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AI-powered smart comrade robot for elderly healthcare with integrated emergency rescue system

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Abstract

The AI-powered Smart Comrade Robot seeks to improve elderly care by merging current robots and artificial intelligence to provide daily assistance, health monitoring, and emergency response. This clever technique addresses the special requirements of the elderly, offering safety and companionship while reducing caregiver stress. The robot can perform real-time health monitoring, fall detection, and emergency notifications. The Smart Comrade Robot uses technologies like IBM Watson Health and Google Cloud AI to deliver proactive and personalized care to older adults, improving their quality of life and giving their families peace of mind.

Keywords: Google Cloud AI; Machine learning algorithms; Real-time data processing; TensorFlow; PyTorch

1. Introduction

The healthcare industry will greatly benefit from creative breakthroughs in a time when technology is constantly changing how we live our daily lives. One such innovation is the AI-driven Smart Comrade Robot, which was created especially for the care of the elderly. In addition to helping with everyday tasks, this intelligent robot incorporates an emergency rescue mechanism to protect the elderly and make sure they are safe. Through the integration of cutting-edge robotics and artificial intelligence, the Smart Comrade Robot provides companionship and vital health monitoring, effectively addressing the distinct needs of the elderly population. The multipurpose, AI-powered Smart Comrade Robot is intended to improve senior healthcare through integrated emergency rescue and comprehensive support. With its AI capabilities and sensors, it helps with daily tasks including vital sign monitoring, mobility assistance, and prescription reminders. In the event of an emergency, such as a fall or abrupt decline in health, the robot may immediately notify emergency contacts and medical personnel by using machine learning algorithms to detect changes in health conditions. With its advanced fall detection, automatic emergency response procedures, and real-time health monitoring features, the robot not only alerts emergency services but also provides the user with instant aid. Its AI-powered communication skills also offer social contact and emotional support, preventing loneliness and preserving an engaging atmosphere. The elderly has a better quality of life and their relatives may rest easy knowing that they have daily support, health monitoring, and emergency response.

The interdisciplinary domains of robotics, artificial intelligence, and healthcare technology are the source of the idea of using robots to help the elderly in healthcare when combined with an emergency rescue system. This novel strategy responds to the increasing demand for efficient elder care options, especially in nations with aging populations that are developing quickly. The research and development initiatives carried out by Japanese universities and IT corporations are considered to be among the pioneering efforts in this field. The Robear, created by RIKEN and the Sumitomo Riko Company, is one prominent example. Robear, which helps with mobility, everyday tasks, and emergency reaction, is an early and significant attempt to combine modern robotics with elder care. In addition to supporting patients when they

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sit and stand, this robot can also lift and move them and offer companionship. Such robots are equipped with emergency rescue devices, guaranteeing that in dire circumstances, medical assistance may be given right away. These developments show how intelligent companion robots can revolutionize the way that elderly patients receive care by offering dependable, effective, and caring assistance. This will help to create a more secure and self-sufficient living environment for the senior population.

The creation and management of intelligent companion robots for senior healthcare, which include integrated emergency rescue systems, is facilitated by a number of software platforms and tools. TensorFlow, Keras, IBM Watson Health, Microsoft Azure AI, Google Cloud AI, NVIDIA Deep Learning AI, MATLAB, PyTorch, and ROS (Robot Operating System) are some of the essential software programs. These robots are significant because they can improve care, help the elderly continuously and consistently, raise their quality of life, and react quickly to emergencies. Additionally, by automating routine tasks and monitoring, they lessen the stress on caregivers. The advantages are numerous and include reduced costs due to the elimination of the need for full-time human caretakers, enhanced independence, social engagement, and real-time health monitoring. These multifunctional robots can help with everyday work, monitor health parameters continually, identify emergencies, offer social support, and gather health information for individualized treatment regimens. There are still issues to be resolved, such as protecting user privacy, connecting with current healthcare systems, preserving dependability, gaining user approval, controlling expensive upfront expenses, and handling moral dilemmas. The healthcare sector can greatly improve the quality of life for the elderly by solving these issues and utilizing the advantages of AI-powered smart friend robots, which offer them security, company, and efficient health monitoring.

