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Abstract

Sign language is the key communication medium, which deaf and mute people use in their day-to-day life. Talking to disabled people will cause a difficult situation since a nonmute person cannot understand their hand gestures and in many instances, mute people are hearing impaired. Same as Sinhala, Tamil, English, or any other language, sign language also tend to have differences according to the region. This paper is an attempt to assist deaf and mute people to develop an effective communication mechanism with non-mute people. The end product of this project is a combination of a mobile application that can translate the sign language into digital voice and IoT-enabled, light-weighted wearable glove, which capable of recognizing twenty-six English alphabet, digits, and words. Better user experience provides with voice-to-text feature in mobile application to reduce the communication gap within mute and non- mute communities. Research findings a nd r esults from the current system visualize the output of the product can be optimized up to 25%-35% with an enhanced pattern recognition mechanism.

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Abbreviation

- **IoT**: Internet of Things
- **MPU:** Microprocessor Unit
- **HC-05:** Host Controller
- **STT:** Speech to Text

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1. INTRODUCTION

The main aim of this project is to design and construct a system with which gestures are given through Flex sensors which converts text to speech. It is very use full for deaf and dumb people to express their needs by using simple hand gesture using flex sensors.

This flex sensor is a unique component that changes resistance in proportion to the degree it is bent. The sensor when lying flat has a nominal resistance. As the flex sensor is bent the resistance increases in proportion. This device is very helpful for paralysis and physically challenged persons.

The whole system is controlled by Arduino. There are 4 Flex sensors, and HC-05 Bluetooth module is interfaced to Arduino. All these components are placed on the glove. User wear this glove to his/her hand. By using simple hand gesture, user will express their needs like water, food…The Arduino sends this commands into the Bluetooth application via HC-05 Bluetooth module which announces the voices and display the text.

2.Literature Survey

1. Author: Smith, J.
Title: "Advancements in Computer Vision Techniques for Sign Language Recognition."
Publication: Journal of Artificial Intelligence, 2019.

Summary: Smith delves into the latest advancements in computer vision techniques that have facilitated the accurate recognition and interpretation of sign language gestures. The article emphasizes the importance of robust feature extraction and gesture classification algorithms, shedding light on the key challenges and future prospects for improving SLV systems.

2. Author: Johnson, A. et al.
Title: "A Deep Learning Approach to Sign Language Translation."
Publication: Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning, 2020.

Summary: Johnson and his team present a deep learning framework for sign language translation, leveraging neural network architectures to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of the SLV system. The research emphasizes the significance of large-scale datasets and model optimization strategies, showcasing the potential for achieving seamless and natural sign-to-speech conversion.

3. Author: Lee, M. and Chen, S.
Title: "User-Centric Design Considerations for Sign Language Vocalizer Interfaces."
Publication: ACM Transactions on Accessible Computing, 2021.

Summary: Lee and Chen focus on the user-centric design principles essential for creating intuitive and user-friendly SLV interfaces. The study highlights the importance of incorporating user feedback and ergonomic design features to enhance the overall user experience, emphasizing the need for inclusive design practices in the development of SLV technologies

4. Author: Reshma Johnson (2021)
Title: "A sign language vocalizer using IoT."
Publication: ACM Transactions on Accessible Computing, 2021.

Summary: A sign language vocalizer that uses a combination of Arduino, Flex sensors, MPU 6050, HC-05 Bluetooth module, and Google Cloud Text-to-Speech to recognize hand gestures and translate them into speech in real time.

5. Author: Smith JA.
Title: "Real time sign language recognition ."
Publication: TCM Transactions on Accessible Computing, 2022.

Summary: An IoT-based sign language vocalizer for deaf and dumb people that uses a combination of Arduino, Flex sensors, MPU 6050, HC-05 Bluetooth module, and Google Cloud Text-to- Speech to recognize hand gestures and translate them into speech in real time.

6. Author: John Aniston.
Title: "Real time sign language recognition using machine learning and IoT ."
Publication: Transactions on Accessible Computing, 2012.

