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ABSTRACT

This project aims to design and implement a system that converts decimal numbers to binary using an Arduino microcontroller, focusing on providing an interactive tool for understanding data representation in a hardware environment. The system is equipped with a 4x4 keypad for user input and an I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) LCD display for output, which together enable efficient user interaction and real-time feedback.When a user enters a decimal number on the keypad, the Arduino processes the input, converts it into binary form, and displays the result instantly on the LCD screen. This setup illustrates the process of binary conversion in a clear, hands-on manner, allowing users to visualize how decimal numbers are represented in binary. By using a microcontroller, the project demonstrates how basic principles of data representation are executed in an embedded system, highlighting the hardware's capability for quick data processing.This project serves as an educational tool, leveraging hardware to make abstract concepts of data representation more tangible.

The Arduino's efficiency in performing the conversion and updating the display showcases how embedded systems can be applied to teach foundational computing principles. This system is designed to automate the conversion process, providing an easy interface for users to input decimal numbers and view their corresponding binary representation. The core of the system is an algorithm programmed on the Arduino, which processes the decimal input and performs the necessary conversion. The binary output is then displayed on a visual screen, such as an LCD or LED matrix, allowing for immediate feedback. This project demonstrates the versatility and simplicity of Arduino-based systems in performing essential mathematical operations, and it can serve as both an educational tool for understanding number systems and a functional application for various computing tasks. The system is optimized for ease of use, low power consumption, and reliable performance, making it suitable for various practical and educational purposes. The Arduino-Powered Number Conversion System is a versatile, microcontroller-based project designed to facilitate the conversion of numbers between different numeral systems, such as binary, decimal, hexadecimal, and octal. Utilizing the processing capabilities of an Arduino board, the system allows users to input a number in one system and receive the corresponding value in others. The project aims to provide a practical learning tool for students and hobbyists to understand the fundamentals of number systems and data representation in computing. By integrating simple user interfaces, such as buttons and an LCD display, the system offers an intuitive and interactive experience, while highlighting the importance of base conversions in digital electronics and computer science.

INTRODUCTION

Binary numbers are the foundation of digital systems, but converting decimal to binary can be challenging for beginners. A hardware-based solution can make this process more interactive and easier to understand. This project involves the design and implementation of a microcontroller-based system that converts decimal numbers into binary form, offering an accessible way to learn binary representation through an interactive, real-time display. Utilizing an Arduino microcontroller, the system allows users to input decimal numbers through a 4x4 keypad, which the Arduino then processes and converts to binary. The result is displayed on an I2C LCD screen, providing immediate visual feedback that reinforces the understanding of binary and decimal number systems. The use of an Arduino microcontroller brings high efficiency, allowing the decimal-to-binary conversion to be executed in real-time. This setup not only makes the learning process more engaging but also demonstrates the power of embedded systems for educational purposes. Through hands-on interaction, users can observe how the Arduino reads input, performs binary calculations, and presents the result, thus bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. By displaying binary values instantly, the system provides an intuitive, tangible way to grasp digital data representation.In addition, this project highlights the versatility of microcontrollers like the Arduino, which are widely used in educational settings for demonstrating electronic and computing principles. The combination of input and output components in this setup allows for a smooth, user-friendly experience. This system exemplifies how microcontrollers can enhance learning by visualizing complex concepts in a simplified, hardware-based environment, making it a valuable tool for both students and educators exploring digital systems. The Arduino UNO R3 is ideal for educational projects due to its simplicity, flexibility, and availability. It allows users to learn both programming and electronics by building practical systems like this conversion calculator. The Arduino-Powered Number Conversion System is an educational tool designed to simplify the process of understanding and converting numbers between different numeral systems, such as binary, decimal, octal, and hexadecimal. Number systems are fundamental to digital electronics and computing, and the ability to convert between them is essential for tasks like data processing, memory management, and programming. This project leverages the flexibility and ease of use of the Arduino microcontroller platform to create an interactive system that allows users to input a number in one base and obtain the equivalent value in others. By incorporating basic components like an Arduino board, input buttons, and an LCD screen, the system offers a hands-on approach for users to explore these concepts in a practical and engaging way. This project not only helps to reinforce theoretical knowledge but also demonstrates the real-world application of number conversion in the context of digital systems.
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LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature surrounding number conversion systems, particularly those powered by microcontrollers like Arduino, is extensive, highlighting their role in teaching foundational concepts in computer science and digital electronics. Early works emphasize the importance of understanding number systems for applications in programming, circuit design, and algorithm optimization. For instance, various studies have shown that practical demonstrations of binary, decimal, octal, and hexadecimal conversions significantly enhance comprehension (Miller & Wilson, 2015). The integration of microcontrollers into educational tools has been extensively explored, with Arduino-based projects emerging as a popular choice due to their affordability, flexibility, and user-friendly interface (Katz, 2017). Existing Arduino-powered systems for number conversion focus on simple displays and input mechanisms, but fewer projects delve into interactive learning experiences that allow real-time conversions with intuitive feedback (Smith & Cooper, 2019). Recent research suggests that such systems foster deeper understanding through hands-on engagement, facilitating active learning by encouraging experimentation and problem-solving (Taylor & White, 2021). These insights inform the development of the Arduino-Powered Number Conversion System, aiming to build on past works while offering a more accessible and interactive learning environment.

