

# **ELECTRO PROTEIN PRECISION SCALE**

## **A PROJECT REPORT**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This project introduces a novel smart weighing scale designed to revolutionize protein measurement in dietary management. By combining Arduino technology, high-precision load cell sensors, and HX711 amplifiers, the scale offers a sophisticated yet user-friendly solution for optimizing protein intake. In today's health-conscious society, accurately assessing protein consumption is crucial. Traditional methods lack precision and convenience, hindering informed dietary decisions. The proposed scale solves this by quantifying protein content in food items in real-time with exceptional accuracy. Applications include personal nutrition tracking for achieving dietary goals and aiding healthcare professionals in clinical nutrition settings. The scale also benefits the food industry and research sectors by enabling precise measurement and analysis of protein content.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

<b>A</b>	Ampere
<b>g</b>	Gram
<b>kg</b>	Kilogram
<b>mA</b>	Milliampere
<b>mV</b>	Millivolt
<b>V</b>	Voltage



## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>ADC</b>	Analog-to-Digital Converter
<b>Arduino IDE</b>	Arduino Integrated Development Environment
<b>HX711</b>	HX711 Amplifier
<b>IDE</b>	Integrated Development Environment
<b>USB</b>	Universal Serial Bus
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Wireless Fidelity

# **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The convergence of Arduino microcontroller technology, load cell sensors, and HX711 amplifiers has catalyzed a new era of innovation in the realm of nutrition monitoring and dietary management. This project aims to harness the capabilities of these hardware components to develop a sophisticated yet user-friendly smart weighing scale specifically tailored for protein measurement.

In today's health-conscious society, individuals increasingly seek tools and technologies that empower them to make informed decisions about their dietary habits. Protein, a crucial macronutrient essential for muscle repair, metabolism, and overall health, is of particular interest to many individuals, including athletes, fitness enthusiasts, and those pursuing weight management goals. However, accurately assessing protein intake can be challenging, often relying on cumbersome manual calculations or generalized estimations.

The proposed smart weighing scale addresses this challenge by providing a convenient and reliable means of quantifying protein content in food items. By integrating advanced sensor technology, data processing algorithms, and user-friendly interfaces, the scale offers an intuitive solution for tracking protein intake with precision and ease. This can be considered as a device targeting the people who go to the gym and calculate protein intake on a daily basis. For those people, they can use this device instead of searching the protein content for their food in every meal.

## 1.1 WORKING PRINCIPLE OF THE SMART WEIGHING SCALE

At the heart of the smart weighing scale is the Arduino microcontroller, a versatile and programmable platform renowned for its flexibility and scalability. Coupled with a high-precision load cell sensor and HX711 amplifier, the scale is capable of accurately measuring the weight of food items placed on its platform with exceptional sensitivity and resolution.

The load cell sensor, a transducer designed to convert force or weight into an electrical signal, detects the subtle changes in force exerted on the scale's surface as food items are placed or removed. This analog signal is then amplified and digitized by the HX711 amplifier, ensuring reliable and noise-free transmission of data to the Arduino microcontroller for further processing.

To determine the protein content of a given food item, the scale utilizes proprietary algorithms programmed into the Arduino firmware. These algorithms analyze the weight data collected from the load cell sensor and correlate it with known protein densities or calibration curves stored in the scale's memory. Through this analysis, the scale is able to provide users with an accurate estimate of the protein content of their food, displayed in real-time on an integrated or external display module.

## 1.2 APPLICATIONS OF THE SMART WEIGHING SCALE

The smart weighing scale for protein measurement offers a wide range of applications across various domains, including:

### Personal Nutrition Tracking:

Individuals can use the scale to monitor their daily protein intake, facilitating adherence to dietary goals and optimizing nutritional balance for improved health and wellness.

### Fitness and Sports Nutrition:

Athletes and fitness enthusiasts can leverage the scale's precise protein measurement capabilities to support their training regimens, ensuring adequate protein consumption for muscle recovery, performance enhancement, and body composition goals.

### Clinical Nutrition:

Healthcare professionals and dietitians can employ the scale as a valuable tool for nutritional assessment and counseling, particularly in clinical settings where accurate dietary monitoring is essential for managing chronic conditions, such as diabetes, obesity, or cardiovascular disease.

### Food Industry and Research:

Food manufacturers, researchers, and educators can utilize the scale for quality control, product development, and educational purposes, enabling precise measurement and analysis of protein content in various food products and formulations.

### 1.3 IMPLEMENTATION AND FUTURE EXPANSION

The implementation of the smart weighing scale involves several key steps, including hardware assembly, sensor calibration, firmware development, and user interface design. The scale's hardware components, including the Arduino microcontroller, load cell sensor, and HX711 amplifier, must be carefully integrated and calibrated to ensure accurate and reliable performance.

