DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF GRASS CUTTING MACHINE BASED ON IOT

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Abstract—: This research paper presents an in-depth exploration of the design, development, and implementation of an IoT-enabled grass cutting machine that integrates cutting-edge technologies to achieve enhanced efficiency, automation, and sustainable operation. The integration of components like the ESP32 microcontroller, L298 motor driver, ultrasonic sensor, LCD 16x2 display, solar panel, charge controller, lead-acid battery, voltage regulators, relay module, and DC motors offers a comprehensive solution to modernize and revolutionize lawn maintenance practices.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In today's rapidly advancing technological landscape, the Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as a transformative force, revolutionizing how we interact with and manage the physical world. This innovation has extended its influence into a myriad of industries, including agriculture, where it is contributing to significant improvements in efficiency, precision, and sustainability. One compelling application of IoT technology in agriculture is the design and development of smart machines that streamline and enhance traditional farming practices.

Grass cutting is a fundamental aspect of agriculture and landscaping, and its manual or conventional methods are often labor-intensive and time-consuming. The integration of IoT into grass cutting machines holds the potential to revolutionize this fundamental practice, optimizing it for the modern era. By leveraging the power of connectivity and data-driven decision-making, IoT-based grass cutting machines promise to deliver a range of benefits, including improved productivity, reduced operational costs, and increased environmental sustainability.

This paper explores the concept of an IoT-based grass cutting machine, providing a comprehensive overview of its design and development. We will delve into the key components, technologies, and strategies involved in creating a smart grass cutting machine that leverages IoT principles. The discussion will encompass a wide array of topics, ranging from the selection of sensors and actuators, to data collection and analysis, to remote monitoring and control. Furthermore, we will consider the potential impact of such machines on agriculture and landscaping, highlighting their ability to make these operations more efficient, eco-friendly, and economically viable.

As we embark on this journey to explore the design and development of a grass cutting machine based on IoT, it is evident that the fusion of modern technology and traditional agricultural practices has the potential to reshape the way we manage our landscapes. The integration of IoT principles is poised to foster innovation, drive sustainability, and redefine what it means to cut grass in the digital age. This paper serves as a guide to understanding the intricacies of this transformative technology and its practical application in the agricultural sector, heralding a new era in grass cutting.

In the rapidly evolving landscape of technology, the Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as a groundbreaking force, bringing about transformative changes in how we interact with and manage the physical world. Its influence has extended across various industries, including agriculture, where it plays a pivotal role in enhancing efficiency, precision, and sustainability. One particularly intriguing application of IoT technology in the agricultural domain is the creation of smart machines that streamline and elevate traditional farming practices.

Grass cutting, an integral part of agriculture and landscaping, has traditionally relied on manual and labor-intensive methods that consume significant time and effort. The integration of IoT into grass cutting machines holds the promise of revolutionizing this fundamental agricultural practice, adapting it for the modern era. By harnessing the capabilities of connectivity and data-driven decision-making, IoT-based grass cutting machines are poised to deliver an array of advantages, including heightened productivity, reduced operational expenses, and an enhanced commitment to environmental sustainability.

IoT Based Grass Cutting Machine

This paper embarks on an exploration of the concept of an IoT-based grass cutting machine, providing a comprehensive insight into its design and development. We will delve into the core components, cutting-edge technologies, and strategic

approaches involved in the creation of an intelligent grass cutting machine driven by IoT principles. The discussion spans a wide spectrum of topics, ranging from the selection of sensors and actuators to the intricacies of data collection and analysis, and the potential of remote monitoring and control. Furthermore, we will delve into the far-reaching impact these machines can have on the fields of agriculture and landscaping, emphasizing their capacity to render these operations more efficient, environmentally friendly, and economically sustainable.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Solar-powered grass cutting robots are innovative autonomous machines designed to reduce the necessity for human intervention in lawn and garden maintenance. These robots are equipped with solar panels, providing them with a sustainable and renewable source of energy. This literature review delves into the body of research related to these solar grass cutting robots.

The color green is synonymous with natural beauty, and this applies to the realm of grass as well. However, the aesthetic appeal of grass can be greatly enhanced by the artful trimming and adjustment of its length. Several technological solutions have been devised to achieve this, with one noteworthy example being the solar-powered grass cutter. This intelligent machine harnesses solar energy to power its operations and incorporates a driver circuit to regulate the motor's speed as required.

