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Abstract

The automatic plant watering system using Arduino is one of the most widely utilized and effective automation solutions available today, offering significant assistance by minimizing or entirely replacing the manual effort involved in plant care. This system leverages sensor technology to monitor soil moisture levels and activates irrigation when required. The goal of this work is to demonstrate how anyone can easily create an affordable and efficient automatic plant watering system in just a few hours by connecting various electronic components and necessary materials.

Through our experiment, we assembled all the essential components to verify whether the system functions correctly. While this design is particularly suitable for home use to address everyday watering challenges, it also presents a broad range of possibilities for long-term solutions to common gardening issues. This system proves especially beneficial for maintaining consistent watering for vegetables and other specific plants, enabling gardeners worldwide to cultivate crops with ease. Furthermore, solar power is utilized to ensure sustainability.

Additionally, the system can be expanded to incorporate multiple sensors, providing greater flexibility. Regardless of the materials and setup used, this type of automated system offers a highly valuable solution to many of the water-related challenges faced by individuals and gardeners today.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND TERMS

Arduino: A microcontroller platform used for building digital devices and interactive objects.

Soil Moisture Sensor: A device that measures the amount of water content in soil.

PWM (Pulse Width Modulation): A technique used to control the amount of power delivered to an electronic device.

1 INTRODUCTION

Farmers and gardeners often face significant challenges when it comes to watering their plants. One of the most common problems is accurately estimating the amount of water needed for the plants or, conversely, underestimating the water requirements of the soil and crops. This issue becomes even more critical during peak water demand periods, which should be the primary consideration when designing a plant watering system. In order to build an effective irrigation system, it is essential to determine the correct sizing, capacity, and necessary infrastructure, such as canals, based on the crop's needs and intensity.

Many gardeners rely on simple estimations to decide when and how much to water their plants. Some even leave it to chance, hoping that rainfall will be sufficient to meet their plants' needs. However, this method is not reliable and often leads to either overwatering or underwatering, which can harm the plants. Watering becomes an especially difficult task during busy periods, such as when gardeners are traveling or caught up in other responsibilities. The time-consuming nature of manual watering means that it often becomes a low priority, especially during holidays or vacation times.

In addition to these challenges, the issue of water scarcity is becoming more severe globally, especially in agriculture. Water is one of the most critical resources required for plant growth, yet conventional irrigation practices often waste more water than necessary. As a result, plants either do not receive enough water, causing dehydration, or they receive too much, which leads to root rot and other issues. Furthermore, the growing concern about the depletion of water resources poses a threat to future generations of gardeners and farmers, making it imperative to find solutions that use water more efficiently.

Given these challenges, it is clear that there is a need for automated systems to manage watering more effectively. An automated plant watering system offers a solution by accurately estimating the water needs of plants and delivering the required amount of water at the appropriate time. This system minimizes water wastage while ensuring that plants receive consistent and adequate hydration, thus promoting better health and growth. Such systems not only benefit the plants but also ease the workload of gardeners, reducing their time and effort spent on manual watering.

This research focuses on the development of an automated watering system that utilizes solar power to ensure sustainability. Solar energy is the most abundant and renewable energy source available, and its application in irrigation systems presents an innovative solution. Solar panels are already widely used for various applications, such as powering streetlights and water heaters, and they can be effectively used in irrigation systems as well.

By integrating solar energy into the watering system, gardeners and farmers can operate their systems even in areas where electricity is unreliable or unavailable. This system has the potential to be a viable alternative for farmers, especially in regions facing energy crises or unreliable power supplies. The use of solar energy helps to reduce dependency on traditional power sources, making the system more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Moreover, this solar-based irrigation system contributes to the long-term health of the soil by ensuring that plants receive the right amount of water regularly, which in turn helps maintain proper soil moisture levels. As a result, gardeners can focus on the growth of their plants without worrying about the complexities of managing water usage. In addition to conserving water, this system also helps gardeners save time and effort, making it a beneficial tool in today's fast-paced world.

