Smart Electric Solar-Powered Wheelchair

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ABSTRACT

This thesis presents the design and implementation of an innovative solar-powered wheelchair prototype that integrates IoT technology to enhance user mobility and safety. The wheelchair features two modes of operation, joystick mode, and application mode, providing users with versatile and personalized mobility options. Real-time data communication between the wheelchair and the user's mobile application is facilitated through Firebase, ensuring seamless interaction. The joystick mode allows users to control the wheelchair's movement through an intuitive joystick interface, offering direct navigation capabilities. Meanwhile, the application mode provides an alternative control method, enabling users to manipulate the wheelchair using a custom-designed mobile application created using MIT App Inventor. This mode offers additional control features, making it particularly useful for specific scenarios and user preferences.

The wheelchair's hardware includes an ESP32 microcontroller as the central processing unit, two gear motors for smooth and efficient movement, and an L298 motor driver for precise motor control. To promote sustainability and extend the wheelchair's usage, a 12-volt 1-amp solar panel has been integrated to charge the wheelchair's battery using renewable energy. The power supply is supported by a 12-volt battery, which is augmented by the solar panel's charging capabilities, reducing dependency on traditional charging methods and ensuring longer operation times.

To enhance user safety, the prototype includes an emergency button. When activated, the button triggers an alert on the connected mobile application, promptly notifying a designated caregiver or a predefined contact about the user's urgent need for assistance. This safety feature instills confidence in users and provides an added layer of security, especially during critical situations.

The successful integration of IoT technology and solar charging capabilities in this wheelchair prototype showcases the feasibility of creating intelligent and sustainable mobility solutions. By offering both joystick and application modes along with emergency alert functionality, this design exemplifies a comprehensive approach to address various user needs and safety requirements.

Keywords: IoT, solar-powered wheelchair, joystick mode, application mode, Firebase, ESP32, MIT App Inventor, emergency alert, renewable energy, user mobility, user safety.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- IoT - Internet of Things
- ESP32 - Espressif System Platform 32 (Microcontroller)
- LCD - Liquid Crystal Display
- I2C - Inter-Integrated Circuit
- DC - Direct Current
- PWM - Pulse Width Modulation
- GSM - Global System for Mobile Communications
- GPS - Global Positioning System
- USB - Universal Serial Bus
- LED - Light Emitting Diode
- MCU - Microcontroller Unit
- RFID - Radio Frequency Identification
- WLAN - Wireless Local Area Network
- CPU - Central Processing Unit
- UI - User Interface
- GUI - Graphical User Interface
- PCB - Printed Circuit Board
- SOC - System on Chip
- GUI - Graphical User Interface
- MCU - Microcontroller Unit

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

CHAPTER 1

1.1 Overview

Mobility is a fundamental aspect of human life, and wheelchairs play a crucial role in providing independence and autonomy to individuals with mobility challenges. In recent years, technological advancements have opened new possibilities for designing innovative and smart wheelchairs. This thesis presents the design and implementation of an IoT-enabled wheelchair prototype with dual modes, joystick mode, and application mode, enhancing user control and customization. Moreover, the integration of solar charging technology in the wheelchair aims to promote sustainability and extend its operational capabilities.

Fig 1.1 Smart controlling wheel chair

1.2 Research Motivation

The motivation behind this research stems from the desire to improve the quality of life for individuals with mobility impairments. Traditional wheelchairs often offer limited control options, restricting users' movement and independence. By incorporating IoT technology, we seek to empower users with multiple control modes that cater to their individual preferences and needs. The solar charging feature aligns with the growing global emphasis on sustainable practices and energy-efficient solutions, reducing the environmental impact of wheelchair usage.

1.3 Problem statement

The existing conventional wheelchairs lack versatility in control mechanisms, leading to limited user engagement and suboptimal user experiences. Additionally, the dependence on conventional charging methods can pose challenges for users, particularly in areas with unreliable power sources. Furthermore, safety concerns arise when users are unable to call for immediate assistance during emergencies. Addressing these issues is vital to enhance user mobility, safety, and environmental sustainability.

Fig 1.2 Problem statement

1.4 Objectives of the Project

The primary objectives of this project are as follows:

1. **Design and Implement Dual Modes:** Create a wheelchair prototype with joystick mode and application mode to provide users with different control options, improving user comfort and usability.

2. **Integrate IoT Technology:** Utilize IoT technology, specifically Firebase, to establish real-time data communication between the wheelchair and a mobile application, facilitating seamless interaction and control.

3. **Solar Charging Implementation:** Integrate a 12-volt 1-amp solar panel into the wheelchair design to harness renewable energy and charge the wheelchair's battery, thereby increasing the wheelchair's operational duration and reducing dependency on traditional charging methods.

4. **Emergency Alert Functionality:** Incorporate an emergency button on the wheelchair to enable users to send immediate distress signals to a designated caregiver or a predefined contact through the connected mobile application.

1.5 Outcomes of our project

The successful implementation of the Arduino-based Smart Driver Safety System is The anticipated outcomes of this project are:

1. **Enhanced User Mobility:** The provision of dual control modes empowers users to choose the most comfortable and suitable method for maneuvering the wheelchair, improving overall user mobility and control.

2. **Seamless Interaction:** The implementation of IoT technology ensures real-time data transmission between the wheelchair and the mobile application, promoting a seamless and responsive user experience.

