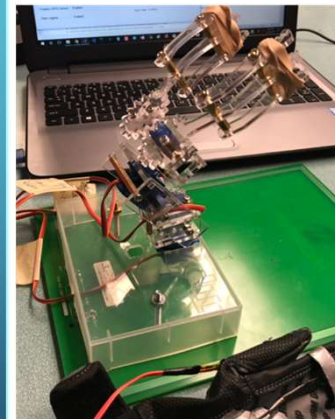
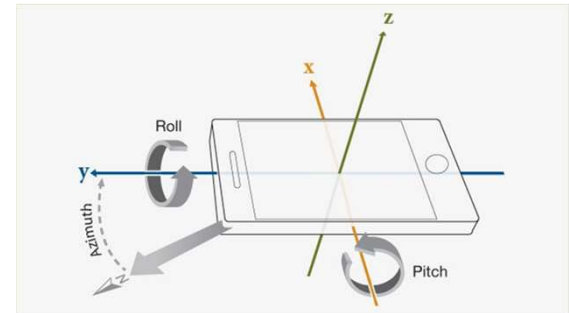


# WIRELESS CONTROLLED ROBOT ARM USING MOBILE DEVICE SENSORS

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# *INTRODUCTION*

- Robotic arms are usually controlled in two limited options:
  - Autonomous
    - works self-sufficiently based on the algorithms and program that is continuously carried out without variation
  - Semi-autonomous
    - Live input is used for real-time control of the robot
    - Most commonly used control systems are
      - voice recognition
      - tactile or touch
      - motion controlled

## *INTRODUCTION CONT.*

- Real-time controller example:  
Joysticks

### Disadvantages:

- Unintuitive
- Time consuming to train and excel in robot manipulation

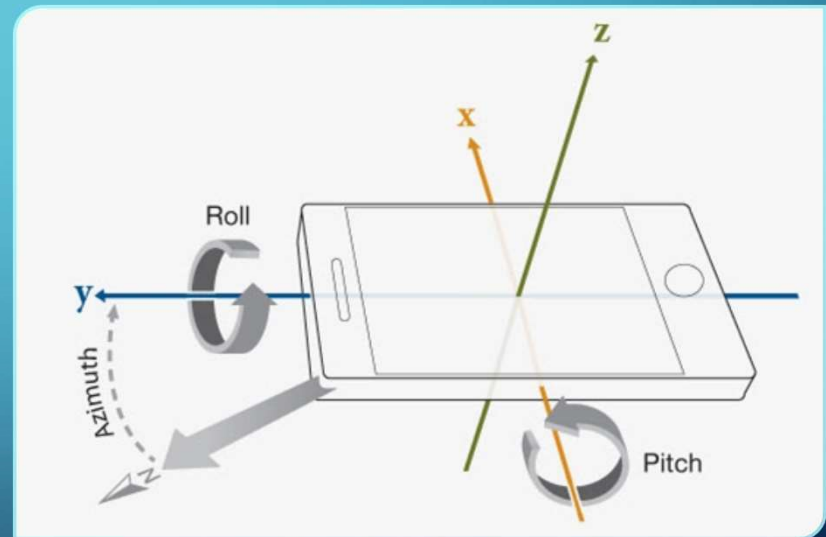


## *INTRODUCTION CONT.*

- Instead of using a remote control with buttons or a joystick, the gestures of the hand are used to control the motion of the robot holding or mounting a cell phone

### Advantages:

- Allows the user to use natural, intuitive motion
- Significantly reduce the learning curve for arm manipulation



# *MOBILE DEVICE SENSORS*

- Smartphones today come with a wealth of sensors to facilitate a better user experience

