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## ABSTRACT

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Electricity has become the most sought-after amenity for all of us. Gone are the days when electricity would be only limited to cities. It is now reaching to every distant parts of the world. So we have now a complex network of power system. This power is being carried by the transmission lines. These lines travel very long distances so while carrying power, fault occurring is natural. These faults damages many vital electrical equipments like transformer, generator, transmission lines. For the uninterrupted power supply we need to prevent these faults as much as possible. So we need to detect faults within the shortest possible time. Microprocessors and microcontroller based systems used for these fault detection have been advancing rapidly. The proposed paper simulates Numerical Overcurrent relay that detects faults using microcontroller and ADC. These relays are more reliable and have faster response than the traditional electromechanical relays and Static relays. They have increased range of setting, high accuracy, reduced size, and lower costs, along with many other functions, such as fault event recording, auto-resetting, etc.

This project is about designing the Numerical relay where the fault is detected when the input value exceeds the reference value set in the relay which then gives the trip signal to the circuit breaker.

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# **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Relay acts as an electrical switch that is operated by a circuit of small power rating to control circuit of larger power rating. Electromechanical Relay operates on electromagnetic principle. It has a magnetic coil which is energized by electric current to behave as a magnet. These relays which prevents faults are called as Protective relays. Nowadays microcontroller-based relays are gaining more popularity than the traditional Electromechanical relays and used extensively to prevent faults due to its faster response, reliability, less cost, compact size etc. Overcurrent relay act on the principle that when the input current or voltage value exceeds the predefined set value then the relay works and sends a trip signal to the circuit breaker.

This Project will be controlling the value of relay pickup current by the help of Microcontroller. We have used P89V51RD2 8051 microcontroller, ADC 0808, LCD JHD162A (16x2 display) to detect faults. Fault is detected and Trip signal is generated when the input current value is greater than that of relay preset value.

## **FAULTS**

It is an abnormal condition caused by many factors related to nature like lightning, wind, natural disaster & human error. It means there is a flow of very high value of current above the normal value. Due to this many electrical apparatus like transformer, generator, and transmission lines get affected because of overheating and insulation failure.

## **TYPES**

- 1) Shunt fault or short circuit fault which is classified into unbalanced (asymmetrical) and balanced (symmetrical) faults like L-G, L-L, L-L-G and L-L-L, L-L-L-G respectively.

These occur due to insulation failures and falling of tree branches. These types of faults involve ground.

- 2) Series or open circuit fault which are due to melting of the conductor because of overloading or breakage of conductor due to wind effect.

### **ELECTROMECHANICAL RELAYS**

Electromechanical protective relays are operated by magnetic induction. In this an electromagnet is formed by a coil of wire wound around an iron core which will move an armature that is connected to the switch of the controlled circuit. If a relay is not energized its armature won't control the switch. When current exceeds the set current in the coil the armature will move and control the switch as long as it is energized.

### **OVERCURRENT INDUCTION DISC TYPE RELAY**

It works by inducing currents in a disk that is free to rotate which will operate a contact. Induction relays require AC. If we are using two or more coils they should be at same frequency otherwise net operating force is not produced.

### **STATIC**

It uses electronic amplifiers like vacuum tube amplifiers. It has no moving mechanical parts unlike in Electromechanical relay. It uses analogue electronic devices instead of magnetic coils and mechanical parts to obtain the relay characteristics.

### **NUMERICAL RELAYS**

Numerical relays are microprocessor and microcontroller based relays having its own memory. Numeric relays take the input analog quantities and convert them to numeric values. Electromechanical and Static relays are not multifunctional unlike Numerical relay.

### **DISADVANTAGES OF ELECTROMECHANICAL RELAYS**

- 1) Electromechanical Relay uses mechanical parts that makes it bulky and larger in size. Flag system is used to tell whether the relay is activated or not.
- 2) It is not flexible as we can not modify its characteristics and functional operations unlike in software supported Numerical relay.



- 3) It is not as reliable as the numerical relay.
- 4) It does not provide multifunctional operations to control various features related to fault.
- 5) Auto-resetting is not possible in these relay.
- 6) It does not have memory to record fault related data.

### **ADVANTAGES OF NUMERICAL RELAYS**

- 1) Compact Size: Numerical relay is compact in size, and uses LCD to indicate relay activation. It requires less wiring so it is not having complex architecture.
- 2) Flexibility: We can modify its functional operation by changing codes in software.
- 3) Reliability: It is more reliable because of less interwiring, use of less components and reduced component failures.
- 4) Multi Functional Capability: Displaying results and data in LCD, recording fault related data etc. makes it a multi-functional in its operation.
- 5) Different Types of Relay Characteristics: We can get Definite Time Characteristics of different time values and Indefinite Time Characteristics of various values from it as they are stored in the microcontroller memory.
- 6) Digital Communication Capabilities: It is easily interfaced with different digital equipments.
- 7) Low burden: It has less burden on Instrument transformer.
- 8) Sensitivity: It has high sensitivity and pickup ratio.
- 9) Speed: It has the highest speed of operation among other relays.
- 10) Data History: It has memory of its own so it can record the various details of faults like nature, magnitude and duration of fault.
- 11) Auto Resetting and Self Diagnosis: It can decide whether normal condition has arrived after the fault.

**1.1 OBJECTIVE:** To devise and program an 8051 microcontroller based Numerical relay using Assembly Language to detect fault in Transmission lines.

# **CHAPTER 2**

## **BACKGROUND AND LITERATURE AND COMPONENTS DESCRIPTION**

Here we will discuss about the importance of carrying out this project. We will also discuss about different components used in our project.

### **2. 1 NEED FOR PROTECTION**

Fault introduces serious danger on both electrical apparatus and people. Therefore we have to protect ourselves as well as the equipments from these faults. Without it power system will fail in no time.

Various issues need to be protected are:

- Safety for People
- Equipment safety: Keeping equipments safe from various electrical abnormal and faulty conditions.
- Power system stability: Maintaining a continuous and reliable power supply.

### **2. 2 OVERCURRENT RELAY**

Over current is defined as any current which is more than the rated current rating of the equipment or a conductor. This may be caused by overload, short circuit, or ground fault. When current flows through a conductor it produces heat. So at faulty condition large current results in overheating which may damage equipments. So in order to save them from overheating and damage overcurrent relays are used.

