

In this chapter we will be talking about how we are using convolutional neural network to detect the plant's growth level.

5.1 Overview

We have developed CNN models using python estimate the plant's level of growth using TensorFlow[15] as described in model section, we have developed our dataset by collecting images of lettuce as discussed in used dataset section, after that we discussed the training technique in the training section.[18]

5.2 Convolutional neural network

A neural network is a series of algorithms that recognize underlying relationships in a set of data through a process that mimics the way the human brain operates. In theory a neural network requires three components, 1) an input layer, 2) hidden layer 3) an output layer with each layer containing nodes.[16] A node is a calculating unit that has one or more weighted input connections, a transfer function that combines the inputs in some way, and an output connection. Nodes are then organized into layers to comprise a network. The nodes in a neural network are interconnected and can communicate with each other. Each connection has a weight that specifies the strength of the connection between two nodes. After each calculating each node it is followed by an activation function that allows the node's value to remain it the boundary between 0 to 1 [17], some of the famously used are

1. Linear

$$f(x) = a + bx \quad (5.1)$$

2. Sigmoid

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \quad (5.2)$$

3. Rectified linear unit (ReLU)

$$f(x) = \max(0, x) \quad (5.3)$$

Convolutional Neural Networks is very similar to ordinary neural networks, but it takes matrices as an input instead of a vector. CNN consists of 2 Layers convolution layer and pooling

layer, convolution layer is used to extract key features from the matrix, while the pooling has 2 uses, either max pooling which takes the largest of values of the filter, or min pooling similar to max pooling but it takes the smallest value of the filter. However CNN is only an addition to normal neural network there for after we convolve and pool the matrix we have to flat the resultant matrix to a vector as an input to the neural network.

5.3 Model

Our models consists of three convolutional layers with three by three kernels with 1 stride. followed by three Max pooling with a size of two by two with 2 strides. flattening the matrices into vectors and then used as input for the four hidden layers with 128 nodes each all using ReLU activation function and SoftMax for the output, optimized using Adam's Algorithm.

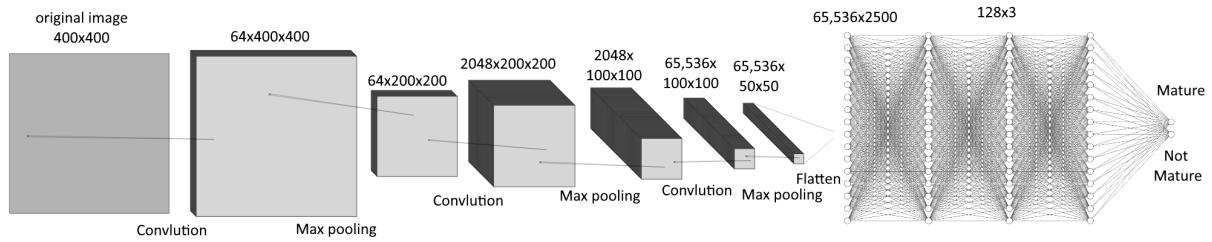


Figure 5.1: CNN model.

5.4 Used Dataset

The used dataset consist of 1000 images collected by taking about 50 pictures of pots of lettuce every 3 days. We have planted lettuce in 2 different environment ("indoor", "outdoor") to increase the verity of different conditions.

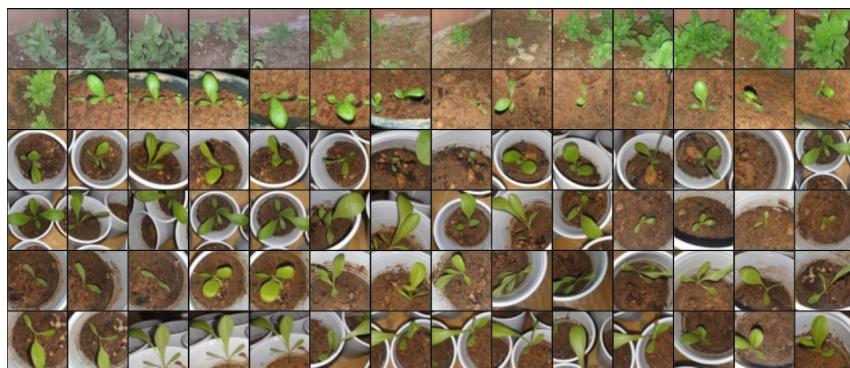


Figure 5.2: Plant Dataset.