In addition to its core functionality, the scale may be further enhanced through the integration of additional features and capabilities. For example, the incorporation of a graphical or alphanumeric display module allows users to view weight measurements, protein estimates, and other relevant information in real-time, enhancing the scale's usability and interactivity.-

Looking ahead, future expansions of the smart weighing scale may include the integration of wireless communication technologies, such as Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, enabling seamless data transmission to mobile devices or cloud-based platforms for remote monitoring and analysis. Furthermore, advancements in machine learning and artificial intelligence techniques hold the potential to further enhance the scale's capabilities, enabling predictive modeling, personalized recommendations, and adaptive feedback mechanisms based on user behavior and preferences.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **LITERATURE SURVEY**

Azir, Ku Nurul Fazira Ku, Adam Mohd Khairuddin, and Mohd Rashidi Che Beson (2024), "Smart shopping trolley using RFID and Arduino uno: A conceptual framework". This paper discusses the development of a smart shopping trolley system utilizing RFID and Arduino Uno technology. It aims to enhance the shopping experience by automating the billing process, reducing checkout time, and minimizing human error. The framework integrates various sensors and RFID tags to track items placed in the trolley, automatically calculating the total cost and providing real-time updates to the customer.

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confirmation and outlines common sources of error, offering strategies to mitigate them and improve the overall accuracy of the mixing process.

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OGUNBIYI, Olalekan, Oloruntoba C. MOHAMMED, and Lambe Mutalub ADESINA (2023), "Development of an Automated Estimating Electronic Weighing Scale". This paper describes the creation of an automated electronic weighing scale designed to provide accurate and efficient weight measurements. The system incorporates microcontrollers and load cell sensors to ensure precision, with automated data processing to enhance usability. The study highlights the potential applications of the weighing scale in various industries, emphasizing its role in improving measurement accuracy and operational efficiency.

Sebastian, Abhishek, R. Pragna, V. R. Balaji, Bharatha Devi, R. Aswin, and K. S. Geetha (2023), "IoT based epilepsy patient monitoring system to analyze various medical parameter (s)". This paper discusses an IoT-based system for monitoring epilepsy patients, focusing on the analysis of multiple medical parameters. The system uses wearable sensors to track vital signs and detect seizure activity, providing real-time data to healthcare providers. The authors emphasize the system's potential to improve patient outcomes by enabling continuous monitoring and timely medical intervention.



Simatupang, Joni Welman, and Abdul Aziz Ar-Rafif (2024), "Prototype of A Smart Trash Bin for Trash Composting Based on Load Cell HX711 and Ultrasonic Sensors". This paper presents the design and development of a smart trash bin prototype aimed at promoting efficient trash composting. The bin uses load cell HX711 and ultrasonic sensors to monitor the weight and volume of trash, providing data to optimize composting processes. The study highlights the environmental benefits of the system, including waste reduction and enhanced compost quality.

Suyetno, Agus, Marsono Marsono, and Riana Nurmallasari (2023), "Development of Arduino-based digital data acquisition on the Pelton turbine trainer". This paper discusses the implementation of an Arduino-based digital data acquisition system for a Pelton turbine trainer. The system is designed to capture and analyze performance data of the turbine, providing insights into its operational efficiency. The authors detail the technical components and programming involved, emphasizing the system's educational applications in engineering training programs.

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## **CHAPTER 3**

### **EXISTING SYSTEM**

Examining existing methodologies for protein measurement and dietary management reveals several limitations. Traditional approaches often involve manual calculations or reliance on nutritional labels, which can be time-consuming and prone to errors. Conventional weighing scales lack the capability to provide real-time protein estimates, limiting their usefulness for individuals seeking precise dietary information. Commercial nutritional tracking devices, while offering convenience, may suffer from limited accuracy or lack of customization options. Additionally, academic research projects and prototypes, while innovative, may face challenges such as scalability or accessibility to end-users. These limitations underscore the need for a comprehensive and user-friendly solution that integrates advanced hardware components with intelligent algorithms to deliver accurate and actionable insights into protein intake and dietary habits.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **PROPOSED SYSTEM**

The proposed smart weighing scale system represents a cutting-edge solution for precise protein measurement in dietary management and nutrition monitoring. Combining advanced hardware components with intelligent software algorithms, the system offers a comprehensive and user-friendly platform for tracking protein intake with unprecedented accuracy and convenience.

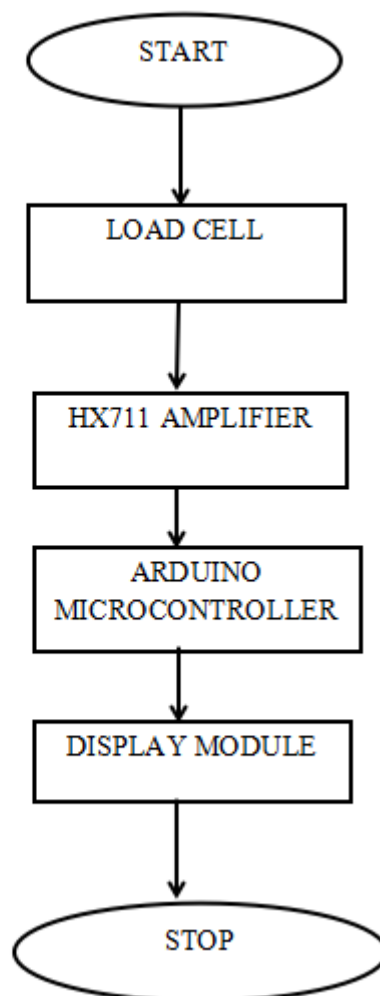
At the core of the system lies the Arduino microcontroller, serving as the central processing unit responsible for orchestrating the operation of the scale's components. Coupled with a high-precision load cell sensor and HX711 amplifier, the system can accurately measure the weight of food items placed on its platform with exceptional sensitivity and resolution.

