

## **Components used:**

Arduino Uno  
DC Motors (with sufficient torque)  
Motor Driver (L293D)  
Ultrasonic Sensor (for obstacle detection)  
Hall-effect Sensor (for current sensing)  
LEDs (to indicate status)  
Breadboard and Wires

## **Circuit Design:**

Arduino Uno: Place the Arduino Uno on the workspace.  
DC Motors: Connect the motors to the motor driver.  
Motor Driver (L293D): Connect the motor driver to the Arduino and the motors.  
Ultrasonic Sensor: Connect the VCC and GND to the power rails, and the Trig and Echo pins to digital pins on the Arduino.  
Hall-effect Sensor: Connect the sensor to the Arduino for current sensing.  
LEDs: Connect LEDs to digital pins with appropriate resistors.  
Power Supply: Ensure all components are properly powered.

## **SAMPLE CODE**

```
// Sample Arduino Code
const int trigPin = 9;
const int echoPin = 10;
const int ledPin = 13;
const int voltagePin = A0;

void setup() {
  pinMode(trigPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(echoPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
  Serial.begin(9600);
}
```

```

void loop() {
  // Ultrasonic Sensor
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
  delayMicroseconds(2);
  digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH);
  delayMicroseconds(10);
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
  long duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);
  int distance = duration * 0.034 / 2;
  Serial.print("Distance: ");
  Serial.println(distance);

  // Voltage Sensor
  int voltageValue = analogRead(voltagePin);
  float voltage = voltageValue * (5.0 / 1023.0);
  Serial.print("Voltage: ");
  Serial.println(voltage);

  // LED Indicator
  if (distance < 20 || voltage < 3.0) {
    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
  } else {
    digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
  }

  delay(1000);
}

```

## **1. Power Requirements**

### **Components:**

Arduino Uno: 5V, 40mA per I/O pin  
 DC Motors: 12V, 1.5A each (assuming 2 motors)  
 Ultrasonic Sensor: 5V, 15mA  
 Hall-effect Sensor: 5V, 10mA

LEDs: 5V, 20mA each (assuming 2 LEDs)

### **Total Power Consumption:**

Arduino Uno:  $5V \times 40mA = 0.2W$

DC Motors:  $12V \times 1.5A \times 2 = 36W$

Ultrasonic Sensor:  $5V \times 15mA = 0.075W$

Hall-effect Sensor:  $5V \times 10mA = 0.05W$

LEDs:  $5V \times 20mA \times 2 = 0.2W$

Total Power Consumption =  $0.2W + 36W + 0.075W + 0.05W + 0.2W = 36.525W$

## **2. Battery Selection**

### **Battery Type:**

LiPo Battery: Commonly used for robotics due to high energy density and discharge rates.

Battery Capacity Calculation:

Total Power Consumption: 36.525W

Operating Voltage: 12V (to match the motors)

Current Draw = Total Power / Operating Voltage =  $36.525W / 12V = 3.044A$

Assuming the robot needs to run for 1 hour: Battery Capacity = Current Draw \* Time =  $3.044A \times 1h = 3.044Ah$

To account for inefficiencies and safety margin, choose a battery with at least 20% higher capacity: Required Battery Capacity =  $3.044Ah \times 1.2 \approx 3.65Ah$

## **3. Peak Current and Wire Gauge**

### **Peak Current:**

DC Motors: 1.5A each

Total Peak Current:  $1.5A \times 2 = 3A$

Wire Gauge Calculation:

For a peak current of 3A, a wire gauge of 22 AWG is typically sufficient for short distances (less than 1 meter).

## **4. PCB Design Considerations**

### **Track Thickness:**

For high-current paths (3A), use thicker tracks.

Using a PCB trace width calculator, for a 3A current and 1oz copper thickness, the recommended trace width is approximately 1.5mm.

## Summary of Calculations

Parameter	—Value
Total Power Consumption	—36.525W
Operating Voltage	—12V
Current Draw	—3.044A
Required Battery Capacity	—3.65Ah
Peak Current	—3A
Recommended Wire Gauge	—22 AWG
Recommended Track Width	—1.5mm

## Component Table

Component Name	Component Justification	Component Power/Specification
Arduino Uno	Main microcontroller	5V, 40mA per I/O pin
DC Motor	Provides movement	12V, 1.5A
L293D Motor Driver	Controls motors	5V logic, 12V motor supply
Ultrasonic Sensor	Obstacle detection	5V, 15mA
Hall-effect Sensor	Current sensing	5V, 10mA

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## DETAILED CODE FOR ARDUINO

*// Define pins for ultrasonic sensor*

```
const int trigPin = 9;  
const int echoPin = 10;
```

*// Define pins for motor driver*

```
const int motorPin1 = 3;  
const int motorPin2 = 4;
```

*// Define pin for Hall-effect sensor*

```
const int hallEffectPin = A0;
```

*// Define pin for LED indicator*

```
const int ledPin = 13;
```

```
void setup() {
```

```
  // Set up ultrasonic sensor pins
```

```

pinMode(trigPin, OUTPUT);
pinMode(echoPin, INPUT);

// Set up motor driver pins
pinMode(motorPin1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(motorPin2, OUTPUT);

// Set up LED pin
pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);

// Initialize serial communication for debugging
Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
  // Measure distance using ultrasonic sensor
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW); // Ensure trigger pin is low
  delayMicroseconds(2); // Wait for 2 microseconds
  digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH); // Send a 10 microsecond pulse to trigger
  pin
  delayMicroseconds(10); // Wait for 10 microseconds
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW); // Set trigger pin low again

  // Read the echo pin and calculate distance
  long duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH); // Measure the time for echo
  int distance = duration * 0.034 / 2; // Convert time to distance
  Serial.print("Distance: ");
  Serial.println(distance); // Print distance to serial monitor

  // Measure current using Hall-effect sensor
  int currentValue = analogRead(hallEffectPin); // Read analog value from
  sensor
  float current = currentValue * (5.0 / 1023.0); // Convert analog value to
  voltage
  Serial.print("Current: ");
  Serial.println(current); // Print current to serial monitor

  // Control motors based on distance

```

```
if (distance < 20) { // If an obstacle is detected within 20 cm
  digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW); // Stop motor 1
  digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW); // Stop motor 2
  digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH); // Turn on LED indicator
} else {
  digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH); // Move motor 1 forward
  digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW); // Move motor 2 backward
  digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW); // Turn off LED indicator
}

delay(1000); // Wait for 1 second before repeating the loop
}
```