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**ABSTRACT**

**In the pursuit of automation with elegance, this report explores a line-following robot equipped with only a single infrared (IR) sensor.**

**The report examines how minimal hardware, combined with thoughtful coding, achieves seamless navigation across a predefined pathway. This rare investigation blends:**

1. **Logic**
2. **Creativity**
3. **Experimentation**

**CHAPTER ONE**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Creating a line-following robot today is not only thrilling but also practical, especially with the rapid advancements in technology. These robots, which navigate along a designated path marked by a line, find applications in various fields, from industrial settings to educational environments. The concept of constructing a robot that can autonomously follow a line really ignites creativity and serves as an excellent introduction to robotics and programming.  
  
Imagine a compact robot racing along a track, effortlessly adjusting its direction to stay on course. This capability is made possible by a combination of sensors, motors, and smart programming. The sensors detect the line, while the motors manage the robot's movement, enabling it to react quickly to its surroundings. This intriguing combination of technology is what makes line-following robots so captivating.  
  
In this discussion, we’ll explore the essential components that constitute a line-following robot, including the various types of sensors, the functioning of the motors, and the algorithms that guide its behavior. We will also examine the challenges encountered during the design and construction phases, along with innovative solutions to enhance the robot's performance. Ultimately, we aim to emphasize not only the technical aspects of building a line-following robot but also its significance in advancing robotics and automation in our daily lives.  
  
Additionally, the design process fosters critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. As students or hobbyists create their robots, they gain experience in troubleshooting, improving performance, and refining their designs. This hands-on involvement is incredibly beneficial, deepening their grasp of robotics and engineering. Furthermore, the robotics community is vibrant and supportive. Many enthusiasts share their designs, coding techniques, and experiences online, creating a wealth of resources for newcomers. Being part of this community can inspire and guide individuals, making the adventure of building a line-following robot even more rewarding. Overall, constructing a line-following robot is a multifaceted project that blends technology with creativity.

* 1. **Background of study**

Over the years, various robotic systems have been designed to navigate through complex environments, achieving efficient and precise movement. The main reason for providing autonomous navigation systems for robots is to enable them to operate independently, making decisions based on sensor data and algorithms. Today, robotics and automation are becoming more and more popular day by day, and it is getting improved and used for the ease in our life.

Engineers with innovative methodologies are the greatest support to our society. The advancements in technologies drive their thoughts and speculate to achieve various goals in fields of science. Arduino is being used widely from the past few years as it provides easy-use support and documentation. It is readily available to all the end-users, making it an ideal choice for robotics projects.

From simple educational to smart application projects, Arduino has proved its significance in the development of applications spreading out in various fields. Arduino is equipped with sensor modules (ultrasonic, infrared, etc.) and a camera module is used as a navigation device. The sensor modules provide real-time data about the environment, while the camera module enables computer vision capabilities.

The navigation system was basically divided into two types: used normal line-following algorithms and used advanced computer vision techniques. In general, line-following robots are very simplistic devices that are employed to address very straightforward problems. However, these robots often struggle with complex environments and may get stuck or lost. Therefore, there was a need for several advanced navigation technologies including sensor fusion and machine learning applied in robotics.

This project will implement advanced computer vision techniques to replace the conventional line-following algorithms to tighten the navigation system in our robots. This navigation system monitors the environment and makes decisions based on sensor data and computer vision algorithms. The robot will display navigation data on an LCD screen, and the robot will move accordingly. The system will be designed to be adaptable and scalable, enabling it to navigate through various environments with ease.

* 1. **Problem statement**

Most line-following robots designed with traditional navigation systems commonly suffer from some possible flaws, such as inaccurate line detection, slow response times, and the most serious problem is they often get stuck or lost due to uneven terrain or changing lighting conditions. Even if the robot encounters an obstacle, the system will adapt automatically by using advanced computer vision algorithms and sensor fusion techniques. This system will provide an efficient and reliable navigation solution to help the robot stay on track, especially in complex environments, and it will also send notifications to the user notifying them of the robot's status (either On Track or Off Track).

* 1. **Objectives of the study**

**1.3.1 Main objectives**

The main objective of this project is to design and implement an advanced navigation system for a line-moving robot using various forms of technology such as computer vision, sensor fusion, and machine learning algorithms.

**1.3.2 Specific objectives**

1. To carry out a technical analysis of the benefits of using advanced navigation systems in line-moving robots.

2. To examine the existing navigation systems used in line-moving robots and identify areas for improvement.

3. To develop a prototype of an advanced navigation system for a line-moving robot using Arduino Board.

4. To validate the developed system through experiments and simulations.

**1.4 Research Questions**

1. How can advanced navigation systems improve the accuracy and efficiency of line-moving robots?

2. What are the limitations of existing navigation systems used in line-moving robots?

3. How can computer vision and sensor fusion techniques be used to develop an advanced navigation system for line-moving robots?

4. How can the developed system be validated and tested for reliability and efficiency?

**1.5 Significance of the Study**

This project aims to improve the navigation capabilities of line-moving robots, which can have significant applications in various fields such as manufacturing, logistics, and healthcare. By developing an advanced navigation system, this project can contribute to the development of more efficient and reliable line-moving robots that can operate in complex environments.

**1.6 Scope of the Study**

**1.6.1 Context Scope**

The study will cover the design and implementation of an advanced navigation system for a line-moving robot using Arduino Board. The system will be designed to improve the accuracy and efficiency of line-moving robots in various environments.