5.5 Training

We have trained our model with Backpropagation Algorithm for after certain amount of epochs, the resulting of each epoch is as show in table 5.1. The training algorithm splits the dataset into training set and validation set the Loss and Accuracy are measures of Loss and Accuracy on the training set, while Validation Accuracy and Validation Loss are measures of Loss and Accuracy on the validation set. Based on our distribution we gave 10% of the used dataset to be validation set and the remaining 90% to be training set.

Epoch	Loss	Accuracy	Validation Loss	Validation Accuracy
0	0.70	0.54	0.89	0.54
20	0.69	1.00	2.33	0.63
40	0.04	1.00	5.68	0.66
60	0.00	1.00	6.34	0.67
80	0.00	1.00	6.99	0.67
100	0.00	1.00	7.11	0.68

Table 5.1: Accuracy Result

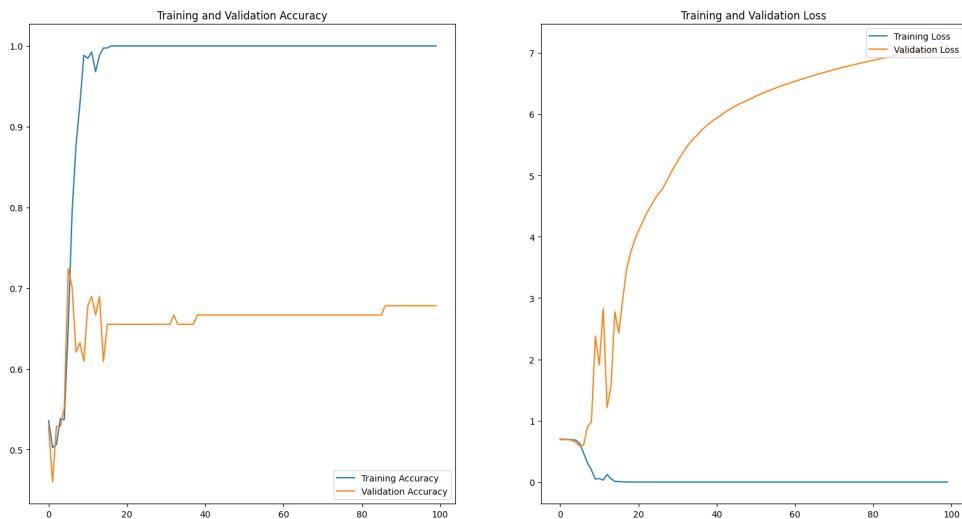


Figure 5.3: Accuracy Result Plot.

After training 100 epochs as show in figure 5.3 and in table 5.1, the accuracy became over 1, and the validation accuracy is steadily rising at 0.7, the result of large delta makes it harder to have a good model, there for predictions are not accurate 100% of the time. While the loss became almost nonexistence to 0, and the validation loss is still rising above 7.

Chapter 6

Conclusion

6.1 Summary

The project is intended to provide a solution to automatically tend to plants. Using a well-structured greenhouse to control different environment parameters such as humidity, temperature, sunlight, and irrigation. That will be helpful for approaching the goals of "The Green Saudi Initiative" and "Green Riyadh" project. We developed algorithms to receive commands wirelessly and use it to control the robotic arm movement to help the plant with applying some actions such removing harmful plants. With the use of convolutional neural network it can estimate the plant's level of growth. All of that will help in planting and taking care of multiple plants without the need of human interruption.

6.2 Tools

1. Software

- Open-source Arduino Software (IDE) to program the Arduino's
- Paint 3D to design the first version of the Greenhouse design
- Python IDE to code the neural network

2. Hardware

- Arduino Mega 2560
- 5v Relay Board
- Water Level Sensor
- Photoresistor (PGM5516P) [11]
- Temperature Humidity Sensor (DHT11) [10]
- Soil Moisture Sensor
- 40W LED
- Water Pump
- Servo Motor (MG996R)[12]
- Micro Servo Motor (SG90)[13]
- Bluetooth Module (HC-05)
- 5V 2A DC Power Supply

3. Documentation: We used free of cost papers and references from the internet or the Saudi Digital Library through King Saud University Network.

6.3 Future growth

1. Scale up the design for more plants.
2. Improve the environment of plants and tend other plants from out of it is preferred environment.
3. To be able to monitor the plants status over the internet.
4. To collect a verity of images of different plants to be used in a dataset.

