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5. S. S. Gavhane et al. [5] aims at the development of an autonomous robot for collision avoidance using IR Sharp sensors. They use two sensors mounted on the front of the robot to detect obstacles and avoid collisions. They demonstrate that their system can accurately detect obstacles up to 30 cm away, and they evaluate its performance in real-world experiments.

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METHODOLOGY

Components:

1. Infrared Sharp Sensor:

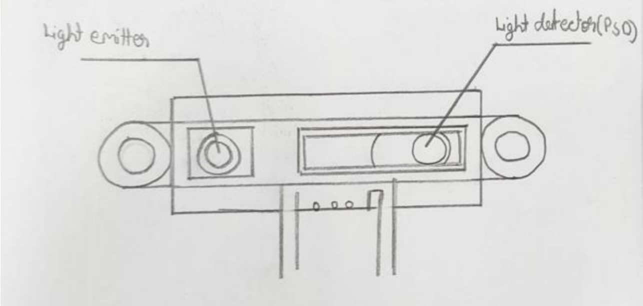

Fig. 1

2. LCD Display:

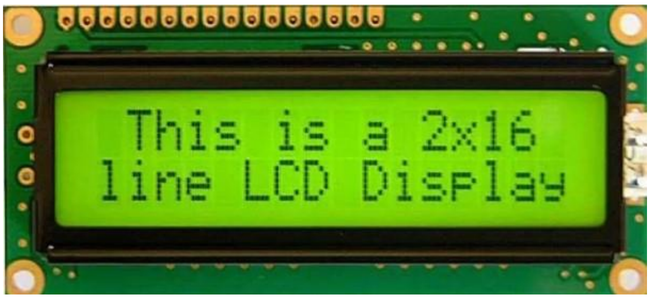

Fig. 2

3. Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC).
4. LPC-1768 Microcontroller.

Procedure and Calculation:

We have used IR sharp sensor to calculate the distance of an obstacle. IR Sharp sensor is an infrared-based distance measuring sensor that works by emitting and receiving infrared light. It is commonly used in robotic and automation applications to detect the distance of an object from the sensor. The sensor has an infrared LED that emits light in the range of 760nm, and the reflected light is detected by the sensor. The distance is determined by the amount of infrared light that is reflected back to the sensor.

IR Sharp sensors are available in different ranges and can detect objects at a distance of up to several meters. The output of the sensor is an analog voltage that varies according to the distance of the object. To measure the distance accurately, the analog voltage output of the sensor needs to be converted to a digital signal using an analog-to-digital converter (ADC). From this digital value, we derive the received analog voltage. Since the received voltage is inversely proportional to the distance of the obstacle, we divide 27 by the analog voltage.

Distance (in cm) = 27 / in_vtg.

This equation is based on the correlation between the output voltage of the IR sensor and the distance of the object from the sensor. The graph below (Fig.3) depicts this relation:

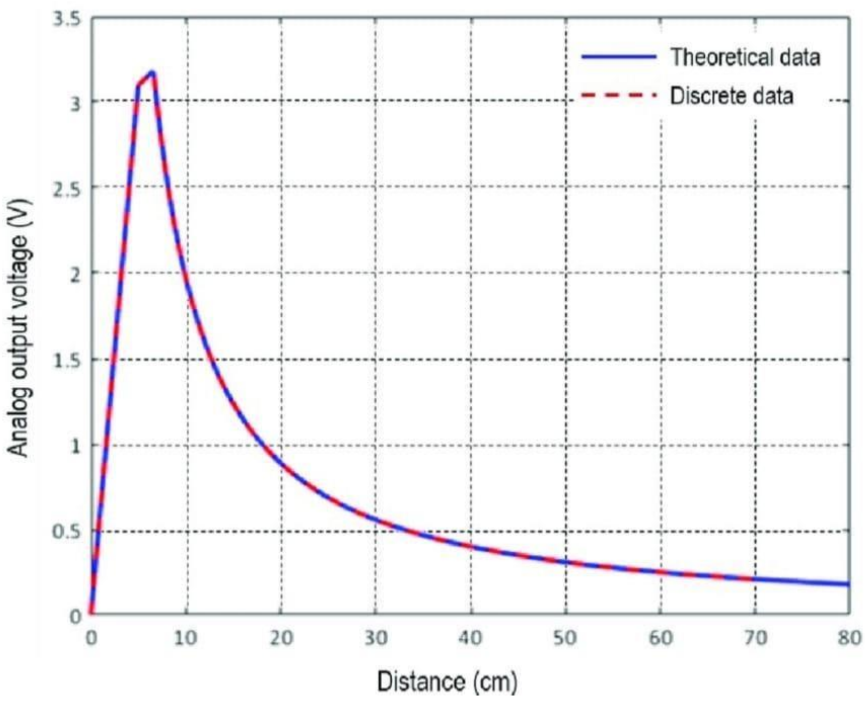

Fig. 3

The constant value of 27 is based on the empirical calibration of the IR sensor. The IR sensor is calibrated using a known distance of an object from the sensor, and then the corresponding output voltage of the sensor is recorded. By repeating this process for several distances, a correlation is established between the distance and the output voltage of the IR sensor. Therefore, by using this empirical calibration, the distance can be calculated from the voltage using the equation: distance = 27 / in_vtg.

IR Sharp sensors have a relatively narrow sensing angle, which makes them ideal for applications where the sensing area needs to be limited. They are also immune to ambient light interference, making them ideal for outdoor use. However, they have some limitations, such as being affected by reflective surfaces, and their accuracy may vary depending on the reflectivity and color of the object being measured.

Code:

```
//Header Files:
#include <LPC17xx.h>
#include <stdio.h>

//3.300V in Analog corresponds to 0xfff V in Digital
#define Ref_Vtg 3.300
#define Full_Scale 0xfff

unsigned long int temp1, temp2;

#define RS_CTRL (1<<8)
#define EN_CTRL (1<<9)
#define DT_CTRL (0xf<<4)

// #define alpha 0.5

void lcd_init(void);
void wr_cn(void);
void clr_disp(void);
void delay_lcd(unsigned int);
void lcd_com(void);
void wr_dn(void);
void lcd_data(void);
void clear_ports(void);
void lcd_puts(unsigned char *);

int main(void)
{
    unsigned long adc_temp, adc_temp1;
    unsigned int i;
    float in_vtg, distance;
    unsigned char vtg[7];
    unsigned char Msg3[11] = {"Distance:"};

    SystemInit();
    SystemCoreClockUpdate();

    LPC_SC->PCONP |= (1<<12);        //Enable the peripheral ADC. Enable power to ADC
    lcd_init();

    LPC_PINCON->PINSEL1 = (01 << 14);
     // Output from the sensor is input to the microcontroller P0.23 is set 1
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```
    temp1 = 0x80;           //Cursor at the beginning of the first line
    lcd_com();
    delay_lcd(800);
    lcd_puts(&Msg3[0]);


    while(1)
    {
        LPC_ADC->ADCR = (1<<0) | (1<<21) | (1<<24);
        //Select AD0.0, Power ON, Start conversion now
        while((adc_temp = LPC_ADC->ADGDR) == 0x80000000);   //Loop till DONE bit is set

        adc_temp = (LPC_ADC->ADGDR >> 4) & 0xfff;
        //Read the digital data. It then clears the DONE flag. The value is now a 12 bit digital data.
        // adc_temp1 = adc_temp*alpha + (1-alpha)*adc_temp;
        adc_temp1 = adc_temp;

        in_vtg = ((float)adc_temp1 * Ref_Vtg) / Full_Scale;
        //in_vtg is the required analog voltage.
        // V analog = V digital * 3.3 / 2^12

        distance = 27/in_vtg;
        sprintf(vtg, "%3.2f", distance);        //Convert the readings into string to display on LCD

        for(i=0; i < 2000; i++);        //Delay

        temp1 = 0x8c;
        lcd_com();
        delay_lcd(800);
        lcd_puts(&vtg[0]);

        for(i = 0; i < 20000; i++);

        for(i = 0; i < 7; i++)
            vtg[i] = 0x00;          // Resets the voltage value
        adc_temp = 0;
        in_vtg = 0;
    }                                   //end of while loop

}                                       //end of int main()
```

```
void lcd_init()                                    //Fnction definitons for LCD
{
    LPC_PINCON->PINSEL0 &= 0xfff000ff;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIODIR|=DT_CTRL;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIODIR|=RS_CTRL;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIODIR|=EN_CTRL;

    clear_ports();
    delay_lcd(3200);

    temp2=(0x30<<0);
    wr_cn();
    delay_lcd(30000);

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    wr_cn();
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    temp2=(0x30<<0);
    wr_cn();
    delay_lcd(30000);

    temp2=(0x20<<0);
    wr_cn();
    delay_lcd(30000);

    temp1=0x28;
    lcd_com();
    delay_lcd(30000);

    temp1=0x0c;
    lcd_com();
    delay_lcd(30000);

    temp1=0x06;
    lcd_com();
    delay_lcd(800);

    temp1=0x01;
    lcd_com();
    delay_lcd(800);

    temp1=0x80;
    lcd_com();
    delay_lcd(10000);
    return;
}                          //end of lcd_init()
```

```
void lcd_com(void)
{
    temp2= temp1 & 0xf0;
    temp2= temp2 << 0;
    wr_cn();
    temp2= temp1 & 0x0f;
    temp2= temp2 << 4;
    wr_cn();
    delay_lcd(1000);
    return;
}                               //end of lcd_com()

void wr_cn(void)
{
    clear_ports();
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOPIN=temp2;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOCLR=RS_CTRL;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOSET=EN_CTRL;
    delay_lcd(25);
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOCLR=EN_CTRL;
    return;
}                               //end of wr_cn()

void lcd_data(void)
{
    temp2= temp1 & 0xf0;
    temp2= temp2 << 0;
    wr_dn();
    temp2= temp1 & 0x0f;
    temp2= temp2 << 4;
    wr_dn();
    delay_lcd(1000);
    return;
}                               //end of lcd_data ()

void wr_dn(void)
{
    clear_ports();
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOPIN=temp2;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOSET=RS_CTRL;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOSET=EN_CTRL;
    delay_lcd(25);
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOCLR=EN_CTRL;
    return;
}                               //end of wr_dn()
```

```
void delay_lcd(unsigned int r1)
{
    unsigned int r;
    for(r=0;r<r1;r++);
    return;
}                               //end of delay_lcd()

void clr_disp(void)
{
    temp1=0x01;
    lcd_com();
    delay_lcd(10000);
    return;
}                               //end of clr_disp()

void clear_ports(void)
{
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOCLR=DT_CTRL;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOCLR=RS_CTRL;
    LPC_GPIO0->FIOCLR=EN_CTRL;
    return;
}                               //end of clear_ports()

void lcd_puts(unsigned char *buf1)
{
    unsigned int i=0;
    while(buf1[i]!='\0')
    {
        temp1=buf1[i];
        lcd_data();
        i++;
        if(i==16)
        {
            temp1=0xc0;
            lcd_com();
        }
    }

}                               //end of lcd_puts()
```

