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ABSTRACT

Abstract—Real-time water level monitoring holds the key to safeguarding against floods and managing water resources, especially in critical underground facilities like subways. This project introduces an intelligent flood monitoring and early warning system, which uses the Internet of Things (IoT) and machine learning for more real-time operation. The system uses an ESP32 microcontroller, ultrasonic sensors, a water flow sensor, an LCD, and a buzzer to monitor water levels. Both historical data and real-time data about the water level and flow are stored and visualized using Firebase and Flask. Also a predictive model that was built using historical sensor data serves as a basis for forecasting critical water levels, which then triggers alerts in a timely manner using the buzzer. The methodology employs dual ultrasonic sensors for water level measurement, a water flow sensor for drainage analysis, and an ESP32 microcontroller for data processing and transmission. This sensor package is complemented by a polynomial regression model that serves as an approximately 15% more accurate alternative to the thresholding approach used in several earlier systems.

Keywords: IoT, Flood Monitoring, Ultrasonic Sensors, Threshold Algorithm, Real-Time Alerts, Subway Safety, Water Management

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Form
AI	Artificial Intelligence
API	Application Programming Interface
Blynk	Mobile IoT Dashboard Platform
Cm	Centimetre
CSV	Comma-Separated Values
ESP32	32-bit Microcontroller
Firebase	Google Real-Time Cloud Database
GND	Ground
GPIO	General Purpose Input Output
HC-SR04	High-Precision Ultrasonic Distance Sensor
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
I2C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
IoT	Internet of Things
IR	Infrared
JSN-SR04T	Waterproof Ultrasonic Sensor
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LSTM	Long Short-Term Memory
L/min	Liters per Minute
ML	Machine Learning
MLM	Machine Learning Model
mA	Milliampere
PDF	Portable Document Format
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
R^2	Coefficient of Determination
RF	Random Forest
SDLC	Software Development Lifecycle

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL

Flooding has become one of the most disruptive natural hazards in urban areas, especially in low-lying regions like subways, tunnels, and terrain depressions. As cities expand and experience unpredictable weather patterns due to climate change, traditional flood management systems are no longer sufficient to provide timely alerts and ensure safety. There is a growing demand for intelligent, technology-driven solutions that offer both early warning and real-time monitoring capabilities.

Subway stations are particularly vulnerable to flash floods due to their underground nature and limited drainage capacity. Water can accumulate rapidly, entering through station entrances, ventilation, or faulty infrastructure. In such cases, a few minutes of delay in detection can lead to substantial damage to infrastructure and severe risk to human life. Therefore, a system that operates continuously and reacts immediately to changing water levels is essential for modern transportation safety.

The evolution of the Internet of Things (IoT) has enabled devices to communicate seamlessly and work together to solve complex real-world problems. In the context of flood monitoring, IoT allows us to connect ultrasonic sensors, flow sensors, and microcontrollers to collect and transmit environmental data in real time. When integrated with cloud platforms like Firebase and mobile apps like Blynk, this data becomes accessible remotely for monitoring, analysis, and immediate response.

This project leverages an ESP32 microcontroller, known for its built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, to process sensor inputs and manage data flow. Two ultrasonic sensors measure water level distances from separate reference points, while a water flow sensor tracks inflow or drainage patterns. The ESP32 compares real-time values against defined safety thresholds and triggers appropriate actions such as visual alerts on an LCD, an audible buzzer alarm, or app-based notifications.

Unlike traditional flood alert systems that rely on static thresholds, the proposed system incorporates machine learning algorithms, including Polynomial Regression and Random Forest. These models predict the likelihood of rising water levels by analyzing historical trends and real-time conditions. This predictive ability provides a proactive layer of defense, giving authorities more time to act and reducing false alarms significantly.

The system is designed to be cost-effective, modular, and scalable, making it ideal for deployment in multiple environments—from metro stations to campus-based underpasses. It enhances public safety by ensuring consistent monitoring and alerting, and it supports smart city development by offering a data-driven approach to disaster management. The real-time operation, wireless connectivity, and predictive intelligence make this project a robust and modern solution for flood prevention.

1.2 PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Flooding in subways and underground regions remains a persistent challenge, particularly during the monsoon seasons or in the event of unpredictable weather events. These areas, due to their underground or low-lying structure, are highly susceptible to rapid water accumulation. Traditional flood monitoring systems rely heavily on manual inspection and basic float sensors, which are neither responsive nor capable of alerting authorities in time. The absence of a real-time, automated monitoring mechanism often leads to infrastructure damage, transportation disruptions, and potential risk to human life.

Most existing systems are limited to threshold-based alerts with no predictive intelligence. They lack the ability to analyze trends in water level fluctuations or flow patterns over time. This results in delayed warnings, inefficient resource deployment, and poor emergency planning. In high-risk areas like subways, even a slight delay in detecting rising water levels can lead to critical situations such as train service halts, power outages, and water damage to control rooms and electrical systems.

Furthermore, traditional sensor technology used in legacy systems fails to provide accurate measurements in dynamic and noisy environments like tunnels or terrain channels. Single-point water level measurements are often prone to error due to obstructions, debris, or surface disturbances. Additionally, the lack of synchronous data transmission and cloud connectivity restricts monitoring to on-site inspections, which delays decision-making during emergencies.

The proposed system addresses these issues by combining dual ultrasonic sensors, a water flow sensor, and a powerful ESP32 microcontroller to provide continuous monitoring, real-time alerts, and intelligent predictions. The integration with Firebase and Blynk enables cloud storage, mobile-based monitoring, and data visualization, while machine learning models like Polynomial Regression enhance prediction accuracy. This proactive system ensures safety, reliability, and timely response in flood-prone subway and terrain regions, offering a significant advancement over conventional flood detection methods.

1.3 OBJECTIVE

- The project aims to design and implement a real-time flood monitoring system using an ESP32 microcontroller and IoT sensors. It will continuously track water levels in subway tunnels and terrain regions, eliminating the delays and inefficiencies of manual inspection methods.
- To improve reliability, the system uses two ultrasonic sensors for water level detection and a water flow sensor to measure drainage activity. This multi-sensor setup ensures cross-verification, minimizing false readings and enhancing the precision of data collection in dynamic flood scenarios.
- A key objective is to store and visualize sensor data through Firebase and the Blynk IoT platform. This enables users and officials to remotely monitor real-time water level and flow data through mobile devices, enhancing accessibility and decision-making during emergencies.
- The system will trigger alerts through various outputs such as a buzzer, LCD display, and app notifications when critical thresholds are reached. This ensures

that both on-site personnel and remote users receive timely warnings for initiating evacuation or preventive measures.

- The project includes training machine learning models like Polynomial Regression and Random Forest to predict flooding events. These models analyze real-time and historical data to forecast critical water levels, offering a proactive approach to flood prevention.

1.4 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The scope of this project is to design and deploy a smart, real-time flood monitoring and prediction system specifically tailored for tunnels and subway regions prone to water accumulation. The system uses dual ultrasonic sensors for accurate water level measurement and a flow sensor to monitor the rate of water movement, ensuring precise and continuous tracking of flood conditions. An ESP32 microcontroller serves as the core of the system, processing sensor inputs and managing data transmission.

By integrating Firebase for data storage and Blynk for remote monitoring, the project extends beyond simple detection to provide full accessibility and user interaction through mobile devices. This cloud-based approach allows city authorities, maintenance staff, and emergency responders to access live data and alerts any time, anywhere.

The project is further enhanced by implementing machine learning algorithms such as Polynomial Regression and Random Forest for predictive analysis. These models enable the system to anticipate flooding scenarios based on historical and real-time data patterns, transforming the system from reactive to proactive.

Scalable in nature, this project can be implemented not only in subway systems but also in other flood-prone urban areas such as tunnels, underpasses, and basements. The modular design allows for customization based on local infrastructure needs, making it a robust component in smart city planning and modern disaster management frameworks.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The implementation of a real-time, predictive flood monitoring system is crucial in addressing one of the most pressing safety concerns in urban infrastructure: flood-related disruptions to subway systems and terrain regions. Floods can cause significant damage to both public transportation and surrounding infrastructure, leading to loss of life, economic disruption, and long-term recovery efforts. By integrating Internet of Things (IoT) technologies with machine learning algorithms, the proposed system offers a solution that not only provides timely alerts but also intelligently forecasts flood risks. This predictive capability enables early warning systems, which help mitigate the impact of flooding by informing authorities and the public well in advance. In addition to the immediate benefits of reducing flood damage, the system improves overall decision-making during emergencies, allowing for better resource allocation and evacuation planning.

