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# **Smart Obstacle Avoidance with IOT-Enabled Robot**

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**ABSTRACT:** The rapid advancement in robotics technology has spurred the advancement of autonomous systems capable of navigating complex environments. This paper presents the design, development, and implementation of an obstacle- avoiding robot using Arduino microcontroller. The primary objective is to create an intelligent robotic system capable of autonomously avoiding obstacles in real-time. The robot is equipped with ultrasonic sensors to detect obstacles in its proximity, and an Arduino microcontroller processes the sensor data to make real- time decisions for navigation. The control algorithm employs a simple yet effective obstacle avoidance strategy, allowing the robot to adapt to dynamic environments. The hardware integration includes motor control using a motor driver module to facilitate precise movement. The software implementation involves programming the Arduino using the Arduino IDE to execute the obstacle avoidance algorithm. Experimental results demonstrate the robot's ability to navigate through an array of environments while effectively avoiding obstacles.

KEYWORDS: Obstacle-Avoiding, Arduino, Ultrasonic Sensor, Algorithm.

# I. INTRODUCTION

This concise abstract provides a brief over view of an obstacle-avoiding robot built using Arduino. It highlights the key components, functionality, and potential by leveraging Arduino's versatility and Obstacle-avoiding robots are often used in various applications, including educational projects, prototyping, and as a basis for more complex robotic systems. Interfacing DC motors with Arduino using the L293D DC motor driver is a straightforward process. The L298 serves as a DC motor driver, facilitating the rotation of motors in clockwise or counter clockwise directions. Its functionality extends to maneuvering the robot to the right, left, reverse, or straight directions. This component presents an excellent choice for driving multiple motors via Arduino, finding applications in projects like four-wheeled robots. The ultrasonic sensor functions as a distance measurement tool, employing ultrasonic waves for distance calculation. Specifically, the HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensor consists of both a transmitter and a receiver for ultrasonic waves. It gauges distance by measuring the reflection time of ultrasonic waves from the transmitter to the receiver.

#### a. OBSTACLE AVOIDANCE

In our pursuit of achieving obstacle avoidance within the system, a critical component employed is the Ultrasonic distance sensors seamlessly integrated into the architecture. This sensor serves as the eyes of the robotic system, facilitating the detection of obstacles within its vicinity through the utilization of sonar technology. The intricate setup involves the Ultrasonic distance sensor being meticulously connected to the L298D motor shield, this subsequently led to interfaces with the Arduino UNO, orchestrating a synchronized and responsive obstacle avoidance mechanism. Functionally, the Ultrasonic distance sensor operates on the principle of non-contact ultrasound sonar to precisely gauge the gap among the robot and potential obstacles in its path. Comprising two transmitters, a sophisticated control circuit, and a receiver, the sensor emits high-frequency ultrasonic waves in to the environment. Upon encountering an obstacle, these waves bounce back and are detected by the receiver, allowing the system to calculate the distance determined by the duration of the signal to travel to the obstacle and back.

This dynamic technology ensures that the robot can intelligently perceive and respond to its surroundings, avoiding collisions by constantly evaluating the distances between itself and potential obstacles. The adaptability of the system resides within the. Coding algorithm, where the user can fine-tune the parameters to customize the detection distance according to specific operational requirements. The versatility of this Ultrasonic distance sensor not only contributes to effective obstacle avoidance but also lays the foundation for a broad spectrum of uses in robotics, where precise distance measurements are paramount for safe and autonomous navigation.



# **b. BLUETOOTH IMPLEMENTATION**

The Bluetooth implementation in our system is realized through the incorporation of a Bluetooth module, specifically for the intent of enabling seamless communication between the robotic system and external devices. This integration is particularly crucial for the successful implementation of our project, enhancing its functionality and allowing for remote control through the Arduino Bluetooth RC Car application. At the core of this implementation is the Blue- tooth module, which acts as a bridge between the robotic system and the user's mobile device. The Bluetooth module facilitates wireless data trans- mission, allowing users to interact with the robot using the Arduino Bluetooth RC Car application. This application serves as a user-friendly interface, enabling control and navigation commands to be sent effortlessly from the mobile device to the robot.

