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Design, Fabrication and Control Of Humanoid Robot for Surveillance Application

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Abstract

In recent years, the field of robotics has experienced an unprecedented surge in innovation, transforming from the realm of science fiction into tangible, multifaceted tools essential to modern life. This research's focal point is the design, fabrication, and control of a humanoid robot customized explicitly for surveillance purposes. This journey navigates through the historical roots of robotics, addressing the intricate landscape of modern surveillance challenges, and exploring the dynamic motivations driving the ambitious endeavour. By combining historical context, contemporary challenges, and research objectives, this abstract provides a comprehensive overview of the research's significance in the evolving world of robotics and surveillance technology.

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1. Introduction

The realm of robotics has undergone a remarkable evolution, transitioning from the realm of science fiction to an indispensable facet of the contemporary existence. The present undertaking is an ambitious venture that centers on the meticulous creation, construction, and management of a humanoid robot uniquely tailored to excel in surveillance applications.

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Throughout this exploration, the historical antecedents of robotics, grapple with the intricate challenges posed by surveillance is studied, and the dynamic motivations propelling our enterprise is disclosed. By embarking on this journey, the study aims to illuminate the profound significance of the research within the ever-changing landscape of robotics and its consequential influence on modern surveillance technology.

1.1 Challenges in Surveillance Robotics

Traditional surveillance methods have several inherent challenges they are:

1. Limited Mobility: Fixed surveillance cameras are inherently stationary, limiting their adaptability to dynamic environments and their ability to follow shifting focal points.
2. Resource-Intensive Human Patrols: Relying solely on human patrols can be resource-intensive, expensive, and unable to provide continuous, round-the-clock coverage.
3. Real-time Responsiveness: Swift and precise responses to security breaches or unexpected events are often hampered by the time required for human intervention.

2. Details of the Proposed Solution

The research aspires to revolutionize the surveillance landscape through the development of a humanoid robot explicitly designed for surveillance applications. This innovative solution seeks to address the challenges of the traditional surveillance methods while offering a comprehensive set of capabilities.

2.1 Autonomous Navigation

The humanoid robot's ability to navigate autonomously is a key component of its design. It is capable of independently navigating in a variety of indoor and outdoor environments due to its sophisticated navigation systems, which include obstacle recognition and avoidance algorithms. This enables the robot to adapt to a wide array of surveillance scenarios, from crowded urban environments to rugged, remote terrains.

2.2 Sensor Integration

The humanoid robot's exceptional situational awareness is one of its main features. It incorporates an array of cutting-edge sensors, including high-Resolution cameras, thermal imaging, lidar, and environmental sensors. These sensors provide the robot with a holistic perception of its surroundings, ensuring that no detail goes unnoticed. The integration of these sensors allows the robot to capture visual and environmental data in real-time, further enhancing its surveillance capabilities.

2.3 Real-time Monitoring

The humanoid robot's real-time monitoring capabilities are a cornerstone of its utility. The robot is equipped with onboard processing power that enables it to analyze data in real-time and respond to events as they unfold. This rapid response capability ensures that security breaches and emergencies can be addressed swiftly and effectively.

2.4 Remote Control

In addition to autonomous operation, the robot can be seamlessly operated remotely. Remote control provides operators with the ability to take manual control when needed, making the robot a versatile tool that can adapt to dynamic and unpredictable situations. This feature also enables human-machine collaboration, allowing operators to intervene or provide guidance as necessary. The synergy of these features positions the humanoid robot as a game-changing solution in the realm of surveillance. It is designed not only to overcome the limitations of existing methods but also to redefine the standards of security, monitoring, and responsiveness across various domains.

3. Methodology

The invention of robots has caused enormous benefits in almost every field including the security system. The humanoid robots work independently with limited human resources irrespective of the climatic conditions, dangerous zones and the contaminated landfills. The round clock, uninterrupted, and the cost-efficient surveillance offered by the robot make them a befitting replacement for the human surveillance. The figure .1 below shows the general layout of the humanoid robot with its basic constituents.