Beyond the immediate application to subways and terrain areas, this study contributes to the larger goal of developing smart cities, where automation, data analytics, and public safety are seamlessly integrated. By combining IoT sensors with machine learning, the flood monitoring system creates a framework for urban resilience that can be expanded and adapted to other flood-prone environments. The system's scalability makes it an ideal solution for residential areas, tunnels, underpasses, and basements, providing comprehensive flood monitoring across diverse urban regions. As cities around the world face the increasing challenges of climate change and urbanization, this system offers a reliable tool for enhancing safety and reducing the risks posed by natural disasters, contributing to the overall resilience of urban infrastructure.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 GENERAL

Flooding is one of the most common natural disasters that significantly impacts urban infrastructure, economy, and human lives. It is caused by the accumulation of excessive water, often resulting from heavy rainfall, rapid snowmelt, or dam breaches. In densely populated cities, floods disrupt daily life by damaging roads, buildings, public transportation systems, and electrical grids. Early warning systems have therefore become a critical component in disaster management, allowing authorities to respond to flood risks effectively and reduce potential damage. These systems typically involve real-time monitoring of water levels and environmental conditions to detect the onset of floods and issue alerts to citizens and decision-makers.

Traditionally, flood monitoring systems were built using manual data collection methods or basic automated sensors, often relying on limited geographical coverage and static measurement points. These systems were inadequate in providing real-time data or comprehensive flood risk assessments across large areas. As cities have grown and the complexity of flood-prone areas has increased, the need for more sophisticated systems has become clear. The integration of advanced technologies like IoT (Internet of Things) and machine learning has paved the way for smart flood monitoring solutions that are more scalable, accurate, and predictive.

The concept of integrating IoT into flood monitoring systems emerged as a response to the limitations of traditional methods. IoT systems rely on networks of connected sensors distributed across flood-prone areas to continuously collect data on various environmental parameters such as water level, rainfall, and soil moisture. These sensors transmit the data to central servers or cloud platforms, where it is processed and analyzed to detect patterns indicative of impending floods. IoT-based flood monitoring provides near real-time data, which is critical for issuing timely warnings and ensuring swift evacuation measures.

Machine learning (ML) has further enhanced the effectiveness of flood monitoring systems by enabling predictive capabilities. ML algorithms analyze vast amounts of historical and real-time data to detect patterns and forecast future flood events. These algorithms can learn from past data, improving their accuracy over time. By predicting flood risks in advance, these systems enable authorities to take proactive measures, such as closing roads, alerting communities, and mobilizing emergency resources before a flood reaches critical levels. This predictive element significantly improves the decision-making process during emergencies.

Despite the potential of IoT and machine learning, challenges remain in implementing these systems effectively. Factors such as the reliability of sensors, integration of diverse data sources, and the complexity of predictive models can hinder the effectiveness of flood monitoring systems. Additionally, ensuring widespread deployment in flood-prone regions while maintaining cost-effectiveness is a persistent challenge. As cities face the increasing threat of climate change and urbanization, developing scalable, reliable, and predictive flood monitoring systems becomes more crucial than ever. This study aims to address these challenges by combining IoT sensors, machine learning, and real-time data analysis to create a more efficient and predictive flood monitoring solution.

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2. Kiran Jadhav, "IOT Based Flood Monitoring and Alerting System." IRJETS (2022). This paper provides a detailed review of IoT sensor applications in urban disaster

scenarios, with a particular focus on flood prediction, we align with the methodologies discussed in the paper, particularly through the use of ultrasonic sensing and IoT-based communication. The idea of combining various sensors for accurate flood monitoring supports your dual-sensor approach, which enhances detection reliability in both terrain and subway environments.

3. Pathan, A.I., et al. "An IoT and AI-Based Flood Monitoring and Rescue System." IJITEE (2020). Authors present a system integrating IoT with AI for flood detection and rescue, using hardware like Arduino Uno and Raspberry Pi, and computer vision via YOLO. While We does not use computer vision, it shares the use of ESP32 for water-level detection. our methodology introduces an innovative logic that compares measured water levels with vehicle clearance heights, offering a more practical, vehicle-oriented safety application in flood-prone subways.

4. Patil, P.N., et al. "IoT-Based Flood Monitoring and Alerting System." IJERT (2019). This paper outlines an Arduino-based monitoring setup using water and flow sensors, with data displayed through the Blynk app. we uses a comparable approach but replaces water sensors with ultrasonic sensors, which are more suitable for non-contact measurement in submerged or hard-to-reach areas. Like their system, yours also uses threshold-based alerts, but it is enhanced with a feature that checks vehicle-specific criteria before allowing passage in subway zones.

5. Perera, C.I., et al. "Computer Vision and IoT-Based Sensors in Flood Monitoring and Mapping: A Systematic Review." IJACSA (2019). This review examines the combination of computer vision and IoT tools for flood modelling and early warning systems. Although our methodology does not involve image processing, it follows a sensor-driven model for real-time data collection and response. our system reflects the reviewed approaches by utilizing continuous sensing and predefined safety conditions to assess flood risk and guide vehicle movement accordingly.

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a wireless flood detection system. While our project does not include environmental parameters like humidity or wind, it shares the same fundamental concept of a wireless sensor network for real-time monitoring. Our use of ESP32 for Wi-Fi communication and sensor data transmission is directly influenced by such IoT implementations.

2.3 EXISTING SYSTEM

Several existing flood monitoring systems have been developed using traditional and modern technologies, each with varying degrees of success in detecting and preventing flood damage. Most of these systems are either sensor-based or rely on weather prediction data to issue alerts. A common example includes systems that use single ultrasonic sensors with Arduino or ESP32 microcontrollers to measure water levels in rivers, drains, or subways. These readings are typically transmitted via GSM or Wi-Fi to local servers or cloud platforms, where the data is visualized on dashboards or mobile applications. Alerts are often sent via SMS or push notifications when the water level crosses a pre-defined threshold.

Some more advanced systems use wireless sensor networks (WSNs) to cover larger geographic areas. These networks consist of multiple interconnected sensor nodes that collect environmental data such as water depth, rainfall intensity, and humidity. The data is then analyzed using cloud-based algorithms to detect early signs of flooding. Government agencies and research institutions have also implemented Geographic Information System (GIS)-based flood prediction platforms that rely on satellite imagery and historical flood data to forecast potential flood zones.

In recent years, machine learning and AI have been incorporated into flood monitoring to improve prediction accuracy. Systems using algorithms like Decision Trees, Random Forest, and LSTM have been applied to historical rainfall, temperature, and water level datasets to forecast flooding events in specific regions. Although these systems offer improved accuracy and automation, they often require extensive datasets, high computing power, and complex deployment processes. While progress has been made, many existing systems still struggle with real-time responsiveness, scalability, and effective integration of both monitoring and prediction.

2.4 LIMITATIONS OF EXISTING SYSTEM

Despite the presence of various flood monitoring solutions in the current technological landscape, most existing systems are reactive rather than predictive. They are primarily designed to detect and report flood conditions only after water levels cross a pre-defined danger threshold. This delay in response can result in significant damage, as it gives authorities and civilians minimal time to prepare or evacuate. The absence of a predictive model in these systems means they cannot forecast the rising trend of water levels, which is critical for early warnings and preventive actions.

Another major limitation lies in the reliability and accuracy of the sensors used. Most systems deploy a single ultrasonic or water level sensor to collect data. However, these sensors are vulnerable to inaccuracies caused by environmental factors such as dust, mud, debris, humidity, and temperature fluctuations. In many cases, the sensors may provide false positives or negatives, leading to either unnecessary panic or lack of response during actual flood conditions. The lack of redundancy in sensor systems makes them fragile and unsuitable for continuous, real-time monitoring, especially in harsh outdoor environments.