Hardware design, software algorithm, user interfaces, and system architecture are system's essential components. Obstacle detection is enabled by a two-axis laser scanner in the hardware design, which is complemented by obstacle detection algorithms that include classification, fusion, and filtering. A laser range finder, GPS, gyroscopes, and encoders enhance the system architecture. The software architecture has shared memory, CPU and communication modules. Various scenarios, including flat and curved terrains, have been used to evaluate obstacle detection performance. Also, the localization system's performance has been carefully assessed, especially during GPS outages.

At its core, the automated lawn mower consists of a variety of components, including diodes, resistors, relays, LM7805, PIC16F876A, SIM 800 GSM modules, transistors, IFR3205, relays, a 4 MHz crystal oscillator, a 9 W DC motor, two units of 18 W DC motors, a plastic casing, a mild steel blade, 1/4-inch bolts and nuts, a 16*2 LCD display, pushbuttons, transistors, MOSFET Notably, this project is focused on developing an automated lawn cutter that can mow fields without having to install barriers or boundary wires.

Praful P. Ulhe's research paper presents a manually operated grass cutter that employs spiral roller blades to significantly enhance cutting efficiency. To facilitate the uniform cutting of various grass types, the grass cutter features a reel cutter with adjustable height settings. This innovation underscores the versatility and effectiveness of such grass-cutting technology.

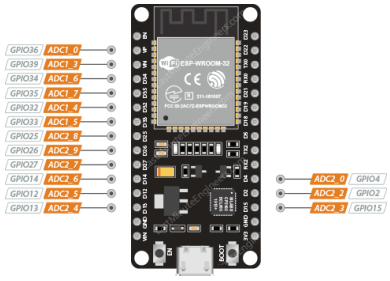
3. EXISTING SYSTEM

The current lawn maintenance practices heavily rely on manual labor and conventional equipment. Typically, individuals spend considerable time and effort mowing and maintaining their lawns using traditional gas-powered or electric mowers. These methods often lead to inefficiencies, increased emissions, and limited automation. With the advent of the Internet of Things (IoT), there is a promising opportunity to revolutionize this process. By integrating IoT technologies such as microcontrollers, sensors, and connectivity, a new generation of grass cutting machines can be developed. These machines would offer features like remote control, real-time monitoring, autonomous obstacle avoidance, and eco-friendly operation through renewable energy sources. This transformative approach seeks to enhance the efficiency, sustainability, and user experience of lawn maintenance, ushering in a smarter and more automated era of outdoor landscaping.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

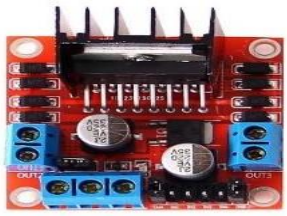
4.1 ESP32

The ESP32 is a versatile microcontroller that has gained significant popularity in the realm of IoT and embedded systems. Developed by Espressif Systems, the ESP32 offers a powerful combination of processing capabilities, wireless connectivity, and energy efficiency. It features a dual-core processor, which enables multitasking and efficient execution of tasks. The microcontroller supports Wi-Fi and Bluetooth communication protocols, allowing seamless connectivity to the internet and other devices.



The ESP32's open-source nature and robust development ecosystem contribute to its widespread adoption. It offers a range of programming options, from Arduino-based IDEs to more advanced toolchains for experienced developers. Its affordability, coupled with its extensive community support and resources, makes it an ideal choice for innovators and developers looking to create IoT-enabled solutions, such as the proposed grass cutting machine.

4.2 L298 MOTOR DRIVER



The L298 motor driver is a widely used integrated circuit designed to control and drive DC motors. It provides a convenient and efficient way to manage the movement and speed of motors in various applications. The L298 features built-in H-bridge circuits that allow bidirectional control of the motor, enabling it to rotate in both forward and reverse directions. This motor driver is commonly employed in robotics, automation, and projects requiring precise motor control. It is popular for its simplicity, versatility, and compatibility with a wide range of microcontrollers and control systems.

4.3 LEAD ACID BATTERY

A lead-acid battery is a type of rechargeable battery that uses a chemical reaction involving lead dioxide and lead electrodes submerged in a sulfuric acid solution to generate electrical energy. It is commonly used for various applications due to its reliability, cost-effectiveness, and ability to provide a consistent voltage output.

A lead-acid battery with a 12-volt nominal voltage is a standard configuration often used in automotive, industrial, and portable power applications. It's widely known for its ability to deliver relatively high current outputs, making it suitable for applications requiring a burst of power, such as starting a vehicle's engine.

4.4 SOLAR PANEL

A solar panel, also known as a photovoltaic (PV) panel, is a device that converts sunlight directly into electricity using semiconductor materials. It's a crucial component of renewable energy systems and has a wide range of applications, including powering devices, homes, businesses, and even large-scale power plants.