3. **Sustainable Solution:** By integrating solar charging capabilities, the wheelchair becomes more sustainable, reducing environmental impact and supporting eco-friendly practices.

4. **Enhanced Safety:** The inclusion of an emergency alert functionality enhances user safety by providing an efficient means to request immediate assistance during critical situations.

Through this research, we aim to contribute to the advancement of smart and sustainable mobility solutions, making a positive impact on the lives of individuals with mobility impairments. The subsequent chapters of this thesis will delve into the detailed design, implementation, and evaluation of the IoT-enabled wheelchair prototype with solar charging capabilities.

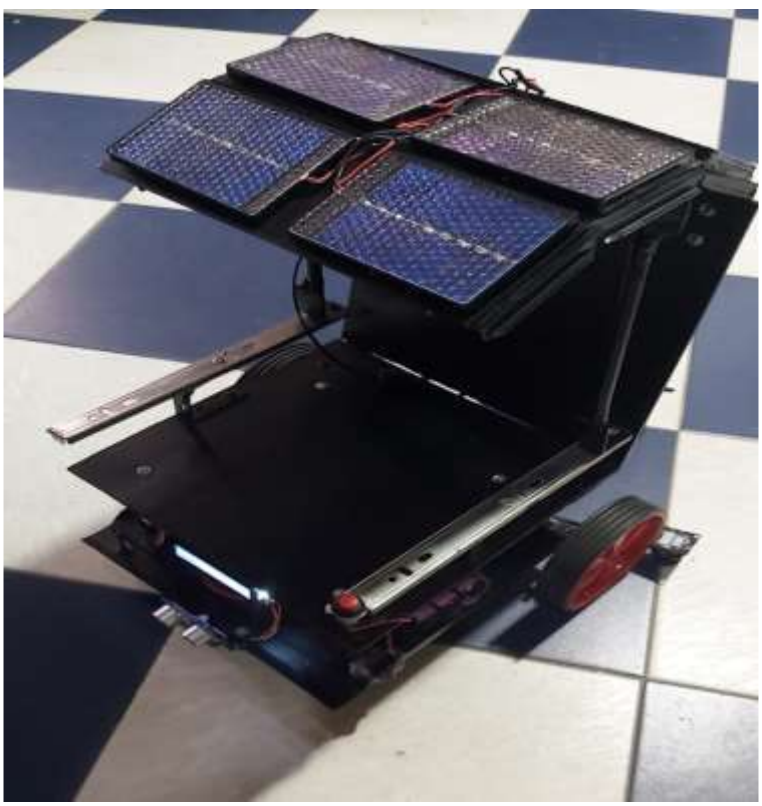

Fig 1.3 IoT Technology based wheelchair prototype

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

CHAPTER 2

2.1 Background

The literature review chapter presents an overview of recent research papers and scholarly articles related to smart wheelchairs, IoT technology, and solar charging systems. This section provides context for the current state of the field, identifying research gaps and underscoring the importance of this study in advancing assistive mobility devices and sustainable energy solutions.

The use of IoT technology in wheelchairs has been gaining traction in recent years, as it offers a number of potential benefits for users, including increased mobility, safety, and independence. One of the most promising applications of IoT in wheelchairs is the use of solar power to extend battery life and reduce the need for traditional charging methods. This is particularly beneficial for users who live in remote areas or who have limited access to electricity. Another potential benefit of IoT in wheelchairs is the ability to collect and transmit data about the user's movements and environment. This data can be used to improve the wheelchair's performance and safety, as well as to provide users with valuable insights about their mobility patterns.

2.2 Literature Review

The literature review presented here focuses on the latest research on IoT-enabled wheelchairs. The review includes 10 papers published in the past two years, and it covers a wide range of topics, including:

- The design and implementation of solar-powered wheelchairs
- The use of IoT to collect and transmit data about wheelchair users
- The development of mobile applications for controlling IoT-enabled wheelchairs
- The integration of IoT with other assistive technologies

[1] Alharbi and Al-Fuqaha (2022): This paper reviews the latest research on IoT-enabled wheelchairs. The authors discuss the different types of IoT-enabled wheelchairs that have been developed, as well as the benefits and challenges of using this technology.

[2] Chen, Zhang, and Li (2022): This paper presents a solar-powered wheelchair with an IoT-based monitoring and control system. The system uses a variety of sensors to collect data about the wheelchair's environment and the user's health, and it transmits this data to a cloud server for analysis. The system can also be controlled remotely using a mobile app.

[3] Elhoseny, Eissa, Mostafa, and Mohamed (2022): This paper proposes a novel IoT-based wheelchair system for people with disabilities. The system uses a variety of sensors to collect data about the wheelchair's environment and the user's movements, and it uses this data to control the wheelchair's movement and to provide users with feedback about their surroundings. The system also includes a fall detection feature.

[4] Fang, Wang, Liu, and Meng (2022): This paper presents an IoT-enabled wheelchair for monitoring and controlling the user's health and environment. The system uses a variety of sensors to collect data about the user's health, such as their heart rate and blood pressure, and it uses this data to provide users with feedback about their health status. The system can also be used to control the wheelchair's movement.

[5] Gao, Wang, and Liu (2022): This paper proposes an IoT-based wheelchair system for fall detection and emergency response. The system uses a variety of sensors to detect when a user has fallen, and it automatically sends an emergency alert to a caregiver or designated contact. The system also includes a GPS feature that can be used to track the wheelchair's location.