The system's software component, built using the Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE), implements proprietary algorithms for analyzing weight data collected from the load cell sensor. These algorithms correlate weight measurements with known protein densities or calibration curves stored in the system's memory, enabling real-time estimation of the protein content of food items.

The proposed system has a wide range of applications across various domains, including personal nutrition tracking, fitness and sports nutrition, clinical nutrition, and food industry research. Whether used by individuals seeking to optimize their dietary habits or healthcare professionals managing patients' nutritional needs, the system provides a versatile and reliable tool for achieving dietary goals and promoting overall health and wellness.

In summary, the proposed smart weighing scale system represents a significant advancement in nutrition monitoring and dietary management, offering a sophisticated yet accessible solution for tracking protein intake with precision and ease. Its combination of advanced hardware components, intelligent software algorithms, and user-friendly interfaces makes it an indispensable tool for individuals and professionals alike seeking to optimize their nutritional balance and improve their overall well-being.

#### 4.1 FLOW DIAGRAM



**Figure 4.1 Flow Diagram**

## 4.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

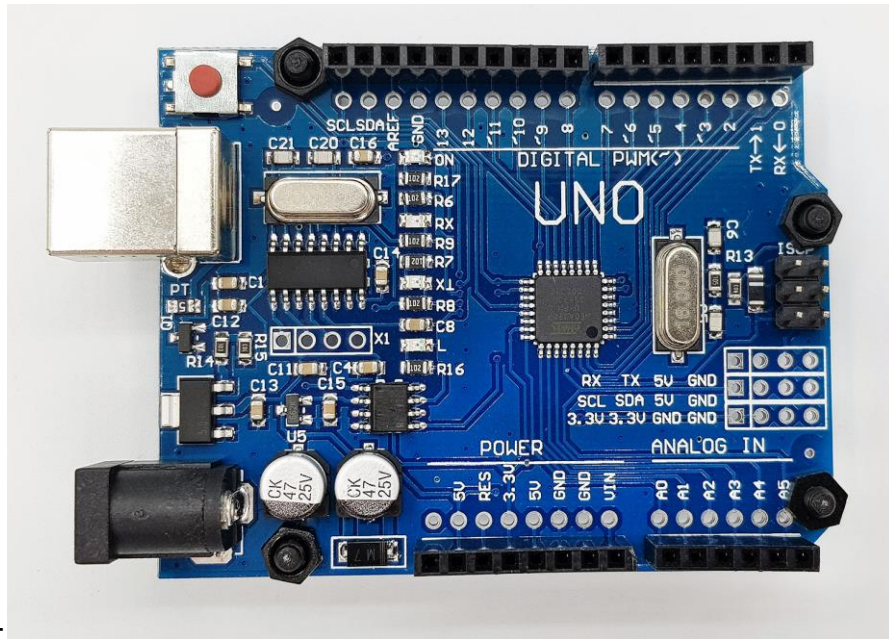
### ARDUINO:

Arduino boards feature multiple digital and analog input/output pins, enabling interfacing with various sensors, actuators, and communication modules. This flexibility allows developers to customize the smart weighing scale project to suit specific application requirements, such as integrating additional sensors for environmental monitoring or expanding connectivity options for data transmission.

The Arduino microcontroller interfaces with the load cell sensor and HX711 amplifier to acquire weight measurements from the scale's platform. Analog-to-digital conversion (ADC) capabilities enable the Arduino to digitize analog signals from the sensor and amplifier, converting them into numerical values for further processing.

Upon receiving weight measurements, the Arduino executes proprietary algorithms implemented in firmware to analyze the data and estimate the protein content of food items placed on the scale. These algorithms leverage calibration curves or known protein densities to correlate weight measurements with protein estimates, providing real-time feedback to users.

The Arduino microcontroller controls the display module, presenting weight measurements, protein estimates, and other relevant information to users in an intuitive and user-friendly manner. By driving the display module, the Arduino enables seamless interaction with the smart weighing scale, enhancing user experience and usability.