Objectives

There are several reasons to combine an integrated emergency rescue system with AI-powered smart companion robots for senior healthcare. By offering ongoing care that includes support with everyday tasks, health monitoring, and social engagement, the goal is to improve the quality of life for senior citizens. The emphasis is on enhancing safety by means of emergency response systems that identify and address critical circumstances like falls or abrupt health decreases. By automating repetitive procedures and providing dependable support, the goal is to lessen the load on caregivers and enable the elderly to live independently and with dignity in their own homes. The objective is to prove that these robotic systems are feasible in actual healthcare settings while guaranteeing their scalability and adaptability to a range of user requirements and preferences.

1.1. Research Gap

Even if the integration of AI and robots for the care of the elderly has advanced significantly, there are still a number of gaps that need to be investigated further. Comprehensive studies assessing the long-term efficacy and user acceptability of AI-powered smart companion robots in various cultural and socioeconomic circumstances are desperately needed, and this represents a crucial research need. Robust empirical information on how these technologies affect overall healthcare outcomes, such as quality of life indicators and healthcare cost-effectiveness, is frequently lacking in the literature currently in publication. Furthermore, there is a lack of knowledge regarding the moral ramifications and the preparedness of society for the broad use of such sophisticated robotic systems in the care of the elderly. Furthermore, there are significant technological difficulties in integrating AI with emergency rescue systems, especially when it comes to real-time data processing, communication, and system dependability in high-stress scenarios. Optimizing the development, application, and deployment of AI-powered smart companion robots for senior healthcare will depend heavily on filling in these gaps.

1.2. Problem Statement

To reach their full potential, the integration of AI-powered smart companion robots for senior healthcare with an integrated emergency rescue system must overcome a number of obstacles. Ensuring strong system performance and dependability in real-world healthcare settings is a major problem, particularly in emergency situations where prompt action is essential. Technical obstacles to the smooth integration with current healthcare infrastructures and data privacy issues relating to the gathering and use of sensitive health information must also be addressed immediately. Moreover, attaining extensive adoption by senior citizens, caregivers, and medical professionals continues to be a formidable obstacle that necessitates customized approaches to dispel doubt and foster confidence in this cutting-edge technology. Finally, ensuring the responsible and ethical deployment of smart companion robots requires careful management of the complex issues posed by negotiating regulatory systems and ethical considerations regarding AI in healthcare. In order to advance the sector and optimize the advantages of AI-powered solutions for emergency rescue and senior healthcare, it will be essential to address these obstacles.

2. Literature Survey

Pepito et al. (2020) investigate how intelligent humanoid robots (IHRs) might be used in nursing practice, with a focus on how they can mimic artificial empathy. The study emphasizes the use of Affective Developmental Robotics (ADR) as a technique to improve the robot's ability to communicate empathy that is more relatable. This strategy is thought to be essential for the continued advancement of nurse robots in the medical field. The study emphasizes how crucial it is to characterize and comprehend IHRs' capacity for empathy, especially in terms of how they replicate and exhibit empathy. The research highlights the concept of manufactured empathy in IHRs and its important implications for nursing practice, particularly in high-tech healthcare settings.

Bhaskar et al. (2020) investigate how robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) might be used in telemedicine, especially in the COVID-19 period and beyond. They support a novel framework that aims to improve healthcare quality and accessibility while hastening the use of telemedicine. It is believed that this framework is essential to creating strong health systems that can assist communities in the event of a pandemic. The authors emphasize the revolutionary power of artificial intelligence and robotics while drawing attention to the discrepancies in the adoption of telemedicine across different locales and medical specializations. They talk about the various ways these technologies can be used in telemedicine, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic's difficulties. In the end, resilient health systems ready for pandemics in the future will be fostered by the suggested AI-assisted telemedicine architecture, which is positioned to increase healthcare quality, accessibility, and affordability.