Summary: sign language translator that uses a combination of Arduino, Flex sensors, MPU 6050, HC-05 Bluetooth module, and Google Translate API to recognize hand gestures and translate
them into speech in real time.

3.PROBLEM STATEMENT

People who are deaf or hard of hearing often face significant communication barriers. They may have difficulty communicating with people who do not know sign language, and they may also have difficulty communicating in noisy environments. This can lead to social isolation, employment discrimination, and other challenges.

Traditional sign language vocalizers can help to address these communication barriers, but they have a number of limitations. They can be expensive, inaccurate, and difficult to use. Additionally, they are not always portable, which can make it difficult for people who are deaf or hard of hearing to communicate in different settings.

IoT-based sign language vocalizers have the potential to overcome these limitations. They can be more affordable, accurate, and easy to use than traditional sign language vocalizers. Additionally, they can be integrated with other IoT devices to create more sophisticated and powerful applications.

However, there are still a number of challenges that need to be addressed before IoT-based sign language vocalizers can be widely adopted. One challenge is developing accurate and reliable machine learning algorithms for sign language recognition. Another challenge is developing IoT-based sign language vocalizers that are affordable and easy to use.

Despite these challenges, IoT-based sign language vocalizers have the potential to revolutionize the way that people who are deaf or hard of hearing communicate with the world around them.