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Input:

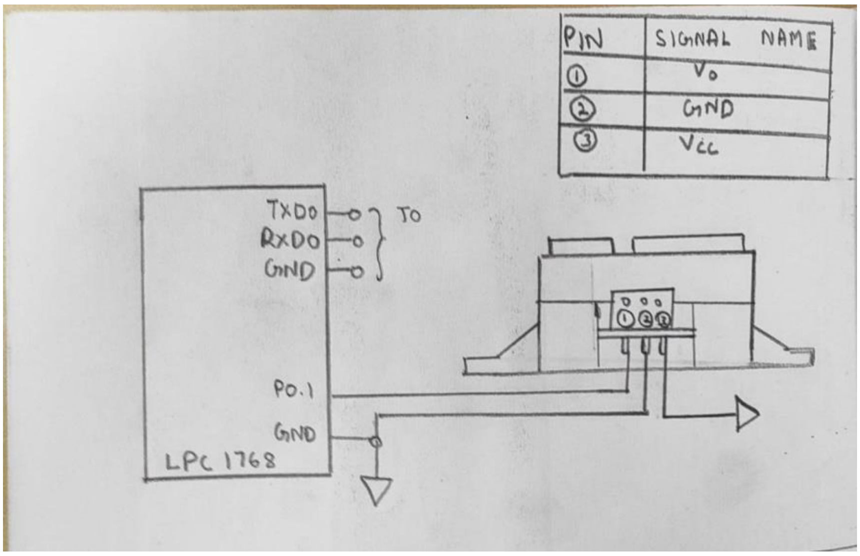

Fig. 4

- Readings from the IR sensor: Depending on how far an object is from the sensor, the IR sensor will produce an analog output voltage. The LPC1768's analog-to-digital converter (ADC) channels can be used to read the voltage.