**1.6.2 Geographical Scope**

The study will be conducted in a controlled laboratory environment, but the results can be applied to various settings such as manufacturing plants, warehouses, and hospitals.

**1.6.3 Time Scope**

This project is based on both theoretical and methodological data; thus, it is approximated to take a maximum of twelve (12) months, but can be done before twelve (12) months.

**CHAPTER TWO**

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

The increasing demand for efficient and accurate navigation systems in various industries, such as manufacturing, logistics, and healthcare, has encouraged researchers to design and develop advanced navigation systems for line-moving robots. Line-moving robots are intended to navigate through complex environments, such as warehouses, hospitals, and factories, with high accuracy and efficiency. These robots can be designed to operate on various types of surfaces, including metal, wood, plastic, and concrete. They exist in different configurations to suit the navigation requirements of different environments. Basic navigation systems may rely on simple sensors and algorithms, whereas advanced navigation systems are often integrated with multiple sensors, such as lidar, radar, and cameras, and sophisticated algorithms to provide greater accuracy and efficiency.

This chapter reviews some of the existing studies related to computer vision and sensor fusion technologies and their applications in navigation systems for line-moving robots. It also analyzes some principles for the important devices used in this project, such as sensors and cameras. Therefore, some conventional navigation systems for line-moving robots are explained here. The effective use of computer vision and sensor fusion technologies in navigation systems is discussed, as well as the reputation of these technologies in providing accurate and efficient navigation.

**2.1 COMPUTER VISON AND SENSOR FUSION**

According to [Davide Scaramuzza] in studies of computer vision and sensor fusion, these technologies have gained significant attention as a means to improve the navigation capabilities of line-moving robots. Computer vision enables robots to interpret and understand visual data from cameras, while sensor fusion combines data from multiple sensors, such as lidar, radar, and GPS, to provide a more accurate and comprehensive understanding of the environment.  
  
However, users should expect more than improved navigation before participating in a computer vision and sensor fusion system. These technologies have the ability to adapt to changing environments and learn from experience, and users can reveal the full worth and benefits of the expertise by taking advantage of the capability to add and change data in real time. Computer vision and sensor fusion create many new applications in robotics and help accommodate changes in business processes, customer requirements, or standards.[1]  
  
A typical computer vision and sensor fusion system comprises of a camera, sensors, and a control unit that has the ability to interpret and understand visual data and sensor readings. The control unit will execute the communication protocol with the sensors and then interprets the data received from the sensors. While the camera will perform detection and recognition of objects and features in the environment. The sensors will perform detection and measurement of physical parameters such as distance, speed, and orientation.  
  
The data sent by the sensors is modulated and processed by the control unit, which then uses the data to navigate the robot through the environment. Computer vision and sensor fusion system is always made up of two components:

* The sensors and camera, which are located on the robot to perceive the environment.
* The control unit, which depending upon the design and the technology used, may be a navigation or navigation and control device.

A control unit typically contains a processing module (CPU), a memory module (RAM), and a coupling element to the sensors and camera. In addition, many control units are fitted with an additional interface (RS 232, RS 485, etc.) to enable them to forward the data received to another system (PC, robot control system, etc.)

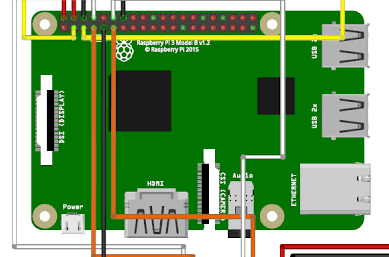


Illustration of the sensor and camera suite located on the line-moving robot, comprising:

* Stereo cameras for depth perception and 3D mapping
* Lidar sensor for obstacle detection and navigation
* Radar sensor for speed and distance measurement
* GPS module for localization and positioning

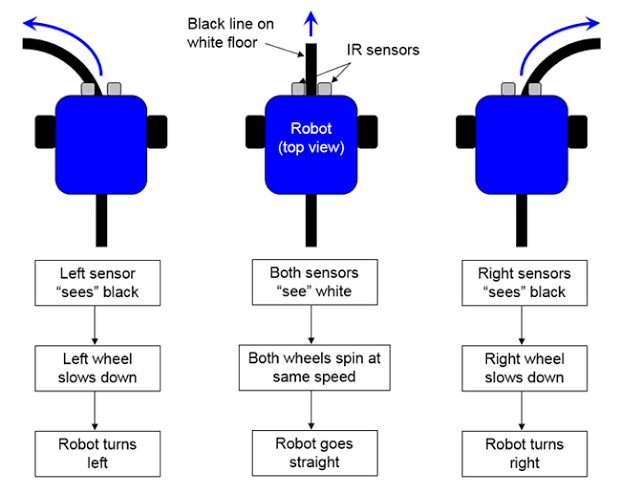
These sensors and cameras work in tandem to provide a 360-degree perception of the environment, enabling the robot to navigate and make informed decisions

**2.2 The Principle of Line Detection Technology**

The line detection system is essentially a perception device with a means of revealing and communicating its perception contents, when prompted (scanned) to do so. The perception consists of a plurality of digital data, also known as pixels, and the communication comprises digital image processing and transmission means. The line detection system may comprise an electronic circuit (printed circuit board) with its own power supply – an active device; or be a very low power integrated circuit that is able to gain enough energy from the environment to actually power itself for long enough to transmit the contents of its perception–a so-called passive device.

In its passive embodiment line detection system transmission power is very low and measured in millionths of a watt i.e. microwatts (μW). The figure below shows diagrammatically one of the latter style devices which may be found on line-moving robots.