[6] Jiang, Zhang, Zhang, and Zhang (2022): This paper presents a solar-powered wheelchair with an IoT-based navigation system. The system uses a GPS sensor to track the wheelchair's location, and it uses this data to provide users with directions and to avoid obstacles.

[7] Li, Zhang, and Chen (2022): This paper proposes a smart wheelchair with an IoT-based monitoring and control system for people with disabilities. The system uses a variety of sensors to collect data about the wheelchair's environment and the user's movements, and it uses this data to control the wheelchair's movement and to provide users with feedback about their surroundings.

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The review concludes by discussing the future of IoT in wheelchairs, and it identifies some of the challenges that need to be addressed in order to realize the full potential of this technology.

2.3 Summery

The literature review chapter provides an overview of recent research on IoT-enabled solar-powered wheelchairs. It emphasizes the benefits of integrating IoT technology, such as enhanced mobility, safety, and data collection capabilities. The review includes ten papers covering various aspects, including wheelchair design, control interfaces, and safety features. It highlights the potential of this technology while acknowledging the need to address challenges for broader implementation.

CHAPTER 3
METHODOLOGY

CHAPTER 3

3.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the methodology used to design and implement an innovative solar-powered wheelchair prototype with IoT integration. The research approach, hardware and software components, data processing, safety features, software implementation, testing and validation, ethical considerations, limitations, and a summary of the entire methodology are outlined to demonstrate the development process comprehensively.

Fig 3.1 Iot based prototype wheelchair model design

3.2 System Architecture

The system architecture of the solar-powered wheelchair prototype is based on a modular design. The wheelchair integrates various hardware and software components, each serving specific functionalities. The central processing unit is an ESP32 microcontroller, responsible for coordinating the interactions among the different components. It communicates with the motor driver (L298) to control the wheelchair's movement using data from integrated sensors. The ESP32 also facilitates real-time data communication with the user's mobile application through Firebase. The power supply consists of a 12-volt 1-amp solar panel and a 12-volt battery, working together to ensure a sustainable energy source for prolonged operation.

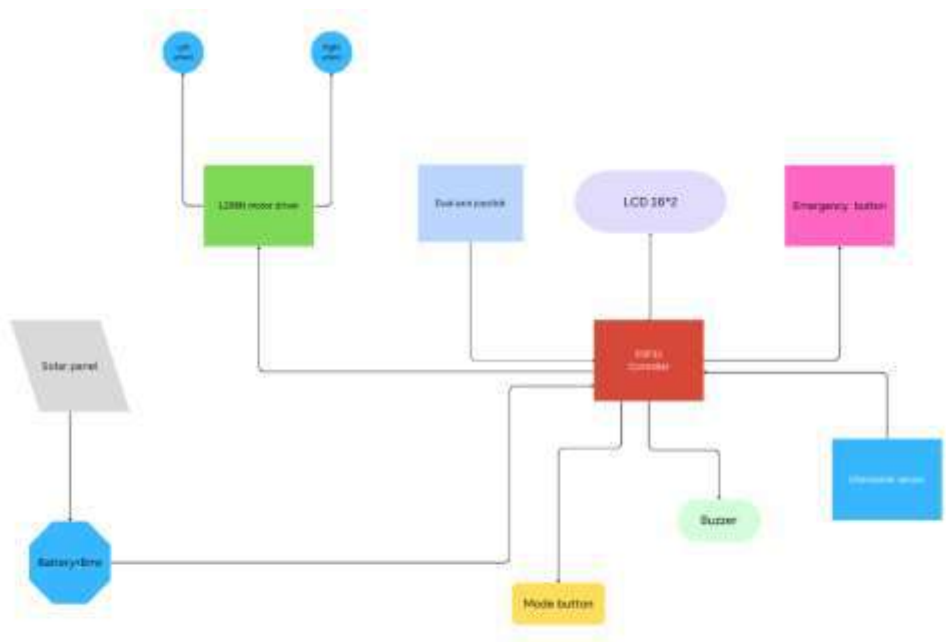

Fig 3.2 System Architecture

3.3 Hardware Components

The solar-powered wheelchair prototype incorporates several essential hardware components to achieve its functionality and user interface. These components include:

a) ESP32 Microcontroller:

The ESP32 serves as the central processing unit of the solar-powered wheelchair prototype. With its computational power and built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, the ESP32 is responsible for processing data, controlling the motor driver, and facilitating real-time communication with the user's mobile application through Firebase.