- The LPC1768 microcontroller must be programmed to read the values from the IR sensor, process the information, and report the findings on the LCD display. The code will have to set up the ADC channels, read the sensor values, do any computations or data processing that is required, and output the results to the display

Output:

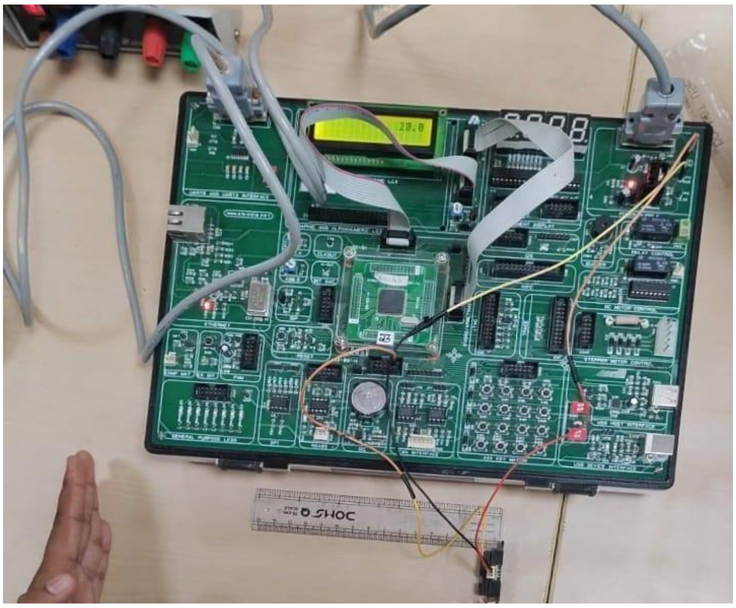

Fig. 5

- LCD display: The LCD display will show the processed data from the IR sensor. The display will typically show the distance of an object from the sensor. The display can be configured using the GPIO pins of the LPC1768.

- Alert signal: In some applications, an alert signal may be required to indicate when an object is too close or too far away from the sensor. This can be accomplished using the LPC1768's digital output pins to drive a buzzer or LED.

- Overall, the inputs to the system are the IR sensor readings and the microcontroller code, while the outputs are the LCD display and alert signals.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

In **conclusion**, we were able to successfully measure distance using an IR Sharp sensor with the LPC1768 microcontroller and ADC and display the result on an LCD. The project demonstrated the ability to interface different components and systems to achieve a specific goal. The project also showed the importance of using conversion formulas to convert analog signals to meaningful data. Overall, the project was successful in achieving the goal, and it could be further extended by adding more features and capabilities.

Scope: There are several future directions that can be explored for the project of distance measuring using an IR Sharp sensor in LPC1768 by using ADC and displaying the result in LCD. Here are some potential areas of improvement:

1. Calibration: In the current implementation, a conversion formula was used to convert the analog voltage to distance. However, this formula may not be accurate for all IR Sharp sensors. Therefore, future work could involve calibrating the sensor to improve the accuracy of the measurement.
2. Distance Range: The IR Sharp sensor used in the project has a limited range of detection. Future work could involve exploring different sensors with a wider range of detection to measure longer distances.
3. Real-time Monitoring: Currently, the measured distance is displayed on the LCD display. However, future work could involve sending the distance data to a computer or a mobile device for real-time monitoring.
4. Multiple Sensors: Future work could involve incorporating multiple IR Sharp sensors to measure distances in different directions. This could be useful in robotics applications, where the robot needs to avoid obstacles in multiple directions.
5. Integration with Control Systems: The distance measurement data could be used to control systems such as motors or servos to move objects or robots. Future work could involve integrating the distance measurement system with control systems to achieve more complex tasks.

Overall, the project provides a foundation for future work in distance measuring using an IR Sharp sensor in LPC1768 by using ADC and displaying the result in LCD. There are several areas of improvement that can be explored to enhance the functionality and accuracy of the system.

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LITERATURE SURVEY

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"Design and Development of a Distance Measurement System Using Infrared Sensor and Microcontroller" by S. M. A. Bhuiyan et al.: In this paper, the authors describe the design and implementation of a distance measurement system using an IR Sharp sensor and a microcontroller. They demonstrate that the system can accurately measure distances up to 80 cm, and they provide a calibration method to improve the accuracy of the sensor readings. They also discuss the limitations of the sensor, such as its sensitivity to ambient light and its narrow detection angle.

"A novel distance measuring technique using Sharp IR sensor for robot navigation" by S. K. Saha et al.: In this paper, the authors propose a novel distance measuring technique using an IR Sharp sensor for robot navigation. They use a simple trigonometric formula to calculate the distance between the robot and an obstacle based on the sensor readings. They demonstrate that their technique can accurately measure distances up to 50 cm, and they evaluate its performance in real-world experiments.