2 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Farmers and gardeners face numerous challenges when it comes to the task of watering their plants. One of the most pressing issues is the difficulty in accurately estimating the water required for their plants, or the tendency to underestimate the soil and crop's water needs. This issue becomes particularly critical during periods of peak water demand, which should be the primary consideration when designing an efficient irrigation system. To build an effective irrigation system, it is essential to carefully determine the correct sizing, capacity, and the necessary infrastructure, such as canals, based on the specific water requirements of the crops and their intensity.

Many gardeners still rely on simple estimations to determine when and how much to water their plants. Some even leave the process to chance, hoping that rainfall will be sufficient to meet their plants' hydration needs. However, this approach is unreliable and often leads to either overwatering or underwatering, both of which can be detrimental to plant health. Additionally, the task of watering becomes especially challenging during busy periods, such as when gardeners are traveling or caught up in other responsibilities. The time-consuming nature of manual watering often makes it a low priority, particularly during holidays or vacation times, which leaves plants vulnerable to dehydration or excess water.

Compounding these challenges is the increasing issue of water scarcity, which is affecting agriculture worldwide. Water is one of the most crucial resources for plant growth, yet conventional irrigation practices often result in excessive water waste. In these systems, plants may either fail to receive enough water, causing dehydration and stunted growth, or they may receive too much, which leads to waterlogging, root rot, and other detrimental effects. Furthermore, as concerns about the depletion of water resources grow, the need for solutions that ensure water is used efficiently becomes even more pressing.

Given these ongoing challenges, there is a clear need for systems that can automate and more precisely manage the watering of plants. An automated plant watering system provides a viable solution by accurately assessing the water needs of plants and

delivering the appropriate amount of water at the right time. These systems not only minimize water wastage but also ensure that plants receive a consistent and adequate supply of hydration, thus promoting their health and growth. Additionally, such systems ease the burden on gardeners by reducing the time and effort spent on manual watering, which can be especially beneficial for those with busy schedules.

This research explores the development of an automated watering system that utilizes batteries to power the system. This approach removes the reliance on traditional power sources, providing a sustainable and independent solution for gardeners. By using a battery-powered system, gardeners can maintain their plants' watering needs without having to worry about access to external electricity, making it especially useful for remote areas or situations where power supply may be unstable or unreliable.

Furthermore, the proposed system is designed to ensure the long-term health of the soil by providing the right amount of water at regular intervals, helping to maintain optimal soil moisture levels. By automating this process, gardeners can focus on the growth of their plants and not be burdened by the complexities of water management. Not only will this save time and effort, but it will also lead to more efficient water use, contributing to water conservation efforts in the long run.

2.1 Statement of the Problem

Estimation of Water Needs:
Gardeners often rely solely on their own estimates to determine how much water their plants need. This method can lead to either overwatering or underwatering, as it lacks precision in determining the exact water requirements of the plants based on factors such as weather, soil type, and plant growth stage.

Busy Schedules: Many gardeners are occupied with work, studies, or other daily responsibilities, leaving them with limited time to focus on the care their plants. As a result, watering becomes an overlooked task, which can negatively impact of the health of the plants if they do not receive sufficient hydration.

Absence During Vacations:
When gardeners go on vacation, there is often no one left at home to tend to the plants. This means that the plants may go without water for an extended period, leading to dehydration and potentially causing them to wilt or die.

Estimating Watering Time:
Gardeners tend to estimate when the plants need watering, which can lead to irregular watering schedules. This can be detrimental to plant health, as plants require consistent and timely irrigation based on their specific needs, rather than relying on approximations.