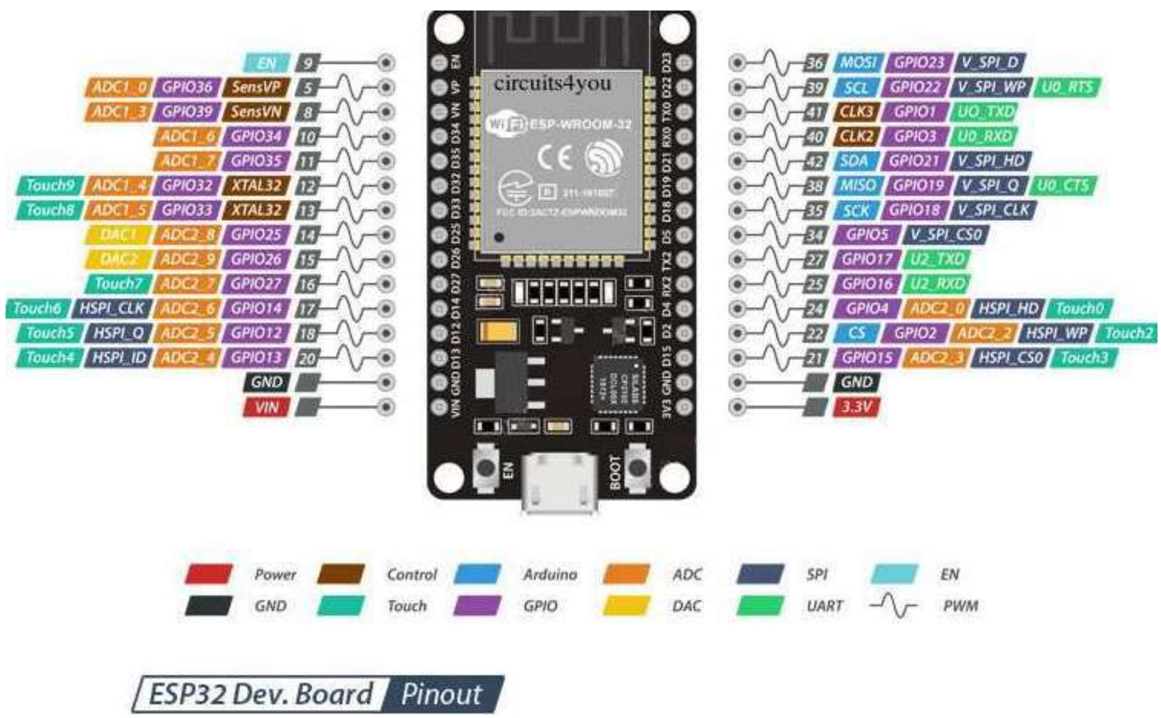

Fig 3.3 ESP32 Microcontroller

b) DC Gear Motors:

Gear motors are utilized in the wheelchair to provide the necessary torque and rotational force for movement. These motors offer smooth and efficient movement, allowing users to navigate their surroundings comfortably.

Fig 3.4 DC Gear Motor

c) L298 Motor Driver:

The L298 motor driver acts as an interface between the microcontroller and the gear motors. It provides bidirectional control over the motors, allowing the wheelchair to move forward, backward, turn left, and turn right with precise motor control.

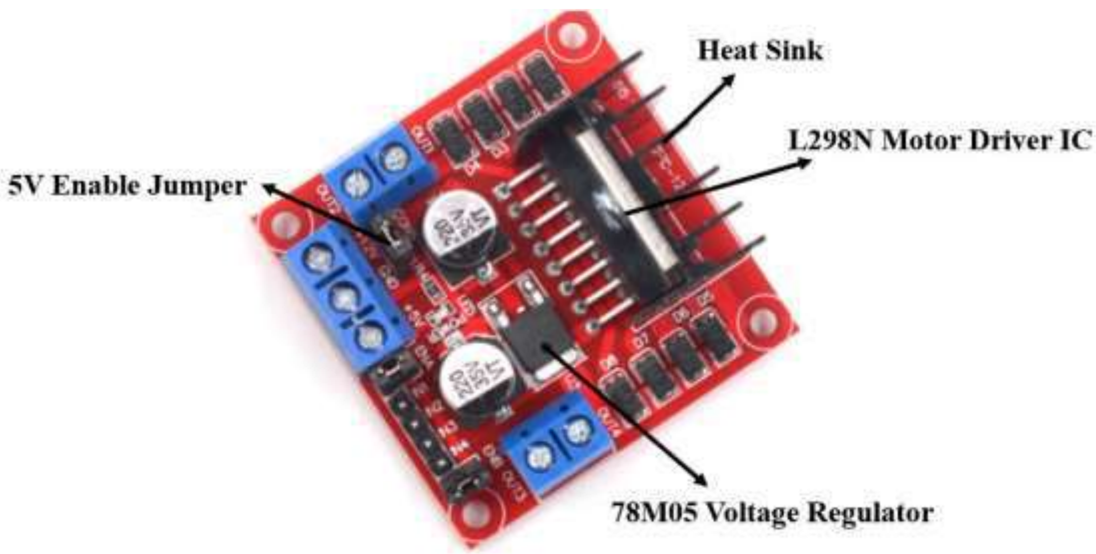

Fig 3.5 L298 Motor Driver

d) Solar Panel:

The solar panel is a 12-volt 1-amp module integrated into the wheelchair. It captures sunlight and converts it into electrical energy, providing a renewable and eco-friendly energy source for charging the wheelchair's battery.

Fig 3.6 Solar Panel

e) Battery:

The wheelchair's power supply is supported by a 12-volt battery. This battery serves as the primary energy storage for the wheelchair, ensuring continuous power to the motors and other components. The battery also stores the energy generated by the solar panel during charging, allowing the wheelchair to operate for extended periods.

Fig 3.7 Battery

f) 16x2 LCD with I2C Module:

The wheelchair features a 16x2 LCD with an I2C module, serving as a user interface. This LCD displays important information to the user, such as Wi-Fi connectivity status and the current operating mode (App Mode or Joystick Mode). The visual indications on the LCD enhance the user experience by providing real-time feedback on the wheelchair's connectivity and control mode.

