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Ultrasonic distance sensor

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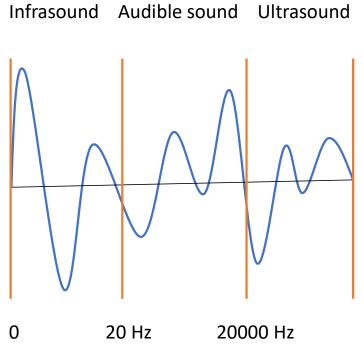
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Ultrasonic distance sensor

- (HC-SR04 sensor)
 Provides 2cm to 400cm of noncontact measurement
 functionality with a ranging
 accuracy that can reach up to
 3mm.
- Each HC-SR04 module includes an ultrasonic transmitter, a receiver and a control circuit.
- cf) Ultrasound
 - High-pitched sound waves with a frequency of over (inaudible to humans).







HC-SR04 module pins

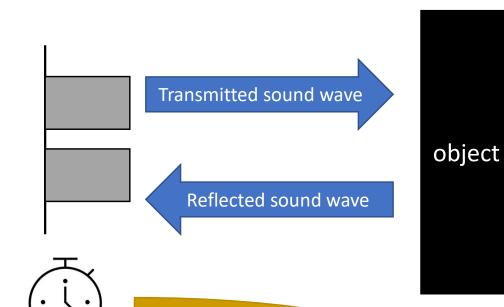
- Consists of four pins.
 - **VCC**: A pin that applies + power.
 - Operating voltage = 4.5 ~ 5.5V,
 connect it to the **5V pin** of the Arduino.
 - **Trig**: A pin that generates a short 10 microsecond (µs or us) pulse
 - Connects it to the digital pin of the Arduino.
 - **Echo**: A pin that generates a pulse when ultrasonic waves are detected.
 - Connected to the **digital pin** of the Arduino.
 - **GND**: A grounding pin
 - Connected to the GND pin of the Arduino.





How to measure a distance?

- Program
 - Write a signal via Trigger pin
 - at least 10 us in duration
- HC-SR04
 - Transmit a sonic burst of 8 pulses (40 KHz)
 - Wait echo-back signal
 - Echo pin goes HIGH after the burst
 - When receiving echo-back signal
 - Echo pin goes LOW
 - Timeout after 38 ms == No obstruction
- Program
 - Read a Echo duration (T)
 - It's RTT (round time time);
 - One-way Distance = One-way time x Speed
 - cm =



Speed of Sound = 331.5 m/s → 0.0343 cm/us



How to get the duration?

- Use Arduino built-in function, pulseIn()
 - Reads a pulse (either HIGH or LOW) on a pin.
 - **HIGH** = Elapsed Time (LOW ->HIGH)
 - **LOW** = Elapsed Time (HIGH->LOW)
 - Works on pulses from 10 us to 3 min. in length.
- Syntax
 - pulseIn(pin, value)
 - pulseIn(pin, value, timeout)
- Parameters
 - **pin**: the number of the Arduino pin
 - value: type of pulse to read: either HIGH or LOW.
 - timeout (optional): the number of us to wait for the pulse to start; default = 1 sec. (unsigned long)
- Returns
 - The length of the pulse (in us) or 0 if no pulse started before the timeout. **(unsigned long)**.

```
int pin = 7;
unsigned long duration;
void setup() {
 Serial.begin(9600);
 pinMode(pin, INPUT);
void loop() {
 duration = pulseIn(pin, HIGH);
 Serial.println(duration);
```

Ref. -

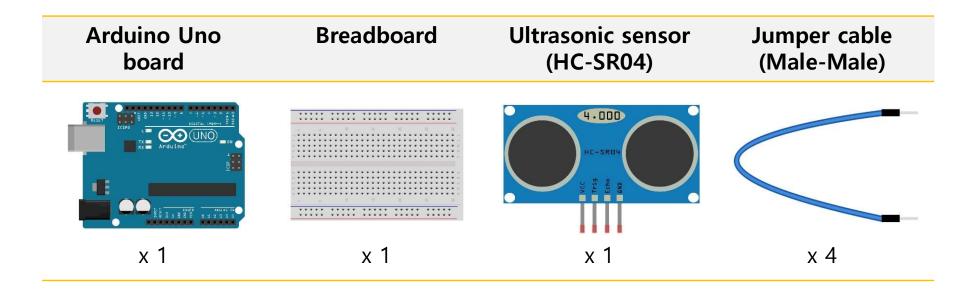
https://www.arduino.cc/reference/en/language/functions/advanced-io/pulsein/



Lab: Distance finder

 After calculating the distance using the ultrasonic sensor, let's check the distance data through serial communication.