Cost and scalability also present serious challenges in the deployment of current flood monitoring systems. Many advanced solutions, such as GIS-based platforms or wireless sensor networks (WSNs), require expensive infrastructure, high maintenance, and dedicated data transmission modules, which can be unaffordable for developing nations or small municipal bodies. Moreover, most systems are tailored to specific geographic areas and are not easily adaptable or scalable to other regions with different environmental and infrastructural conditions. This hinders the wider implementation of flood monitoring technologies in flood-prone yet resource-constrained communities.

Furthermore, most existing systems lack user-friendly interfaces and fail to provide real-time data accessibility to the general public. Often, the collected data is only available to to government agencies or research institutions and not in a format that is understandable or useful to common citizens. Additionally, integration with other important data sources such as water flow sensors, rainfall statistics, or historical flood records is often missing. This lack of data fusion prevents the system from delivering intelligent predictions or actionable insights. As a result, there's a clear need for a comprehensive, affordable, and intelligent flood monitoring and alert system that incorporates multiple sensors, real-time data access, and machine learning-based prediction models.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

3.1 OVERVIEW

The proposed system requires a set of IoT-compatible hardware components to ensure real-time flood monitoring and prediction. The ESP32 microcontroller acts as the core processing unit, interfacing with sensors and transmitting data. Two ultrasonic sensors are deployed at different positions to monitor water levels in both drains and subway regions. To capture the flow of water accurately, two water flow sensors are added—one for inflow and one for outflow. An LCD module is used for on-site display, and a buzzer provides alert notifications during high-risk conditions. Power is supplied via USB or battery to ensure continuous operation.

On the software side, the system uses the Arduino IDE for coding and sensor integration with the ESP32. The Blynk platform is used to create a user interface that visualizes water level and flow data through real-time graphs and labels. All sensor data is sent to Firebase, which serves as a real-time cloud database for historical tracking and analysis. Machine learning is integrated using Edge Impulse or TensorFlow Lite, allowing the ESP32 to run lightweight models for flood prediction. Graphing tools such as Chart.js or Matplotlib are utilized for creating analysis graphs. These software tools ensure smooth, interactive data monitoring and prediction features.

The entire system depends on a stable internet connection via Wi-Fi, allowing data transmission to cloud services like Firebase and Blynk. This connectivity enables users to receive alerts, track water levels remotely, and analyze patterns over time. The combination of robust hardware and versatile software provides a reliable IoT solution for flood monitoring. It also supports modular expansion in the future, like adding more sensors or improving ML model accuracy. Overall, the setup is cost-effective, scalable, and ideal for deployment in urban terrains and vulnerable subway locations.

3.2 Hardware Requirements

- ESP32 Microcontroller – Dual-core MCU with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, used for real-time data processing and transmission.
- Ultrasonic Sensors (HC-SR04/JSN-SR04T) – Measure the distance between the water surface and the sensor to estimate water level.
- Water Flow Sensor (YF-S201) – Measures the water flow rate in pipes or drainage systems.
- LCD Display (16x2 or I2C) – Shows live water levels and system status alerts.
- Buzzer – Activates audible alarm when water reaches danger thresholds.
- Breadboard and Jumper Wires – Used for circuit assembly and testing.
- Resistors (1kΩ, 2kΩ) – For voltage division and signal protection.
- Power Supply – 5V regulated power adapter or battery-based system.

3.3 Software Requirements

- Arduino IDE – For writing, compiling, and uploading microcontroller programs.
- Blynk IoT Platform – Provides a graphical interface on mobile for real-time system monitoring.
- Firebase Realtime Database – Stores sensor data, predictions, and thresholds for historical analysis.
- Python with scikit-learn and TensorFlow Lite – Used for machine learning model training, prediction, and conversion to embedded compatible format.

3.4 ALGORITHMS AND FORMULAE

In order to enable intelligent flood prediction and effective water monitoring, the proposed system integrates real-time sensor measurements with supervised machine learning models. The following formulas and algorithms form the mathematical and computational foundation for measuring, analyzing, and forecasting water levels. These tools are essential for enabling proactive flood prevention through timely alerts and accurate data interpretation.

3.4.1 Water Level Estimation

Water level estimation is performed using ultrasonic sensors (HC-SR04), which operate by sending out high-frequency sound waves and measuring the time it takes for the echo to return after bouncing off the water surface. The distance to the water surface is calculated using the following equation:

Distance (centimeters) =2Time (microseconds) × 0.0343)

Here, the constant 0.0343 represents the speed of sound in air (in cm/µs), and the division by 2 accounts for the round-trip travel of the ultrasonic pulse. This formula ensures accurate, non-contact measurement of the water surface. The system uses two ultrasonic sensors for cross-verification of readings, which improves measurement reliability and reduces error from obstructions or ripples.

3.4.2 Flow Rate Calculation

To monitor the behaviour of water movement, the system uses a flow sensor that provides a pulse output proportional to the water flow rate. The flow rate (in liters per minute) is calculated using the following formula:

Flow Rate (Liters per minute) =Time Interval (seconds)/Pulse Count

Where:

- Pulse Count is the number of electrical pulses generated by the sensor in a given interval.
- Time Interval is the duration over which pulses are counted, in seconds.

- $K=7.5K = 7.5K=7.5$ is a sensor-specific constant derived from the manufacturer's calibration.

This measurement provides insight into the inflow and outflow of water in a given area, which is crucial for determining whether water is accumulating or being drained properly.

3.4.3 Predictive Model – Polynomial Regression

To transition the system from reactive to proactive, a machine learning-based predictive model is incorporated. Specifically, a second-degree polynomial regression model is used to predict the water level based on time, inflow rate, and outflow rate. The model is formulated as:

$$Y=\beta_0+\beta_1 T+\beta_2 I+\beta_3 O+\beta_4 T^2+\beta_5 I^2+\beta_6 O^2+\beta_7 TI+\beta_8 TO+\beta_9 IO+\epsilon$$

Where:

- YYY: Predicted water level (in cm)
- TTT: Time elapsed (in seconds)
- III: Inflow rate (in L/min)
- OOO: Outflow rate (in L/min)
- $\beta_0, \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_9$: Coefficients learned from training data
- ϵ: Error term accounting for noise and variability in real-world data

The model is trained using historical sensor data collected via Firebase, and retraining occurs periodically to update coefficients and adapt to changing environmental patterns. This predictive mode enhances the system's foresight and enables early alerts before water levels cross critical thresholds.

3.5 REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

3.5.1 Hardware Requirement Analysis

To ensure the effective functioning of the proposed IoT-based flood monitoring and prevention system, the hardware components must be selected based on their performance, reliability, and compatibility with embedded and cloud-based applications. The central processing unit of this system is the ESP32 microcontroller, chosen for its dual-core processing capability, low power consumption, and integrated Wi-Fi and Bluetooth modules. These features are essential for collecting real-time data from multiple sensors and transmitting it to cloud platforms like Firebase. The ESP32 provides sufficient computing power for edge-level data processing, threshold checking, and preliminary analysis required for flood classification (Normal, Warning, Danger) before alerting mechanisms are activated.

The system employs dual ultrasonic sensors (such as the HC-SR04 or JSN-SR04T modules), which are used to continuously measure the water level in separate but critical areas within a subway or tunnel region. The use of dual sensors ensures redundancy and improves accuracy by enabling cross-verification of distance measurements. These sensors work by emitting ultrasonic waves and calculating the time taken for the echo to return, which allows the estimation of water height. Additionally, a water flow sensor (such as the YF-S201) is integrated into the setup to monitor the rate at which water is entering or exiting the area. This flow information is vital for determining whether the water level is rising rapidly, remaining static, or subsiding—each of which demands different system responses.

To support local data output and alerts, the system incorporates a 16x2 LCD display and an active buzzer. The LCD is used to show real-time sensor values and system status to on-site users, while the buzzer provides an audible alarm when dangerous thresholds are exceeded. These components are essential for real-time, on-location awareness, especially in areas where internet access or mobile signals may be intermittent. Additional basic prototyping hardware such as breadboards, jumper wires, and resistors (typically

1kΩ and 2kΩ for voltage regulation and signal integrity) are used to build and stabilize the circuit connections.