Dependence on Electricity:
If the irrigation system is powered by electricity, it may fail to function properly during power outages. This could leave the plants without water when they need it most, causing unnecessary stress and potentially harming the plants.
Abstract, Foreword, Contents and List of Symbols and Terms (2nd Section)

This study explores the concept of automated irrigation systems for efficient plant care using Arduino and soil moisture sensors. It addresses the challenges posed by traditional irrigation methods, such as overwatering and underwatering, and offers a sustainable solution through automation. The system uses real-time moisture readings to regulate water distribution, ensuring plants receive the necessary hydration while conserving water. The study highlights the potential applications of such systems in modern agriculture and home gardening.

3 OBJECTIVES

In today's fast-paced society, individuals often find themselves overwhelmed by their work, studies, and various daily responsibilities. This intense focus on career and

personal tasks frequently leads to neglecting routine household activities, including essential tasks like watering plants. A common reason behind this issue is the lack of proper time management and planning among many individuals. Consequently, plant care often takes a backseat, resulting in poor plant health and growth.
Therefore, there is an urgent need for a practical and efficient solution to this ongoing problem. One effective approach is the design of an automatic plant watering system that can manage plant irrigation independently and consistently, ensuring the health and growth of the plants while reducing manual effort.

The primary objectives of implementing an automatic plant watering system include the following:

1. **Provide accurate water amounts:**
   To deliver precisely the amount of water required by plants, eliminating guesswork and significantly reducing water wastage caused by overwatering or underwatering.
2. **Assist busy gardeners:**
   To support gardeners who have demanding schedules or are preoccupied with work, studies, or other commitments, ensuring their plants are consistently watered without manual intervention.
3. **Maintain consistent irrigation during absences:**
   To provide ongoing irrigation even when gardeners are away from home, such as during vacations or trips, thereby eliminating the risk of plants suffering due to prolonged periods without water.
4. **Ensure appropriate watering intervals and timing:**
   To deliver water at precise intervals and times based on the specific needs of different plants, fostering optimal growth and plant health.
5. **Battery-operated reliability:**
   Utilizing battery-based power sources ensures continuous and reliable operation of the irrigation system even in the absence of electricity or during power outages, making the system suitable for a wide range of situations, including remote areas or regions with inconsistent power supplies.

4 **LIMITATION OF THE STUDY**

- The automatic plant watering system discussed in this study is theoretically limited to small-scale or mini-garden applications and may not be practical for large-scale agricultural fields or expansive gardens.
- The scope of the system is restricted to utilizing only soil moisture sensors; the research does not cover the use of other potentially beneficial sensors, such as temperature, humidity, or weather forecasting sensors, which could further enhance irrigation precision.
- The accuracy and reliability of the soil moisture sensor readings may be influenced by varying weather conditions, such as extreme temperatures or humidity fluctuations, potentially affecting the performance of the overall watering system.
- The system assumes manual refilling of the water storage tank; thus, human intervention remains necessary for replenishing water supplies regularly, which could limit the system's automation and independence.
- As the system relies on battery operation, its effectiveness and continuity depend on battery life and performance. Thus, batteries may require regular monitoring, replacement, or recharging to ensure uninterrupted operation.

5 REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE AND STUDIES

This section provides an overview of relevant literature and prior studies that form the foundation and context for this research. It explores essential theoretical concepts, discusses existing frameworks, and summarizes previous findings related to automated plant watering systems. Both local and international studies are reviewed to offer comprehensive insights into the significance, challenges, and practical applications of automating irrigation methods.

Furthermore, this section outlines the theoretical framework that guides the current study and introduces a conceptual paradigm illustrating the relationships among the primary concepts and variables involved. By examining existing literature, this review aims to identify knowledge gaps, highlight strengths and limitations in

previous research, and clearly position this study within the broader academic and practical field of automated irrigation systems.

5.1 Review of Related Literature

Automated Plant Watering System Utilizing Soil Moisture Sensors

In a study conducted by Hriday Chawla and Praveen Kumar (2019), the researchers investigated the development of an automated irrigation system designed to enhance plant care by integrating a soil moisture sensor. The system's primary function is to measure the moisture or humidity levels in the soil, which is crucial for maintaining the right conditions for plant growth. Depending on the moisture readings detected by the sensor, the system automatically controls the activation of a water pump, switching it on or off as required. This process ensures that the plants receive the necessary amount of water without human intervention, which helps prevent issues such as overwatering or underwatering, both of which can significantly harm plant health.

