HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION GLOVE

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ABSTRACT

This project presents a Hand Gesture Recognition Glove that interprets human gestures into meaningful text messages using embedded systems. The glove integrates five flex sensors strategically positioned along the fingers to capture finger bending patterns corresponding to different hand gestures. These analog signals are first processed by an Arduino, which converts them into digital data and transmits them via serial communication to an 8051 microcontroller.

The 8051 microcontroller, programmed using Keil C, receives the gesture data as comma-separated values. It parses the values and classifies the gestures based on predefined flex thresholds. Recognized gestures, such as "Hello", "Peace", or "Okay", are transmitted wirelessly using the HC-05 Bluetooth module to a paired smartphone or device, where they are displayed in real time.

This system demonstrates a low-cost, portable, and user-friendly solution for gesture-based communication, potentially aiding in human-computer interaction, assistive technology for the differently-abled, or remote control systems. The modular architecture and open communication protocol allow easy customization and integration into broader IoT ecosystems.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

- To develop a gesture recognition glove that translates specific hand movements into meaningful text messages.
- To implement a cost-effective embedded system using an 8051 microcontroller, Arduino, HC-05 Bluetooth module, and flex sensors.
- To enable real-time wireless communication between the glove and a mobile device for intuitive interaction.
- To design a gesture classification algorithm capable of recognizing common hand gestures such as "Hello", "Peace", and "Okay".
- To promote accessibility and assistive communication for differently-abled individuals through gesture-based messaging.

1.2 APPLICATIONS

- **Assistive Technology:** Helps people with speech or hearing impairments communicate using hand gestures.
- **Home Automation Control:** Can be extended to control smart devices using hand gestures.
- **Gaming and Virtual Reality:** Used for gesture-based controls in immersive applications.
- **Robotics Control:** Enables intuitive control of robots through human hand movements.
- **Human-Computer Interaction (HCI):** Enhances interaction in interfaces where touch or voice input may not be feasible.