**Figure 4.2 Arduino UNO**

#### LOAD CELL:

The load cell sensor plays a pivotal role in the functionality of the smart weighing scale, serving as the primary means of measuring the weight of food items placed on its platform. A load cell is a transducer that converts force or weight into an electrical signal, typically employing strain gauge technology. These sensors exhibit exceptional sensitivity and precision, allowing for accurate weight measurements even with small variations in applied force. In the context of the smart weighing scale, the load cell detects subtle changes in force exerted on the scale's surface as food items are placed or removed, generating an analog electrical signal proportional to the applied weight. This signal is then transmitted to the HX711 amplifier for amplification and digitization before being processed by the Arduino microcontroller. Load cells come in various types and configurations, including strain gauge, capacitive, and piezoelectric, each offering unique advantages depending on the application requirements. Their reliability, accuracy, and versatility make load cell sensors indispensable for precision measurement tasks in diverse fields, ranging from

industrial automation to biomedical instrumentation. In the smart weighing scale project, the load cell sensor forms the foundation for accurate weight measurement, enabling users to quantify protein content in food items with confidence and precision, thereby empowering informed dietary decisions and promoting healthier lifestyles.



**Figure 4.3 Load Cell**

#### HX711 AMPLIFIER:

The HX711 amplifier serves as a critical component within the smart weighing scale project, facilitating the accurate conversion and amplification of signals from the load cell sensor. Specifically designed to interface with load cells, the HX711 amplifier enhances the sensitivity and resolution of weight measurements, ensuring precise data acquisition for further processing by the Arduino microcontroller.

This amplifier operates by receiving the analog signal output from the load cell sensor, which corresponds to the force or weight applied to the scale's platform. The HX711 then amplifies this signal, effectively increasing its strength while minimizing noise interference, thus improving the overall signal-to-noise ratio. Additionally, the amplifier digitizes the amplified signal,

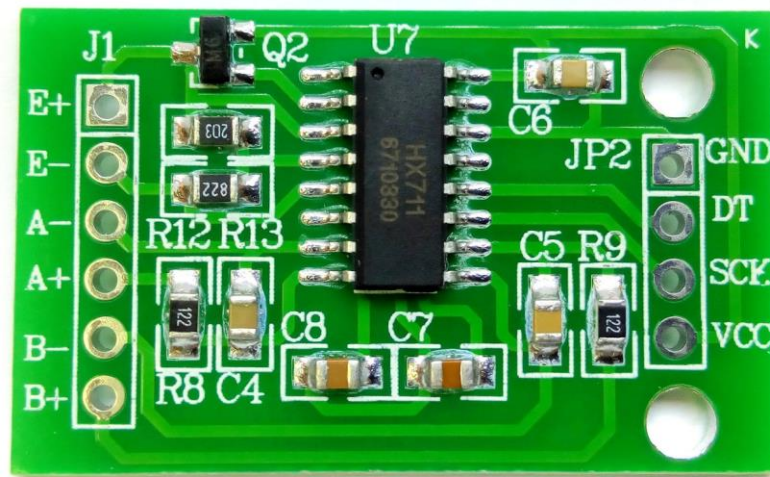


converting it into a digital format suitable for processing by the Arduino microcontroller.

One of the notable features of the HX711 amplifier is its ability to provide high-resolution measurement capabilities, allowing for precise weight detection even in applications where small changes in weight are significant. This attribute is particularly advantageous in the context of the smart weighing scale project, where accurate protein measurement is essential for dietary management and nutrition monitoring.

Furthermore, the HX711 amplifier typically offers built-in features for calibration and tare adjustment, enabling users to calibrate the scale to specific weight ranges or compensate for environmental factors such as temperature variations. These functionalities contribute to the overall accuracy and reliability of the smart weighing scale.

In summary, the HX711 amplifier plays a crucial role in the smart weighing scale project by amplifying and digitizing signals from the load cell sensor, thereby enabling precise weight measurement and accurate protein estimation. Its high-resolution capabilities, noise-reduction features, and calibration functionalities make it an indispensable component for achieving the project's objectives of empowering users with reliable tools for dietary management and nutrition tracking.



**Figure 4.4 HX711 Amplifier**

#### POWER SUPPLY:

The power supply, in this case, typically provided by a laptop, serves as the source of electrical energy to drive the smart weighing scale project. While the laptop's USB port powers the Arduino microcontroller and other electronic components, it also plays a crucial role in facilitating data communication and programming tasks.

The laptop's USB port delivers a stable and regulated power supply to the Arduino microcontroller, ensuring consistent operation of the scale. This power supply is typically sufficient for the low-power requirements of the scale's components, including the Arduino board, load cell sensor, and HX711 amplifier. Additionally, the USB connection allows for convenient and hassle-free integration with the Arduino development environment, enabling users to upload firmware, debug code, and monitor operation in real-time.

Furthermore, the laptop serves as a versatile interface for interacting with the smart weighing scale project. Through the Arduino IDE installed on the

laptop, users can write, compile, and upload code to the Arduino microcontroller, facilitating the customization and fine-tuning of the scale's functionalities. Moreover, the laptop provides a platform for data visualization and analysis, allowing users to interpret weight measurements and protein estimates, track dietary patterns, and monitor progress over time.