The system was built using the Arduino microcontroller platform, and the program was written and executed through the Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE). This choice of platform is widely used due to its accessibility and flexibility, making it a popular choice for developing various automation systems, including those for agricultural applications.

The research aligns with the objectives of the automated plant irrigation systems in the sense that both aim to address the growing challenges in modern agriculture, particularly in water management. In today's agricultural sector, there is an increasing demand for solutions that help farmers optimize water usage. This system allows farmers to monitor and regulate water consumption according to the specific needs of their crops, ensuring a more efficient and sustainable use of water resources. By automating the watering process, farmers can not only save time but also ensure that their crops receive the appropriate amount of hydration, which is vital for their growth.

A significant difference between this study and other research in the field lies in the simplicity of the design. The system primarily focuses on activating and deactivating the water pump based on the moisture level detected in the soil. While it automates the watering process, it does not integrate more complex controls or sensors that might account for additional factors such as temperature, humidity, or weather forecasts. Despite this, the research provides a foundational approach to addressing irrigation challenges by utilizing a straightforward yet effective mechanism that caters to the needs of agricultural practices.

5.2 Automatic Irrigation System for Plants Using Arduino

In their study, Patel, Savan, Pandya, Dishant, et al. (2019) discussed the widespread issue of food and water scarcity, which is often exacerbated by inefficient water usage in the agricultural sector. In particular, water wastage is a significant problem, especially in traditional irrigation practices where over-watering or waterlogging occurs. To address this challenge, the researchers designed an automatic irrigation system to provide a more precise and controlled water supply for agricultural fields. This system utilizes sensors to continuously monitor the moisture content of the soil, ensuring that water is supplied only when needed and in the appropriate amounts.

The key functionality of this automatic irrigation system is its ability to detect the moisture levels in the soil and decide when irrigation is required. When the soil is dry, the system triggers the activation of a water pump to irrigate the field. Conversely, when the soil reaches the desired moisture level, the system automatically switches off the water pump, preventing over-irrigation. The similarity between this research and other automatic plant watering systems lies in the shared goal of minimizing human intervention while optimizing water usage. The system effectively eliminates the need for constant manual monitoring of soil moisture, saving time and labor while conserving water.

One notable difference in this system is the use of the Atmega328 microcontroller, which is programmed to monitor soil moisture over time. When the moisture content falls below a predefined threshold, the system activates the irrigation process. The microcontroller is responsible for ensuring that the desired amount of water is delivered to the soil, and the process is automatically halted once the moisture level reaches the set limit. This system provides an efficient solution for farmers, reducing water waste and improving overall irrigation management.

5.3 Automatic Plant Watering Using Arduino

Another study by Khin Thandar Tun, Hay Man Oo, and Cho Thet New (2019) focused on the challenges of water scarcity and the declining availability of rainfall in agricultural areas, which has significantly affected irrigation practices. The depletion of water resources due to continuous extraction has led to the expansion of un-irrigated lands, further exacerbating the problem. In response to these challenges, the authors explored the development of an automatic plant watering system utilizing Arduino technology, aimed at addressing water scarcity while ensuring efficient irrigation.

Similar to other automatic watering systems, this research integrates a microcontroller that controls the entire irrigation process by monitoring the soil moisture level. The system relies on sensors to detect dry soil conditions. When the sensors register a lack of moisture, the microcontroller sends a command to activate a relay driver IC, which in turn switches on the water pump. Once the soil moisture is replenished and the soil becomes sufficiently wet, the relay switches off the pump, ensuring that no additional water is supplied. This automation reduces the need for manual watering, making the process more efficient.

