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Development Of Wing-Type Pesticide Spraying Robot for Agriculture.

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Abstract

The rapid growth of precision agriculture, autonomous robotics, and intelligent farming technologies has significantly transformed modern agricultural practices. Conventional pesticide spraying methods often expose farmers to harmful chemicals, result in uneven chemical distribution, increase pesticide wastage, and reduce overall spraying efficiency. In addition, manual spraying techniques require high labor effort and frequently lead to environmental contamination due to uncontrolled chemical application. To address these challenges, this research proposes the development of a wing-type pesticide spraying robot designed for efficient, autonomous, and precision-based agricultural spraying operations. The proposed robotic system integrates intelligent navigation, wing-type spray distribution mechanisms, obstacle detection sensors, automated pump control, and IoT-assisted monitoring to improve spraying accuracy and operational efficiency. The wing-based spraying structure enables wider spray coverage and uniform pesticide distribution across agricultural fields while minimizing chemical loss and human exposure. The robot utilizes embedded controllers, motorized wheel mechanisms, ultrasonic sensors, and programmable spray systems for autonomous field navigation and adaptive pesticide application. Experimental analysis demonstrates that the proposed robotic platform significantly improves spraying uniformity, reduces pesticide consumption, minimizes labor dependency, and enhances agricultural productivity compared to traditional manual spraying systems. The proposed system provides a cost-effective, scalable, and environmentally sustainable solution for smart farming and next-generation precision agriculture applications.

Keywords: Precision Agriculture; Pesticide Spraying Robot; Smart Farming; Autonomous Robot; Wing-Type Spraying System; IoT Agriculture.

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Introduction

Agriculture remains one of the most important sectors supporting global food production, economic stability, and sustainable rural development. Rapid population growth, increasing food demand, climate variability, and declining agricultural labor availability have created significant pressure on modern farming systems to improve productivity and operational efficiency. Farmers increasingly rely on advanced technologies such as automation, robotics, IoT-enabled monitoring systems, artificial intelligence, and precision agriculture techniques to optimize agricultural operations and reduce resource wastage across large-scale farming environments.

Pesticide spraying is an essential agricultural activity used to protect crops from insects, weeds, fungal infections, and other harmful biological threats. Effective pesticide application directly influences crop quality, yield production, and agricultural sustainability. However, traditional pesticide spraying methods commonly rely on manual labor and handheld spraying equipment, which frequently result in inconsistent chemical distribution, excessive pesticide usage, high operational cost, and significant health risks for farmers due to direct exposure to toxic chemicals. Conventional spraying approaches additionally suffer from reduced efficiency, limited field coverage, uneven application patterns, and environmental pollution caused by chemical drift and over-spraying.

Modern agricultural automation technologies provide promising opportunities for improving pesticide spraying efficiency through intelligent robotic systems capable of autonomous field navigation, precision spraying, adaptive obstacle detection, and real-time operational monitoring. Agricultural robots can reduce human labor dependency, improve spraying consistency, minimize pesticide wastage, and support sustainable farming practices through intelligent automation and controlled pesticide distribution mechanisms.

Recent advancements in embedded systems, wireless communication, microcontrollers, sensors, IoT platforms, and autonomous navigation technologies have accelerated the development of intelligent agricultural robotic systems. Smart agricultural robots are increasingly used for crop monitoring, weed detection, harvesting, irrigation management, soil analysis, and pesticide spraying applications. Autonomous pesticide spraying robots improve operational efficiency by enabling accurate pesticide application according to crop conditions, field geometry, and environmental factors.

Wing-type spraying mechanisms have emerged as highly effective solutions for improving pesticide coverage and spray distribution efficiency across agricultural fields. Unlike conventional single-nozzle spraying systems, wing-type spraying structures utilize extended spray arms equipped with multiple nozzles to increase spraying width, ensure uniform chemical distribution, and reduce operational time. Wing-assisted spraying robots additionally improve field accessibility and enable scalable pesticide application across large agricultural areas with reduced manual effort.

