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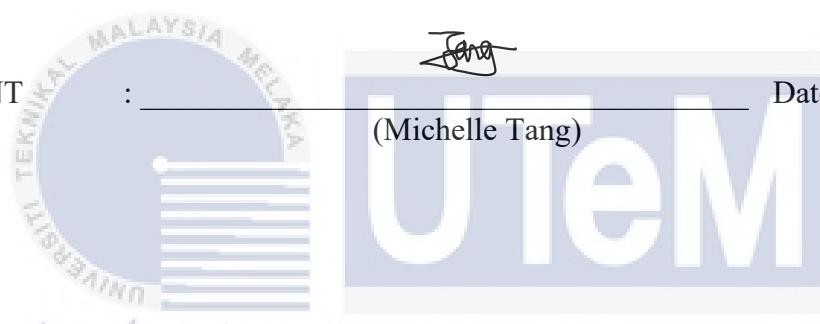
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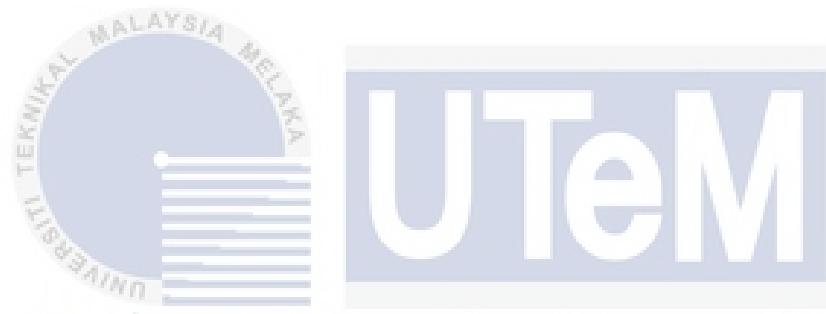
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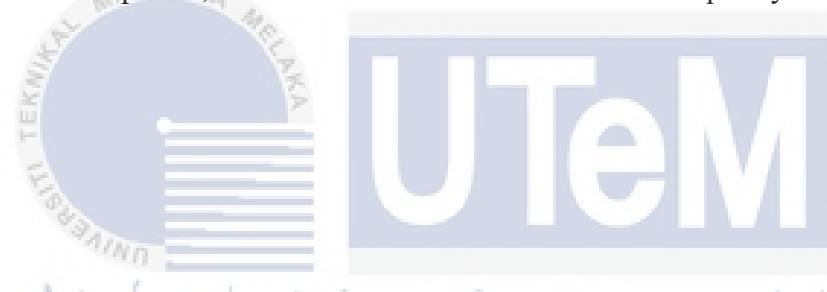
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## ABSTRACT

As the freezing of gait symptoms worsen in a patient with Parkinson's disease, the motion of the extremities becomes increasingly sluggish, one of the most noticeable changes in the freezing of gait symptoms. The symptoms of freezing of gait are currently incurable, and the only method for delaying the progression of the disease is training. The cumulative number of falls rises, resulting in psychological and physical injuries. In addition, the majority of Parkinson's patients who visit the facility for training must make an appointment in advance because therapists can only accept one patient at a time, resulting in inefficiency. This results in a decline in training, which accelerates their condition, while freezing of gait causes their extremities to become increasingly sluggish. Most patients' family members frequently have their occupations and lack patient care training. To address these problems and develop this system, it must be able to predict patient falls, alert, and evaluate the patient's posture during training. During training, this system can assist the therapist in monitoring the patient's walking posture. A warning can be issued immediately when a fall is imminent, and the patient's posture can be evaluated for the therapist's reference. This would reduce therapists' burden and allow them to simultaneously treat multiple patients. This will enhance efficiency. This can reduce the incidence of falls and injuries caused by falls among Parkinson's patients. In addition, the system can be installed in the patient's residence to assist the patient's family members in monitoring and training the patient at home, which can significantly reduce the incidence of falls and monitor and evaluate the patient. In this study, CNN is used to educate the system to predict falls with an accuracy of 95%. This system is anticipated to be able to assist therapists who treat Parkinson's patients in the hospital as well as non-therapist family members.