A key difference in this study is the use of operational amplifiers (op-amps) to create a comparator circuit, which is used to monitor and control the moisture sensors. The op-amps are configured to act as a comparator, providing more precise control over the system’s functionality. This innovative approach allows for better detection of moisture levels, contributing to a more responsive and reliable irrigation system. By incorporating op-amps into the design, this system offers a more sophisticated solution

for automated plant watering, addressing both the challenges of water scarcity and the need for efficient irrigation methods in agriculture.

5.4 Proposed Automated Plant Watering System Using IoT

In the research conducted by Kritika Shah, Saylee Pawar, et al. (2019), titled "Proposed Automated Plant Watering System Using IoT," the authors address a critical aspect of farming and gardening practices—the regular and precise watering of plants. Watering, although a fundamental cultural practice, is recognized as one of the most labor-intensive and time-consuming tasks associated with gardening and agriculture. When carried out manually, this practice demands careful consideration of two essential factors: the appropriate timing of irrigation and the accurate volume of water required. Mismanagement in these aspects can lead to either insufficient hydration or water wastage, both negatively impacting plant growth and agricultural productivity.

The similarities between this IoT-based automated plant watering system and the broader category of automatic irrigation systems include the integration of microcontroller technology, specifically Arduino, and a range of sensors. These sensors include moisture sensors, which monitor soil hydration levels; temperature sensors, which measure ambient environmental conditions; soil fertility sensors, which analyze nutrient content in the soil; and water level sensors, which track the availability of water resources. By employing these sensors, the system ensures that plants are adequately watered only when necessary, thereby optimizing resource usage and promoting better plant growth.

However, the primary difference highlighted by this research lies in the IoT capabilities integrated into the system. Unlike traditional automated watering methods, the project employs Internet of Things (IoT) technology, allowing real-time monitoring and automatic initiation of irrigation whenever the soil moisture content falls below a predefined threshold. This IoT-based approach significantly enhances efficiency by enabling remote monitoring and control, thus helping plants achieve optimal growth conditions while conserving water resources.

Modeling and Designing of Automatic Plant Watering System Using Arduino

Parwinder Singh Bains, Raman Kumar Jindal, and Harpreet Kaur Channi (2017) in their study titled "Modeling and Designing of Automatic Plant Watering System Using Arduino" emphasize the significance of efficient watering as an essential agricultural and horticultural practice, particularly in greenhouse environments. Given that traditional watering methods require considerable manual labor, automated watering systems have become increasingly popular as they alleviate the labor-intensive aspects of watering, especially determining the appropriate time and amount of irrigation.

This research shares similarities with other automated plant watering systems, particularly in its use of Arduino-based microcontroller technology, programmed to continuously sense the moisture levels of soil. When soil moisture falls below the specified requirement, the system automatically initiates irrigation, ensuring plants consistently receive the necessary hydration without human intervention.

The distinct characteristic of this research, compared to similar systems, is its emphasis on the diversity of irrigation methods utilized. This particular system employs different automated irrigation techniques, including sprinkler systems, tubes, and nozzles. Additionally, it distinctly utilizes an Arduino board featuring the ATmega328 microcontroller, providing an efficient and reliable foundation for controlling the various components involved in the automated irrigation process.

Automatic Plant Watering System via Soil Moisture Sensing by means of Suitable Electronics and its Applications for Anthropological and Medical Purposes

The research conducted by Nermin Đuzić and Dalibor Đumić (2017), titled "Automatic Plant Watering System via Soil Moisture Sensing by means of Suitable Electronics and its Applications for Anthropological and Medical Purposes," explores an innovative approach to automated irrigation by combining advanced sensor technologies with microcontrollers and additional electronic components. The system developed in this research behaves as a sophisticated smart switching mechanism that accurately senses soil moisture levels and administers water only when required.

The primary objective of this work is educational and practical: demonstrating how individuals can effortlessly construct an inexpensive yet effective automatic plant watering system using readily available electronic components and other basic materials within a short period. This system simplifies gardening by providing continuous hydration to plants, eliminating concerns about leaving plants unattended during extended absences, such as vacations.

