

6- Axis Robot

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Abstract—A 6-Axis Robotic Arm is an advanced robotic system designed to perform precise and flexible movements similar to a human arm. This project presents the design and development of a smart robotic arm controlled by the ESP32 microcontroller. The robotic arm consists of six axes of motion: base rotation, shoulder movement, elbow movement, wrist up/down, wrist left/right, and gripper open/close.

The ESP32 controls multiple servo motors that drive each joint of the robotic arm. Due to its built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, the robotic arm can be controlled wirelessly using a mobile device or computer. The system allows accurate positioning and movement, making it suitable for automation tasks.

Index Terms—6-Axis Robotic Arm, ESP32, Automation.

I. INTRODUCTION

A 6-Axis Robotic Arm is a robotic system that can move in six different directions similar to a human arm. These six movements include base rotation, shoulder movement, elbow movement, wrist up/down, wrist rotation, and gripper open/close. Such robots are widely used in industries for automation and precision work. In this project, the robotic arm is operated using an ESP32 microcontroller. The ESP32 is a powerful controller with built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, which allows wireless control and communication. Servo motors are used to control each axis of the robotic arm. Robotics is one of the most important technologies in modern automation and industrial systems. A robotic arm is a programmable mechanical device which is designed to perform similar tasks as human arm perform. It is capable of moving, rotating, and gripping objects with high accuracy and speed. Robotic arms are widely used in industries for operations such as assembly, welding, painting, packaging, and material handling.

A. Need of the System:

Robotics technology is rapidly growing and becoming an important part of modern industries and automation systems. Robots help perform tasks that require high precision, speed, and repeatability.

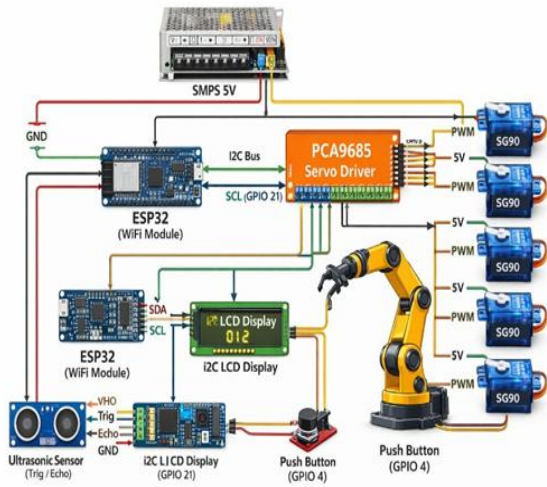
A 6-axis robotic arm provides six degrees of freedom, allowing the robot to move in different directions and orientations, which increases flexibility and accuracy. The use of advanced microcontrollers like the ESP32 allows the robotic arm to process commands quickly and control multiple motors efficiently.

- To minimize human effort in performing repetitive tasks.
- To improve accuracy and precision in industrial operations.
- To increase productivity and efficiency in manufacturing processes.

B. Literature Survey

1. Various researchers have worked on the development of robotic arms using different technologies and controllers. Early robotic arm systems were developed using the Arduino Uno, which provided a simple and cost-effective solution for basic pick-and-place operations. JOURNAL-Journal of Hydro informatics
2. more advanced systems were designed using the Raspberry Pi, which enabled the integration of image processing and computer vision. This allowed robotic arms to detect and identify objects, improving automation and accuracy in operations.
3. With the advancement in embedded systems, the ESP32 has become a popular choice for robotic applications due to its high processing speed, low power consumption, and built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth features. Researchers have developed wireless robotic arm systems that can be

controlled remotely using mobile applications or web interfaces.



II. SYSTEM DESIGN AND FUNCTIONING

A. System Overview

The system consists of a 6-axis robotic arm controlled by the ESP32. It uses multiple servo motors to provide six degrees of freedom. The controller processes input commands (from mobile or computer) and sends signals to the motors for precise movement. The system supports wireless control using Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, making it suitable for modern automation and IoT-based applications.

B. Components:

1. SMPS 5v
2. ESP 32 DEV
3. Servo Motor
4. Motor Driver PCA 9685
5. Ultraviolet Sensor
6. I2C
7. Power
8. MG19n Servo
9. Push Button

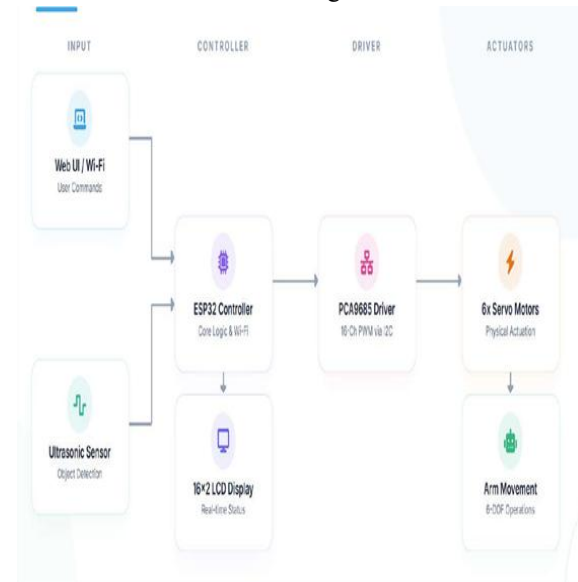
Construction:

The construction of the robotic arm includes the following components:

- Controller: ESP32
- Actuators: Servo motors for each axis

- Structure: Mechanical frame made of plastic, metal, or 3D printed parts
- Power Supply: SMPS or battery
- Driver Module: PWM driver (if required)
- Gripper: End effector for holding objects

Block Diagram



C. Working:

The robotic arm works on the principle of signal processing and motor control:

1. The user provides input commands via a mobile application or web interface.
2. The ESP32 receives the command through Wi-Fi or Bluetooth.
3. The controller processes the command and converts it into PWM signals.
4. These PWM signals are sent to the respective servo motors.
5. Each servo motor rotates to a specific angle, controlling the movement of joints.
6. The robotic arm performs the required operation such as lifting, moving, and placing objects.

III. RESULT

The implemented system shows the following results:

- Successful control of all six axes
- Smooth and accurate joint movement
- Effective wireless control with minimal delay
- Reliable pick-and-place operation for lightweight objects

- Stable performance under normal operating conditions

A. Advantages

- Provides high flexibility with six degrees of freedom
- Wireless control using ESP32
- Compact and lightweight design
- Low cost compared to industrial robotic arms
- Easy to program and modify
- Suitable for educational and research purposes.

Environmental Sustainability: By optimizing water usage and reducing runoff and soil erosion, the system contributes to environmental sustainability in agriculture.

B Limitations:

- Limited capacity due to small servo motors
- Accuracy may reduce with wear and tear of mechanical parts
- Dependent on stable power supply
- Wireless communication may face interference
- Not suitable for high-speed industrial automation

IV. CONCLUSION

The 6-axis robotic arm developed in this project demonstrates an efficient and flexible automation system. The use of the ESP32 enables fast processing and wireless control, making the system modern and user-friendly.

The robotic arm successfully performs various operations with precision and reliability. It reduces manual effort and increases efficiency in repetitive tasks. This project also enhances understanding of robotics, embedded systems, and automation technologies.

V. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

- ✓ Integration with Artificial Intelligence (AI) for smart decision-making
- ✓ Addition of camera module for object recognition
- ✓ Development of mobile app interface
- ✓ Use of metal body for higher strength
- ✓ Implementation of feedback sensors for accuracy
- ✓ Cloud-based IoT monitoring using ESP32
- ✓ Voice and gesture control system

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