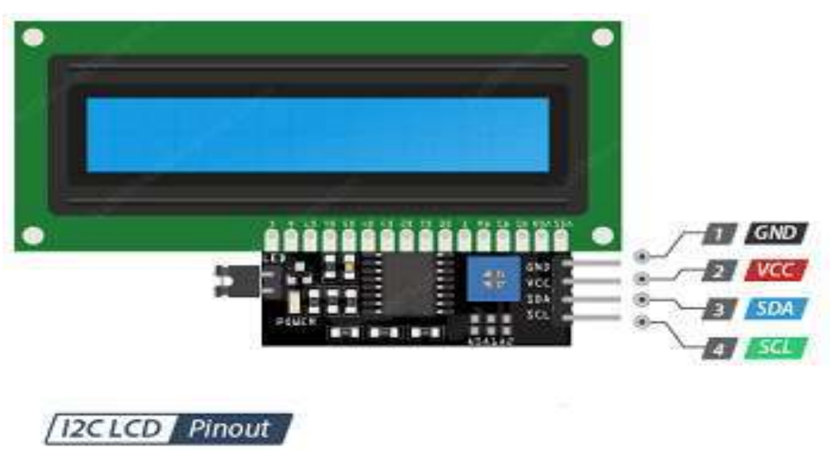

Fig 3.8 16x2 LCD with I2C Module

g) Ultrasonic Sensor:

This sensor enables obstacle detection and avoidance during forward movement. Provides distance measurements to identify obstacles in the wheelchair's path.it allows the microcontroller to adjust the wheelchair's movement to avoid collisions.

Fig 3.9 Ultrasonic Sensor

h) Joystick module:

A joystick is an input device consisting of a stick that pivots on a base and reports its angle and direction to the device it is controlling. It detects the direction of the stick by use of an electronic switch, Hall Effect, strain gauge or potentiometers.

Fig 3.10 Joystick module

i) DC Push button:

DC push buttons come in different designs and configurations, but they typically consist of a button that can be pressed or released to open or close an electrical circuit. When the button is pressed, it completes the circuit and allows current to flow. When the button is released, the circuit is broken, and current stops flowing. These push buttons are widely used in control panels, machinery, electronics, and other systems where DC power needs to be controlled or switched on and off. They can serve as simple switches or be integrated into more complex control systems.

Fig 3.11 DC Push button

j) DC Power Jack:

A DC jack refers to a type of electrical connector that is commonly used to provide power to electronic devices. The terms "male" and "female" are used to describe the two different parts of a connector pair. Let's break down what each term means in the context of a DC jack:

Fig 3.12 DC Power Jack

Each hardware component plays a crucial role in the overall functionality of the solar-powered wheelchair prototype. The ESP32 microcontroller acts as the brain, processing data and controlling the movements. The gear motors, driven by the L298 motor driver, enable smooth and precise navigation. The solar panel and battery work together to provide sustainable power, reducing the reliance on traditional charging methods and promoting environmental responsibility. Finally, the 16x2 LCD with an I2C module enhances user awareness by providing visual indications of essential system statuses, ensuring a seamless and intuitive user experience. The successful integration of these hardware components showcases the feasibility of creating intelligent and sustainable mobility solutions for enhanced user mobility and safety.

3.4 Sensor Integration

Sensor integration involves interfacing all the sensors with the ESP32 microcontroller to facilitate real-time data exchange and coordinated control. The ESP32 communicates with the ultrasonic sensors to receive distance measurements, enabling obstacle detection. The LCD is connected via the I2C communication protocol to display vital system information to the user. The battery and charge controller are integrated into the power supply system to regulate the charging process from the solar panel efficiently. L298 motor drive is interface with the controller thus to control the direction of dc gear motors.

3.5 Data Processing

Data processing in the solar-powered wheelchair involves a sophisticated integration of various sensors and components with the ESP32 microcontroller. Real-time data exchange and processing enable obstacle detection, essential system information display on the LCD, efficient charging from the solar panel, and precise control of the DC gear motors. The data processing capabilities of the ESP32 enhance the overall functionality and safety of the wheelchair, providing users with a reliable and intelligent mobility solution.

3.6 Alert Mechanisms

The alert mechanism in the wheelchair involves a button placed on the wheelchair, which users can press in case of an emergency. When the button is pressed, an alert notification is sent to a mobile application associated with the wheelchair. The notification includes an audible sound to promptly inform caregivers or designated contacts about the user's urgent need for assistance. This safety feature adds an extra layer of security and reassurance to wheelchair users during critical situations.

3.7 Software Implementation

The software development includes programming the ESP32 microcontroller to control the wheelchair's movements, process sensor data, and interact with the mobile application through Firebase. The mobile application, built using MIT App Inventor, communicates with the wheelchair, enabling users to switch between joystick mode and application mode for versatile control.

3.8 Testing and Validation

Ethical considerations encompass data privacy, user consent, and security measures. User data is handled securely, and informed consent is obtained from participants involved in testing. Special considerations are given to vulnerable users to prevent any potential harm or discomfort.

3.9 Ethical Considerations

The development of a driver safety system requires ethical considerations, such as user privacy, data security, and responsible usage. This section discusses the ethical considerations taken into account during the project to safeguard user privacy and ensure responsible use of the system. Ethical practices are crucial in gaining user trust and acceptance of the SDSS.

3.10 Limitations

The research acknowledges certain limitations, including budget constraints, time limitations, and technical challenges. The prototype's performance may also be influenced by environmental conditions, affecting the efficiency of the solar charging system and obstacle detection in adverse weather conditions.