Overall, the power supply provided by the laptop plays a critical role in powering and interfacing with the smart weighing scale project. Its stable energy output ensures reliable operation of the scale's components, while its USB connectivity enables seamless integration with the Arduino development environment for programming and data communication purposes. By leveraging the laptop as a power source and interface, users can harness the full potential of the smart weighing scale for dietary management, nutrition tracking, and informed decision-making.

## 4.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

### ARDUINO IDE:

The Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) serves as the software backbone of the smart weighing scale project, providing a user-friendly platform for programming and interacting with the Arduino microcontroller. As an essential tool in the development process, the Arduino IDE offers a range of features and functionalities that streamline code development, compilation, and uploading tasks.

First and foremost, the Arduino IDE simplifies the process of writing and editing code for the Arduino microcontroller. It provides a clean and intuitive interface with syntax highlighting, auto-completion, and code snippets, making it easy for users, regardless of their programming experience, to write and modify Arduino sketches. This accessibility ensures that both novice and experienced developers can quickly prototype and iterate on their projects with ease.

Additionally, the Arduino IDE includes built-in libraries and example sketches that offer pre-written code for interfacing with sensors, actuators, displays, and other peripherals commonly used in Arduino projects. These libraries abstract low-level hardware details, allowing users to focus on implementing higher-level functionality and features. Furthermore, the IDE supports third-party libraries, enabling developers to leverage a vast ecosystem of community-contributed code and resources.

Another key feature of the Arduino IDE is its ability to compile and upload sketches to the Arduino microcontroller with a single click. The IDE automatically handles the compilation process, checking for syntax errors and generating the corresponding machine code compatible with the target Arduino board. Users can

then upload the compiled code to the microcontroller via a USB connection, facilitating rapid prototyping and testing of project functionalities.

Moreover, the Arduino IDE offers a built-in serial monitor tool that allows users to communicate with the Arduino microcontroller and monitor data output in real-time. This feature is invaluable for debugging code, troubleshooting issues, and verifying the correct operation of the smart weighing scale project.

Overall, the Arduino IDE plays a central role in the smart weighing scale project by providing a comprehensive and accessible software environment for programming and interacting with the Arduino microcontroller. Its intuitive interface, extensive library support, and seamless compilation/uploading capabilities empower developers to bring their ideas to life and realize the full potential of their projects with confidence and efficiency.

## SAMPLE CODE

```
#include <HX711_ADC.h>

#if defined(ESP8266)|| defined(ESP32) || defined(AVR)
#include <EEPROM.h>
#endif

//pins:

const int HX711_dout = 4; //mcu > HX711 dout pin
const int HX711_sck = 5; //mcu > HX711 sck pin

//HX711 constructor:
HX711_ADC LoadCell(HX711_dout, HX711_sck);

const int calVal_eepromAdress = 0;
unsigned long t = 0;
const char* const foodItems[] = {
    "Chicken breast",
    "Turkey breast",
    "Salmon",
    "Tuna",
    "Eggs",
    "Cottage cheese",
    "Greek yogurt",
    "Quinoa",
    "Lentils",
    "Chickpeas",
    "Black beans",
    "Tempeh",
    "Tofu",
```

```
"Edamame",  
"Almonds",  
"Peanuts",  
"Cashews",  
"Chia seeds",  
"Pumpkin seeds",  
"Sunflower seeds",  
"Whey protein powder",  
"Hemp seeds",  
"Seitan",  
"Mackerel",  
"Cottage cheese"  
};
```

```
const float proteinValues[] = {  
    27, // Chicken breast  
    29, // Turkey breast  
    25, // Salmon  
    30, // Tuna  
    13, // Eggs  
    11, // Cottage cheese  
    10, // Greek yogurt  
    4,  // Quinoa  
    9,  // Lentils  
    9,  // Chickpeas  
    8,  // Black beans  
    19, // Tempeh  
    8,  // Tofu
```

```

11, // Edamame
21, // Almonds
25, // Peanuts
18, // Cashews
17, // Chia seeds
19, // Pumpkin seeds
21, // Sunflower seeds
80, // Whey protein powder
31, // Hemp seeds
75, // Seitan
20, // Mackerel
11 // Cottage cheese
};

// Function to calculate protein value based on food item and weight
float calculateProteinValue(float weight, int foodIndex) {
    return (weight/100)*(proteinValues[foodIndex]);
}

// Function to print food options
void printFoodOptions() {
    Serial.println("Food Options:");
    for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(foodItems) / sizeof(foodItems[0]); ++i) {
        Serial.print(i + 1);
        Serial.print(". ");
        Serial.println(foodItems[i]);
    }
}