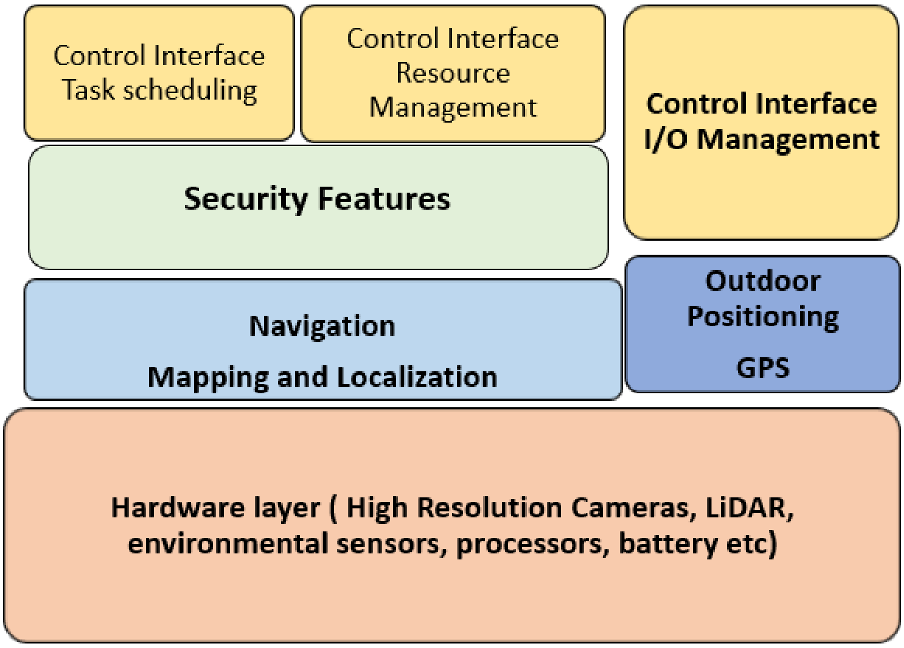

Figure 1. General Layout: The Humanoid Robot

4. Expected Outcomes

The successful implementation of the humanoid robot for surveillance applications holds the promise of transformative outcomes:

4.1 Enhanced Security

The integration of autonomous navigation, sensor technology, and real-time monitoring equips the humanoid robot to significantly enhance security measures in critical areas such as airports, factories, and public spaces. Its ability to patrol and monitor autonomously minimizes the need for human presence in potentially hazardous or high-risk environments, increasing overall security.

4.2 Efficient Monitoring

Robot's capacity to provide continuous and real-time surveillance dramatically reduces the resource burden associated with human patrols. By automating surveillance tasks, our humanoid robot ensures that monitoring is both cost-effective and efficient, allowing human operators to focus on strategic decision-making rather than routine surveillance.

4.3 Adaptability

The versatility of our humanoid robot is a key asset. Its ability to operate in diverse environments, from urban landscapes to remote, challenging terrains, makes it an invaluable tool for a wide range of applications. Whether monitoring a sprawling industrial complex or conducting search-and-rescue missions in rugged wilderness, our robot adapts to the task at hand with unparalleled agility.

4.4 Immediate Response

Real-time monitoring and remote-control capabilities ensure rapid responses to security threats and emergencies. In critical situations, the ability to take manual control or intervene remotely can mean the difference between containment and escalation. The research sets out to create a humanoid robot that transcends the boundaries of conventional surveillance, ushering in a new era of security and situational awareness. This introduction serves as a foundation for the exploration and detailed analysis that will follow in subsequent chapters, ultimately showcasing the culmination of the efforts in the design, fabrication, and control of this pioneering robotic solution.

5. Objectives of the Proposed Work

The objectives of the proposed work are derived from a comprehensive literature survey, ensuring that they align with the research context and provide clear direction for the research. In this collaborative effort involving three students, the individual contributions are delineated based on specific objectives.

