Project Name: Height based sorting station with integrated Line follower robot and Robotic arm

Project Description:

This is an object sorting mechanism where different objects incoming continuously on a conveyor belt are sorted and diverted to different boxes based on their heights. Also the number of objects of each different size category is counted and recorded.

This project provides a miniature working model of a whole sorting station where objects of multiple varying sizes are arriving on the conveyor belt. Different objects are having different uses based on their sizes, thus the sorting mechanism sorts them into category of small, medium and large.

A robotic arm depicts the model of an Industrial robot for pick and place operation that takes the large sized objects to the next workstation for further manufacturing operations.

Medium sized objects are dropped at 180 degree into another box by the sorting and dumper mechanism. The small sized objects are dropped into the line follower robot depicting an AGV in a manufacturing facility that is programmed to follow a predefined path and take the objects from the conveyor to the destination location and then come back and repeat. This AGV (Line follower) receives a signal via Bluetooth as soon as it is filled to its full capacity, and then it starts the travel on its predefined path across the manufacturing facility. AGVs are very widely used in almost all large production and storage facilities across the world, and so does Robotic manipulator arm.

Thus this model simulates a whole automated sorting station integrated with an Automated Guiding Vehicle and a Industrial robot manipulator.

Working Operation:

Two 200rpm geared DC motors are used to operate a conveyor belt on which differently sized objects are coming continuously in random manner. An ultrasonic sensor is used to sense the arrival of an object on the sorting station, and another ultrasonic sensor is used to measure the height of objects coming toward the sensor on conveyor belt. Different threshold values are set to identify the object as Small, Medium and Large and keep the count of them separately.

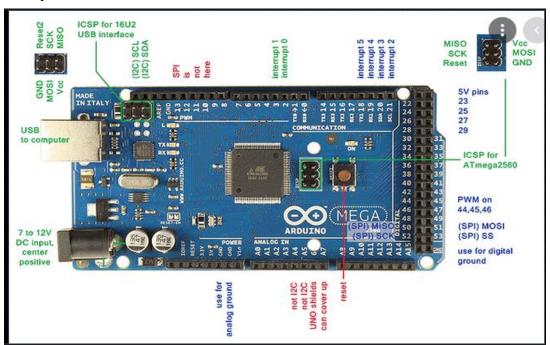
A LCD Display is used to display the number of object of each different size passing through the sensor. After that a sorting mechanism with servo motor and a robotic arm will be used to sort the objects and divert them to different boxes based on their sizes respectively.

Sequence of operation:

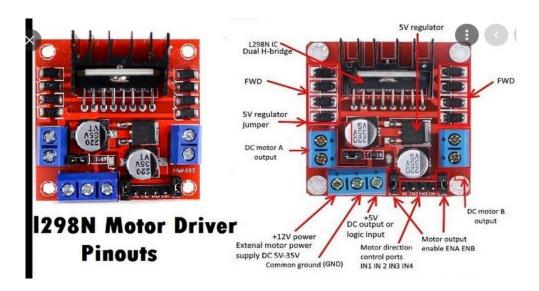
- The conveyor belt is continuously operating, and objects of different sizes are coming on it in random order.
- As soon as an object reaches the sorting station, an Ultrasonic sensor will sense its presence and the conveyor belt will stop.
- Then another ultrasonic sensor places on top will measure its height, and sort it in the category of Small, Medium, Large based on the set threshold height value.
- After identifying the object as Small, Medium or Large, if it is Large, a robotic arm will pick the object and place in a different box.
- For small and medium, a servo motor will divert them to different channels at 90degree and 180 degree angles respectively.
- Then another 180degree servo motor will drop the object into the respective box, and the first servo will return to original position.
- Small object will be dropped in the container mounted on a line follower robot (Automated guided Vehicle). Medium size object will be dropped in another box.