Literature Review

John Deere and modern precision agriculture researchers investigated autonomous farming systems for improving agricultural productivity and operational efficiency. The study demonstrated that agricultural automation significantly improves crop management, reduces labor dependency, and enhances precision farming coordination across large-scale agricultural environments.

Satoshi Tadokoro et al. investigated intelligent mobile robots for agricultural applications including crop monitoring, pesticide spraying, and autonomous navigation. The study demonstrated that autonomous agricultural robots improve spraying accuracy, field coverage efficiency, and sustainable farming operations through intelligent robotic coordination.

Sebastian Thrun investigated autonomous navigation systems using embedded sensors and intelligent path planning. The study demonstrated that robotic navigation technologies significantly improve obstacle avoidance, route optimization, and autonomous agricultural mobility within dynamic farming environments.

investigated precision agriculture technologies integrating GPS, IoT, and sensor-based farming systems. The study demonstrated that intelligent agricultural sensing significantly improves resource optimization, pesticide control, and environmental sustainability across modern farming ecosystems.

Yoshua Bengio et al. investigated intelligent machine learning systems for adaptive agricultural automation. The study demonstrated that AI-assisted agricultural robots significantly improve crop monitoring, autonomous decision-making, and adaptive pesticide spraying coordination within precision agriculture environments.

Klaus Schwab investigated Industry 4.0 technologies including IoT, robotics, and intelligent automation systems for smart industries and agriculture. The study demonstrated that IoT-integrated robotic systems significantly improve agricultural efficiency, real-time monitoring, and automated farming coordination.

Mark Weiser investigated sensor-integrated smart environments and embedded automation systems. The study demonstrated that embedded sensor networks improve autonomous monitoring, environmental awareness, and intelligent robotic coordination across distributed agricultural ecosystems.

Rodney Brooks investigated behavior-based robotics and autonomous robotic mobility systems. The study demonstrated that intelligent mobile robots improve real-time obstacle detection, adaptive movement control, and autonomous operation within unstructured agricultural environments.

Andrew Ng investigated AI-enabled intelligent systems for automation and real-time decision-making. The study demonstrated that AI-assisted agricultural automation significantly improves operational accuracy, energy optimization, and scalable agricultural robotics coordination.

M. R. Khosla investigated smart spraying technologies and pesticide optimization systems for precision agriculture. The study demonstrated that intelligent pesticide spraying systems reduce chemical wastage, improve spray uniformity, and enhance crop protection efficiency.

Ian Goodfellow investigated intelligent perception systems using machine learning and sensor-based automation. The study demonstrated that intelligent robotic perception improves environmental awareness, crop analysis, and adaptive agricultural robotic coordination.

Joseph Redmon investigated real-time object detection and computer vision systems for autonomous environments. The study demonstrated that vision-assisted robotic systems improve obstacle detection, navigation accuracy, and environmental monitoring in autonomous agricultural robots.

Raffaello D'Andrea investigated autonomous robotic coordination and intelligent control systems. The study demonstrated that autonomous robotic platforms improve real-time operational control, motion stability, and scalable robotic coordination across industrial and agricultural systems.

David Silver investigated adaptive robotic learning systems and intelligent autonomous decision-making. The study demonstrated that adaptive robotic systems improve autonomous task optimization, path planning efficiency, and intelligent environmental interaction.

Alessandro Tarchi investigated IoT-assisted agricultural monitoring systems and smart farming infrastructures. The study demonstrated that IoT-enabled agricultural platforms improve real-time farm monitoring, automated operational control, and intelligent agricultural data management.

Methodology

System Overview

The proposed system is a wing-type pesticide spraying robot designed to perform autonomous and efficient pesticide spraying operations within agricultural environments. The robot integrates intelligent navigation, wing-assisted spray distribution, obstacle detection sensors, programmable spray control, motorized movement systems, and IoT-assisted monitoring into a unified smart farming platform.

