Robotic Car with Line Following and Obstacle Sensing

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Introduction

This project focuses on designing a self-driving robotic car capable of lane following and obstacle detection. Using a combination of sensors and a microcontroller, the car can autonomously navigate predefined paths while avoiding collisions.

Motivation

- Enhance road safety by minimizing human errors.
- Improve traffic efficiency through adaptive routing.
- Increase accessibility for elderly and disabled individuals.
- Reduce congestion and parking issues with autonomous pick-up/drop-off.

Problem Statement

The project addresses challenges in autonomous robotics:

- Reliable obstacle detection
- Precise line following
- Real-time signal recognition
- Cliff detection for safety

Objectives

- 1. Autonomous Navigation Follow a predefined line using IR/optical sensors.
- 2. Obstacle Detection & Avoidance Use ultrasonic/IR/LIDAR sensors to avoid collisions.
- 3. Real-Time Processing Enable quick decisions based on live sensor data.
- 4. Adaptability Handle varying lighting, surfaces, and unexpected obstacles.

Design Methodology

Hardware: Raspberry Pi Pico, Motor Driver, Ultrasonic Sensor, IR Sensor.

Software: Thonny IDE, Python/MicroPython.

Functional Flow: IR sensors follow trajectory → Ultrasonic detects obstacles → Motor driver

controls wheels.

Results

- Successfully demonstrated lane following and obstacle avoidance.
- IR + Ultrasonic sensor integration enabled smooth navigation.
- Feasible low-cost prototype for educational robotics.

Conclusion

This prototype demonstrates real-time decision-making, sensor fusion, and robotics control systems. It acts as a foundation for advanced autonomous vehicle research and smart transportation innovations.

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