The current from the transmission lines goes to the overcurrent relay through the current transformer in the form of AC. In normal condition relay remains in open state and in closed state in overcurrent fault situation. This relay has two basic settings which are called Time Setting Multiplier and Plug Setting Multiplier. Time setting multiplier adjusts the travelling distance of moving contact that is one of the causes of operational time delay of the relay when fault occurs. Another cause is speed of moving contact which depends upon the level of fault current. The pickup current value is decided by Plug setting multiplier.

### **Types**

- 1) Instantaneous Overcurrent Relay- This type of relay operates at an instant without any delay when input current exceeds the set value of current. It operates in definite time. These are used mostly on outgoing feeders.
- 2) Definite Time Overcurrent Relay- This type of relay operates when two conditions are met i. e. input current exceeding the relay setting value and the desired time delay is reached. The operation of these relays are independent of the fault current level rather the time delay provided to it to work.
- 3) Indefinite Time Overcurrent Relay- In this type of relay the operating time is inversely proportional to the magnitude of fault current. So it will operate faster for high current and slower for low current values. Again it has 3 variants according to different time vs current characteristics.

A) Normal Inverse Time Overcurrent Relay- In this there is a small change in time per unit of change of current occurs. Operating Time  $T = 0.14 \times (\text{TMS}) / ((\text{PSM})^{0.02} - 1)$ .

B) Very Inverse Time Overcurrent Relay- In this there is comparatively a larger change in time per unit of change of currents than the Normal inverse time relay. Operating Time  $T = 13.5 \times (\text{TMS}) / (\text{PSM} - 1)$ .

C) Extremely Inverse Time Overcurrent Relay- It has more inverse character than the Very Inverse Time Relay. Operating Time  $T = 80 \times (\text{TMS}) / (\text{PSM}^2 - 1)$ .

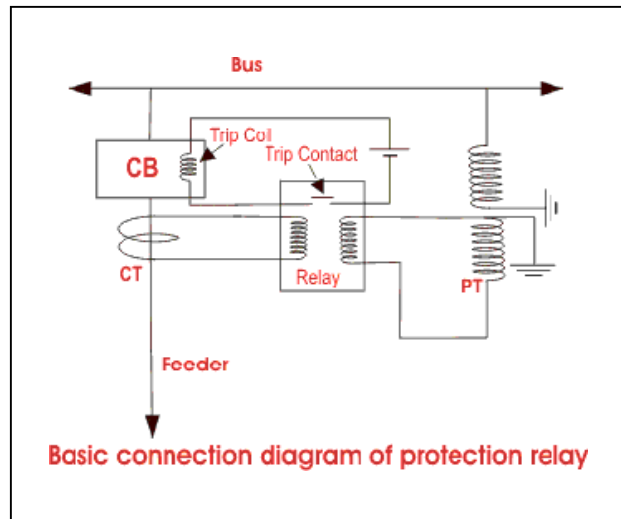


Fig. 1. Simple Relay Circuit [8]

### 2. 3 P89V51RD2 MICROCONTROLLER

The P89V51RD2 is a microcontroller of 8051 family which is built using CMOS technology, hence it is related to 80C51 microcontroller. A main feature of it is its X2 mode option. We can choose to run any operation either in conventional 80C51 clock rate which is 12 clocks per machine cycle or select the X2 mode which is 6 clocks per machine cycle. This will help execute twice one-cycle instructions per second or twice 500,000 two-cycle instructions per second than in 80C51 conventional clock rate. Also with the help of this feature we can reduce the EMI by keeping the same performance by reducing the clock frequency to half. Both parallel programming and in serial ISP are supported by its Flash Memory. Gang-programming is done through Parallel programming at high speed thus reducing programming costs and time while ISP (In-System Programming) allows any operation to be reprogrammed in the end product by modifying the codes in the programming software. The capability to update the application code helps in having a wide range of applications possible. It is also IAP (In-Application Programmable) that allows its

Flash memory to be reconfigured even during running of the application.

## **FEATURES**

- 5 V Operating voltage from 0 to 40 MHz
- 64 kB of on-chip Flash program memory with ISP
- Supports 12-clock (default) or 6-clock mode selection via software or ISP
- 64 kB Flash and 1024 bytes of data RAM.
- 80C51 CPU
- IAP
- Enhanced UART SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface) that allows it to interface easily with other peripheral devices through serial communication.
- Four 8-bit I/O ports with three high-current Port 1 pins (16 mA each)
- Three 16-bit timers/counters
- Eight interrupt sources with four priority levels
- Low EMI mode.
- Programmable Watchdog timer (WDT) - It protects the application against software deadlock and automatic recovery. It should be refreshed within a given period of time to avoid the deadlock otherwise internal hardware reset will be enabled.
- Second DPTR register- The device has two 16-bit data pointers DPTR0 and DPTR1
- TTL- and CMOS-compatible logic levels
- Brown-out detection- This causes the microcontroller to reset to save it from supplied voltage VDD fluctuations. Its threshold value for P89V51RD2 is 3.85 V. It is triggered when the voltage value goes below 3.85 V.
- Low power modes
  - Power-down mode with external interrupt wake-up
  - Idle mode

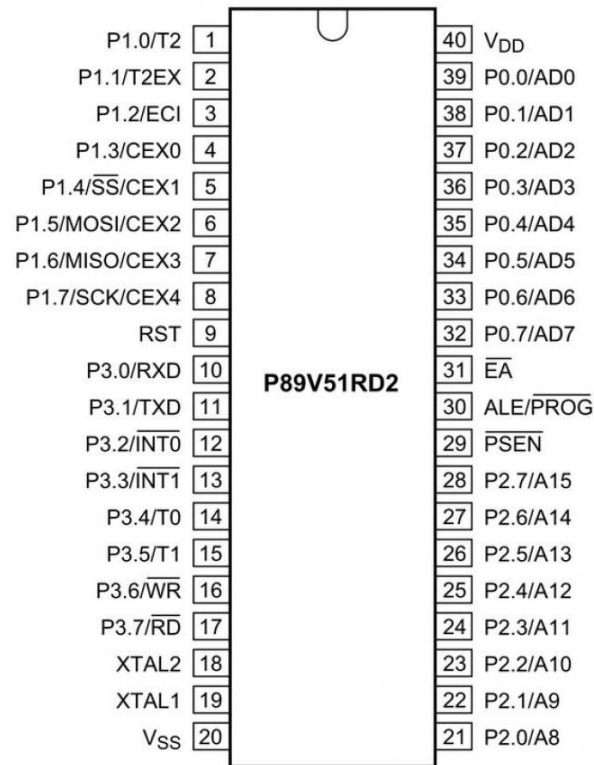


Fig. 2. P89V51RD2 Pin-out Diagram [3]