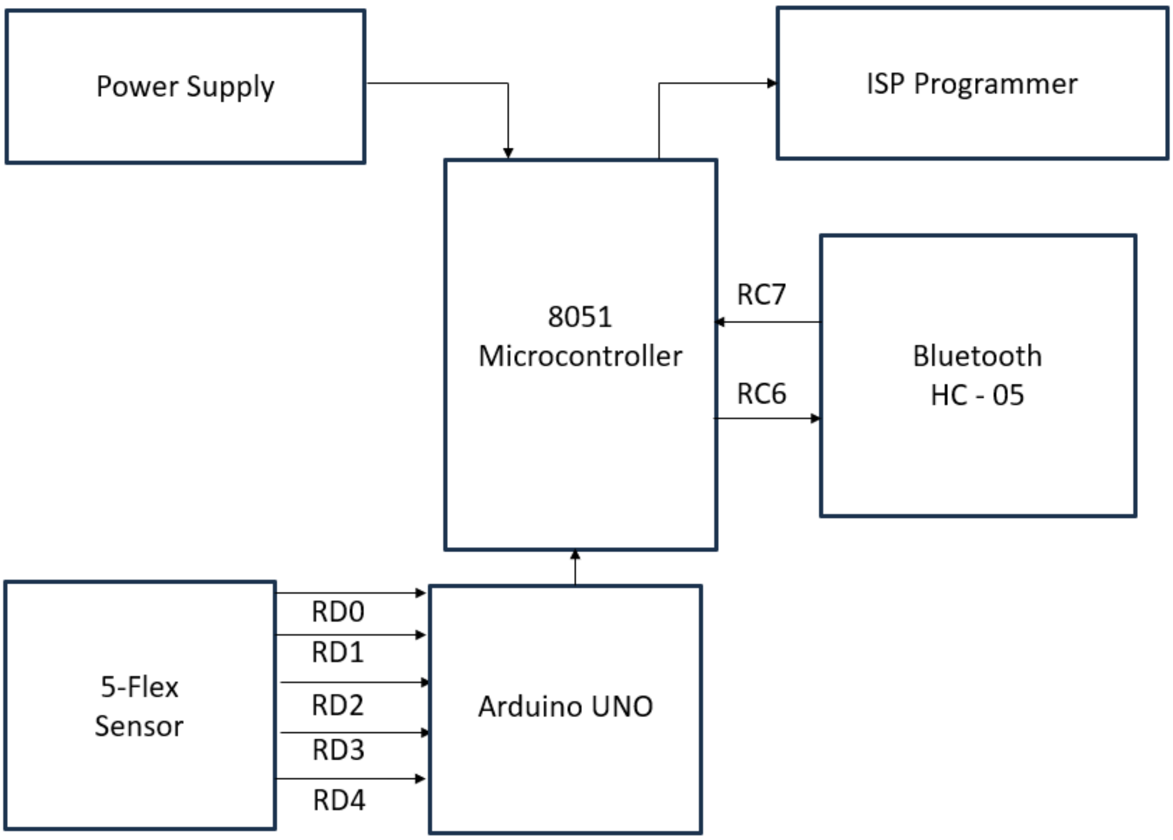
1.3 FEATURES

- **Five Flex Sensor Integration:** Captures bending of each finger individually to recognize precise gestures.

- **Real-Time Wireless Communication:** Uses HC-05 Bluetooth module for instant message transfer to a smartphone.
- **Gesture Classification Logic:** Accurately distinguishes between multiple gestures using threshold logic on sensor values.
- **Microcontroller-Based Control:** Utilizes the 8051 microcontroller for efficient data processing and decision-making.
- **Arduino Analog-to-Digital Conversion:** Converts analog flex readings to digital format using a 10-bit ADC, providing values from 0 to 1023 for high precision.
- **Portable and Lightweight:** Compact design wearable on a glove, allowing ease of use and mobility.
- **Customizable and Scalable:** Easily extendable to include more gestures or additional sensors.

2. DESIGN

2.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM



2.2 HARDWARE ANALYSIS

The proposed system integrates multiple hardware components that work in synchronization to detect hand gestures and transmit corresponding messages wirelessly. Each hardware element plays a crucial role in ensuring accurate gesture recognition and seamless communication.

1. Flex Sensors (5 units)

- Function: Detect bending motion of fingers.

- Working Principle: The resistance of the flex sensor increases as it bends. This change in resistance is converted into a varying voltage signal.
- Use in Project: Each finger is equipped with a flex sensor to capture individual finger positions, enabling accurate gesture classification.

2. Arduino (Analog-to-Digital Converter)

- Model Used: Commonly Arduino Uno or Nano.
- Function: Converts analog voltage from flex sensors into digital values.
- ADC Resolution: 10-bit ADC, providing values from 0 to 1023, which allows for fine-grained measurement of finger bending.
- Use in Project: Acts as an intermediary between flex sensors and 8051, sending digital sensor data via UART.

3. 8051 Microcontroller

- Function: Main processing unit of the system.
- Tasks:
    - Receives digital data from Arduino.
    - Parses and classifies gestures based on predefined thresholds.
    - Sends the identified gesture as a message over Bluetooth.
- Use in Project: Handles logic and communication; programmed using Keil uVision IDE.

4. HC-05 Bluetooth Module

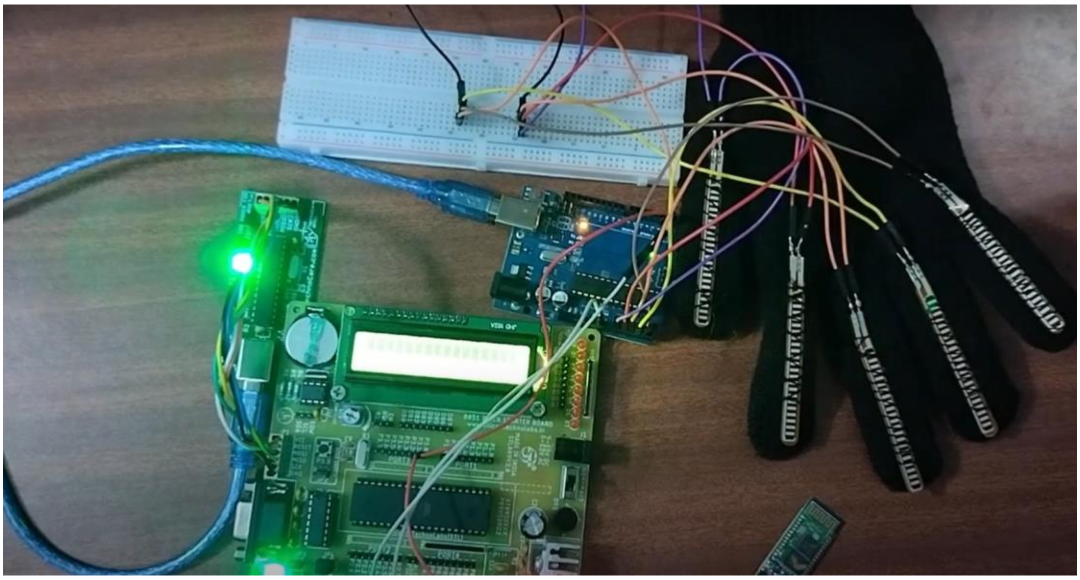
- Function: Enables wireless serial communication.
- Communication Protocol: UART (9600 baud rate).
- Use in Project: Sends gesture output to a smartphone or Bluetooth-enabled device for display.