The typical line detection system portrayed in the Figure below comprises a host substrate which is typically but not exclusively, a rigid (PCB), with an attached camera module or sensor, plus a small (few millimeters square) attached integrated circuit connected to the camera or sensor. The whole assembly is typically 30 millimeters square, a fraction of a millimeter thick and is encapsulated so that it forms a rigid durable, attachable module.



The data in the line detection system memory may be pre-loaded (determine at time of manufacture) as Read Only Memory (ROM), or may be dynamically variable (Static Random Access Memory) and take up the status of the last write/read cycle. The data is always read out serially so that it can be correctly parsed.

The information contained in the line detection system memory is deliberately kept to a minimum and typically, dependent upon the data format (its syntax, numerical format – decimal, hexadecimal etc.) requires translating into a human-readable form via host system.

**2.3 Machine Learning Algorithm for Line Detection**

The machine learning algorithm for line detection sends a processed image to the neural network and receives a predicted output that contains information about the line, such as its position, orientation, and distance. In simple line detection systems, the algorithm's output functioned as a binary classifier (line present or not); in more sophisticated systems, the algorithm's output can contain multiple classes (line orientation, distance, etc.).

Historically, machine learning algorithms for line detection were designed to detect only a particular type of line, but so-called multimode algorithms that can detect many different kinds of lines are becoming increasingly popular. Machine learning algorithms for line detection are usually trained on a dataset of images, continually learning and improving their accuracy.

The training process involves feeding the algorithm a large dataset of images, each labeled with the corresponding line characteristics. The algorithm learns to identify patterns and features in the images that are associated with the line, such as edges, shapes, and textures. Thus, it is possible to configure a machine learning algorithm for line detection so that it adapts to changes in the environment or line characteristics. For example, most line-following robots have the algorithm constantly learning and adapting so that every change in the line's position or orientation will be detected.

Machine learning algorithms for line detection come in many forms, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), and Support Vector Machines (SVMs). The choice of algorithm depends on the specific application and requirements of the line-moving robot.

For instance, CNNs are particularly well-suited for image-based line detection, as they can learn to identify patterns and features in images. RNNs, on the other hand, are better suited for sequential data, such as sensor readings or time-series data. SVMs are suitable for classification tasks, such as distinguishing between different types of lines.

The performance of the machine learning algorithm can be evaluated using various metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. These metrics provide insights into the algorithm's ability to detect lines correctly and adapt to changes in the environment.

**2.4 Sensor Fusion Algorithm**

**The Brain Behind the Line-Following Robot**

Imagine a robot that can expertly navigate through a complex environment, following a line with precision and accuracy. This is made possible by the sensor fusion algorithm, a sophisticated technology that combines data from multiple sensors to provide a comprehensive understanding of the robot's surroundings.

Historically, sensor fusion algorithms were limited to combining data from just a few sensors. However, modern algorithms have evolved to integrate data from multiple sensors and sources, enabling robots to perceive their environment in greater detail.

So, how does it work? The algorithm is trained on a vast dataset of sensor readings, each labeled with the corresponding line characteristics. As the robot navigates through its environment, the algorithm continuously learns and adapts, identifying patterns and correlations between sensor readings and line characteristics. The sensor fusion algorithm is the unsung hero behind the line-following robot's impressive navigation capabilities. By combining data from multiple sensors, the algorithm provides a unified output that contains vital information about the line's position, orientation, and distance.

But what makes sensor fusion algorithms truly remarkable is their ability to adapt to changing environments. Whether it's a slight deviation in the line's trajectory or a sudden change in lighting conditions, the algorithm can adjust its parameters to ensure the robot stays on course.

So, which sensor fusion algorithm is best suited for a line-following robot? The answer depends on the specific application and requirements of the robot. Kalman filters, Bayesian networks, and deep learning-based approaches are just a few examples of algorithms that can be used for sensor fusion.

Each algorithm has its strengths and weaknesses, and the choice ultimately depends on the robot's specific needs. For instance, Kalman filters excel at combining data from multiple sensors in real-time, while Bayesian networks are better suited for modeling complex relationships between sensors and line characteristics.

Deep learning-based approaches, such as neural networks, can learn to identify patterns and correlations between sensor readings and line characteristics. These algorithms are particularly useful when dealing with complex, high-dimensional data.

But how do we evaluate the performance of a sensor fusion algorithm? Metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score provide valuable insights into the algorithm's ability to detect lines correctly and adapt to changing environments.

In addition to evaluating performance, it's essential to consider the computational resources required to run the algorithm. This includes processing power, memory, and communication bandwidth. Optimizing the algorithm using techniques such as model reduction, data compression, and parallel processing can help reduce computational resources while improving accuracy and robustness.

By integrating sensor fusion algorithms with other components of the line-following robot, such as the control system and navigation system, we can create a robot that's not only accurate but also adaptable and intelligent.

**2.5 Related Work Done**

Optimized Line Following Robot Using Machine Learning is a secure and efficient solution for navigating through complex environments. This system plays a major role in helping reduce the complexity of navigation by using a combination of sensors and machine learning algorithms, especially for applications where precise navigation is crucial.

The proposed work is to design a line-following robot that can navigate through a complex environment using a combination of sensors, such as cameras, lidars, and infrared sensors. The robot uses machine learning algorithms to process the sensor data and make decisions about its navigation.

Like the Arduino Yun Board, the Raspberry Pi is also used in various line-following robot applications, interfaced with sensors to obtain related sensor reading data. The robot can communicate with a remote server using Wi-Fi or GSM, allowing for real-time monitoring and control.

