# Autonomous Snowplow

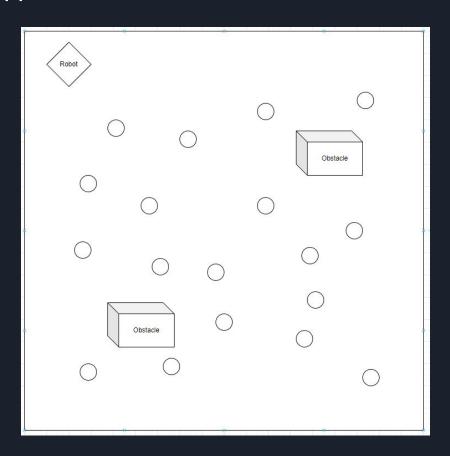
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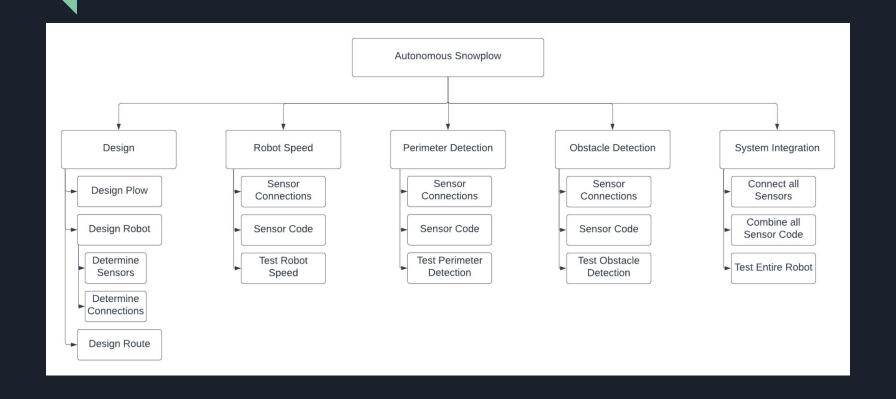


### PROJECT STATEMENT

- Robot can detect perimeter of arena
- Robot can detect and avoid obstacles
- Removes all the snowballs in the arena within 5 minutes
- Robot moves at a max speed of 30 cm/s
- Robot is a max size of 216 x 252 x 150 mm

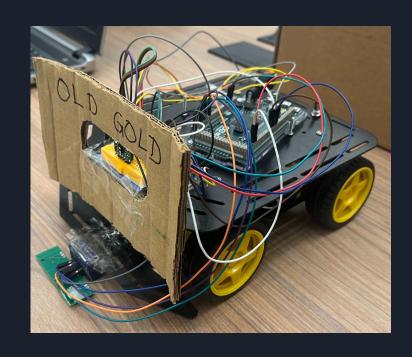


### WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE



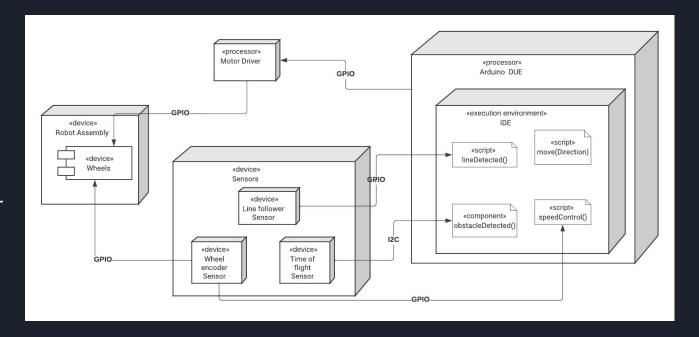
# SOLUTION





## HARDWARE

- Arduino Due
- Motor Driver Board
- Line Follower Sensor
- Time of Flight Sensor
- Wheel Encoder Sensor



# ARDUINO DUE

- Arduino Due
  - Microcontroller
  - Brain of the system and controls everything
  - o Runs all our code



#### MOTOR DRIVER BOARD

- Motor Driver Board
  - Connects motors to Arduino
  - Controls direction and speed of each motor



```
//move robot backward
void backward(){
  printf("BACKWARD\n");
  analogWrite(left_motor_en, 255);
  analogWrite(right_motor_dir, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(right_motor_dir, LOW);
}

//turn robot left
void left(){
  printf("LEFT\n");
  analogWrite(left_motor_en, 255);
  analogWrite(right_motor_en, 255);
  digitalWrite(left_motor_dir, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(right_motor_dir, HIGH);
  delay(1000); //turn left for 1s
}
```



```
//turn robot right
void right(){
  printf("RIGHT\n");
  analogWrite(left_motor_en, 255);
  analogWrite(right_motor_en, 255);
  digitalWrite(left_motor_dir, LOW);
  digitalWrite(left_motor_dir, LOW);
  delay(1000); //turn right for 1s
}

//stop robot movement
void stop(){
  printf("STOP\n");
  analogWrite(left_motor_en, 0);
  analogWrite(right_motor_en, 0);
  digitalWrite(left_motor_dir, LOW);
  digitalWrite(right_motor_dir, LOW);
}
```