5. Power Supply

- Function: Provides operating voltage to Arduino, 8051, and Bluetooth module.

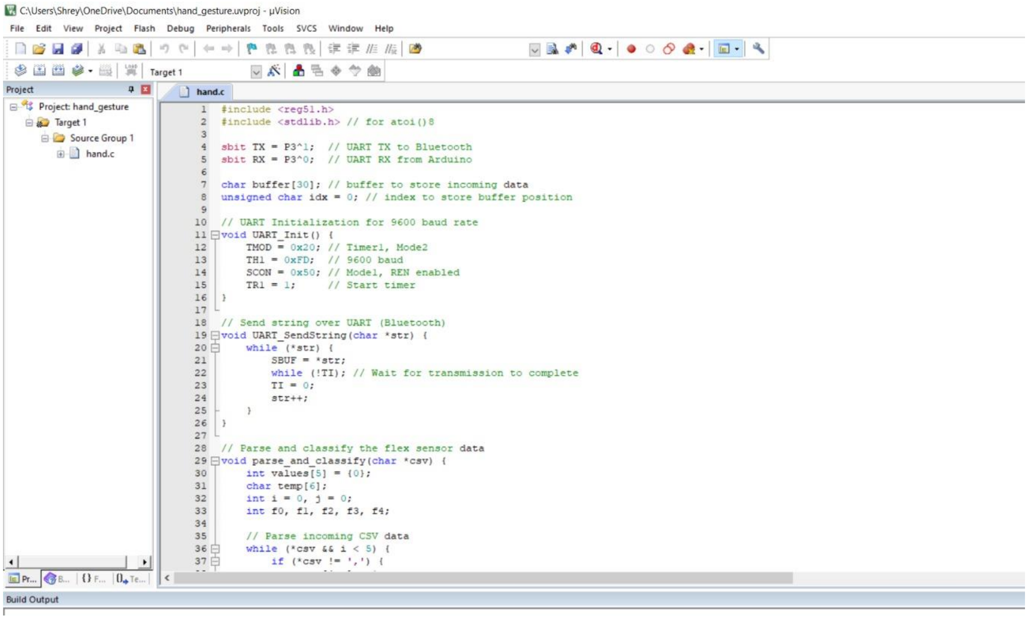
- Options: Can be powered using batteries or USB supply (typically 5V).
- Use in Project: Ensures portable and standalone operation of the glove system.

2.3 PROJECT RESULTS



3. SOFTWARE – CODING AND ANALYSIS

- **KEIL µVISION CODE:**



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#include <reg51.h>
#include <stdlib.h> // for atoi()8

sbit TX = P3^1;  // UART TX to Bluetooth
sbit RX = P3^0;  // UART RX from Arduino

char buffer[30]; // buffer to store incoming data
unsigned char idx = 0; // index to store buffer position

// UART Initialization for 9600 baud rate
void UART_Init() {
    TMOD = 0x20; // Timer1, Mode2
    TH1 = 0xFD;  // 9600 baud
    SCON = 0x50; // Model, REN enabled
    TR1 = 1;     // Start timer
}

// Send string over UART (Bluetooth)
void UART_SendString(char *str) {
    while (*str) {
        SBUF = *str;
        while (!TI); // Wait for transmission to complete
        TI = 0;
        str++;
    }
}

// Parse and classify the flex sensor data
void parse_and_classify(char *csv) {
    int values[5] = {0};
    char temp[6];
    int i = 0, j = 0;
    int f0, f1, f2, f3, f4;