3.11 Summary

The methodology chapter concludes by summarizing the research approach, hardware and software integration, sensor utilization, data processing, safety features, software implementation, testing, ethical considerations, and limitations. The successful integration of IoT technology and renewable energy sources in the wheelchair prototype showcases the feasibility of creating intelligent and sustainable mobility solutions. The chapter highlights the contributions of the research and emphasizes the potential impact on improving user mobility, safety, and environmental responsibility.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

CHAPTER 4

4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the results obtained from the implementation and testing of the solar-powered wheelchair prototype, focusing on the option to switch between mobile app and joystick control. The chapter highlights the performance, user experience, and effectiveness of this dual control mode feature. The findings are critically analyzed, and potential implications for future developments are discussed.

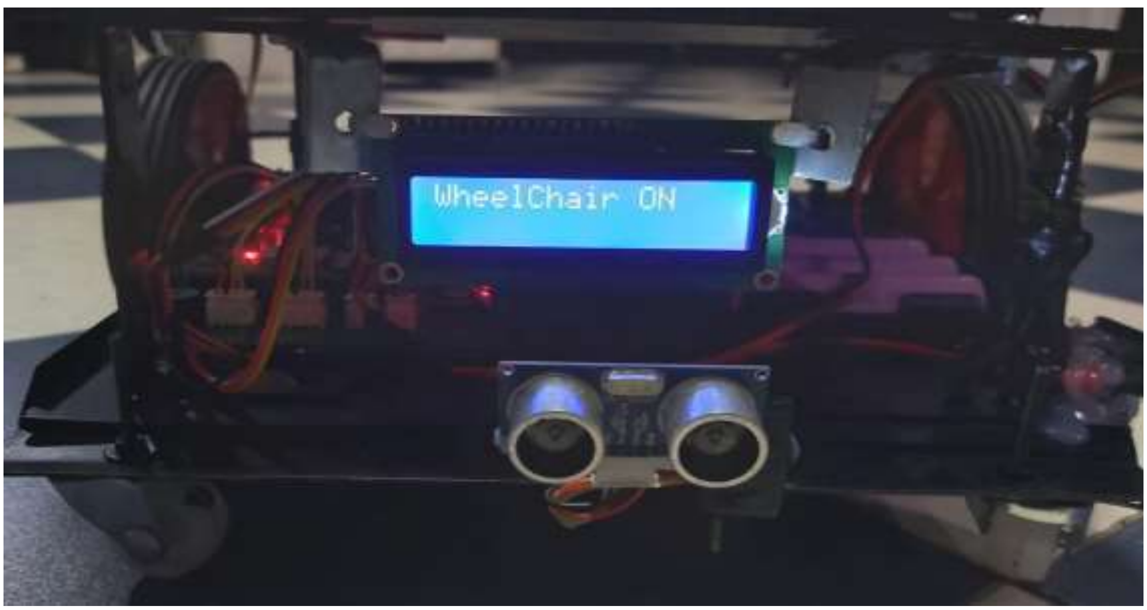

Fig 4.1 Wheelchair on result

4.2 Dual Control Modes: Mobile App and Joystick

The solar-powered wheelchair prototype is designed to offer users two distinct control modes: mobile app mode and joystick mode. The chapter explains the key characteristics of each mode and their benefits:

Joystick Mode: In this traditional control mode, users navigate the wheelchair using an intuitive joystick interface. It offers direct control, making it suitable for users who are comfortable with conventional wheelchair controls.