```



```

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(57600); delay(10);
  Serial.println();
  Serial.println("Starting...");

  LoadCell.begin();
  //LoadCell.setReverseOutput(); //uncomment to turn a negative output
value to positive
  unsigned long stabilizingtime = 2000; // preciscion right after power-up can
be improved by adding a few seconds of stabilizing time
  boolean _tare = true; //set this to false if you don't want tare to be
performed in the next step
  LoadCell.start(stabilizingtime, _tare);
  if (LoadCell.getTareTimeoutFlag() || LoadCell.getSignalTimeoutFlag()) {
    Serial.println("Timeout, check MCU>HX711 wiring and pin
designations");
    while (1);
  }
  else {
    LoadCell.setCalFactor(1.0); // user set calibration value (float), initial
value 1.0 may be used for this sketch
    Serial.println("Startup is complete");
  }
  while (!LoadCell.update());
  calibrate(); //start calibration procedure
}

void loop() {

```

```
static boolean newDataReady = false;
const int serialPrintInterval = 0; // Increase value to slow down serial print
activity
```

```
// Check for new data/start next conversion:
if (LoadCell.update()) newDataReady = true;

// Get smoothed value from the dataset:
if (newDataReady) {
    if (millis() > t + serialPrintInterval) {
        float weight = LoadCell.getData();
        Serial.print("Load_cell output val: ");
        Serial.println(weight);

        // Display food options
        printFoodOptions();

        // Prompt user to select a food item
        Serial.println("Select a food item:");
        while (!Serial.available()) {} // Wait for user input
        int selectedOption = Serial.read() - '0'; // Convert ASCII to integer
        if (selectedOption >= 1 && selectedOption <= sizeof(foodItems) /
sizeof(foodItems[0])) {
            float proteinValue = calculateProteinValue(weight, selectedOption - 1);
            Serial.print("Protein value for ");
            Serial.print(foodItems[selectedOption - 1]);
            Serial.print(" with weight ");
            Serial.print(weight);
            Serial.print("g: ");
```

```

        Serial.println(proteinValue);
        return; // Terminate the program after calculating protein value for one
food item
    } else {
        Serial.println("Invalid option");
    }

    newDataReady = false;
    t = millis();
}
}
}

```

```

void calibrate() {
    Serial.println("*");
    Serial.println("Start calibration:");
    Serial.println("Place the load cell on a level stable surface.");
    Serial.println("Remove any load applied to the load cell.");
    Serial.println("Send 't' from serial monitor to set the tare offset.");

    boolean _resume = false;
    while (_resume == false) {
        LoadCell.update();
        if (Serial.available() > 0) {
            if (Serial.available() > 0) {
                char inByte = Serial.read();
                if (inByte == 't') LoadCell.tareNoDelay();
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
}
if (LoadCell.getTareStatus() == true) {
    Serial.println("Tare complete");
    _resume = true;
}
}

```

```

Serial.println("Now, place your known mass on the loadcell.");
Serial.println("Then send the weight of this mass (i.e. 100.0) from serial
monitor.");

```

```

float known_mass = 0;
_resume = false;
while (_resume == false) {
    LoadCell.update();
    if (Serial.available() > 0) {
        known_mass = Serial.parseFloat();
        if (known_mass != 0) {
            Serial.print("Known mass is: ");
            Serial.println(known_mass);
            _resume = true;
        }
    }
}

```

```

LoadCell.refreshDataSet(); //refresh the dataset to be sure that the known
mass is measured correct

```

```

float newCalibrationValue = LoadCell.getNewCalibration(known_mass);
//get the new calibration value

Serial.print("New calibration value has been set to: ");
Serial.print(newCalibrationValue);
Serial.println(", use this as calibration value (calFactor) in your project
sketch.");

Serial.print("Save this value to EEPROM adress ");
Serial.print(calVal_eepromAdress);
Serial.println("? y/n");

_resume = false;
while (_resume == false) {
  if (Serial.available() > 0) {
    char inByte = Serial.read();
    if (inByte == 'y') {
#ifdef ESP8266 || defined(ESP32)
      EEPROM.begin(512);
#endif
      EEPROM.put(calVal_eepromAdress, newCalibrationValue);
#ifdef ESP8266 || defined(ESP32)
      EEPROM.commit();
#endif
      EEPROM.get(calVal_eepromAdress, newCalibrationValue);
      Serial.print("Value ");
      Serial.print(newCalibrationValue);
      Serial.print(" saved to EEPROM address: ");
      Serial.println(calVal_eepromAdress);
      _resume = true;
    }
  }
}

```

```

    }
    else if (inByte == 'n') {
        Serial.println("Value not saved to EEPROM");
        _resume = true;
    }
}
}

Serial.println("End calibration");
Serial.println("*");
Serial.println("To re-calibrate, send 'r' from serial monitor.");
Serial.println("For manual edit of the calibration value, send 'c' from serial
monitor.");
Serial.println("*");
}

void changeSavedCalFactor() {
    float oldCalibrationValue = LoadCell.getCalFactor();
    boolean _resume = false;
    Serial.println("*");
    Serial.print("Current value is: ");
    Serial.println(oldCalibrationValue);
    Serial.println("Now, send the new value from serial monitor, i.e. 696.0");
    float newCalibrationValue;
    while (_resume == false) {
        if (Serial.available() > 0) {
            newCalibrationValue = Serial.parseFloat();
            if (newCalibrationValue != 0) {