#### LINE FOLLOWER SENSOR

- Used to detect the perimeter (black tape)
- Consists of 3 sensors
- Attached to front of robot facing the ground
- Black tape detected if at least 1 of the 3 sensors detect black



```
#include "lineDetector.h"
#define line detector front1 A9
#define line detector front2 A10
#define line detector front3 A11
//method for perimeter detection using line sensor
bool checkForLine()
  //read from each sensor
  int ex1 = analogRead(line detector front1);
  int ex2 = analogRead(line detector front2);
  int ex3 = analogRead(line detector front3);
  printf("Left analog: %i Middle analog: %i Right analog: %i\n", ex1, ex3, ex2);
  if (ex1 > 900 || ex2 > 950 || ex3 > 900) //different tested threshold for all sensors
    return true;
    return false:
```

#### TIME OF FLIGHT SENSOR

- Used as a distance sensor for detecting obstacles
- Makes use of I2C protocol to communicate with Arduino
- Attached at the front at the top of our robot
- Detects obstacle if detected at least 20 cm in front of the robot



```
//ToF sensor
sensorToF.setTimeout(500); //0.5s timeout
if (!sensorToF.init()){
    Serial.println("Failed to detect and initialize ToF sensor.");
    while(1);
}
sensorToF.setDistanceMode(VL53L1X::Short); //ToF in short mode
sensorToF.setMeasurementTimingBudget(20000);
sensorToF.startContinuous(50);
```

```
//method for obstacle detection using ToF sensor
bool checkForObstacle(){
  sensorToF.read();
  Serial.println(sensorToF.ranging_data.range_mm);
  if (sensorToF.ranging_data.range_mm <= 200) //if obstacle detected within 200mm of robot
  | return true;
  else
  | return false;
}</pre>
```

#### WHEEL ENCODER SENSOR

- Used to determine the speed of the robot
- Attached to the front wheels
- Ensures robot is going at a specified speed and doesn't exceed the limit
- Sends control flag if robot is going above 30 cm/s

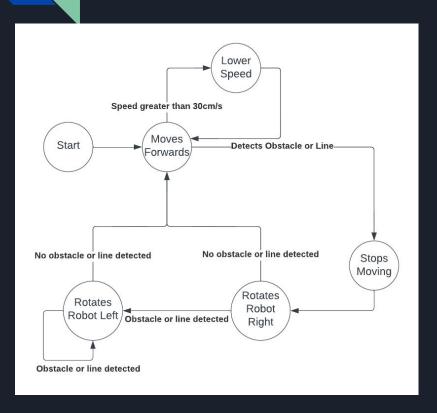
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//Wheel encoder

PMC->PMC_PCER0 |= PMC_PCER0_PID28; // Timer Counter 0 channel 1 IS TC1, TC1 power ON
TC0->TC_CHANNEL[1].TC_CMR = TC_CMR_TCCLKS_TIMER_CLOCK1 // capture mode, MCK/2 = 42 MHz
| TC_CMR_ABETRG // TIOA is used as the external trigger
| TC_CMR_LDRA_RISING// load RA on rising edge of TIOA
| TC_CMR_ETRGEDG_RISING; // Trigger on rising edge
TC0->TC_CHANNEL[1].TC_CCR = TC_CCR_SWTRG | TC_CCR_CLKEN; // Reset TC counter and enable
TC0->TC_CHANNEL[1].TC_IER |= TC_IER_LDRAS; // Trigger interrupt on Load RA
NVIC_EnableIRQ(TC1_IRQn); // Enable TC1 interrupts

if (CaptureFlag) { //w
CaptureFlag = 0; //R
speed = (19.648/(CaptureFlag)) { // Speed : (19.648/(CaptureFlag)) {
```

```
if (CaptureFlag) { //wheel encoder interrupt
   CaptureFlag = 0; //Reset the flag,
   speed = (19.648/(CaptureCountA/42000.0/1000.0)/10.0); //calculate speed
   printf("Speed: %f cm/s\n", speed);
   if (speed > 30){
        speedFlag = true; //robot going too fast
    } else {
        speedFlag = false; //robot moving below max allowed speed
    }
}
```

#### MOVEMENT ALGORITHM



```
switch(state){ //state machine
 case 0: //move forward state
   if (speedFlag){ //check if robot moving too fast
     slowForward();
     forward();
   if (line | obstacle) { //check for perimeter or obstacle
     stop();
     state = 1; //turn right
                                         case 1: //turn right state
     else {
                                           right();
     state = 0; //continue forward
                                           if (line || obstacle){
   break:
                                             stop();
                                             state = 2; //turn left
                                             state = 0; //continue forward
                                           break;
                                         case 2: //turn left state
                                           left();
                                           if (line || obstacle){
                                             stop();
                                             state = 2; //turn left again
                                            else {
                                             state = 0; //continue forward
                                           break;
                                       delay(500); //poll every 0.5s
```

# **TESTING RESULTS**



Demonstration Expectations

Demonstration Results

Resolutions

# Questions?