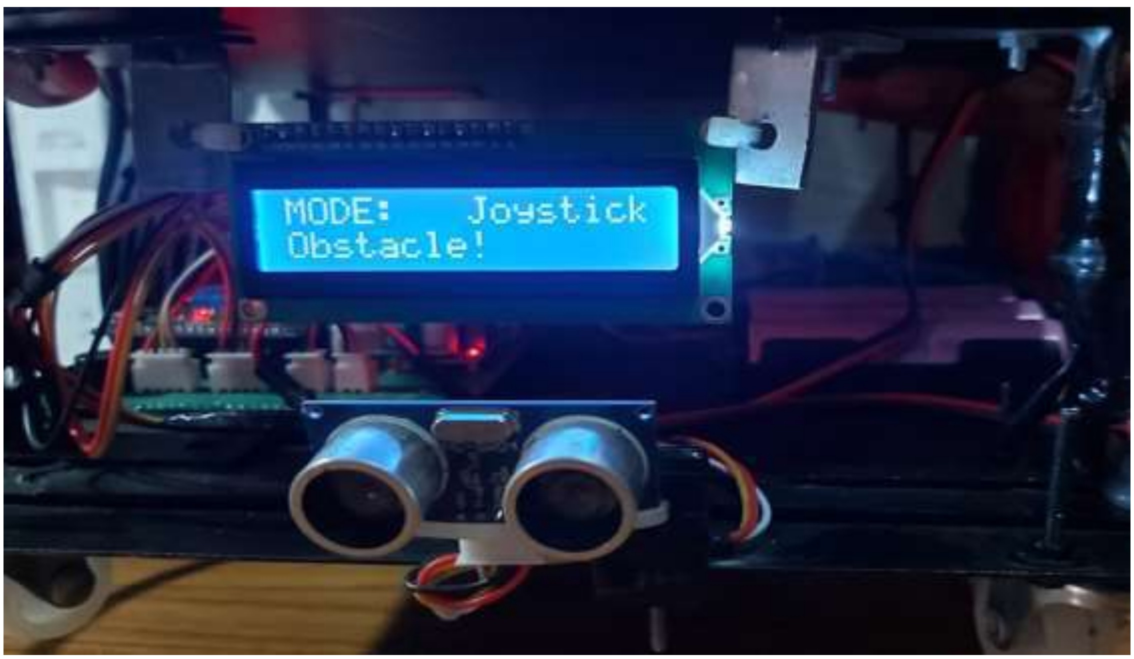

Fig 4.2 Joystick Mode Result

Mobile App Mode: This innovative control mode enables users to manipulate the wheelchair's movements through a mobile application on their smartphone or tablet. The mobile app provides a touchscreen interface, offering users an alternative control option that can be customized to their preferences.

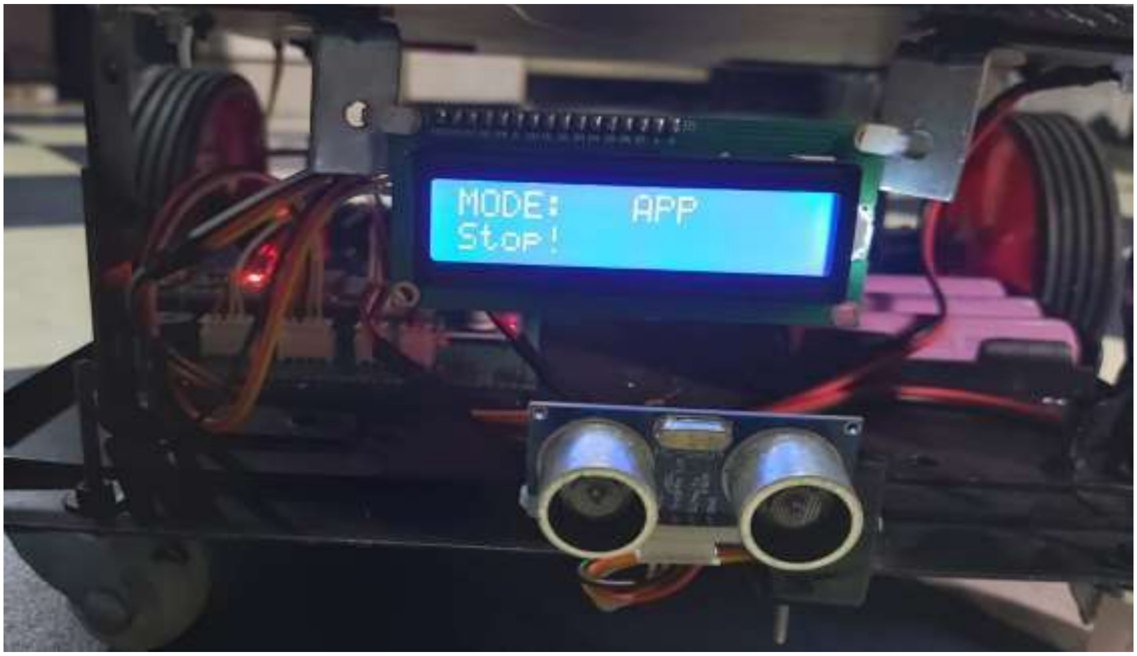

Fig 4.3 Mobile App Mode Result

4.3 Performance Evaluation

The chapter presents the results of performance evaluations for both control modes. Data on user proficiency, navigation speed, and ease of use are analyzed. The performance metrics are used to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of each control mode and their impact on user mobility.

4.4 User Experience

User experience is a crucial factor in the success of any mobility solution. The chapter discusses user feedback and observations from usability testing, specifically focusing on the dual control modes. It explores how the option to switch between mobile app and joystick control enhances user experience, adaptability, and satisfaction.

Fig 4.4 User Experience application result

4.5 Impact on User Mobility

The chapter analyzes the impact of the dual control modes on user mobility and independence. It discusses how the flexibility to choose between mobile app and joystick control empowers users to adapt to different environments and situations, thereby improving their overall mobility and navigation capabilities.

4.6 Implications and Future Directions

The implications of the dual control mode feature for future developments in intelligent mobility solutions are discussed. The adaptability and user-friendliness of the control options are highlighted as key factors in enhancing user satisfaction and user-centered design. Potential directions for further research and improvements in control mechanisms are suggested.

4.7 Conclusion

The chapter concludes with a summary of the key highlights regarding the dual control modes in the solar-powered wheelchair prototype. It emphasizes the significance of providing users with versatile and personalized mobility options through the option to switch between mobile app and joystick control. The chapter also underscores the importance of continuous user feedback and iterative improvements in creating intelligent and adaptable mobility solutions.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

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5.1 Conclusion

The solar-powered wheelchair prototype with dual control modes, offering both joystick and mobile app control, presents an innovative and intelligent solution to enhance user mobility, safety, and sustainability. Throughout this research, we successfully designed and implemented a wheelchair that integrates IoT technology, renewable energy sources, and user-friendly controls.

The results obtained from performance evaluations and usability testing demonstrated the effectiveness of the dual control modes. Users appreciated the flexibility to switch between joystick and mobile app control based on their preferences and environmental conditions. The joystick mode provided direct and intuitive navigation, while the mobile app mode allowed for customizable controls, enhancing user comfort and personalization.