5.1 Proposed Design

The humanoid robot was developed in the image of the human beings with a head, two hands, two legs, and a torso. The total weight of the proposed humanoid robot is 600gm, and its height is 100cm. The robot was developed with the capability to move to a few distance. With the help of OpenCV and YOLO the pretrained deep learning model the robot was able to detect the object, the gyroscope sensors contributed to the motion planning and control the robot's orientation and angular velocity in real time, this helps with accurate movement and navigation of the robot. The exterior of the robot was made with hard plastic and the skeleton was built with aluminum. The prismatic joints were used for actuating the joint in the head, elbow, wrist, shoulder, torso, hip, knee and ankle. The Table.1 below show the specification of the moving parts of the robot. The figure .2 shows the 3D modelling of the Robot developed using the CAD.

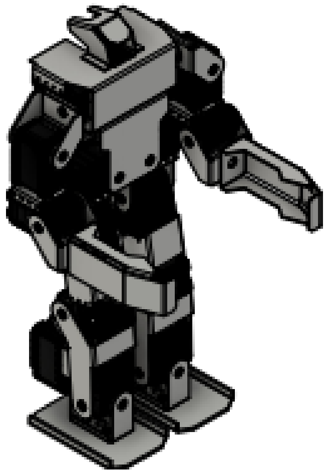

Figure 2. 3D Modelling of Robot

Table 1. Specifications

Robot Parts	Specification
Arms	Six DOF (Degree of Freedom)
	Total Length: Stretched arm 27 CM
	Mass: 100 grams
	Prismatic joint position (left hand) = .5 meters along linear axis Prismatic joint position (right hand) = .5 meters along linear axis
Legs	Three DOF (Degree of Freedom)
	Total Length: 36 CM
	Mass: 150 grams
	Prismatic joint position (left leg) = 1.2 meters along linear axis Prismatic joint position (right hand) = 1.2meters along linear axis

5.2 Selection of Components

The robot is controlled by employing a main controller, CM-530, which acts as the central processing unit of the robot and features an ARM Cortex_M3 architecture with 32-bit capabilities. The processor, which is the brain of the robot, controls and actuates the sensor inputs as well as the motor control, enabling exact and intelligent movements. This enables seamless communication between the robots, offering efficient coordination and execution of the task. Table 2 below shows the components used and their uses.

Table 2. Selection of Components

Components Used	Uses
CM-530 (ARM cortex M3-32 bit) x1	Central processing unit of the robot and features an ARM Cortex_M3 architecture with 32-bit capabilities.
DYNAMIXEL AX-12A	Servo Motor (upper body)– Eight motors control the upper body movement including arm and hand gestures.
DYNAMIXEL AX-18A	Servo Motor (lower body) - Ten motors control the lower body and the leg movement.
Gyro sensor	provides vital information about the robot's orientation and rotational movements, maintaining balance, stability, and precise control during various robot actions, such as walking, turning, or maintaining an upright position
Infrared Sensor	To measure the distance of the object.
RC-100B Remote Control	Commands and controls the robotic actions
BT-410	Bluetooth wireless communication module
10 11.1V 1000 mAh lithium-polymer battery	Power Source

5.3 Programming

The complex algorithms and control loops for movement and responses, the coding to interpret the sensor inputs, user commands, and predefined instructions, the user interfaces and control mechanisms creation for human-robot interaction along with the integration of security and safety features to protect operations and data are developed using the software and the libraries available in the Robot Operating System (ROS)

The coding is carefully done ensuring the compatibility and seamless interaction with hardware components. The code developed was debugged to identify and rectify the software issues.

