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CO1	3	3
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CO3	3	3
CO4	3	3
CO5	3	3
CO6	3	3
<b>Average</b>	3	3

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## **ABSTRACT**

The aim of the project is to develop a modular, re-configurable, wall-climbing robotic system and to investigate intelligent control methods and vision algorithms to control and coordinate a team of such robots to perform various function. A wall climbing robot is a robot with the capability of climbing vertical surfaces. The targeted capability to stick with surface can be achieved by duct fan.

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

It is a kind of electro mechanical machine which can perform various tasks automatically according to the installed programmable commands. Robots can perform different tasks in an unfriendly environment where it is tough for human to accomplish it. In the modern scientific era, robots are one of the most exclusive inventions by which our life became easier and comfortable. Climbing robots are mainly adopted in places where direct access by a human operator is very expensive, because of the need for scaffolding, or very dangerous, due to the presence of a hostile environment. In the last decades, different applications have been envisioned for wall climber robots, mainly in the field of technical inspection, maintenance, surveillance, space activities and failure or breakdown diagnosis in dangerous environments. These tasks are necessary in the outside of tall buildings, bridges, nuclear power plants or pipelines, for scanning external surfaces of gas or oil tanks and offshore platforms, for performing nondestructive tests in industrial structures, and also in planes and ships. Furthermore, they have been applied in civil construction repair and maintenance, in the prevention and fire-fighting actions, in anti-terrorist actions, in cleaning operations of sky-scrappers/buildings.

the walls and ceilings of restaurants, for transportation of loads inside buildings and for reconnaissance in urban environments. Finally, their application has also been proposed in the education and human care areas. Wall climbing robots have been developed for decades to increase working efficiency and to ensure worker's safety. The robots are popular in various prospective applications such as cleaning, inspecting, painting, and blasting for high-rise structures. In the field of the climbing robots, locomotion mechanism design to enlarge the applicable areas of the climbing robots is the major issue. Wall-climbing robots, are mainly employed for the tasks that are dangerous or costly when performed by a human operator in the harsh environment. Some tasks include wall cleaning of high buildings, remote maintenance of large storage tanks, inspection of large concrete structures such as bridge pylons, cooling towers or dams and in-pipe inspections. According to the adhesion method, these robots are generally classified into four groups: magnetic, vacuum or suction cups, gripping to the surface and propulsion type. According to locomotion mechanisms they are classified as legged mechanisms, translation mechanism, wheel driven mechanism and tracked wheel mechanism.

## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE SURVEY

#### **2.1 A Novel Mechanism Design Technique To Develop A Vertical Climbing Robot With High Mobility For Flat And Spherical Surfaces, Shahriar Siraj Khan\*, Alve Rahman Akash, Sheikh Maaj, M D. Rakibul Hassan, Md. Abdur Rahman**

The following paper represents a new and improved wall climbing mechanism that can climb on flat and spherical surfaces. The design methodology of the robot was solely directed towards heavy lifting purposes; as the robot uses a redesigned mechanism to endure an enhanced workload. The robot was specially designed to climb any given vertical surface with the help of the Reverse Propulsion technology; which provides backward thrust as a convenient heavy-duty suction mechanism. The robot was built keeping overall body weight at a minimum and consisted an array of powerful brushless motors for the suction and navigation. The robot can be put to multiple use based on its operation such as surveillance, inspection, cleaning etc.

#### **2.2 Design Implementation of Vertical Surface Climbing Cleaner Robot, Prof. Dr. M. A. Mannan, Director, Faculty of Engineering, American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB).**

This paper presents a vertical surface climbing robot for cleaning of dust from high rise building. Usually, people clean their wall of outer surface of building by human. Often it becomes risky and costly also. A portable robot having the ability to climb on vertical surface has been expected for a long time. To protect human's life we designed a prototype of vertical surface climbing robot for cleaning and other multipurpose operation. Some combination of technology has been shown such as smart wireless control with all direction moving capability. Four Dc motors are used to move the robot and one Dc motor is used to rotate the cleaning brush. There is one Electric Ducted fan (EDF) which helps the robot to stick to the surface against gravitational force. An Arduino uno is used as a controller for different There is a Bluetooth modular which has been used to connect with smart phone and take command from user. Four motor helps it to move in up, down, right and left direction by the according commands given by smart phone. The full robot is power by using DC battery and AC to DC converted adapter combined. To observe the outcome of the project, we analyzed the performance of the robot .