Chapter 7

Project Timeline and Contribution

7.1 Phase 1

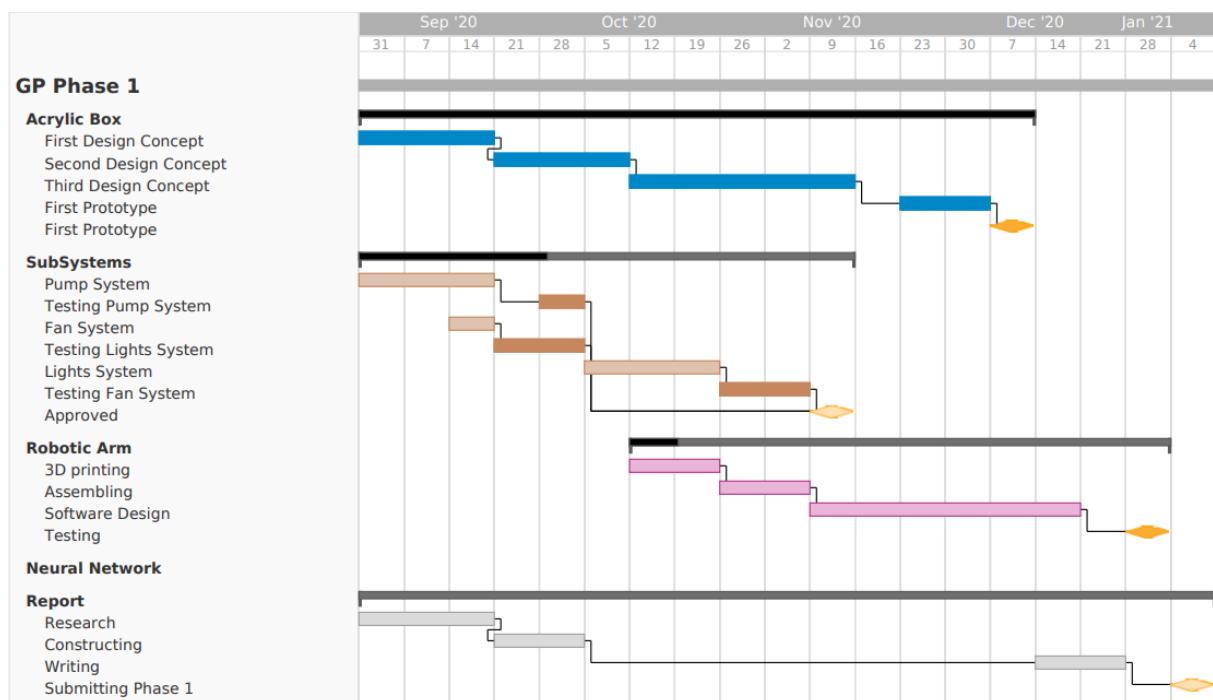


Figure 7.1: Phase 1 Gantt Chart.

Members contributions:

- Othman AlBeyabi tasks:
 1. First design concept
 2. Second design concept
 3. Third design concept
 4. First prototype
 5. Pump system
 6. Testing pump system
 7. Fan system

- 8. Testing fan system
 - 9. Lights system
 - 10. Testing lights system
 - 11. Assembling
 - 12. Software design
 - 13. Testing
 - 14. Research
 - 15. Writing
- Ghanim AlGhanim tasks:
 - 1. Pump system
 - 2. Testing pump system
 - 3. Fan system
 - 4. Testing fan system
 - 5. Lights system
 - 6. Testing lights system
 - 7. Assembling
 - 8. Software design
 - 9. Testing
 - 10. Research
 - 11. Constructing
 - 12. Writing