The Bluetooth module utilized in our setup adheres to the widely adopted Serial Communication Protocol, ensuring a reliable and efficient data exchange between the robot and the mobile device. This seamless connectivity empowers users to maneuver the robot with ease, providing directional control and real-time interaction. The Arduino Bluetooth RC Car application serves as a versatile tool, offering features such as directional controls, speed adjustments, and possibly additional functionalities depending on the project specifications.

The integration of Bluetooth this technology not just improves the user experience by enabling remote control but also opens up possibilities for future expansions and integrations with other Bluetooth- enabled devices. The dynamic nature of this implementation showcases the adaptability and versatility of our robotic system, emphasizing its potential for a wide array applications beyond simple obstacle avoidance.

## c. VOICE CONTROLLER IMPLEMENTION

Our project takes a leap forward in user interaction by incorporating a Voice Controller implemented through the incorporation of the Arduino Bluetooth Control application. This innovative feature allows users to interact with the robotic system effortlessly using voice commands, enhancing the user experience and expanding the versatility of our project.

The Voice Controller implementation relies on the synergy between the Arduino based system and the Arduino Bluetooth Control application. This application acts as a conduit for receiving voice commands from the user's mobile device and translating them into actionable instructions for the robot. The seamless integration of this voice control mechanism enhances the intuitiveness and accessibility of our robotic system.

The Arduino Bluetooth Control application provides a user-friendly interface for configuring voice commands, allowing for customization based on the project's specific requirements. This implementation not only adds a layer of sophistication to our robotic system but also showcases its adaptability for diverse applications, ranging from home automation to educational robotics.

# **II. LITERATURE SURVEY**

[1]A human- tracking robot using ultra-wide band technology (2018) A human-tracking robot utilizing Ultra-Wideband (UWB) technology represents as sophisticated and innovative application in the realm of robotics and autonomous systems. This cutting-edge approach leverages UWB, a wireless communication technology known for its accuracy in distance measurement and precision localization capabilities. [2] Efficient people tracking in laser range data using a multi-hypothesis leg tracker with adaptive occlusion probabilities (2015) efficient people tracking in laser range data is achieved through a sophisticated multi-hypothesis leg tracker incorporating adaptive occlusion probabilities. This innovative approach leverages laser range data for precise localization of individuals, with a specific focus on tracking legs as distinctive features. The multi-hypothesis framework enhances tracking robustness by considering multiple potential hypotheses for leg positions, accommodating uncertainties in the data. [3] A novel vision-based tracking algorithm for a human- following mobile robot (2018) A novel vision-based tracking algorithm for a human-following mobile robot presents a ground breaking approach in the field of robotics, particularly in the domain of human-robot interaction and navigation. This algorithm leverages advanced computer vision techniques to enable the robot to autonomously track and follow a human target with a high with a significant level of. [4] Nonlinear control of unicyclelike robots for person following (2013) the control strategy for person following typically involves developing a



mathematical model of the unicycle-like robot and implementing a control law that guides the robot to track the person's movements. Nonlinear control methods, such as model predictive control (MPC), proportional- integral- derivative (PID) control, or feedback linearization, are commonly employed to handle the inherent nonlinearities in the robot's dynamics. [5] A method for crowd avoidance employing circular paths to ensure resilience person following (2015) a crowd avoidance method using a circular avoidance path for robust person following represents an innovative approach to enhancing the safety and efficiency of a person following robot in crowded environments. The method utilizes a circular path to navigate around groups of people, ensuring robust and adaptable avoidance behavior. Research in this area could contribute to the advancement of safer and more reliable autonomous systems for human- robot interaction in various contexts, such as navigation in crowded public spaces, assistance for people with mobility impairments

Predictive collision avoidance for the dynamic window approach (2019) Predictive collision avoidance for the Dynamic Window Approach (DWA) represents an enhancement to the traditional DWA algorithm, integrating predictive capabilities to anticipate and avoid potential collisions in real-time. The DWA is a local navigation algorithm commonly used in mobile robotics, and the addition of predictive collision avoidance aims to improve its performance in dynamic environments. It anticipates the robot's position and potential collisions with obstacles in the environment, allowing the algorithm to proactively adjust the robot's velocity to avoid obstacles before they be- come immediate threats.