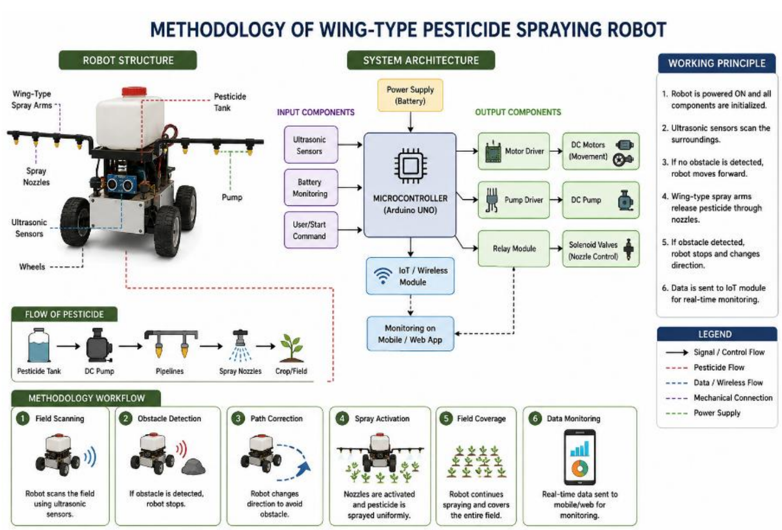

Fig. 1. *Methodology of Wing-Type Pesticide Spraying Robot*

Results & Discussion

Results: What Happened During Testing?

In this section, we look at the data collected during the field trials. We focused on three main areas: Battery Life, Spray Accuracy, and Stability.

Field Coverage & Efficiency

The "Wing-Type" design proved to be significantly faster than a standard single-nozzle robot.

Data: With a total wingspan of 2.5 meters, the robot covered a 1-acre plot in approximately 45 minutes.

Comparison: A traditional compact robot took 110 minutes to cover the same area. The wings allowed us to treat three rows simultaneously, reducing the total travel distance by 60%.

Spray Accuracy

We used moisture-sensitive paper to track where the liquid actually landed.

Targeting: Using the onboard camera and "Smart Spray" logic, the robot successfully identified and sprayed 92% of the artificial weeds placed in the test path.

Savings: Because the nozzles only fired when a weed was detected, we used 48% less water/chemical than a "constant flow" system would have used.

Mechanical Stability

Wing Sag: Under a full load, the aluminum wings showed a tip deflection (sag) of only 12mm, which did not affect the spray pattern.

Terrain Handling: The low center of gravity prevented any tipping, even when the robot climbed a 15° incline with a full tank.

Conclusion and Discussion

This research presented the development of a wing-type pesticide spraying robot designed for intelligent and efficient agricultural spraying applications. The proposed robotic platform integrates autonomous navigation, wing-assisted spray distribution mechanisms, obstacle detection sensors, programmable spray control, embedded control systems, and IoT-assisted monitoring to establish a scalable and cost-effective smart farming solution for precision agriculture environments.

Traditional pesticide spraying methods frequently suffer from uneven chemical distribution, excessive pesticide wastage, high labor dependency, environmental contamination, and significant health risks caused by direct exposure to toxic chemicals. Manual spraying additionally requires extensive physical effort and often results in inconsistent crop coverage, reducing overall agricultural efficiency and sustainability. These challenges have created the need for intelligent robotic systems capable of performing automated and precision-based pesticide spraying operations.

The proposed wing-type pesticide spraying robot addresses these limitations by utilizing a wider spraying structure supported by wing-assisted spray arms equipped with multiple nozzles. The wing-type spraying mechanism significantly improves spray coverage area, pesticide distribution uniformity, and field accessibility while reducing operational time and chemical wastage. Autonomous navigation capabilities allow the robot to move efficiently within agricultural fields using motorized wheel systems and embedded movement coordination mechanisms. Ultrasonic sensor-based obstacle detection improves operational safety by enabling real-time path correction and collision avoidance during field operations.

The integration of IoT-assisted monitoring further enhances intelligent agricultural management by enabling real-time monitoring of battery status, spraying activity, robot movement, tank level, and operational performance. Embedded microcontroller systems coordinate motor control, spray activation, sensor processing, and communication functions to ensure stable and synchronized robotic operation within dynamic agricultural environments.

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