### **2.3 A Small-sized Wall-climbing Robot for Anti-terror Scout, Shuyan Liu, Xueshan Gao, Kejie Li, Jun Li, and Xingguang Duan Intelligent Robotics Institute Beijing Institute of Technology**

This paper presents a small-sized wall climbing robot for anti-terror and rescue scout tasks, which takes advantage of a method called critical suction. In this paper the critical suction mechanism is discussed in theory. Furthermore, the fluid model of the robot's suction system is set up using the fluid network theory. According to the dynamic response equation of the negative pressure inner the suction cup, the robot suction process on the wall is simulated. Finally, the results of the experiments for adsorbing on the sorts of walls proved this type of robot can be adsorbed on the surfaces.

## CHAPTER 3

### METHODOLOGY

The development plan is shown in Figure 3.1 by a simple block diagram. The block diagram is divided in two parts as its main duty is in two portions. Microcontrollers, ducted fan, dc motors, and motor drivers are operated for moving toward the vertical direction. For operating two pairs of dc motor, there are two motor drivers which is enough for all the dc motors. As a power supply a 12-volt DC SMPS is used which can supply a continuous electricity. This power supplied can be supplied by 220-volt line voltage by an AC to DC converter. Two L298 motor drivers are used for operating DC motors. Each motor driver operates two individual motors. As a controller Arduino Uno is used for multiple operation like an operating motor driver. When the motor drivers get command from the controller, those motor drivers start to operate the two DC motors individually. As the DC motors are started then the whole robot will move vertically. The robot is operated by a 4-wheel drive design with high grip wheels to help it move over the wall with ease. The robot uses a high torque drone motor with propeller to produce the suction needed to cling on to the wall. Controller circuitry controls the 4 motors. The controller makes use of a Bluetooth module to receive movement commands from the user. The user uses an android app to connect to the robotic system using Bluetooth. Once connection is successful the user may press buttons on the app to start the suction as well as control movement of the robot on wall.

#### 3.1 List of Components

- BLDC Motor
- Propeller Blade
- Gear Motors
- Bluetooth Module
- wheels
- Supporting Frame
- Screws and Fittings

##### 3.1.1 BLDC Motor

It is this motor which takes the electrical power from the power source and converts it into mechanical power in the form of suction with air flow.