# **III. PROBLEM STATEMENT**

- a) The current landscape of warehouse logistics is hindered by the lack of efficient and intelligent systems for navigating through cluttered and dynamic environments.
- b) Our project endeavors to revolutionize warehouse automation by implementing obstacle avoidance in an IoTenabled robot, allowing it to autonomously navigate through complex spaces.
- c) Leveraging advanced sensor technologies, such as LiDAR and ultrasonic sensors, the robot can dynamically sense and respond to obstacles in its path, ensuring smooth and collision-free movement.
- d) This inventive approach not just not only improves operational efficiency but also reduces the likelihood of damage to goods, promoting a safer and more productive ware-house environment.
- e) The integration of IoT enables real-time data ex- change, allowing the robot to adapt its navigation strategy derived from the constantly changing warehouse layout, ultimately optimizing the logistics workflow and preventing costly disruptions.

#### IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Enhanced sensor capabilities: The suggested system incorporates advanced sensors such as infrared or LIDAR sensors, providing improved obstacle detection range and accuracy.

Intelligent algorithm optimization: The obstacle avoidance algorithm in the system under consideration. is optimized to handle complex environments, dynamically adjusting the robot's movements to navigate efficiently and avoid obstacles effectively.

Integration involving machine learning methods: The proposed system utilizes machine learning algorithms to enable the robot to learn and adapt to different environments, enhancing its obstacle avoidance capabilities and overall performance.

Robust mechanical design: The system being suggested focuses on a robust mechanical design, utilizing durable materials and protective measures to ensure the robot can withstand collisions and operate reliably in challenging conditions.

Expansion of functionality and applications: The pro- posed system allows for the integration of additional attributes like mapping, path planning, or wireless communication, expanding the robot's capabilities and enabling applications in areas like search and rescue, surveillance, or industrial automation.



# V. HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

#### a. Arduino UNO

The Arduino Uno stands as a quintessential microcontroller board renowned for its versatility and user-friendly design, making it a cornerstone in the realm of electronics and embedded systems. Developed by the open-source Arduino project, the Uno is equipped with the ATmega328P micro- controller, offering a robust platform for hobbyists, students, and professionals alike to bring their creative ideas to life. Featuring 14 digital input/output pins, 6 analog inputs, and a USB connection for programming and power, the Arduino Uno seamlessly integrates into a wide array of projects. Its simplicity is complemented by an extensive com- munity of developers and an abundance of readily available libraries and resources, facilitating swift and accessible prototyping.

Whether used for educational purposes, prototyping electronic devices, or as the brain of interactive art installations, the Arduino Uno's adaptability, affordability, and extensive support make it a stalwart choice in the world of microcontrollers, empowering individuals to explore and innovate in the exciting field of electronics.



#### Fig.1ArduinoUno

### b. L293D Motor Driver

The L293D is a popular integrated circuit (IC) motor driver, widely used in robotics and electronic projects to control the movement of DC motors. Developed by Texas Instruments, the L293D serves as a dual H- bridge motor driver, capable of driving two motors bi- directionally or a single motor bidirectional with in- creased current capacity. Its design is particularly ad- vantages for projects involving motorized systems, such as robotic vehicles or automated devices. The L293D chip comprises four high-current half-H bridges, each capable of delivering up to 600mA of continuous current and 1.2A of peak current. These H- bridges enable the motor to move forward, backward, or come to a complete stop, providing flexibility in mo- tor control. The IC also incorporates diodes to protect against voltage the motor during deceleration, enhancing spikes generated by the overall reliability of the motorcontrolsystem. Onenotable feature of the L293D is its compatibility with various microcontrollers, including popular platforms like Arduino. It is commonly used in conjunction with microcontrollers to simplify the control of motors in robotics and mechatronics projects.