Proximity Sensor

Accelerometer and gyroscope

Digital compass

Barometer

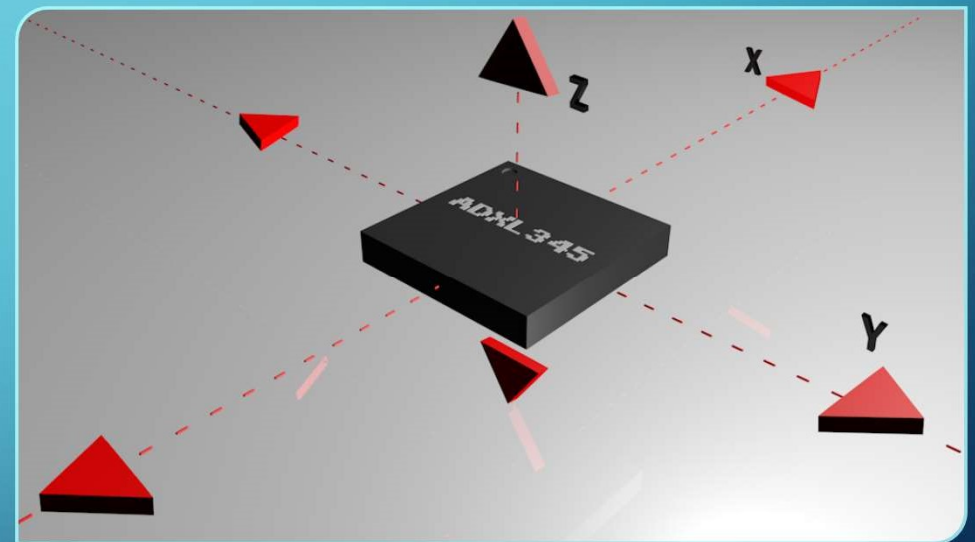
Biometrics

Augmented & Virtual Reality



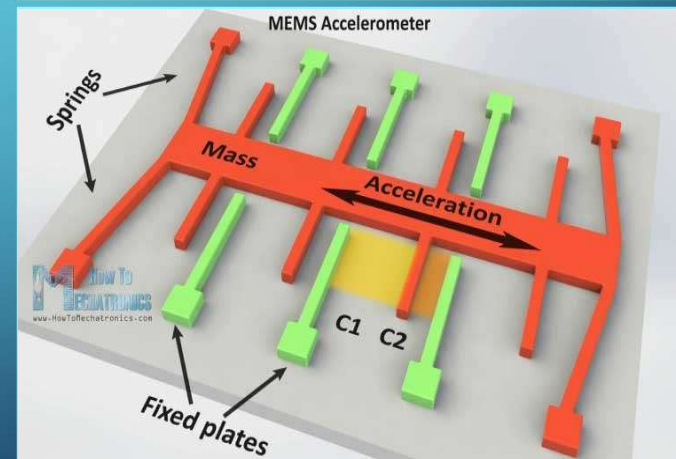
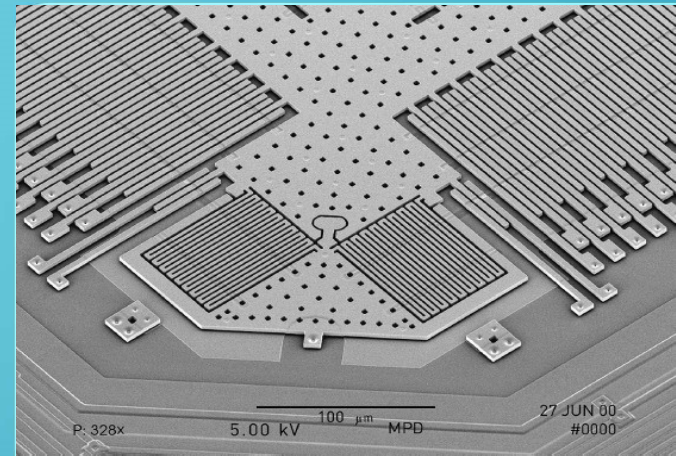
# ACCELEROMETER