This research aligns with broader automatic plant watering systems by automating the process of plant irrigation, thus reducing human dependency and manual effort. Similar to other automated systems, it offers convenience and peace of mind, especially for home gardeners who frequently travel or remain away from their gardens for prolonged periods.

However, a distinct feature of this particular system is the detailed integration of soil moisture sensing technologies with microcontrollers to form a responsive smart switching system. By incorporating these electronic elements, the research provides a highly responsive and intelligent solution capable of detecting minute changes in soil moisture, thereby optimizing watering accuracy and promoting sustainable water use, alongside its applications in anthropological and medical contexts.
According to Drashti Divani, Pallavi Patil, and Sunil K. Punjabi (2016), the Automated Plant Watering System addresses a fundamental task in both farming and gardening: watering plants. Watering is an essential cultural practice, yet it is one of the most labor-intensive tasks, requiring regular attention to ensure that plants receive the appropriate amount of water. Regardless of the weather conditions, whether hot and dry or cool and wet, it is crucial to control how much water is delivered to plants to prevent overwatering or underwatering. Effective watering systems are needed to ensure plants are watered only when necessary, optimizing water usage.

This research shares similarities with other automatic plant watering systems, particularly in its use of moisture sensors to detect the moisture level of the soil at specific instances. The system is programmed to monitor the soil’s moisture content and initiate watering when required, thus automating a key aspect of plant care. The main difference, however, lies in the variety of watering methods employed. In this study, the system is designed to work with sprinklers, drip emitters, or a combination

of both. This flexibility allows the system to be customized for different types of plants and environments, ensuring that each plant receives the right amount of water in the most efficient manner possible. By using a mix of technologies, this system can be adapted to different agricultural and gardening needs, making it versatile and efficient.

5.5 Smart Farming Using Arduino and Data Mining

In the study by Ankita Patil, Mayur Beldar, et al. (2016), titled "Smart Farming Using Arduino and Data Mining," the authors highlight the challenges faced by the agriculture sector in India. Despite the significant role that agriculture once played in the Indian economy, its contribution to the GDP has steadily declined. The primary reasons for this decline include unpredictable weather conditions and crop losses, which have affected the productivity of farms, particularly in rural areas. Furthermore, advanced farming technologies and fertilizers have not reached many of the farmers in these areas, limiting the effectiveness of modern agricultural practices.

This research shares similarities with automatic plant watering systems, particularly in the use of Arduino-based microcontroller systems to automate processes. Just like the automatic watering systems, Arduino is employed to monitor and manage farming processes, ensuring that tasks such as irrigation are carried out efficiently without human intervention. However, a notable difference is the broader scope of the research, which extends beyond simple irrigation to include the concept of "smart farming." This system uses wireless sensor web technology to detect soil moisture and other environmental factors. Additionally, it integrates a smartphone application that plays a crucial role in assisting farmers. The application allows real-time monitoring and control, enabling farmers to make informed decisions based on the data gathered from the sensors. This integration of technology offers a more comprehensive solution to the challenges faced by farmers in India, enhancing the potential for better crop management and overall agricultural productivity.

5.6 Microcontroller-Based Automatic Plant Watering System

Mritunjay Ojha, Sheetal Mohite, et al. (2016) conducted research on a microcontroller-based automatic plant watering system designed to ease the workload of gardeners by automating the irrigation process. The core concept of this system revolves around the use of different types of automatic watering mechanisms, such as sprinklers, tubes, nozzles, and others, to deliver water to plants. Among these methods, the sprinkler system was chosen for its ability to water plants in pots effectively. Sprinklers are ideal for this application as they can cover a wide area, ensuring that the plants receive adequate moisture.