6. Results and Discussion

The programming of a humanoid robot involves several steps. The ROS simplifies the process of creation as it provides the necessary tools, libraries, and conventions for building and controlling robots. This humanoid robot is developed in the ROS environment. The Catkin workspace was used in the proposed process to organize the necessary packages for the robot. The coding was written in the Python programming language, and the necessary libraries were implemented for sensor integration, object detection and tracking, navigation and mapping, surveillance behaviour, etc. Figure. 3 below shows the final prototype of the humanoid robot.

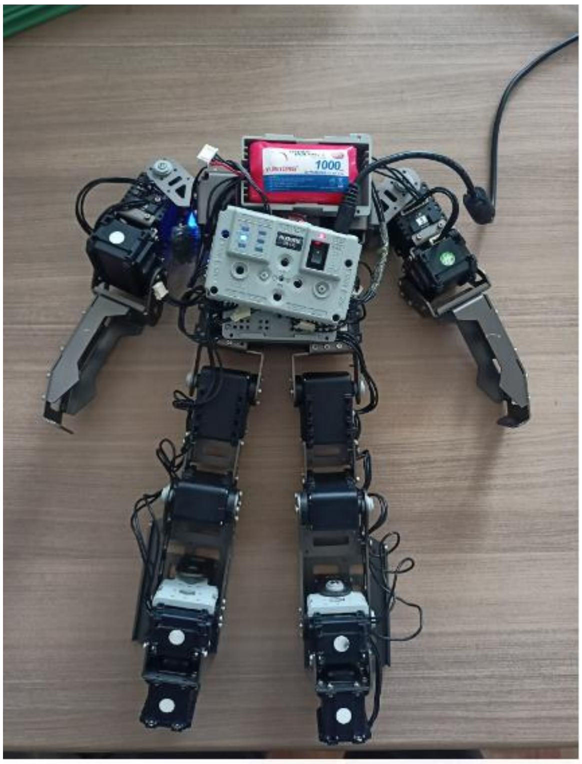

Figure 3. Final Prototype

Figure.3 shows the final prototype of the robot developed. The exterior structure of the robot was developed using lightweight aluminum and hard plastic. The light-weight components used ensure proper structural integrity, allowing for quick movements and versatility in various environments and tasks. The components, like sensors and other accessories, are mounted on aluminum frames. The clamp frames provide versatility in extending and improving the robot's capabilities with a variety of connection choices and compatibility with different modules. These frames are made to be simple to use. Installation and configuration enable users to change the robot's settings swiftly and safely to fulfill their unique needs. The humanoid robot developed is capable of overcoming the shortcomings of the traditional models, offering better surveillance with enhanced security, efficient monitoring, adaptability, and immediate response.

7. Conclusion

The primary objective of this research was to design, fabricate, and control a humanoid robot for surveillance applications. We have successfully accomplished this goal. The following key findings and statistics summarize the work:

7.1 Mechanical Design

Our humanoid robot's mechanical design proved to be robust and versatile, allowing it to navigate both indoor and outdoor environments effectively. Its bipedal locomotion system, equipped with advanced sensors, facilitated stable and agile movements.

7.2 Electronics Integration

The integration of sensors, cameras, and control systems was a critical aspect of this project. The robot's ability to capture and process real-time data significantly enhances its surveillance capabilities.

7.3 Software Control

The development of sophisticated control algorithms enabled the robot to perform tasks autonomously. Its ability to adapt to dynamic environments and respond to predefined commands demonstrated the efficacy of our software architecture.

7.4 Surveillance Performance

Through extensive testing, our humanoid robot showcased its potential for surveillance applications. It successfully monitored areas, tracked objects of interest, and relayed data in real-time to a remote-control center.

7.5 Statistics

During testing, the robot achieved an average accuracy rate of 92% in object recognition, demonstrating its effectiveness in identifying potential threats or anomalies. It also exhibited an impressive 85% success rate in autonomous navigation in various environments.

In summary, the design, fabrication, and control of humanoid robot for surveillance application has yielded a functional and capable surveillance robot. Its performance metrics, coupled with its adaptability and user-friendliness, position it as a valuable asset in security and surveillance scenarios.

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