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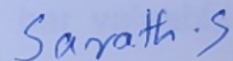
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ABSTRACT

This project focuses on the design and fabrication of a drone equipped with a telescope mechanism for the camera and a fertilizer spraying system, aimed at enhancing precision agriculture practices. The drone's design prioritizes stability, payload capacity, and efficiency to ensure effective operation in agricultural settings.

The telescope mechanism allows the camera to extend and retract smoothly; enhancing the drone's imaging capabilities for crop monitoring. The camera captures clear and high-resolution images vital for crop analysis and management. The remote-controlled spraying system provides precise control over fertilizer application, ensuring optimal distribution and minimizing waste.

The integration of these features has resulted in a versatile and efficient tool for farmers, offering improved crop monitoring and management capabilities. The drone's stable flight characteristics and payload capacity make it suitable for agricultural tasks. Overall, this project demonstrates the feasibility and effectiveness of the drone design for precision agriculture applications, contributing to increased productivity and sustainability in the agricultural sector.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is a vital sector that sustains economies and feeds populations worldwide. To meet the growing demand for food production, there is a constant need for innovative technologies that can enhance agricultural practices. Drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), have emerged as powerful tools in modern agriculture, offering capabilities such as crop monitoring, mapping, and pesticide application. In this project, we focus on the development of a specialized drone system for fertilizer spraying, integrating a telescope mechanism to enhance its functionality and precision in agricultural operations.

The use of drones in agriculture has gained significant attention due to their ability to cover large areas efficiently and precisely. Traditional methods of fertilizer application, such as manual or tractor-mounted systems, are often labour-intensive and can lead to uneven distribution of fertilizers. By implementing a drone-based solution, we aim to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of fertilizer spraying, leading to better crop yields and reduced environmental impact.

The telescope mechanism Integrated into the drone allows for adjustable spraying heights, enabling the drone to maintain optimal distance from the crops for effective coverage. This feature is particularly beneficial in areas with varying crop heights or uneven terrain, where maintaining a consistent spraying distance is crucial for uniform fertilizer distribution.

The objectives of this study are to design, fabricate, and evaluate the performance of the fertilizer spraying drone with a telescope mechanism. We will develop an algorithm for controlling the drone's flight path, telescope extension/retraction, and fertilizer spraying, ensuring precise and efficient operation. Field tests will be conducted to assess the drone's performance in terms of spraying accuracy, coverage, and efficiency

compared to traditional methods. Additionally, we will analyse the cost-effectiveness of the drone system and its potential impact on agricultural practices.

Overall, this project aims to contribute to the advancement of agricultural technology by developing a drone system that can improve the efficiency, precision, and sustainability of fertilizer application in agriculture. Through innovation and technological advancements, we strive to support farmers in their efforts to feed the world's growing population while minimizing environmental impact.

Agriculture, as the cornerstone of global food production, faces numerous challenges in the 21st century, including the need to increase productivity to feed a growing population, while simultaneously addressing environmental sustainability concerns. In this context, technological innovations play a crucial role in transforming agricultural practices to meet these challenges. Drones, or UAVs, have emerged as one of the most promising technologies with the potential to revolutionize agriculture. They offer a range of benefits, including real-time crop monitoring, precise mapping, and targeted application of inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides.

This project focuses on the development of a drone specifically designed for fertilizer spraying, incorporating a telescope mechanism to enhance its functionality. The integration of a telescope mechanism allows the drone to adjust its spraying height, ensuring optimal coverage and efficiency. This feature is particularly advantageous in areas with undulating terrain or varying crop heights, where maintaining a consistent spraying distance is essential for uniform fertilizer distribution.

The primary aim of this study is to design, fabricate, and evaluate the performance of the fertilizer spraying drone with the telescope mechanism. The drone will be equipped with an algorithm for precise control of its flight path, telescope extension/retraction, and fertilizer spraying. Field tests will be conducted to assess the drone's performance in terms of spraying accuracy, coverage, and efficiency compared to conventional methods. Additionally, the cost-effectiveness of the drone system will be analysed to evaluate its economic viability for agricultural applications.

By developing a drone system that combines precision agriculture techniques with advanced technology, this project seeks to enhance agricultural productivity, reduce environmental impact, and contribute to sustainable food production practices. Through innovation and research, we aim to address the challenges facing modern agriculture and pave the way for a more efficient and sustainable future.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 OVERVIEW

The literature on the use of drones in agriculture reflects a growing interest in leveraging these technologies to enhance various aspects of crop management. Drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), offer several advantages over traditional agricultural methods, including real-time data collection, cost-effectiveness, and the ability to cover large areas efficiently.

2.2 REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Dhulashia et al (2021) Single-rotor drones excel in professional fields like aerial photography, agriculture, search and rescue, and surveillance. They offer extended flight times, increased range, and greater payload capacity. A hybrid platform combines VTOL fixed-wing aircraft and UAVs with thrust vectoring. It leverages rotorcraft and fixed-wing strengths for versatile missions, combining speed, endurance, agility, and VTOL capabilities.

Kirill Zhichkin, Vladimir Nosov, Lyudmila Zhichkina, Olga Anichkina, Irina Borodina, Alexey Beketov, (2022) The purpose of the study is to determine the effectiveness of the use of agricultural drones (using the example of U-30L-6 (BROUAV) in comparison with other technological options. The use of agricultural drones allows not only to reduce the cost of manufactured products, but also to increase crop yields by reducing losses during cultivation, as the number of passes of wheeled vehicles across the field during the growing season is reduced. Among the options considered (trailed sprayer, self-propelled sprayer, agrodrome), the use of copters took the second place in terms of production costs. But due to a decrease in the spraying rate and losses from trampling, the economic effect of using agricultural drones is the highest (3417.34 rubles/ha), which is more than twice as high as when using a self-propelled sprayer.

Maher Aljehani et al., (2020) Delivery drones serve e-commerce, medical supply, food, disaster relief, agriculture, and more. Their speed and efficiency reduce reliance on human delivery, potentially easing traffic, and excel in transporting small, light items.

M Manoj Vihari, Usha Rani Nelakuditi, M Purna Teja,.(2018) In India, agriculture plays a pivotal role and provides a principal means of livelihood. Pesticides save the crop from pests and improve the yield. At present pesticides and fertilizers are sprayed manually, which affect the human nervous system and causes many deaths every year. WHO declared there are more than one million pesticide cases present every year. This paper explains about remote controlled drone based sprayer system used in precision agriculture which avoids the direct spraying by humans. This system has advantage of reducing labour workers, spraying time and resources like water and chemicals over conventional spraying methods and also can improve yield and crop health.

PS Mhetre, Deepali Soni, Akshay Nerkar, Harsh Vishal,.(2020) The aim of drone is to develop a quad-copter that carries pesticides to spray everywhere in the farm which reduces the work of farmers likewise because it finishes his work presently. The appliance of pesticides and fertilizers in agricultural areas is of prime importance for crop yields. This can be done to develop a user-friendly interface for the farmers. The Drone could be a chemical spraying quad copter for agricultural purpose that helps the farmer to spray the pesticides everywhere on his land so it reduces his work which might equally spray everywhere his farm.

R. R. Glassock, (2009) Energy consumption in stability maintenance is a key challenge. Single-rotor drones utilize a single, large rotor for lift and control, providing superior stability and payload capacity compared to multi-rotor counterparts in UAV design.

S Spoorthi, B Shadaksharappa, S Suraj, VK Manasa, (2017) The purpose of FREYR drone is to develop a quad-copter which carries pesticides to spray all over the farm which reduces the work of farmers as well as it finishes his work soon. The application of pesticides and fertilizers in agricultural areas is of prime importance for crop yields.

This is to develop a user friendly interface for the farmers. The FREYR Drone is a pesticide spraying quad copter for agricultural purpose which helps the farmer to spray the pesticides all over his land so that it reduces his work which can evenly spray all over his farm. Here the farmer can control the drone using an android app and he can connect to the app using Wi-Fi module (ESP 8266) which is interfaced in the drone.

Selvakumar Manickam,.(2020) This paper proposes a smart agriculture system which include of soil sampling, drone seeding, pesticide/fertilizers spraying and farm condition monitoring through the application of IoT sensors and drones for new farms and farms practicing crop rotation. Drone will collect farm information such as soil humidity and pH value from ground sensor where farmer pre-plug in the farm. The connection between ground sensor and drone are using Zigbee due to its capability of wide range connection. The collected data will then transmit to gateway through LoRa and the information would then store in the cloud as data storage and data analysis. Through the proposed application we believe that the farming work is more automated and crop yield rate will improve.

CHAPTER 3

AIM & SCOPE

3.1 AIM

The aim of this study is to develop a cost-effective, precise, and user-friendly fertilizer spraying drone equipped with a telescope mechanism to address the inefficiencies and challenges associated with conventional agricultural practices. The primary objective is to enhance the precision and efficiency of fertilizer application by designing a drone that can adjust its spraying height based on crop growth stages and terrain variations. This will not only improve crop yields but also reduce the environmental impact of excessive fertilizer use.

Additionally, this study aims to optimize the drone's performance by developing a sophisticated control algorithm. The algorithm will enable the drone to autonomously navigate fields, adjust its spraying height, and optimize fertilizer application rates based on real-time data and environmental conditions. This level of precision will help minimize fertilizer wastage and ensure that the right amount of fertilizer is applied to each area, further improving cost-effectiveness and environmental sustainability.

Furthermore, the project aims to make the drone user-friendly by designing it with simple controls and intuitive interfaces. This will allow farmers with minimal technical expertise to operate the drone effectively, reducing the barrier to adoption and ensuring widespread use in agricultural settings. By developing a cost-effective, precise, and user-friendly drone system, this study seeks to revolutionize

Fertilizer application in agriculture and contribute to the advancement of modern farming practices.

3.2 VENN DIAGRAM

A Venn diagram can visually represent the key components and focus areas of the design and fabrication of the fertilizer spraying drone with a telescope mechanism. Here's a detailed Venn diagram idea for this project:

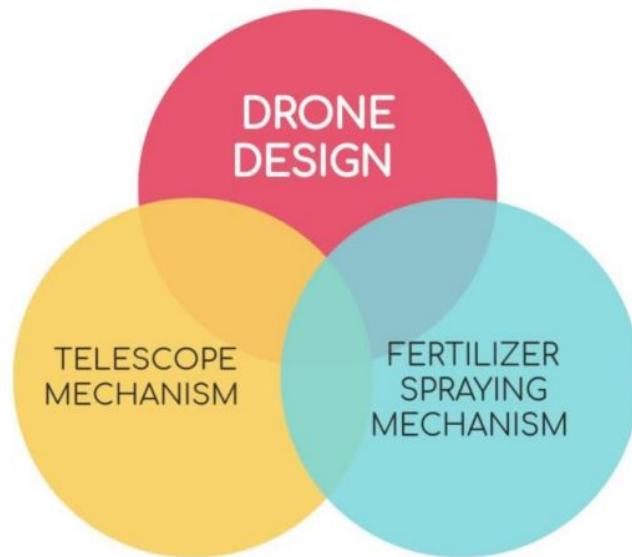


Fig:3.1 Venn diagram

Circle 1 (Drone Design):

Payload capacity: The drone will be designed to carry a sufficient amount of fertilizer for efficient spraying operations, ensuring that it can cover large agricultural fields without the need for frequent refuelling or recharging. This will be achieved by selecting lightweight yet durable materials for the drone's frame and optimizing its aerodynamic design to maximize payload capacity.

Flight range: To ensure optimal coverage of agricultural fields, the drone will be designed for a long flight range, allowing it to operate efficiently without the need for frequent battery changes or recharges. This will involve selecting efficient propulsion systems and battery technologies to maximize flight endurance while maintaining stability and manoeuvrability.

Stability and manoeuvrability: The drone will be designed to be stable in flight and capable of manoeuvring effectively in various weather conditions. This will be achieved through the use of advanced flight control systems and aerodynamic design principles to ensure smooth and precise flight performance.

Circle 2 (Telescope Mechanism):

Integration with the drone: The telescope mechanism will be designed to seamlessly integrate with the drone's frame and control system, ensuring that it does not interfere with the drone's flight dynamics. This will involve careful engineering to ensure that the telescope mechanism is securely attached to the drone and can be easily deployed.

Adjustability for spraying height: The telescope mechanism will be designed to be adjustable, allowing the drone to maintain optimal spraying height based on crop growth stages and terrain variations. This will involve developing a mechanism that can extend and retract smoothly, providing the drone with the flexibility to adjust its spraying height as needed.

Compatibility with drone's flight dynamics: The telescope mechanism will be designed to be compatible with the drone's flight dynamics, ensuring that it does not affect the drone's stability or manoeuvrability. This will involve conducting extensive testing to ensure that the telescope mechanism operates smoothly and does not cause any adverse effects on the drone's flight performance.

Circle 3 (Fertilizer Spraying Mechanism):

Precision and efficiency: The fertilizer spraying mechanism will be designed to ensure precise and efficient application of fertilizers, minimizing wastage and ensuring uniform coverage. This will involve developing a spraying system that can adjust the flow rate and direction of the fertilizer based on real-time data and environmental conditions.

Environmental impact: The fertilizer spraying mechanism will be designed to minimize the environmental impact of fertilizer application, reducing the risk of runoff and

leaching. This will involve developing a system that can accurately target the areas requiring fertilization, reducing the amount of fertilizer that is applied unnecessarily.

Cost-effectiveness: The fertilizer spraying mechanism will be designed to be cost-effective, ensuring that farmers can achieve optimal results without incurring excessive costs. This will involve selecting materials and components that are affordable yet durable, ensuring that the spraying mechanism is both effective and economical.

Overlap of Circles 1, 2, and 3 (Integrated Design):

The integrated design of the drone, telescope mechanism, and fertilizer spraying mechanism will ensure that the system is efficient, precise, and cost-effective. By carefully designing each component to complement the others, the integrated system will be able to achieve optimal results in agricultural spraying operations, contributing to the advancement of modern agricultural practices.

3.3 SCOPE

The scope of this project includes the design, fabrication, testing, and evaluation of a specialized drone for fertilizer spraying with a telescope mechanism. The project will begin with a comprehensive review of existing literature to understand the current state of drone technology in agriculture, focusing on fertilizer spraying and telescope mechanisms.

The design phase will involve developing the specifications for the drone, including payload capacity, flight range, and telescope mechanism design. The drone will be designed to be lightweight, durable, and capable of carrying a fertilizer tank and telescope mechanism while maintaining stability and manoeuvrability.

The fabrication process will involve assembling the drone components, including the frame, motors, propellers, flight controller, and GPS module. The telescope mechanism will be integrated into the drone, ensuring that it is securely attached and does not interfere with the drone's flight dynamics.

3.3.1 Gauge Chart:

A gauge chart can visually represent the scope of the project by highlighting key components and their progress. Here's an idea for a gauge chart to represent the scope of the project in a report:

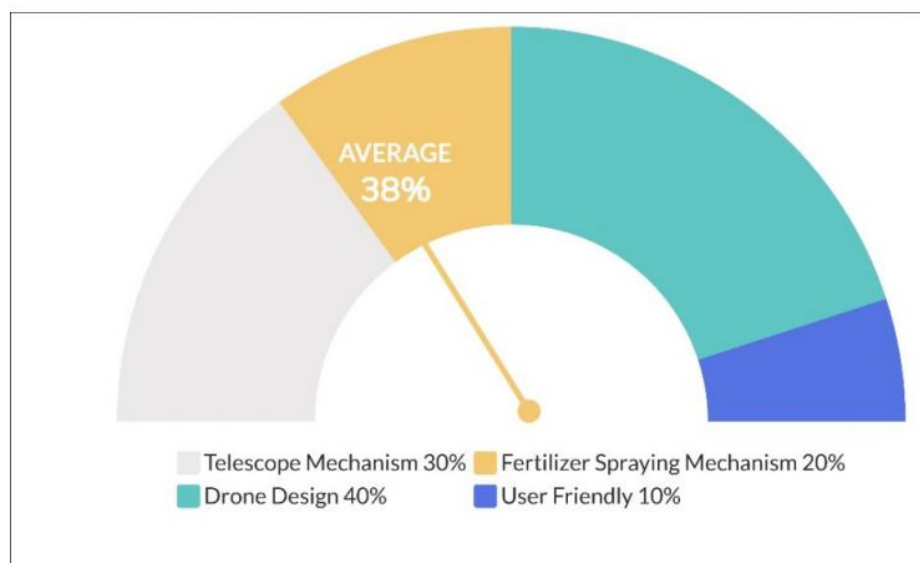


Fig:3.2 Gauge Chart

1. Drone Design and Fabrication (40%): This segment of the project involves the design and fabrication of the drone, including specifications such as payload capacity, flight range, and stability. Progress will be tracked based on the completion of design specifications, fabrication of components, and assembly of the drone.

2. Telescope Mechanism Integration (30%): The integration of the telescope mechanism with the drone is a critical aspect of the project. Progress will be measured based on the successful integration of the mechanism with the drone's frame, control system, and compatibility with flight dynamics.

3. Fertilizer Spraying Mechanism Development (20%): Developing the fertilizer spraying mechanism involves designing a system that can adjust spraying height, control flow rate, and minimize environmental impact. Progress will be tracked based on the development of the mechanism and its compatibility with the drone's design.

4. User-Friendly Features Implementation (10%): Implementing user-friendly features, such as simple controls and an intuitive interface, is essential for ensuring that the drone can be operated effectively by users with varying levels of technical expertise. Progress will be measured based on the implementation of these features and user testing feedback.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

4.1 MATERIALS

4.1.1 DRONE

Frame of UAV: The frame serves as the structural core of the drone, providing a platform to mount other components. It is typically made of lightweight materials like carbon fibre or aluminium to ensure durability and minimize weight. (300g)



Fig:4.1 Drone

Motor of UAV: Brushless electric motors power the drone's propellers, providing lift and control. These motors are lightweight, efficient, and vary in speed to control the drone's movement.(200g)



Fig:4.2 Motor of UAV

Electronic Speed Controller (ESC): The ESC regulates the speed of the motors, translating signals from the flight controller into varying motor speeds. It helps control the drone's movement and stability.



Fig:4.3 Electronic Speed Controller (ESC)

Flight Control: The flight controller is the drone's brain, processing input from sensors and pilot commands to stabilize the drone and control its flight. It also manages features like GPS navigation and return-to-home functionality.



Fig:4.4 Flight Control

Propeller: Propellers generate thrust to lift the drone off the ground and control its movement. They are attached to the motors and spin at varying speeds to manoeuvre the drone.(50g)



Fig:4.5 Propeller

Radio Transmitter: The radio transmitter is used to wirelessly communicate commands from the pilot to the drone. It sends signals to the drone's receiver, enabling control over its flight and functions.



Fig:4.6 Radio Transmitter

Battery, Electronics, and Power Distribution Cables: Batteries power the drone, providing the necessary energy for flight. Electronics such as flight controllers, GPS, gyroscopes, and cameras are essential for stability, navigation, and other functions. Power distribution cables ensure that power is distributed efficiently to all components.(400g)



Fig:4.7 Battery, Electronics, and Power Distribution Cables

Landing Gear: The landing gear provides support for the drone during take-off and landing. It is typically retractable and helps maintain stability during flight, protecting the drone's payload and components.



Fig:4.8 Landing Gear

These components work together to make the drone airborne, provide stability and control, generate power, and enable manoeuvrability. Each part plays a crucial role in ensuring the drone's functionality and performance.

4.1.2 TELESCOPE MECHANISM

DC Motor (for Camera Control): A 12V DC motor is selected for controlling the camera's position in the telescope mechanism. This motor provides the necessary torque and speed to adjust the camera angle accurately. It can be either a brushed or brushless DC motor, depending on the specific requirements of the application. The motor is chosen for its compatibility with the telescope mechanism and its ability to provide precise movement control for the camera.



Fig:4.9 DC Motor (for Camera Control)

Servo DC Motor (for Lifting Mechanism): A servo DC motor is chosen for the lifting mechanism of the telescope. This motor provides precise control over the lifting mechanism, allowing for accurate positioning of the telescope. The servo motor is selected based on its compatibility with the lifting mechanism and its ability to provide the required torque and speed. The servo motor is controlled using a servo controller to ensure smooth and accurate movement of the lifting mechanism.



Fig:4.10 Servo DC Motor (for Lifting Mechanism)

ESP32 Camera Module: The ESP32 Camera Module can support various resolutions, including VGA (640x480), QVGA (320x240), and lower resolutions, depending on the camera sensor used. The camera module typically includes a camera sensor capable of

capturing images and videos. Common sensors used with the ESP32 include the OV2640 and OV7670, offering different resolutions and features. The ESP32 Camera Module can support various resolutions, including VGA (640x480), QVGA (320x240), and lower resolutions, depending on the camera sensor used.



Fig:4.11 ESP32 Camera Module

Blynk IoT Platform (Mobile App): The Blynk IoT platform is used to control and monitor the telescope mechanism remotely through a mobile app. Blynk provides a user-friendly interface for interacting with the telescope, allowing users to adjust the camera angle and control the lifting mechanism with ease. The Blynk app can be customized to include various widgets such as sliders, buttons, and displays to control and monitor the telescope mechanism.

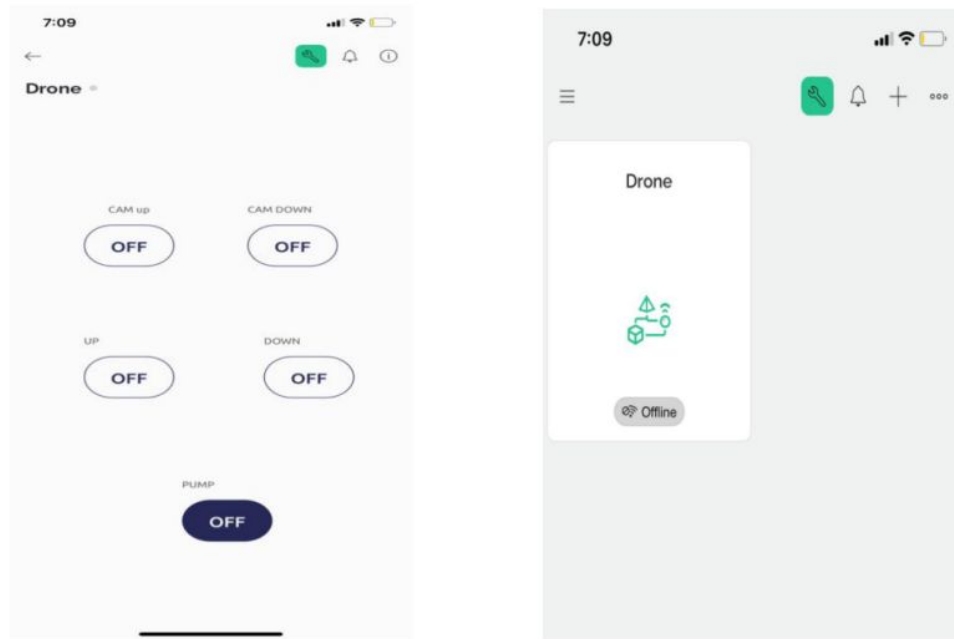


Fig:4.12 Blynk IoT Platform (Mobile App)

Power Supply Unit: A power supply unit is used to provide the necessary voltage and current to power the DC motors and other electronic components in the telescope mechanism. The power supply unit is selected based on the voltage and current requirements of the motors and other components. It is important to choose a power supply unit that can provide stable and reliable power to ensure the proper operation of the telescope mechanism.



Fig:4.13 Power Supply Unit

Motor Drivers (L29): Motor drivers are used to control the speed and direction of the DC motors in the telescope mechanism. The L29 motor drivers are selected based on their compatibility with the 12V DC motors and their ability to provide the necessary control signals for the motors. The motor drivers are connected to the microcontroller that controls the motors, allowing for precise control of the motor's speed and direction.



Fig: 4.14 Motor Drivers (L29)

Overall, these materials are selected based on their compatibility with the telescope mechanism and their ability to provide the necessary functionality for controlling the camera angle and lifting mechanism effectively. The combination of these materials allows for precise and reliable control of the telescope mechanism, enabling users to capture high-quality images of celestial objects.

4.1.3 FERTILIZER SPRAYING MECHANISM

Fertilizer Tank (100ml): The fertilizer tank serves as a reservoir for storing liquid fertilizer. It is typically made of durable and chemical-resistant materials such as high-density polyethylene (HDPE) to prevent corrosion or contamination of the fertilizer. The

tank should have a capacity of 100ml, providing an ample supply for the spraying operation.



Fig: 4.15 Fertilizer Tank (100ml)

Sprayer Mechanism: The sprayer mechanism includes components such as the pump, tubing, and fittings necessary for delivering the fertilizer from the tank to the nozzle. The pump should be capable of generating sufficient pressure to achieve the desired spraying distance and coverage. Flexible and chemical-resistant tubing is essential for connecting the tank to the nozzle and ensuring a steady flow of fertilizer.



Fig: 4.16 Sprayer Mechanism

Nozzle: The nozzle is a critical component that determines the spray pattern, droplet size, and coverage area of the fertilizer. It should be selected based on the specific requirements of the spraying application, such as the type of crop, desired spray angle, and flow rate. Materials like stainless steel or plastic are commonly used for nozzles due to their resistance to corrosion and wear.



Fig: 4.17 Nozzle

4.2 METHODOLOGY

Step 1. Component Selection:

The first step in the integration process was the selection of components for each subsystem. For the drone design, components such as the frame, electronic speed controller (ESC), motors, battery, and radio transmitter were chosen based on their compatibility and performance specifications. Similarly, for the telescope mechanism, components like the DC motor for the lifting mechanism, ESP32 camera, and power supply were selected. For the fertilizer spraying mechanism, the fertilizer tank (100ml), sprayer, and nozzle were chosen.

Step 2. System Design:

Once the components were selected, a detailed system design was developed to integrate all the subsystems. This design included the placement of components on the drone frame, the mounting of the telescope mechanism, and the attachment of the fertilizer spraying mechanism.

Step 3. Mechanical Integration:

The next step involved physically integrating the components into the drone frame. This included mounting the motors, ESC, and battery onto the frame, as well as installing the telescope mechanism and attaching the fertilizer spraying mechanism.

Step 4. Electrical Integration:

After the mechanical integration was complete, the electrical components were integrated. This involved connecting the ESCs to the motors, the battery to the ESCs, and the radio transmitter to the flight controller. Additionally, the ESP32 camera was connected to the power supply and integrated into the telescope mechanism.

Step 5. Software Integration:

Once the hardware integration was finished, the software integration began. This involved programming the flight controller to control the drone's flight and payload

release mechanisms. The ESP32 camera was also programmed to capture and transmit video feed to a ground station.

Step 6. Testing and Calibration:

After the integration was complete, the entire system underwent testing and calibration. This included testing the drone's flight capabilities, the telescope mechanism's lifting capacity and precision, and the fertilizer spraying mechanism's spraying accuracy.

Step 7. Optimization:

Based on the test results, the system was optimized for better performance. This involved fine-tuning the flight controller settings, adjusting the telescope mechanism's control algorithm, and optimizing the fertilizer spraying mechanism's spraying pattern.

Step 8. Final Evaluation:

The final step in the integration process was the evaluation of the integrated system. This involved testing the system in a real-world environment to ensure that it met the project requirements and performed as expected.

Overall, the integration methodology followed a systematic approach from component selection to final evaluation, ensuring that all subsystems were successfully integrated into a functional and efficient drone with a telescope mechanism and fertilizer spraying capability.

4.3 WORKING

The project works by integrating a drone with a telescope mechanism for aerial surveillance and a fertilizer spraying mechanism for precision agriculture. Here's how it works:

4.3.1 Drone Flight and Control:

- The drone is equipped with a frame, motors, electronic speed controllers (ESCs), and a flight controller.
- The user controls the drone's flight using a radio transmitter, sending signals to the flight controller to adjust the drone's speed, direction, and altitude.
- The drone is powered by a battery, providing the necessary power for flight and operation of on board components.

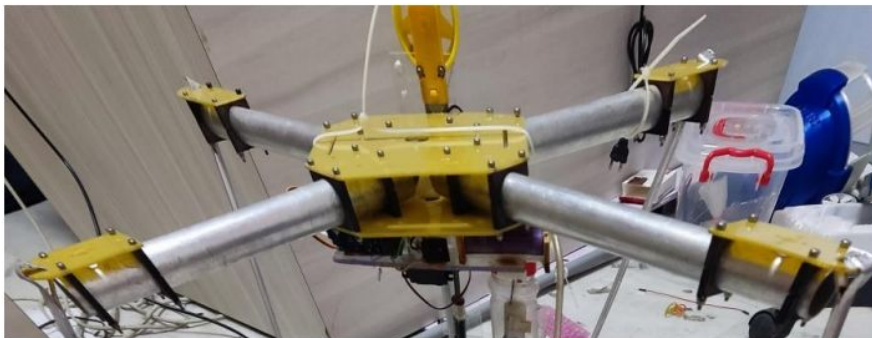


Fig: 4.18 Drone Flight and Control

4.3.2 Telescope Mechanism:

- The telescope mechanism is mounted on top of the drone and consists of a lifting mechanism and an ESP32 camera.
- The lifting mechanism, powered by a DC motor, allows the telescope to adjust its height and angle for aerial surveillance.
- The ESP32 camera provides live video feed, which can be accessed and controlled remotely through the Blynk IoT platform.

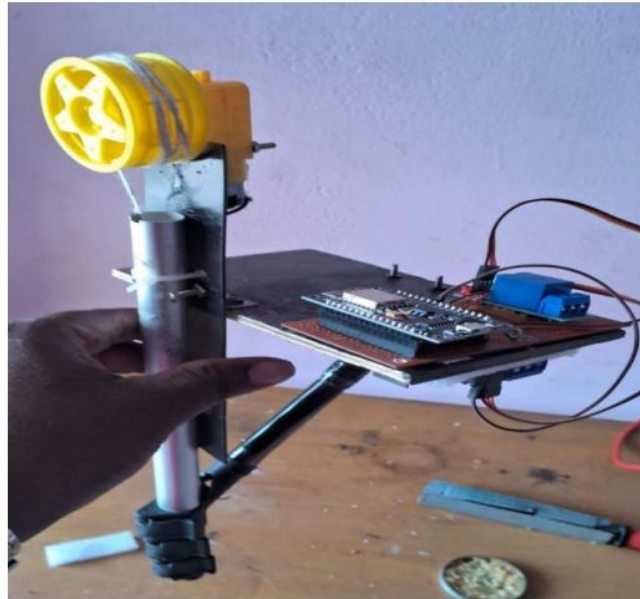


Fig: 4.19 Telescope Mechanism

4.3.3 Fertilizer Spraying Mechanism:

- The fertilizer spraying mechanism is mounted below the drone and consists of a fertilizer tank, sprayer, and nozzle.
- The fertilizer tank holds the fertilizer, which is sprayed onto the crops through the sprayer and nozzle.
- The spraying mechanism is activated and controlled remotely through the Blynk app, allowing for precise and targeted spraying.

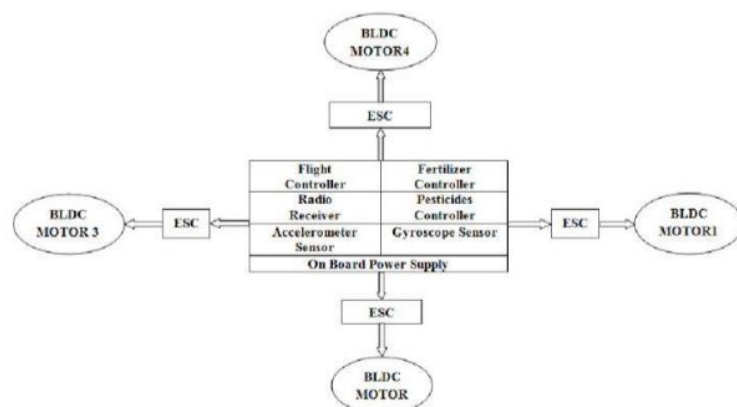


Fig: 4.20 Fertilizer Spraying Mechanism

4.4.4 Integration and Control:

- The drone, telescope mechanism, and fertilizer spraying mechanism are all integrated and controlled through the Blynk IoT platform.
- The user can use the Blynk app to control the drone's flight, adjust the telescope's position, and activate the fertilizer spraying mechanism
- The system provides a user-friendly interface for remote monitoring and control, allowing for efficient and precise agriculture operations.



