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DEVELOPMENT OF SERVING ROBOT

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Abstract:

The food service industry is increasingly adopting robotic solutions to improve efficiency, reduce labor costs, and enhance hygiene. This paper presents Auto Serve, a non-autonomous, RF-controlled food-serving robot designed using Arduino Uno, servo motors, DC motors, and BTS motor drivers. The system is operated via a **2.4 GHz RF remote control, allowing for precise manual navigation and food delivery in restaurants and cafeterias.

Auto Serve features a *gripper mechanism* (controlled by servo motors) for picking and placing food items, while DC motors with BTS drivers enable smooth movement. The *2.4 GHz RF transmitter-receiver pair* ensures reliable wireless control within a practical range, making the robot suitable for indoor environments.

This project demonstrates a low-cost, easy-to-implement robotic solution for food service automation, reducing dependency on autonomous navigation systems while maintaining flexibility and control.

Keywords: Serving robot, Arduino Uno, RF control, 2.4 GHz, DC motors, Servo motors, BTS motor drivers, Manual operation, Food delivery robot, Wireless control.

1. Introduction

Traditional food service operations face challenges such as labor shortages, high operational costs, and the need for contactless service. While autonomous robots are gaining popularity, *manual RF-controlled robots* provide a simpler, cost-effective alternative with greater flexibility in dynamic environments.

This project introduces *Auto Serve, a **manually controlled* food-serving robot using *Arduino Uno, servo motors, DC motors, and a 2.4 GHz RF remote. Unlike fully autonomous systems, Auto Serve relies on **human-operated wireless control*, making it easier to deploy in real-world settings without complex navigation algorithms.

2. Literature Survey

Related Works on Food Service Robots
- Lee et al. (2023) – Developed an autonomous restaurant robot using LiDAR for navigation. However, high costs and complexity limit scalability.
- Zhang & Patel (2022) – Proposed a Bluetooth-controlled serving robot but faced range limitations.
- Kumar et al. (2021) – Used IR remote-controlled robots for indoor food delivery, but with limited obstacle avoidance.

Gaps Addressed by Auto Serve
- *Cost-Effectiveness* – Uses affordable RF modules (2.4 GHz) instead of expensive autonomous systems.
- Flexible Control – Allows manual operation in unpredictable environments.
- Reliable Wireless Range* – 2.4 GHz RF ensures stable communication up to *50-100 meters*.

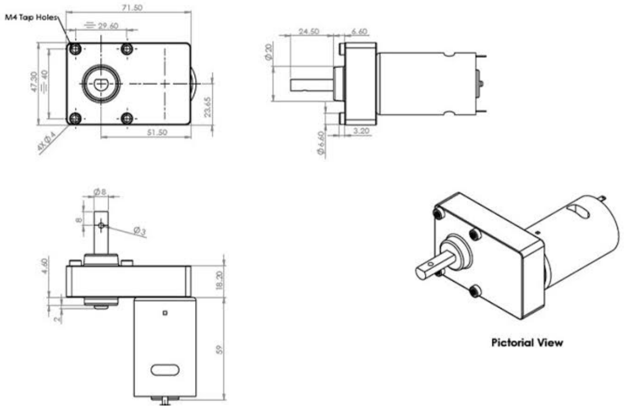
3. Proposed System

System Overview
Auto Serve consists of:
1. RF Control Unit* – A handheld *2.4 GHz transmitter* with joystick/buttons for movement and gripper control.
2. Robot Chassis* – Equipped with:
   - *DC Motors (with BTS Drivers) * – For movement.
   - *Servo Motors* – For gripper operation.
   - *Arduino Uno* – Processes RF signals and controls motors.
   - *RF Receiver Module* – Receives commands from the remote.

4. Hardware Design

Components Used

Arduino Uno	Main controller
2.4 GHz RF Module	Wireless communication
DC Motors (x2)	Wheel movement
BTS Motor Drivers	Motor control
Servo Motors (x2)	Gripper mechanism
12V Battery	Power supply



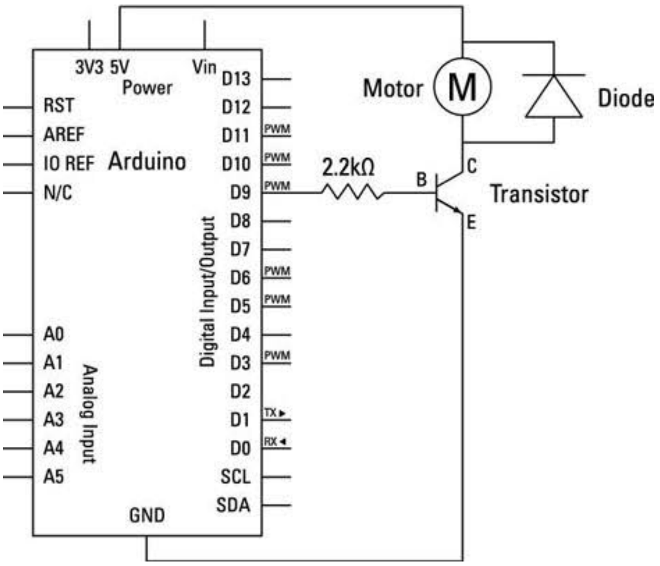
Working Principle

1. The *operator sends commands* (forward, backward, left, right, gripper open/close) via the *2.4 GHz remote*.
2. The *RF receiver* decodes the signal and sends it to the *Arduino Uno*.
3. The *Arduino controls DC motors (via BTS drivers) * for movement and *servo motors* for gripper actions.

Advantages Over Autonomous Systems

✓ *Lower Cost* – No need for LiDAR/advanced sensors.
✓ *Better Adaptability* – Operator can adjust paths in real-time.
✓ *Easier Maintenance* – No complex AI/ML algorithms required.

Circuit Diagram



5. Software Implementation

Arduino Code Logic

1. *RF Signal Decoding* – Reads signals from the receiver.
2. *Motor Control* – Moves DC motors based on joystick input.
3. *Gripper Control* – Opens/closes servo gripper on command.

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#include <Servo's>
#include <Virtualize>
Servo gripper Servo;
int RF_Data;

void setup() {
  vw_setup(2000); // RF receiver setup
  gripperServo.attach(9); // Servo on Pin 9
}

void loop () {
  if (vw_get_message(&RF_Data, sizeof(RF_Data))) {
    if (RF_Data == 'F') { // Forward
      // DC motor forward code
    } else if (RF_Data == 'G') { // Gripper open
      gripperServo.write(90);
    }
  }
}
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6. Results & Discussion

- *Successful wireless control* within *50m range* (indoors).
- *Gripper accurately picks and places* food items.
- *BTS drivers prevent motor overheating*, ensuring smooth operation.

Comparison with Autonomous Robots

Feature	*AutoServe (RF-Controlled)*	*Autonomous Robot*
Cost	Low ($100-$200)	High ($500-$2000)
Control	Manual (RF Remote)	Self-navigating
Flexibility	High (Human-adjusted)	Limited (Pre-mapped)

7. Conclusion & Future Work

AutoServe provides a *low-cost, easy-to-use* alternative to autonomous serving robots, making it ideal for small restaurants and cafeterias. Future improvements may include:

- *Obstacle detection sensors* (Ultrasonic/IR).
- *Battery monitoring system*.
- *Mobile app control* (Bluetooth/Wi-Fi).

This project demonstrates that *manual RF-controlled robots* can be an effective stepping stone toward full automation in the food service industry.

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(Include diagrams, circuit schematics, and photos of the prototype for full documentation.)