Trace X - Line Follower

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1. Components Used:

1.1 Arduino Uno



Specifications:

• Microcontroller: ATmega328P

• Operating Voltage: 5V

• Input Voltage (recommended): 7-12V

• Digital I/O Pins: 14 (6 PWM)

• Analog Input Pins: 6

• Clock Speed: 16 MHz

Purpose:

The Arduino Uno acts as the brain of the line follower, reading sensor inputs and controlling the motors to keep the bot on track.

1.2 HW - L293D Motor Driver



Specification:

• Operating Voltage: 4.5V – 36V

Logic Voltage: 5V

Max Continuous Current per Channel: 600mA

• Peak Current: 1.2A per channel

• Number of Channels: 2 (can control two DC motors)

• Control Logic: TTL (High = Forward, Low = Reverse)

• PWM Support: Yes, for speed control

Built-in Diodes for Back EMF Protection

Purpose:

The HW-L293D motor driver controls the speed and direction of DC motors using low-power signals from a microcontroller - Arduino. It enables bidirectional motor control, making it ideal for the applications of a line follower.

1.3 QTR 8RC Reflectance Sensor Array



Specifications:

• Number of Sensors: 8 infrared LED/phototransistor pairs

Operating Voltage: 3.3V to 5V

• Output Type: Digital (high/low, based on reflectance)

• Optimal Sensing Range: 3mm to 9mm from the surface

• Sensor Pitch: 9.525mm

• Current Consumption: ~25mA per sensor when active

• Response Time: Typically <1ms for fast line detection

Purpose:

The QTR-8RC Reflectance Sensor Array is used for line detection, edge following, and object sensing in robotics. It helps a robot differentiate between dark and light surfaces, making it ideal for applications like line-following robots.

1.4 N-20 Motor



Specifications:

Operating Voltage: 3V – 12V

No-load Speed: ~30 RPM to 1000+ RPM

No-load Current: ~30mA – 100mA

• Stall Current: ~0.3A – 1.5A

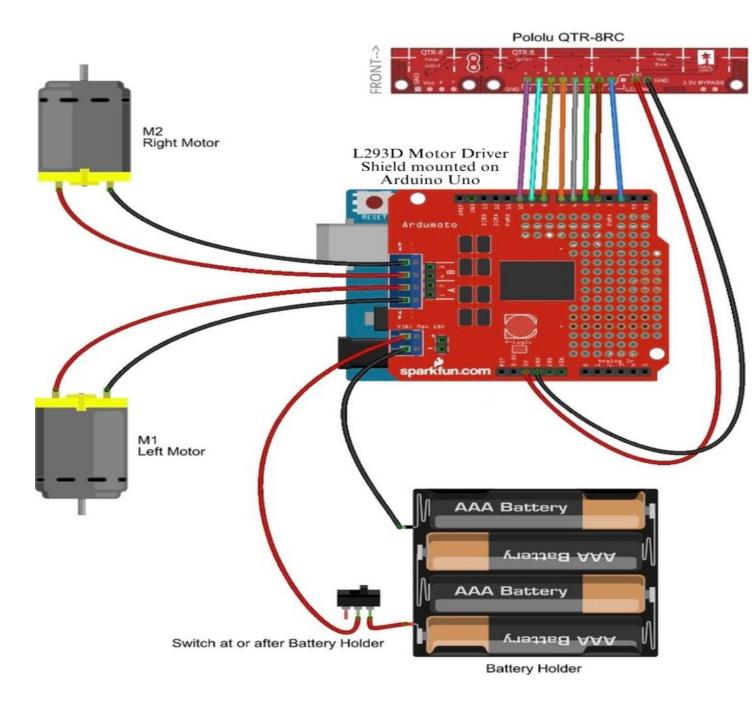
• Torque: 10 – 300 g.cm

Purpose:

The motor provides the necessary movement for the robot by driving its wheels. It receives signals from the motor driver, which adjusts speed and direction based on sensor inputs, allowing the robot to follow a predefined path.

1.5 Miscellaneous Components:

- 1.5.1 Jumper Wires
- 1.5.2 Connecting Wires
- 1.5.3 Switch
- 1.5.4 BO Wheels (Tyres)
- 1.5.5 Rechargeable Battery (Cells)
- 1.5.6 Wooden Chassis Board
- 2. Circuit Diagram:



3. Workflow:

