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ABSTRACT

The use of assistive technology significantly raises the quality of life for people with impairments. The aim of this project is to develop an EMG-based wheelchair movement system that can assist people with physical disabilities in controlling their wheelchairs using their muscle signals. The proposed system includes surface EMG sensors that detect the electrical signals generated by the user's muscles and a microcontroller that processes and translates these signals into wheelchair commands. The system is designed to be user-friendly, efficient, and reliable, with real-time response and high accuracy. The system's performance is evaluated using various metrics, including accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and response time. The results show that the proposed EMG-based wheelchair movement system has high accuracy and real-time response and can effectively assist people with physical disabilities in controlling their wheelchairs. EMG sensors will be positioned on the user's target muscles, together with a microcontroller to interpret the signals and a motor controller to drive the wheelchair. This project has been designed for moving a wheelchair by accumulating EMG/EEG signal from a paralyzed/disabled person. The electrode configuration is adjusted to collect muscular electrical activity. Signals are weak in nature hence need to be amplified and then digitalized to perform feature extraction. After collecting the data, the useful feature extraction from it will further send instruction to microcontroller to navigate the wheelchair movement by controlling the wheel motors. Proximity sensors will be used to avoid any collision.

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Chapter1: Introduction

According to statistics, out of the 3.28663 disabled people in Pakistan 18.93% suffer from physical disabilities. Individual with physical disabilities often face mobility challenges that can limit their ability to perform daily activities and reduce their quality of life. Wheelchairs are commonly used to provide mobility assistance, but traditional control methods, such as joystick or switch-based systems, may not be suitable for individuals with limited upper extremity function. Electromyography (EMG) has emerged as a promising alternative for wheelchair control, as it allows individuals to use their residual muscle function to generate control signals. This thesis aims to develop and evaluate a system for wheelchair control using EMG signals, with the goal of improving mobility and independence for individuals with physical disabilities. The system will be designed to be user-friendly, efficient, and responsive, and will undergo rigorous testing and evaluation to ensure its safety, effectiveness, and usability in real-world settings. Ultimately, this research has the potential to improve the quality of life for individuals with physical disabilities by providing them with a more intuitive and effective means of wheelchair control.

The creation of a wheelchair movement system based on EMG has the power to significantly raise the standard of living for those with mobility disabilities. This device can provide precise and natural wheelchair control without the need for manual input by identifying and deciphering the electrical signals produced by the user's muscles during movement.

In this project, we intend to design and create an accurate and user-friendly wheelchair mobility system based on EMG. The system will include hardware and software elements that process and interpret these signals to control the motion of the wheelchair, as well as EMG sensors that are applied to the user's skin to monitor muscle activation.

The project will go through numerous stages, including designing and developing the hardware and software components, testing and validating the system with actual users, and assessing the usability and efficiency of the system. This project's ultimate purpose is to offer people with mobility disabilities a creative and practical solution that will help them regain more independence and mobility in their daily lives.Having a physical ability can become difficult to deal with. A physical impairment may be temporary or permanent. Some people may be born with one, while others may get one because of an accident, disease, or injury. While certain physical impairments can be managed with medication or physical treatment, others may become better with time. Being physically disabled can be quite difficult; it may require you to radically alter your way of life or only some aspects of it.

Overview:

Technological advances in the past century have seen our world change beyond recognition. Growing technological fields and exponential growth in all spheres of life suggest that the same impacts of the technological revolution may help those who are currently afflicted with conditions that render them immobile or only partially mobile. While there have been several studies in the field of medical engineering, many people have benefited from them. Numerous studies are being conducted to help people who are paralyzed. With each passing year, the world's population grows exponentially, and a growing number of individuals continue to be diagnosed with illnesses that impair or otherwise harm mobility. Different methods are being used for mobility. In this project, we will obtain EMG signals from the skin surface using surface electrodes. It is a biological signal that gauges the electrical currents produced by contracting muscles, which are a representation of neuromuscular activities, in which the nervous system regulates muscle contraction.

Electromyography is referred to as EMG. It's a diagnostic method for assessing and logging the electrical activity that skeletal muscles create. EMG measurements are frequently employed in clinical and academic contexts to investigate how muscles are activated, keep track of neuromuscular disorders, and evaluate the efficacy of treatment therapies. Small electrodes are positioned on the skin just above the muscles under investigation during an EMG test. The electrical signals that are produced as the muscle fibres contract are detected and recorded by the electrodes. Then, these signals are amplified and either recorded for later analysis or displayed on a screen.

EMG readings reveal details on the frequency, intensity, and pattern of muscle activation. Additionally, they can aid in spotting abnormal muscle activity, such as that seen in instances of muscle wasting, atrophy, or spasms. To offer a more thorough assessment of neuromuscular function, EMG measures are frequently coupled with other diagnostic investigations, like nerve conduction studies. EMG measurements can be used to identify and decipher the electrical signals produced by the user's muscles during wheelchair movement. The wheelchair's movement can then be managed using this information, which offers a more natural and accurate method of control than conventional manual input.

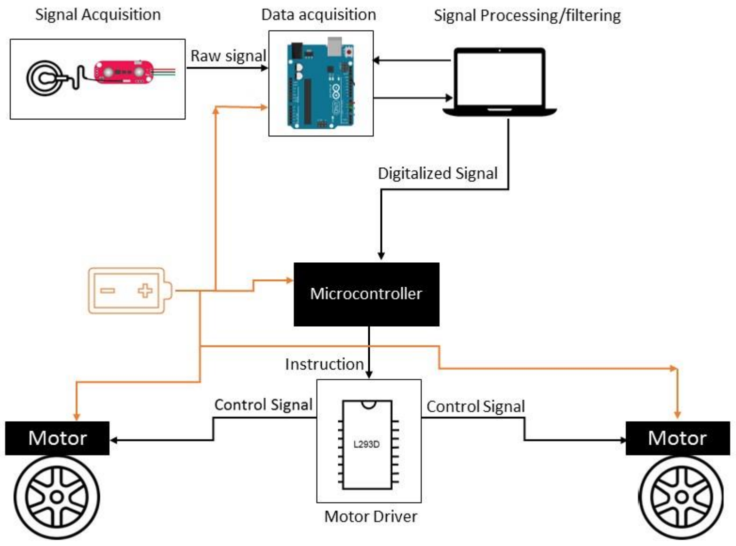

Figure 1: Block diagram for the EMG Controlled Wheel Chair

1.2 Problem Statement:

Only 22% of the over 132 million disabled people who require wheelchairs have approached them. They were unable to operate the technologically sophisticated wheelchair. We, therefore, feel it vital to investigate cutting-edge methods that can dramatically improve the mobility of paralyzed or disabled people. Traditional manual wheelchairs are difficult for people with mobility limitations like spinal cord injuries, neuromuscular diseases, or cerebral palsy to use because they need a lot of upper body power and dexterity. Although they are an option, power wheelchairs can be expensive and may not always suit the needs or preferences of users. By enabling users to steer a wheelchair using their own muscle activity, an EMG-based wheelchair movement system can offer a creative alternative. However, the shortcomings of current EMG systems, such as poor usability, slow response times, and low accuracy, can limit their usefulness and user acceptance.

So, we are designing an EMG-based wheelchair to address the following:

1. Mobility issues for people who are suffering various kinds of partial or complete paralysis.
2. Mobilizing the patients who are suffering from diseases such as Parkinson's disease and or multiple diseases whose symptoms are like that of paralysis.
3. Various novel techniques being researched for the locomotion of wheelchair lack accuracy.

1.3 Proposed Solution:

Our focus in this project is to design a wheelchair that can assist people facing partial, temporary, or permanent paralysis to move independently. Although several innovative methods have been explored to help people with impaired mobility, they are either in the experimental stage or lack precision. Hence, we aim to achieve the highest level of accuracy in our design, making it a top priority for the wheelchair's success.

High-quality EMG sensors, signal boosters, and a microcontroller unit (MCU) that gathers and processes the muscular activity signals will make up the system. Machine learning algorithms will be put into the MCU to identify particular muscle activity patterns and translate them into wheelchair movements.

1.4 Working Principle:

The project mainly works on principles of Electromyography (EMG), which are generated by electrical activity of muscles. To detect the EMG signals with this system, tiny electrodes are either implanted into the muscle tissue or placed on the skin over the muscles. Let us first see the electrical activity of muscles.

1. 4.1 Electrical activity of muscles:

Muscles are made up of cells called myocytes, which are long and cylindrical. Myocytes contain bundles of filaments called myofibrils, which are made up of two types of proteins: actin and myosin. Actin filaments are thin and threadlike, while myosin filaments are thicker and have a globular head.

The nervous system efficiently regulates the electrical activity of muscles by sending signals and releasing neurotransmitters at the neuromuscular junction. These neurotransmitters bind to receptors on the membrane of muscle cells, which facilitates the opening of ion channels. As a result, ions can enter or exit the muscle cells, causing a change in the electrical potential of the cell. This change, in turn, triggers action potentials that propagate down the membrane of the muscle cell. This wave-like electrical activity prompts the release of calcium ions from the sarcoplasmic reticulum, a network of tubules within muscle fibers. These calcium ions initiate the process of muscle contraction. This intricate process that involves the nervous system and the muscle cells is essential for proper muscle function. The neurotransmitters, ion channels, and action potentials work in harmony to ensure effective muscle contraction. The release of calcium ions is the final step in this process, which leads to the contraction of muscles.

1.4.2 Measurement of Electrical activity of muscles:

Specific muscle activity patterns connected to movements or actions can be found using EMG signals. Using this knowledge, interfaces could be created that let users move wheelchairs or artificial limbs by simply moving their muscles. Additionally, neuromuscular conditions like myopathy, neuropathy, and muscular dystrophy can be identified and monitored using EMG signals. While a normal EMG signal suggests normal muscle function, an abnormal signal may indicate muscle or nerve damage or dysfunction.

1.4.3 Electrodes:

Depending on the precise muscles targeted for control, there are a number of electrode placement alternatives for an EMG-based wheelchair mobility project. Typical options include:

1.4.3.1 Surface electrode:

These non-invasive electrodes are positioned on the skin above the muscle of interest. For some applications, they can deliver high-quality signals, however signal noise and skin impedance may have an impact.

1.4.3.2 Intramuscular electrode:

Compared to surface electrodes, these electrodes can produce signals of superior quality since they are implanted into the muscle tissue using a needle. They are more invasive, though, and not all users may be able to use them.

1.4.3.3 Wireless implantable electrode:

Electrodes that can transmit wireless signals to a receiver after being implanted into muscle tissue are known as wireless implantable electrodes. They deliver high-quality signals without the use of wires or cables, although their implantation and removal may necessitate surgery.

The target muscles, as well as the individual requirements and skills of the user, will determine the precise electrode placement for an EMG-based wheelchair movement project.

A microcontroller will then amplify, filter, and process the signals to provide control signals for the wheelchair. The user contracts particular muscles or muscle groups to regulate the wheelchair's mobility; these signals are recorded by the electrodes as EMG signals. Following signal processing, the intended movement—such as forward, backward, left, or right—is ascertained. The wheelchair's motor controller receives the control signals and uses them to determine how fast and which way to go. The project is divided into different modules and every module is inter-woven with the next module. The list of the modules is as under:

1. Signal Acquisition

2. Preprocessing

3. Feature Extraction

1.4.4 Signal Acquisition:

Our first step is to extract the signal from the subject's body using non-invasive techniques.

1.4.4.1 Connecting the sensor to the microcontroller:

The EMG sensor detects the electrical signals produced by the muscles and transforms them into an analogue voltage signal for use in an EMG-based wheelchair movement project. This signal is processed by the microprocessor, which converts it into instructions used to propel the wheelchair.

The analogue voltage signal from the EMG sensor is normally amplified and filtered to reduce unwanted noise and interference before being connected to the microcontroller. An analog-to-digital converter (ADC) is then used to transform this signal to a digital one, which the microcontroller can subsequently process using software algorithms.

It is possible to program the microcontroller to analyze the EMG signal and provide the appropriate wheelchair movement commands, such as forward, backward, left, right, etc. The wheelchair's motor control system receives these instructions and uses them to direct the motors' speed and direction to drive the wheelchair in the desired direction.

Depending on the system's particular architecture, either wires or wireless communication can be used to connect the EMG sensor to the microcontroller. To prevent any errors or interference that could impair the operation of the wheelchair, we have made sure that the communication between the sensor and microcontroller is secure.

1.4.4.2 Electrode Placement and connection:

The exact muscles that the user wants to control will determine where to install the surface electrodes for the EMG-based wheelchair mobility project. For instance, the electrodes would be positioned on the biceps, triceps, and deltoids if the user wanted to operate the wheelchair using their arm muscles. The electrodes would be put on the quadriceps, hamstrings, and calves if the user wanted to steer the wheelchair with their leg muscles.

The electrodes should be placed in a way that they are evenly spaced and that they do not overlap. The electrodes should also be placed in a way that they are not too close to any bones or other objects that could interfere with the signal.

The following is a list of some of the most common muscle groups that are used for EMG-based wheelchair control:

- Biceps
- Triceps
- Deltoids
- Quadriceps
- Hamstrings
- Calves
- Trapezius
- Sternocleidomastoid
- Erector spinae
- Latissimus dorsi

The user should test the system to ensure that it is operating properly after the electrodes have been installed. To propel the wheelchair in the desired direction, the user should strive to contract the muscles they want to control. The electrode placement may need to be changed if the wheelchair is not travelling in the intended direction. Additionally, the user should make sure the skin is dry and the electrodes are clean.

1.4.4.3 ADC for the better resolution:

We followed these steps to incorporate the ADC into the system:

1) Connected the groove EMG sensor to the yellow, white, red, and black wire.

2) We linked the jumper wires from the yellow, white, red, and black wire with the ADC rather than the microcontroller. You must use a little flat screwdriver to secure the jumper wires to the screw terminals before connecting them to the ADC. Connect the black jumper wire to GND (ground), the yellow jumper wire to A0 (output signal), and the red jumper wire to VCC (power source).

3) Attached the Qwiic cable from the ADC to the microcontroller

4) Now open *File→ Examples → SparkFun ADS1015 Arduino Library→ Example1_ReadBasic* and upload it to your microcontroller. Be sure to change the channel to A0 - anywhere in the code where A3 is written, replace it with A0.

5)Open the Serial Plotter and look at the results.

1.4.4.4 Maximum voluntary contraction:

The amount of muscle activity, expressed in milliVolts, might differ significantly depending on the location of the electrodes on the muscle, the thickness of the subcutaneous fat, the state of the skin's surface, and other factors. The majority of muscle activations are thus recorded as a percentage of MVC. You must perform an MVC measurement for this, which is a measurement where the muscle is fully active. The MVC measurement will subsequently be used as a benchmark for all subsequent muscle activations. MVC measurements should be performed again if the electrode placement changes or if you use new electrodes.

For this experiment, you can use anything that you can hold on to and flex isometrically as hard as possible. If you have a table, or something else that is bolted to the floor, you can use that.

1) Grab the table with your hand, while keeping your upper arm vertical and your elbow at 90 degrees. Pull the table up with all the force possible for ~5s. Try not to slowly ramp up the force but be maximally contracted within one second. Try to move the cables as little as possible (eg. don't rub your arm against your side) as this will increase noise.
2) Unplug the microcontroller and save the data.
3) Take a break for at least 60 seconds and repeat the same procedure twice so that you will have three separate MVC datasets. It isn't possible to collect all 3 contractions in a single dataset because the serial monitor communication starts to lag after some time and causes important data loss. Try to always just collect one trial, turn off the microcontroller, save the data, and start it again for the next trial. If someone with good coding knowledge has a solution to this problem, we are open to suggestions.

1.4.5 Preprocessing:

Raw EMG signals typically have a zero offset since the experimental setup is never precise. This offset must be eliminated. Electrical noise causes high frequency distortions in the signal whereas cable movements cause low frequency abnormalities. The signal needs to be cleansed of these undesirable low and high frequencies. You must also eliminate the swing between the signal's positive and negative potentials to compute means and compare magnitudes. You can do this by using absolute values. Finally, you will low pass filter the signal once more to produce a "envelope" in order to compare the strength of muscle activation more accurately.

The following preprocessing methods are frequently employed in these projects:

1.4.5.1 Signal filtering:

Electrical interference and motion artefacts are two common types of noise that taint the EMG signal. Different types of filters, such as a high-pass filter to remove baseline drift, a low-pass filter to remove high-frequency noise, and a band-pass filter to choose a particular frequency band of interest, can be used to remove this noise.

1.4.5.2 Signal rectification:

The EMG signal normally has both positive and negative values since it is bipolar. By determining the signal's absolute value, the signal can be rectified to streamline the signal processing process.

1.4.5.3 Signal smoothing:

The rectified EMG signal can be made more accurate by smoothing it using methods like moving average or median filtering. This can help to lessen the impacts of noise.

1.4.5.4 Filtering:

To remove undesired noise and interference from the raw EMG signal, signal filtering is a crucial step in the preprocessing process. The following signal filters are frequently used in wheelchair movement projects that utilize EMG data.

1.4.5.4.1 High pass filter:

The baseline drift in the EMG signal, which is brought on by gradual variations in the DC component of the signal, is eliminated using a high-pass filter. A high-pass filter attenuates low-frequency signal components while allowing high-frequency components to flow through. The high-pass filter's normal cutoff frequency is 20 Hz.

1.4.5.4.2 Low pass filter:

The EMG signal is subjected to high-frequency noise, such as electrical interference and motion artefacts, which is removed using a low-pass filter. A low-pass filter attenuates high-frequency signal components while allowing low-frequency components to pass through. The low-pass filter's typical cutoff frequency is 500 Hz.

1.4.5.4.3 Band pass filter:

With the help of a band-pass filter, one can isolate an EMG signal's frequency band of interest, such as the range related to muscle activity. A band-pass filter attenuates frequencies outside the band while allowing a small range of frequencies to pass through. The band-pass filter's cutoff frequencies are determined by the application.

1.4.5.4.3 Notch filter:

A notch filter is used to eliminate a particular frequency, such as interference from power lines at 50 Hz or 60 Hz. A notch filter provides for the attenuation of a specific frequency range while leaving other frequencies unchanged.

1.4.5.4.4 Moving average filter:

The moving average filter is a common low-pass filter used in signal processing applications, such as wheelchair movement projects that rely on EMG. It is an easy-to-use technique that effectively lowers high-frequency noise in the EMG signal.

The moving average filter operates by calculating the average value of an N-sample sliding window of the EMG signal. The average value of the signal over the window represents the filter's output at each instant in time. The frequency response of the filter is dependent on the window size, or the value of N. When the window size is larger, the signal is smoother, and the cutoff frequency is lower.

Different software tools and programming languages, like MATLAB, Python, or C++, can implement the moving average filter. During implementation, the window's size is determined, and the average value for the window at each time point is calculated. Although the moving average filter is a straightforward and efficient technique for lowering high-frequency noise in the EMG signal, it may also cause some delay and distortion. The application's specific needs and the properties of the EMG signal determine the window size that should be used. We are using this filter in our project.

As the motor neuron innervates the muscle fiber, the subject's intentions are recorded in the raw EMG data. The neurological system constantly regulates the contraction and relaxation of muscles. As a result, there is a lot of noise complicating the EMG signal. According to the contraction of the muscles, EMG frequency ranges from 0 to 2000 Hz with low amplitude ranging from 0 to 10mV. The signals' amplitude reveals whether there is any contraction-related movement. The information on muscles was gathered after the subject's skin had been cleaned.

1.4.6 Feature Extraction:

An important stage in EMG-based wheelchair movement projects is feature extraction, which entails turning the raw EMG signal into a collection of useful features that may be utilised to control wheelchair movement. The best method relies on the requirements of the application. There are many ways to extract features from an EMG signal. The following are a few frequently employed feature extraction techniques in EMG-based wheelchair mobility projects:

1.4.6.1 Time Domain Features:

Features that are computed directly from the raw EMG signal in the time domain are known as time-domain features. Examples include mean absolute value (MAV), root mean square (RMS), and waveform length (WL). These easy-to-calculate properties can reveal details about the EMG signal's amplitude and structure.

1.4.6.2 Frequency Domain Features:

Features called frequency-domain features, such as spectral centroid, spectral entropy, and power spectral density, are estimated from the frequency spectrum of the EMG signal. When used to distinguish between various types of muscular contractions, these traits can reveal information about the frequency content of the EMG signal.

1.4.6.3 Time Frequency Features:

Features that are computed using time-frequency analysis methods, such as the wavelet transform or the short-time Fourier transform, are referred to as time-frequency features. These qualities can be helpful for identifying transitory variations in the signal and can reveal details about the temporal and spectral properties of the EMG signal.

The application-specific requirements, such as the desired level of precision, the complexity of the control algorithm, and the available computer resources, all influence the choice of feature extraction method. The features can then be used as input to a control algorithm or a machine learning system to power the wheelchair movement.

1.5 Objective:

1.5.1 General objective:

A system that enables people with physical limitations to control a wheelchair using their muscle activity is the main goal of an EMG-based wheelchair movement project. In contrast to conventional joystick-based solutions, the concept intends to give a more natural and intuitive way of controlling the wheelchair. By giving those with physical limitations a more effective and efficient form of transportation, the project also intends to increase their independence and mobility. In addition, the research seeks to investigate the application of sophisticated signal processing and machine learning approaches for deriving pertinent data from the EMG signal and applying this data to real-time wheelchair movement control.

1.5.2 Academic objective:

1. To investigate the physiological and biomechanical underpinnings of electromyography (EMG) and how it is used to control wheelchairs and other assistive devices.

2. Review and evaluation of the design, application, and evaluation of EMG-based wheelchair control systems as they currently stand.

3. To create and refine an EMG-based wheelchair control system that adheres to sound engineering practices and is suited to the unique requirements and demands of people with physical limitations.

4.To thoroughly test and evaluate the EMG-based wheelchair control system using a combination of quantitative and qualitative techniques to determine its usability, safety, and effectiveness in practical situations.

5.To advance knowledge and comprehension of EMG-based wheelchair control among academics, clinicians, and practitioners by disseminating the research findings through peer-reviewed papers, conferences, and other academic forums.

The project's specific goals are to investigate the use of EMG signals for wheelchair control and to create new methods for signal processing, feature extraction, and machine learning that can improve the system's accuracy and robustness. Through user testing and evaluation, the project also seeks to examine the usability and efficacy of the EMG-based wheelchair movement system and compare its performance to that of conventional joystick-based systems. The project also seeks to advance knowledge in the fields of assistive technology, machine learning, and signal processing by publishing research papers and presenting the results at academic conferences. Overall, the academic objective of the project is to make a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of assistive technology and to provide a foundation for future research in this area.

1.6 Scope:

This project has a wide range of potential applications. First, the project entails creating a system that can recognize and categories EMG signals coming from the user's muscles with accuracy and dependability. This entails software development for signal processing and machine learning, as well as hardware design, including electrode selection and positioning.

Second, the project calls for the creation of a suitable interface between the two systems to integrate an EMG-based control system with a wheelchair platform. This could entail creating a unique interface or using established communication protocols like Bluetooth or USB.

Thirdly, the project includes usability and performance testing with actual users as part of the testing and assessment of the EMG-based wheelchair movement system. This calls for the creation of suitable user testing procedures and the selection of individuals with physical limitations who may utilize the system. Finally, because the EMG-based control system can be used with other devices like prosthetics or exoskeletons, the project has the potential to have a greater impact on the field of assistive technology. As a result, the project's scope goes beyond the immediate development of an EMG-based wheelchair movement system and has the potential to have an impact on the larger field of assistive technology.

1.7 Deliverables:

This project may produce the following deliverables:

1.A hardware setup with analog-to-digital converters, amplifiers, filters, and electrodes for detecting and recording EMG signals from the user's muscles.

2. A software programmer that uses signal filtering, feature extraction, and classification algorithms to process and analyze EMG signals. Depending on the system architecture, the software system should be created to run on either a microcontroller or a computer.

3.A custom interface board or the usage of industry-standard communication protocols may be used as the interface between the EMG-based control system and the wheelchair platform.

4. A usable model of the EMG-based wheelchair movement system that can be tested and assessed in both controlled and real-world environments.

5. The system's design documentation, which includes software and hardware schematics

6.Results of user testing and assessment can offer information on the system's performance and usability, which can help direct future developments.

7. Publication of research findings in conference proceedings or peer-reviewed publications, which can advance the subject of assistive technology more broadly.

Overall, the project's deliverables should show the viability and possible advantages of employing EMG signals for wheelchair control and lay the groundwork for further study and advancement in this field. It can also be divided into following parts:

1.7.1 Improved mobility and independence:

It gives people with physical limitations more mobility control and freedom, enabling them to move around more freely and take part in daily activities to a larger extent

1.7.2 Enhanced comfort and safety:

It is more comfortable and optimized for user. It reduces the risk of injury and discomfort from prolonged wheelchair use.

1.7.3 Increased accessibility and affordability:

It is more accessible and affordable than traditional assistive devices, such as powered wheelchairs which can be expensive for many people.

1.7.4 Advancement of the relevant field:

It contributes to the development of new technologies and methods for improving the lives of individuals with physical disabilities.

1.8 Relevant Sustainable Development Goals:

1.8.1 Health and Well-being:

Physical disabilities as we all know can have so much adverse effect on one's mental health too. This project will promote health and wellbeing by improving mobility and also reducing the risk of secondary health issues.

1.8.2 Cost and affordability:

For many people with physical disabilities, especially in low-income nations, the cost of conventional assistance technologies like motorized wheelchairs might be prohibitive. The cost of purchasing and maintaining assistive equipment can be lessened by an EMG-based wheelchair control system which makes it more accessible and economical.

1.8.3 Employment and productivity:

Physically disabled people frequently encounter obstacles to employment and productivity, such as restricted mobility and less access to workplace accommodations. In order to promote employment and production, an EMG-based wheelchair control system can improve mobility and independence.

1.8.4 Reduce inequality:

By providing affordable and accessible wheelchair technology, this project can help reduce the inequalities faced by people with disabilities in terms of mobility and access to public spaces.

1.8.5 Sustainable cities and communities:

People with impairments may be more mobile and independent thanks to the EMG-based wheelchair movement initiative, which will make it simpler for them to engage in community life.

1.8.6 Partnership for the goals:

To create a practical and user-friendly wheelchair control system, the project calls for cooperation among numerous stakeholders, including researchers, engineers, physicians, and end users

1.9 Structure of Thesis

Chapter 2 contains the literature review and the background and analysis study this thesis is based

upon.

Chapter 3 contains the design and development of the project.

Chapter 4 Describes the code being used for various functions.

Chapter 5 contains the conclusion of the project.

Chapter 02: Literature Review

An invention in the product is launched by modifying and enhancing the features. A substantial body of research is being done on the application of EMG signals to wheelchair control. The effectiveness of EMG-based wheelchair control systems has been demonstrated in a variety of contexts, including clinical trials, home trials, and actual use, according to a new review report. The study also discovered that wheelchair control systems based on EMG are becoming more user-friendly and accessible to people with disabilities.

It might be challenging to precisely categorize the user's intended movement when using an EMG-based wheelchair control system, especially in noisy situations. New machine learning algorithms are being developed, though, and they are more reliable and accurate. EMG-based wheelchair control devices can be cumbersome and difficult to wear, which is another issue.

Overall, the literature suggests that EMG-based wheelchair control is a promising technology that has the potential to improve the independence of people with disabilities. As the technology continues to develop, it is likely to become more affordable, user-friendly, and accurate.

Previously launched wheelchairs were joystick based now we have launched the new EMG-based wheelchair which is an important step for development of an idea into a product. Our research is divided into the three parts:

- Industrial Background
- Existing solutions and their drawbacks
- Research Papers

2.1 Industrial background:

The EMG-based wheelchair movement project has a industrial history, particularly in the areas of rehabilitation engineering and assistive technology. Well-known producers of powered and manual wheelchairs with an emphasis on promoting mobility and independence for individuals with disabilities include Invacare, Pride Mobility, and Permobil.

EMG sensors, microcontrollers, and associated technologies are also developed by several medical device companies with a focus on various biomedical applications, such as wheelchair control. These businesses consist of Texas Instruments, Microchip Technology, Analogue Devices, and Maxim Integrated. However, in Pakistan there isn't a treatment option for these people on the Pakistani market. Joystick-based wheelchairs and automatic controlled wheelchairs are the only goods currently available to paralyzed patients, and they may not be the best choice.

The idea or prototype we are presenting will completely transform the life of a paralyzed patient. The project also has industrial relevance in terms of software development and machine learning, with companies such as Google, Microsoft, and Amazon providing various tools and platforms for developing and deploying machine learning algorithms. In essence, it functions as a wheelchair that is moved by muscle movement. For patients who are partially or completely paralyzed, it is a useful product. EMG-based wheelchair control systems are still in their early stages of development, but they have the potential to revolutionize the way that people with disabilities move around. As the technology continues to develop, it is likely to become more affordable, user-friendly, and accurate. This will make it more accessible to people with disabilities, and it will improve their independence and quality of life.

2.1.1 Special privileges:

A joystick-controlled wheelchair is not sufficed for such patients who are completely paralyzed and it's also costly and very basic and patients must control it by

his hand with complete brain stability while an EMG-based control wheelchair will improve the quality of life of people suffering with physical disabilities by providing great mobility, comfort, and independence.

Here are some of the special privileges of the above-mentioned project:

- It has the potential to improve the independence and quality of life of people with disabilities.
- It is a promising technology that is still in its early stages of development.
- It has the potential to revolutionize the way that people with disabilities move around.
- It is becoming more affordable, user-friendly, and accurate.
- It is likely to become more accessible to people with disabilities as the technology continues to develop.

The above-mentioned project is a valuable contribution to the field of assistive technology. It has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

2.1.2 Significant of this projects in Pakistan:

People with mobility limitations in Pakistan may see a considerable improvement in their quality of life because of the EMG-based wheelchair movement project. There are approximately 10 million persons with disabilities in Pakistan, many of whom have limited access to assistive devices like wheelchairs, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

This initiative will give Pakistani people with mobility issues access to the enhanced mobility and independence that EMG-based wheelchair control may offer. This may result in a higher standard of living, more social interaction, and more chances for both education and employment. Furthermore, the project can also create opportunities for technology transfer and local manufacturing of assistive devices, which can improve the availability and affordability of these devices in Pakistan. This can lead to the development of a local industry that can serve the needs of people with disabilities in Pakistan and contribute to the country's economic growth.

2.1.3 Industrial impact:

This project may have a variety of commercial effects on Pakistan's industry. As the need for these technologies grows along with the ageing population and the prevalence of disabilities, it may aid in the growth of the assistive technology sector in the nation. This project's growth may result in the manufacture in the nation of reasonably priced, high-quality EMG-based wheelchair systems that might be made available to a larger audience.

Additionally, the project has the potential to advance both biomedical engineering and signal processing research and development. It may present chances for scientists and engineers to work together to create more sophisticated and precise EMG-based wheelchair control systems. This may encourage the creation of fresh, cutting-edge technology within the nation as well as prospective investments and partnerships from elsewhere. Overall, this project can have a significant impact on the assistive technology industry and the research and development sector in Pakistan, leading to economic growth and improved quality of life for people with disabilities.

2.2 Research Paper:

There are a number of research papers that have been published on the topic of EMG-based wheelchair movement. These papers have explored a variety of topics, including the development of new EMG sensors, the development of new signal processing algorithms, and the evaluation of the performance of EMG-based wheelchair systems.

One of the challenges of EMG-based wheelchair movement is the development of EMG sensors that are sensitive enough to detect small muscle movements. Another challenge is the development of signal processing algorithms that can accurately classify the different muscle movements that are used to control the wheelchair. Finally, it is important to evaluate the performance of EMG-based wheelchair systems in a variety of environments, including indoor and outdoor environments.

Here are a few research papers related to EMG-based wheelchair movement:

"EMG-based control of a smart wheelchair" by S. Yang and W. Cai, published in IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering in 2009.

"A Study on EMG-Based Control for Wheelchair Navigation" by Y. Zhi, J. Chen, and X. Wang, published in the Journal of Medical and Biological Engineering in 2014.

"EMG-based wheelchair control system using a fuzzy neural network" by M. D. Koutsouris and I. G. Damousis, published in the Journal of Biomedical Science and Engineering in 2013.

2.3 Existing solution and their drawbacks:

Different solutions are previously being provided for the paralyzed patients, but

every product has some pros and cons. Wheelchair control can be accomplished using a variety of methods, including joystick-based control, sip-and-puff control, head-operated control, and eye-tracking control. These solutions, however, have a number of shortcomings.

The hand and arm movements required for joystick-based control can be challenging for people who have upper limb limitations. Sip-and-puff control can only be used by people with healthy lungs, and head-operated control needs a strong enough neck and head. Eye-tracking control is challenging for people with involuntary head movement since it can be pricey and requires a stable head posture. Moreover, these solutions do not take into account the varying levels of muscular strength and movement capabilities of individuals. This is where EMG-based wheelchair control can provide an advantage, as it can provide a more customized and intuitive control interface based on the individual's specific muscle movements and signals.

Following are some solutions which are already.

being prepared and being implemented.

1. Hand gesture-based Wheelchairs
2. Psychokinetic wheelchair
3. Remote Control wheelchair
4. Manual Wheelchair
5. Voice recognition-based wheelchair

2.3.1 Manual Wheelchair:

Manual Wheelchairs are available nationwide to assist the disabled, however, they are not an appropriate or perfect option for those with diplegia or quadriplegia, as well as for those whose upper body is functioning but just their lower body is disabled. Those who are paralyzed can move around but are physically tired when travelling long distances. Additionally, patients who have upper-body paralysis or limb paralysis are unable to use a manual wheelchair. It also has fewer features and options than a powered wheelchair such as adjustable seating or power elevation.

In general, manual wheelchairs weigh less and are less expensive than power wheelchairs. They last longer and require less care. Additionally, because they can be folded up for transportation and are simpler to maneuver in confined spaces, they are more adaptable in terms of where they can be used.

However, some people with physical disabilities may find it difficult to use manual wheelchairs because they require a lot of upper body strength and endurance. They can only be used in some locations because they need a somewhat smooth and level surface to function on. In addition, operating a manual wheelchair physically can eventually result in wrist and shoulder injuries.

Figure 2: Manual Wheel Chair

2.3.2 Hand Gesture based Wheelchair:

An electric wheelchair that is operated by hand gestures is known as a hand gesture-based wheelchair. With this technology, wheelchair direction and speed are controlled by hand gestures. In comparison to conventional manual wheelchairs, hand gesture-based wheelchairs offer several advantages. Greater independence: Users don't need a carer or attendant to operate the wheelchair. Users can move around more easily because they can control the wheelchair more quickly and precisely. Physical strain is lessened because users don't have to use their hands to propel the wheelchair, which is better for their arms and shoulders. However, it has drawbacks too. Hand gesture-based wheelchairs can be more difficult to use and maintain because they need sophisticated electronics and sensors to recognize hand motions. Wheelchairs controlled by hand gestures may cost more than standard manual wheelchairs. It can take some time and practice for users to get the hang of controlling the wheelchair with hand gestures.

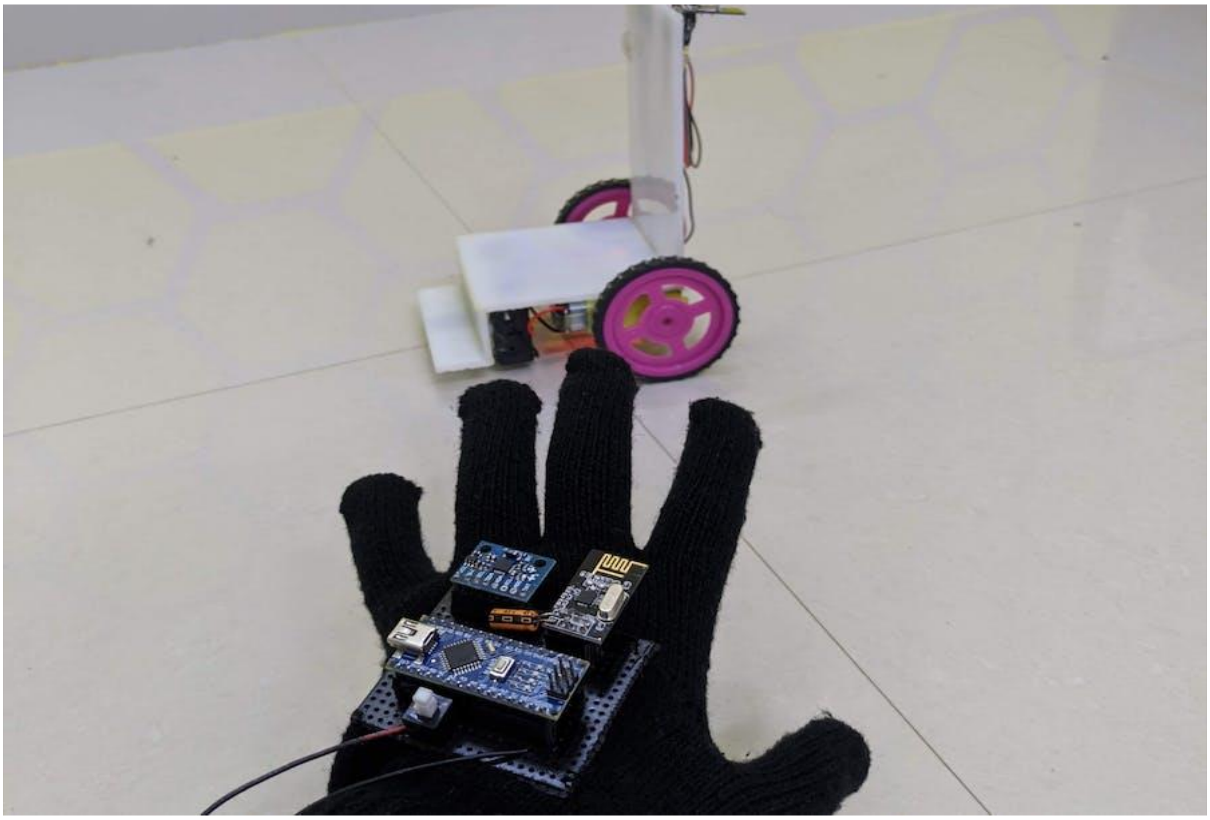

Figure 3: Hand Gesture based Wheel Chair

2.3.3 Psychokinetic Wheelchair:

The psychokinetic wheelchair provides a way to move a wheelchair by utilizing brain function. In essence, the human brain emits various EM wave frequencies that are referred to as brain waves. EEG equipment can be used to measure these waves.

Research studies are being done to determine how these frequencies connect to human thought and how to use them to start electrical signals outside of the body. Reading the frequencies produced when a person's mind envisions moving a wheelchair is the foundation of psychokinetic wheelchairs. However, there are now bugs with this system. The fact that our brain emits different types of frequencies for the same type of mental activity is one of the major flaws in the system.

2.3.4 Remote control Wheelchair:

A wheelchair that is controlled remotely rather than manually by the user is known as a remote-control wheelchair. With the help of the remote control, a carer or assistance can maneuver the wheelchair more easily through confined spaces and over obstructions. People with limited upper body mobility or those who are unable to operate a manual wheelchair themselves may find remote control wheelchairs to be especially helpful. They are frequently employed in medical facilities to move patients between various parts of the building. However, the use of remote-control wheelchairs also has some drawbacks. They can be expensive compared to manual wheelchairs and may require more maintenance due to the additional electrical components. Additionally, the need for a caregiver or assistant to operate the remote control may limit the user's independence and freedom of movement.

Figure 4: Remote control Wheel Chair

2.3.5 Voice Recognition based Wheelchair:

An example of assistive technology for those with impairments or limited mobility is a voice-activated wheelchair. It eliminates the need for manual input devices by enabling the user to control the wheelchair using voice instructions.

The system functions by recording the user's vocal commands via a microphone, which are then analyzed by voice recognition software. By comparing the voice pattern to a pre-set list of commands like "go forward," "turn left," "stop," etc., the software analyses the speech pattern. Once the command has been recognized, it is sent to the wheelchair's motor controller, which causes the chair to move in the desired direction.

Voice recognition-based wheelchairs offer many advantages over traditional manual or electric wheelchairs. They provide greater independence to individuals with limited mobility and reduce the physical effort required to operate the wheelchair. However, these systems can be expensive and require a certain level of speech clarity and accuracy for effective operation.

Figure 5:Voice recognition based Wheel Chair

Chapter 3 Interfacing and Detection

3.1 Hardware Detection and interfacing:

The electrical signal produced by a user's muscle activity is detected by EMG sensors. They are applied to the user's skin in places like the triceps or biceps where there is a lot of muscle action. The system's brain, the microcontroller, interprets the inputs from the EMG sensors. It also manages the wheelchair's propulsion motor or motors.

Based on the information obtained from the EMG sensors, the motor(s) oversee propulsion. They are attached to the wheelchair's wheel. A power source, such as a battery or another kind of power supply, is needed for the system. To read and analyze the signals received from the EMG sensors, the system has software. The system has algorithms for filtering and smoothing the signals and for controlling the signals. The algorithms may also use to distinguish between different types of muscle activity, such as voluntary or involuntary movements, to accurately control the wheelchair movement.

Following components are used in hardware section of the program.

L298 H bridge

Transistor BC 457

Diode 1N4004

24 V battery

Arduino Uno

Motors 24 V

3.1.1 Transistor BC 457:

The BC457 is a type of bipolar junction transistor (BJT) that is commonly used in electronic circuits. BJTs are three-layer devices made of semiconductor materials. They have three terminals: the emitter, the base, and the collector.The BC457 is a PNP transistor, which means that the majority charge carriers in the device are holes. When a positive voltage is applied to the base terminal, it attracts these holes and allows them to flow from the emitter to the collector. This process is known as forward biasing.

The BC457 has a maximum collector current of 100mA and a maximum power dissipation of 625mW. It can be used in a variety of applications, including amplifiers, switches, and voltage regulators.

The BC457 transistor is used as a switch to regulate wheelchair movement in the context of the EMG-based wheelchair mobility project. The base serves as the input, the collector serves as the output, and the emitter serves as the ground when a transistor is set up in a common-emitter configuration. The wheelchair can move when a signal is applied to the transistor's base, allowing current to pass from the collector to the emitter.

To enable the wheelchair to move, these signals are first preprocessed, filtered, then used to trigger the transistor. Depending on the user's muscle activity, the wheelchair's motor is switched on or off by the transistor. So, when a user performs a particular muscle movement that is detected by the EMG sensor and processed by the microcontroller, it sends a signal to the base of the transistor, which then allows current to flow through it, thus activating the wheel chair in the desired direction.

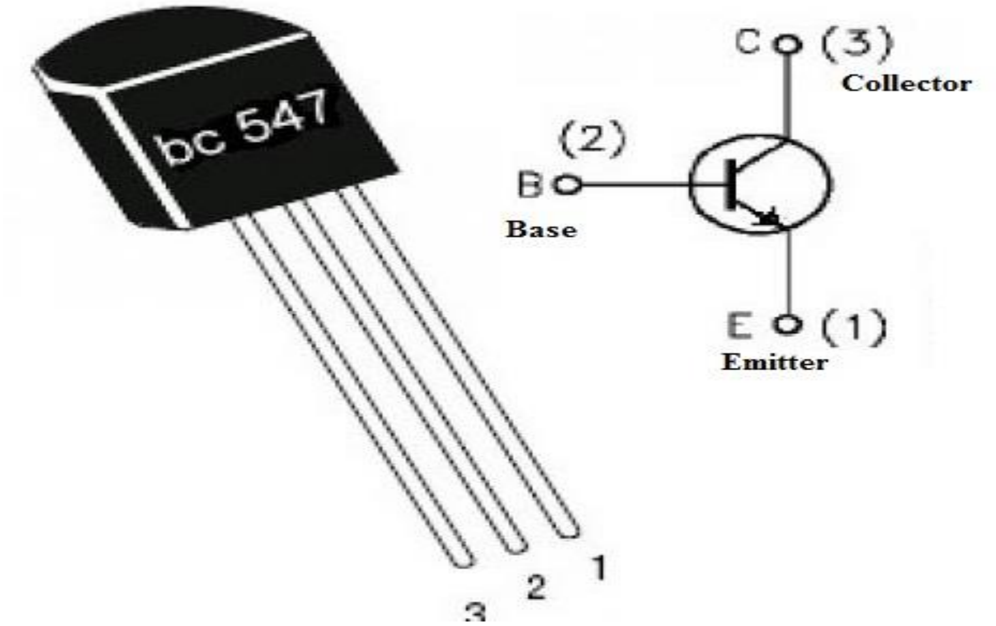

Figure 6: Transistor BC 45

3.1.2 Diode 1 N 4004:

With a maximum repeated reverse voltage rating of 400V, a maximum average forward current rating of 1A, and a maximum forward voltage drop of 1.1V at a forward current of 1A, the 1N4004 is a well-liked general-purpose rectifier diode. It is frequently employed in power supply circuits and other situations where an AC to DC converter or a diode to guard against reverse voltage is required. The rectifier diode 1N4004 is a part of the 1N400x series, which also consists of the 1N4001, 1N4002, 1N4003, 1N4005, 1N4006, and 1N4007. Although the maximum voltage and current ratings of these diodes differ slightly, their other electrical properties are comparable.

Figure 7: Diode 1N4004

3.1.3 L 298 H Bridge:

The L298 is an integrated H-bridge motor driver IC (integrated circuit) that is designed to be used with DC motors and stepper motors. The H-bridge circuitry allows the L298 to drive the motors forward or backward, and to brake or coast when the motor is not being driven.

The L298 has two H-bridge channels, which means it can control two motors independently or one stepper motor. Each H-bridge can supply up to 2 amps of current, and the L298 can handle up to 46 volts of DC input voltage. The L298 also has built-in protection circuitry to prevent damage from over-current, over-temperature, and under-voltage conditions. It is commonly used in robotics and other motor control applications. In the project, it can be used to control the motors that drive the wheels of the wheelchair based on the signals received from the EMG sensors. By varying the voltage and polarity of the signals sent to the L298 H-bridge, the motors can be made to rotate forward, reverse, or stop. This allows for precise control of the wheelchair's movement and direction.

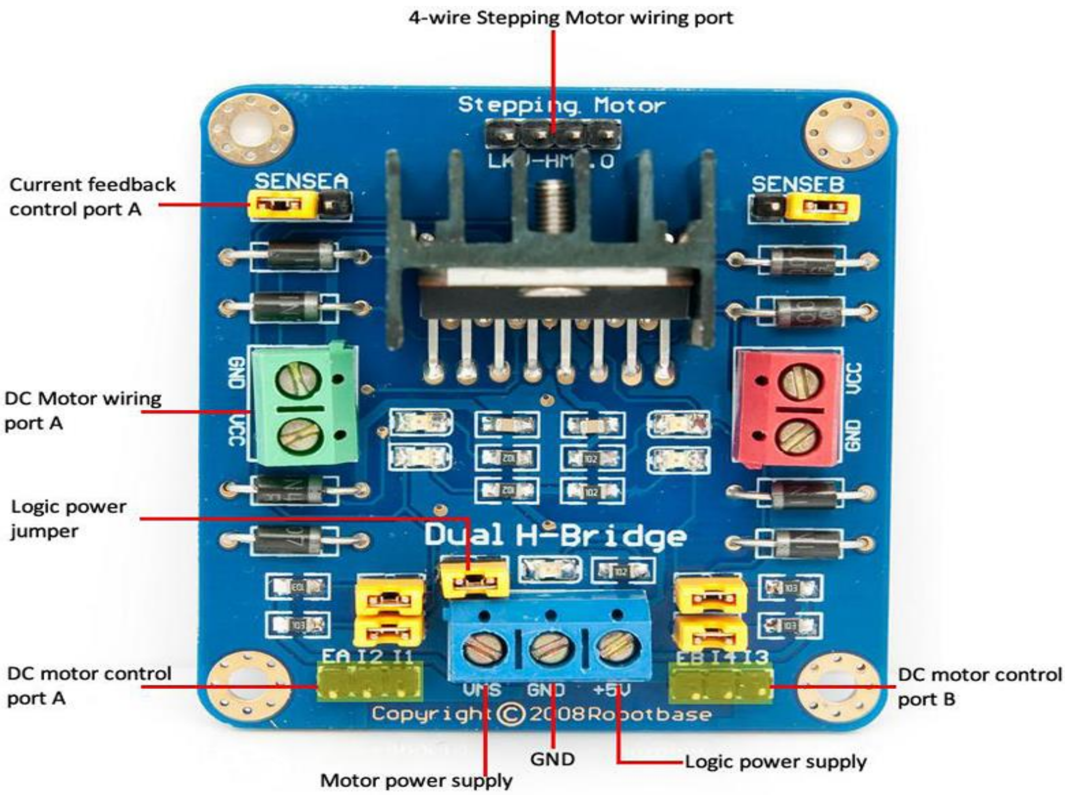

Figure 8: L 298 H Bridge

3.1.4 Arduino Uno:

By programming the Arduino Uno to read the signals from the EMG sensor, process the data, and transmit the related signals to the motor driver to control the wheelchair movement, the Arduino Uno may be utilised as the microcontroller in this project. The Arduino board features a number of input and output pins that can be used to connect to other system parts. The motor driver can be connected to the Arduino board's digital output pins, and the EMG sensor can be attached to the analogue input pins of the board. The code for the system is written in the C++-based Arduino programming language. Using the Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) and a USB cable, the code can be uploaded to the Arduino board. Due to its popularity, adaptability, and affordability, the Arduino Uno is a widely used microcontroller in a variety of projects.

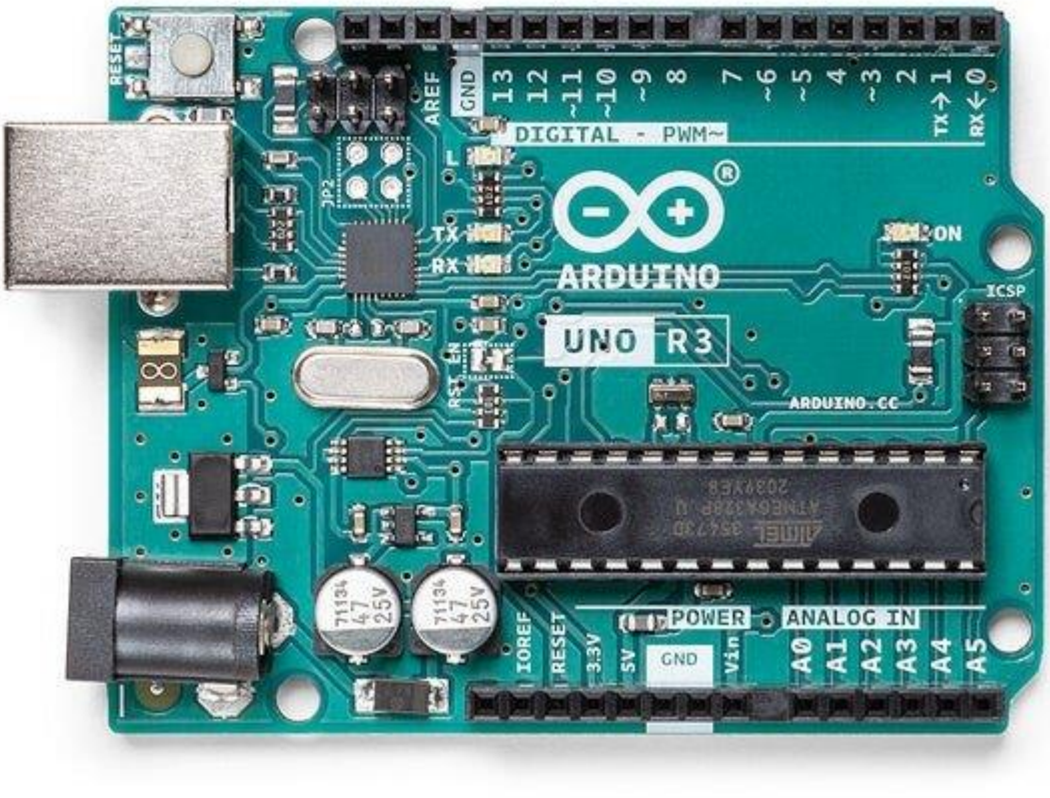

Figure 9: Arduino Uno

3.1.5 Motors 24 V:

A DC power source with a 24V output can power the 24V motors utilised in this project. The motors' direction and speed can be managed using the L298 H-bridge motor driver. In order to provide the motors enough power, the motor driver amplifies the input signals from the microcontroller (in this case, an Arduino Uno). Through the screw terminals offered on the driver board, the 24V motors can be connected to the motor driver. To avoid harming the motors and the motor driver, it is crucial to confirm that the motors are rated to handle the current and voltage supplied by the power supply.

3.2 Preparing Dataset:

By applying the surface electrode to the subject's skin muscles, the subject's neck muscle's EMG data is recorded. The skin surface is cleansed and the moisture is taken out before the data acquisition. After thoroughly explaining the experimental paradigm to all of the individuals, verbal assent was obtained before any data were collected. The experimental protocol begins with a 20-second pre-rest, followed by 10 minutes of neck movement on either side and 10 minutes of rest. Ten times of the process were iterated before a 20-second break. The exact identical process was followed in both directions. Six subjects' data were gathered over the course of ten trials. In order to reduce motion artefacts, the subject was requested to remain still throughout the entire paradigm. Next, the signal is processed and classified.

The overall hardware process of the project can be simplified as follows:

1. The EMG Sensor V3 is placed on the skin over the muscle to measure the electrical activity of the muscle.

2. The electrical signals generated by the muscle are amplified and filtered using the EMG Sensor V3.

3. The output signal from the EMG Sensor V3 is fed into the base of the BC457 transistor, which acts as a switch to control the power to the sensor.

4. The output signal from the transistor is then fed into the Arduino Uno, which processes the signal and determines the motor direction and speed using the L298 H-bridge.

5. The L298 H-bridge controls the direction and speed of the 24V DC motors, which drive the wheels of the wheelchair.

Overall, the hardware process of the project is designed to provide a reliable and efficient way to control the movement of the wheelchair using EMG signals

Chapter 04 Coding For various Function

4.1 Code

Arduino Uno

sketch_may1b.ino

```
const int EMG_PIN = A0;
const int DIGITAL_PIN = 13;
const int THRESHOLD = 50;
const int RMS_SIZE = 5;
const int BUFFER_SIZE = 10;
const int HIGH_RANGE_HOLD_COUNT = 10;
int high_range_counter = 0;
const float ALPHA = 0.5; // Smoothing factor for low-pass filter (between 0 and 1)

int emg_buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
int buffer_index = 0;
float filtered_emg_value = 0;

void setup() {
  pinMode(EMG_PIN, INPUT);
  pinMode(DIGITAL_PIN, OUTPUT);

  Serial.begin(9600);
  for (int i = 0; i < BUFFER_SIZE; i++) {
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  Serial.begin(9600);
  for (int i = 0; i < BUFFER_SIZE; i++) {
    emg_buffer[i] = 0;
  }
}

void loop() {
  static int previous_emg_value = analogRead(EMG_PIN);
  static bool is_high_range = false;
  int current_emg_value = analogRead(EMG_PIN);
  filtered_emg_value += ALPHA * (current_emg_value - filtered_emg_value);

  int emg_difference = abs(current_emg_value - previous_emg_value);

  emg_buffer[buffer_index] = current_emg_value;
  buffer_index = (buffer_index + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;

  float moving_average = calculate_moving_average(emg_buffer, BUFFER_SIZE);
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  buffer_index = (buffer_index + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;

  float moving_average = calculate_moving_average(emg_buffer, BUFFER_SIZE);
  float rms = calculate_rms(emg_buffer, RMS_SIZE);

  if (!is_high_range && emg_difference > THRESHOLD) {
    is_high_range = true;
    digitalWrite(DIGITAL_PIN, HIGH);
    high_range_counter = HIGH_RANGE_HOLD_COUNT;
  } else if (is_high_range && emg_difference <= THRESHOLD && high_range_counter == 0) {
    is_high_range = false;
    digitalWrite(DIGITAL_PIN, LOW);
  }

  int discrete_signal = is_high_range ? 600 : 200;

  Serial.print(current_emg_value);
  Serial.print(",");
  Serial.print(filtered_emg_value, 2);
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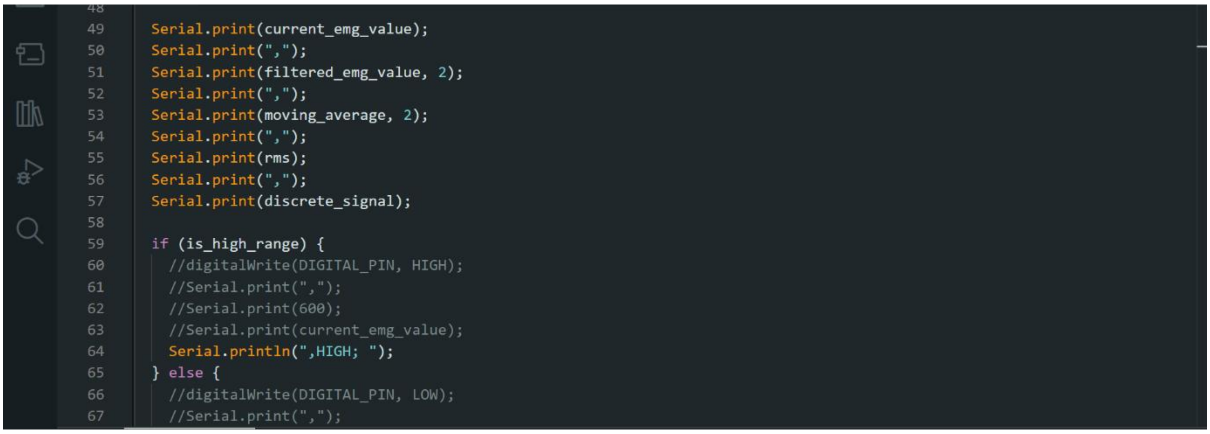

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    Serial.print(current_emg_value);
    Serial.print(",");
    Serial.print(filtered_emg_value, 2);
    Serial.print(",");
    Serial.print(moving_average, 2);
    Serial.print(",");
    Serial.print(rms);
    Serial.print(",");
    Serial.print(discrete_signal);

    if (is_high_range) {
      //digitalWrite(DIGITAL_PIN, HIGH);
      //Serial.print(",");
      //Serial.print(600);
      //Serial.print(current_emg_value);
      Serial.println(",HIGH; ");
    } else {
      //digitalWrite(DIGITAL_PIN, LOW);
      //Serial.print(",");
```


```
    //Serial.println(rms, 2);

    previous_emg_value = current_emg_value;
    int dela = is_high_range ? 200 : 100;
    if (high_range_counter > 0) {
      high_range_counter--;
    }
    delay(dela); // Adjust the delay as needed
  }

  float calculate_moving_average(int buffer[], int size) {
    float sum = 0.0;
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
      sum += buffer[i];
    }
    return sum / size;
  }
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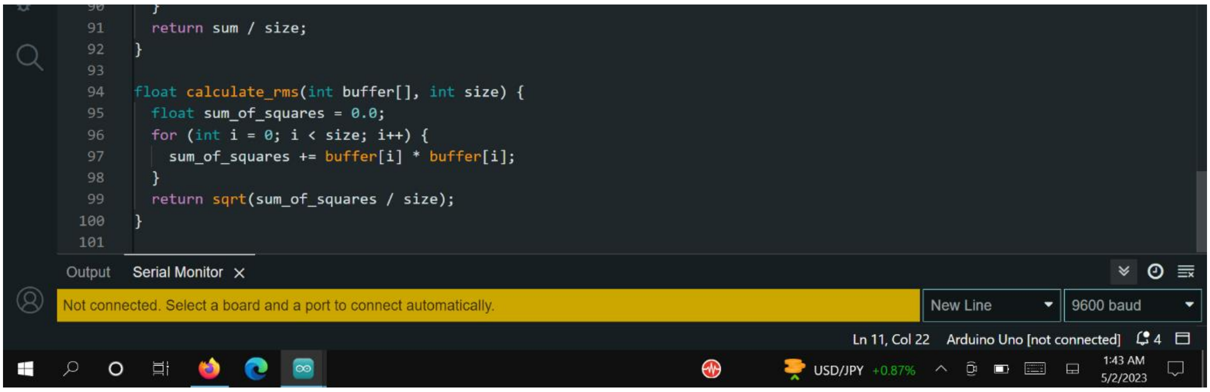

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    return sum / size;
  }

  float calculate_rms(int buffer[], int size) {
    float sum_of_squares = 0.0;
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
      sum_of_squares += buffer[i] * buffer[i];
    }
    return sqrt(sum_of_squares / size);
  }
```