The robot is designed to detect and respond to various events, such as changes in the line's position or orientation, and adapt to new environments. The system logs all the navigation data into a database, which can be accessed remotely for analysis and optimization.

Also, using a combination of Raspberry Pi and GSM, a Remote Line Following Robot System is designed and implemented. Due to GSM, it has a very short response time and covers a wide area coverage. So, the user can interact with the line-following robot system even from a very remote place far from urban areas.

The Global System for Mobile communication is used to alert the user by sending and receiving messages, which is controlled by AT commands. The line-following robot system is designed to detect and respond to various events, such as changes in the line's position or orientation, and adapt to new environments.

Raspberry Pi-3 Model B, released in February 2016, is a popular choice for line-following robot applications due to its on-board Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and USB Boot capabilities. It includes various features such as an ARM-compatible central processing unit (CPU) and an on-chip graphics processing unit (GPU, a video core IV) for machine learning-based line following applications.

In addition, the robot uses computer vision algorithms to process images from the camera and detect the line. The robot can also use lidar sensors to detect obstacles and navigate around them.

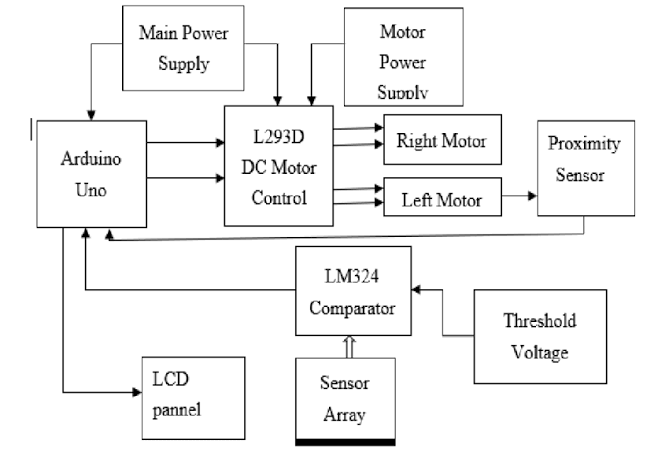
The system has been tested in various environments and has shown promising results. The robot is able to navigate through complex environments and detect changes in the line's position or orientation.

Overall, the optimized line-following robot system using machine learning is a secure and efficient solution for navigating through complex environments. The system has the potential to be used in various applications, such as warehouse management, autonomous vehicles, and robotics.