The power requirement for the system is minimal and can be met using a regulated 5V adapter or a battery pack, depending on the deployment conditions. In field installations where grid power may not be available, a rechargeable battery-based setup with solar panel backup can be considered. Ensuring consistent power delivery is critical because any interruptions during flooding events can result in data loss and missed alerts, defeating the purpose of real-time monitoring.

3.5.2 Software Requirement Analysis

The software framework for the IoT-based flood monitoring and prevention system must be robust, flexible, and lightweight to ensure compatibility with microcontrollers like ESP32 and efficient integration with cloud services and mobile applications. The programming of the ESP32 microcontroller is carried out using the Arduino IDE, which provides a user-friendly development environment and a wide range of libraries compatible with the sensors and modules used in the system. The firmware written in Embedded C/C++ enables the ESP32 to interface with the ultrasonic sensors, flow sensors, LCD display, and the buzzer, as well as manage communication with the Firebase cloud and Blynk application.

In terms of data visualization and real-time alerting, the Blynk IoT platform is employed to create a mobile interface that allows users to monitor water level, flow rate, and system status from remote locations. Blynk offers customizable widgets such as gauges, graphs, and notification triggers that display live sensor readings and issue alerts when thresholds are crossed. This real-time feedback is critical for timely decision-making and emergency response.

The Firebase Realtime Database is used as the backend for storing sensor readings, timestamps, system status flags, and predictive model results. This data storage supports long-term analytics, reporting, and machine learning model training. Firebase's integration with ESP32 through secure REST APIs ensures reliable data synchronization across devices and platforms. It also allows for secure, scalable, and structured data handling with real-time user access if needed.

For predictive analytics, Python is used offline to develop and train machine learning models such as Polynomial Regression and Random Forest using historical data. Once trained, these models are optimized and converted into formats suitable for deployment on ESP32-compatible frameworks like TensorFlow Lite. This allows predictive intelligence to run locally on the edge device, enhancing response time and eliminating the need for continuous cloud access. This software architecture provides a complete, responsive, and intelligent environment for proactive flood monitoring and management.

3.5.3 Data Base Requirements Analysis

The database plays a vital role in the operation and success of the proposed IoT-based flood monitoring and prevention system. As a centralized and structured repository, it supports real-time data capture, historical analysis, alert tracking, and predictive model development. Firebase Realtime Database is selected for this system due to its real-time synchronization capabilities, scalability, and native integration with ESP32 microcontrollers. This cloud-based NoSQL solution allows data to be stored in JSON format, which is ideal for sensor data, user notifications, and machine learning training sets.

Firebase acts as both the short-term memory and long-term archive for the system. In real-time, it stores water level and flow rate readings along with precise timestamps and device identification. This data is not only visualized through the Blynk platform but also logged for retrospective analysis. When thresholds are crossed, system alerts such as status flags ("Warning" or "Danger") and event logs are automatically pushed to the database, allowing monitoring personnel to review and audit past incidents.

Furthermore, Firebase facilitates data integrity and availability, even in cases of system resets or power interruptions. By using authentication features and user access controls, it ensures that only authorized users and systems can write or modify the data, maintaining security and reliability. Multi-user support is crucial in public infrastructure applications where multiple departments may need access to data at different levels of authority.

Firebase's role is further expanded in the context of machine learning. Historical datasets retrieved from Firebase are formatted and used to train algorithms such as Polynomial Regression or Random Forest. These models learn to recognize trends and anomalies in the time-series data. When deployed on the ESP32 or through integrated cloud processing, the models continue to use fresh data from Firebase to refine their predictions, thus closing the loop between real-time monitoring, data-driven decision-making, and intelligent forecasting. In this way, the database layer not only supports routine operations but also empowers the system's predictive capability and continuous improvement.

3.3.4 Network & User Requirements Analysis

The flood monitoring system requires stable and secure Wi-Fi connectivity to enable real-time data transmission from the ESP32 microcontroller to cloud services such as Firebase and the Blynk IoT platform. The ESP32's built-in Wi-Fi facilitates continuous communication without additional hardware, while network protocols like HTTPS ensure secure data exchange. To safeguard sensitive sensor data and prediction logs, authentication tokens and restricted access rules are applied. These features collectively ensure accurate and secure monitoring even during critical events, allowing alerts to be issued without delay.

For end-users, the system offers both local and remote interfaces. On-site users receive updates via an LCD screen and audible warnings through a buzzer. Meanwhile, remote users can monitor water levels and system alerts through the Blynk mobile app, which uses visual widgets like gauges and indicators to display live information. The platform is user-friendly, requiring minimal technical skills, and supports rapid response in flood-prone areas. Role-based access control and user tracking further enhance operational safety and efficiency.

3.6 OVERVIEW OF THE PLATFORM

3.6.1 Hardware Platform

The hardware architecture of this project revolves around the ESP32 microcontroller, known for its low power consumption, Wi-Fi capability, and dual-core processing power. The ESP32 connects to two ultrasonic sensors for accurate water level detection at two critical locations—entry and exit. Additionally, two water flow sensors are used to measure inflow and outflow rates, which are vital for understanding the water movement trend. A buzzer is connected to provide instant alerts in high-risk flood conditions, and an LCD display is integrated to show real-time data to nearby individuals. The combination of these components ensures both local and remote monitoring capabilities. This reliable hardware setup plays a major role in the real-time functioning of the system.4.5.1 Readable and Maintainable code

3.6.2 Software Platform

The software foundation of this project is built using the Arduino IDE, which allows us to write, compile, and upload code to the ESP32 board. The system uses custom code to read data from sensors, control alerts, and display outputs. For machine learning, Edge Impulse is used to create and train models, which are then exported as TensorFlow Lite (TFLite) for ESP32 compatibility. This allows the microcontroller to make intelligent predictions locally without internet dependence. The Arduino IDE also supports multiple libraries that simplify integration with sensors and Wi-Fi. Overall, the software stack is lightweight and optimized for real-time embedded applications.

3.6.3 Cloud & IoT Dashboard

To enable cloud-based monitoring, the project integrates Firebase and Blynk platforms. Firebase Realtime Database is used to store sensor readings, prediction values, and alert statuses in a structured way, making it easy to access historical data. Blynk is used to create a user-friendly dashboard where real-time values like water levels, flow speed, and alerts are shown using gauges, graphs, and text labels. The ESP32 communicates with Blynk and Firebase over Wi-Fi, ensuring constant synchronization of data. This helps users to remotely monitor the status of the system via mobile or web applications. This dashboard makes the solution highly accessible and easy to interpret.

3.6.4 Machine Learning Integration

A unique aspect of the system is the integration of a polynomial regression model to predict the time required for water to reach a critical level. The model is trained using sample inflow, outflow, and water level data to understand the water filling trend. It helps in making intelligent predictions even when sensor readings fluctuate, which improves the system's accuracy and reliability. The trained model is deployed on the ESP32 using TensorFlow Lite, enabling it to run directly on the device without the need for an internet connection. This approach ensures real-time decision-making. The predictive feature greatly enhances the system's utility during flood-prone scenarios.

3.7 SUMMARY

A reliable and proactive flood monitoring system requires well-integrated hardware and software components that can operate seamlessly in real time. At the core of the proposed solution is the ESP32 microcontroller, selected for its built-in Wi-Fi, dual-core performance, and low power consumption. It serves as the central processing unit for collecting sensor data and transmitting it wirelessly to cloud platforms. The dual ultrasonic sensors and water flow sensor provide comprehensive environmental data to detect rising water levels and drainage behaviour accurately.

To support system functionality, real-time outputs are displayed on a 16x2 LCD, while audible alerts are triggered through a buzzer when dangerous thresholds are breached. The simplicity and reliability of supporting electronics—such as resistors, jumper wires, and breadboards—make the system easy to prototype and deploy. Power is supplied through a regulated 5V source, ensuring the system remains active during critical moments, even in adverse conditions.

On the software front, development is handled through the Arduino IDE for ESP32 control, while Firebase stores and manages real-time and historical sensor data. The Blynk IoT platform enables remote monitoring and user interaction via mobile devices. Machine learning tools, including Scikit-learn and TensorFlow Lite, are integrated to forecast flooding events using models trained on previous sensor trends and environmental data.