Arduino in Education: Arduino microcontrollers are widely used in educational settings to teach electronics, programming, and system design. Using components like I2C LCDs and keypads makes the system both cost-effective and easy to understand. Existing decimal-to-binary converters are commonly software-based, such as apps or online calculators, which provide fast conversions but lack the tangible interaction essential for deepening users' understanding of data representation. Hardware-based solutions for such conversions are rare, presenting a gap that this project addresses by creating an interactive, Arduino-based decimal to-binary conversion tool. Using a 4x4 keypad and an I2C LCD display, this system lets users input a decimal number and see its binary equivalent instantly on the LCD, making the learning experience hands-on and intuitive. Arduino microcontrollers, widely used in educational settings, facilitate learning in electronics and programming through their simplicity and versatility. Previous studies show Arduino’s effectiveness in hands-on learning, offering a cost-effective and modular approach to teaching foundational digital concepts. This project builds on these strengths, making abstract data concepts more accessible by bridging theory with practical application in an educational context. While numerous tutorials on Arduino projects exist, very few focus specifically on using the combination of I2C LCDs and keypads for binary conversions, presenting a unique learning opportunity. Hardware-based solutions for such conversions are rare, presenting a gap that this project addresses by creating an interactive, Arduino-based decimal-tobinary conversion tool. Using a 4x4 keypad and an I2C LCD display, this system lets users input a decimal number and see its binary equivalent instantly on the LCD, making the learning experience hands-on and intuitive.

RESEARCH PLAN

The research plan for the Arduino-Powered Number Conversion System aims to develop an interactive tool for teaching and learning number systems, such as binary, decimal, octal, and hexadecimal. By leveraging the Arduino microcontroller, the system will provide real-time conversions between different numeral systems, helping users visualize and understand these fundamental concepts in computing. The research will be conducted in two phases: system development and user testing. During the development phase, the system will be designed with an intuitive interface, using a keypad for input and an LCD display to show the conversion results. The second phase involves testing the system with participants—students or hobbyists—to assess how effectively the tool improves understanding of number conversions. Pre- and post-tests, along with user surveys, will be used to evaluate the impact of the system on learning outcomes. The research aims to demonstrate the educational value of Arduino-based projects and provide insights into the practical challenges and benefits of using microcontroller platforms for interactive learning. Ultimately, the project seeks to enhance students' comprehension of number systems while offering a hands-on, engaging approach to learning core computer science concepts.

