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Hand Gesture Recognition Based on Raspberry Pi Pico With 3 Flux Sensors and Voice Output

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Abstract— Some people are born without the capacity to talk, while others lose it due to an accident. They have difficulty expressing themselves or communicating their message to others. In this project, we offer a Sign Language Glove that will allow persons who have any type of speech impediment communicate using gestures, i.e. the user will perform alphabet movements using single handed sign language. The glove will capture all of the user's motions and subsequently transform them into visual and audible form. All operations in this project are managed by a Raspberry Pi Pico controller, and flex sensors and other sensors will track the movement of both the fingers and the entire palm. The user's gesture will be displayed on an LCD, and the motion will be converted into an audio signal by a speaker. This project may be expanded to recognize complicated objects such as food, water, doctor and so on. Technology has always been of considerable assistance to the disabled, allowing them to live a regular and healthy life alongside others. Hand talk is a revolutionary proposal for a glove that converts hand gestures into text and allows the deaf to communicate themselves more effectively. The Hand talk glove must be worn on the deaf or mute person to readily understand. The flex sensor pads on the Hand talk glove use different motion patterns as well as the way the finger folds to detect movement. The device is capable of detecting every resistance and hand movement. Only a few words can now be converted by the device, but if it is successful, this expressive system may subsequently include a few more words.

Index Terms—Sign language glove, speech impediment, hand gestures, Raspberry Pi Pico controller, flex sensors, hand talk, motion patterns

I. INTRODUCTION

Deaf and hard-of-hearing people communicate using sign language, which recognizes hand form, orientation, hand, arm, and body movements, as well as facial expressions. Sign language employs gestures rather than sounds to convey meaning. It is a communication skill that combines and expresses the speaker's words fluently idea. Symbols are used to convey words and phrases to an audience. Gestures in sign language are specific movements of the hand in a specific shape. Sign language usually provides sign language for whole words. It can also provide signs from letters to gestures. That is, with the help of one-handed sign language, users create alphabetic gestures. The glove records all user gestures and converts these gestures into visual and audio formats. This project uses the RASPBERRY PI PICO microcontroller. It controls all processes and flex sensors, along with sensors that track movements across the fingers and palm. An LCD will be used to display the user's gestures and can be further developed to detect complexes such as hospital, doctor and a speaker that converts the gestures into audio signals will be performed wherever possible like food, water.

II. WHY FLEX SENSOR IS IMPORTANT?

The input sensor, the flex sensor, plays an important role. The resistance of the flex sensor increases as the bent angle increases. This resistance change is converted to a voltage change by connecting the flex sensor to a voltage divider circuit.



Fig 1. Flex Sensor



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Typically, a needle and thread are used to attach the flex sensor to the glove. It operates on a 5 volt input and outputs between 0 and 5 volts. The resistance of the bending sensor rises as the sensor's bending angle does. As the sensor changes, the output voltage changes accordingly. A diagram of the flex sensor and its schematic are shown below. Flex sensor resistance changes in only one direction. If the sensor is not working at this point, this resistance change is converted to a voltage change by connecting the flex sensor's voltage divider circuit. A voltage divider is used to determine the output voltage level. The voltage across two resistors connected in series. So it's basically a resistance-to-voltage converter. By dividing the input voltage by a ratio set by the variable (R1) and fixed resistor, the resistor and flex create a voltage divider (R2). A flex sensor is a unique component that changes resistance when flexed. The nominal resistance of a rigid sensor is 10,000 ohms (10K). The resistance steadily increases as the flex sensor bends. The resistance is 30-40K ohms when the sensor is bent 90 degrees. The bend sensor can be bent over 360 degrees depending on the radius of curvature. The operating temperature is -45F to 125F.

Introduction to Raspberry Pi Pico



Fig 2. Raspberry Pi Pico

For those involved with the Raspberry Pi Foundation, the release of the microcontroller was a big announcement in itself. Not all the makers of the world's most popular singleboard computers were interested in microcontrollers. Not only was the announcement of the Raspberry Pi Pico a surprise, but the fact that it was built around his own Raspberry Pi silicon was even more shocking. Instead of building on top of existing piles of code and supporting ESP32 or SAMD21 based designs, we decided to develop our own microcontroller. When it comes to Pico, we all start from scratch. Raspberry Pi publishes a lot of technical documentation and an excellent guide Get Started with Micro Python on Raspberry Pi Pico. There is a soft cover version and a PDF download version. But other than that, there isn't much "real" information about Pico at the moment. That is certainly changing, especially since Raspberry Pi has licensed other manufacturers, including adafruit, to use his RP2040 chip in their own designs. This should bring more code and development tools. The main feature of the board is the micro USB connector on one end. This is used for both communication and powering the Pico. An internal LED is mounted next to the micro USB connector and internally connected to GPIO pin 25. Note that this is the only LED on the entire Pico board. The BOOTSEL push button is located slightly below the LED and allows you to change Pico's boot mode to load Micro Python for drag and drop programming. The board has multiple ground connections, eight of which are added to the 3-pin debug connector. These pins are easy to find. It is evenly spaced and square instead of round like other compounds. One of the ground connections on pin 33 is also called analog ground.

