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I. INTRODUCTION

Generally, the baby cradle is used for to make sleep and soothe to baby. For example someone have to take care of their child till as they asleep. However, conventional cradle does not electronically equipped such like battery or adapter to automate the cradle automatically. In Addition to that, these kind of conventional cradle is used in villages areas or non developed cities due to its low prices. But the problem of this kind of designated cradle is that you need manpower to take care of your child and your child may not be safe and feel comfortable in the conventional cradle. Thus, we need automatic cradle to take care of child which uses the battery or power source. Besides, there are extra features or function is provided by the newly automatic cradle is beneficial for parents. Because in the present world people are very busy in their professional life so they do not get time to take care of their infants. It will be very difficult control the babies and if someone is hiring professional to take care of their infants. It may increase

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your expenses from monthly expenditure. Moreover, in today, life it is very hard to even for the home makers (mummy) to sit nearby their babies and sooth them whenever they feel uncomfortable. Though, automatic this application is very useful for the nurses maternity units of hospital. In this project we had made cradle to swing/oscillate without human Intervention /Automatic by the sensor which is actuated by movement or specific action done by the body. It will also contain a sound system or alert arm for the parent as an indication of that baby has waked up if they are away from the baby and in other room. Smart cradle could be a device that provides associate aid to swing the baby cradle automatically. This system aims at two main things in assisting parents. Smart cradle movement informs parents when necessary.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

- 1) R. Cohen and Y. Lavner, "Infant Cry Analysis and Detection," in Electrical & amp; Electronics Engineers in Israel (IEEEI), 2012 IEEE 27th Convention of. IEEE, 2012, pp. 1 5. In this paper we propose an algorithm for automatic detection of an infant cry. A particular application of this algorithm is the identification of a physical danger to babies, such as situations in which parents leave their children in vehicles. The proposed algorithm is based on two main stages. The first stage involves feature extraction, in which pitch related parameters, MFC (melfrequency cepstrum) coefficients and short time energy parameters are extracted from the signal. In the second stage, the signal is classified using the kNN algorithm and is later verified as a cry signal, based on the pitch and harmonics information. In order to evaluate the performance of the algorithm in real world scenarios, we checked the robustness of the algorithm in the presence of several types of noise, and especially noises such as car horns and car engines that are likely to be present in vehicles. In addition, we addressed real time and low complexity demands during the development of the algorithm. In particular, we used a voice activity detector, which disabled the operation of the algorithm when voice activity was not present. A database of baby cry signals was used for performance evaluation. The results showed good performance of the proposed algorithm, even at low SNR.