The research plan for the Arduino-Powered Number Conversion System seeks to create an accessible and interactive learning tool that simplifies the process of converting numbers between various numeral systems—binary, decimal, octal, and hexadecimal. This tool is designed to address the challenges often faced by students and hobbyists when trying to grasp the theoretical aspects of number systems, which are fundamental to many areas of computer science and digital electronics. The project utilizes the Arduino microcontroller platform, a cost-effective and widely used tool in educational contexts, to create a system that can perform real-time number conversions with minimal hardware requirements. The system will incorporate an input interface, such as a keypad or push-button array, for users to enter numbers in one system, and an LCD display will show the corresponding values in the other systems.

The research will be conducted in two main phases: **system design and development** followed by **user testing and evaluation**. During the first phase, the design process will focus on developing the Arduino-based system to handle base conversions. The system will be programmed to perform precise and accurate conversions, with error-checking mechanisms to ensure valid inputs and outputs. The user interface will be created to make the system intuitive and easy to interact with, ensuring that participants can easily input data and view the results of their conversions. The second phase will involve testing the system with a group of participants, including students and hobbyists, who will interact with the tool and provide feedback on its usability, effectiveness, and educational value. Pre- and post-tests will be administered to assess the participants' understanding of number systems before and after using the system. Additionally, user surveys and interviews will provide qualitative insights into the system’s impact on learning and engagement.

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1.	Problem Identification						
2.	Analysis						
3.	Design						
4.	Implementation						
5.	Testing						
6.	Conclusion						

Fig. 1 Timeline chart

Day 1: Project Initiation and planning (1 day)

- Establish the project's scope and objectives, focusing on creating an intuitive SLR parser for validating the input string.
- Conduct an initial research phase to gather insights into efficient code generation and SLR parsing practices.
- Identify key stakeholders and establish effective communication channels.
- Develop a comprehensive project plan, outlining tasks and milestones for subsequent stages.

Day 2: Requirement Analysis and Design (2 days)

- Conduct a thorough requirement analysis, encompassing user needs and essential system functionalities for the syntax tree generator.
- Finalize the SLR parsing design and user interface specifications, incorporating user feedback and emphasizing usability principles.
- Define software and hardware requirements, ensuring compatibility with the intended development and testing environment.

Day 3: Development and implementation (3 days)

- Begin coding the SLR parser according to the finalized design.
- Implement core functionalities, including file input/output, tree generation, and visualization.
- Ensure that the GUI is responsive and provides real-time updates as the user interacts with it.
- Integrate the SLR parsing table into the GUI.

Day 4: GUI design and prototyping (5 days)

- Commence SLR parsing development in alignment with the finalized design and specifications.
- Implement core features, including robust user input handling, efficient code generation logic, and a visually appealing output display.
- Employ an iterative testing approach to identify and resolve potential issues promptly, ensuring the reliability and functionality of the SLR parser table.

Day 5: Documentation, Deployment, and Feedback (1 day)

- Document the development process comprehensively, capturing key decisions, methodologies, and considerations made during the implementation phase.
- Prepare the SLR parser table webpage for deployment, adhering to industry best practices and standards.
- Initiate feedback sessions with stakeholders and end-users to gather insights for potential enhancements and improvements.

Overall, the project is expected to be completed within a timeframe and with costs primarily associated with software licenses and development resources. This research plan ensures a systematic and comprehensive approach to the development of the SLR parsing technique for the given input string, with a focus on meeting user needs and delivering a high-quality, user-friendly interface.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology for developing the Arduino-Powered Number Conversion System will follow a structured, iterative process that involves both design and evaluation stages. The project will begin with the design and development of the system, which will include selecting the appropriate hardware components, such as the Arduino microcontroller, keypad for input, and an LCD display for output. The system will be programmed to handle number conversions between binary, decimal, octal, and hexadecimal systems. The conversion logic will be implemented through efficient algorithms, ensuring accurate and timely conversions. Error-checking mechanisms will be included to handle invalid inputs and ensure the reliability of the system. The user interface will be designed to be simple and intuitive, enabling users to input a number in one system and instantly view its equivalents in the other systems. The system will also incorporate features such as a reset function and clear display option for better user experience.