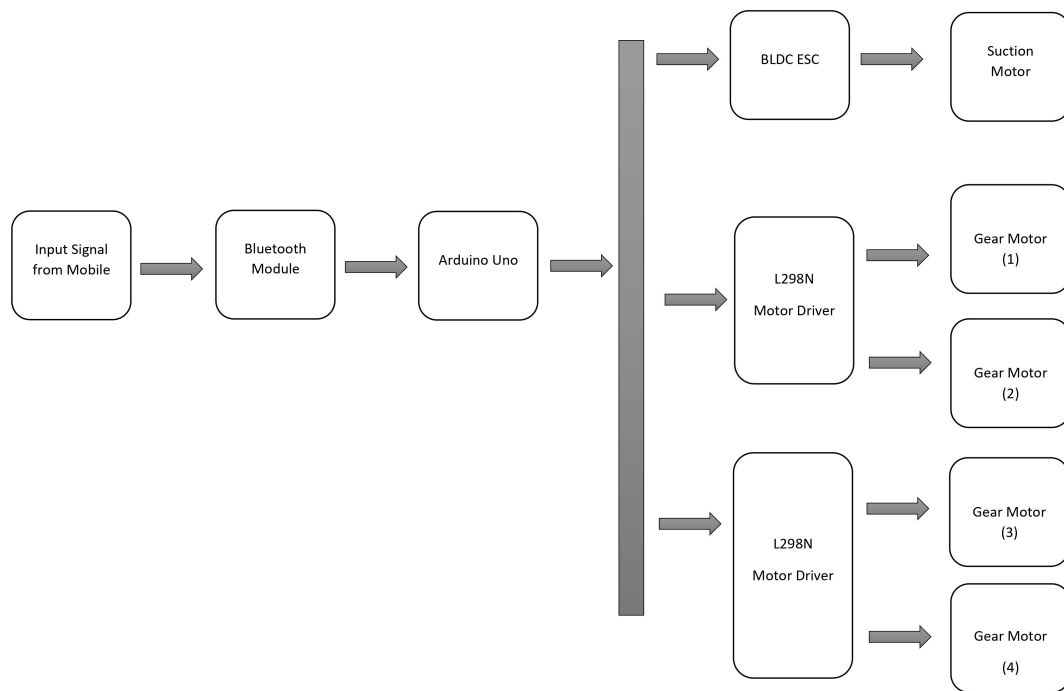


Figure 3.1: METHODOLOGY

### 3.1.2 Gear Motor

In this project, 4 dc gear motors are used to drive the wheels. Operating Voltage 3 to 12V. RPM: 200 rpm.

### 3.1.3 ESC

Standard 30A ESC Electronic Speed Controller can drive motors that consume up to 30A current. The onboard ESC provides regulated 5V (2A max draw) to power the flight controller and other onboard modules. This is useful to control our brushless motors.

### 3.1.4 L298N

This L298N Motor Driver Module is a high power motor driver module for driving DC and Stepper Motors. This module consists of an L298 motor driver IC and a 78M05 5V regulator. L298N Module can control up to 4 DC motors, or 2 DC motors with directional and speed control.

### 3.1.5 Wheels and Tyres

A wheel having a rim and a hub as the major parts revolve around the axle to enable it to move easily over the wall. It is used to move forward direction and backward direction also move left and right side. This is rotate with help of DC gear motor.