- 2) Y. Lavner, R. Cohen, D. Ruinskiy, and H. Ijzerman, "Baby Cry Detection in Domestic Environment using Deep Learning," in 2016 IEEE International Conference on the Science of Electrical Engineering (ICSEE), Nov 2016, pp. 15. Automatic detection of a baby cry in audio signals is an essential step in applications such as remote baby monitoring. It is also important for researchers, who study the relation between baby cry patterns and various health or developmental parameters. In this paper, we propose two machine learning algorithms for automatic detection of baby cry in audio recordings. The first algorithm is a low-complexity logistic regression classifier, used as a reference. To train this classifier, we extract features such as Melfrequency cepstrum coefficients, pitch and formants from the recordings. The second algorithm uses a dedicated convolutional neural network (CNN), operating on log Mel filter bank representation of the recordings. Performance evaluation of the algorithms is carried out using an annotated database containing recordings of babies (6 months old) in domestic environments. In addition to baby cry, these recordings contain various types of domestic sounds, such as parents talking and door opening. The CNN classifier is shown to yield considerably better results compared to the logistic regression classifier, demonstrating the power of deep learning when applied to audio processing.
- 3) S. Asthana, N. Varma, and V. K. Mittal, "Preliminary Analysis of Causes of Infant Cry," in IEEE International Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology, ISSPIT December 15-17, 2014, pp. 468-473. Infant crying comprises a rhythmic pattern of cry sounds and inhalation. Unlike in adults, crying is the only means of communication for an infant. Most signal processing tools that work well for adults are not adequate in the case of infant cry sounds. Hence there is a need to develop methods for extracting features from these sounds, for better understanding. This paper describes a database collected for the analysis of infant cries vis-a-vis their causes, using spectrograms. The fundamental frequency, limited to adults, can go much higher in the case of infant cries, along with rapid changes in F_0 . Signal processing methods like autocorrelation and linear prediction analysis are used for analyzing the infant cry sounds and extract features like fundamental frequency, energy etc. Spectrograms providing the ground truth and information about the fundamental frequency with harmonics are examined in this preliminary analysis. An attempt is made to classify the infant cries into six categories such as pain, discomfort, ailments, emotional need for attention, hunger and cry due to manipulation.
- 4) V. K. Mittal, "Discriminating the Infant Cry Sounds due to Pain vs. Discomfort towards Assisted Clinical Diagnosis," in 7th Workshop on Speech and Language Processing for Assistive Technologies, SLPAT 2016, San Francisco, USA, 13 September 2016, 2016, pp. 3742. Cry is a means of communication for an infant. Infant cry signal is usually perceived as a high-pitched sound. Intuitively, significant changes seem to occur in the production source characteristics of cry sounds. Since the instantaneous fundamental frequency (F_0) of infant cry is much higher than for adults and changes rapidly, the signal processing methods that work well for adults may fail in analyzing these signals. Hence, in this paper, we derive the excitation source features F_0 and strength of excitation (SoE) using a recently proposed modified zero frequency filtering method. Changes in the production characteristics of acoustic signals of infant cries due to pain and discomfort are examined using the features F_0 , SoE and signal energy. These changes are validated by visually comparing their spectrograms with the spectrograms of the acoustic signals. Effectiveness of these discriminating features is examined for different pain/discomfort cry sounds pairs in an "Infant Cry Signals Database (IIITS ICSD)", especially collected for this study. Fluctuations in the features F_0 , SoE and energy are observed to be larger in the case of infant cry due to pain, than for discomfort. These features can help in developing further the clinical assistive technologies for discriminating different infant cry types and initiating the remedial measures automatically.
- 5) S. Sharma and V. K. Mittal, "A Qualitative Assessment of Different Sound Types of an Infant Cry" (accepted for publication) in 4th IEEE Uttar Pradesh Section International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Electronics (UPCON 2017), India, Oct. 2017. Acoustic characteristics of the cry sound can indicate cry cause, as it can be perceived easily by humans. Features melody contour, MFCCs and harmonics factors have been explored to identify different sound types of infants cries. But detection of cry-causes is lesser explored. In this paper, different types of infant cries are analyzed from the spectral patterns derived from acoustic signals. Different cry sound patterns are identified related to different cause-factors of infant cries. An Infant Cry Sounds Database (IIITS- ICSD 2), consisting of infant cry sounds signals for 7 different cry cause categories, is analyzed. It consists of cry sounds signals categorized for different age-groups of infants. Features F_0 and

Formants (F1, F2, F3, F4, F5) are used. The F is extracted from the cry signal using autocorrelation of the signal, and also by auto-correlation of linear prediction (LP) residual, for validation purpose. The formants are derived using LP spectrum. The cry sounds of infants in the age group of months to 22 months, exhibit remarkably distinct patterns of growing distributed energy with growing age. These spectral patterns are consistent for both male and female infants. In few cry sounds, the pitch variation effects for the Shriill and Grownl type sounds are also observed. Whereas in few cry sounds, the Wheezing effect is observed, that has a peculiar effect on the cry melody contour. The formant frequencies of different cry sounds also indicate differences in characteristic patterns. Qualitative assessment of typically different cry sound types is attempted by identifying regions of strained, growling or shriill sound effect onsets, in a cry acoustic signal. This study can help in gaining insight to pathological condition and age of an infant, by acoustic analysis of the cry signal. It can further help towards assisting medical diagnosis, early detection of ailments and timely cure as well.

III. COMPONENTS

Arduino UNO
 Temperature sensor-LM35
 Speaker –APR9600
 Moisture sensor
 Noise sensor
 Driver circuit
 DC motor
 Power supply
 Web camera
 Wifi module
 Arduino UNO 1.8.5 IDE

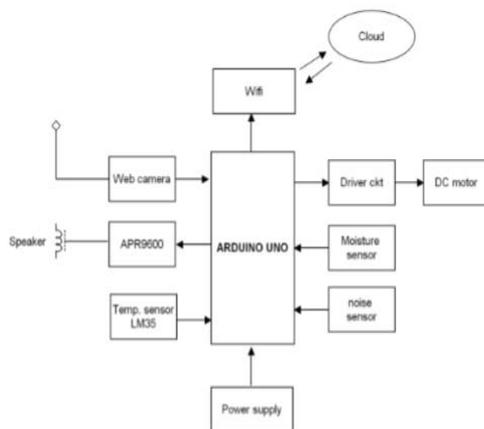


Figure 1: Shows a block diagram of smart baby cradle

IV. METHODOLOGY FOR PROPOSED SYSTEM

We propose a Method using IOT where the sensor value are fed to the microcontroller by means serial communication using UART protocol which is Asynchronous means that data is transferred without support from an external clock signal. transmission method is perfect for minimizing the required wires and I/O pins, but it does mean we need to put some extra effort into reliably transferring and receiving data. These sensor values are then uploaded on the cloud which are accessed by the concerned person through android application i.e. BLYNK application which is designed for the Internet of Things. It can control hardware remotely, it can display sensor data, it can store data, visualize it and do many other cool things anywhere in the world. There are three major components in the platform:

- 1) Blynk App - allows to you create amazing interfaces for your projects using various widgets we provide.
- 2) Blynk Server - responsible for all the communications between the smartphone and hardware. You can use our Blynk Cloud or run your private Blynk server locally
- 3) Blynk Libraries - for all the popular hardware platforms – enable communication with the server and process all the incoming and outgoing commands. The controlling is also done through the applications which in turn initiates the respective relays using BLYNK applications. Cradle starts swinging automatically when baby cries and swings till baby stops crying. A sound detector is interfaced to the controller which senses sound when baby cries and activates the controller with its digital output. Sounds an alarm when mattress gets wet. A temperature sensor kept under the bottom cover where the baby sleeps can sense the temperature all time and sends analog signals to the inbuilt ADC of the RL78 controller. The digital data can be continuously monitored. A reduction in temperature indicates the wetness in the cover. The controller can be made to activate an alarm, so that his/her cover be changed. Sounds an alarm if baby cries for more than a stipulated time indicating that baby needs attention by sending a notification through GSM interface to android based handsets. Also plays music and talk to the baby with the help of a mic. A camera fixed also helps to keep an eye on the baby. The android interface holds an interface which has a food chart to help parents which is predefined with the help of nutritionists to maintain good health of the baby.

V. EXPECTED OUTCOME

In the present study, an smart baby cradle system is being developed which is capable of detecting the movement of the baby and initiate cradle swing. Additionally, in the event of bed wet or hyperthermia, the developed system is capable of sending notifications to android interface. The device can be used to minimize the workload of the parents and nurses in home and hospitals respectively.

VI. ADVANTAGES

1. Easy for parents to monitor their baby
2. Provides security
3. Small in size
4. Lightweight
5. Easily portable from one place to another
6. Easy to use
7. Cost efficient
8. Less power consumption

VII. FUTURE SCOPE

To enhance the security of the baby apart from the basic requirement more modules can be added like PIR sensor to detect the motion, camera to see the surroundings or the person who has been around the baby. To extend the range of the signals we can implement the same circuit with help of GSM module and Wifi module. Using GSM module, the message can be send to parent even in different city, country so parents can monitor their baby even on business trips for companies. One of the most important feature that can be added to this device is that a trigger can be added in such a way that if the parents are very far away in different city or they could not reach to their baby than through the app they should be able to trigger an emergency help with nearest police station. For this GPS services can also be included. This ensures expert level safety for the child. More sensors to record statistics of body like body temperature, heartbeats, sleeping pattern can be observed and using data science technology more information about the baby can be known. The data received from the sensors can be stored in the database and using data analytics a pattern can be recorded when the baby cries or at what time of the day the baby wets the bed the most. This would increase the credibility of the gear using the machine learning techniques, prediction & modeling. The mobile app we used for the prototype model is the built app for Bluetooth module. Depending upon the requirement, android or ios app can be made which increases the scope of project in app development framework. Additional functionalities like triggering emergency from app tracking the baby from app using GPS can also be added.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The above proposed IOT based algorithm is designed to connect the parents to the baby through a device in order to keep the parents informed about the security of baby when they are not close to their baby. The sensors used ensure that the major aspects of security are covered. Parents can keep a check on their baby very easily through a mobile device. The algorithm fits best for the working parents or those who travel a lot especially for business purpose. There is also large amount of opportunity that opens up in order to modify the system further to extend the level of security using other different sensors, using cloud computing technique and machine learning to extend the further research. The IoT has transformed our everyday lives at a significant exponential rate. The idea of connecting the information recorded from surroundings using complex sensors and sending it to mobile device shows the vast possibilities of how IoT can influence the lives of people through smart devices what they are called these days. We have already seen the reach of IOT in medical, security, environmental and many other fields. For example –The Running hand or wrist gear that measures all the vital statistics of the body and sends it to your device in real time and you can easily monitor your performance.

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