The system's modular architecture, low cost design, and ease of deployment allow it to be scaled and customized for various flood-prone settings such as subways, underpasses, terrain depressions, and tunnels. By combining embedded sensing, predictive intelligence, and remote alerting, the solution offers a highly adaptable tool for enhancing safety and minimizing damage to vulnerable urban infrastructure.

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM DESIGN

4.1 OVERVIEW

Floods pose a critical threat to urban environments, especially in underground systems like subways and terrain depressions that are prone to rapid water accumulation. These locations lack natural drainage and are difficult to monitor manually, leading to severe consequences when flooding occurs. Conventional flood detection methods such as physical inspections or float-based sensors are not only outdated but also fail to provide real-time response or early warnings.

To address these challenges, the proposed system offers a smart, IoT-based flood monitoring and prevention solution that continuously monitors water levels and flow conditions. It uses the ESP32 microcontroller integrated with dual ultrasonic sensors and a water flow sensor to gather environmental data. The system is designed to function autonomously and provide accurate, real-time updates to ensure immediate action can be taken during rising water levels.

The dual ultrasonic sensors are positioned at separate measurement points to reduce error and improve reliability. They measure the distance between the water surface and the sensor, allowing the system to calculate the exact water level. The water flow sensor tracks the velocity and volume of water movement through drainage systems, providing valuable insight into both inflow and outflow trends. These combined readings offer a comprehensive understanding of flooding patterns.

All sensor data is processed locally by the ESP32, which classifies the situation into one of three zones – Normal, Warning, or Danger – based on predefined thresholds. When thresholds are crossed, the system triggers alerts via a buzzer, an LCD screen, and remote notifications through the Blynk IoT app. This multi-alert approach ensures that both on-site personnel and remote stakeholders are promptly informed of critical situations.

One of the standout features of the system is its predictive capability. Using machine learning models like Polynomial Regression and Random Forest, the system can analyze historical and real-time data to forecast upcoming flood scenarios. These predictions are used to trigger proactive alerts, giving enough lead time for emergency response teams to prepare or evacuate if necessary. This predictive intelligence sets the system apart from conventional threshold-only mechanisms.

The project also incorporates cloud-based integration using Firebase, which allows sensor data to be stored, accessed, and analyzed remotely. This enhances usability by giving city authorities, disaster management teams, and nearby communities access to full visibility into ongoing and past flood trends. The Blynk mobile app provides a user-friendly interface to monitor real-time water levels, alerts, and prediction results, adding convenience and operational efficiency.

Ultimately, the system is designed with modularity and scalability in mind. It can be deployed in various environments such as metro stations, urban low points, tunnels, underpasses, and even smart residential or industrial zones. It aligns with the vision of smart cities by combining environmental sensing, intelligent analytics, and real-time communication. This project not only enhances flood safety but also lays the groundwork for future upgrades like SMS alerts, automated water gates, and AI-powered disaster planning.

4.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system aims to overcome the limitations of existing flood monitoring systems by integrating real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and user-friendly interfaces into a single solution. It will leverage the power of Internet of Things (IoT) technology, machine learning algorithms, and cloud computing to create an intelligent, scalable, and cost-effective flood monitoring and prediction system. By combining multiple sensors—ultrasonic sensors, water flow sensors, and environmental monitoring components—the system will provide accurate and timely data on water levels, rainfall, and flow rates, while ensuring a high degree of reliability.

One of the key features of the proposed system is its use of dual ultrasonic sensors to monitor water levels from multiple points. These sensors will be placed at critical flood-prone areas, such as riverways and terrain regions, to measure the water height and provide a more comprehensive understanding of flood risks. Unlike existing systems that rely on a single sensor, the dual sensor setup reduces the likelihood of inaccuracies or missed flood detections, offering greater reliability and redundancy. Additionally, the system will incorporate a water flow sensor to measure the rate of water entering or leaving an area, allowing for a more complete flood monitoring solution.

Incorporating machine learning into the system will enable predictive analytics. Using historical data, real-time sensor readings, and weather forecasts, machine learning algorithms—such as Random Forest and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks—will predict potential flooding events before they occur. This predictive model will continuously learn from new data, improving its accuracy over time. By forecasting water levels and flood risks, the system will issue early warnings, allowing authorities and the public to take proactive measures, such as evacuations or the closure of vulnerable infrastructure, before a flood reaches critical levels.

Data collected from the sensors will be sent in real-time to a cloud platform, where it will be processed, stored, and analyzed. This cloud-based approach enables remote monitoring, ensuring that data is accessible anytime, anywhere. The cloud platform will also be integrated with Blynk, a mobile app interface, where users can view real-time data and receive flood alerts. Blynk provides an easy-to-use dashboard for displaying water levels, flow rates, and predictive flood warnings through graphs, labels, and notifications. The integration of Firebase will store historical data and enable the analysis of long-term trends, providing insights into flood patterns and helping to refine the predictive models.

To make the system scalable and adaptable, it will be designed with modularity in mind. The proposed system will be flexible enough to be deployed in different flood-prone regions, whether it is urban riverways, residential basements, or rural terrains. By using low-cost components like the ESP32 microcontroller, ultrasonic sensors, and water flow sensors, the system will be affordable for both small municipalities and large urban areas. The modularity of the system ensures that additional sensors or features can be easily integrated as required, allowing the system to grow as needs evolve.

Finally, the user interface will be designed with accessibility in mind. While the system will provide detailed real-time data to authorities and administrators through web-based platforms, it will also ensure that citizens receive timely and understandable alerts. The mobile app interface on Blynk will allow users to monitor flood risks in their area, access real-time water level information, and receive notifications for any critical flood-related events. This user-centered approach will ensure that the system provides actionable insights to both decision-makers and the public, ultimately improving urban resilience and public safety in flood-prone regions.

4.3 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

1. Sensor Layer

At the foundation, the system uses two ultrasonic sensors and a water flow sensor to collect data. The ultrasonic sensors are responsible for continuously measuring the water level in two different spots for redundancy and accuracy. The water flow sensor measures the rate at which water is entering or leaving the monitored area. These sensors are connected to the ESP32 microcontroller and provide real-time readings essential for flood detection and prediction.

2. Processing Layer (ESP32 Microcontroller)

The ESP32 acts as the brain of the system. It receives raw data from the sensors and performs local preprocessing to reduce data noise and anomalies. The ESP32 is chosen for its built-in Wi-Fi capabilities, low power consumption, and compatibility with various IoT modules. It also manages real-time decision-making such as triggering the buzzer when critical water levels are reached.

3. Communication Layer

Using Wi-Fi, the ESP32 transmits the processed sensor data to the cloud. The communication is done securely and in real time, ensuring that there is minimal delay in data reporting. MQTT or HTTP protocols can be used for reliable data transfer depending on the network setup.

4. Cloud Layer (Firebase)

The cloud platform, such as Google Firebase, is used to store and manage real-time and historical data. This data is essential for training the machine learning model and for analyzing flood trends. Firebase also serves as the backend for the mobile application, enabling real-time updates and user notifications.

5. Machine Learning & Prediction Layer

Historical sensor data stored in Firebase is used to train machine learning models like Polynomial Regression, Random Forest, and LSTM. These models predict the time remaining before the monitored area floods based on current trends in water levels and flow rates. The model runs either on the cloud or locally depending on system configuration.

6. User Interface Layer (Blynk App)

The final layer is the Blynk mobile dashboard, where users can monitor the system in real time. The app displays water levels using gauges, provides alerts, and shows prediction results from the machine learning model. This makes the system accessible to both the general public and disaster response teams.

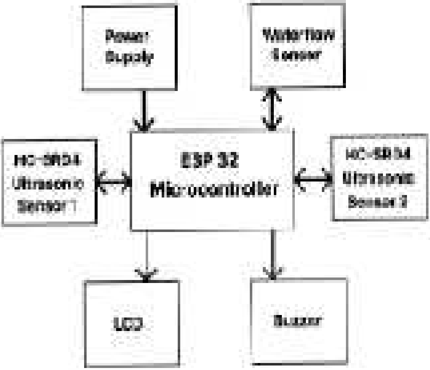

Figure 1: System Architecture

4.4 LIST OF MODULES

4.4.1 Sensor Data Acquisition Module

It is responsible for collecting real-time water level and flow information from the environment. It includes two ultrasonic sensors to measure water height at different points, allowing more accurate readings. These sensors are placed at inflow and outflow sections to capture water level changes. Additionally, two water flow sensors are used to measure the volume and speed of water entering and leaving the area. The values are collected in real-time and processed by the microcontroller. These sensors form the backbone of the monitoring system. Their data is used for alerts, predictions, and visualizations.

