



FRUIT DIFFERENTIATION GRABBER USING UAV

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ABSTRACT: Nowadays humans and their being technologies are becoming advanced in aircraft technologies. Even the new arrived technologies in aviation industries drones (unmanned aerial vehicle) plays a vital role. Many kinds of UAVs have been used in the world for certain duties. Even most of the industries and futuristic companies may use UAV technologies in present and future. One of the specific and a bit unsolved technology in UAV machines is to identify fruits to be differentiated while in the tree and it has to be harvested with the help of UAV. At present drones fly to pick fruits with wired connected UAV technology. This seems to be a major problem existing in current technology. The method to be proposed with using wireless UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles) to be used in the fruit harvesting industries with wireless technologies. This benefits the people to harvest and identify whether the fruit in the tree is ripe or unripe. We can analyze it with the help of a UAV and even we can harvest it. Comparing the man work with UAV, the time consumption of the work will be three times faster. So the work is faster based on the technology.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In 2020 covid-19 have changed the world crises. The continuity loss of financial losses arrived at every industry in the world. The most popular country in the time of coronavirus crises, they used drones for their agriculture purpose even the agricultural robots have not been used at that time. For UAV was largely used. The drone's appearance with a straight facing camera was coded and developed with AI to differentiate the difference of fruits that were ripen or unripe. They were secure should be protected and they should fly in between the trees. Even in the present technology, there is no bigger importance to the fruit grabber drones. The basic criteria in this project are challenging to fly a drone towards the tree. The drone propellers should be protected safely without hitting and damage in the branches of the tree. The throttle calibrated power of the UAV must be soft and it should be well controlled. They should not be jailed like FPV drones. The appearance of the drone was the top portion is fixed with the fruit grabber machine which helps to grab the fruit. The UAV camera as were coded and developed by AI and high-level languages to differentiate the current state of the fruit. The method analysis first about every fruit in the tree and it harvests faster compared to humans.

The drones are connected by cloud-based interfaces and they are not controlled by RC (remote control). They are calibrated and programmed in the computer already and they will be automatically automated a flown over the agricultural lands. Whether will they damage while flying in between the branches? The answer to that is the quadcopter the motor blades are well being protected by the protected guards which makes the quadcopter not to get damaged in the blade parts. The grabber's arm is paired in the below of the quadcopter the functionalities of them is programmed by raspberry pi 4 VL53LIX they are helped to spot the distance between the fruit distance and the quadcopter arm distance.

Now let us see all the appearances of the quadcopters the good gimbal technology controls the quadcopter to control the stability of the UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle). The robot arm helps to pluck the fruits from the tree. Now the technology that we assume that the current future technology of the quadcopters are often connected with wired connections and they drop the fruits in the grabber machine. But the future criteria that we implicit is to do it with wireless technology so that the drone can fly even to the higher trees. Then the grabber of the quadcopter is attached to the bottom which will hold the payload of (2kg). Then the drone comes to the ground when the connection is calibrated and the man will take the things from it. Again the process repeats so that the man power and time gets saved.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

This system distinguishes fruits based on images captured by image. A sample set of images is loaded and the model is trained to detect fruits. This system uses pre-processing for efficient image detection. This system provides a guarantee to work stably even in the change of environment. This system is flexible to use and eliminates the need of people to get fruits on dangerous land surfaces, thus preserving more time and its efficiency, the throughput of the system is increased.

In this, we developed a fruit harvesting drone. Multicopters include Helicopter, Tricopter, Quadcopter, Hexacopter and Octocopter. Hexacopter have six wings. Because it has to lift heavy weight. In rotation of blades, 3 will rotate in a clockwise

direction and another 3 will rotate in an anti-clockwise direction. Batteries play a vital role in Hexacopter during the plucking of fruits. Therefore current should be more than motor current.

A binocular Stereo Vision Camera is used in this copter, to get three(3D) images of fruit. Digital Color Charged Couple Device (CCD) is used to give color to the image. A Robotic Arm is fixed in the drone to plug the fruits from the trees. The arm is fixed in a servo motor Controlled by Arduino Mega. The robotic arm consists of four fingers and a scissor which is mounted on the top of the robotic arm. Plugged fruits are stored in a bag and then it is transported.