## 2. 4 ADC 0808 and JHD162A LCD

### ADC 0808

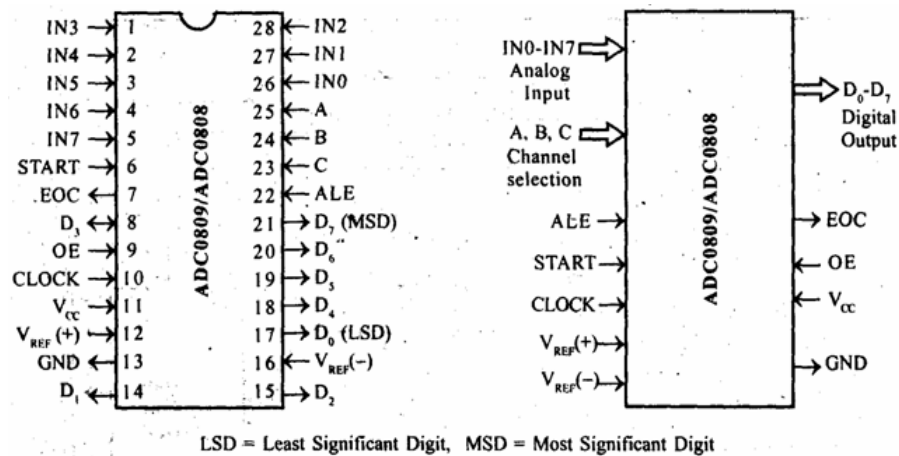


Fig. 3. ADC 0808 Pin-out Diagram [3]

ADC (Analog to digital converters) are used to convert analog signals to digital signals. In our physical world, mostly used signals are analog. Microcontroller can only operate with digital signal, so we need ADC. Earlier ADC 0804 were used, but since it can only operate with one analog signal at a time, and having less memory so, ADC 0808 was introduced which can operate with 8 signals at a time.

### **PIN Configuration**

It has 28 pins. Vref (+) and Vref (-) are used to set a base voltage. Vref (+) is usually given 5 V and Vref (-) is used as ground. A, B and C are used for selecting the channels i.e. IN0-IN7. ALE, EOC, OE, SC are used to fetch data from ADC 0808. We use Vcc pin to supply 5V to ADC and there is a GND pin which we use to ground the ADC. To get data from ADC following steps are used-

1. An analog signal is selected by providing different values to A,B and C
2. We give an L to H signal to ALE to activate ALE.
3. Then, EOC is checked. An H to L output from EOC indicates that ADC has completed its process of conversion and data is ready to be picked up.
4. To read data OE pin is given an L to H pulse.

### **FEATURES**

- We can easily interface it with any microcontroller.
- We do not need to adjust its zero or full scale value.
- It uses a multiplexer having 8 channels with address logic.
- Its input range is from 0V to VCC.
- ADC 0808 is similar to MM74C949.

### **JHD162A LCD**



Fig. 4. LCD 16X2 Pin-out Diagram

Nowadays LCDs are gaining popularity and are replacing LEDs. LCD modules are available in different version like 1x16 (one line -16 characters) or 2x16 (two lines -16 characters) or 2 x 20(two lines 20 characters) etc.The one we used is having 2x16 display. It has total 14 pins. They have advantages like-

- Low cost
- It can display numbers, characters and graphics whereas LEDs can only display numbers and few characters.
- Programming for characters and graphics is simple

**Table. 1. PIN Configuration of LCD**

PIN NO	FUNCTION	NAME
1	Ground(0V)	Ground
2	Supply Voltage (5V)	Vcc
3	Contrast Adjustment through a Potentiometer	Vee
4	Selects Command Register when Low,and Data Register when High	Register Select
5	Low to Write to a Register,High to Read from the Register	Read/Write
6	Sends Data to Data Pins when a High to Low Pulse is Given	Enable
7	8-Bit Data Pins	D0
8		D1
9		D2
10		D3
11		D4
12		D5
13		D6
14		D7

- **Vcc , Vss, Vee** – Vcc and Vss are used to provide 5V and ground, respectively and V<sub>ee</sub> is given 5V through a rheostat to control the contrast of the LCD
- **RS** – If RS=0, it allows the user to give command to LCD like clear screen, return home, shift display etc
- **R/W** – If R/W=0, we can write information to LCD and if R/W=1 information is read.
- **E, Enable** – When data is available in pins, a high to low pulse is given to this pin to latch information.
- **D0-D7** – These are 8 data pins of LCD.



# **CHAPTER 3**

## **METHODOLOGY**

Here we will be explaining about the whole steps followed in the operation of the relay. We will also be explaining about the algorithm followed in finding out the RMS value of the current. To sum up we have posted the flowchart of the operation of the whole project and a picture taken of our hardware model.

### **3. 1 WORK DONE AND STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS**

We are doing the model with 5V supply condition means all the devices i. e. ADC, Microcontroller, LCD are working on 5V supply. We have given also 5V as the voltage reference to the ADC. We have fed a continuous analog sinusoidal voltage signal to the ADC channel number 0 by selecting the values of A=0, B=0, C=0. We have given clock converting frequency to ADC 0808 as 691. 1875 KHz by the help of two D-flip-flops IC 74LS74 each containing two D-flip-flops. ADC performs sampling, quantization and encoding of the analog signal thus producing digital binary data. This binary output digital data is obtained from the 8 output pins of the ADC. The output from the ADC is fed into the port 1 of the microcontroller. The output of the microcontroller is fed into the LCD from the port 0 through external pull-up resistor pack of 8 resistors each of 10K $\Omega$ . Output from the ADC is represented as:

$$I = 2^n \times (V_{in} / V_{ref}), \text{ where } V_{ref} \text{ is the reference voltage } 5V$$