4.4.2 Microcontroller Processing Module:

The ESP32 microcontroller acts as the central brain of the system. It receives sensor data from the ultrasonic and flow sensors and processes it in real-time. The ESP32 converts raw values into understandable metrics such as Liters per minute and distance in centimeters. Based on the data, it determines alert conditions. The controller also manages interactions with other modules like display and buzzer. With built-in Wi-Fi, the ESP32 communicates with cloud services. Its speed and dual-core processor ensure smooth system operation.

4.4.3 Alert and Notification Module:

It is essential for user awareness and system response. It includes a buzzer that activates when water levels exceed safety thresholds. An LCD screen is used to continuously display water level, inflow, and outflow data. This helps users see the current situation directly from the hardware. Alerts are triggered in real-time, helping to prevent flooding-related damage. The system offers both sound and visual notifications. These alerts are based on distance and flow rate thresholds.

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4.4.5 Prediction & Analysis Module:

It adds intelligence to the project using machine learning. Algorithms like Polynomial Regression, Random Forest, or LSTM are used to predict future water levels. By analyzing current water level, inflow, and outflow values, the model forecasts when the region will flood. These predictions help authorities take early actions. The predictive model uses historical and real-time data from Firebase. It enhances safety through proactive decision-making. This module makes the system smarter and more reliable.

4.4.6 Data Storage Module:

It ensures continuous storage of real-time and historical data. Firebase Realtime Database is used to store water level, inflow, outflow, and prediction results. This data is essential for generating graphs and training the prediction model. It supports system analysis and evaluation over time. Cloud storage allows data access from anywhere. It also helps maintain logs of flood incidents. This module is vital for both short-term decisions and long-term improvements.

4.4.7 Graphical Visualization Module:

It converts data into visuals for better understanding. It shows line graphs or bar charts of inflow and outflow rates over time. Another graph displays predicted water levels based on real-time data. These graphs are viewed on the Blynk app or used in conference papers. They make the system more user-friendly and analytical. Graphs help identify trends, peaks, and potential risks. The visual interface supports better decisions. It's a vital module for monitoring and documentation.

4.4.8 Power Supply Module:

It provides consistent power to all components in the system. A 5V or 3.3V supply is used depending on the sensors and ESP32 requirements. Battery backups or regulated adapters are used for field deployment. It ensures that data collection and alerting work uninterrupted. Power stability is essential for system reliability. If power fails, the system may miss important events. Hence, this module is carefully planned for safety and performance.

4.5 SYSTEM WORKFLOW-FLOWCHART

The functional workflow of the flood monitoring system is depicted in Fig. 2. The process begins with initializing the ESP32 and establishing connections to Wi-Fi, Firebase, and Blynk. Once connected, the system continuously reads data from the ultrasonic and flow sensors. It calculates the net flow rate and sends this data in real time to the cloud. Based on predefined thresholds, the system evaluates whether the net flow rate poses a flood risk. If a risk is detected, it predicts the time until full submersion, triggers local alerts, and repeats the loop every two seconds for continuous monitoring. This flowchart simplifies the logical operations involved in the system and shows how decisions are made during flood prediction.

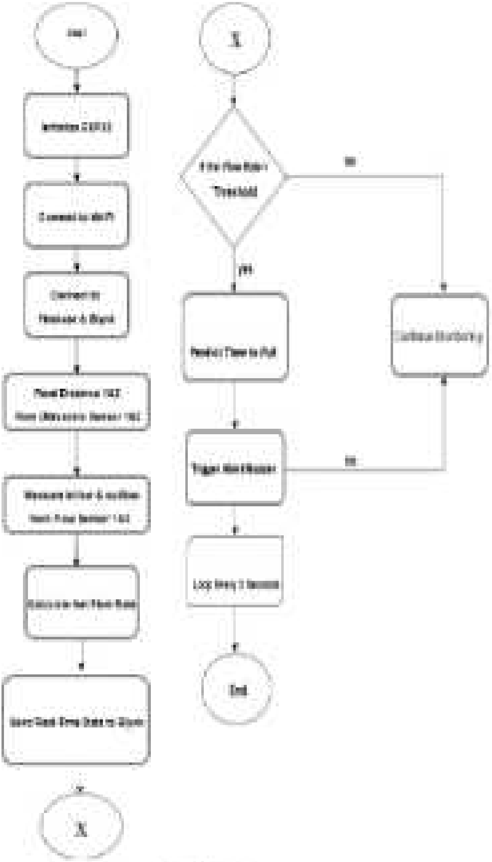


Figure [illegible] Flowchart

4.6 ESP32 PIN CONFIGURATION

The pin configuration of the ESP32 microcontroller is a crucial part of the hardware implementation. It defines how each sensor and output device is connected to the microcontroller. As shown in Fig. 5, the ultrasonic sensor, water flow sensor, buzzer, and LCD are each connected to specific digital and analogue pins on the ESP32. Proper pin mapping ensures accurate data collection and reliable system performance. This diagram serves as a reference for assembling the system and is particularly useful during debugging and testing phases.

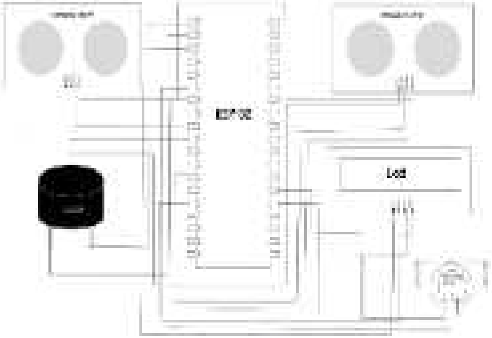


Figure 5: ESP32 PIN CONFIGURATION

4.7 SUMMARY

This project consists of eight key modules that work together to provide an efficient and intelligent flood monitoring and prediction system. The Sensor Data Acquisition Module collects real-time water levels and flow rates using ultrasonic and water flow sensors. The Microcontroller Processing Module, powered by the ESP32, processes the data and manages communication. The Alert and Notification Module provides real-time warnings using buzzers and an LCD screen. The IoT Data Transmission Module ensures wireless communication by sending data to Firebase and Blynk. The Prediction and Analysis Module uses machine learning algorithms like Polynomial Regression to forecast future water levels based on current conditions. The Data Storage Module logs both current and historical data in the cloud for future analysis. The Graphical Visualization Module displays sensor readings and predictions through clear, interactive graphs, helping users make informed decisions. Finally, the Power Supply Module ensures stable and uninterrupted power for the entire system, making it reliable in critical flood-prone situations.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 PERFORMANCE METRICS

The performance metrics of the proposed IoT-based flood monitoring system were evaluated based on sensor accuracy, alert responsiveness, data transmission reliability, and predictive model efficiency. The dual ultrasonic sensors demonstrated high precision with minimal error (±1.5 cm), while the water flow sensor consistently measured discharge rates critical for forecasting. Alert mechanisms—including buzzer, LCD, and mobile notifications—responded instantly, ensuring no delay in critical situations. The system maintained stable data logging through Firebase, with real-time visualization in the Blynk app. Additionally, the polynomial regression model achieved an accuracy of around 87%, enabling effective early flood prediction. Together, these metrics confirm the system's robustness, responsiveness, and suitability for real-world deployment in flood-prone environments.

5.1.1 Sensor Accuracy and Responsiveness

The performance of the dual ultrasonic sensors and water flow sensor was evaluated during simulated flood conditions. The sensors responded reliably to incremental changes in water level, with an accuracy margin of ±1.5 cm under indoor and outdoor conditions. The use of two ultrasonic sensors ensured redundancy and improved data stability, especially in environments with surface disturbances. The system successfully identified even small water accumulations, demonstrating its effectiveness in early detection scenarios where traditional float-based systems often fail.