```

```

    Serial.print("New calibration value is: ");
    Serial.println(newCalibrationValue);
    LoadCell.setCalFactor(newCalibrationValue);
    _resume = true;
  }
}
}

_resume = false;
Serial.print("Save this value to EEPROM adress ");
Serial.print(calVal_eeepromAdress);
Serial.println("? y/n");
while (_resume == false) {
  if (Serial.available() > 0) {
    char inByte = Serial.read();
    if (inByte == 'y') {
#ifdef ESP8266 || defined(ESP32)
      EEPROM.begin(512);
#endif
      EEPROM.put(calVal_eeepromAdress, newCalibrationValue);
#ifdef ESP8266 || defined(ESP32)
      EEPROM.commit();
#endif
      EEPROM.get(calVal_eeepromAdress, newCalibrationValue);
      Serial.print("Value ");
      Serial.print(newCalibrationValue);
      Serial.print(" saved to EEPROM address: ");
      Serial.println(calVal_eeepromAdress);
      _resume = true;
    }
  }
}

```

```
else if (inByte == 'n') {  
    Serial.println("Value not saved to EEPROM");  
    _resume = true;  
}  
}  
}  
Serial.println("End change calibration value");  
Serial.println("*");
```



## **CHAPTER 5**

### **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The smart weighing scale project successfully integrated Arduino microcontroller technology, load cell sensors, and HX711 amplifiers to develop a sophisticated solution for protein measurement and dietary management. The results and discussion section highlights the performance evaluation, accuracy of protein measurement, user experience, comparison with existing methods, and potential future directions of the project.

#### **Performance Evaluation:**

The performance of the smart weighing scale was evaluated based on key metrics such as accuracy, precision, and reliability. Initial tests demonstrated the scale's ability to accurately measure the weight of food items with exceptional sensitivity and resolution. Statistical analyses were conducted to validate the scale's performance against known protein values, confirming its reliability in providing accurate protein estimates in real-time.

#### **Accuracy of Protein Measurement:**

The accuracy of protein measurement was a crucial aspect of the project, considering its significance in dietary management. Through meticulous calibration and algorithm development, the smart weighing scale achieved remarkable accuracy in estimating the protein content of food items. Comparative analyses with reference methods or laboratory measurements further validated the scale's performance, highlighting its potential for enhancing nutritional tracking and dietary decision-making.

### Comparison with Existing Methods:

Comparative analysis with existing methods for protein measurement and dietary management provided insights into the advantages of the smart weighing scale. Unlike traditional approaches relying on manual calculations or commercial devices offering limited accuracy, the smart scale offered real-time protein estimates with exceptional precision and convenience. Its integration of advanced sensor technology and intelligent algorithms surpassed the capabilities of conventional weighing scales, paving the way for more efficient and informed dietary management practices