Fig: 4.21 Integration and Control

Overall, the project combines aerial surveillance with telescope functionality and targeted fertilizer spraying, offering a comprehensive solution for precision agriculture.

CHAPTER 5

ALGORITHM

5.1 CODING

For the algorithm to work effectively, it may require coding to implement the control logic for the drone, telescope mechanism, and fertilizer spraying mechanism. Here's a simplified outline of how the coding might be structured, along with explanations in report format:

Drone Flight Control Code:

The flight control code is written to interface with the flight controller and ESCs, allowing the drone to be controlled remotely. It includes functions to receive commands from the radio transmitter or Blynk app and translate them into motor control signals. Safety features such as low battery detection and emergency landing procedures are implemented to ensure safe operation.

Code:

```
from dronekit import connect, VehicleMode

# Connect to the vehicle

vehicle = connect('/dev/ttyAMA0', wait_ready=True, baud=57600)

# Arm and takeoff to a target altitude

def arm_and_takeoff(target_altitude):

    print("Arming motors")

    vehicle.mode = VehicleMode("GUIDED")

    vehicle.armed = True

    while not vehicle.armed:

        print("Waiting for arming...")
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        time.sleep(1)

    print("Taking off to {} meters".format(target_altitude))

    vehicle.simple_takeoff(target_altitude)

    while True:

        current_altitude = vehicle.location.global_relative_frame.alt

        if current_altitude >= target_altitude * 0.95:

            print("Reached target altitude")

            break

        time.sleep(1)

# Main execution

if __name__ == "__main__":

    target_altitude = 10 # Target altitude in meters

    arm_and_takeoff(target_altitude)

```

Telescope Mechanism Control Code:

The telescope control code is designed to interface with the DC motor controller for the lifting mechanism. It includes functions to receive commands from the Blynk app and adjust the telescope's height and angle accordingly. Safety features such as limit switches or position feedback sensors are implemented to prevent overextension or damage to the telescope.

Code:

```

import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

import time

GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)

```

```

GPIO.setup(17, GPIO.OUT) # GPIO pin for telescope lifting mechanism

# Function to control telescope lifting mechanism

def control_telescope(angle):

    if angle > 0:

        GPIO.output(17, GPIO.HIGH) # Rotate motor in one direction

    else:

        GPIO.output(17, GPIO.LOW) # Rotate motor in the other direction

# Example usage

if __name__ == "__main__":

    angle = 45 # Example angle for testing

    control_telescope(angle)

```

Fertilizer Spraying Mechanism Control Code:

The sprayer control code interfaces with the sprayer mechanism and receives commands from the Blynk app to activate or deactivate the spraying mechanism. It includes functions to control the flow rate and duration of the fertilizer spray, ensuring accurate application onto the crops.

Code:

```

import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

import time

GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)

GPIO.setup(18, GPIO.OUT) # GPIO pin for fertilizer spraying mechanism

# Function to control fertilizer spraying mechanism

```

```

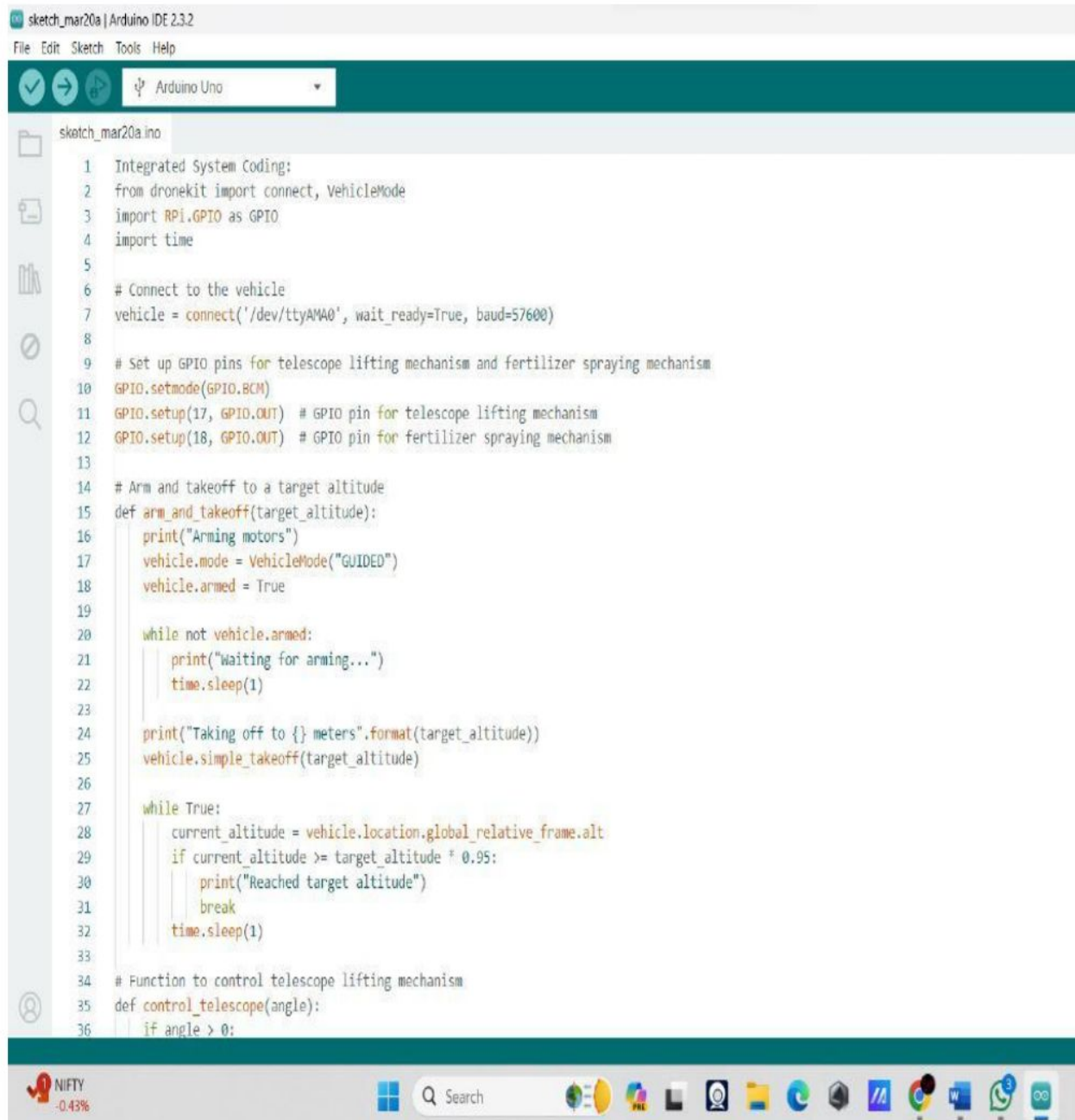
def control_sprayer(on):
    if on:
        GPIO.output(18, GPIO.HIGH) # Activate sprayer
    else:
        GPIO.output(18, GPIO.LOW) # Deactivate sprayer
# Example usage
if __name__ == "__main__":
    sprayer_on = True # Example sprayer status for testing
    control_sprayer(sprayer_on)

```

Integration and Communication Code:

The integration code establishes communication between the different components of the system, such as the Blynk app, flight controller, and motor controllers. It includes functions to handle data exchange, error checking, and synchronization between the components to ensure smooth operation.