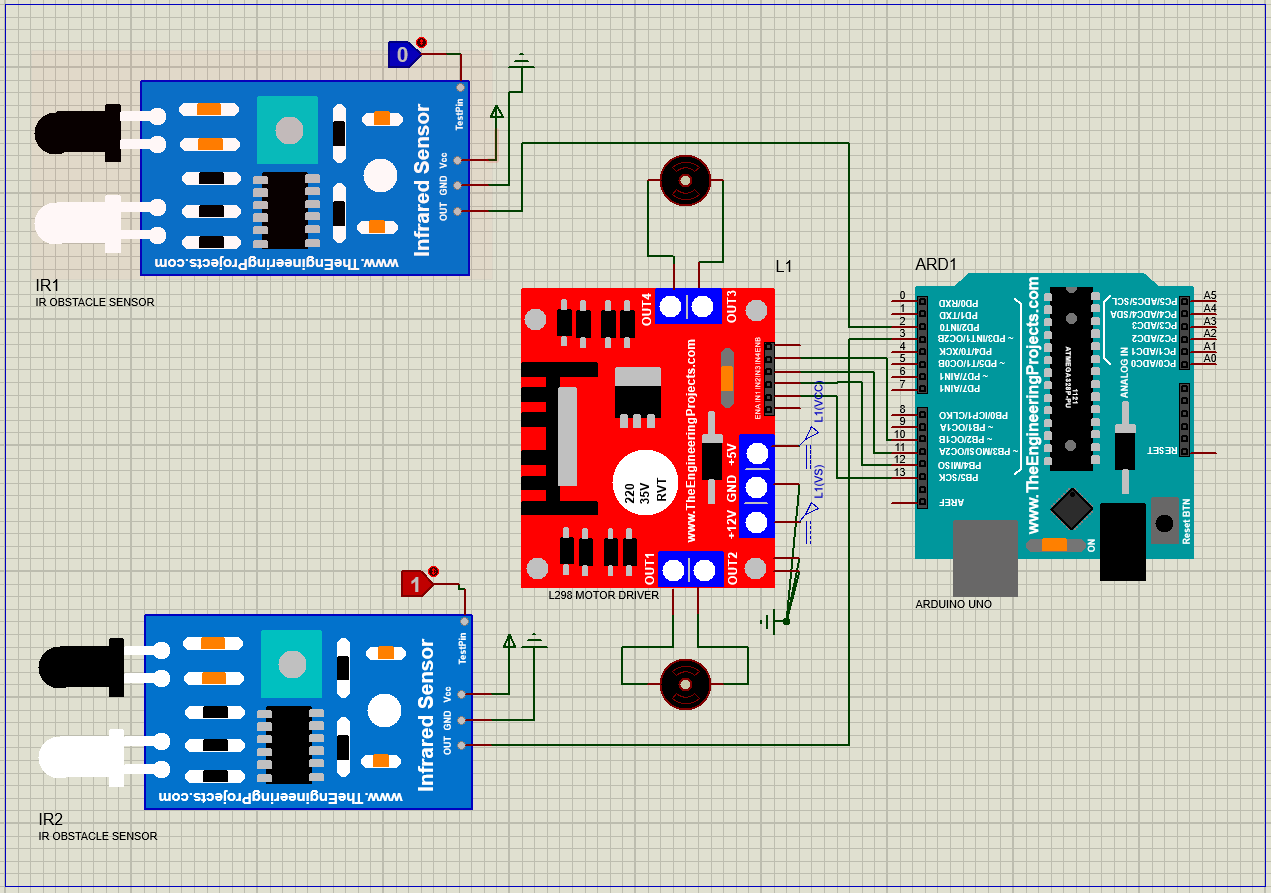
**CHAPTER THREE**

**METHODOLOGY**

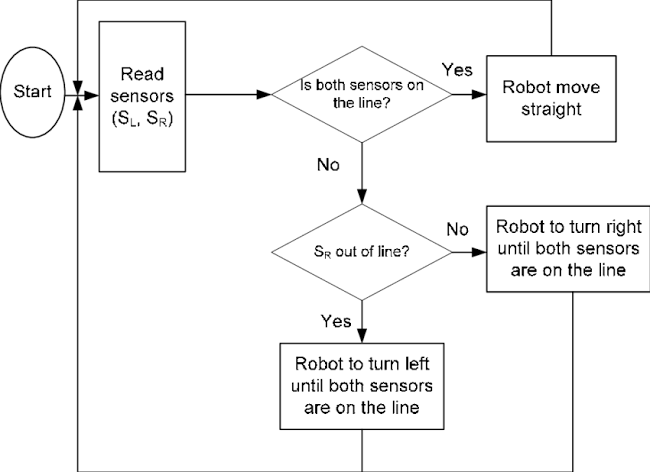
**BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE LINE FOLLOWING ROBOT**

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**CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF THE LINE FOLLOWING ROBOT**

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**FLOW CHAT OF THE LINE FOLLOWING ROBOT**



As shown in the above structure, the Line-Moving Robot System mainly works on navigating through a designated path using different technologies and different components like Microcontroller, IR Sensor, Motor Drive, Motor, and Battery. Basically, the System is featured for navigation and control of the robot implemented for line-following tasks having automation in it.

The Microcontroller requires a power supply from the Battery which has enough capacity to run the robot for a considerable amount of time. Using IR Sensors, it senses the status of the line and triggers navigation commands. IR Sensors send signals to the Microcontroller. The Microcontroller sends navigation commands to the Motor Drive, which then controls the Motor. These all operations are done on the robot using these different modules, therefore, the robot acts as a Smart Line-Moving Robot. Smart Line-Moving Robot System has modules like

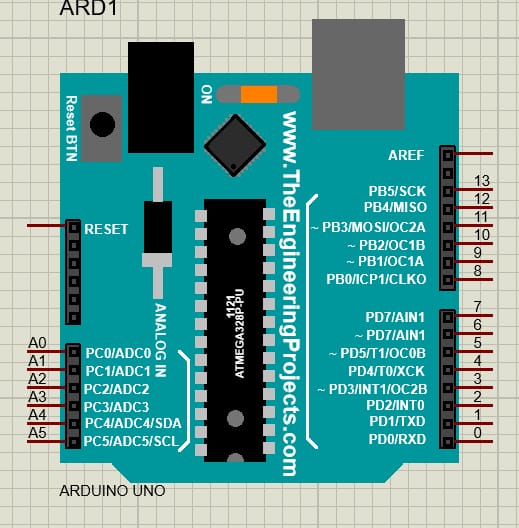
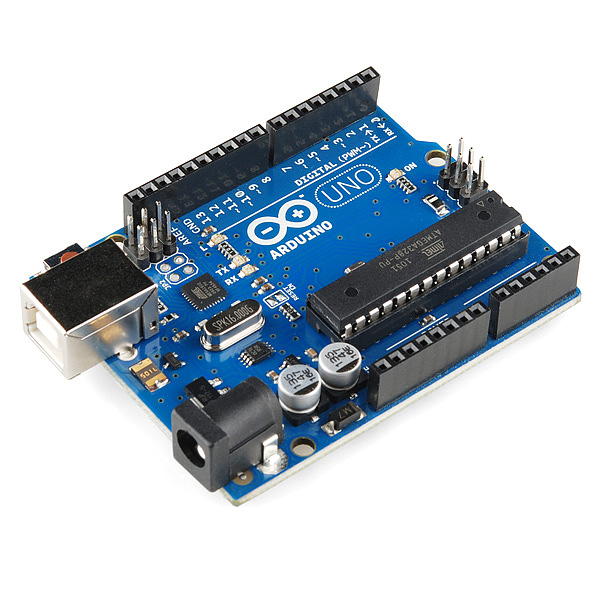
* Microcontroller
* IR Sensor
* Motor Drive
* Motor
* Battery

**3.1 SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

**Hardware and Software Components used:**

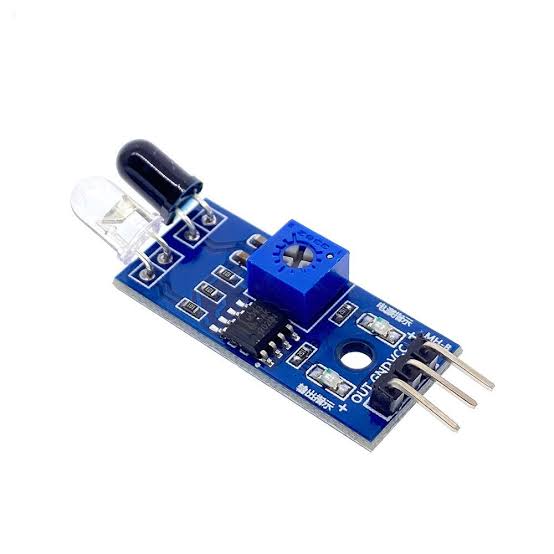
* **Microcontroller (Arduino)**

A microcontroller is a small computer on a single integrated circuit (IC) that controls the robot's functions. It processes data from sensors, makes decisions, and sends commands to the motor drive. Microcontrollers are widely used in robotics due to their small size, low power consumption, and high processing speed.