## ABSTRAK

Seiring gejala pembekuan berjalan semakin parah pada pesakit penyakit Parkinson, pergerakan anggota badan semakin lembap, menjadi salah satu perubahan paling ketara dalam gejala pembekuan berjalan. Gejala pembekuan berjalan ketika ini tidak dapat diubati, dan satu-satunya kaedah untuk melambatkan perkembangan penyakit adalah dengan latihan. Jumlah kumulatif jatuh meningkat, menyebabkan kecederaan fizikal dan psikologi. Tambahan pula, majoriti pesakit Parkinson yang mengunjungi fasiliti untuk latihan perlu membuat janji temu terlebih dahulu kerana jururawat hanya mampu menerima seorang pesakit pada satu masa, menyebabkan ketidakcekapan. Ini mengakibatkan penurunan dalam latihan, yang mempercepatkan keadaan mereka, sementara pembekuan berjalan menyebabkan pergerakan anggota badan mereka semakin lembap. Kebanyakan ahli keluarga pesakit sering mempunyai pekerjaan mereka sendiri dan kurang latihan penjagaan pesakit. Untuk menangani masalah ini dan membangunkan sistem ini, ia harus mampu meramalkan jatuh pesakit, memberi amaran, dan menilai postur pesakit semasa latihan. Semasa latihan, sistem ini dapat membantu jururawat memantau postur berjalan pesakit. Amaran dapat dikeluarkan dengan segera apabila jatuh akan berlaku, dan postur pesakit dapat dinilai untuk rujukan jururawat. Ini akan mengurangkan beban jururawat dan membolehkan mereka merawat beberapa pesakit secara serentak. Ini akan meningkatkan kecekapan dan mengurangkan kejadian jatuh dan kecederaan akibat jatuh di kalangan pesakit Parkinson. Selain itu, sistem ini boleh dipasang di tempat tinggal pesakit untuk membantu ahli keluarga memantau dan melatih pesakit di rumah, yang dapat secara signifikan mengurangkan kejadian jatuh dan memantau serta menilai pesakit. Dalam kajian ini, CNN digunakan untuk mendidik sistem untuk meramalkan jatuh dengan ketepatan 95%. Sistem ini dijangka dapat membantu jururawat yang merawat pesakit Parkinson di hospital serta ahli keluarga bukan terapis.

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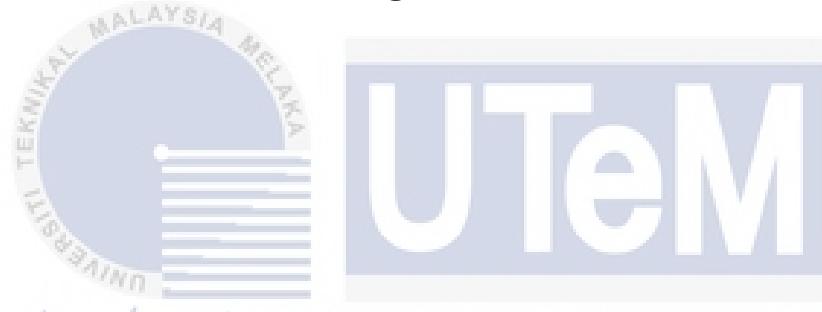
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## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Introduction