"Development of an Autonomous Robot for Collision Avoidance using IR Sensors" by S. S. Gavhane and B. Chaudhary: In this paper, the authors describe the development of an autonomous robot for collision avoidance using IR Sharp sensors. They use two sensors mounted on the front of the robot to detect obstacles and avoid collisions. They demonstrate that their system can accurately detect obstacles up to 30 cm away, and they evaluate its performance in real-world experiments.

METHODOLOGY

Components:

1. Infrared Sharp Sensor:

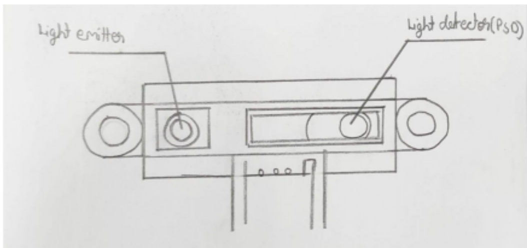


Fig. 1

2. LCD Display:

Fig. 2

3. Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC):
4. LPC-1768 Microcontroller:

Procedure and Calculation:

We have used IR sharp sensor to calculate the distance of an obstacle. IR Sharp sensor is an infrared-based distance measuring sensor that works by emitting and receiving infrared light. It is commonly used in robotic and automation applications to detect the distance of an object from the sensor. The sensor has an infrared LED that emits light in the range of 760nm, and the reflected light is detected by the sensor. The distance is determined by the amount of infrared light that is reflected back to the sensor.

IR Sharp sensors are available in different ranges and can detect objects at a distance of up to several meters. The output of the sensor is an analog voltage that varies according to the distance of the object. To measure the distance accurately, the analog voltage output of the sensor needs to be converted to a digital signal using an analog-to-digital converter (ADC). From this digital value, we derive the received analog voltage. Since the received voltage is inversely proportional to the distance of the obstacle, we divide 27 by the analog voltage.

Distance (in cm) = 27 / in_vtg.

This equation is based on the correlation between the output voltage of the IR sensor and the distance of the object from the sensor. The graph below (Fig.3) depicts this relation:

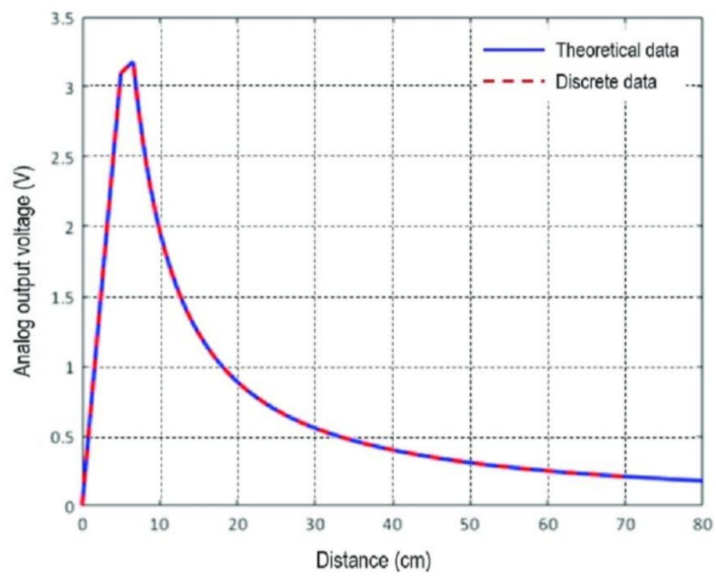


Fig. 3

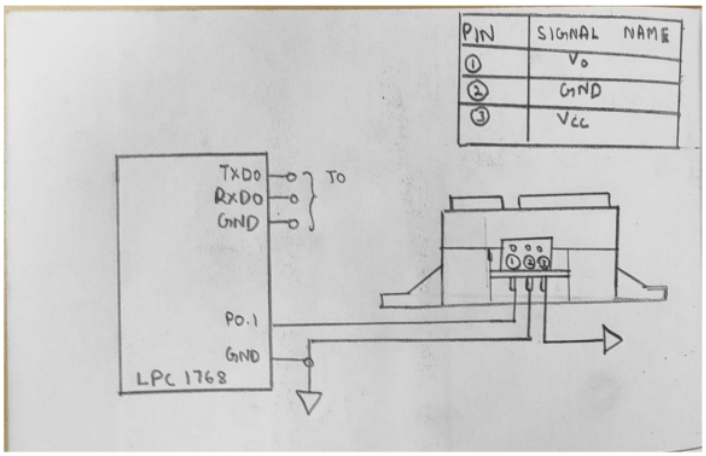
The constant value of 27 is [8] based on the empirical calibration of the IR sensor. The IR sensor is calibrated using a known distance of an object from the sensor, and then the corresponding output voltage of the sensor is recorded. By repeating this process for several distances, a correlation is established between the distance and the output voltage of the IR sensor. Therefore, by using this empirical calibration, the distance can be calculated from the voltage using the equation:

distance = 27 / in_vtg.