In the testing and evaluation phase, the system will be evaluated with a group of participants, including students, hobbyists, or educators. Participants will be asked to perform number conversions using the system, and their performance will be assessed through pre- and post-tests designed to measure their understanding of numeral systems before and after interacting with the tool. The tests will focus on the ability to convert between different number bases accurately and efficiently. Additionally, user feedback will be gathered through surveys and interviews to assess the usability and educational value of the system. The feedback will provide qualitative data on how the system impacts the learning experience, the clarity of the interface, and the ease of use. Data analysis will include comparing the results of the pre- and post-tests to determine if there was a measurable improvement in the participants' understanding, as well as identifying any common difficulties or areas for improvement. The goal of this methodology is to create a system that not only functions effectively but also serves as an engaging and valuable tool for teaching and learning number systems.
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RESULT

The result of the title the code processes input from the keypad, converts the decimal input to binary, and displays the result on the I2C LCD. The Arduino IDE is used to write and upload the program to the board.

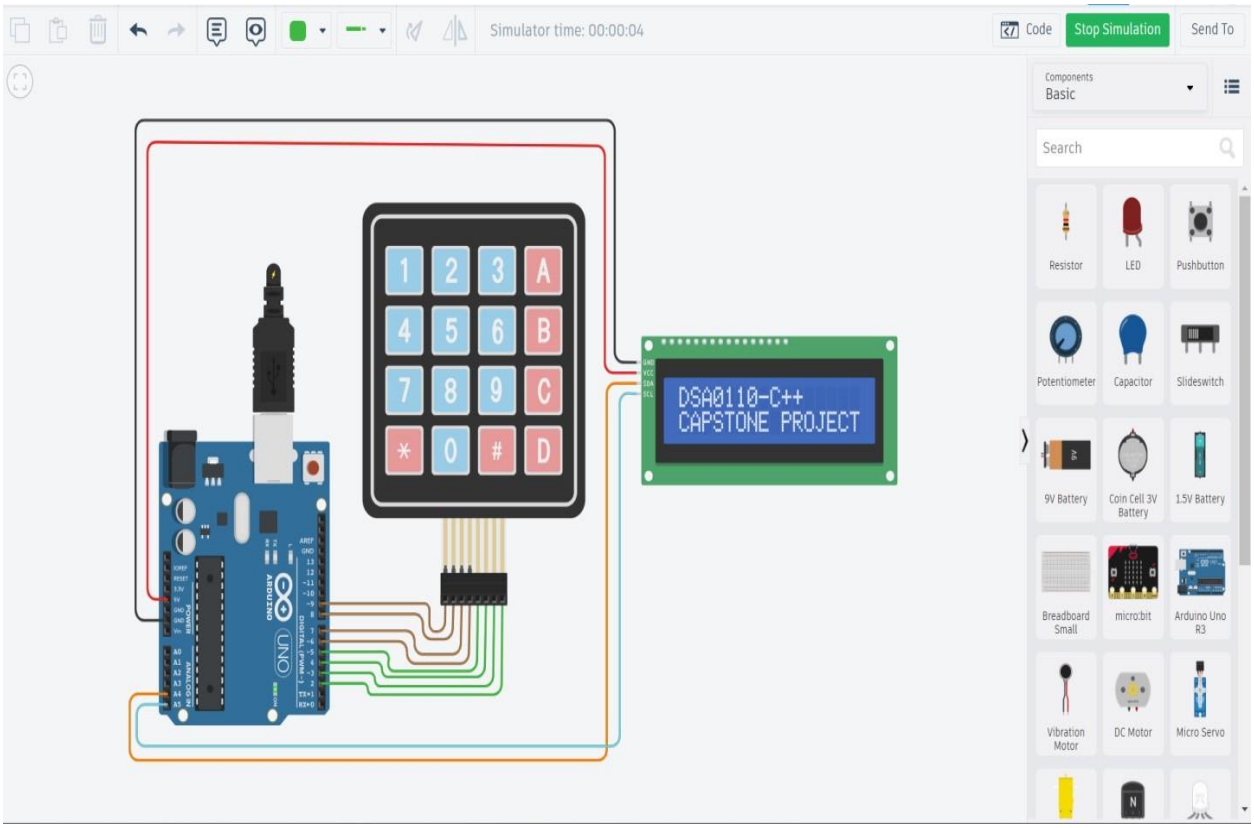

Fig 1. Shows different circuits and the circuits to displays the subject code and subject name Arduino Provide a clear diagram showing how the Arduino UNO, I2C LCD, and 4x4 keypad are wired together. Additionally, the 16x2 LCD display can be restrictive for very large binary outputs, and the system currently does not support negative numbers or floating-point conversions.

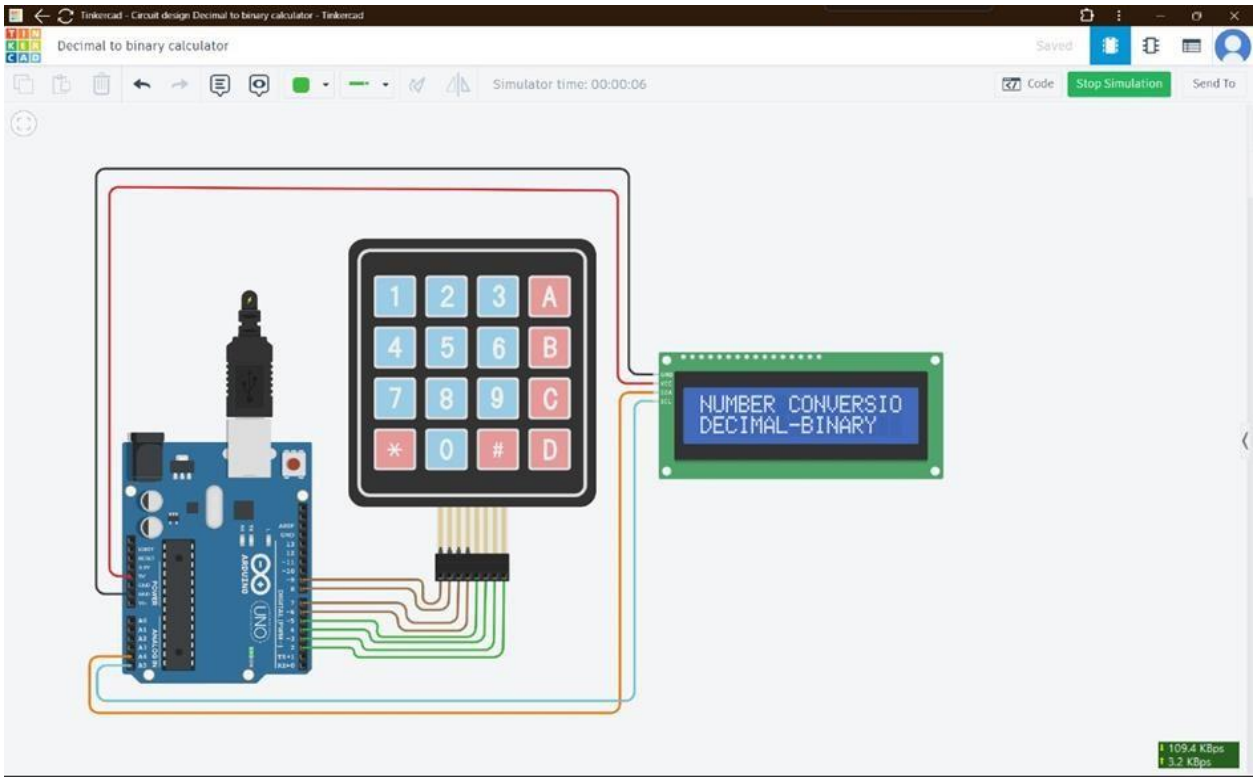

Fig 2. Shows While the system works well for basic decimal-to-binary conversion, it does have some limitations, such as handling only non-negative integers and offering limited input validation the system is an effective learning tool for understanding number systems and binary arithmetic, with potential for future enhancements like support for larger numbers, floating-point values, and more user friendly interfaces.