The ease of integration and the ability to control multiple motors make the L293D motor driver an ideal choice applications that require precise and responsive motor control.





**Fig.2 Motor Driver** 

### c. Ultrasonic Sensor

An ultrasonic sensor serves as a versatile and widely used device that operates on the principle of sound waves in the ultrasonic frequency range for distance measurement and object detection. This technology relies on the transmission and reception of ultrasonic waves, typically beyond the range of human hearing, to determine the distance among the sensor and an object. Ultra-sonic sensors find extensive applications in various fields, including robotics, automation, automotive, and industrial processes. The basic construction of an ultrasonic sensor involves a transducer, which serves both as a transmitter and a receiver of ultrasonic waves. The sensor emits ultrasonic pulses into the surrounding environment. When these pulses encounter when they encounter an object, they reflect back to the. sensor. The sensor calculates the duration of the waves to travel to the object and back, and using the speed of sound, it determines the distance. One key advantage of ultrasonic sensors is their non-contact nature, allowing them to be employed in applications where physical contact is undesirable. They prove particularly beneficial for obstacle avoidance in robotics, parking assistance in automobiles, liquid level measurement, and industrial automation processes. The ability to operate in various environmental conditions, such as darkness or low visibility, makes ultrasonic sensors highly reliable for a variety of applications.



Fig.3UltrasonicSensor



## d. Bluetooth Module

A Bluetooth module is a hardware component designed to enable communication wirelessly among electronic devices within short distances. Operating in the 2.4 GHz frequency band, Bluetooth technology facilitates data exchange and communication through radio waves. The modules typically offer a communication range of upto100meters, though effective distance can vary due to factors like power, obstadcles, and interference. Bluetooth technology has evolved through versions such as 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 4.2, 5.0, and beyond, each bringing improvements in data transfer rates, power efficiency, and security. Devices utilizing Bluetooth ad- here to standardized profiles, defining their communication protocols. Applications of Bluetooth modules span diverse domains, including wireless audio streaming, file transfers, hands-free communication in vehicles, and integration into Internet of Things (IoT) de- vices. Noteworthy is the focus on reducing power consumption in Bluetooth Low Energy(LE) versions, catering to battery-powered devices. Popular manufacturers of Bluetooth modules include Nordic Semiconductor ,Texas Instruments, and Silicon Labs. With universal compatibility and security features like encryption during pairing, Bluetooth modules play a crucial role in fostering seamless connectivity and interoperability among a wide array of electronic devices.



**Fig.4Bluetooth Module** 

#### e. Servo Motor

A servo motor is a specialized electric motor designed for precise control of angular or linear position, velocity, and acceleration. This closed-loop system incorporates a regular electric motor, a feedback mechanism like a potentiometer or encoder, a control system, and gears. The servo motor operates by continuously comparing its actual position, provided by the feedback device, with the desired position. If a disparity is detected, the control system sends signals to the motor, prompting adjustments until the desired and actual positions align. Renowned for their accuracy and precision, servo motors are utilized across various applications demanding controlled motion.

They come in different types, including DC and AC servo motors, as well as brushed and brushless variants, each serving specific needs. Common applications span robotics, industrial automation, aerospace, and consumer electronics. Servo control systems often employ PID algorithms for optimized performance, and feedback devices such as encoders or potentiometer splay a crucial role in providing accurate position information. Overall, servo motors are indispensable components in systems requiring meticulous and reliable motion control.