IR Sharp sensors have a relatively narrow sensing angle, which makes them ideal for applications where the sensing area needs to be limited. They are also immune to ambient light interference, making them ideal for outdoor use. However, they have some limitations, such as being affected by reflective surfaces, and their accuracy may vary depending on the reflectivity and color of the object being measured.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

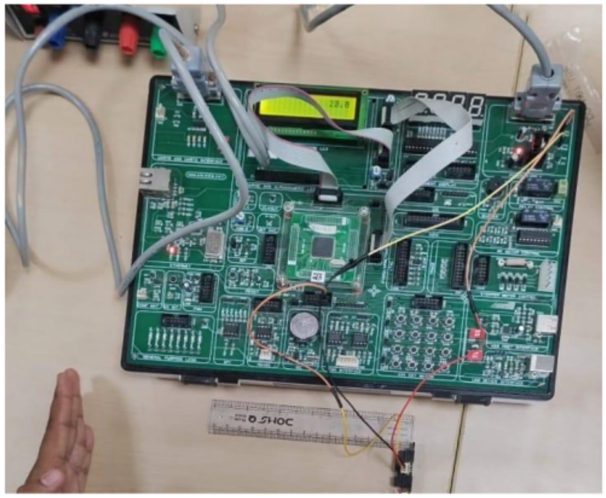
Input:



- Readings from the IR sensor: Depending on how far an object is from the sensor, the IR sensor will produce an analogue output voltage. The LPC1768's analog-to-digital converter (ADC) channels can be used to read the voltage.

- The LPC1768 microcontroller must be programmed to read the values from the IR sensor, process the information, and report the findings on the LCD display. The code will have to set up the ADC channels, read the sensor values, do any computations or data processing that is required, and output the results to the display

Output:



- LCD display: The LCD display will show the processed data from the IR sensor. The display will typically show the distance of an object from the sensor. The display can be configured using the GPIO pins of the LPC1768.

- Alert signal: In some applications, an alert signal may be required to indicate when an object is too close or too far away from the sensor. This can be accomplished using the LPC1768's digital output pins to drive a buzzer or LED.

- Overall, the inputs to the system are the IR sensor readings and the microcontroller code, while the outputs are the LCD display and alert signals.

Conclusion and Future Scope

In **conclusion**, we were able to successfully measure distance using an IR Sharp sensor with the LPC1768 microcontroller and ADC and display the result on an LCD. The project demonstrated the ability to interface different components and systems to achieve a specific goal. The project also showed the importance of using conversion formulas to convert analog signals to meaningful data. Overall, the project was successful in achieving the goal, and it could be further extended by adding more features and capabilities.

Scope: There are several future directions that can be explored for the project of distance measuring using an IR Sharp sensor in LPC1768 by using ADC and displaying the result in LCD. Here are some potential areas of improvement:

1. Calibration: In the current implementation, a conversion formula was used to convert the analog voltage to distance. However, this formula may not be accurate for all IR Sharp sensors. Therefore, future work could involve calibrating the sensor to improve the accuracy of the measurement.
2. Distance Range: The IR Sharp sensor used in the project has a limited range of detection. Future work could involve exploring different sensors with a wider range of detection to measure longer distances.
3. Real-time Monitoring: Currently, the measured distance is displayed on the LCD display. However, future work could involve sending the distance data to a computer or a mobile device for real-time monitoring.
4. Multiple Sensors: Future work could involve incorporating multiple IR Sharp sensors to measure distances in different directions. This could be useful in robotics applications, where the robot needs to avoid obstacles in multiple directions.
5. Integration with Control Systems: The distance measurement data could be used to control systems such as motors or servos to move objects or robots. Future work could involve integrating the distance measurement system with control systems to achieve more complex tasks.

Overall, the project provides a foundation for future work in distance measuring using an IR Sharp sensor in LPC1768 by using ADC and displaying the result in LCD. There are several areas of improvement that can be explored to enhance the functionality and accuracy of the system.

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