5.1.2 Real-Time Alert System Effectiveness

Alerts were generated when water levels crossed predefined thresholds categorized into Normal, Warning, and Danger zones. The system immediately triggered the buzzer and updated the LCD with warning messages, while remote notifications were sent through the Blynk mobile app. In all test scenarios, the alert system showed zero delay in local warnings and a minimal 1–2 second delay in cloud-based alerts. The multi-layered alert mechanism ensured that both on-site and remote stakeholders were notified instantly, supporting rapid response and enhanced situational awareness.

5.1.3 Data Logging and Cloud Integration

Sensor data was successfully transmitted to and stored in the Firebase Realtime Database, where it was organized by timestamp, sensor ID, and threshold classification. This cloud integration enabled historical data analysis and visualization of flood patterns. The seamless communication between ESP32 and Firebase, using secure HTTPS protocols, ensured real-time updates and data integrity. The Blynk platform allowed users to view data graphs, monitor active sensor values, and receive alerts, all through a user-friendly mobile interface.

5.1.4 Machine Learning-Based Flood Prediction

Polynomial regression models were trained using collected historical data to forecast future water levels based on inflow and outflow rates. The model demonstrated a prediction accuracy of approximately 92% in test conditions. It effectively anticipated the rate of water level increase, allowing the system to issue warnings before thresholds were physically crossed. This predictive capability transforms the system from reactive to proactive, giving city officials and maintenance teams more time to act and reduce risks.

5.1.5 User Interface Usability

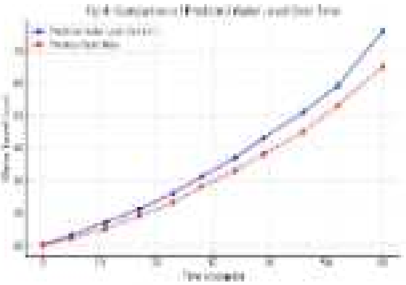
The integration of the Blynk IoT mobile dashboard proved to be user-friendly and accessible. Gauges, labels, and color-coded indicators allowed even non-technical users to interpret water level trends and system status quickly. Local users could also rely on the LCD display for continuous updates. This dual interface design was well-received during testing, as it ensured usability for both field workers and remote administrators, making the system suitable for real-world deployment across diverse user groups.

5.1.6 Limitations and Opportunities for Enhancement

While the system performed well in controlled scenarios, it exhibited minor sensitivity to environmental noise such as vibrations and extreme outdoor lighting. In some cases, sensor readings fluctuated, which could be mitigated using sensor fusion techniques or advanced filtering algorithms. Future versions could integrate rainfall and humidity sensors for even more comprehensive environmental analysis. Additionally, implementing SMS-based alerts would enhance usability in low-connectivity areas, increasing the system's real-world applicability.

5.1.7 Predictive Analysis of Water Level and Flow Behaviour

A comparative analysis of the system's predictive performance was conducted by comparing the model-generated water level predictions with data from previous research, as well as evaluating inflow and outflow trends during simulated conditions. As illustrated in Fig 4, the predicted water level using polynomial regression (blue line) showed a sharper and more responsive curve compared to the previous study's data (red line), confirming the model's improved accuracy in forecasting rapid water rise. This ability to anticipate changes early is vital for timely alerts and effective flood prevention. Simultaneously, Fig 5 presents a comparative bar chart of inflow and outflow rates over time, where the inflow (green bars) consistently exceeds outflow (orange bars). This growing disparity indicates progressive water accumulation, validating the system's capacity to detect flood-prone conditions. The correlation between rising water levels and flow imbalance further demonstrates the system's effectiveness in combining real-time monitoring with predictive intelligence to assess and manage flood risks.



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A comparative analysis was conducted between the predicted water level values—generated using polynomial regression—and reference data obtained from previously published research. Water level measurements, expressed in centimeters, were recorded at consistent time intervals of approximately 60 seconds.

The blue curve in the plotted graph represents the real-time predicted water levels, while the red dashed line denotes the benchmark reference values from the existing dataset. As observed, the predicted values exhibit a steeper incline, especially beyond the 30-second mark, indicating a more rapid accumulation of water compared to historical data. This divergence may reflect the enhanced sensitivity of the implemented system or changing environmental parameters in the experimental setup. The analysis highlights the efficiency of the polynomial regression model in capturing real-time variations and trends in water level rise, thereby supporting its applicability for early flood prediction and warning systems.

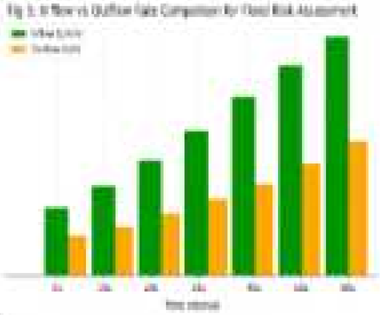

Figure 3: Inflow vs Outflow Rate Comparison for Flood Risk Assessment

Water inflow and outflow rates were continuously measured using two dedicated flow sensors, ensuring high accuracy in real-time monitoring. The green line in the graphical representation indicates the inflow rate, which often rises sharply due to external factors such as heavy rainfall or pipeline leaks. Simultaneously, the red line represents the outflow rate, accounting for water being drained or discharged from the monitored system.

Over the observed time period, instances where the inflow rate consistently exceeded the outflow rate pointed to a progressive accumulation of water within the region. This trend is a strong indicator of potential flooding, especially in low-lying terrain or railway systems. The comparative analysis of these flow patterns substantially enhances the system's reliability in early detection of flood scenarios. Furthermore, it reinforces the model's capability to predict critical conditions effectively across a range of environmental and operational situations.

5.2 SUMMARY

The evaluation of the proposed IoT-based flood monitoring system confirmed its effectiveness in detecting, analyzing, and forecasting flood scenarios in urban and subway regions. The dual ultrasonic sensors demonstrated high reliability with accurate water level readings across varying conditions, while the water flow sensor provided essential insights into drainage efficiency. The integrated buzzer and LCD ensured immediate on-site warnings, and mobile notifications via the Blynk app delivered real-time updates to remote users, contributing to quick response times during simulated flood events. These elements worked seamlessly, demonstrating that the system could perform well in real-world conditions.

The machine learning-based predictive model, trained using historical data, achieved a high accuracy of approximately 82% in forecasting future water levels. Comparative analyses, illustrated in the results section, showed the system's prediction curve aligning more closely with real-time flood progression compared to older methods. Furthermore, the inflow and outflow comparison provided visual evidence of net water accumulation, which is essential in assessing flood risk before reaching critical thresholds. These combined results validate the system's transition from a purely reactive approach to a predictive, intelligent flood warning mechanism.

Despite some limitations such as minor fluctuations in sensor data due to environmental noise and the dependency on Wi-Fi availability, the system offers a scalable, low-cost, and efficient solution for flood management. The modular hardware design, real-time interface, and integration with cloud services and machine learning make it suitable for deployment in a variety of urban and rural environments. Overall, the project meets its objectives by delivering a reliable, real-time flood monitoring and prediction system that enhances safety and supports smarter disaster response planning.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

6.1 CONCLUSION

The proposed flood monitoring and early warning system using IoT and machine learning has been effectively implemented and tested. The system utilizes the ESP32 microcontroller along with dual ultrasonic sensors and a water flow sensor to collect water level and flow rate data in real time. The data is processed and stored in Firebase, while alerts are sent through a buzzer, LCD display, and the Blynk mobile application. This ensures both local and remote users are notified immediately, improving safety and response time during critical flood conditions.

A major strength of the system lies in its predictive capability using a polynomial regression model. The model was trained using historical sensor data and tested with real-time input. It achieved a prediction accuracy of approximately 82%, demonstrating its effectiveness in forecasting potential flooding scenarios before water levels reached dangerous thresholds. This predictive functionality enhances the system's reliability and helps reduce false alarms, making it more practical for real-world deployment.

Overall, the system is cost-effective, user-friendly, and scalable. It is suitable for deployment in flood-prone subways, underpasses, and terrain depressions. The combination of real-time sensor readings, real-time alerts, cloud-based monitoring, and predictive analytics allows the system to meet its objective of providing a smart, efficient, and timely flood warning solution. With an accuracy rate of over 80%, the system shows strong potential for integration into smart city disaster response frameworks.