**Fig.5 Servo Motor** 



#### f. Gear Motor

A gear motor is a mechanical system that combines an electric motor with a gear box to achieve specific speed, torque, and direction requirements in various applications. The electric motor serves as the primary power source, while the gearbox, consisting of gear sand often a series of reductions, modifies the motor's output to meet the desired parameters. Gear motors are designed to optimize mechanical power, making them suitable for tasks requiring precise control over rotational speed and increased torque. The choice of gear ratio within the gearbox influences the motor's output characteristics, enabling customization for diverse applications. Common applications for gear motors include conveyor systems, robotics, automotive mechanisms, and various industrial processes where controlled motion and power transmission are essential. The gear motor's versatility, efficiency, and ability to adapt to specific performance needs make it a fundamental component in many mechanical systems across different industries.



**Fig.6 Gear Motor** 

#### g. LI-ION Battery

A lithium-ion battery (Li-ion) is a rechargeable energy storage device that has become ubiquitous in modern electronics and portable devices. Comprising a cathode, an anode, and an electrolyte, Li-ion batteries leverage the movement of lithium ions between the electrodes during charging and discharging cycles. The use of lithium ions allows for high energy density, providing a lightweight and efficient power source. Li-ion batteries are commonly found in smart phones, laptops, electric vehicles, and a myriad of other consumer electronics due to their ability to deliver a reliable and long-lasting power supply. They exhibit a relatively low self-discharge rate and a lack of the "memory effect" observed in some other battery types, allowing for more flexible usage patterns. However, it's important to note that Li-ion batteries require careful management to prevent issues such as overcharging or overheating, and advancements in battery technology continue to address safety concerns and enhance performance. Overall, the widespread adoption of lithium-ion batteries has significantly contributed to the portability and convenience of electronic devices in the modern era.



Fig.7 Lithium-Ion Battery



### h. Hardware Implementation of the Car



#### **Fig.8Final Outcome**

#### VI. SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

In the software implementation process, the initial step involves setting up and configuring the Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) to facilitate code development. This includes initializing the micro-controller's settings and configuring pins to establish a foundation for subsequent programming. The code is written in C/C++ programming language.

Following this, motor and sensor functions are created to enable precise control over the system's motors, managing both speed and direction. Integration of various sensors such as ultrasonic, cameras, gyros, and accelerometers is then executed to collect and interpret data, providing the system with a comprehensive understanding of its environment.

Decision algorithms play a pivotal role in the next phase, enabling the system to make in formed decisions based on the gathered sensor data. These algorithms of- ten involve logical structures for tasks like obstacle avoidance, contributing to the system's autonomy and adaptability. Communication handling functions are concurrently developed to establish seamless interaction with external devices or enable remote control, broadening the scope of the system's capabilities.

As the software development progresses, emphasis is placed on system integration, error handling, and power management. The project concludes with the software implementation of an intelligent obstacle avoidance system integrated into an IoT-enabled robot, utilizing Arduino C/C++ programming.

The culmination of this project results in the successful implementation of a crowd avoidance method utilizing circular avoidance paths for robust person-following.



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**Fig9. Software Application** 

# **VII. CONCLUSION**

The Obstacle-Avoiding Robot using Arduino offers a cost- effective solution for autonomous navigation. Arduino's versatility and user-friendly programming language make it accessible for educational purposes. The robot's applications extend to home automation, security systems, and warehouse logistics, improving efficiency and safety. The obstacle detection circuit, comprising infrared and ultrasonic sensor modules, was effectively integrated into the robot's front section. These sensors emit light and sound waves towards obstacles, detecting reflections upon encountering them. When reflections are detected, the sensors transmit a low output signal to the Arduino microcontroller. Acting as the central processing unit, the Arduino interprets these signals, enabling the robot to execute timely maneuvers for obstacle avoidance. This integration of sensors and microcontroller technology underscores the versatility and cost-effectiveness of the Obstacle-Avoiding Robot powered by Arduino. Furthermore, the project highlights the potential of IoT integration in robotics, enabling remote monitoring and control of robots for enhanced accessibility and convenience. The web or mobile interface provides users with a user-friendly platform to monitor the robot's status and intervene if necessary, enhancing overall system manageability.

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