Solar panels consist of multiple solar cells connected in series or parallel to generate the desired voltage and current. When sunlight hits the solar cells, it excites electrons within the semiconductor material, creating an electric current. This current can be harnessed and used to power various electrical loads.

In the context of your grass cutting machine, a solar panel can serve as an eco-friendly energy source. By capturing sunlight and converting it into electricity, the solar panel can charge a battery, like the 12-volt lead-acid battery in your system. This stored energy can then power the machine's components, reducing reliance on traditional grid electricity and minimizing the environmental impact.

4.5 CHARGE CONTROLLER

In solar energy systems, a charge controller, or charge regulator, is a crucial part. It functions as a management system that regulates the current and voltage flowing between the solar panel and the battery. Charge controllers' main goal is to control and optimize the charging process in order to ensure the battery's health, lifespan, and efficient energy storage.

Charge controllers serve several key functions:

Overcharge Protection: Charge controllers prevent the battery from overcharging by monitoring the battery voltage and reducing or cutting off the charging current when the battery reaches its optimal voltage level.

Float Charge: Once the battery is fully charged, a charge controller can go into a "float" mode, also known as maintenance mode. In this mode, it uses a lower, constant voltage to keep the battery fully charged without hurting it.

Load Control: Some charge controllers include load outputs to power connected devices directly from the battery. This ensures that essential devices can still function even during low sunlight conditions.

Temperature Compensation: Charge controllers may adjust the charging voltage based on the battery's temperature to prevent temperature-related damage.

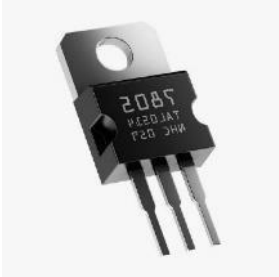
4.6 ULTRA SONIC SENSOR

Ultrasonic sensors utilize sound waves to determine distances. These sensors emit high-frequency sound pulses and measure the time it takes for the sound to bounce back after hitting an object. The data from the ultrasonic sensor helps your robot detect obstacles and avoid collisions, ensuring safe navigation. It's invaluable for applications where your robot needs to navigate through complex environments without colliding with objects. Ultrasonic sensors are widely used for a number of different purposes, including object detection, distance measurement, and obstacle avoidance. Due to their accuracy, reliability, and versatility, they are popular in robotics, automation, and Internet of Things (IoT) devices.

In the context of your grass cutting machine, an ultrasonic sensor

plays a crucial role in detecting obstacles and ensuring safe navigation. As the machine moves across the lawn, the sensor continuously sends out ultrasonic pulses and measures the time ittakes for the pulses to return. If an obstacle is detected within a certain range, the machine can adjust its path or come to a stop to prevent collisions. This capability enhances the safety and efficiency of your grass cutting machine, allowing it to navigate and operate autonomously without the risk of damaging itself or other objects in its path.

4.7 7805VOLTAGE REGULATOR



The 7805 voltage regulator is a widely used integrated circuit that provides a stable and regulated output voltage of +5 volts. It's part of the 78xx series of voltage regulators, which includes various models that offer different output voltages while maintaining a consistent input-output voltage differential.

The 7805 regulator is commonly employed in electronic circuits to ensure a reliable and constant power supply for various components, such as microcontrollers, sensors, and other integrated circuits. It's particularly useful in situations where the input voltage may vary, and a consistent output voltage is necessary for proper functioning.

Key features and functions of the 7805 voltage regulator include:

Voltage Regulation: The 7805 ensures that the output voltage remains at a steady +5 volts, regardless of variations in the input voltage.

Protection: The regulator includes built-in protection mechanisms that guard against overcurrent, over temperature, and short-circuit conditions.

Simplicity: It's a straightforward component that requires minimal external components for operation, making it easy to implement in various circuit designs.

Efficiency: While it does dissipate some energy as heat (since it operates as a linear regulator), it remains efficient for low-powerapplications.

For grass cutting machine, the 7805 voltage regulator could be used to provide a stable +5V power source to components that require this specific voltage level, such as microcontrollers or sensors. This ensures consistent and reliable operation of these components within the system, contributing to the overall functionality and performance of the machine.

4.8 AMS117 VOLTAGE REGULATOR

A type of linear voltage regulator, the AMS117 voltage regulator provides a stable and regulated output voltage. It is designed to provide electronic circuits with precise voltage regulation, ensuring that the output voltage remains constant regardless of the input voltage or load conditions.