    // Parse incoming CSV data
    while (*csv && i < 5) {
        if (*csv != ',') {
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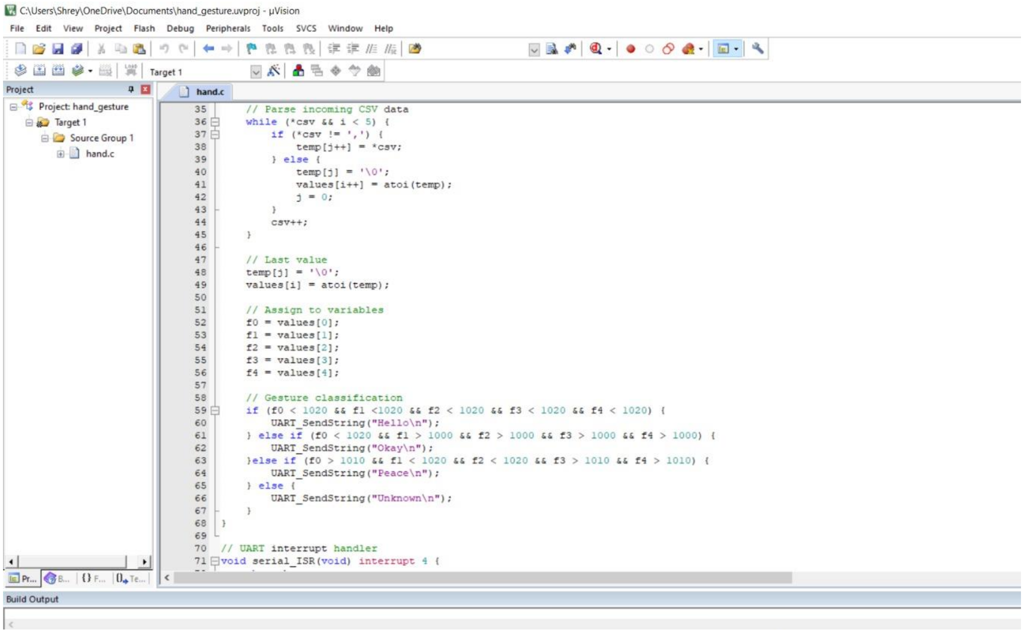

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    // Parse incoming CSV data
    while (*csv && i < 5) {
        if (*csv != ',') {
            temp[j++] = *csv;
        } else {
            temp[j] = '\0';
            values[i++] = atoi(temp);
            j = 0;
        }
        csv++;
    }

    // Last value
    temp[j] = '\0';
    values[i] = atoi(temp);

    // Assign to variables
    f0 = values[0];
    f1 = values[1];
    f2 = values[2];
    f3 = values[3];
    f4 = values[4];

    // Gesture classification
    if (f0 < 1020 && f1 <1020 && f2 < 1020 && f3 < 1020 && f4 < 1020) {
        UART_SendString("Hello\n");
    } else if (f0 < 1020 && f1 > 1000 && f2 > 1000 && f3 > 1000 && f4 > 1000) {
        UART_SendString("Okay\n");
    }else if (f0 > 1010 && f1 < 1020 && f2 < 1020 && f3 > 1010 && f4 > 1010) {
        UART_SendString("Peace\n");
    } else {
        UART_SendString("Unknown\n");
    }
}