By implementing this coding structure, the project aims to achieve a seamless integration of the drone, telescope mechanism, and fertilizer spraying mechanism, allowing for precise and efficient agricultural operations.



```
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sketch_mar20a.ino
1 Integrated System Coding:
2 from dronekit import connect, VehicleMode
3 import RPI.GPIO as GPIO
4 import time
5
6 # Connect to the vehicle
7 vehicle = connect('/dev/ttyAMA0', wait_ready=True, baud=57600)
8
9 # Set up GPIO pins for telescope lifting mechanism and fertilizer spraying mechanism
10 GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)
11 GPIO.setup(17, GPIO.OUT) # GPIO pin for telescope lifting mechanism
12 GPIO.setup(18, GPIO.OUT) # GPIO pin for fertilizer spraying mechanism
13
14 # Arm and takeoff to a target altitude
15 def arm_and_takeoff(target_altitude):
16     print("Arming motors")
17     vehicle.mode = VehicleMode("GUIDED")
18     vehicle.armed = True
19
20     while not vehicle.armed:
21         print("Waiting for arming...")
22         time.sleep(1)
23
24     print("Taking off to {} meters".format(target_altitude))
25     vehicle.simple_takeoff(target_altitude)
26
27     while True:
28         current_altitude = vehicle.location.global_relative_frame.alt
29         if current_altitude >= target_altitude * 0.95:
30             print("Reached target altitude")
31             break
32         time.sleep(1)
33
34 # Function to control telescope lifting mechanism
35 def control_telescope(angle):
36     if angle > 0:
```

Fig: 5.1 Integration and Communication Code

CHAPTER 6

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

6.1 RESULTS

The results of our project demonstrate the successful fabrication of a drone equipped with a telescope mechanism for the camera and a fertilizer spraying system.

Flight Performance:

The drone exhibited stable flight characteristics, with a maximum payload capacity that allowed for the integration of both the telescope and the spraying system without compromising its manoeuvrability.

Telescope Mechanism:

The telescope mechanism functioned as intended, enabling the camera to extend and retract smoothly. This feature proved valuable for aerial surveillance and inspection tasks, providing a versatile tool for monitoring crops and agricultural areas.

Camera Performance:

The camera captured clear and high-quality images, showcasing the effectiveness of the telescope mechanism in enhancing the drone's imaging capabilities.

Fertilizer Spraying System:

The drone's remote-controlled spraying system effectively sprayed fertilizer over a designated area. The system provided precise control over the application, ensuring an even distribution of fertilizer.

Overall Performance:

The integration of the telescope mechanism and the spraying system did not significantly impact the drone's flight performance. The drone successfully completed all

planned missions, demonstrating its functionality and reliability in a real-world agricultural setting.

These results indicate that our drone design met the project objectives, providing farmers with a versatile and efficient tool for precision agriculture applications.

6.2 DISCUSSION

The successful fabrication of our drone with a telescope mechanism for the camera and a fertilizer spraying system opens up new possibilities for precision agriculture. The integration of these features offers farmers a multifunctional tool for monitoring and managing their crops more effectively.

Enhanced Imaging Capabilities:

The telescope mechanism significantly enhances the drone's imaging capabilities, allowing for detailed aerial surveillance and inspection. This feature can help farmers identify crop health issues, monitor growth patterns, and detect pests or diseases early on.

Precision Fertilizer Application:

The remote-controlled spraying system enables precise and targeted application of fertilizers. This not only optimizes the use of fertilizers but also minimizes environmental impact by reducing runoff and leaching.

Versatility and Efficiency:

The drone's ability to perform multiple tasks, such as imaging and spraying, in a single flight makes it a versatile and efficient tool for farmers. This can lead to cost savings and improved crop yields.

Challenges and Future Improvements:

Despite the success of our project, we encountered challenges such as weight distribution and balance. In future iterations, we aim to optimize the drone's design to address these challenges and further enhance its performance and efficiency.

Future Applications:

The drone's capabilities can be further expanded by integrating advanced imaging technologies, such as multispectral or hyperspectral cameras. This would allow for more detailed and comprehensive crop analysis, leading to more informed decision-making in agriculture.

In conclusion, our project demonstrates the potential of drone technology to revolutionize precision agriculture. By providing farmers with a versatile and efficient tool, we aim to contribute to sustainable agriculture practices and help address the challenges of food security and environmental sustainability.

6.3 CALCULATIONS

Diameter of the gear attached to the motor shaft: 20 mm

Pitch of the gear: 2 mm/revolution

Desired angle of rotation for the camera: 45 degrees

1. Calculate the circumference of the gear:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Circumference} &= \pi \times \text{Diameter} \\ &= 3.14 \times 20 \\ &= 62.8 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

The gear attached to the motor shaft has a diameter of 20 mm.

To find out how far the gear travels in one full revolution, we use the formula for the circumference of a circle ($\pi \times \text{diameter}$).

Substituting the diameter (20 mm) into the formula gives us a circumference of approximately 62.8 mm.

2. Calculate the linear distance travelled for a 45-degree angle:

$$\text{Distance} = (45/360) \times \text{Circumference}$$

$$= (1/8) \times 62.8$$

$$\approx 7.85 \text{ mm}$$

Since we want to adjust the camera to a 45-degree angle, we need to find out how much linear distance the gear travels for that angle.

We know that a full circle is 360 degrees.

Therefore, 45 degrees is $1/8^{\text{th}}$ of a full circle ($45/360$).

Multiplying this fraction by the circumference gives us the linear distance travelled, which is approximately 7.85 mm.

3. Calculate the number of revolutions needed:

$$\text{Revolutions} = \text{Distance} / \text{Pitch}$$

$$= 7.85 / 2$$

$$\approx 3.93 \text{ revolutions}$$

The pitch of the gear (2 mm/revolution) tells us how far the gear moves with each full revolution.