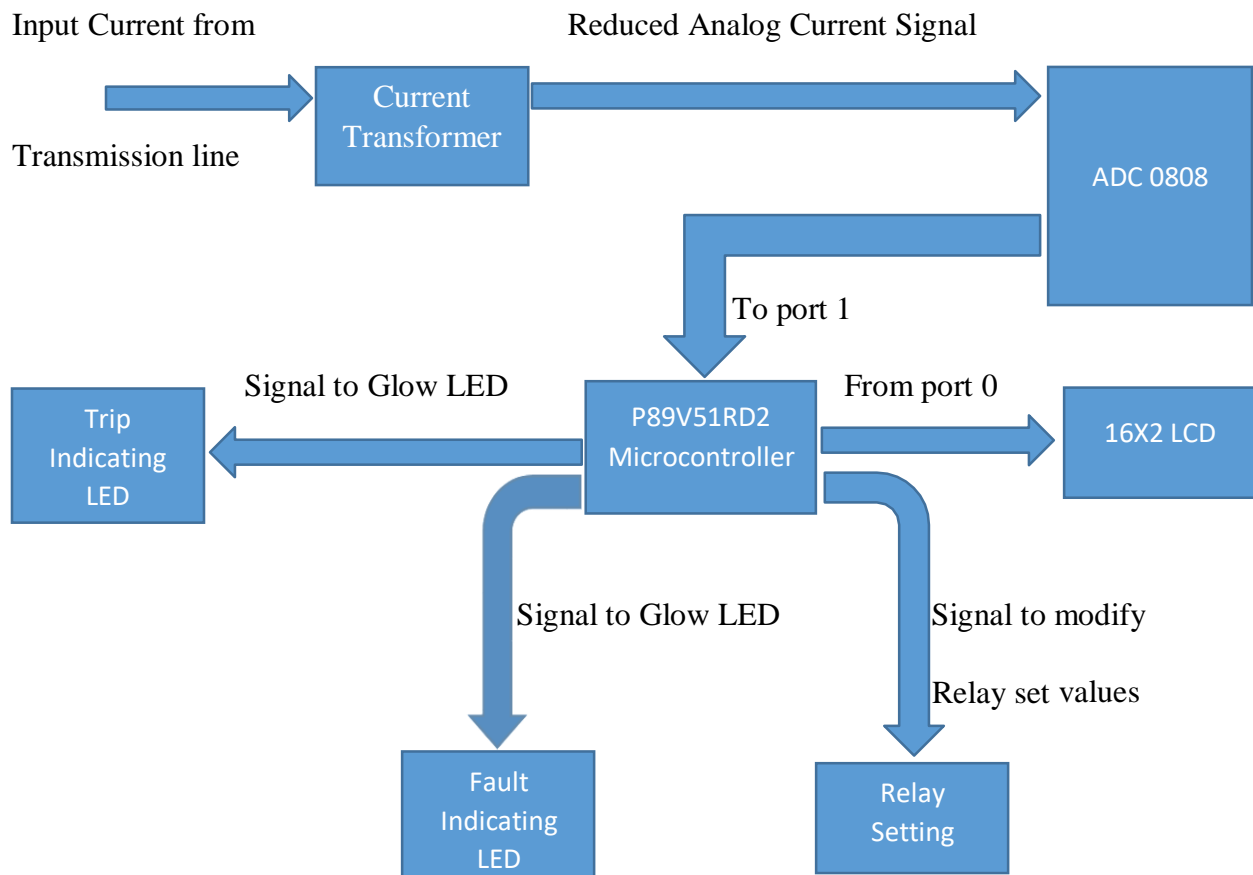
$V_{in}$  is the input voltage

$n$  is the number of bits (here 8)

## **STEPS**

- 1) Analog signal (current) is obtained from the transmission lines and is reduced by the current transformer.
- 2) Then the current signal is transformed to voltage signal by using current sensor circuit.
- 3) The analog voltage signal is then converted to digital binary signal using ADC.
- 4) The RMS value of the current is found out and displayed on the LCD.
- 5) In Microcontroller to which ADC is interfaced, program is written to compare the input current value with the relay preset current value so as to determine the occurrence of fault i. e. if  $I_{in} > I_{ref}$  then fault occurs otherwise no fault.
- 6) The result is then displayed on the LCD.
- 7) Facility to change relay preset value, and definite time setting is provided if the operation is invoked.

**FIG. 5. BLOCK DIAGRAM OF NUMERICAL OVER CURRENT RELAY**



### 3. 2 RMS Calculation by Division by 7 Method

- STEP1: First, the pick value of the analog signal is found and it is stored in a register in hexadecimal code.
- STEP2: Then, the hexadecimal number is divided by 7 and the quotient is stored in accumulator ie A register and remainder in register B.
- STEP3: Again the quotient in A is divided by 10 and the quotient found is stored in R6 and remainder in R5 of bank 0.
- STEP4: The value in register B is transferred to R2 of bank 0.
- STEP5: Finally, we get 3 numbers, one is stored in R6, the other in R5 and the last one in R2 of bank0. The decimal point is placed after the value stored in R6. So, we get the rms value as **R6 . R5 R2**.

E. g. since ADC is 8 bit and Vref is given as 5V, so the maximum hexadecimal value would be 255 for 5V. Let us assume the pick value of the analog signal found to be 3V. So, by calculation its hexadecimal will be 153 and the actual rms value for 3V pick will be 2. 12.

From our method, first 153 is divided by 7, then we get quotient as 21 and remainder as 6. '21' is stored in register A and '6' in register B. Then, 21 is divided by 10 and its quotient is stored in R6 i. e. '2' and remainder i. e. '1' is stored in R5 of bank 0. The value '6' stored in register B is transferred to R2 of bank 0. Decimal is put after value '2', the number next to decimal will be the one stored in R5 i. e. '1' and the final value will be the number stored in R2 i.e. '6'. So, we get the rms value as 2.16

#### **ERROR**

Actual rms value is 2. 12 and the value we get is 2. 16.

Error= (Measured value – True value) / True value

So, error comes out to be 1. 88%

### **3. 3 ALGORITHM STEPS FOR NUMERICAL OC RELAY**

**STEP1:** ADC, LCD, and Relay Control pins are defined at first.

**STEP2:** LCD is initialized and displays “Current:”

**STEP3:** Maximum Sampled Value is found out by ADC.

**STEP4:** RMS value of current is found out and displayed on LCD.

**STEP5:** Comparison between the input current value and relay set value. If carry bit=1 then

Microcontroller sends signal fault indication and trip at different definite time setting

Values and displays “Fault in Line. If carry bit=0 then LCD displays “No Fault in Line”.