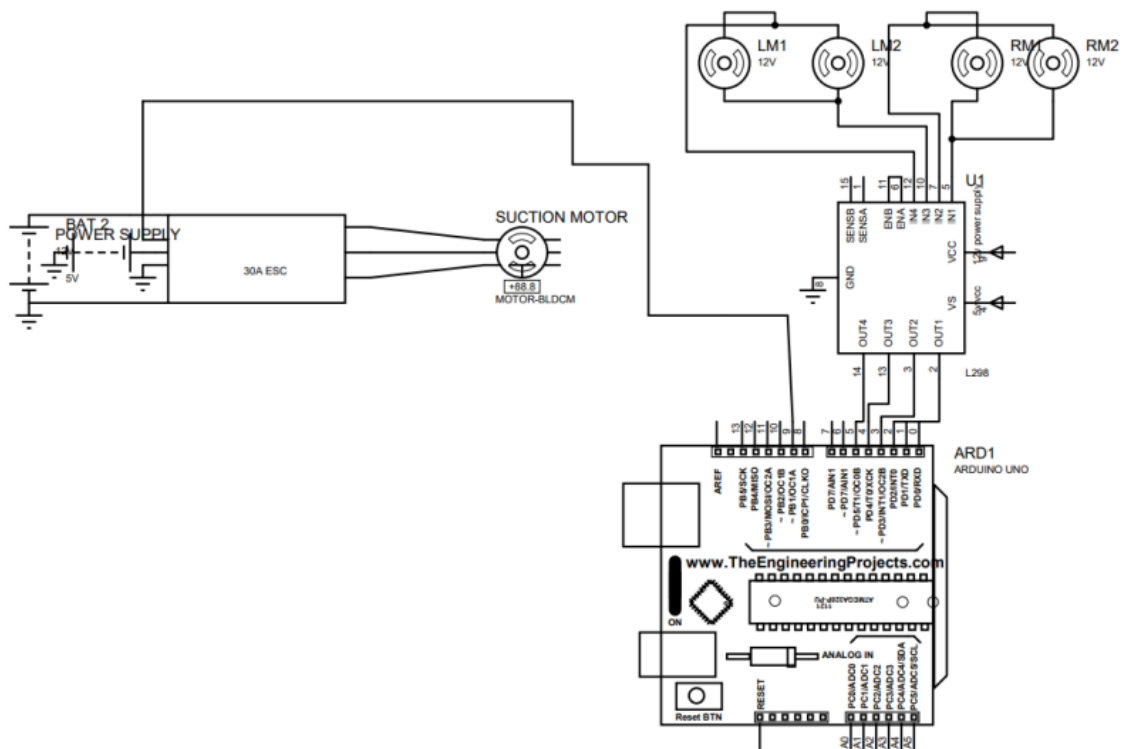


Figure 3.2: CIRCUI DIAGRAM

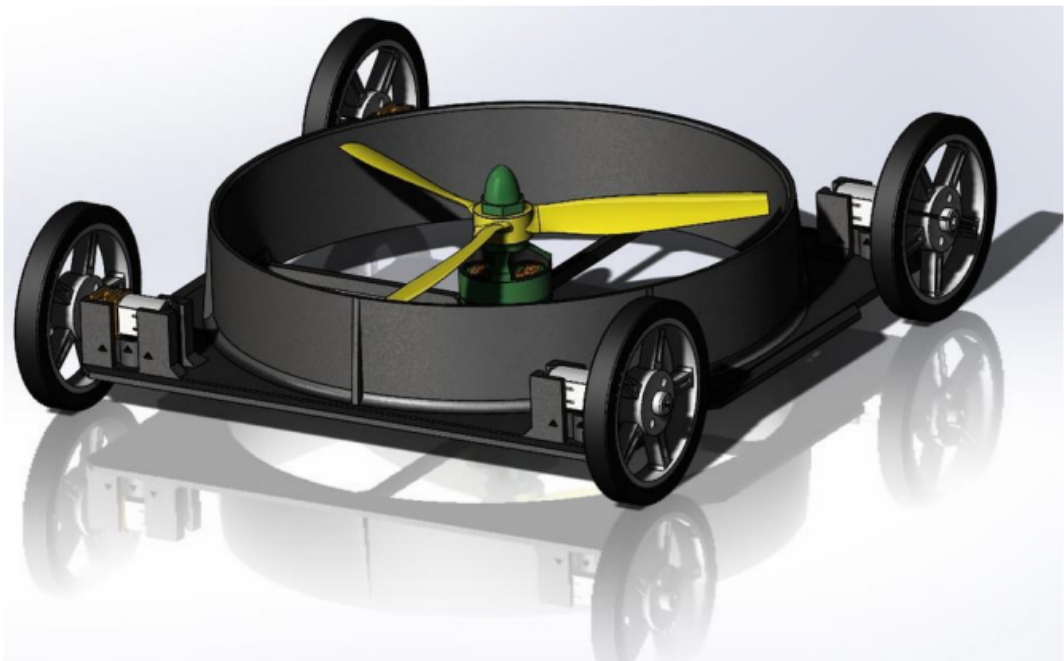


Figure 3.3: DESIGN

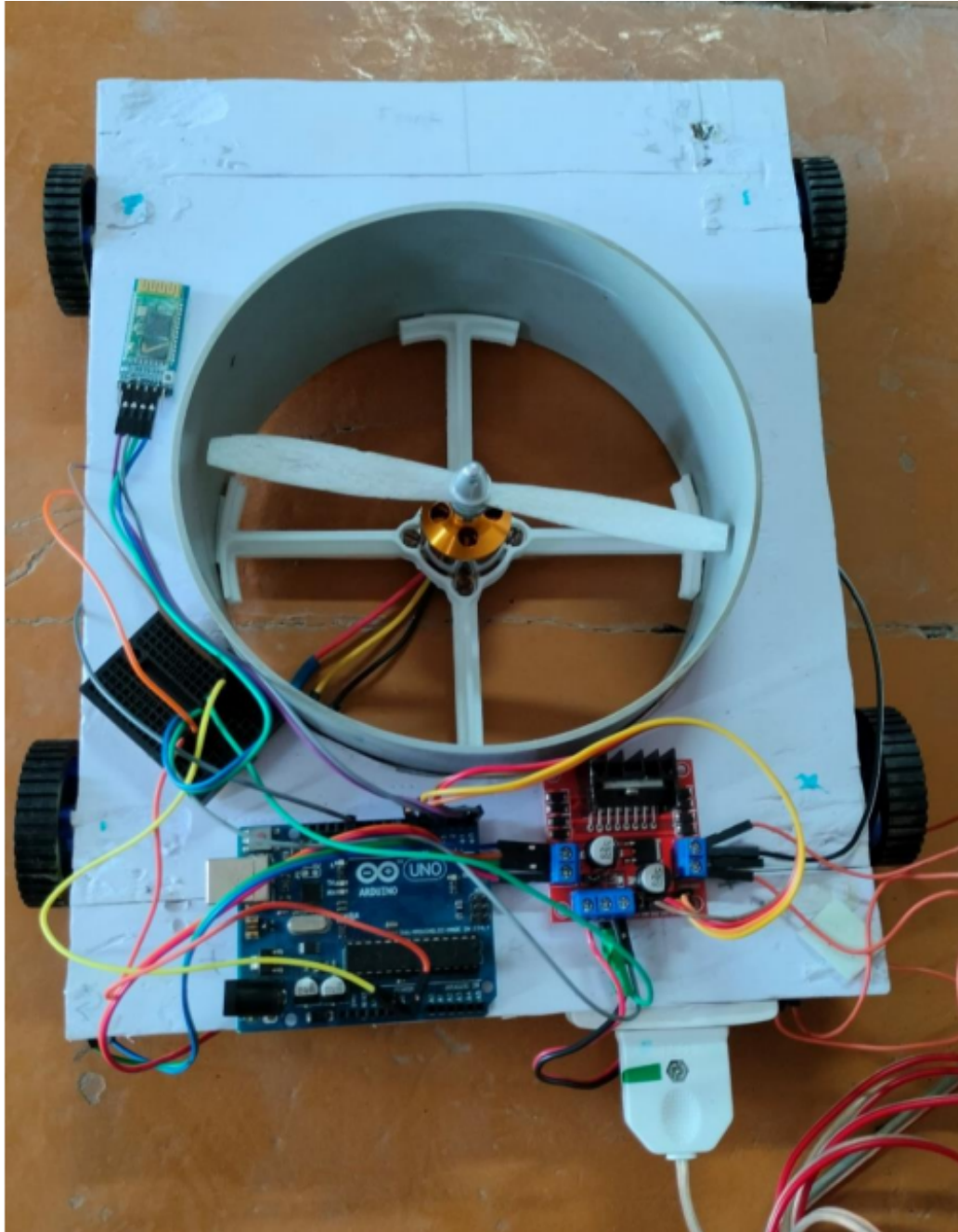


Figure 3.4: Testing

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE**

In modern society, there is an increasing need for climbing robots to clean, weld or inspect different kinds of surfaces of high buildings, large oil tanks and rough concrete facilities, replacing workers in these hazardous environments, so as to ease the difficulties in performing various tasks. During the two last decades, the interest in climbing robotic systems has grown steadily. A lot of improvement is expected in the future design of the wall climbing robots depending upon its utility. Consequently, robotic technologies have been developed and applied according to the needs in different fields. High rise buildings having glass facades face a constant problem of maintenance. Maintenance involves cleaning of glass surface. Robots have been created to assist or replace humans in various dangerous and difficult tasks. Robots have been used in construction, manufacturing, security etc. This is because they are able to adapt to different environments and situations. Nowadays, with the large increase in development of tall and smart buildings in urban areas, the development of a window cleaning robot has become a necessity. Currently window glass cleaning in high rise buildings has been carried out manually usually with a machine to lift worker to the desired location. Objectives of our work is to design and fabricate a glass cleaning robot for glass covered high rise buildings and to effectively increase safety and efficiently clean the glass panes. This will ensure a faster cleaning operation and will prevent accidents due to the human workforce used in high rise building. Designed our own unique wall-climbing robot with mechanisms for suction and I implemented techniques for its control as well.

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