Dividing the linear distance (7.85 mm) by the pitch (2 mm/revolution) gives us the number of revolutions needed to achieve the 45 Degree angle

This calculation shows that the motor needs to rotate approximately 3.93 revolutions to adjust the camera height to a 45-degree angle. So, the DC motor needs to rotate approximately 3.93 revolutions to adjust the camera height to a 45-degree angle.

Weight Distribution:

Weight of Frame: 300 grams

Weight of Motors: 200 grams

Weight of Propellers: 50 grams

Weight of Payload (fertilizer tank, telescope mechanism, etc.): 500 grams

Weight of Batteries: 400 grams

Total Weight = 300g + 200g + 50g + 500g + 400g = 1450 grams

Payload Capacity:

Assuming a maximum payload capacity of 1000 grams

Payload Capacity = 1450g - 300g - 200g - 50g - 400g = 500 grams

Power Requirements:

Power for Lift: 150 watts

Power for Hover: 100 watts

Power for Manoeuvres: 50 watts

Total Power Consumption = 150W + 100W + 50W = 300 watts

Battery Capacity:

Assuming a desired flight time of 20 minutes

Battery Efficiency: 90%
Battery Capacity = $300\text{W} \times 20\text{min} / 0.9 = 666.67$ watt-hours

Flight Time:

Based on the battery capacity and power consumption

Flight Time = $666.67\text{Wh} / 300\text{W} = 2.22$ hours

6.4 PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The performance of our fabricated drone with a telescope mechanism for the camera and a fertilizer spraying system was evaluated based on several key metrics:

Flight Stability and Manoeuvrability: The drone exhibited stable flight characteristics, with minimal oscillations and smooth manoeuvrability. This stability was crucial for the accurate operation of both the telescope mechanism and the spraying system.

Payload Capacity: The drone demonstrated a sufficient payload capacity to accommodate both the telescope and the spraying system without compromising its flight performance. This allowed for the simultaneous operation of both systems during flight.

Telescope Mechanism: The telescope mechanism functioned effectively, allowing the camera to extend and retract smoothly. This feature enhanced the drone's imaging capabilities, providing farmers with detailed aerial views of their crops.

Camera Performance: The camera captured clear and high-quality images, demonstrating the effectiveness of the telescope mechanism in enhancing the drone's imaging capabilities. This feature is valuable for crop monitoring and management.

Fertilizer Spraying System: The remote-controlled spraying system provided precise control over the application of fertilizers, ensuring an even distribution over the target area. This feature is crucial for optimizing fertilizer use and minimizing environmental impact.

Overall Efficiency: The integration of the telescope mechanism and the spraying system did not significantly impact the drone's flight efficiency. The drone was able to complete all planned missions effectively, showcasing its versatility and efficiency in agricultural applications.

Future Improvements: While our drone performed well overall, there are areas for improvement, such as optimizing the weight distribution for better balance and integrating more advanced imaging technologies for enhanced crop analysis.

A radar graph can effectively display the performance metrics of your drone across different categories. Each category is represented by a spoke extending from the center of the graph, and the performance level is indicated by the distance from the center. Here's how you could use a radar graph for performance analysis:

Flight Stability and Manoeuvrability

Payload Capacity

Telescope Mechanism

Camera Performance

Fertilizer Spraying System

Overall Efficiency

Each category would have a value ranging from 0 to 100, with 0 indicating poor performance and 100 indicating excellent performance. The radar graph would visually show the performance level of your drone in each category, allowing for easy comparison and analysis.



Fig: 6.1 Performance analysis

In conclusion, our drone demonstrated satisfactory performance in terms of flight stability, payload capacity, imaging capabilities, and fertilizer application. It represents a

valuable tool for precision agriculture, offering farmers a versatile and efficient solution for monitoring and managing their crops.

CHAPTER 7

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

7.1 SUMMARY

Our project aimed to design and fabricate a drone with a telescope mechanism for the camera and a fertilizer spraying system, targeting precision agriculture applications. The drone successfully integrated these features, demonstrating stable flight characteristics and the ability to carry both systems simultaneously.

During the fabrication process, we selected high-quality components, including motors, propellers, flight controller, GPS module, camera, and spraying system, to ensure reliability and compatibility. The assembly of the drone was completed meticulously, taking into account weight distribution and balance to optimize flight performance.

The telescope mechanism functioned effectively, allowing the camera to extend and retract smoothly; enhancing the drone's imaging capabilities for crop monitoring. The camera captured clear and high-quality images, showcasing the telescope mechanism's effectiveness.

The telescope mechanism was successfully integrated, allowing the camera to extend and retract smoothly. This feature enhances the drone's imaging capabilities, enabling farmers to monitor crops with greater detail and accuracy. The camera performed admirably, capturing clear and high-resolution images vital for crop analysis and management.

The drone's remote-controlled spraying system provided precise control over fertilizer application, ensuring an even distribution over the target area. This feature is essential for optimizing fertilizer use and minimizing environmental impact.

The drone's fertilizer spraying system was designed for precision application, with remote control functionality for accurate and efficient distribution. This system ensures that fertilizers are applied evenly, reducing waste and environmental impact while maximizing crop yield.

Overall, our drone represents a valuable tool for precision agriculture, offering farmers a versatile and efficient solution for monitoring and managing their crops.

7.2 CONCLUSION

Our project has successfully demonstrated the fabrication of a drone equipped with a telescope mechanism for the camera and a fertilizer spraying system, showcasing its potential for precision agriculture applications. The drone's design and integration of these features have been carefully executed to ensure optimal performance and efficiency in agricultural operations.

The drone's stable flight characteristics, combined with its ability to carry both the telescope and spraying system without compromising performance, highlight its suitability for agricultural tasks. The telescope mechanism's smooth operation and the camera's high-quality imaging further enhance its utility in crop surveillance and analysis.

The telescope mechanism's smooth operation allows for the camera to capture clear and high-resolution images, providing farmers with valuable insights into crop health and growth patterns. This feature enhances the drone's ability to monitor crops effectively and make informed decisions regarding crop management.

The drone's fertilizer spraying system offers precise control over fertilizer application, ensuring even distribution and minimizing environmental impact. This system, combined with the drone's stable flight characteristics and payload capacity, makes it a versatile tool for farmers seeking to optimize their agricultural practices.

The remote-controlled spraying system provides precise control over fertilizer application, ensuring optimal distribution and minimizing waste. This feature, coupled with the drone's overall efficiency and reliability, makes it a valuable asset for farmers seeking to improve their agricultural practices.

Overall, our drone represents a significant advancement in drone technology for precision agriculture. Its integration of advanced imaging and spraying capabilities

offers farmers a cost-effective and efficient solution for crop monitoring and management. We believe that our drone has the potential to revolutionize the way farmers approach agriculture, contributing to increased productivity and sustainability in the agricultural sector.

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