- After the servo reaches its original position, the conveyor will start moving again, and the Ultrasonic sensor will start checking for the presence of another object arriving on the sorting station.
- As soon as another object's presence in the sorting station is detected, the conveyor will stop, and the above cycle of sequence will start repeating.
- Meanwhile, an OLED display will keep showing the count of Small, Medium and Large sized
 objects that passed through the system, and also the absolute height of the object presently in the
 sorting station.
- As soon as the number of Small object reaches 5, ie when the container mounted on line follower is full, Arduino mega in the main sorting station will send a signal to line follower robot via Bluetooth module.
- Line follower will start to follow the pre-laid path, reach the destination, wait for 5 seconds for unloading, and start travelling on pre-laid path again to reach the previous position for further loading.
- After some time delay for line follower to complete the loop and return, the conveyor will start again.
- This whole cycle will keep on continuing until power is cut off.

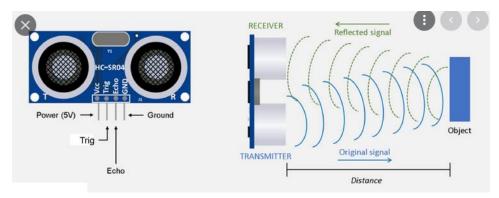
Major Components:



Arduino Mega



L298N motor driver



Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04



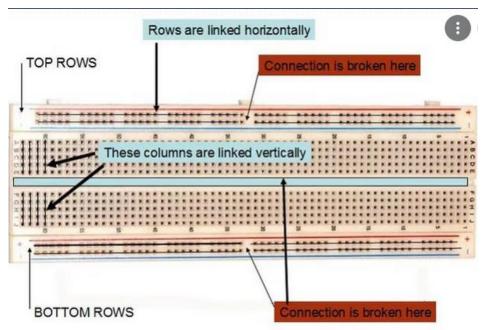
Metal gear Servo motor: 180 degree and 360 degree



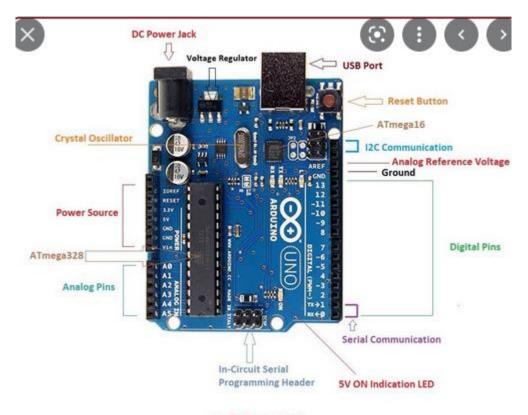
OLED Display



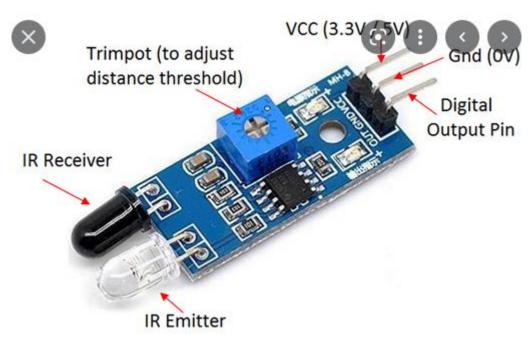
200 RPM DC geared motors and wheels



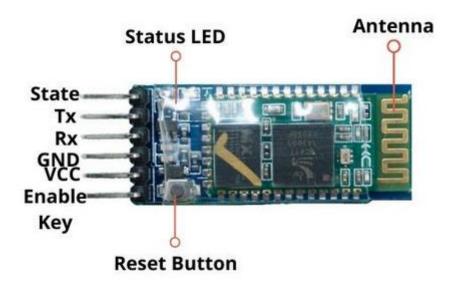
Bread Board



Arduino UNO Arduino Uno



IR sensor module



HC-05 Bluetooth module

Connection Diagram:

Arduino mega on main sorting station:



Arduino Mega

PIN: Connected to: Motor driver (EN1) 2 3 Motor driver (EN2) Sorter mechanism base servo (PWM) 4 Sorter mechanism dumper servo (PWM) 5 Arm base servo (PWM) 6 7 Arm link servo (PWM) Arm gripper servo (PWM) 8 22 Proximity ultrasonic sensor (ECHO) 23 Proximity ultrasonic sensor (TRIG) Height ultrasonic sensor (ECHO) 26 Height ultrasonic sensor (TRIG) 27 Motor driver (IN2) 28 29 Motor driver (IN1) 30 Motor driver (IN3) 31 Motor driver (IN4) OLED (CLK) 36 OLED (MOSI) 37 OLED (DC) 38 OLED (CS) 39 40 OLED (RST) Bluetooth (TX) 44 Bluetooth (RX) 45 5V output Breadboard Breadboard

L298n motor driver



L298N motor driver

connected to DC motor for conveyor EN1 2 Pin on L298N EN2 3 (motor 1) 29 IN1 IN1 1 28 IN₂ IN2 2 IN3 30 (motor 2) IN4 31 IN3 1 M1 motor1+ve IN4 2 M2 motor1-ve M3 motor2 +ve M4 motor2 -ve GND GND 12Vin +12V from 12V

adapter







DC motors for conveyor

OLED Display

Pin	Connected to pin on
	arduino mega
CLK	36
MOSI	37
RES	40
DC	38
CS	39
VCC	+5V on breadboard
GND	GND on breadboard

(Base) **PWM**

VCC

GND

+5V

GND



OLED Display

Bluetooth

Pin Pin on mega TX 44 RX 45

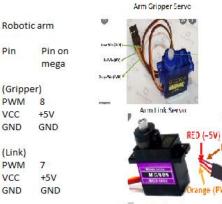
VCC +5V GND GND

9999

BROWN (GND)



Reset Button Bluetooth HC-05







Robotic Arm

Sorting mechanism

(Ultrs:	(Ultrssonic sensors)		Pin on mega		
(Proxi	mity)				
ECHO	ECHO 22		(Base Servo)		
TRIG	23	PWM	4		
VCC	+5V	VCC	+5V		
GND	GND	GND	GND		
(Heigh	(Height)		(Dumper servo)		
ECHI	26	PWM	5		
TRIG	27	VCC	+5V		
VCC	+5V	GND	GND		
GND	GND				









Sorting Mechanism

Ultrasonic sensor (Height) Ultrasonic sensor (Proximity)

Line follower robot connection diagram:



Arduino UNO Pin Connected to

IR sensor (middle) (OUT) Bluetooth (RX) Bluetooth (TX)

Motor driver (EN1) Motor driver (IN2) Motor driver (IN1)

Motor driver (IN3) Motor driver (IN4) 10 Motor driver (EN2)

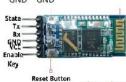
12 IR sensor (right) (OUT) 13 IR sensor (left) (OUT)

5V To breadboard GND to breadboard

Bluetooth

Pin Pin on mega TX 4

RX VCC +5V GND GND



Bluetooth HC-05

IR sensors Pin Conneted to (left) OUT 13 VCC +5V GND GND

(Middle) OUT 2 VCC +5V GND GND (Right)

OUT 12 VCC +5V GND GND







L298N motor driver

L298n motor driver

connected to Pin EN1 10 IN1 IN2 6 IN3

IN4 M1 motor1 +ve M2 motor1 -ve M3 motor2 +ve M4 motor2 -ve

GND

GND 12Vin +12V from 12V adapter

DC motor for conveyor

Pin Pin on L298N (motor 1) IN1 IN2 (motor 2)