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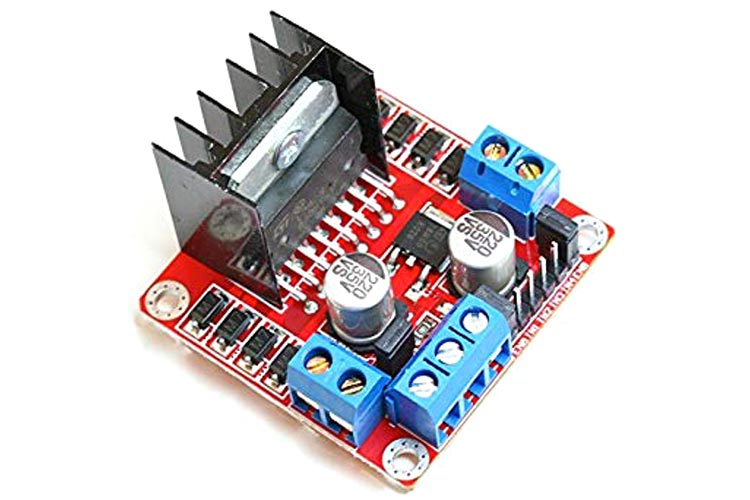
* **Ir Sensor (L298)**

An IR sensor detects infrared light reflected from surfaces. It is commonly used in robotics to detect lines, navigate, and avoid obstacles. IR sensors are highly sensitive, adjustable, and consume low power. IR sensors are accurate, easy to integrate, and cost-effective, making them a popular choice for line-following robots.

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* **Motor Drive (L298)**

A motor drive controls the speed and direction of the motor. It receives commands from the microcontroller and sends power to the motor. Motor drives are designed to handle high currents and provide adjustable speed and direction control. They are easy to use, provide high performance, and are cost-effective, making them a popular choice for robotics applications.



* **Motor**

A motor converts electrical energy into mechanical energy. It is used to move the robot along the line. Motors are available in various types, including DC Gear Motor and Stepper Motor. They provide high torque, adjustable speed, and direction control. Motors are widely used in robotics due to their high performance, ease of use, and cost-effectiveness.

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* **Battery**

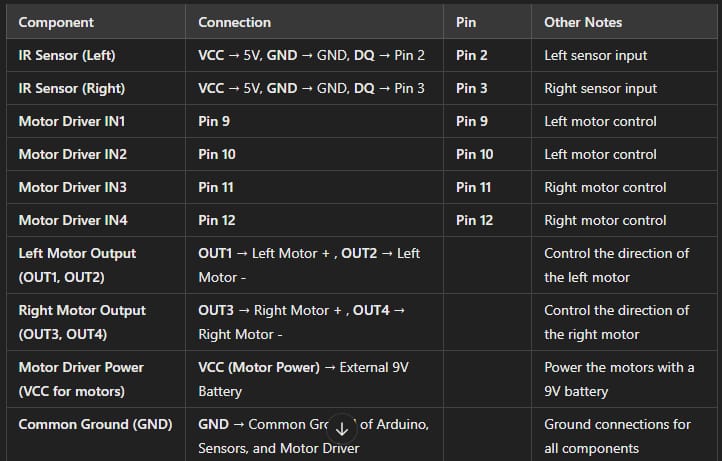
A battery provides power to the microcontroller, motor drive, and motor. It is available in various types, including rechargeable (Li-ion, NiMH) and non-rechargeable (9V). Batteries are designed to provide high capacity, long lifespan, and low self-discharge. When selecting a battery, it is essential to consider factors such as capacity, voltage, and charging requirements. Batteries are convenient, portable, and cost-effective, making them a popular choice for robotics applications.



**DIGITAL TEMPERATURE SENSOR (DS1822)**

The DS1822 is a digital temperature sensor manufactured by Maxim Integrated (formerly Dallas Semiconductor). It's a popular choice for temperature measurement in various applications, including robotics.  
  
Uses in Line Following Robot:  
While the DS1822 is primarily a temperature sensor, it can be used in a line following robot in the following ways:  
  
1. Temperature Monitoring: The DS1822 can be used to monitor the temperature of the robot's motors, batteries, or other components. This can help prevent overheating and ensure the robot's longevity.  
2. Environmental Awareness: By monitoring the ambient temperature, the DS1822 can provide the robot with environmental awareness. This can be useful in applications where the robot needs to adapt to changing temperatures.  
3. Sensor Calibration: In some cases, the DS1822 can be used as a reference temperature sensor to calibrate other sensors on the robot.  
  
How it Works:  
The DS1822 uses a unique 1-Wire interface to communicate with the microcontroller. Here's a simplified overview of how it works:  
  
1. The DS1822 measures the temperature and converts it into a digital signal.  
2. The microcontroller sends a request to the DS1822 to read the temperature data.  
3. The DS1822 sends the temperature data back to the microcontroller through the 1-Wire interface.