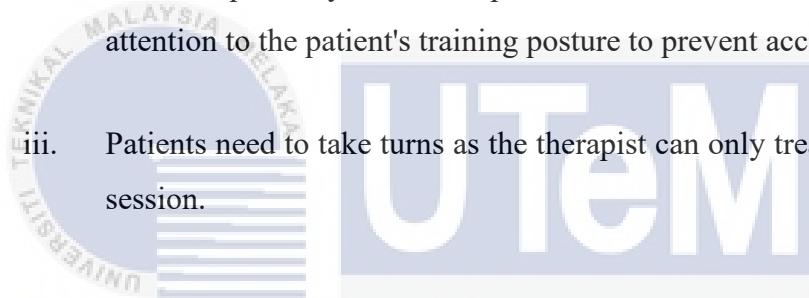
Parkinson's disease is a neurological disorder characterised by a gradual loss of motor control, tremors, stiffness, and difficulties with balance and coordination. In most cases, symptoms manifest progressively and worsen over time. As the disease progresses, patients may have trouble walking and communicating, if not immobility. Currently, the disease cannot be treated and is fatal. To prevent an accelerated progression of the disease, regular physical activity is required. The primary objective of the programme is to assist patients with Parkinson's disease during the development of a monitoring system that will be trained to operate in a controlled environment without interference. This is to enhance the accuracy of any results generated by the system. Parkinson's disease increases the probability of stumbling while exercising. This will result in additional physical and mental damage to them. Moreover, because therapists can only treat one patient per session, the system primarily facilitates the therapists and nurses. Nonetheless, the primary purpose of this programme is to aid the therapists from the hospital and the nurse from home. The system will emit a warning sound to alert the therapist and patient if the patient is about to collapse. One system will be able to assist a therapist in supervising a single patient, while multiple systems will be able to superintend multiple patients simultaneously during a single session. The system will, among other things, assist nurses who care for patients at home in monitoring patients 24 hours a day while they are at home. When nurses are performing their personal responsibilities, the system can alert them to accidents with an audible alert. In addition, while monitoring, the system can score the patient's

training circumstance, which can be used by therapists and nurses caring for patients at home.

## **1.2 Problem Statement(s)**

The problem statement that influences the project's motivation is the ability to solve the described issue. For this project, the problem statement as follows:

- i. Parkinson patients cannot be cared for 24 hours a day at home because everyone has their own jobs.
- ii. The therapist only treats one patient at a time due to the need to pay attention to the patient's training posture to prevent accidents.
- iii. Patients need to take turns as the therapist can only treat 1 patient in 1 session.



## **1.3 Objective**

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The main objective is to construct a more advanced CNN for the prediction of the freezing of gait that is characteristic of Parkinson's disease patients. As a result, the following should be considered the objective of the sub-objective:

- i. To investigate the characteristics of walking training in patients with Parkinson's disease and the precursors to falls.
- ii. To develop a fall prediction and fall warning system for patients with Parkinson's disease.
- iii. To evaluate the walking posture of Parkinson patients.

## 1.4 Scope

In order to ascertain the specific user and platform, the target user and target platform of the Project's scope are formulated. It is crucial for the undertaking to consider user experience and environmental factors. Target user and target platform are described in detail below.

### 1.4.1 Target User

The main target users of the system developed in this project are Parkinson's disease patients, nurses, and therapists. The nurse here refers to the person who takes care of Parkinson's patients at home, such as the patient's mother, family members, etc.

### 1.4.2 Target Platform

This system's target platform are the house and hospital. Platform includes home because it can aid in the care of Parkinson patients at home and increase their safety when they're alone. In the hospital, therapists are responsible for assisting the patient's posture and providing assessment references.

## 1.5 Project Significance

The initiative primarily benefits people with Parkinson's disease, as the effort primarily helps therapists and nurses. It could monitor Parkinson's patients continuously as they move and walk, decreasing their risk of falling. When the system detects that a patient with Parkinson's is about to fall, an alarm can be issued to enable the patient to immediately correct their posture or to remind the therapist and nurse. This will enable therapists to work more efficiently and provide nurses with assistance at home so they can care for patients while performing their own duties. In addition, it can assist therapists and nurses by prompting them to respond in time to prevent patient

injury. In addition, the system can assist the therapist by detecting the patient's walking posture and providing a score that enables the therapist to refer to and better comprehend the patient's symptoms. This can also assist nurses at home understand the patient's condition by filling in their posture.

## **1.6      Expected Output**

This project aims to assist therapists and nurses at home when they treat or care for Parkinson's patients, prevent or reduce sports-related injuries, provide therapist reference patients' symptoms to improve treatment, and aid nurses in monitoring Parkinson's patients at home at all times. The initiative heavily relies on machine learning to compute and analyse Parkinson's patients' behaviour and assessments. And this algorithm must use the camera as its medium, allowing the camera to perform calculations while capturing images of the patient in real time. When images are captured, machine learning determines when a patient is about to collapse, triggering an alarm to alert the patient and carers. We employ three distinct AI algorithm categories. The system's primary algorithm will be determined by comparing the three algorithms and selecting the one with the highest degree of precision. Simultaneously, the system will be trained in a fixed environment, as the training environment for patients is fixed by nature. This will increase precision and drastically reduce errors.