- Electromechanical devices that sense either static or dynamic forces of acceleration
  - Static forces: gravity
  - dynamic forces: vibrations and movement
- Low power
- Current range in micro or milli amps
- Force range:  $\pm 1g$  up to  $\pm 250g$



# ACCELEROMETER

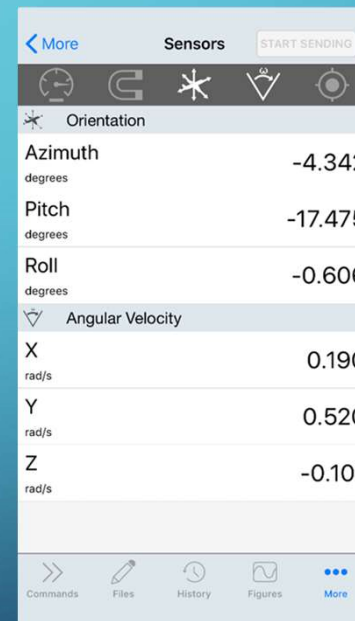
- Contain capacitive plates internally.
- Acceleration can be determined from the changes in capacitors due to relative moves of plates





# SENSORS DATA STREAMING

- In order to communicate
- Orientation sensor is being chosen to control yaw-pitch-roll of the robot

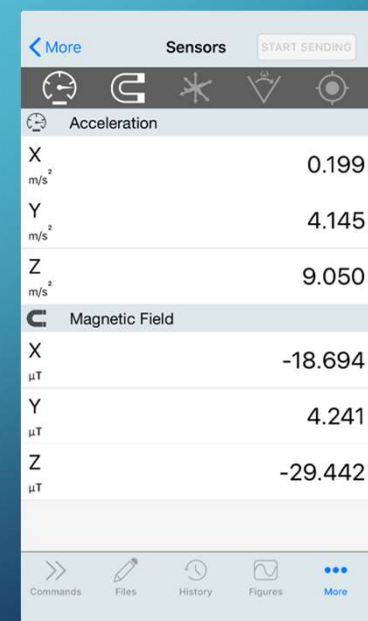


The screenshot shows the 'Sensors' app interface with the 'Orientation' sensor selected. The app has a top bar with a back arrow, the title 'Sensors', and a 'START SENDING' button. Below the title is a row of icons for different sensor types. The 'Orientation' section is expanded, showing three rows of data: Azimuth, Pitch, and Roll, each with a unit and a numerical value. Below this is the 'Angular Velocity' section, which is also expanded, showing three rows of data: X, Y, and Z, each with a unit and a numerical value. At the bottom is a navigation bar with icons for Commands, Files, History, Figures, and More.

Orientation	
Azimuth degrees	-4.342
Pitch degrees	-17.475
Roll degrees	-0.606

Angular Velocity	
X rad/s	0.190
Y rad/s	0.520
Z rad/s	-0.101



The screenshot shows the 'Sensors' app interface with the 'Acceleration' sensor selected. The app has a top bar with a back arrow, the title 'Sensors', and a 'START SENDING' button. Below the title is a row of icons for different sensor types. The 'Acceleration' section is expanded, showing three rows of data: X, Y, and Z, each with a unit and a numerical value. Below this is the 'Magnetic Field' section, which is also expanded, showing three rows of data: X, Y, and Z, each with a unit and a numerical value. At the bottom is a navigation bar with icons for Commands, Files, History, Figures, and More.