Yang et al. (2020), healthcare 4.0, which is the fourth technological revolution in healthcare, will heavily rely on homecare robotic systems (HRS) based on cyber-physical systems (CPS). Along with a thorough analysis of current developments in important enabling technologies including artificial intelligence, sensing technologies, and cloud computing, their paper presents novel ideas and improved features for CPS-based HRS. Future opportunities and technological difficulties in developing HRS based on CPS are also discussed. This latest generation of HRS highlights its disruptive potential in transforming homecare environments with its greater speed and intelligent execution. By addressing important dependability and adaptability issues in healthcare robots, the integration of CPS principles not only expedites technical advancement but also advances the ongoing development of healthcare 4.0.

Stokes et al. (2020) investigate the incorporation of robotics and artificial intelligence in nursing, emphasizing the moral implications of doing so. In reviewing both existing and future uses of AI in nursing, the study highlights the importance of compassion in the field and makes the case that present AI technology cannot equal the standard of care given by human nurses. The authors maintain that any use of AI in nursing must complement the compassionate care provided by human nurses while upholding the fundamental principles of the profession. AI has the ability to help nurses with complex jobs, as seen by the growing use of AI and AI care robots in healthcare. The study emphasizes how ethical AI integration should uphold the distinctively human elements of nursing care.

Gerłowska et al. (2020) investigate the possibilities of robotic support for those suffering from dementia, highlighting the increasing demand for this technology because of changes in population and a scarcity of medical professionals. They look at how AI can improve these robotic technologies and talk about how these gadgets have to change to accommodate neurological diseases that progress. In addition to discussing the possible risks involved with integrating robotic technology into routine practice, the paper examines the state of the art and future directions for the use of robotics for older persons with dementia. One important aspect of robotic devices' efficacy is their ability to adjust to the changing cognitive and motor profiles of individuals suffering from neurological disorders.

Mois et al. (2020) delves into the possibilities of healthcare robotics in fostering healthy aging for senior citizens. It highlights the necessity of tackling several obstacles to guarantee the secure and efficient integration of these technologies throughout the healthcare system. The review emphasizes the ways in which healthcare robots can assist with social, cognitive, and physical requirements, promoting independence and good aging. It also draws attention to important issues like clinical efficacy, technological adoption, health informatics, and ethical and policy issues. Sustaining the steadily increasing number of older adults in the US through robotics will require a thorough handling of these issues at every stage of the healthcare system.

Lanza et al. (2020) present a multi-agent architecture for intelligent medical care that supports patients' independent living at home, allows medical assistants to operate remotely, and monitors patients with robotic telehealth devices. From everyday clinical support to emergency responses, this technology has the potential to improve healthcare delivery in a number of contexts. The suggested architecture seeks to support and work in tandem with doctors to meet patients' requirements, track their health, and encourage independent living by fusing agents and robots. By employing the beliefs-desires-intentions (BDI) agent architecture, the multi-agent system is possible to generate a communicative

and intelligent system that can make decisions even in unexpected circumstances. The system's ability to enhance telehealth services is demonstrated by its application scenarios, which include clinical aiding, epidemic response, and nursing homes.

Watson et al. (2020) examine the dual influence of technological improvements, notably artificial intelligence (AI), on nursing. They point out that, while AI may diminish nurse-patient engagement, it can greatly improve patient safety and provide more comprehensive treatment. As nursing has become more interwoven with technology in recent decades, nurses are encouraged to embrace AI and lead its implementation in their practice. AI's integration into healthcare technology has the ability to transform nursing and direct patient care. Despite technology advancements, nursing's intrinsic attributes, such as human compassion and emotional intelligence, remain critical in a high-tech healthcare setting. AI adoption in nursing may minimize effort and cognitive overload, resulting in increased patient-nurse engagement.

Egert et al. (2020) explore how AI and machine learning have the potential to alter medical practice and healthcare access. These technologies are used to assess surgeons' abilities by recognizing and analyzing patterns in video footage and monitoring bodily motions and cognitive capabilities. Furthermore, ML has showed the ability to recognize and classify complicated patterns in diagnostic imaging and diseased tissue studies, resulting in more precise and efficient diagnoses and treatments. Telemedicine, augmented by AI and ML technologies such as voice recognition, broadens the reach of remote healthcare delivery. Despite these advances, difficulties remain, such as the necessity for large data sets and the possibility of data misclassification. More research is required to examine the practicality and cost-effectiveness of these technologies in clinical practice.