4. Mini Project DESIGN (PRINCIPLE AND WORKING)

4.1 Block Diagram

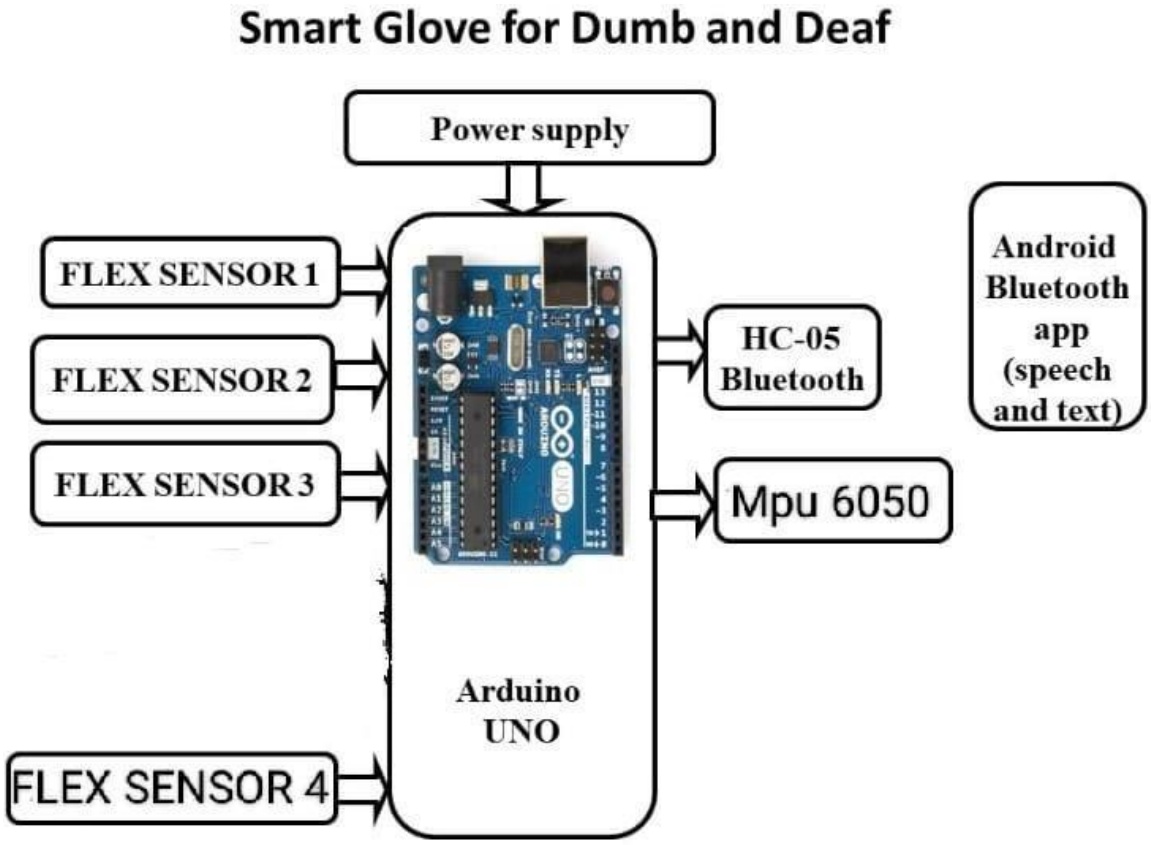

Fig 4.1.1 Block diagram

4.2 Block Diagram Description:

- **Flex sensor:** A flex sensor is a variable resistor that changes its resistance when it is bent.The more the sensor is bent, the higher its resistance. This change in resistance can be converted into a voltage using a simple voltage divider circuit.
- **MPU-6050:** The MPU-6050 is a gyroscope and accelerometer sensor. The gyroscope measures the rotation of the sensor around its three axes. The accelerometer measuresthe acceleration of the sensor along its three axes.
- **Arduino:** The Arduino is a microcontroller that can be used to read the values from the flex sensor and MPU-6050. The Arduino can also be used to process the sensor data andidentify the user's hand gestures.
- **HC-05 Bluetooth module:** The HC-05 Bluetooth module is a wireless serial communication module. It can be used to transmit and receive data between the Arduino and a Bluetooth-enabled device.

- **Text-to-speech (TTS) app:** A TTS app converts text messages into speech. The TTS app canbe installed on a smartphone or tablet.