Acceleration	
X m/s <sup>2</sup>	0.199
Y m/s <sup>2</sup>	4.145
Z m/s <sup>2</sup>	9.050

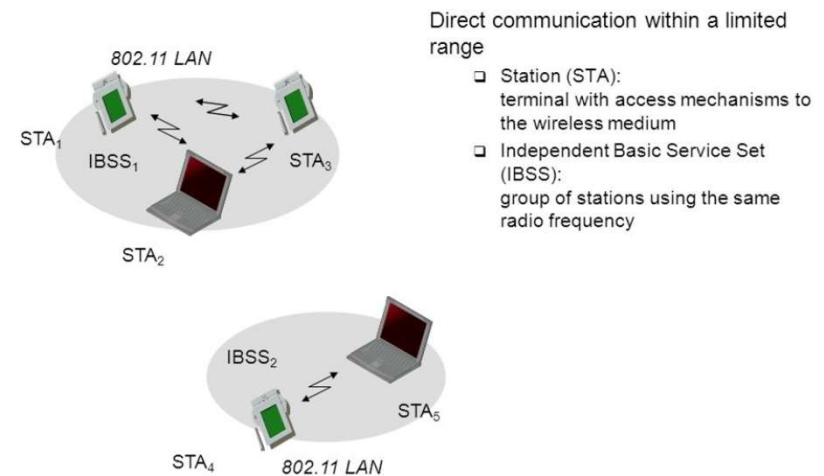
  

Magnetic Field	
X μT	-18.694
Y μT	4.241
Z μT	-29.442

# CONNECTING MOBILE DEVICE TO COMPUTER

- MATLAB Connector is used to set up the connection between MATLAB interfaces in pc and mobile app.
- The pc and mobile device are interacting on ad-hoc mode, aka base station

## 802.11 - Architecture of an ad-hoc network



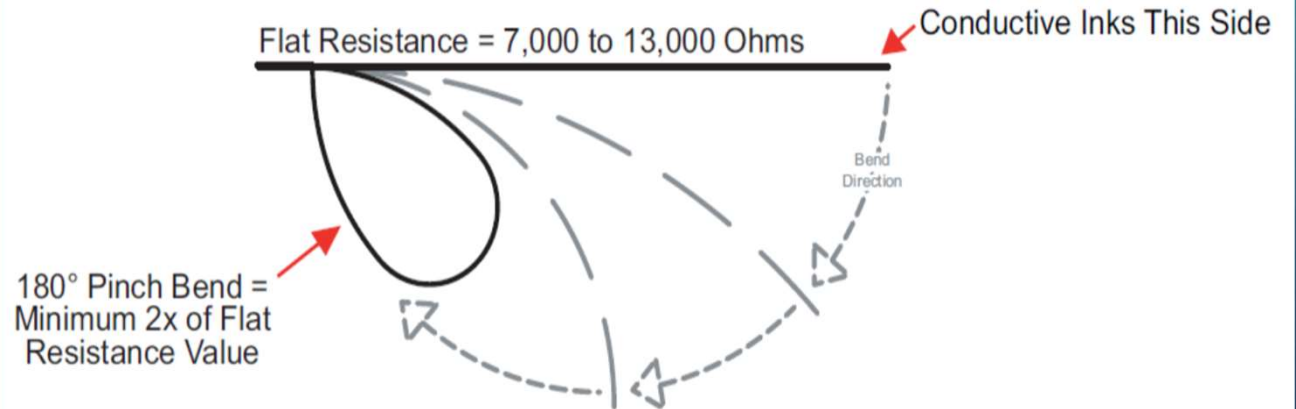
# FLEX SENSOR

- Measures the amount of deflection or bending
- Resistance  $\approx$  bending.