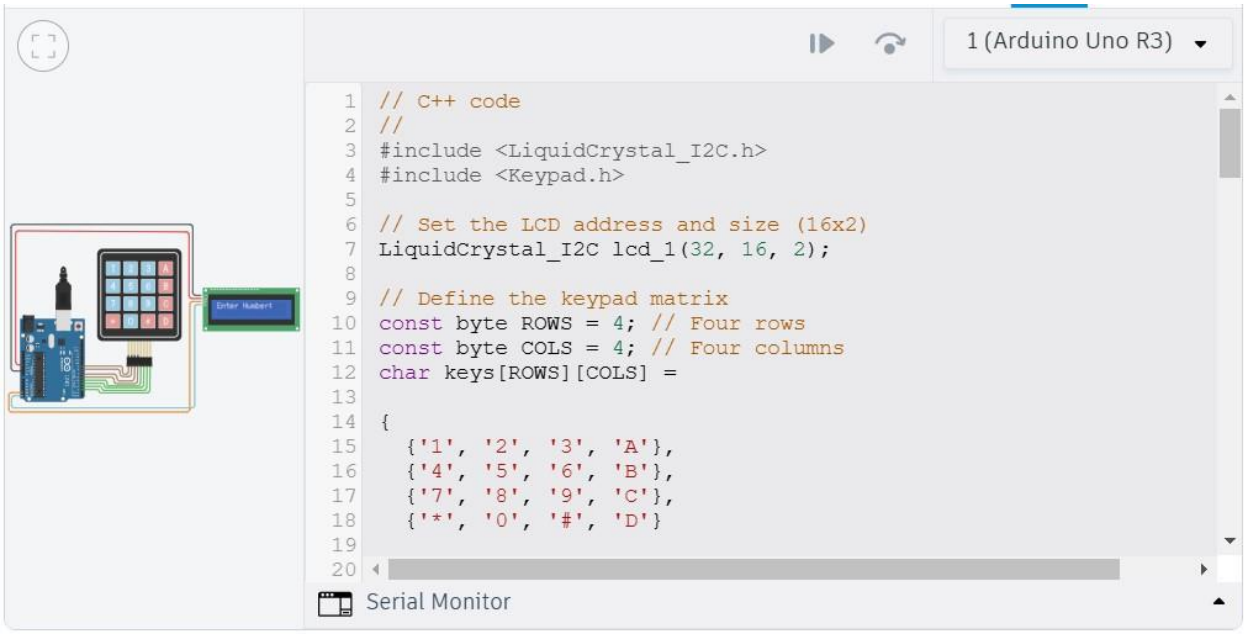

Fig 4: Code demonstration showing the Arduino-powered system that reads user input, processes it (e.g., converts decimal to binary), and displays the results on an I2C LCD. The output includes decimal numbers, their binary equivalents, and error messages based on user .