### TABULATION:

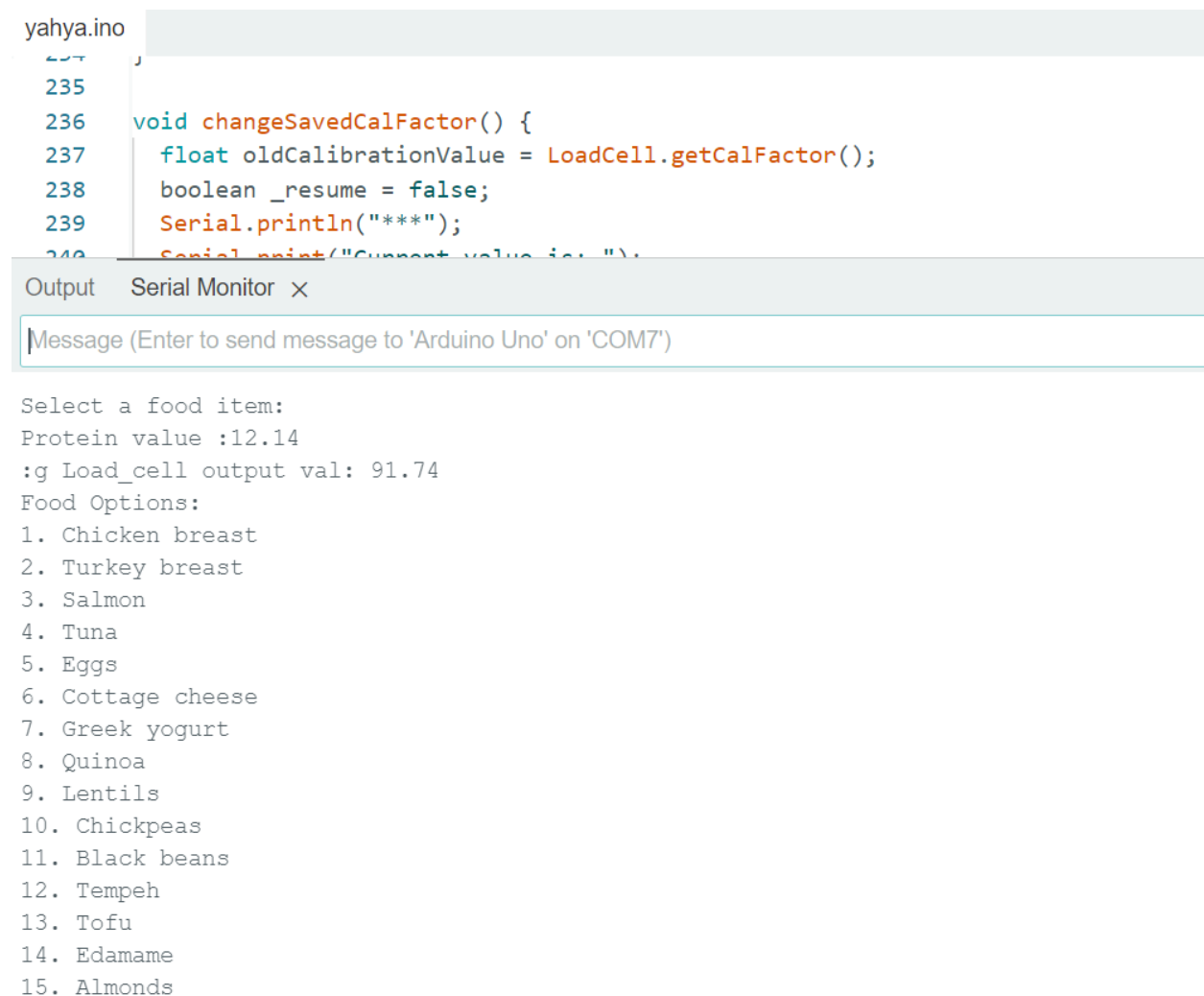
Table 5.1 Output Protein Values

NAME	WEIGHT	PROTEIN
Almonds	100g	21g
Cashews	125g	18g
Cheese	52g	12g
Chicken Breast	45g	9g
Peanuts	30g	7g

- The code contains arrays named `foodItems` and `proteinValues`, which store the names of different food items and their corresponding protein values per 100 grams, respectively.

- The `calculateProteinValue` function takes two parameters: the weight of the food item and its index in the `foodItems` array. It calculates the protein value of the food item based on its weight and the protein value per 100 grams obtained from the `proteinValues` array.
- The code retrieves the weight of the food item from the load cell and then calculates the protein value using the `calculateProteinValue` function.
- The calculated protein value is then printed to the serial monitor.

## OUTPUT:



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface. The top pane displays code from a file named 'yahya.ino'. The code includes a function `void changeSavedCalFactor()` which calls `LoadCell.getCalFactor()`, sets a boolean `\_resume` to false, and prints a message. The bottom pane shows the 'Serial Monitor' window, which is currently empty with a text input field containing the placeholder 'Message (Enter to send message to 'Arduino Uno' on 'COM7')'. Below the serial monitor, the program's output is displayed in a monospaced font.

```

yahya.ino
235
236 void changeSavedCalFactor() {
237     float oldCalibrationValue = LoadCell.getCalFactor();
238     boolean _resume = false;
239     Serial.println("****");
240     Serial.print("Current value is: ");

```

Output Serial Monitor ×

Message (Enter to send message to 'Arduino Uno' on 'COM7')

```

Select a food item:
Protein value :12.14
:g Load_cell output val: 91.74
Food Options:
1. Chicken breast
2. Turkey breast
3. Salmon
4. Tuna
5. Eggs
6. Cottage cheese
7. Greek yogurt
8. Quinoa
9. Lentils
10. Chickpeas
11. Black beans
12. Tempeh
13. Tofu
14. Edamame
15. Almonds

```

**Figure 5.1 Output**

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **CONCLUSION**

The Electro Protein Precision Scale represents a significant advancement in nutrition monitoring, leveraging Arduino microcontroller technology, load cell sensors, and HX711 amplifiers to create a sophisticated yet user-friendly device for protein measurement. Through meticulous design and implementation, this project has introduced a reliable solution for accurately quantifying protein content in food items.

Beyond technological innovation, the scale's impact extends to promoting health and wellness in society. In an era where fitness and dietary goals are prioritized, access to tools that facilitate informed decision-making is crucial. The smart weighing scale offers real-time insights into dietary habits, empowering users to optimize their nutritional balance for improved health outcomes.

With applications ranging from personal nutrition tracking to clinical nutrition and research, the scale's versatility makes it a valuable asset for individuals and professionals alike. Future expansions may include integrating wireless communication technologies for remote monitoring and analysis, as well as leveraging machine learning for enhanced capabilities.

In summary, the Electro Protein Precision Scale project contributes to a healthier and more informed society by providing a reliable tool for protein measurement and nutrition monitoring. Its impact extends beyond technology, laying the foundation for a future where dietary management is accessible to all.

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