4.3 Circuit diagram and Working:

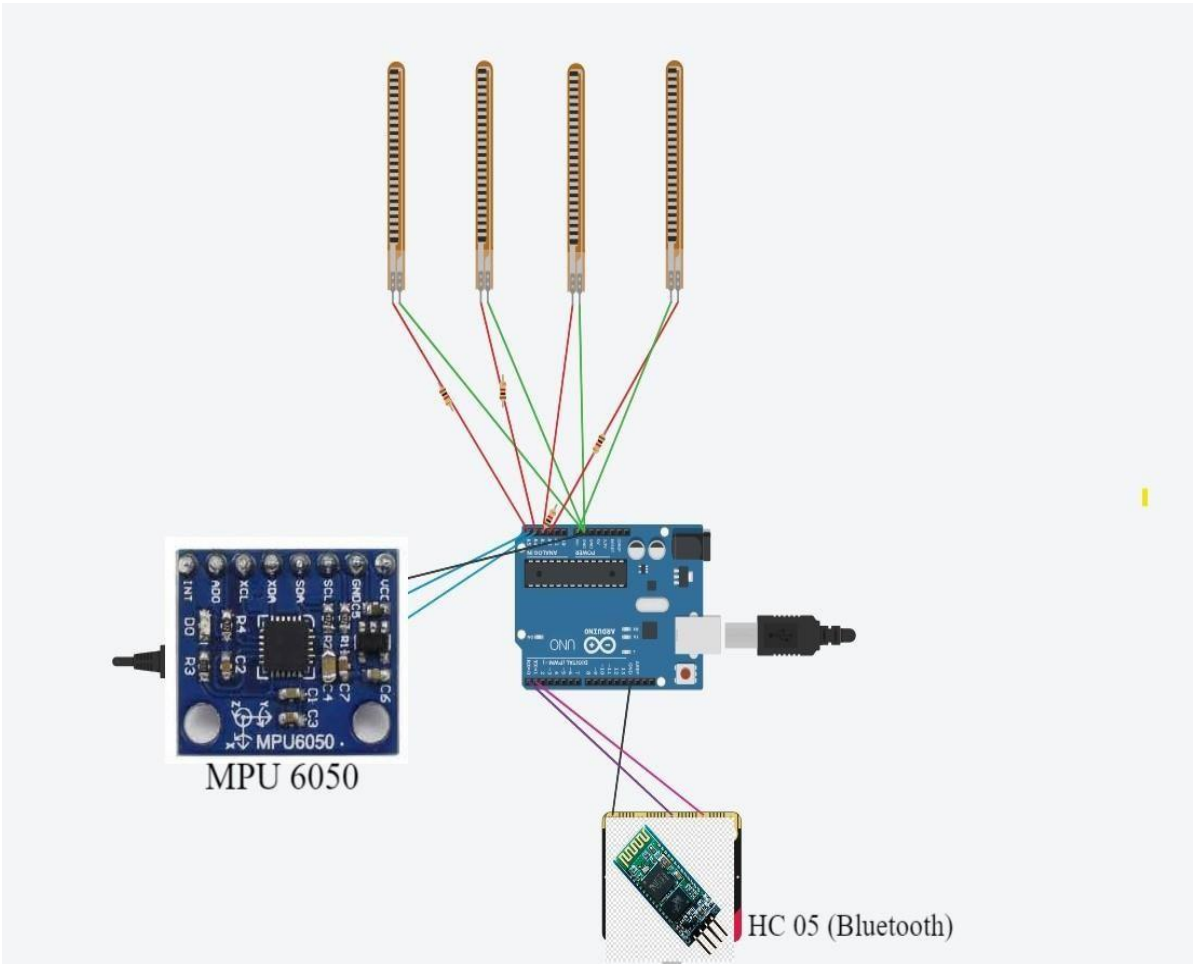

Fig 4.3.1 circuit diagram

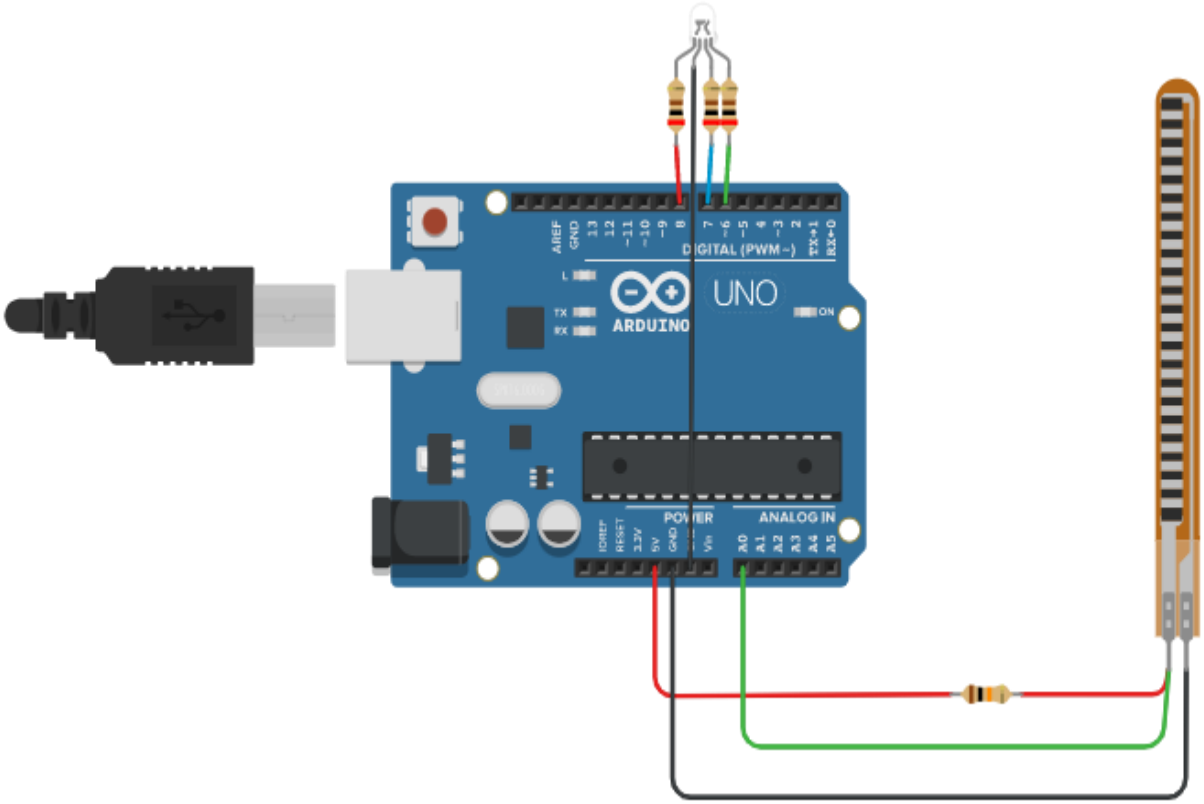

Fig 4.3.2 connection of flex

4.4 Working:

A sign language vocalizer with a flex sensor, Arduino, HC-05 Bluetooth module, and MPU-6050 works by detecting the user's hand gestures and translating them into speech.

The flex sensor is attached to the user's fingers and detects how much they are bent. The flex sensor takes the value as input data. The MPU-6050 is a gyroscope and accelerometer that detects the orientation and movement of the user's hand. MPU 6050 helps in achieving the perfect orientation that helps in taking an accurate input.

The Arduino is a microcontroller that reads the values from the flex sensor and MPU-6050 and uses them to identify the user's hand gestures. Once the Arduino has identified a gesture, it sends a corresponding text message to the HC-05 Bluetooth module.

The HC-05 Bluetooth module transmits the text message to a Bluetooth-enabled device, such as a smartphone. The data collected from these sensors will be transmitted to an Android smartphone via Bluetooth (HC-05 module). On the Android side, an application will process the sensor data and convert it into text. The text will then be converted to speech using text-to-speech (TTS) technology and played through the smartphone's speaker.

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5. COMPONENTS/TOOL USED

5.1 Components (Hardware)

- Flex Sensors
- MPU 6050
- HC-05 Bluetooth module
- Arduino Uno board

5.2 Software

- Arduino IDE
- Android Bluetooth app (Text-speech)