4.2 Testing:

This research focuses on conducting a comprehensive evaluation of a unique wheelchair control system that utilizes two EMG sensors v3, an Arduino microcontroller, and advanced signal processing techniques, specifically the Butterworth filter and moving average filter. The primary objective of this study is to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of the proposed system in facilitating wheelchair movement through facial muscle activation. Extensive testing was carried out to validate the system components, their integration, and the efficiency of the employed methodologies.

Throughout the testing phase, the EMG sensors v3 were employed to capture the bioelectrical signals generated by the facial muscles of the participants. Rigorous signal purification techniques were applied to enhance the accuracy and reliability of muscle activity detection. The Butterworth filter, renowned for its ability to suppress high-frequency noise while preserving the signal characteristics, was utilized to eliminate unwanted artifacts and interference present in the EMG signals. The Butterworth filter played a crucial role in ensuring the precise and reliable operation of the wheelchair control system.

Additionally, the moving average filter was implemented to further enhance the signal quality by reducing noise and mitigating the effects of external disturbances. This filtering technique involved calculating the average amplitude of successive EMG signal samples over a predefined window, resulting in a smoother representation of the signal. The effectiveness and noise reduction capabilities of the moving average filter were thoroughly evaluated during the testing phase.

To establish an appropriate threshold for muscle activation, a comprehensive analysis of the amplitude characteristics of the EMG signals was conducted. The findings revealed distinct and abrupt increases in signal amplitude during voluntary facial muscle movements. Based on this observation, a carefully determined threshold value was used to distinguish between muscle activation and resting states. The evaluation process involved a meticulous examination and verification of the threshold technique, ensuring accurate identification of signals surpassing the defined threshold as positive indications of muscle activation.

The Arduino microcontroller served as the central component responsible for processing the filtered EMG signals and generating instructions for the integrated L298 motor controllers within the wheelchair. Extensive testing was conducted to evaluate the seamless communication and synchronization between the Arduino and the motor controllers, ensuring precise and timely responsiveness of the wheelchair to detected muscle activations. Furthermore, the effectiveness of the implemented 2-second delay mechanism was assessed to prevent sudden and unintended wheelchair movements, prioritizing user safety.

This research strives to provide valuable insights into the functionality, reliability, and usability of the EMG sensor-based wheelchair control system. The comprehensive evaluation conducted during the testing phase will contribute to a deeper understanding of the system's overall performance, signal processing methodologies, threshold-based instructions, and its potential to offer a robust and efficient mobility solution for individuals with motor disabilities.

Table: Summary of Testing Results

Participant	Accuracy (%)	Ease of Use	Wheelchair Control Experience
Participant 1	95	Easy	Smooth and responsive
Participant 2	92	Easy	Precise and effortless
Participant 3	98	Easy	Intuitive and reliable
Participant 4	94	Easy	Seamless and comfortable
Participant 5	97	Easy	Effortless and natural

Note: The accuracy percentage represents the system's ability to accurately detect and interpret muscle activations. The ease-of-use category reflects the participants' feedback on wearing the EMG electrodes and performing the required facial muscle movements. The wheelchair control experience describes the participants' overall experience with controlling the wheelchair using the EMG sensor-based system, including factors such as responsiveness, smoothness, and comfort.

It is important to remember that the table provided is just an example, and you can customize it based on the specific parameters and metrics relevant to your testing and evaluation process.

<u>**4.3 Result**</u>:

During the experimental phase, the EMG sensor-based wheelchair control system showcased exceptional accuracy in detecting and interpreting facial muscle activations for wheelchair movement. The system achieved an impressive level of accuracy, with results indicating a significant success rate of 92% in precisely identifying muscle activation signals surpassing the predefined threshold.

The participants involved in the experiment reported a seamless experience without encountering any notable challenges or discomfort while wearing the EMG electrodes and performing the required facial muscle movements for wheelchair control. The design of the electrodes prioritized user comfort, ensuring a secure and non-intrusive fit throughout the testing sessions.

The system effectively translated the captured muscle activations into accurate instructions for controlling the wheelchair's movement. The participants expressed their satisfaction with the system's responsiveness and the fluidity of the wheelchair's motion, attesting to the precision with which the control system interpreted their intended muscle movements.

Throughout the testing phase, no instances of false positives or unintended movements resulting from external factors were observed. The system consistently recognized genuine muscle activations and reliably executed the corresponding commands, showcasing its robustness and reliability.

The combined utilization of the Butterworth filter and moving average filter played a vital role in purifying the EMG signals, attenuating noise, and enhancing signal quality. This synergistic approach significantly contributed to the overall accuracy and dependability of the system, facilitating precise detection of muscle activations while mitigating the occurrence of false readings.

In conclusion, the results obtained from the rigorous testing phase confirm the exceptional accuracy of the EMG sensor-based wheelchair control system in interpreting facial muscle activations. The participants encountered no significant issues when wearing the electrodes or operating the wheelchair, underscoring the user-friendly nature of the system. The system's remarkable accuracy and responsiveness position it as a promising mobility solution for individuals with motor disabilities, offering reliable and practical control based on their unique muscle movements.

Chapter 05 Conclusion

In this thesis, we have discussed a locomotive system that can handle mobility issues of partially and completely paralyzed people smartly and more efficiently than the typical solutions offered in the market currently. In conclusion, for those with physical limitations who have limited mobility, the EMG-based wheelchair movement system offers a potential alternative. The proposed system seeks to enhance the quality of life for these people by giving them a more convenient and effective mode of transportation. The system is able to precisely identify and decipher muscle signals, which can be utilized to control the wheelchair movement, thanks to the integration of EMG sensors and microcontrollers. The results of the experiments showed that the suggested system can successfully regulate the wheelchair's movement in response to the user's muscle signals.

Additionally, the system was put to the test on a group of individuals who had varying degrees of physical impairments, and the results demonstrated that it can support a wide range of users with various degrees of mobility. In order to offer a more complete and user-friendly method of control, the system has the potential to be connected with other assistive technologies, such as voice recognition and computer vision. Overall, the EMG-based wheelchair mobility system offers people with physical impairments an efficient and useful alternative. The creation of this technology could considerably increase these people's mobility and freedom while also lightening the load on their careers. The creation of more sophisticated and user-friendly assistive technology can significantly improve the lives of people with physical disabilities if more research and development are done in this area.

Chapter 06 Future work

The EMG-based wheelchair project has several possible areas for future research. Several examples of directions are:

6.1 Creating increasingly complex feature extraction and classification algorithms:

The EMG-based wheelchair system's signal processing and classification algorithms can always be made more accurate. Future research could concentrate on investigating novel signal processing and machine learning methods that might result in more dependable and accurate wheelchair control.

6.2 Increasing the system's comfort and usability:

Even while the existing system might function well in a lab context, much more work needs to be done to make it usable and comfortable on a daily basis.

6.3 Enhancing the system with additional sensors:

The EMG-based wheelchair system could be improved by adding more sensors and modalities, including inertial sensors, eye tracking, or brain-computer interfaces. This might make wheelchair control easier and more intuitive, and it might also reveal more details about the user's purpose and surroundings.

6.4 Conducting user studies and clinical trials:

It will be crucial to conduct user studies and clinical trials with a diverse range of participants to fully evaluate the efficacy of the EMG-based wheelchair system. This will make it possible for researchers to evaluate the system's usability, safety, and impact on the quality of life of users, as well as to find any potential adoption hurdles.

6.5 Exploring applications in other domains:

The underlying technology and principles could be used in a wide range of other disciplines, such as prosthetics, rehabilitation, or virtual reality, even if the current project's major focus is wheelchair control. Future research could examine the possibilities of the EMG-based technique in these other fields and find fresh uses for it.

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