**Pin Summary for The Robot.**

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**Components Features**

**Microcontroller**

Features

* High-performance processing
* Low power consumption
* Small size and lightweight
* Easy to program and integrate
* Compatible with various sensors and actuators

Specs

* Processor: 32-bit ARM Cortex-M4
* Clock Speed: 100 MHz
* Memory: 256 KB Flash, 64 KB RAM
* Communication: UART, SPI, I2C, USB
* Operating Voltage: 3.3V

**IR Sensor**

Features

* High sensitivity and accuracy
* Adjustable detection range
* Low power consumption
* Compact and lightweight design
* Easy to integrate with microcontrollers

Specs

* Detection Range: 5-50 cm
* Sensitivity: Adjustable
* Power Consumption: 5 mA
* Operating Voltage: 3.3V-5V
* Communication: Analog output

**Motor Drive**

Features

* High current handling capacity
* Adjustable speed and direction control
* Low power consumption
* Compact and lightweight design
* Easy to integrate with microcontrollers

Specs

* Maximum Current: 2A
* Adjustable Speed: 0-100%
* Power Consumption: 10 mA
* Operating Voltage: 3.3V-12V
* Communication: PWM input

**Motor**

Features

* High torque and efficiency
* Adjustable speed and direction control
* Low power consumption
* Compact and lightweight design
* Easy to integrate with motor drives

Specs

* Maximum Torque: 10 kg-cm
* Adjustable Speed: 0-100%
* Power Consumption: 50 mA
* Operating Voltage: 3.3V-12V
* Communication: PWM input

**Battery**

Features

* High capacity and long lifespan
* Low self-discharge rate
* Compact and lightweight design
* Easy to integrate with robots

Specs

* Capacity: 2000 mAh
* Type: Li-ion rechargeable
* Operating Voltage: 3.7V
* Charging Voltage: 4.2V
* Communication: None

**3.2 DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM**

**In this study, we proposed a line-moving robot system that contains a navigation system using infrared sensors. The system is implemented in three spaces using a central database system. The secure space located on the same or different part of buildings as illustrated in figure 1. The system used hardware as well as software. The hardware components are infrared sensors, motor drive, motor, USB connections, and connecting cables, etc. In addition, we have used an actuator (stepper motor) for this purpose.**

**Step 1: Infrared Sensor Detection**

**The infrared sensor retrieves the information containing the line as it comes in the range of few millimeters from the sensor.**

**Step 2: Data Transmission to Microcontroller**

**After receiving the line information, the sensor sends this information to the microcontroller for confirmation.**

**Step 3: Microcontroller Processing**

**The microcontroller queries the database and retrieves corresponding information after receiving the query from the sensor.**

**Step 4: Log Creation**

**The microcontroller computes a timestamp (date, time) after receiving the reply from the database and creates a log.**

**Step 5: Motor Control**

**Once the line information is verified, the system generates a control signal through the parallel port, which controls the movement of the robot by means of a stepper motor.**

**PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE**

Python is a widely used general-purpose, high-level programming language. Its design philosophy emphasizes code readability, and its syntax allows programmers to express concepts in fewer lines of code than would be possible in languages such as C++ or Java. But for this project we are using Arduino.

**GENERATING AND SENDING ALERTS**

After configuring the system to send an alert to the predefined subscriber, it was then necessary to generate and send the alert. The Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) program was then used to deliver the alert from the microcontroller to the configured mail hub. These can be summarized below:

**Pseudocode**

1. Upon restart of the system, send out an alert with the boot IP assigned to a mailhost.
2. Check the status of the GPIO pin. If the pin is LOW, GPIO output pin 13 should remain LOW, and the system is idle. Else, if the pin suddenly goes HIGH, interpret this as an interrupt event.
3. While the value of the input GPIO pin is HIGH (interrupt event), set pin 13 to be HIGH. This instance blinks the LED. Call the function that starts the infrared sensor.
4. The sensor takes 5 seconds to initialize and save it in a file.
5. The system checks whether the internet is enabled on the microcontroller.
6. If the internet is enabled, send an alert to a prescribed mailhost. If no internet is available, wait for 5 seconds, then check again. Reset the sensor pin to LOW and recheck again the status after 2 seconds. This should return the program to the main loop.