III.METHODOLOGY

The working of the project is shown in the above flowcharts 1,2. The quadcopter is made to fly to pick off the fruit and it will fly until it finds the fruit in the tree. once the fruit is detected it marks the fruit and finds whether the fruit is ripe fruit or unripe fruit. Then it leaves the unripe fruit and starts to measure the distance between the ripe fruit using the sensor. The distance must be less than or equal to 2 meters, if the distance is greater or equal to 2 meters then the drone will move forward n steps. The fruit is grasped using the gripper it holds the fruit and rotates. It moves the arm backwards n steps and releases the fruit in the basket and the drone can hold 2 kilograms of fruits in the air. The drone will do the same process until it finishes the job

FLOWCHART

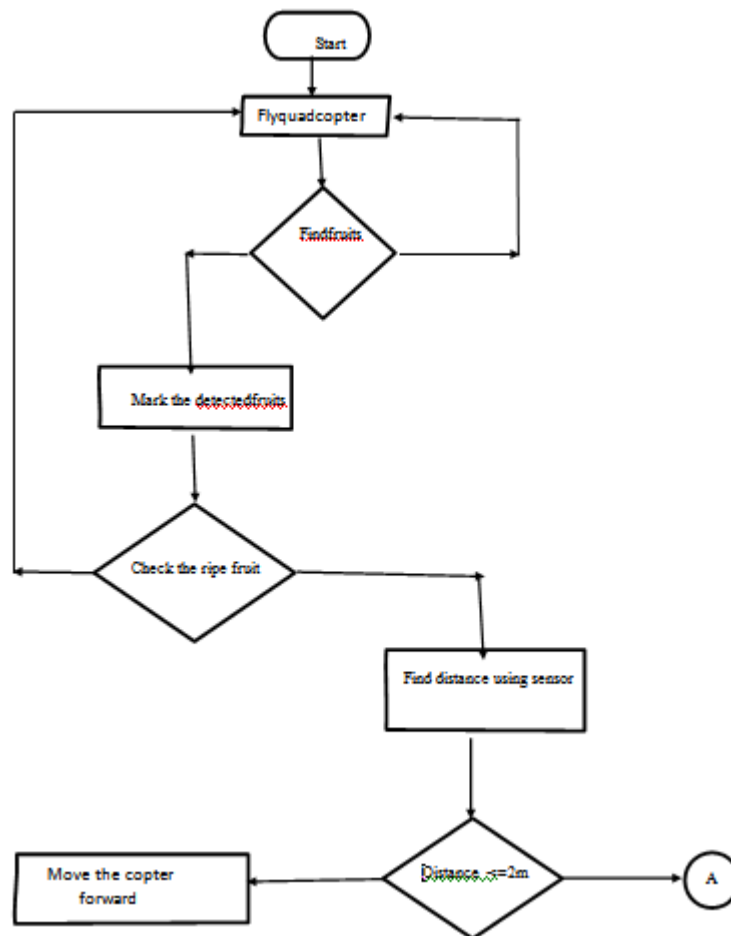


Figure 1: Working flow proposed system

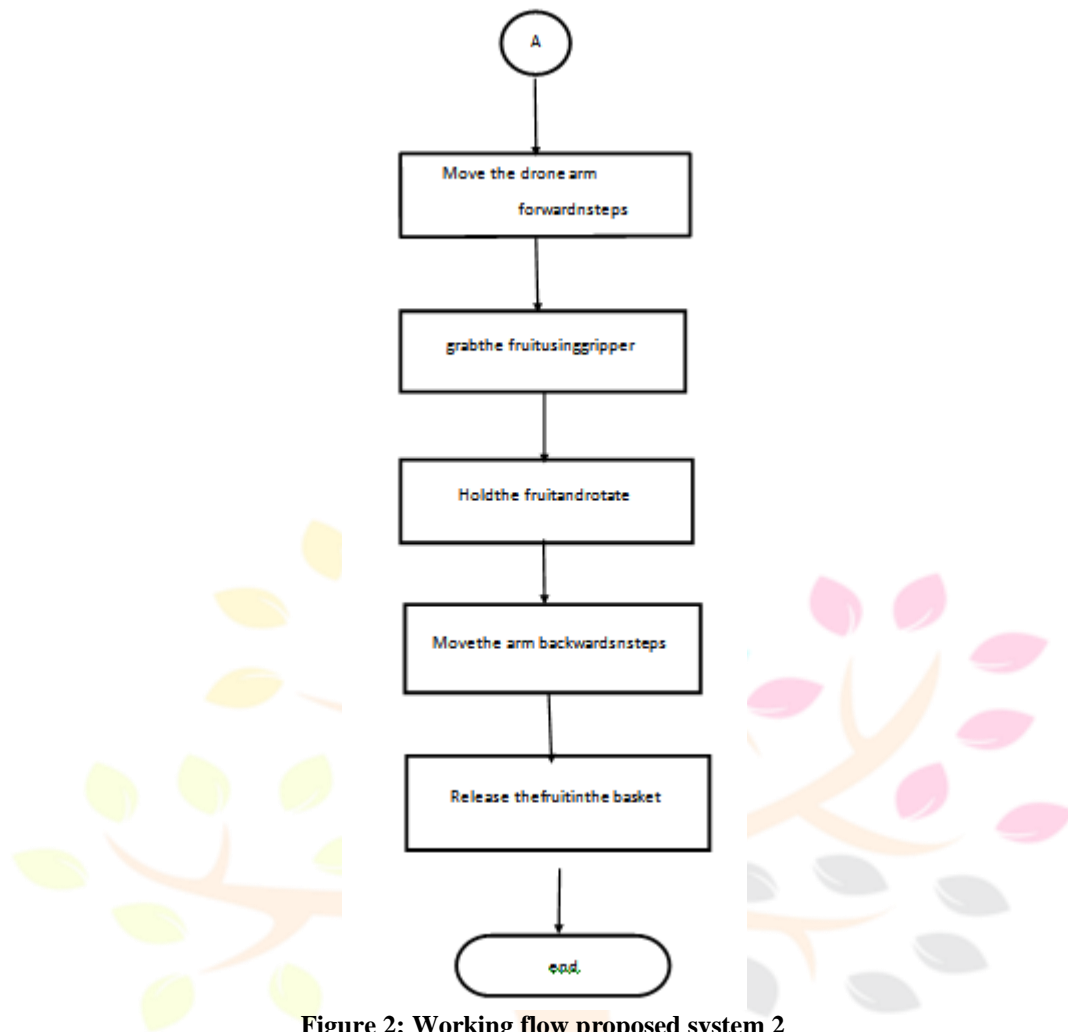


Figure 2: Working flow proposed system 2

IV. METHODS AND MATERIALS

The materials used in the proposed system consist of a transmitter, sensor, raspberry pi4, camera, quadcopter, gripper. The user can control the drone by the transmitter signal and can command its flight and its direction of flight through the channel. By this channel, the speed and the rotation of the drone are controlled. The video can be seen in the connected mobile through the transmitter.

The quadcopter is an unmanned aerial vehicle that is used for flight purposes and it can move faster and lift weight upto 2kgs. The controller gets the signal from the transmitter to alter the speed and the direction of flight. Raspberry pi 4 is the microcontroller. It controls the gripper of the quadcopter. The rotators are protected with the steel outer body for their safety issues. The raspberry controls the gripper and get the distance of the fruit using the distance sensor and move its gripper forward or backwards according to the distance and hold the fruit and pluck it from the tree and place it in the basket. The raspberry also controls the camera to take the picture of the tree and finds the fruits in the tree using the sensor and then transmit