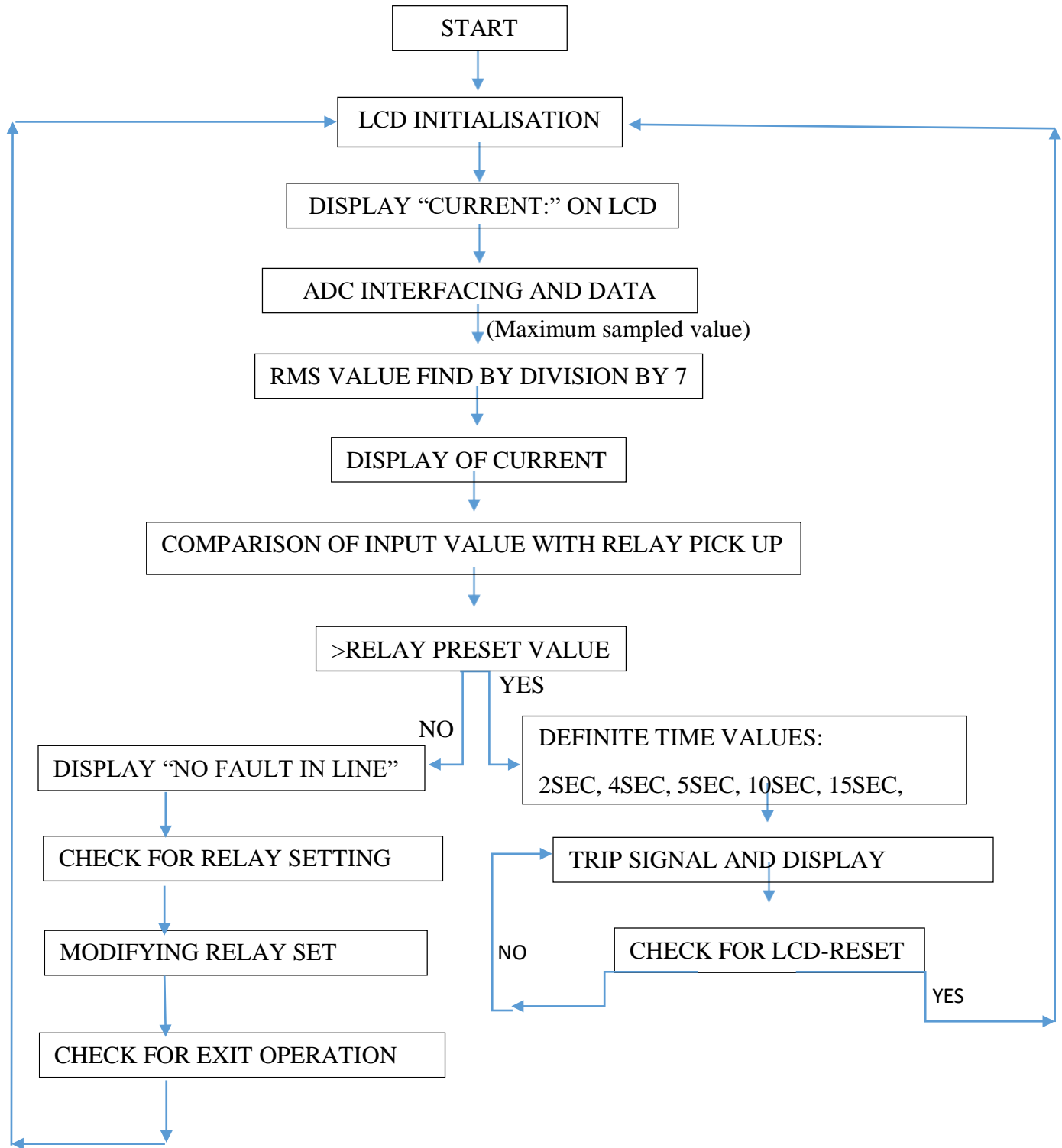
**STEP6:** If fault occurs then check for LCD reset operation.

- If yes then go to STEP2 otherwise continuously displays “Fault in Line “on LCD.

If no fault occurs then check for Relay setting operation.

- If yes then relay set current is modified, definite time for trip is set.  
Meanwhile check for exit operation continuously. If yes then go to STEP2, otherwise continue.
- If no then go to STEP2 and continue.

**Fig. 6. FLOWCHART OF PROJECT**



### 3. 4 HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

Here we will show different connections between ADC-Microcontroller, Microcontroller-LCD, and Microcontroller-Relay Switches/LEDs etc.

**Table. 2. CONNECTION TABLE**

Sl. No.	Name of the Port/PIN No.	Connected From	Connected To
1	P0. 0	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 7 (D0)
2	P0. 1	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 8 (D1)
3	P0. 2	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 9 (D2)
4	P0. 3	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 10 (D3)
5	P0. 4	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 11 (D4)
6	P0. 5	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 12 (D5)
7	P0. 6	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 13 (D6)
8	P0. 7	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 14 (D7)
9	P1. 0	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 21 (D1)
10	P1. 1	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 20 (D2)
11	P1. 2	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 19 (D3)
12	P1. 3	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 18 (D4)
13	P1. 4	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 8 (D5)
14	P1. 5	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 15 (D6)
15	P1. 6	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 14 (D7)
16	P1. 7	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 17 (D8)
17	P2. 0	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 6 (ADC_SC)
18	P2. 1	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 7 (ADC_EOC)
19	P2. 2	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 25 (ADC_A)
20	P2. 3	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 24 (ADC_B)
21	P2. 4	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 22 (ALE)
22	P2. 5	Microcontroller	ADC pin no. 23 ((ADC_C)
23	P2. 6	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 6 (EN)

24	P2. 7	Microcontroller	LCD pin no. 4 (RS)
25	P3. 1	Microcontroller	Trip LED
26	P3. 2	Microcontroller	LCD Reset Switch
27	P3. 3	Microcontroller	Relay Right Switch
28	P3. 4	Microcontroller	Relay Down Switch
29	P3. 5	Microcontroller	Relay Left Switch
30	P3. 6	Microcontroller	Relay Up Switch
31	P3. 7	Microcontroller	Fault Indicator LED
32	IN0	ADC pin no. 26	Potentiometer

### 3. 5 FUTURE SCOPE FOR MODIFICATION

We have two types of fault which comes under short circuit fault- one is symmetrical and the other is asymmetrical. L-G, L-L, L-L-G comes under symmetrical fault and L-L-L and L-L-L-G comes under asymmetrical fault. Our setup is limited to detect fault in a single phase if current exceeds the set value and provides signal to trip. Our set-up in this project can be modified to determine the different types of faults (e. g. L-G, L-L, L-L-L, L-L-L-G) by adding two more similar set-up so that we can have three phases. From those phases we can generate the negative, positive, and zero sequence components of the fault current and then by checking the different conditions like equality or inequality among positive, negative, zero sequence currents we can determine the types of fault.

Simulations are done in Proteus 8. 0 and the programcode is written in KEIL uVision Software Platform.