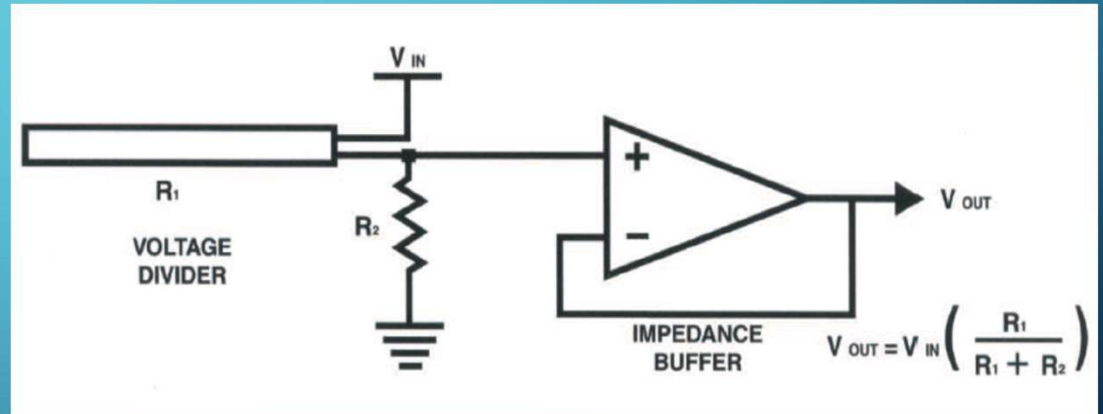
## FLEX SENSOR CONT.

- Resistance change:  
7 – 13 Kohms



# *FLEX CONNECTIVITY TO ARDUINO*

- Pin1 is connected with both the resistor and Analogue pin A0.
- Pin2 with 5v section on the breadboard.