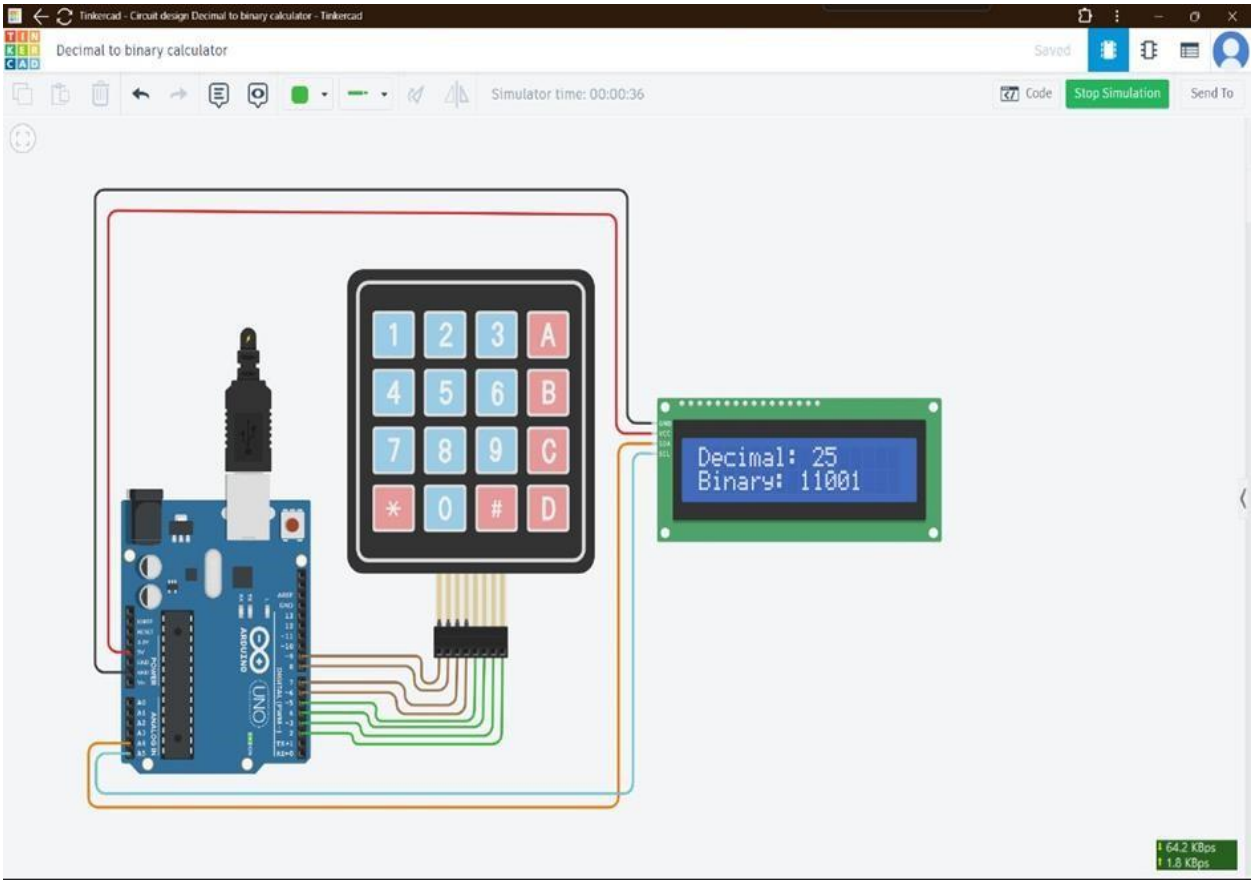

Fig 4. Displays the output for decimal number in binary number explanation of the key functional elements—how the LCD and keypad are wired to the Arduino and their roles in the system. It emphasizes the communication methods (I2C for the LCD and matrix scanning for the keypad) and their purpose in the system

CONCLUSION

This project provides an engaging, hands-on approach to learning binary number conversion through a hardware-based system using an Arduino UNO, an LCD display, and a keypad. By allowing users to input decimal numbers through a keypad and instantly displaying their binary equivalents on an LCD, the project makes an abstract and often complex concept more intuitive and accessible. Traditionally, binary conversion can feel abstract when explained through theory alone. This setup transforms that concept by providing a physical experience where users can enter any decimal number, see its binary form immediately, and even experiment with different values to understand how binary numbers grow. The Arduino's programming handles the calculations and display, meaning users can focus on learning rather than being bogged down by the math behind the scenes.