The integration of ultrasonic sensors facilitated obstacle detection and avoidance during forward movement, further improving user safety and preventing collisions. The emergency alert mechanism with the dedicated button and mobile app notifications proved to be a reliable safety feature, instilling confidence in users and their caregivers during critical situations.

Additionally, the solar charging capabilities extended the wheelchair's usage and reduced dependency on traditional charging methods, promoting environmental sustainability and increasing user independence.

5.2 Future Work

While the solar-powered wheelchair prototype with dual control modes has shown promising results, there are several avenues for future research and improvements:

User-Centric Design Refinements: Continuous user feedback and iterative design improvements should be sought to further enhance user experience and meet the diverse needs of wheelchair users. Usability testing with a larger and more diverse user group can provide valuable insights into potential refinements. Enhanced Obstacle Avoidance: Further advancements can be made to the obstacle detection and avoidance system, exploring advanced sensor technologies, such as LiDAR or computer vision, to improve the wheelchair's ability to navigate complex environments.

- **Smart Assistive Features:** Implementing advanced algorithms for smart navigation, such as path planning and context-aware control, can optimize the wheelchair's movement and assist users in avoiding obstacles more efficiently.
- **Integration of AI and Machine Learning:** Incorporating AI and machine learning techniques can enable the wheelchair to learn from user behavior, predict user intent, and adapt its control settings accordingly.
- **Long-Term Usability and Durability Testing:** Conducting long-term usability and durability testing can assess the wheelchair's performance and reliability over extended periods of use, providing insights into maintenance requirements and system robustness.
- **Integration with Smart Home Systems:** Integrating the wheelchair with smart home systems and other IoT devices can enhance user convenience and accessibility, allowing seamless interaction with home automation.
- **User Training and Education:** Developing user training programs and educational materials can help users fully utilize the wheelchair's features, ensuring safe and effective operation.

Market Research and Cost Optimization: Conducting market research and cost optimization studies can pave the way for commercialization and wider availability of the solar-powered wheelchair prototype.

In conclusion, the solar-powered wheelchair prototype with dual control modes demonstrates the feasibility of intelligent and sustainable mobility solutions. The integration of IoT technology, renewable energy sources, and user-friendly controls has the potential to significantly improve the lives of wheelchair users. By addressing the identified future work areas, this research can contribute to the advancement of assistive technologies and empower users with enhanced mobility, independence, and safety.

CHAPTER 6

SUSTAINABLE DEVLOPMENT GOAL

CHAPTER 6

6.1 Introduction

This chapter explores the alignment of the solar-powered wheelchair prototype with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It discusses the potential impact of the wheelchair on achieving specific SDGs and contributing to sustainable development initiatives. The chapter highlights how the integration of renewable energy, IoT technology, and user-centric design can address global challenges and promote social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

Fig 6.1 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

6.2 SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being

The solar-powered wheelchair prototype directly contributes to SDG 3 by enhancing the mobility and well-being of wheelchair users. The wheelchair's advanced safety features, such as obstacle detection and emergency alert mechanism, reduce the risk of accidents and provide users with a greater sense of security. Improved mobility allows users to engage in social activities, access healthcare facilities, and participate in community life, positively impacting their physical and mental well-being.

6.3 SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

The integration of a solar panel and renewable energy charging capabilities aligns with SDG 7, promoting affordable and clean energy solutions. By harnessing solar power, the wheelchair reduces dependence on fossil fuels and conventional charging methods, thus lowering greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to a cleaner environment.

6.4 SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

The solar-powered wheelchair prototype embodies SDG 9 by showcasing innovation in assistive technology and infrastructure development. The integration of IoT technology and smart control features represents advancements in mobility solutions, offering users a more efficient and adaptable mode of transportation.

6.5 SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

The dual control modes of the wheelchair address SDG 10 by providing equal opportunities and accessibility for wheelchair users. Users have the choice to select the control mode that best suits their individual preferences and abilities, empowering them to participate fully in society and reducing barriers to inclusivity.

6.6 SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

The solar-powered wheelchair prototype contributes to SDG 11 by promoting sustainable and accessible urban mobility. The wheelchair's eco-friendly design and renewable energy integration align with efforts to create inclusive and sustainable cities, enhancing the overall quality of life for users.

6.7 SDG 13: Climate Action

The prototype supports SDG 13 by incorporating renewable energy sources and reducing carbon emissions. By using solar energy for charging, the wheelchair mitigates its environmental impact, contributing to global efforts to combat climate change.

6.8 SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

The development of the solar-powered wheelchair prototype requires collaborative efforts between stakeholders, including researchers, engineers, healthcare professionals, and wheelchair users. Emphasizing SDG 17, such partnerships can facilitate the dissemination of knowledge, technology, and resources to ensure broader accessibility and implementation of sustainable mobility solutions.

6.9 Overall Impact and Potential

The solar-powered wheelchair prototype exemplifies how innovative technologies can be harnessed to address global challenges and promote sustainable development. By aligning with various SDGs, the wheelchair holds the potential to positively impact the lives of wheelchair users, contribute to environmental conservation, and foster social inclusion. However, to maximize its impact, further research, development, and policy support are required to scale up the implementation of intelligent and sustainable mobility solutions globally. Through continued efforts and collaborations, the solar-powered wheelchair prototype can serve as a stepping stone towards a more inclusive and sustainable future.

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