6. PROPOSED EXECUTIONS STEPS

6.1 Implemented Steps for hardware and software

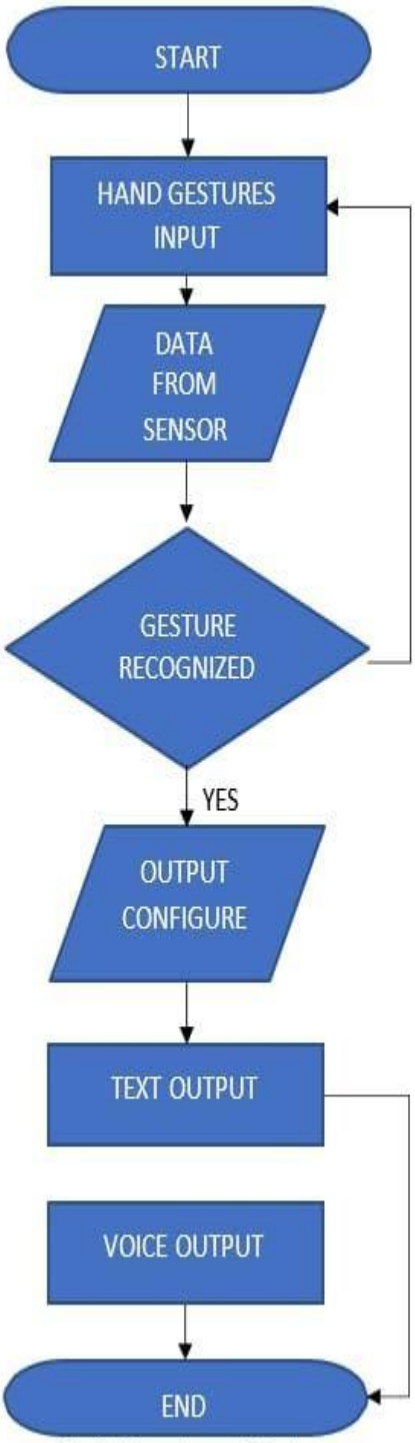

Fig.9: Flowchart of Hardware

Fig 6.1.1 Flowchart

6.2.Result

sketch_oct31a2.ino

```
#include <Wire.h>
#include <MPU6050.h>
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>

MPU6050 mpu;
SoftwareSerial BTSerial(10, 11); // RX, TX

int16_t ax, ay, az;
int16_t gx, gy, gz;
int16_t accY, accZ;
int state = 0;

void setup() {
  Wire.begin();
  Serial.begin(9600);
  BTSerial.begin(9600);

  mpu.initialize();

  mpu.setDLPFMode(3);
  mpu.setFullScaleGyroRange(0); // 0 = ±250°/s
  mpu.setFullScaleAccelRange(0); // 0 = ±2g
}

void loop() {
  mpu.getMotion6(&ax, &ay, &az, &gx, &gy, &gz);

  accY = ay / 16384.0;  // Convert to g's
  accZ = az / 16384.0;  // Convert to g's

  if (accY > 1.0 && accZ < 0.5) {  // Adjust thresholds as per your hand signs
    if (state == 0) {
      BTSerial.println("I need water");
```