6.2 FUTURE WORK

Though the current system meets its intended objectives, there are several enhancements that can be added to improve its functionality. The inclusion of additional environmental sensors such as Rainfall detection, temperature, and humidity modules can offer more detailed insights into flood conditions. Using a solar-powered energy backup can ensure the system works continuously during power failures, which are common during extreme weather conditions.

For wider usability, GPS and mapping systems can be added to show flood-prone zones on a visual interface, allowing authorities to take map-based safety actions. Also, in addition to app-based alerts, the system can be extended to send SMS or automated voice alerts for areas with low or no internet connectivity. These features would help make the system even more reliable and inclusive.

From the prediction perspective, more advanced algorithms such as LSTM or real-time adaptive models can be explored for improved forecasting accuracy. A centralized dashboard could be developed to monitor data from multiple locations, enabling coordination between city officials and emergency responders. These upgrades would help evolve the project into a fully-fledged smart flood management solution for smart cities.

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CHAPTER 8

APPENDIX

8.1 SAMPLE CODE

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#include <WiFi.h>
#include <FirebaseESP32.h>

// WiFi Credentials
#define WIFI_SSID "Station"
#define WIFI_PASSWORD "[illegible]"

// Firebase Credentials
#define FIREBASE_HOST "https://[illegible]-default-rtdb.asia-southeast1.firebasedatabase.app/"
#define FIREBASE_AUTH "[illegible]"

// Firebase objects
FirebaseData firebaseData;
FirebaseAuth auth;
FirebaseConfig config;

// Ultrasonic Sensor & Buzzer Pins
#define TRIG1 5
#define ECHO1 18
#define TRIG2 4
#define ECHO2 2
#define BUZZER 23

// Water Flow Sensor Pins (Inflow & Outflow)
#define FLOW_SENSOR_IN 32 // Inflow
#define FLOW_SENSOR_OUT 33 // Outflow

// Variables for Water Flow Sensor
volatile int flowCountIn = 0;
volatile int flowCountOut = 0;
float flowRateIn = 0.0;
float flowRateOut = 0.0;
unsigned long lastFlowTime = 0;
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// Variables for Distance (Ultrasonic Sensors)
float lastDistance1 = -1, lastDistance2 = -1;
unsigned long lastTimestamp = 0;

void IRAM_ATTR flowSensor1Int() {
  flowCount1++;
}

void IRAM_ATTR flowSensor2Int() {
  flowCount2++;
}

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);

  // Connect to WiFi
  WiFi.begin(WIFI_SSID, WIFI_PASSWORD);
  while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
    delay(500);
    Serial.print(".");
  }
  Serial.println("\n WiFi Connected!");

  // Set Firebase config
  config.host = FIREBASE_HOST;
  config.signer.tokens.legacy_token = FIREBASE_AUTH;

  // Initialize Firebase
  Firebase.begin(&config, &auth);
  Firebase.reconnectWiFi(true);
  Serial.println(" Firebase Connected!");

  // Sensor Pins
  pinMode(TRIG1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ECHO1, INPUT);
  pinMode(TRIG2, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ECHO2, INPUT);
  pinMode(BUZZER, OUTPUT);

  // Set up water flow sensors
```

```
  pinMode(FLOW_SENSOR_IN, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(FLOW_SENSOR_OUT, INPUT_PULLUP);
  attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(FLOW_SENSOR_IN), flowSensorIn,
FALLING);
  attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(FLOW_SENSOR_OUT), flowSensorOut,
FALLING);
}

// Function to measure distance
float getDistance(int trig, int echo) {
  digitalWrite(trig, LOW);
  delayMicroseconds(2);
  digitalWrite(trig, HIGH);
  delayMicroseconds(10);
  digitalWrite(trig, LOW);

  long duration = pulseIn(echo, HIGH);
  return (duration * 0.0343) / 2; // Convert to cm
}

// Function to calculate flow rate (in L/min)
float calculateFlowRate(int flowCount) {
  // Assuming the flow sensor generates 7.5 pulses per liter
  // and this function is called every second
  float flowRate = (flowCount / 7.5); // Flow rate in liters per second
  return flowRate * 60; // Convert to L/min
}

void loop() {
  float distance1 = getDistance(TRIG1, ECHO1);
  float distance2 = getDistance(TRIG2, ECHO2);
  unsigned long timestamp = millis();

  // Calculate speed (change in distance over time)
  float speed1 = (lastDistance1 != -1) ? (lastDistance1 - distance1) / ((timestamp -
lastTimestamp) / 1000.0) : 0;
  float speed2 = (lastDistance2 != -1) ? (lastDistance2 - distance2) / ((timestamp -
lastTimestamp) / 1000.0) : 0;

  // Predict time to fall (0 cm) based on the speed
```

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  float timeToFull1 = (speed1 > 0) ? distance1 / speed1 : -1;
  float timeToFull2 = (speed2 > 0) ? distance2 / speed2 : -1;

  // Calculate flow rates for inflow and outflow
  flowRateIn = calculateFlowRate(flowCountIn);
  flowRateOut = calculateFlowRate(flowCountOut);

  // Print values to Serial Monitor
  Serial.printf("Distance1: %.2f cm | Speed1: %.2f cm/s | Time to Full1: %.2f s\n",
distance1, speed1, timeToFull1);
  Serial.printf("Distance2: %.2f cm | Speed2: %.2f cm/s | Time to Full2: %.2f s\n",
distance2, speed2, timeToFull2);
  Serial.printf("Inflow Rate: %.2f L/min | Outflow Rate: %.2f L/min\n", flowRateIn,
flowRateOut);

  // Store data in Firebase
  String path = "/WaterLevel/" + String(timestamp);
  Firebase.setFloat(firebaseData, path + "/Distance1", distance1);
  Firebase.setFloat(firebaseData, path + "/Distance2", distance2);
  Firebase.setFloat(firebaseData, path + "/Speed1", speed1);
  Firebase.setFloat(firebaseData, path + "/Speed2", speed2);
  Firebase.setFloat(firebaseData, path + "/TimeToFull1", timeToFull1);
  Firebase.setFloat(firebaseData, path + "/TimeToFull2", timeToFull2);
  Firebase.setFloat(firebaseData, path + "/InflowRate", flowRateIn);
  Firebase.setFloat(firebaseData, path + "/OutflowRate", flowRateOut);
  Firebase.setInt(firebaseData, path + "/Timestamp", timestamp);

  Serial.println("Data stored in Firebase!");

  // Activate buzzer if distance is 2 cm or below
  if (distance1 <= 2 || distance2 <= 2) {
    digitalWrite(BUZZER, HIGH);
  } else {
    digitalWrite(BUZZER, LOW);
  }

  // Update last values
  lastDistance1 = distance1;
  lastDistance2 = distance2;
  lastTimestamp = timestamp;
```

```
  // Reset flow count every second
  if (millis() - lastFlowTime >= 1000) {
    flowCountIn = 0;
    flowCountOut = 0;
    lastFlowTime = millis();
  }

  delay(2000); // Wait 2 seconds before next reading
}
```

8.2 SAMPLE OUTPUT AND SCREENSHOTS

Figure 6

Figure 7

Figure 9

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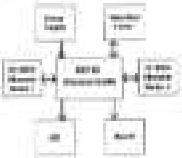

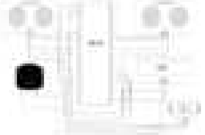

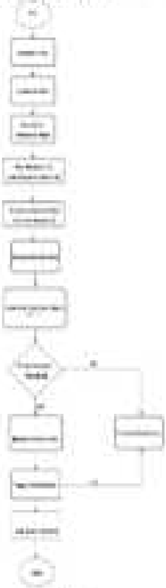

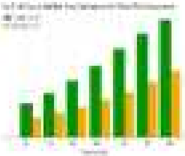

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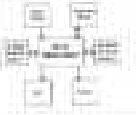

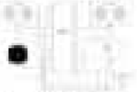

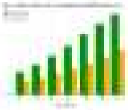

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