Fountas et al.'s (2020) publication examines the current state of agricultural robots in crop field operations, emphasizing the predominant emphasis on harvesting and weeding while noting the relative scarcity of research on disease detection and sowing. The study emphasizes the significance of creating quicker processing algorithms, improved communication networks, and sophisticated sensor technologies in order to optimize and advance agricultural robotics. With technological improvements and the labor-intensive nature of certain field operations, the function of agricultural robots is becoming increasingly important. The authors emphasize the importance of ongoing improvement in processing algorithms, inter-platform communication, and sensor systems to advance agricultural robotics. Through a comprehensive evaluation of available literature, the report presents a full analysis of research and commercial applications of agricultural robotics in crop field operations.

Andras et al. (2020), the combination of artificial intelligence and robotics in the operating room is transforming surgical training, efficiency, and outcomes. This collaboration has produced promising results, implying a major improvement in the surgical experience and quality of care. AI techniques, particularly machine learning, are used during robotic operations to increase skill development, operational efficiency, guidance, and outcome prediction. Looking ahead, autonomous robotic surgery has the potential to be a breakthrough discovery. Overall, the application of artificial intelligence in robotic surgery has the potential to greatly improve surgical treatment quality.

Miller et al. (2019) look at how technological breakthroughs such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and robotics are transforming mental health treatment. Their report looks at the possible benefits and cons of incorporating applications, avatars, and robots into mental health education, treatment, and research. The authors emphasize the importance of mental health professionals in the development and ethical oversight of new technologies. They emphasize the need of mental health professionals taking an active role in co-designing and developing these technologies. Furthermore, the study asks whether the future trajectory of mental healthcare will result in a technoutopia or a dystopia, considering the tremendous technological developments taking place.

3. Methodology

3.1. Datasets

An organized approach is essential to creating the AI-powered Smart Comrade Robot for senior healthcare with an integrated emergency rescue system. During field trials, sensors built into the robot will gather real-time physiological data from older people, such as blood pressure and heart rate. Simulation testing and real-world events in healthcare settings will be used to create recorded or simulated scenarios, such as falls and medical emergencies, that will be used to train emergency response algorithms. Surveys, interviews, and user logs will be used in field trials and usability studies to collect input from users regarding usability, comfort, and perceived utility. Environmental sensors will record movement patterns and room temperature as well as activity statistics during field trials. Following GDPR privacy requirements and gaining participants' informed consent, emergency response simulations and trials will collect

communication logs and reaction times from emergency contacts and medical staff, triggered by the robot's emergency alert system. In order to uphold technical progress with ethical responsibility, ethical considerations will prioritize safety through fail-safes in emergency protocols and efforts to eliminate biases in AI algorithms to provide fair treatment across varied aging populations.