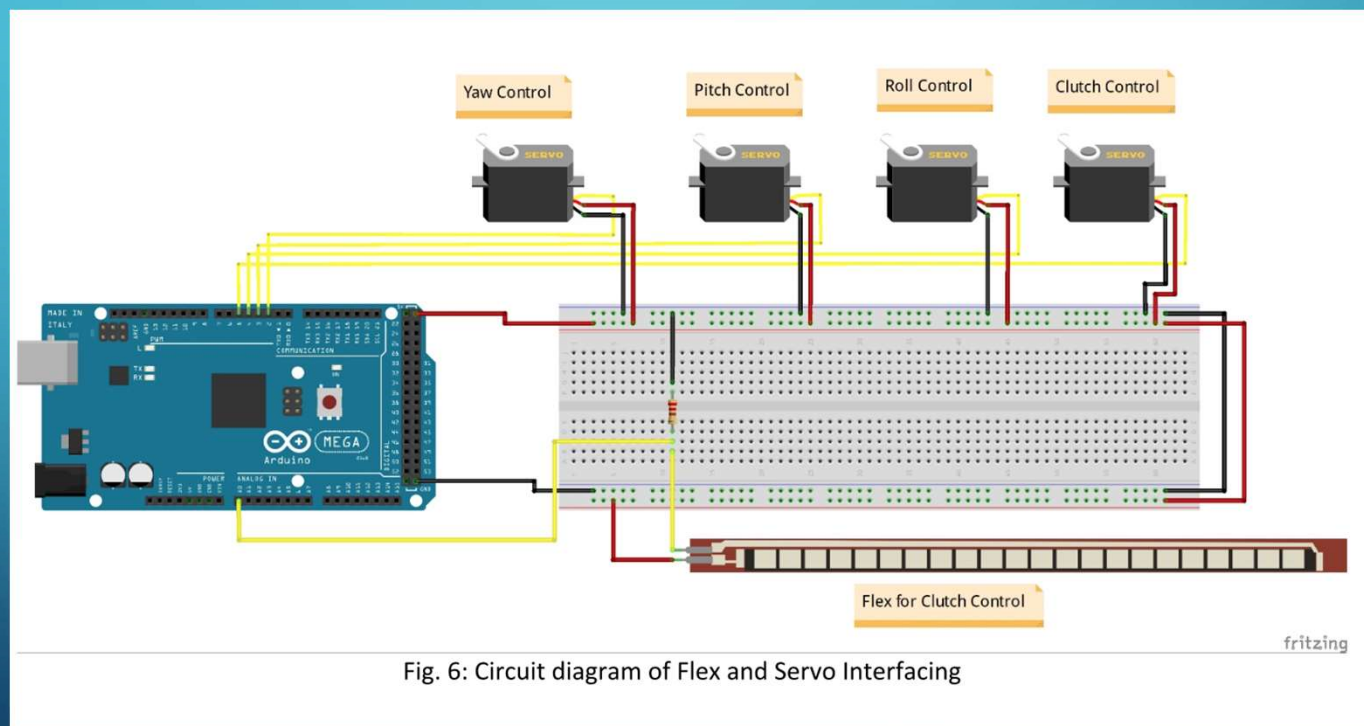


# SERVO MOTOR

- Rotary actuator or linear actuator
- Precise control of
  - angular or linear position
  - velocity
  - acceleration



# CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF SERVO AND FLEX INTERFACING



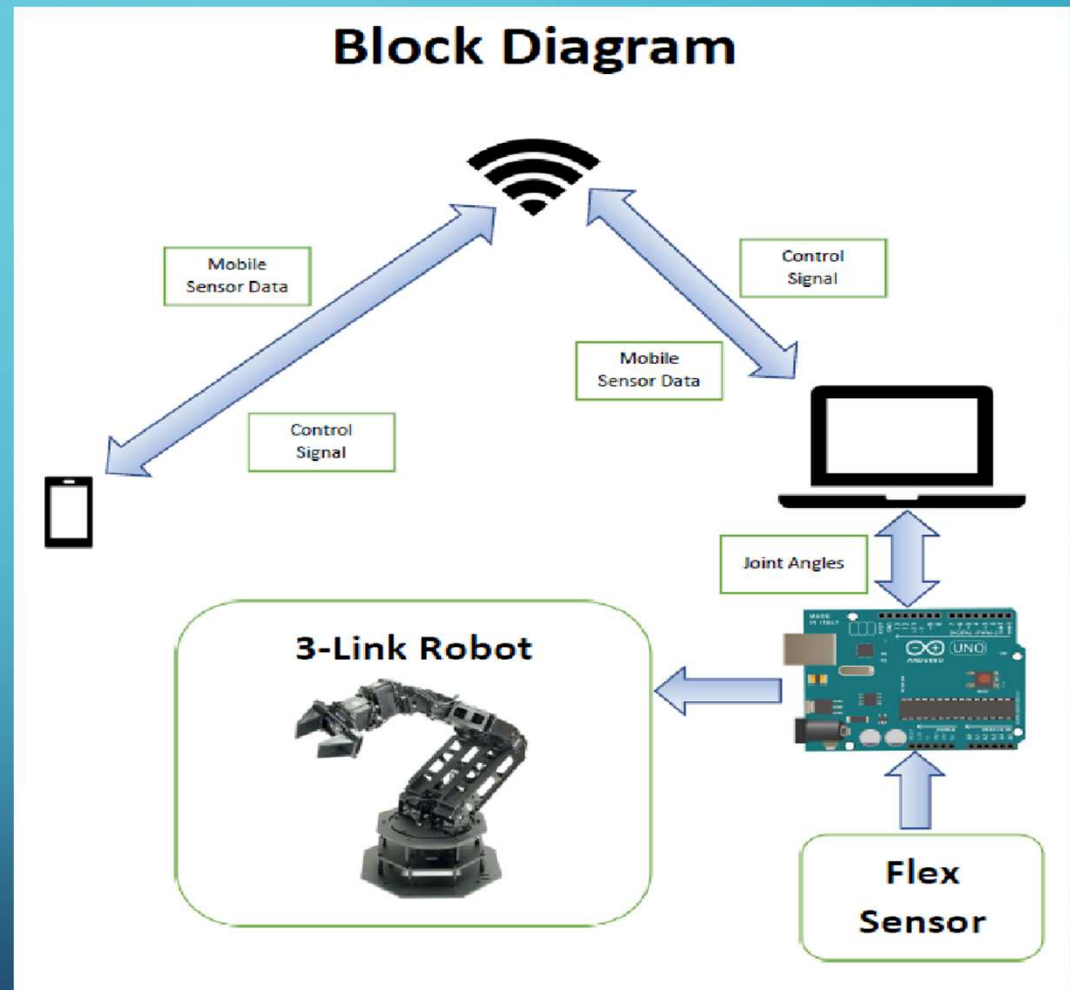
# TABLE OF CONTENT FOR SERVO

Servo	Actuation Purpose	Working Range
Servo1	Z- axis rotation control	45 to 135 deg
Servo2	y- axis rotation control	53 to 126 deg
Servo3	x- axis rotation control	45 to 135 Center 90 deg
Servo4	Clutching and Declutching	13.5 to 36 deg

# *CONTROL OF ROBOT ARM*

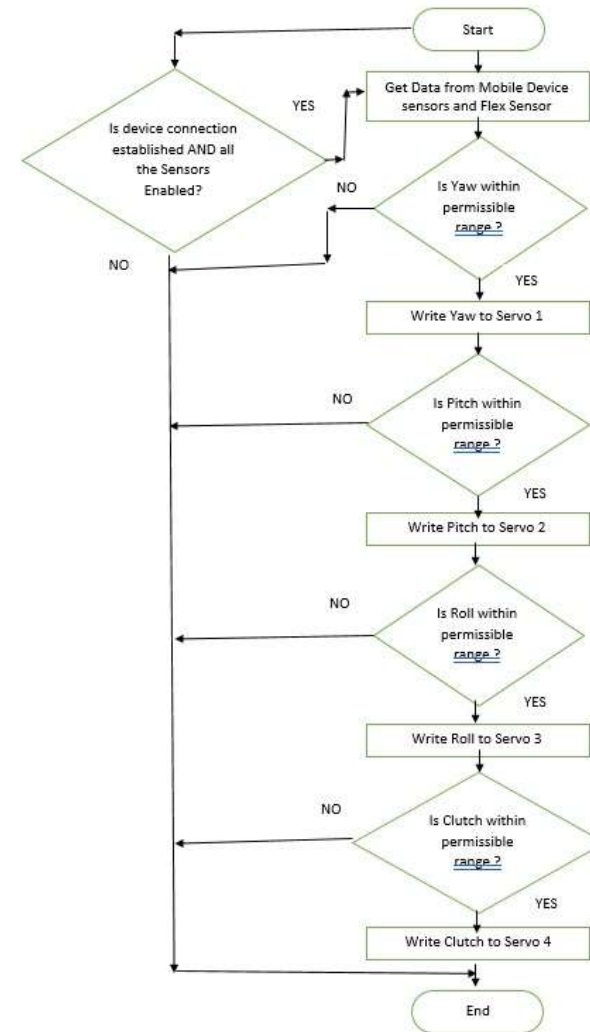
- The arm is controlled by joint angle data obtained from accelerometer of mobile device
- The sensor data is written to serial port using MATLAB
- Arduino takes those joint angles in and writes them to the servos