The primary similarity between this study and other automatic plant watering systems lies in the use of moisture sensors and microcontrollers. In this case, the system is programmed to monitor the moisture levels of the soil, and when the soil moisture falls below a certain threshold, the system triggers the sprinkler to start watering. The use of moisture sensors ensures that water is only supplied when the plant requires it, thus optimizing water use and preventing over-watering. This automatic control of the watering process helps ensure that plants are hydrated consistently and at the right time, without the need for human intervention.

The major difference in this research is the specific technology used for the system's operation. This study employs an Arduino board, specifically using the ATmega328 microcontroller, which is responsible for executing the watering process. The ATmega328 microcontroller is well-suited for controlling the watering mechanism and processing data from the moisture sensors. This hardware choice makes the system both affordable and flexible, allowing for easy modifications and adaptations to different types of plants or gardening environments. By using an Arduino-based setup, the system offers an accessible solution to automating plant watering, especially for small-scale gardening or domestic use.

5.7 Automated Plants Watering System Using Arduino Uno Board

In the study by Umesh Maru, Mr. Rajesh Jain, and Mr. Gajendra Sujediya (2016), titled "Automated Plants Watering System Using Arduino Uno Board," the researchers explored the critical importance of watering in agricultural and horticultural practices. Watering is not only one of the most essential tasks in maintaining plant health but also one of the most labour-intensive, particularly in greenhouse operations. Greenhouses require consistent watering to maintain the right growing conditions for plants, and this task can be quite challenging when done manually, especially for larger setups.

The research highlights the similarities between their automated plant watering system and other automatic irrigation systems by focusing on the goal of simplifying the gardener's workload. Just like other systems, the purpose of the system is to ensure that plants are watered as needed, without requiring constant manual effort. By automating the watering process, the system helps ensure that plants are consistently hydrated, which is essential for their growth and overall health. The integration of technology into plant care not only reduces the time and labour involved in watering but also contributes to more efficient water management.

The key difference in this study, compared to other automatic watering systems, lies in the context of its application and design. This particular system is specifically developed for use in greenhouses, which have unique environmental conditions and demands. Greenhouses often require precise control over various factors such as temperature, humidity, and moisture levels to create an optimal growing environment. Therefore, the system designed in this research is tailored to meet the specific needs of greenhouse operations, ensuring that plants receive the right amount of water at the right time, and thus reducing the risk of under-watering or over-watering. By incorporating the Arduino Uno board, this system utilizes a well-established, affordable microcontroller that can be easily programmed and customized for greenhouse applications.

6 SUMMARY

This research focuses on the development and implementation of an automated plant watering system using advanced technologies such as Arduino-based microcontrollers and various sensor systems. The increasing demands in agriculture and gardening, coupled with the challenges of efficient water management, have spurred the need for automated solutions to assist in plant care. The key objective of this system is to ensure that plants are watered appropriately based on real-time environmental conditions, particularly soil moisture levels, thereby optimizing water usage and reducing human intervention.

The system integrates various sensors, such as soil moisture, temperature, and humidity sensors, to accurately monitor the needs of the plants. Based on the data collected, the Arduino microcontroller triggers the watering system when necessary, ensuring that the plants receive the required hydration without the risk of overwatering or underwatering. This automation not only enhances plant growth by providing consistent care but also contributes to water conservation, which is particularly crucial in regions facing water scarcity.

Additionally, the research explores the potential for integrating Internet of Things (IoT) capabilities, allowing for remote monitoring and control. IoT integration can further optimize plant care by providing real-time updates on environmental conditions and enabling gardeners to make informed decisions from anywhere.

While this system can be applied to small-scale gardening and home environments, its potential extends to larger-scale agricultural applications, including urban farming and greenhouse operations. The adaptability of the system to various plants, along with its easy-to-use design, positions it as a valuable tool in modern gardening and agriculture.

Overall, the development of an automated plant watering system offers a practical solution to many challenges faced by gardeners and farmers today. It streamlines plant care, conserves water and ultimately contributes to the sustainable management of water resources in agricultural practices.

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