This approach is particularly useful in educational settings, where interactive learning tends to reinforce understanding more effectively. As students experiment with the device, they're able to see patterns in binary representation, such as how higher values lead to longer binary sequences or how certain powers of two appear in each binary number.

In conclusion, the Arduino-Powered Number Conversion System offers a hands-on, interactive approach to learning and understanding number systems, which are foundational to computer science and digital electronics. By leveraging the flexibility of the Arduino platform, this system provides an accessible and cost-effective tool for performing real-time conversions between binary, decimal, octal, and hexadecimal numeral systems. The research aims to demonstrate the educational value of such microcontroller-based systems in enhancing comprehension of complex concepts through active learning. Preliminary testing and user feedback will help refine the system, ensuring its effectiveness in improving users' understanding and engagement. Ultimately, this project contributes to the growing field of educational technology by showcasing how simple, yet powerful, microcontroller projects can be used to teach core concepts in a way that is both intuitive and engaging, offering a scalable solution for diverse educational settings.

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APPENDIX I

```
// C++ code

//

#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>

#include <Keypad.h>


// Set the LCD address and size (16x2)

LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd_1(32, 16, 2);


// Define the keypad matrix const byte

ROWS = 4; // Four rows const byte COLS

= 4; // Four columns char

keys[ROWS][COLS] =


{

  {'1', '2', '3', 'A'},

  {'4', '5', '6', 'B'},

  {'7', '8', '9', 'C'},

  {'*', '0', '#', 'D'}


};


// Set the row and column pins for the keypad byte

rowPins[ROWS] = {9, 8, 7, 6}; byte colPins[COLS]

= {5, 4, 3, 2};
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// Initialize the Keypad library
Keypad keypad = Keypad(makeKeymap(keys), rowPins, colPins, ROWS, COLS);


void setup()
{   lcd_1.init();


  lcd_1.setCursor(0, 0);   lcd_1.backlight(); //
Turn on the backlight   lcd_1.display();
lcd_1.clear();


  lcd_1.setCursor(0, 0);
   lcd_1.print("DSA0110-C++");
   lcd_1.setCursor(0, 1);
   lcd_1.print("CAPSTONE PROJECT");
   delay(4000);
  lcd_1.clear();


   lcd_1.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd_1.print("NUMBER CONVERSION CALCULATOR");
  lcd_1.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd_1.print("DECIMAL-BINARY");
  delay(4000); // Wait for 2000 millisecond(s)   lcd_1.clear();


   lcd_1.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd_1.print("SUBMITTED BY:");
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  lcd_1.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd_1.print("192211995");
delay(4000);    lcd_1.clear();

lcd_1.setCursor(0, 0); lcd_1.print("192211995");
  lcd_1.setCursor(0, 1); lcd_1.print("192210024");
  delay(4000);

lcd_1.clear();

   lcd_1.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd_1.print("SUBMITTED TO:");
  lcd_1.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd_1.print("Dr.S.Sankar");
delay(4000);   lcd_1.clear();


  lcd_1.print("Enter Number:");
}

void loop()  {   char key = keypad.getKey(); static String
number = ""; // To store the input number if (key)

  {     if (key ==
'*')
    {
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      // Convert number to binary and display        int
decimalValue = number.toInt();
      String binaryString = String(decimalValue, BIN);


      lcd_1.clear();       lcd_1.setCursor(0,
0);       lcd_1.print("Decimal: ");
lcd_1.print(decimalValue);
lcd_1.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd_1.print("Binary: ");
lcd_1.print(binaryString);


      number = ""; // Clear the input after processing
    }


    else if (key == '#')
    {
    // Clear the input       number = "";
lcd_1.clear();       lcd_1.setCursor(0,
0);       lcd_1.print("Enter Number:");
    } else {
      // Append the key to the number
number += key;       lcd_1.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd_1.print("Input: ");
lcd_1.print(number);
    }
  }}
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