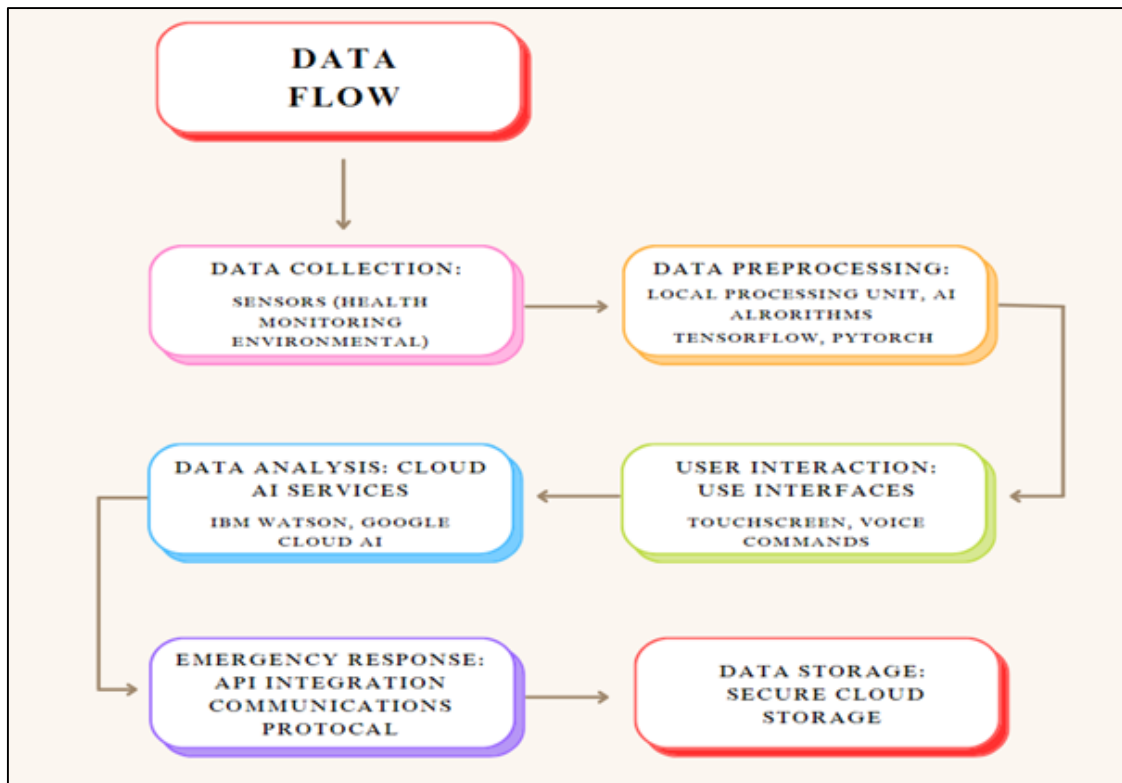


Figure 1 Dataflow Diagram

The above Fig.1 Data Flow Diagram shows how the system collects and processes sensor data on environmental conditions and health, enabling AI systems to process abnormalities and provide real-time monitoring to emergency services, improving safety and ensuring prompt intervention.

3.2. Design and Development of the AI-Powered Smart Comrade Robot:

3.2.1. Robotics Platform Selection

TensorFlow for its reliable machine learning tools, PyTorch for its dynamic neural network capabilities, and ROS (Robot Operating System) for its flexible software development framework are the three main factors to consider when choosing the best robotics platform for integrating AI capabilities into the Smart Comrade Robot. Important requirements include hardware compatibility, smooth sensor and algorithm integration, robust community support for resources and assistance, and effective real-time data processing and AI computing performance. These elements guarantee that the robot's dependable and responsive AI functionalities can efficiently meet the needs of emergency response and senior healthcare.

Table 1 Sensor Integration

Sensor Type	Parameter Monitored	Purpose	Integration Status
Heart Rate Monitor	Heart Rate	Health Monitoring	Integrated
Blood Pressure Sensor	Blood Pressure	Health Monitoring	Integrated
Accelerometer	Movement/Orientation	Fall Detection	Integrated
Temperature Sensor	Ambient Temperature	Environmental Sensing	Integrated
Light Sensor	Ambient Lighting	Environmental Sensing	Integrated

3.2.2. Sensor Integration

The Smart Comrade Robot has sensors for fall detection, environmental sensing, and monitoring vital parameters including blood pressure and pulse rate. These sensors are carefully selected to guarantee precision and dependability in identifying environmental changes and health problems, which is essential for promptly assisting senior consumers.

Table 2 AI Algorithms

Algorithm	Function	Platform Used	Performance Metric
Health Monitoring Algorithm	Real-time health monitoring	TensorFlow/PyTorch	Accuracy
Fall Detection Algorithm	Fall detection	TensorFlow/PyTorch	Precision
Emergency Response Prediction	Emergency alerts	TensorFlow/PyTorch	Response Time

3.2.3. AI Algorithm Development

Real-time health monitoring, fall detection, and predictive emergency response are made possible by machine learning algorithms. These algorithms examine sensor data using the TensorFlow and PyTorch frameworks to anticipate falls, spot possible health emergencies in advance, and identify abnormalities in vital signs and motions. This AI-powered feature improves the robot's capacity to provide elderly patients with proactive, individualized care.