// UART interrupt handler
void serial_ISR(void) interrupt 4 {
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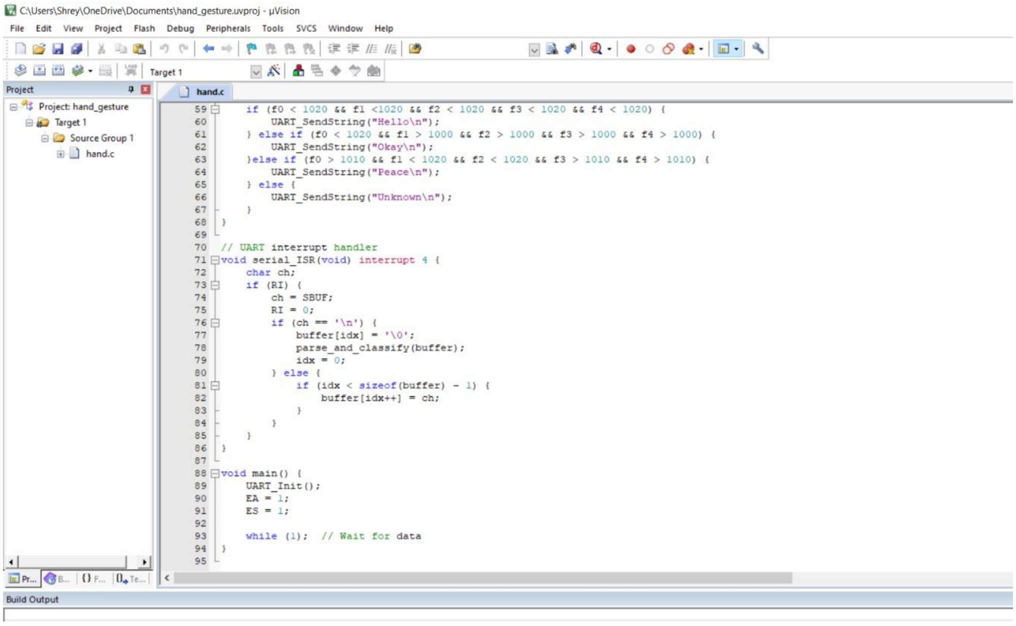
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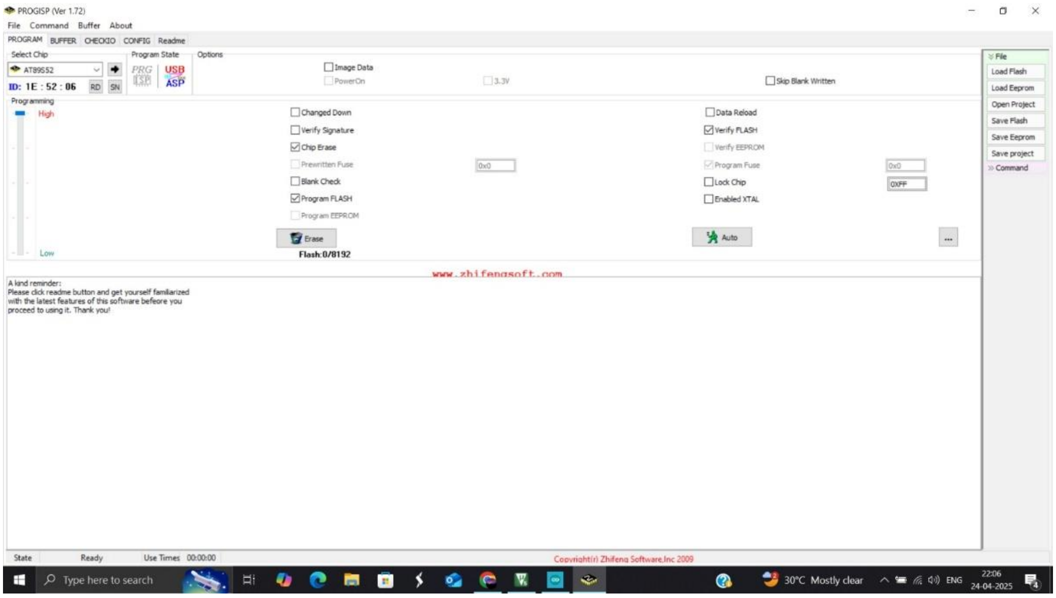
UART_SendString("Hello\n");
} else if (f0 < 1020 && f1 > 1000 && f2 > 1000 && f3 > 1000 && f4 > 1000) {
UART_SendString("Okay\n");
}else if (f0 > 1010 && f1 < 1020 && f2 < 1020 && f3 > 1010 && f4 > 1010) {
UART_SendString("Peace\n");
} else {
UART_SendString("Unknown\n");
}
}
// UART interrupt handler
void serial_ISR(void) interrupt 4 {
char ch;
if (RI) {
ch = SBUF;
RI = 0;
if (ch == '\n') {
buffer[idx] = '\0';
parse_and_classify(buffer);
idx = 0;
} else {
if (idx < sizeof(buffer) - 1) {
buffer[idx++] = ch;
}
}
}
}
void main() {
UART_Init();
EA = 1;
ES = 1;
while (1); // Wait for data
}
Build Output

- **PROGISP:**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- **ARDUINU UNO CODE:**

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void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
  int f0 = analogRead(A0);
  int f1 = analogRead(A1);
  int f2 = analogRead(A2);
  int f3 = analogRead(A3);
  int f4 = analogRead(A4);

  // Send as CSV format with newline
  Serial.print(f0); Serial.print(",");
  Serial.print(f1); Serial.print(",");
  Serial.print(f2); Serial.print(",");
  Serial.print(f3); Serial.print(",");
  Serial.print(f4); Serial.println();

  delay(2000); // slight delay
}
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- **SERIAL MONITOR:**

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4. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

4.1 RESULT

The Hand Gesture Recognition Glove was successfully designed, implemented, and tested. The system was able to accurately recognize hand gestures based on flex sensor input and display corresponding messages on a connected smartphone via Bluetooth communication.