7.2 Phase 2

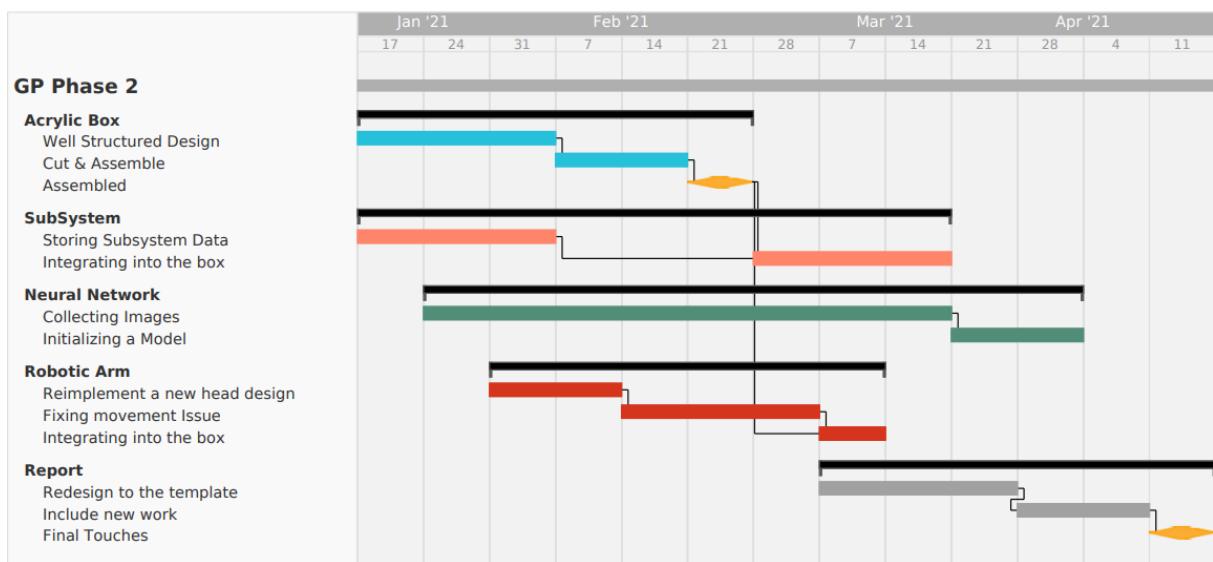


Figure 7.2: Phase 2 Gantt Chart.

Members contributions:

- Othman AlBeyabi tasks:
 1. Well structured design
 2. Cut and assembling
 3. Storing subsystem data
 4. Integrating into the box
 5. Collecting images
 6. Initializing a model
 7. Fixing movement issue
 8. Include new work
- Ghanim AlGhanim tasks:
 1. Storing subsystem data
 2. Integrating into the box
 3. Initializing a model
 4. Re-implement a new head design
 5. Fixing movement issue
 6. Integrating into the box
 7. Redesign to the template
 8. Include new work
 9. Final touches

7.3 Development Cost

The development cost is show in table 7.1.

Item	Amount	Price
DHT11[10]	5	40.08
GM5539[11]	30	17.77
LED 1	1	84.01
Water Level Sensor	10	20.94
PH0-14	1	145.1
Soil Moisture Sensor	5	28.62
Water Pump	4	71.99
MG995[12]	4	101.4
LED 2	1	109.8
Fans	5	218.6
16C Relay	1	111
SG90	5	71.7
Clear Acrylic Sheets	3	1897.5
Cutting by hour	1	1242
Cutting wood	1	345
Design acrylic	1	150
Total Ammount		4746.9 SAR

Table 7.1: Total Item Cost.

Chapter 8

Non-Technical issues

8.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we will discuss non-technical issues such as budget, and ethical aspects.

8.2 Ethical aspects

We follow the highest ethical requirements. Our project matches the ethical requirements, All the references that we used are cited and listed at the end of the report. We ensure that the results and methods are without fabrication.

8.3 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE) code of ethics

Since it is the largest professional association around the world that includes the highest educated engineering and technology experts, IEEE started to put guidelines and standards to organize and control the large amount of members around the world and their contributions. One of those rules is IEEE Code of Ethics which contains ten rules, and we will discuss how our project is harmonious with this code in all ten rules:

1. To avoid real or apparent conflicts of interest whenever possible, and to disclose them to involved parties when they do exist.
2. To hold utmost safety, health, and welfare of the public, to strive to comply with ethical design and sustainable development practices, to protect the privacy of others, and to disclose promptly factors that might endanger the society or the environment.
3. To seek out, accept, and offer honest criticism of professional work, to acknowledge and correct errors, to be truthful and rational in stating claims or estimates based on accessible data, and to credit properly the contributions of others.
4. To avoid illegal conduct in professional activities, and to reject bribery in all its forms.
5. To improve the understanding by individuals and society of the abilities and community implications of traditional and emerging technologies, including intelligent systems.
6. We treat all people justly and never let their religion, race or gender affect our judgment about them.

7. To sustain and improve our technical ability and to embark on technological tasks for others only if experienced by training or experience, or after full disclosure of pertinent constraints.
8. To avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by misleading or mischievous actions, rumors or any other verbal or physical abuses.
9. To not participate in harassment of any kind, including sexual harassment or bullying behavior.
10. To support colleagues and co-workers in following this code of ethics, to make every effort to ensure the code is endorsed, and to not retaliate against individuals reporting a violation.

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