# BLOCK DIAGRAM OF COMMUNICATION AND CONTROL

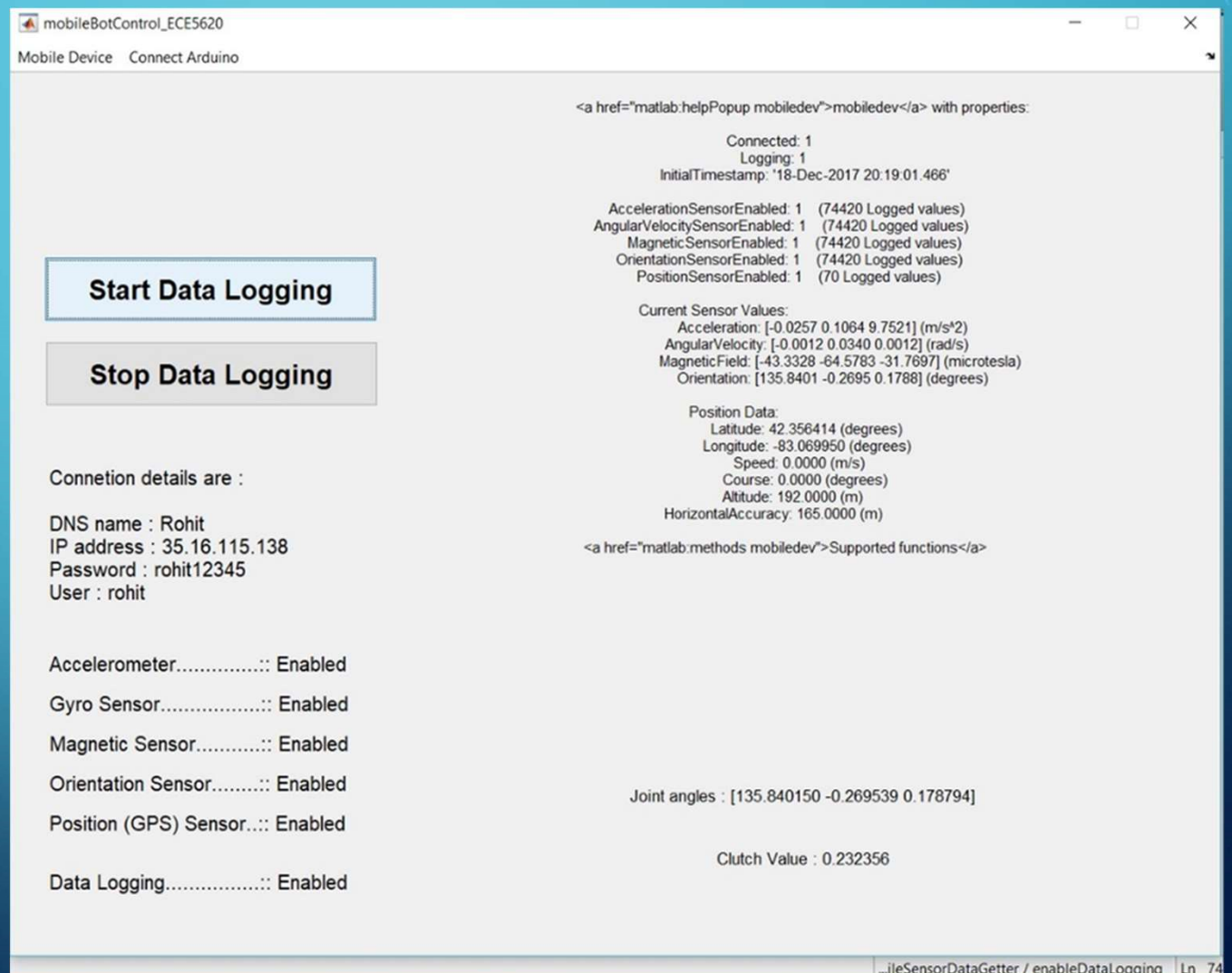




# ALGORITHM FLOWCHART



# MATLAB GUI



## *OVERCOMING CHALLENGES*

- Slow Data exchange rate(Latency)
- Maximum value of pitch to  $90^{\circ}$
- Loss of Wi-Fi Connection

## *FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS*

- Use of Bluetooth Shield
- Voice Recognition
- Addition of Camera for Object Detection
- Track x-y-z coordinates using accelerometer
- Use of Parallel Systems to Write the Joint Angles

## *CONCLUSION*

- Managed to acquire sensor data as discussed in sensor data streaming
- successfully implemented the task using:
  - ✓ Arduino Mega 2560 : To control servo and get data from flex sensors.
  - ✓ Flex : to sense the bending of fingers for clutching and declutching.
  - ✓ Servo: to actuate the joint angle of robot arm.



# VIDEO DEMO

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