Fig. 7. Input Current during normal condition

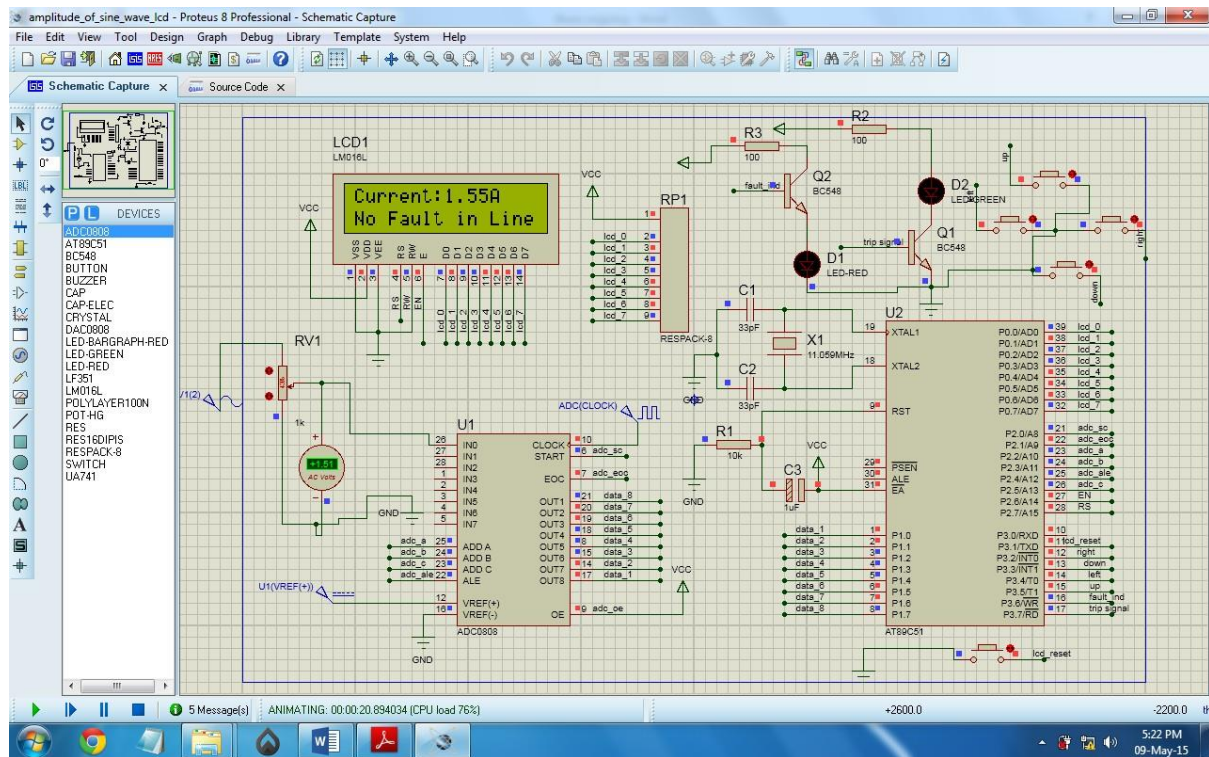




Fig. 8. Relay Set Current-2.00A (default) and Definite Time Setting Delay-4 Sec (default)