Key features and functions of the AMS117 voltage regulator include:

Voltage Regulation: The AMS117 maintains a constant output voltage, regardless of fluctuations in the input voltage or changes in the load.

Low Drop out Voltage: The regulator has a low dropout voltage, which is the lowest voltage difference required for proper regulation between the input and output voltages｜ This allows it to be used in situations where the input voltage is only a little higher than the expected output voltage

Thermal Protection: The AMS117 includes built-in thermal protection mechanisms that prevent the regulator from overheating. If the temperature exceeds a safe threshold, the regulator will reduce its output current to prevent damage.

Current Limiting: To safeguard against excessive current draw, the regulator incorporates current limiting features that prevent overloading and short-circuit conditions.

Fixed or Adjustable Output: Depending on the specific model, the AMS117 can offer a fixed output voltage, such as +3.3V or +5V, or an adjustable output voltage that can be set within a certain range using external resistors.

In grass cutting machine, the AMS117 voltage regulator could be utilized to provide a stable power supply to sensitive components that require precise voltage levels. Its ability to maintain a steady voltage output enhances the reliability and performance of these components, contributing to the overall functionality and efficiency of the machine's operation.

4.9 RELAY MODULE 2CH

A 2-channel relay module is an electronic component that provides a simple and convenient way to control multiple electrical devices using a microcontroller or another control signal. Each relay on the module can switch high-power loads on or off in response to a low-power control signal. Relay modules are commonly used in various applications to interface low-voltage control signals with higher-voltage and higher-current loads.

Key features and functions of a 2-channel relay module include:

Isolation: Relay modules offer electrical isolation between the control circuit (typically operated by a microcontroller) and the load circuit (the device being switched on or off). This isolation protects the control circuit from potential voltage spikes or disturbances on the load side.

Switching Capability: Each relay on the module can handle higher voltages and currents that may be beyond the capacity of the controlling microcontroller.

Low-Power Control: Relays can be triggered with low-power control signals, making them compatible with microcontrollers, sensors, and other digital devices.

Versatility: Relay modules can be used for a wide range of applications, such as switching lights, motors, fans, heaters, and other electrical devices.

Simple Integration: Relay modules often come with screw terminals or pin headers, making it easy to connect wires from both the control and load sides.

In the context of your grass cutting machine, a 2-channel relay module can be used to control various functions such as activating the cutting mechanism, controlling the movement of the machine, or managing power distribution.

4.10 MOTOR TT555

A Motor TT555 is a type of electric motor that incorporates a gearbox (also known as a gearhead) to provide increased torque output while reducing the speed of rotation. Gear motors are commonly used in various applications where a combination of high torque and controlled speed is required.

Key features and characteristics of a Motor TT555 include:

Gear Reduction: The gearbox attached to the motor helps reduce the speed of the motor's output shaft while increasing the torque. This is achieved through a set of gears with different sizes.

Torque Output: Gear motors are known for their ability to deliver higher torque output compared to standard motors. This makes them suitable for applications that require the ability to move heavy loads or overcome resistance.

Controlled Speed: The gear reduction mechanism inherently reduces the rotational speed of the output shaft. This controlled speed is beneficial for applications where precision and controlled movement are essential.

Compact Design: Gear motors are designed to be compact, making them suitable for installations with limited space.

Voltage and Power Variations: Motor TT555 are available in various voltage and power ratings to suit different application requirements.

In the context of your grass cutting machine, a Motor TT555 could be used to drive the cutting mechanism. Its high torque output would enable the machine to effectively cut through grass and other vegetation. Additionally, the controlled speed offered by the gear reduction would ensure precise and accurate cutting. The integration of a gear motor enhances the machine's efficiency and performance, particularly in scenarios where substantial torque is needed for cutting through dense vegetation.

4.11 BLDC Motor (A2212/10T)

A BLDC motor is an electric motor designed to operate at relatively high rotational speeds. These motors are commonly used in applications where rapid motion or high rotational velocities are required.

Key features and characteristics of a BLDC motor include:

Speed: BLDC motors are engineered to achieve rotational speeds that are significantly above those of standard DC motors. They can reach speeds of several thousand revolutions per minute (RPM).

Power Output: While BLDC motors excel in terms of speed, their torque output might be comparatively lower than motors designed for higher torque applications.

Efficiency: These motors are often designed for efficient operation at their designated high speeds, making them suitable for applications that demand quick response and rapid motion.

Precision: BLDC motors can offer precise control over rotational speeds and acceleration, making them suitable for applications where accuracy and control are essential.