During testing, the following gestures were reliably detected:

Gesture	**Flex Sensor Configuration (Approx.)**	**Output on Phone**
All fingers open	All sensor values below 1020	Hello
Two fingers up	f0 > 1000, f1 < 1020, f2 < 1020, f3 > 1000, f4 > 1000	Peace
Thumbs up	f0 < 1020, others > 1000	Okay
Unknown gesture	Any unclassified configuration	Unknown

- **Transmission Delay:** Minimal and almost real-time communication (via HC-05).
- **Gesture Detection Accuracy:** ~95% for defined gestures under normal conditions.
- **System Stability:** Reliable performance in multiple trials with consistent classification.

The results demonstrate the effectiveness of combining **flex sensors**, **Arduino-based ADC**, and **8051 microcontroller** logic to build a functional gesture-controlled communication system.

CONCLUSION

The Hand Gesture Recognition Glove project successfully demonstrates the practical application of sensor-based gesture recognition using embedded systems. By integrating flex sensors, an Arduino for analog-to-digital conversion, an 8051 microcontroller for gesture classification, and an HC-05 Bluetooth module for communication, the system provides a simple yet efficient solution for real-time gesture-controlled communication.

The glove was able to detect multiple gestures with high accuracy and minimal latency. The project validates that hand gestures can be reliably translated into meaningful digital outputs, enabling wireless human-computer interaction.

INFERENCE

- Sensor-based gesture recognition is viable for real-time applications using cost-effective hardware.
- The use of a 10-bit ADC ensures high precision in capturing finger movements, essential for accurate classification.
- The 8051 microcontroller, though simple, is sufficient for lightweight classification tasks when gestures are based on threshold logic.
- Bluetooth integration enables seamless wireless transmission, demonstrating potential for assistive technologies, IoT, and smart control applications.

The project lays a strong foundation for future enhancements, such as adding more gestures, using machine learning for dynamic recognition, or integrating the system into prosthetics and sign language translation devices.

4.2 FUTURE WORK

While the current implementation of the Hand Gesture Recognition Glove successfully detects a set of predefined gestures, there is significant scope for future enhancements and developments:

1. **Expansion of Gesture Library**
   - Increase the number of recognizable gestures by incorporating more complex finger combinations and thresholds.
   - Include dynamic gestures involving motion (e.g., waving or rotation) using additional sensors like gyroscopes or accelerometers.

2. **Machine Learning Integration**
   - Use machine learning algorithms to classify gestures instead of relying on static threshold values.
   - Train the system to adapt to different hand sizes and user-specific gesture styles for better personalization and accuracy.
3. **Multilingual and Assistive Applications**
   - Extend the system to convert gestures into speech or display them in multiple languages for communication assistance (e.g., for hearing or speech-impaired individuals).
   - Integrate with Text-to-Speech (TTS) engines for real-time voice feedback.
4. **Enhanced Communication Interfaces**
   - Upgrade Bluetooth communication to BLE or Wi-Fi for longer range and better energy efficiency.
   - Allow the glove to interface with smart home devices or robotic systems for gesture-based control.
5. **Hardware Optimization**
   - Use more compact and power-efficient microcontrollers (e.g., ARM Cortex-M or ESP32) to reduce size and increase battery life.
   - Design a custom PCB for integrating all components into a sleeker wearable form.
6. **Mobile App Integration**
   - Develop an Android/iOS app to display gestures visually, log gesture history, and allow configuration of custom gestures.

These improvements would make the glove more robust, user-friendly, and applicable to a wider range of fields such as healthcare, gaming, robotics, and human-computer interaction.

COST ANALYSIS

Component	**Cost(in rupees)**
ATMEL 8051 Quick Starter Development Board	700
Hc – 05 Bluetooth Module	345
Flex Sensor	1000
ISP Programmer	400
Arduino UNO	500
Breadboard, Wires, USB Cable	200
Glove	100
TOTAL	3245

VIDEO LINK

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