Raspberry Pi Pico GPIO Pin out

- 26 × multi-function 3.3V GPIO pins.
- 3 12-bit ADCs, 2 SPIs, 2 I2Cs, 2 UARTs, and 16 programmable PWM channels.
- 8 programmable I/O (PIO) state machines to support specific peripherals.
- The dome module allows for direct soldering onto the carrier board.

Both the older Raspberry Pi Pico and the more recent Raspberry Pi Pico versions contain 40-pin GPIO and operate at 3.3V. In contrast to the Raspberry Pi that came before it, GPIO has a different form factor. Digital input/output, pulse width modulation (PWM), and specialized communication protocols like I2C, SPI, and UART/serial are all supported via GPIO pins. Other Raspberry Pi is one that employs variable voltages like the three analogue inputs that the GPIO offers, allowing them to be connected to potentiometers, joysticks, or light-dependent resistors. For example the GPIO pins themselves have crowns, or small cutouts that allow you to solder the Raspberry Pi Pico to your project or carrier board. More importantly, you can attach header pins to Pico and use it on a breadboard by soldering them to it.



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III. LITERATURE SURVEY

Table 1. Survey Of Papers Based On Hand Gesture Recognition

S NO	PAPER TITLE	YEAR	AUTHOR	OBJECTIVE
1	HAND GESTURES RECOGNITION WITH DEPTH IMAGES	2012	JESUS SUAREZ AND ROBIN R MURPHY	The use of depth for hand tracking and gesture recognition (1) the hand localization and gesture classification methods developed and used, (2) the applications where gesture recognition has been tested, and (3) the effects of the low-cost kinect and openni software libraries on gesture recognition research
2	HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION	2013	Shuai Yang and Prashan Premaratne	Technologies of MMI are becoming ubiquitous, especially gesture recognition. Compared with physical gesture is considered as a natural and easy command for MMI
3	HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION SYSTEM USING CAMERA	2014	VIRAJ SHINDE, Tushar Bacchav	The image processing method is a better solution to better environment and camera devices that can effectively improve environment problems
4	HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION	2015	JERALD SIBY,HILWA KADER	A basic web camera which points to the signer, MATLAB - which performs the image processing operations and an audio speaker or a display to convey the message.
5	GESTURE RECOGNITION: A SURVEY	2016	B.BANSAL	It is based on UI which allows user to communicate through gestures
6	HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION FOR HUMAN COMPUTER INTERACTION	2017	Aashni Hariaa, Archanasri Subramaniana	In our gesture recognition system we have included a total of seven gestures, where six of them are static gestures and one is a dynamic gesture.
7	A FUSION NETWORK FOR HAND GESTURE SEGMENTATION AND RECOGNITION	2018	Amirhossein Dadashzadeh, Alireza Tavakoli Targhi2	a two-stage convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture for robust recognition of hand gestures called HGR-Net
8	HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION AND VOICE CONVERSION SYSTEM FOR DUMB AND DEAF PEOPLE	2019	MR.P.V.KRISHNA Rao, V.Niharika	The endeavor hopes to energize people by strategies for a glove-based hard of hearing quiet correspondence middle person system
9	HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION SYSTEM FOR DEAF AND DUMB	2020	Syed Raquib Shareef, Mohammed Mannan Hussain	They had gone with the glove based i.e., non- vision technique as it is progressively useful in gesture recognition
10	HAND GESTURE RECOGNITION AND Appliance Control Using Transfer Learning	2021	SRINIVASA RAOK, Gundam Bhavani	The physical movement of the human hand produces gestures, and hand gesture recognition leads to the advancement in automated vehicle movement system. In this paper, the human hand gestures are detected and recognized using transfer learning approach in python. This process flow consists of background subtraction, hand ROI segmentation.

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IV. SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



V. CONCLUSION

We've looked at various ways to hand gesture identification in this post. Languages have different approaches. Flex sensors are used for the basic implementation of sensor gloves. All approaches consist of her two parts: Static hand pose detection and motion hand pose detection. Our approach is to use Raspberry Pi and Arduino to perform these complex calculations and manipulations and generate speech based on hand gestures.

VI. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

The completion of this prototype shows that sensory gloves can be used to partially recognize sign language. It can use more sensors for full sign language recognition. You can create a portable and handy hardware device with a built-in translator, speakers, body sensors, and a pair of data gloves. This allows deaf-mute people to communicate with normal people wherever they are

- SMD can be used to reduce unit size.
- High quality sensors are available.
- You can extend the range



Fig 4. Future work

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