**Arduino Uno Code**

**// Define pin connections**

**#define IR\_LEFT A0 // Left IR sensor (IR1)**

**#define IR\_RIGHT A1 // Right IR sensor (IR2)**

**#define ENA 9 // Motor A enable pin**

**#define ENB 10 // Motor B enable pin**

**#define IN1 8 // Motor A input 1**

**#define IN2 7 // Motor A input 2**

**#define IN3 6 // Motor B input 1**

**#define IN4 5 // Motor B input 2**

**void setup() {**

**// Set motor pins as output**

**pinMode(ENA, OUTPUT);**

**pinMode(ENB, OUTPUT);**

**pinMode(IN1, OUTPUT);**

**pinMode(IN2, OUTPUT);**

**pinMode(IN3, OUTPUT);**

**pinMode(IN4, OUTPUT);**

**// Set IR sensor pins as input**

**pinMode(IR\_LEFT, INPUT);**

**pinMode(IR\_RIGHT, INPUT);**

**// Start motors off**

**analogWrite(ENA, 0);**

**analogWrite(ENB, 0);**

**}**

**void loop() {**

**int leftSensor = digitalRead(IR\_LEFT);**

**int rightSensor = digitalRead(IR\_RIGHT);**

**if (leftSensor == LOW && rightSensor == LOW) {**

**// No obstacle detected - move forward**

**moveForward();**

**} else if (leftSensor == LOW && rightSensor == HIGH) {**

**// Obstacle on right - turn left**

**turnLeft();**

**} else if (leftSensor == HIGH && rightSensor == LOW) {**

**// Obstacle on left - turn right**

**turnRight();**

**} else {**

**// Obstacles on both sides - stop**

**stopMotors();**

**}**

**}**

**// Functions to control the motors**

**void moveForward() {**

**analogWrite(ENA, 150);**

**analogWrite(ENB, 150);**

**digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH);**

**digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);**

**digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH);**

**digitalWrite(IN4, LOW);**

**}**

**void turnLeft() {**

**analogWrite(ENA, 100);**

**analogWrite(ENB, 100);**

**digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);**

**digitalWrite(IN2, HIGH);**

**digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH);**

**digitalWrite(IN4, LOW);**

**}**

**void turnRight() {**

**analogWrite(ENA, 100);**

**analogWrite(ENB, 100);**

**digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH);**

**digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);**

**digitalWrite(IN3, LOW);**

**digitalWrite(IN4, HIGH);**

**}**

**void stopMotors() {**

**analogWrite(ENA, 0);**

**analogWrite(ENB, 0);**

**digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);**

**digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);**

**digitalWrite(IN3, LOW);**

**digitalWrite(IN4, LOW);**

**}**

This Arduino Uno code reads the value of the infrared sensor and controls the motor and LED accordingly. If the infrared sensor detects the line, the motor moves and the LED turns on. Otherwise, the motor stops and the LED turns off.

**3.3 WORKING OF THE SYSTEM**

The system stores all the necessary information about the line and the robot's navigation parameters. A new line path is first mapped and the corresponding navigation parameters are stored in the system. When the robot is placed on the line, the infrared sensor detects the line and sends the information to the microcontroller. The system checks whether the line is valid and matches the stored navigation parameters. If the line is valid, the robot moves along the line, and the system generates a log of the robot's movement.

The system's working can be summarized as follows:

1. Line Mapping: A new line path is mapped, and the corresponding navigation parameters are stored in the system.
2. Line Detection: The infrared sensor detects the line and sends the information to the microcontroller.
3. Navigation Parameter Matching: The system checks whether the line is valid and matches the stored navigation parameters.
4. Robot Movement: If the line is valid, the robot moves along the line, and the system generates a log of the robot's movement.
5. Log Generation: The system generates a log of the robot's movement, including the time, date, and navigation parameters.

**CHAPTER FOUR**

**RESULTS OF THE SYSTEM**

If uploading or running of the code is successful, you will see the instruction on the serial monitor. It means the system is prepared to start the robot's movement. Now, place the robot on the line. If the line is detected by the infrared sensor, the robot will start moving along the line. The motor will rotate, and the robot will move forward.

The infrared sensor will continuously monitor the line and adjust the robot's movement accordingly. If the line is lost or the robot deviates from the line, the sensor will detect it and adjust the robot's movement to get back on track.

The system will generate a log of the robot's movement, including the time, date, and navigation parameters. This log can be used to analyze the robot's performance and make adjustments to the navigation parameters as needed.

The results of the system can be summarized as follows:

1. Successful Code Upload: The code is uploaded successfully, and the system is prepared to start the robot's movement.
2. Line Detection: The infrared sensor detects the line, and the robot starts moving along the line.
3. Robot Movement: The motor rotates, and the robot moves forward along the line.
4. Line Tracking: The infrared sensor continuously monitors the line and adjusts the robot's movement accordingly.
5. Log Generation: The system generates a log of the robot's movement, including the time, date, and navigation parameters.

**CHAPTER FIVE**

**CONCLUSION**

* 1. **Conclusion**

This paper presents the design and implementation of a line-moving robot using infrared sensors and a microcontroller. The navigation level is increased due to the usage of a microcontroller which sends the navigation parameters to the robot, has built-in capabilities, and is easily connectible to external devices. The microcontroller proves to be a smart, economic, and efficient platform for implementing the line-moving robot.

Two advantages provided by the system are that necessary action can be taken in real-time to adjust the robot's movement, and the design of a compact robot which is small in size. Reduced size makes it more applicable for commercial manufacturing and distribution. A microcontroller and open-source applications with its ever-growing community and development provide a great hope in the near future.

Infrared sensor-based navigation and control system is more accurate and fast-responded as compared to other systems. The advantage of the infrared system is contact-less and works without-line-of-sight. By using a microcontroller, it is easy to access and works very quickly while burning the code, it is like a plug-and-play device. User admin can change the function accordingly by using the microcontroller. It is easier to use and accurate also.

Hence, this project can be useful for implementation of navigation and control applications for robotic systems as well as providing the benefits of automation and efficiency. The line-moving robot can be used in various applications such as industrial automation, service robotics, and education.

* 1. **Recommendation**

The line-moving robot system can be further improved by including advanced navigation sensors such as lidar or stereo vision; also, the provision of a more sophisticated algorithm for navigation and control will make the system more robust. The system can also include an obstacle avoidance system for repetitive collision detection or wrong navigation. Additionally, the system can be integrated with a machine learning algorithm to improve its navigation and control capabilities.

Some possible recommendations for future work include:

1. Integrating the line-moving robot with other robotic systems to create a more complex and autonomous system.
2. Developing a more advanced navigation algorithm that can handle complex environments and obstacles.
3. Incorporating machine learning algorithms to improve the robot's navigation and control capabilities.
4. Designing and implementing a more robust and reliable hardware system for the line-moving robot.

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