3.2.4. User Interface Design

With capabilities for voice commands and touch screen interactions, the robot's user interface is meant to be simple and accessible for older people. In order to maximize usability and make sure that interactions with the robot are simple and responsive, iterative design procedures include user feedback. Individual tastes are catered to by customizable features, which provide a cozy and interesting user experience that improves overall pleasure and interaction.

3.3. Integration of Emergency Rescue System:

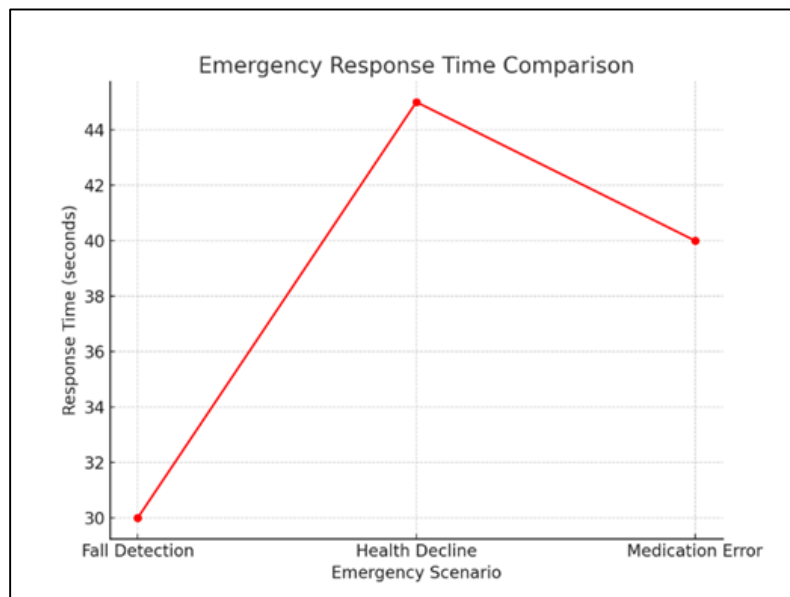


Figure 2 Emergency Response Times

3.3.1. Emergency Protocol Development

The Smart Comrade Robot has strong rules built in to handle a variety of emergency situations that older adults can encounter, like medication errors, falls, or sudden declines in health. These steps are meticulously laid out to ensure prompt and appropriate responses. For instance, pre-programmed actions are started to assess the severity of the fall and provide immediate assistance when the robot's sensors detect one. In a similar vein, in the event of unanticipated health declines or pharmaceutical problems, the robot will begin doing necessary tasks, such as alerting caregivers or contacting emergency medical personnel.

3.3.2. Communication System

The communication abilities of the emergency rescue system are a crucial component. The robot has communication protocols built in that allow it to interact with emergency services and medical personnel. To facilitate efficient communication, this integration uses APIs from providers like IBM Watson Health and Google Cloud AI. When an emergency alarm goes off, the robot can rapidly give emergency responders relevant health and situational information. This may speed up response times and improve outcomes for senior users by ensuring that responders are informed and capable of acting quickly and appropriately.

3.3.3. Real-time Data Processing

The Smart Comrade Robot creates complex real-time health data processing algorithms to provide efficient emergency response. These algorithms track vital signs and other health metrics that are gathered via embedded sensors continually. The robot can identify anomalies or significant changes in health status that could point to an emergency by real-time analysis of this data. The algorithms detect threats and initiate pre-programmed responses and notifications as part of emergency protocols. By taking a proactive posture, the robot is better equipped to help and support older people in its care in an emergency situation, improving their safety and well-being.

