

Obstacle Avoiding Robot

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Description:

We aim to build an autonomous robot which detects obstacles in path and turns accordingly.

Engineers want to design robots that are **autonomous**, meaning they can move around on their own without direct human control. One important part of autonomous operation is avoiding crashing into things. In robotics, this is called **obstacle avoidance**. Using a camera and a computer to let a robot "see" obstacles with computer vision can be complicated and expensive. An alternative approach is to use ultrasonic waves.

Demonstration: An autonomous bot which avoids obstacles

Implementation Theory: The sensors detect the distance from an obstacle. When an obstacle in the path is detected, the microcontroller gets this signal from the sensor, which it then uses to control the motor and turn the wheels accordingly.

Timeline:

Week 1: studying the programming required for the micro-controller, going through available codes on net.

Week 2,3: acquiring the components, coding, checking the coordination of components with the microcontroller

Week 4: Assembling the robot

Week 5: Testing

Skills required: Coding for Arduino microcontroller, Assembling the parts

Components:

2 dc motors/chassis - Rs 600, Arduino UNO microcontroller -Rs 800, ultrasonic sensor-Rs 1800, mini breadboard-Rs 150, motor shield-Rs 180, battery holder, battery, other bot hardware (wires ,screws etc.)

Cost: below Rs 4000