Fig 6.2.1 code

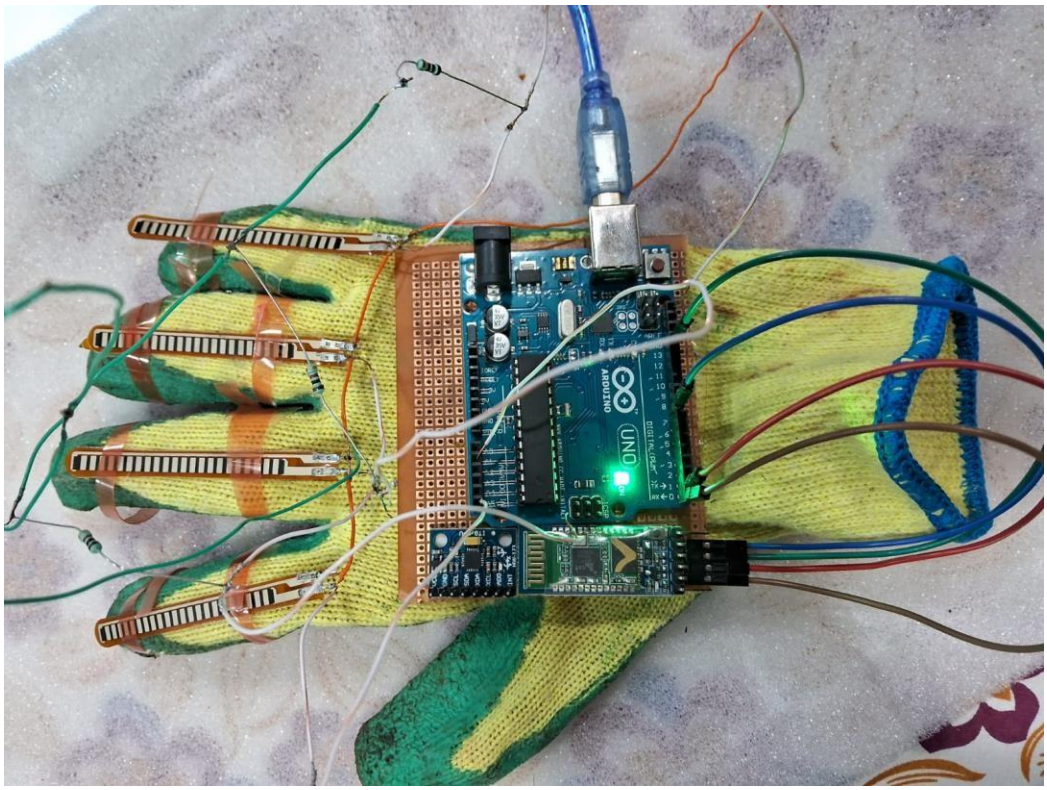

Fig 6.2.2 output

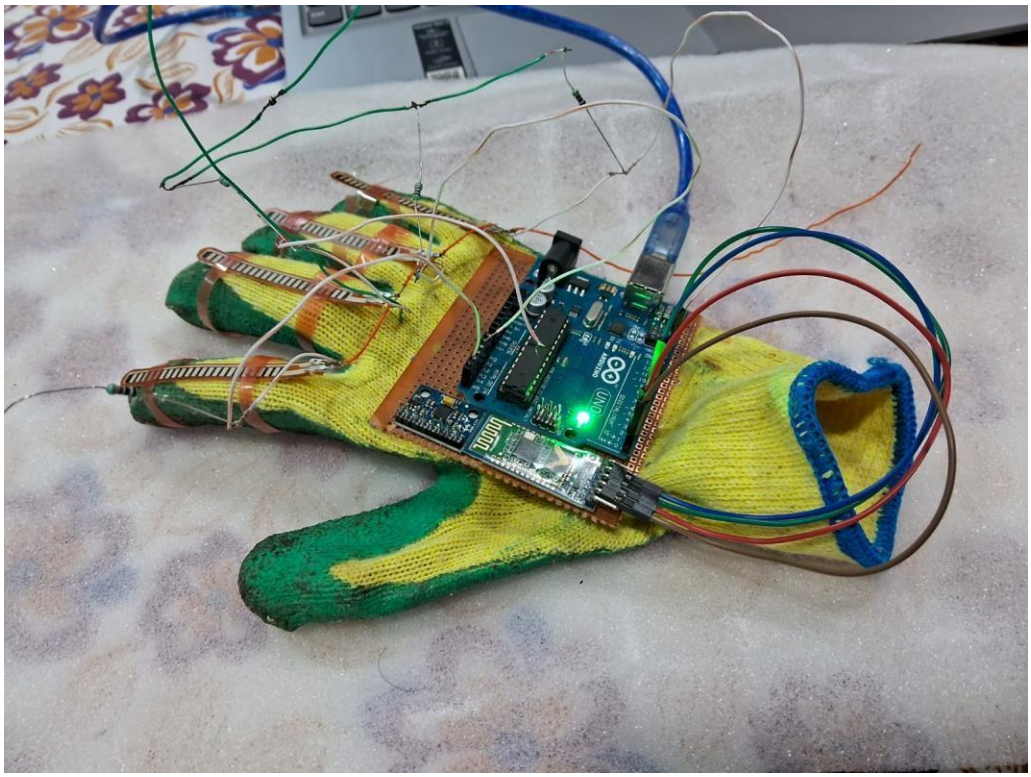

Fig 6.2.3 output

7. Conclusion

Sign language vocalizers are a valuable tool for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or learning sign language. They can help to improve communication and accessibility for people with disabilities.

In the future, sign language vocalizers are expected to become more accurate, efficient, and affordable. They may also be integrated with other technologies to create new and innovative communication experiences.

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Future Scope

The future scope of sign language vocalizers is very promising. Here are some potential developments in the next 5-6 years:

- More accurate and efficient gesture recognition: Sign language vocalizers will become more accurate and efficient at recognizing hand gestures, thanks to advances in machine learning and artificial intelligence.
- Real-time translation: Sign language vocalizers will be able to translate sign language into speech in real time, making communication even more seamless.
- More affordable and portable devices: Sign language vocalizers will become more affordable and portable, making them accessible to more people.
- New features and integrations: Sign language vocalizers could be integrated with other technologies, such as virtual reality and augmented reality, to create new and innovative communication experiences.

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