the signals to the controller. The captured image undergoes the process and finds the position of the fruit in the tree through image processing. Then it finds out whether the fruit is ripe or unripe. If the fruit is ripe then it will pluck or it will find the ripe fruit as per the controller instructs. The dc motor is also connected with the raspberry to control the movement of the rod and the gripper is attached at the end of the rod to pluck the fruit. The gripper plucks the fruit without causing any damage to the fruit and places the fruit in the basket. It can fill the basket up to 2kgs and if the basket is filled it returns to the controller. This method is useful to make the process faster and helps to pluck the fruits at the right time. In the right quantities, it can improve the quantity of produced fruits as there is minimal wastage and maximum output.



Figure 3: Finding the fruits

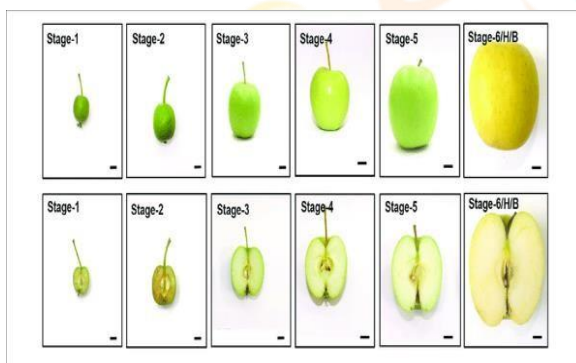


Figure 4: Grab the fruit

V.RESULT

The fruit harvesting drone quadcopter is processed with the mentioned specifications. The quadcopter has four rotors covered with a steel body as shown below figure. The drone arm is used for moving forward and backwards horizontally to reach the fruit with a gripper at one end as shown in the figure. The gripper is made with two gears at one end opening and closing are those two gears. The gripper is used to pluck the fruits and the camera sensor is used to recognize the fruits by image processing technique.



Figure 5: Grab the fruit using Drone

VI.CONCLUSION

This conclusion narrates how the UAV technology is used in harvesting fruits from the tree. The machine will be automatically harvesting the fruits. The time consumed compared to man is very less and the work done very faster. By this, we can save time as well as money. But the main drawback is the initial pay and investment of this technology is high. If the drone technology is then used by the lithium-ion then the batteries may be recharged and reused. If this technology arises in the future farmers get their work easier and the work process will be faster.

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