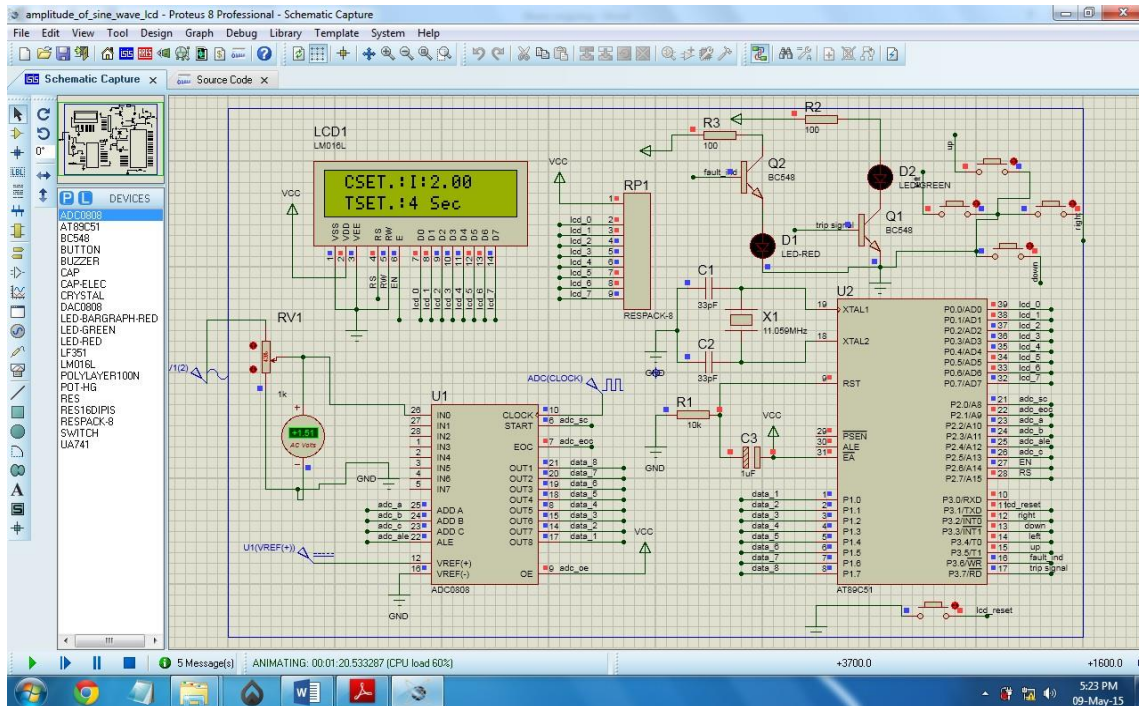


Fig. 9. During Fault, Fault Current=2.02A and Fault is indicated by Red LED

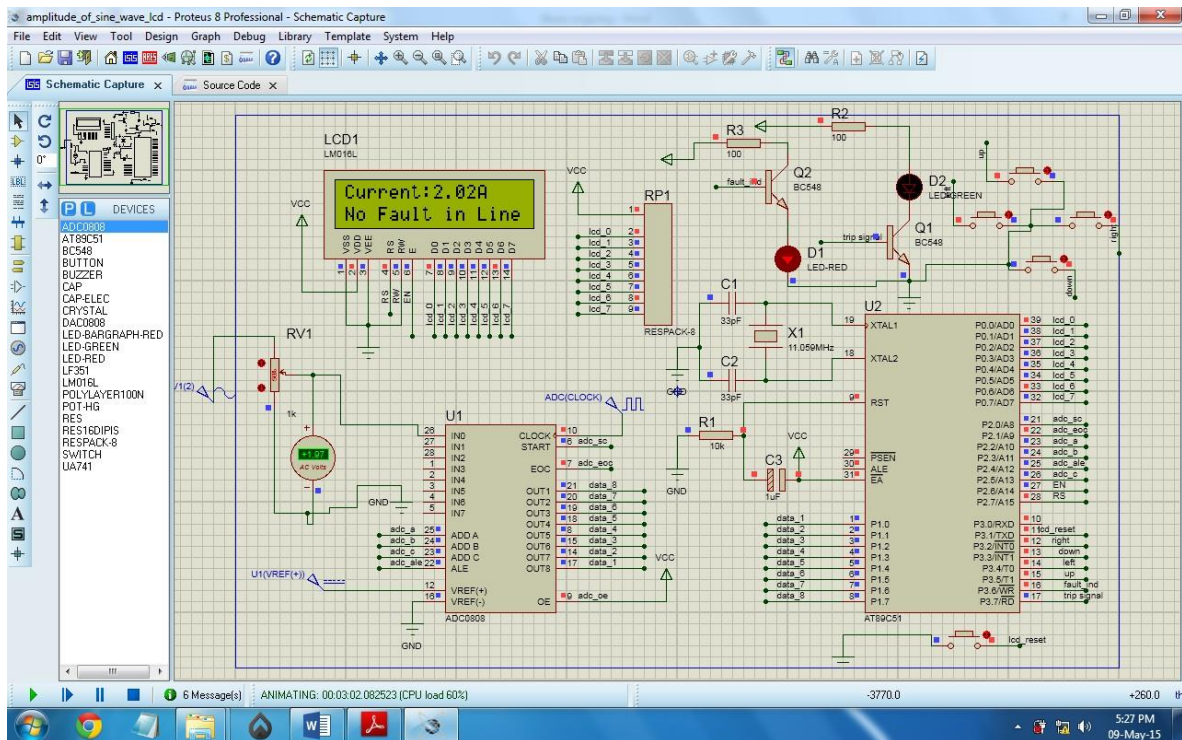


Fig. 10. During Fault, Fault Current=2.02A and Trip is indicated by Green LED

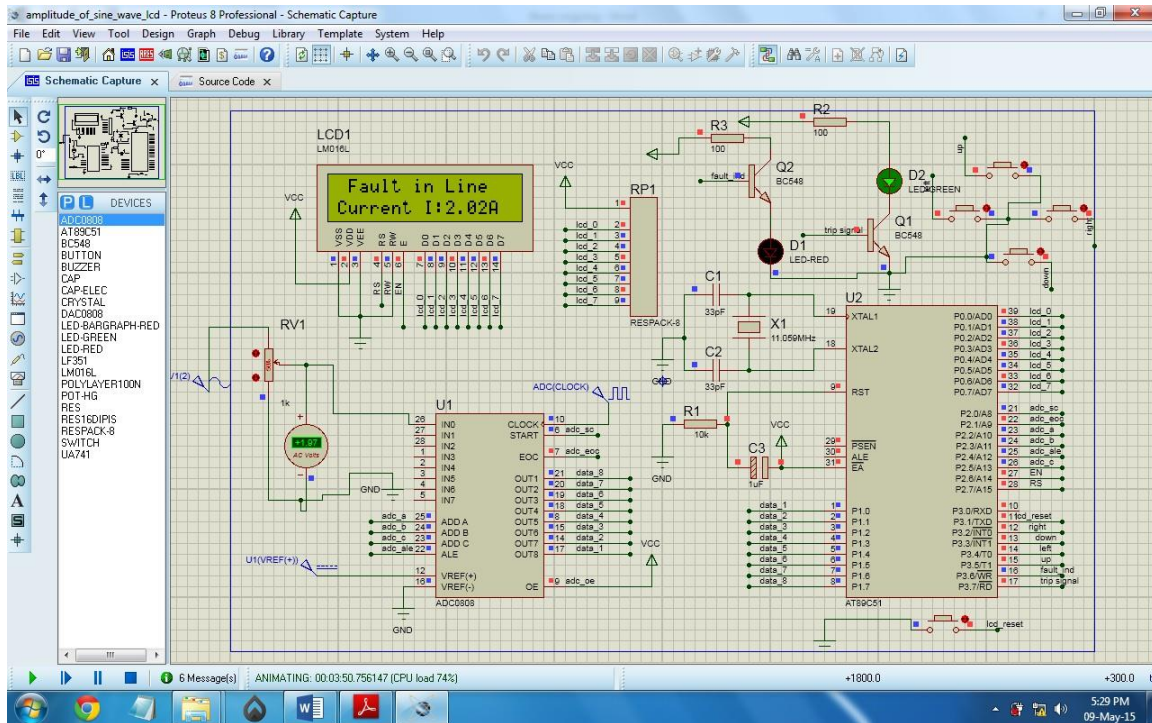
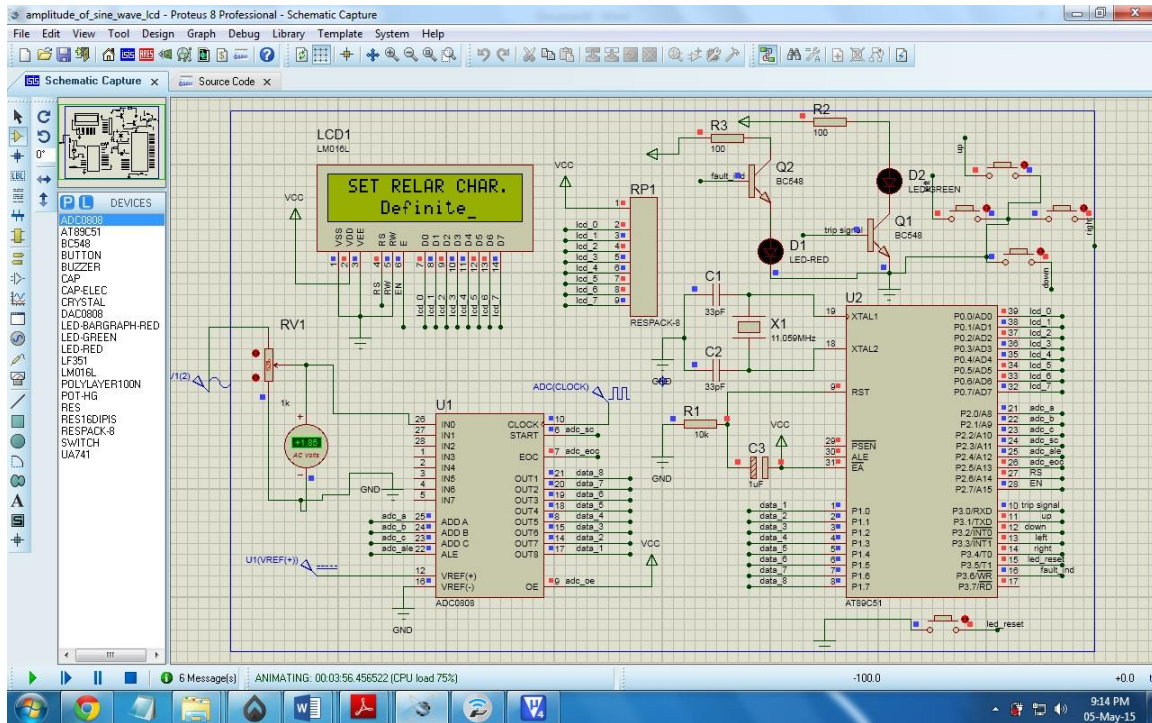


