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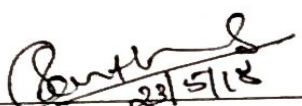
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## ABSTRACT

Agriculture is known as backbone of Indian economy. A large number of rural households depend upon agriculture as their primary source of livelihood. Recent advances in technology have made it possible to increase output as well as reduce dependence on manual labor. Fertilizers are chemical components which are not advisable to be touched in bare hands. When nitrogen based fertilizers are manually applied to roots, some will fall to bare land which leads to growth of weeds on those areas. The fertilizers which are essential for growth of plants are also causing the growth of weeds. These weeds are traditionally removed by manually plucking them. The solution derived from this project is to use grid system for sowing plants. This way it is easier to differentiate between plants and weeds. The robot can fertilize only the required area around root cavity, this avoids human error of spilling. In the grid system the positions of plants is known before so that any other plants can be considered as weeds and they can be removed.

Feeder-weeder for autonomous farming, considered a scenario where all of the work done on farms is automated by a group of autonomous robots working together in sync with each other. The concepts such as microcontroller programming, communication, path planning, sensor interfacing can be used. Agricultural field with many crops growing in it is considered in this project, some of these crops need to be fed red fertilizer and others need to be fed blue fertilizer. There are some weeds growing in the field which need to uprooted and disposed outside the field. Two fertilizing robots and a weed removing robot are deployed in the field. In order to make this system work more efficiently, the robots communicate between each other to share information and coordinate with each other.