IN3









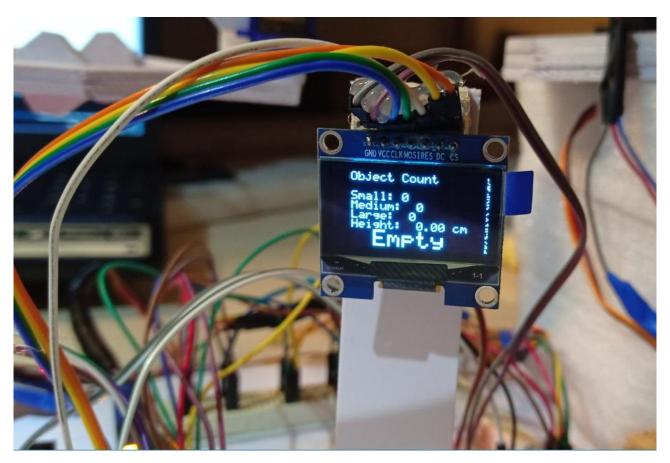
Line follower

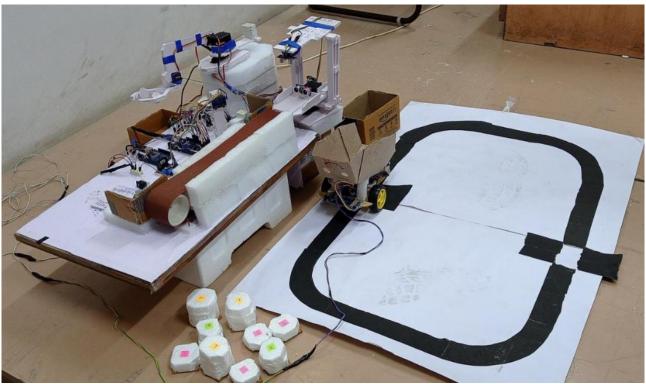
Project Model:

Final Project:









Codes used in the project:

Sorting station Arduino code for Arduino mega:

```
// Simple software SPI test for ebay 128x64 oled.
#include "SSD1306Ascii.h"
#include "SSD1306AsciiSoftSpi.h"
#include <Servo.h>
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>
SoftwareSerial Bluetooth(44, 45); // RX, TX connect Bluetooth RX to 45, TX to 44
//defining ultrasonc sensor pins
#define echoPin proximity 22
#define trigPin_proximity 23
#define echoPin_height 26
#define trigPin height 27
// pin definitions OLED
#define CS PIN 39
#define RST PIN 40
#define DC PIN 38
#define MOSI PIN 37
#define CLK PIN 36
SSD1306AsciiSoftSpi oled;
//for Line Following Robot using 2IR sensors
int lm1 = 29; //left motor output 1
int lm2 = 28; //left motor output 2
int rm1 = 30; //right motor output 1
int rm2 = 31; //right motor output 2
int sprm = 3; //motor speed
int splm = 2;
int defspeed = 120; //default speed
int mspeed = defspeed;
int conveyor motor delay = 12;
int conveyor motor stop delay = 10;
// defines variables for ultrasonic sensor
long duration proximity; // variable for the duration of sound wave travel
float distance_proximity; // variable for the distance measurement
long duration height;
float distance_height;
//defining thresholds for ultrasonic
float object on conveyor = 42;
float object detected = 4.5;
float small = 2.85;
float medium = 5.5;
float large = 7.5;
float base_height = 11.2;
float object_height = 0;
//define servo motors
Servo servo base;
Servo servo dumper;
Servo robo_arm_base;
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Servo robo_arm_link;
Servo robo arm gripper;
int pos = 0;
int servo_speed_delay = 5; //control speed of sorting servo
int arm_speed_delay = 8; //control speed of arm
//inventory of detected objects
int num_small = 0;
int num_medium = 0;
int num_large = 0;
int truck capacity = 3;
int truck busy = 0;
char truck_task_status = 'x'; //set to z when line follower completes action
void setup()
{
pinMode(trigPin_proximity, OUTPUT); // Sets the trigPin as an OUTPUT
pinMode(echoPin_proximity, INPUT); // Sets the echoPin as an INPUT
pinMode(trigPin_height, OUTPUT); // Sets the trigPin as an OUTPUT
pinMode(echoPin_height, INPUT); // Sets the echoPin as an INPUT
 pinMode(lm1, OUTPUT); //conveyor motor pins
pinMode(Im2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(rm1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(rm2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(splm, OUTPUT);
pinMode(sprm, OUTPUT);
servo_base.attach(4);
servo_dumper.attach(5);
robo_arm_base.attach(6);
robo arm link.attach(7);
robo_arm_gripper.attach(8);
Serial.begin(9600); // Serial Communication is starting with 9600 of baudrate speed
//Serial1.begin(9600); //initiate bluetooth
Bluetooth.begin(9600);
delay(200);
conveyor_stop();
delay(500);
initiate_servo();
delay(750);
//Initiate OLED display
// Use next line if no RST PIN or reset is not required.
// oled.begin(&Adafruit128x64, CS_PIN, DC_PIN, CLK_PIN, MOSI_PIN);
oled.begin(&Adafruit128x64, CS_PIN, DC_PIN, CLK_PIN, MOSI_PIN, RST_PIN);
oled.setFont(System5x7);
uint32_t m = micros();
oled_display();
oled.set2X();
oled.println(" Empty");
delay(400);
}
void loop()
{
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check_proximity();
initiate_conveyor_speed();
if (distance_proximity > object_detected)
 conveyor_forward();
 delay(conveyor_motor_delay);
 conveyor_stop();
 delay(conveyor_motor_stop_delay);
if (distance_proximity <= object_detected)</pre>
 conveyor_stop();
 check_height();
 delay(2000);
 if (object_height <= small)</pre>
  num_small = num_small + 1;
  oled_display();
  oled.set2X();
  oled.println(" Small");
  servo_90();
  delay(1500);
  servo_dumping_action();
  delay(1500);
  oled_display();
  oled.set2X();
  oled.println(" Empty");
  servo_90_return();
  delay(1500);
  if (num_small > 0 && num_small % truck_capacity == 0)
  {
   Bluetooth.write("i");
   //truck_busy = 1;
   conveyor_stop();
   oled_display();
   oled.set2X();
   oled.println(" BUSY");
   delay(20000);//waiting fro line follower to finish
   oled_display();
   oled.set2X();
   oled.println(" Empty");
   conveyor_forward();
  }
 if (object_height > medium)
  num_large = num_large + 1;
  oled_display();
  oled.set2X();
  oled.println(" Large");
  delay(500);
  robotic_arm_action();
  oled_display();
  oled.set2X();
  oled.println(" Empty");
  delay(500);
  conveyor_forward();
 if (object_height > small && object_height <= medium)
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num_medium = num_medium + 1;
   oled display();
   oled.set2X();
   oled.println(" Medium");
   servo_180();
   delay(2000);
   servo_dumping_action();
   delay(2000);
   oled_display();
   oled.set2X();
   oled.println(" Empty");
   servo_180_return();
   delay(2000);
   conveyor_forward();
 }
void check_height()
{
 digitalWrite(trigPin_height, HIGH);
 delayMicroseconds(10);
 digitalWrite(trigPin_height, LOW);
 duration_height = pulseIn(echoPin_height, HIGH);
 distance height = duration height * 0.034 / 2;
 object height = base height - distance height;
 Serial.print(" | Object_height: ");
 Serial.print(distance_height);