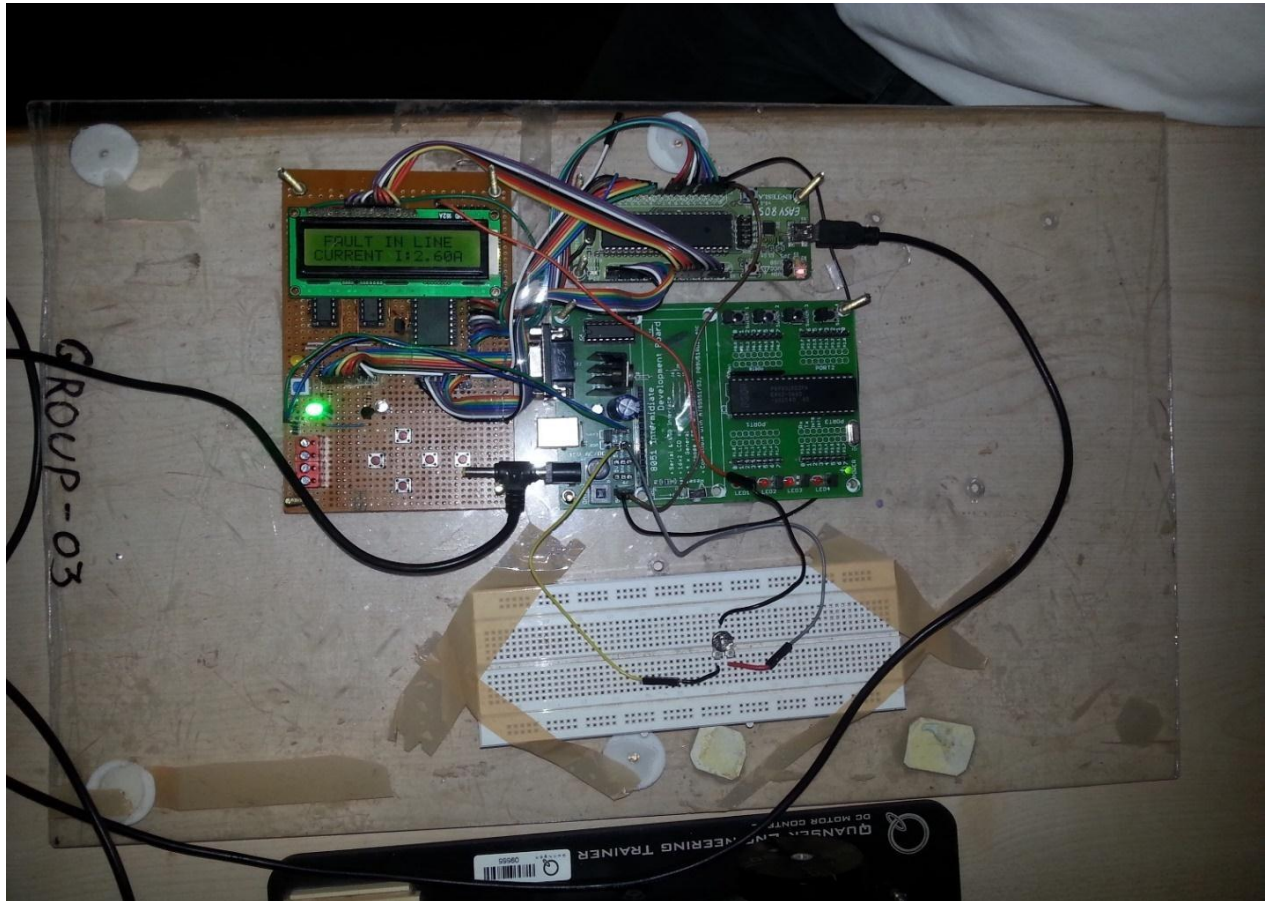
Fig. 11. Setting the Definite Characteristic of the Relay





The screenshot displays the Proteus 8 Professional software interface for a microcontroller project. The main window shows a schematic capture of an AT89C51 microcontroller circuit. The circuit includes an LCD1 LM016L, an ADC0808, a 11.059MHz crystal, and various passive components like resistors, capacitors, and a switch. The AT89C51 is configured with pins for data, address, control, and I/O. The LCD displays "SET DEF. TIME 15 Sec\_". The status bar at the bottom indicates "ANIMATING: 00:05:56 916080 (CPU load 73%)".

**Fig. 13. HARDWARE MODULE**



## **CONCLUSION**

We have been able to incorporate successfully the detection of fault by using ADC and Microcontroller by taking both the input voltage as DC and AC Sinusoidal. It is observed that when the current value obtained from the secondary current value of the current transformer is greater than the preset value of the relay then the fault is detected by the microcontroller. The result is displayed on the LCD screen. We can set different trip time delay using definite time characteristics of the relay. By this project it can be ensured faster detection of faults than the electromechanical relay on the power lines and their advanced analysis can be studied from the recorded data by the microcontroller. Also the method we followed to find out the RMS value of the current gave error of about 1.8-2.3 % of the actual calculated RMS value.

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