## **1.7      Conclusion**

The initial objective of the project is to be able to assist people with Parkinson's disease, assess their walking posture, and predict whether they will fall. These are the necessary steps to develop the system. The next step is to develop an algorithm that can accurately predict the patient's walking posture prior to a fall and whether the patient will fall.

## CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW AND PROJECT METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter consists primarily of a literature review on fall prediction in Parkinson's disease and fall prediction systems, as well as research-related information on fall prediction using machine learning, in order to provide context for the project's content. Additionally, design a project methodology that adheres to the project system.

### 2.2 Facts and findings

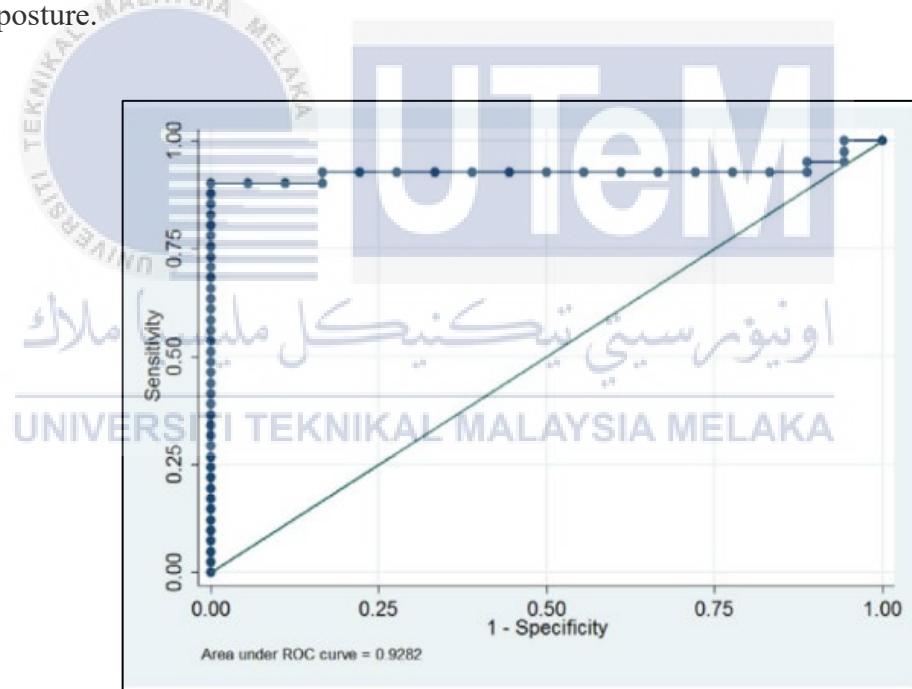
The purpose of the facts and findings section is to find articles related to project management systems. This section is divided into three parts, as shown in the diagram below: Domain, Existing Systems, and Technology.

#### 2.2.1 Domain

This part is to study the field with related project system. Predicting falls, preventing Parkinson's disease patients from freezing their stride, and using machine learning are all components of this study. The following is a collection of articles that are connected to the project, and the subject matter of each article is focused on a certain aspect of the system's domain.

### 2.2.1.1 Predictive model for falling in Parkinson disease patients

This article focuses primarily on the causes of falls in Parkinson's disease patients and identifies a model that can predict Parkinson's disease patients' falls and identify related factors. This is because the rate of falls reported in the community for Parkinson's patients is twice as high. In this study, multiple parameter classifications were used to identify the primary reason why subjects would fall and to compare falls to non-falls. In this test, their physical and psychological analysis revealed that 40.7% of the 59 patients were between the ages of 6 and 67. 30.5% of participants fell, and at least 6 had a history of more than one fall or a current fear of falling, did not exercise for more than 24 hours per week, and at least 54% had anomalous axial posture or body freezing. According to these findings, the final fall prediction model primarily distinguishes three categories, including gender, movement disorder, and aberrant axial posture.



**Figure 2.1 ROC curve for discrimination between faller and non-faller by means of the application of purposed multivariate model in 59 Parkinson's patients**