 Serial.print(" ");
 Serial.print(object_height);
 Serial.print(" cm ");
}
void check_proximity()
 // Clears the trigPin condition
 digitalWrite(trigPin proximity, LOW);
 digitalWrite(trigPin_height, LOW);
 delayMicroseconds(2);
 // Sets the trigPin HIGH (ACTIVE) for 10 microseconds
 digitalWrite(trigPin_proximity, HIGH);
 delayMicroseconds(10);
 digitalWrite(trigPin_proximity, LOW);
 // Reads the echoPin, returns the sound wave travel time in microseconds
 duration_proximity = pulseIn(echoPin_proximity, HIGH);
 // Calculating the distance
 distance_proximity = duration_proximity * 0.034 / 2;// Speed of sound wave divided by 2 (go and back)
 // Displays the distance on the Serial Monitor
 Serial.print("Distance proximity: ");
 Serial.print(distance_proximity);
 Serial.print(" cm ");
 Serial.println();
void initiate_conveyor_speed()
 // set speed
 analogWrite(splm, defspeed); //full speed at 255
 analogWrite(sprm, defspeed);
void conveyor_stop()
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digitalWrite(lm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(Im2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm2, LOW);
void conveyor_forward()
 digitalWrite(lm1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(lm2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(rm2, LOW);
}
void conveyor_backward()
{
 digitalWrite(lm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(lm2, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(rm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm2, HIGH);
}
void initiate_servo()
{
 servo_base.write(0);
 servo_dumper.write(0);
 robo_arm_link.write(15);
 robo_arm_base.write(90);
 robo_arm_gripper.write(180); //gripper close
}
void servo_90()
{
 for (pos = 0; pos <= 90; pos += 1)
  servo_base.write(pos);
  delay(servo_speed_delay);
 }
 pos = 0;
}
void servo_180()
{
 for (pos = 0; pos <= 180; pos += 1)
  servo_base.write(pos);
  delay(servo_speed_delay);
 pos = 0;
}
void servo_180_return()
{
 for (pos = 180; pos >= 0; pos -= 1)
  servo_base.write(pos);
  delay(servo_speed_delay);
 pos = 0;
}
void servo_90_return()
 for (pos = 90; pos >= 0; pos -= 1)
  servo_base.write(pos);
  delay(servo_speed_delay);
 }
 pos = 0;
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void servo_dumping_action()
 for (pos = 0; pos <= 27; pos += 1)
  servo_dumper.write(pos);
  delay(5);
 delay(1500);
 for (pos = 27; pos >= 0; pos -= 1)
  servo_dumper.write(pos);
  delay(5);
 }
 pos = 0;
}
void robotic_arm_action()
{
 delay(400);
 robo_arm_gripper.write(140); //gripper open
 delay(500);
 for (pos = 15; pos <= 50; pos += 1) //robo link move up
  robo_arm_link.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 delay(500);
 for (pos = 90; pos <= 158; pos += 1) //robo base move half toward pick-up
  robo_arm_base.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 delay(750);
 for (pos = 50; pos \rightarrow 15; pos \rightarrow 1) //robo link half down
  robo_arm_link.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 delay(500);
 for (pos = 158; pos <= 180; pos += 1) //robo base reach pick-up
  robo_arm_base.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 delay(750);
 for (pos = 15; pos >= 0; pos -= 1) //robo link reach object
  robo_arm_link.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 delay(500);
 robo_arm_gripper.write(180); //gripper close
 for (pos = 0; pos <= 15; pos += 1) //robo link move half up
  robo_arm_link.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 }
 delay(500);
 for (pos = 180; pos >= 158; pos -= 1) //robo base leave pick-up
  robo_arm_base.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
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delay(750);
 for (pos = 15; pos <= 50; pos += 1) //robo link move up
  robo_arm_link.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 delay(500);
 for (pos = 158; pos >= 0; pos -= 1) //robo base reaches drop
  robo_arm_base.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 }
 delay(1500);
 for (pos = 50; pos \rightarrow 0; pos \rightarrow 1) //robo link move down
  robo_arm_link.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 }
 delay(500);
 robo_arm_gripper.write(140); //gripper open
 delay(750);
 for (pos = 0; pos \leq 50; pos \leq 1) //robo link move up
  robo_arm_link.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 }
 delay(500);
 for (pos = 0; pos <= 90; pos += 1) //robo base reaches initial
  robo_arm_base.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 }
 delay(750);
 for (pos = 50; pos >= 15; pos -= 1) //robo link reaches initial
  robo_arm_link.write(pos);
  delay(arm_speed_delay);
 robo_arm_gripper.write(180); //gripper close
 delay(400);
 pos = 0;
void oled_display()
 oled.clear();
 oled.set1X();
 oled.println(" Object Count\n");
 oled.print(" Small: ");
 oled.println(num small);
 oled.print(" Medium: ");
 oled.println(num_medium);
 oled.print(" Large: ");
 oled.println(num_large);
 oled.print(" Height: ");
 oled.print(object_height);
 oled.println(" cm");
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Line follower robot code:

```
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>
//for Line Following Robot using 2IR sensors
int lm1 = 7; //left motor output 1
int lm2 = 6; //left motor output 2
int rm1 = 8; //right motor output 1
int rm2 = 9; //right motor output 2
int sl = 13; //sensor 1 input (left)
int sr = 12; //sensor 2 input (right)
int smid = 2; //sensor middle input (middle)
int SIV = 0;
int SrV = 0;
int SmidV = 0;
int led = A0;
int sprm = 10; //motor speed
int splm = 5;
int bt = 0; //trigger to initiate line follower
int defspeed = 150; //default speed
int mspeed = defspeed;
int line_follower_delay = 10;
int line_follower_stop_delay = 5;
SoftwareSerial Bluetooth(4, 3); // RX, TX connect Bluetooth RX to 3, TX to 4
//send 'z' when action complete
void setup()
 pinMode(Im1, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(Im2, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(rm1, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(rm2, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(splm, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(sprm, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(sl, INPUT);
 pinMode(sr, INPUT);
 pinMode(smid, INPUT);
 Serial.begin(9600);
 Bluetooth.begin(9600);
 sTOP();
 read();
}
void loop()
{
 // set speed
 analogWrite(splm, defspeed); //full speed at 255
 analogWrite(sprm, defspeed);
 char c;
 if (Bluetooth.available())
  c = Bluetooth.read();
  switch (c)
   case 'w': //move forward
    ForWard();
    break;
   case 's': //move Backward
    BackWard();
    break;
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```
case 'a': //move left
   slowLeft();
   break;
  case 'd': //move right
   slowRight();
   break;
  case 'q': //move left sharp
   Left();
   break;
  case 'e': //move right sharp
   Right();
   break;
  case 'o': //STOP
   sTOP();
   bt = 0;
   break;
  case 'n': //reduce speed
   if (mspeed > 5)
   {
    mspeed = mspeed - 5;
   }
   break;
  case 'm': //increase speed
   if (mspeed < 220)
   {
    mspeed = mspeed + 5;
   }
   break;
  case 'I': //reset speed to default 100
   mspeed = defspeed;
   break;
  case 'i': //IR Initiate
   bt = 1;
   break;
 }
if (bt == 1)
 delay(line_follower_stop_delay);
 read();
 if (SrV == 0 && SIV == 0)
  line_follower_forward();
 if (SrV == 1 && SIV == 1)
  if (SmidV == 0)
   line_follower_halt();
  if (SmidV == 1)
   line_follower_stop_reset();
  }
 }
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```
if (SrV == 1 \&\& SIV == 0)
   line_follower_right();
  if (SrV == 0 \&\& SIV == 1)
   line_follower_left();
  if (SrV == 0 && SIV == 0 && SmidV == 0)
  {
   sTOP();
  }
 }
}
void ForWard()
{
 digitalWrite(lm1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(lm2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(rm2, LOW);
}
void BackWard()
{
 digitalWrite(lm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(lm2, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(rm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm2, HIGH);
void Left()
{
 digitalWrite(lm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(lm2, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(rm1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(rm2, LOW);
}
void Right()
 digitalWrite(lm1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(lm2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm2, HIGH);
void slowLeft()
 digitalWrite(lm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(lm2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(rm2, LOW);
void slowRight()
 digitalWrite(lm1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(lm2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm2, LOW);
}
void sTOP()
 digitalWrite(lm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(lm2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(rm2, LOW);
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```
void read()
 SIV = digitalRead(sl);
 SrV = digitalRead(sr);
 SmidV = digitalRead(smid);
void line_follower_forward()
 ForWard();
 delay(line_follower_delay);
 sTOP();
}
void line_follower_right()
{
 delay(line_follower_delay);
 sTOP();
void line_follower_left()
{
 Left();
 delay(line_follower_delay);
 sTOP();
void line_follower_halt()
{
 sTOP();
 delay(5000);
 ForWard();
 delay(100);
 sTOP();
void line_follower_stop_reset()
 ForWard();
 delay(100);
 sTOP();
 bt = 0;
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