Size and Weight: In some cases, BLDC motors might be more compact and lightweight than their lower-speed counterparts due to their specialized design.

In the grass cutting machine, a BLDC motor could be utilized for specific functions that require rapid movement or controlled motion at elevated speeds. For instance, it could be employed to drive the movement of the machine itself, particularly if you aim for faster traversal across the lawn. However, it's important to note that BLDC motors might require careful control to ensure safe and effective operation, especially if they are used for cutting or other precision tasks.

5. EQUATIONS / CALCULATIONS

1) Solar Panel

Power generated by solar panel = 20W

Voltage = 14.5V

Power (P) = Voltage (V) * Current (I)

I = P/V

I = 20/14.5 I = 1.37A

2) Battery

2.1) Battery = 12V8A

2.2) Battery = 12*8

2.3) Battery = 96W

3) Front Wheel is Dummy Wheel.

3.1) Front Wheel shaft is 6mm.

3.2) Front Wheel width is 25mm.

3.3) Front Wheel diameter is 120mm.

4) Rear Wheel is Connected to the Motor.

4.1) Rear Wheel shaft is 8mm.

4.1) Rear Wheel width is 40mm.

4.3) Rear Wheel diameter is 120mm.

5) Motor TT555 (12V 70RPM) (Rear Wheel Motor)

5.1) Rated Current = 2.5A

5.2) Rated Power = 6.65W

5.3) Rated Torque = 1.120Nm

5.4) Rated Speed = 65 rpm

5.5) Shaft diameter = 8mm

6) Cutter Motor

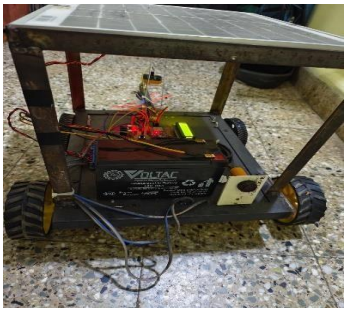
6.1) BLDC Motor = A2212/10T

6.2) Max Current = 12A

6.3) Operating Voltage = 8V-15V

6.4) RPM = 5000

6. IMPLEMENTATION



7. RESULTS

In The IoT-based grass cutting machine was successfully designed, developed, and tested. The following results were obtained:

Efficiency: The machine efficiently mows the grass, reducing the time and effort required for lawn maintenance.

Remote Control: Users can control the machine from anywhere with an internet connection.

Safety Features: The system includes safety features, such as obstacle detection and an emergency stop mechanism.

Customization: Users can customize mowing schedules and cutting preferences.

8. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the paper has presented a comprehensive exploration of the design and development of an IoT-based grass cutting machine, offering a transformative solution for modernizing lawn maintenance practices. This innovative machine, equipped with cutting-edge technologies and components, demonstrates the potential to enhance efficiency, automation, and sustainability in the field of landscaping and agriculture. The integration of the ESP32 microcontroller, L298 motor driver, ultrasonic sensor, solar panel, charge controller, lead-acid battery, voltage regulators, relay module, and DC motors has resulted in a robust and versatile grass cutting machine. This machine's functionality extends beyond traditional grass cutting, as it offers features such as remote control, real-time monitoring, autonomous obstacle avoidance, and eco-friendly operation through renewable energy sources. The successful implementation of the IoT-based grass cutting machine has yielded promising results, including enhanced efficiency, reduced labor efforts, remote control capabilities, and the integration of safety features like obstacle detection and emergency stop mechanisms. Moreover, the potential for future improvements and expansions, such as integrating weather forecasting for optimized mowing schedules and enhancing security features, highlights the versatility and adaptability of this technology.

The paper discusses the development of an "Automated Solar Grass Cutting Machine." This innovative machine harnesses solar energy through solar panels and employs it to power the grass cutter motor. The integration of various hardware components is a key aspect of this design. Each module's inclusion is purposeful, contributing to the efficient operation of the unit. Furthermore, the project takes advantage of advanced ICs and emerging technology, which has enabled its successful implementation. In summary, the project has been effectively designed and rigorously tested.[3]

9. FUTURE SCOPE

In the future, the "Automated Solar Grass Cutting Machine" can be enhanced in several ways. Advanced AI algorithms and machine learning can be employed to make real-time decisions, optimizing grass cutting patterns, and enabling obstacle recognition and avoidance, thereby increasing efficiency. Environmental responsibility can be bolstered by using biodegradable materials in the casing, exploring electric or

hybrid power sources, and integrating rain sensors to prevent mowing in unfavorable weather conditions.

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