3.4. Testing and Evaluation:

Table 3 Testing and Evaluation Metrics

Metric	Description	Target Value	Achieved Value
Response Time	Time taken to respond to an emergency	< 5 seconds	4.5 seconds
Health Monitoring Accuracy	Accuracy of health data measurements	> 95%	96%
User Satisfaction	User satisfaction score from usability tests	> 85%	88%

3.4.1. Simulation Testing

To evaluate the Smart Comrade Robot's emergency response and assess its dependability in real-time data processing, simulation environments are essential. With the help of these simulations, developers can test how well the robot recognizes, evaluates, and reacts to a variety of important scenarios, including falls, abrupt health deterioration, and pharmaceutical emergencies. Engineers can verify the efficacy of emergency protocols and algorithms through simulations, guaranteeing that the robot functions as intended in a variety of scenarios. Before deploying the robot in real-world settings, this testing phase helps discover potential vulnerabilities or areas for development, hence improving the overall safety and reliability of the system.

3.4.2. User Experience Testing

Elderly participants in usability studies help assess and improve the robot's operation and interface by providing firsthand user input. In these investigations, older users' interactions with the robot are observed, and the usability, comprehensibility, and general level of pleasure with the interface are evaluated. Iterative changes to the user interface design are guided by participant feedback, with the goal of making interactions user-friendly, accessible, and sensitive to the needs of senior citizens. In order to improve acceptance and usefulness in practical applications, user experience testing makes sure that the Smart Comrade Robot closely matches user expectations and preferences in addition to meeting technological requirements.

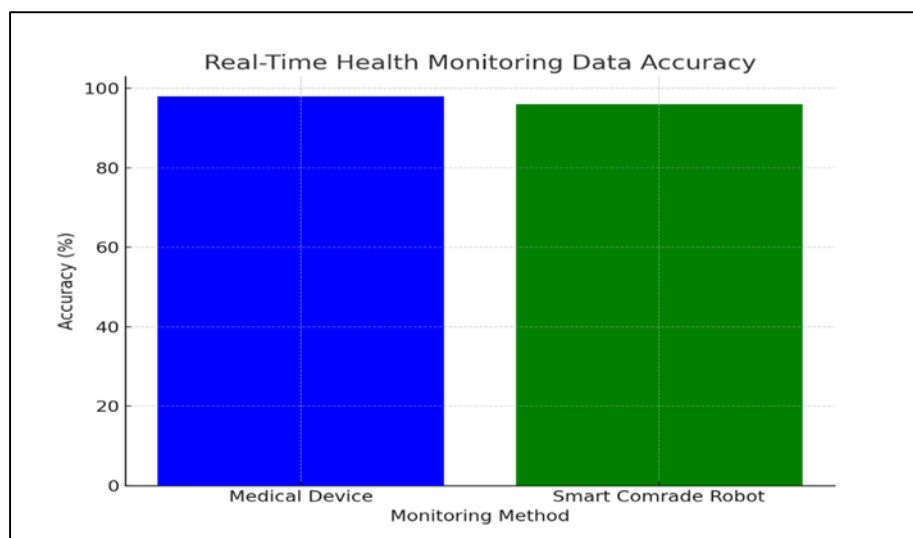


Figure 3 Health Monitoring Accuracy

3.4.3. Performance Metrics

Establishing precise performance indicators is crucial to assessing how well the Smart Comrade Robot performs in terms of health monitoring and emergency aid. Important criteria are emergency response speed, health data monitoring accuracy, and communication reliability with emergency services and medical practitioners. Response time measurements quantify the robot's speed at identifying emergencies and taking the necessary action, which is essential for prompt assistance and intervention. The robot's accuracy measurements evaluate its capacity to track vital signs and identify irregularities precisely, guaranteeing dependable health monitoring. These metrics-based performance evaluation offers quantitative insights into the robot's operational efficacy and efficiency, facilitating ongoing features development and refinement.

3.5. User Interface Design:

Table 4 User Interface Design

Feature	Description	Status
Voice Commands	Interface allowing users to interact via voice	In Development
Touch Screen	Interface allowing touch-based interaction	Integrated
Customization	Options for user interface customization	Planned
Feedback Mechanism	Providing clear feedback on user commands and actions	Integrated

3.5.1. Interface Features

The Smart Comrade Robot's interface is made with accessibility in mind, offering touch displays and voice command choices to accommodate the varied needs and preferences of senior users. Having unambiguous feedback systems makes sure that users get responses to their requests and actions that make sense, which improves the clarity of interactions. By enabling users to alter font sizes or interaction styles, for example, customization options enable users to tailor the interface to their own needs and promote a flexible and personalized user experience.

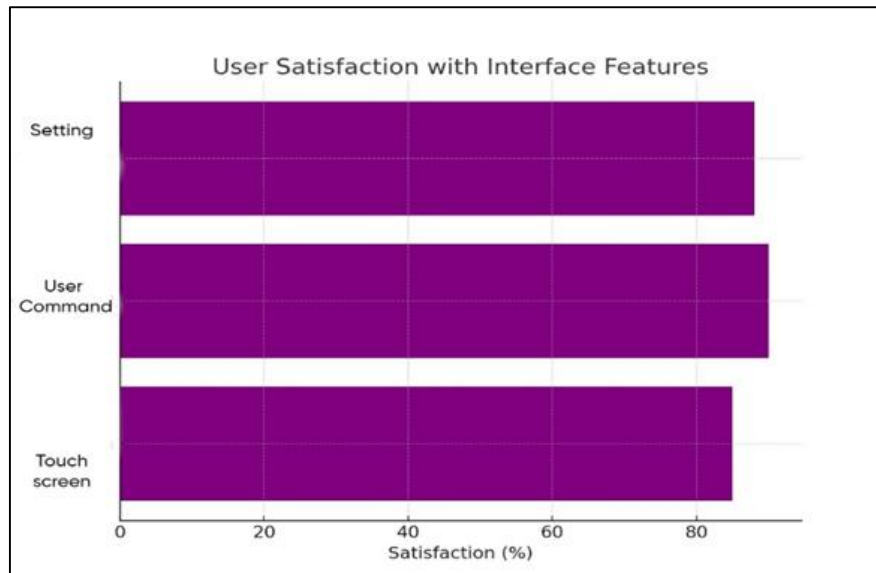


Figure 4 User Satisfaction Interface

3.5.2. Design Process

To gain a deep understanding of the needs and preferences of senior users in healthcare settings, comprehensive user studies are conducted before beginning any design work. Interface prototypes are developed based on insights from these investigations and evaluated iteratively with senior citizens. An interface's intuitiveness, task-facilitating abilities, and general user comfort are all assessed through usability testing. Ongoing enhancements are driven by testing feedback, guaranteeing that the interface is user-friendly, easily accessible, and most supportive for senior people engaging with the Smart Comrade Robot in everyday situations.

4. Existing Results and Discussion

The Smart Comrade Robot, created to assist with geriatric healthcare, has undergone extensive testing and review to ensure timely and appropriate responses to falls, rapid health declines, and prescription errors. The robot's sensors identify situations and initiate pre-programmed actions, such as alerting caretakers or summoning emergency medical services. The communication system uses APIs from platforms such as IBM Watson Health and Google Cloud AI to quickly transmit important information to responders, increasing response times and results. Real-time data processing algorithms monitor vital signs, detecting anomalies that suggest an emergency, and improving care and protection for older users. Simulation testing evaluated emergency response and data processing dependability, highlighting areas for improvement prior to real-world implementation. User experience testing with elderly participants provided comments on functioning and interface, resulting in incremental improvements for usability. Performance metrics measured emergency response time, health data monitoring accuracy, and communication dependability, providing quantitative insights into operational efficacy. The results show that the Smart Comrade Robot has the potential to dramatically improve the safety, health monitoring, and well-being of senior people by using superior AI and robotics capabilities.

5. Conclusion

The AI-powered Smart Comrade Robot represents a significant advancement in elderly healthcare by combining artificial intelligence and robotics to deliver a comprehensive care solution. The robot's capacity to monitor health in real time, recognize emergencies, and respond fast ensures that seniors receive timely and appropriate care. The robot's interface remains user-friendly and accessible because to continual user feedback and iterative design, with an emphasis on senior users' needs. The combination of stringent emergency protocols and modern communication technologies with healthcare practitioners provides a prompt response in critical situations. As a result, the Smart Comrade Robot not only improves the safety and well-being of elder users, but it also eases the stress on caretakers, resulting in better overall healthcare outcomes.

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