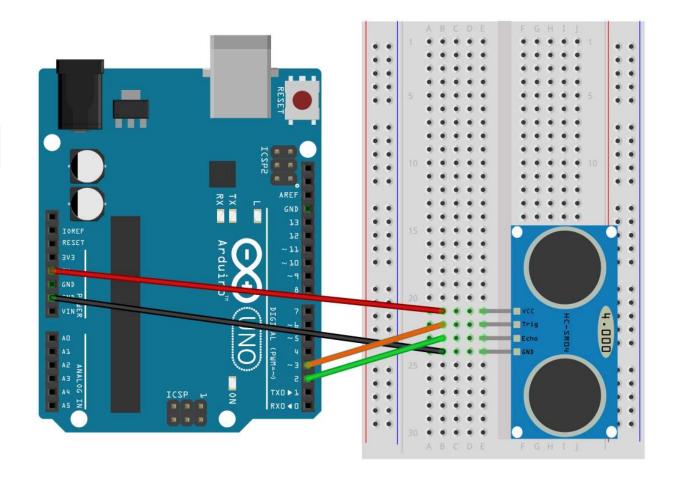
Required H/W components





Circuit wiring setup

HC-SR04	Arduino pin
VCC	5V
Trig	digital 3
Echo	digital 2
GND	GND





Basic setup for distance finder

```
#define ECHO 2
#define TRIG 3
void setup() {
 pinMode(TRIG, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ECHO, INPUT);
 Serial.begin(9600);
```

Two digital pins are used: no. 2 for ECHO, no. 3 for TRIG

TRIG is for a digital output ECHO is for a digital input

Use serial communication for log messages



Main loop for distance finder

```
void loop() {
 digitalWrite(TRIG, HIGH);
 delayMicroseconds(10);
 digitalWrite(TRIG, LOW);
 long duration =
 if(duration == 0) return;
 long distance =
 Serial.print("Distance : ");
 Serial.print(distance);
 Serial.println("cm");
 delay(2000);
```

Start to measure by a Trigger signal;

Wait for 10 us by delayMicroseconds ()

Finish a Trigger signal

Calculate an one-way distance (cm)

Repeat measuring every 2 secs

Lab: Simple navigator

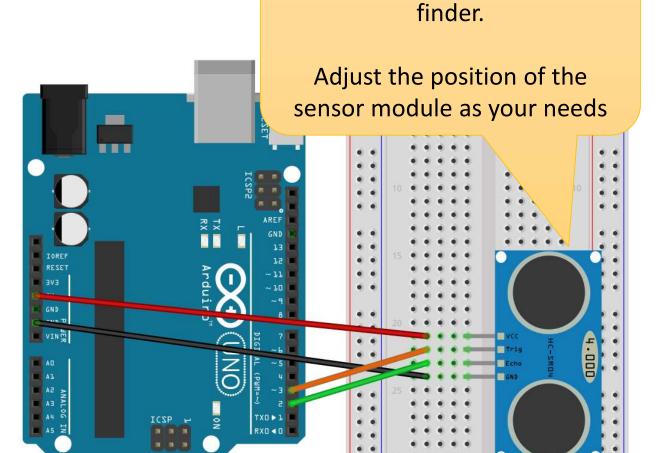
- One of the core technologies for selfdriving is the intelligent navigation.
- Let's make a prototype for the navigation!
- Our self-navi Mark-0 has the following features:
 - Assume the car speed is under 2 cm/sec
 - Only checking forward direction every 2 seconds
 - When no obstruction with in 15 cm, say "Go!" and the car moves
 - Otherwise, say "Stop!" and the car stops
 - Display the cumulative distance of the car every 2 second





Circuit wiring setup

HC-SR04	Arduino pin
VCC	5V
Trig	digital 3
Echo	digital 2
GND	GND



Basically, same to distance



Basic setup for Mark-0

```
#define ECHO 2
#define TRIG 3
#define MARK0_GO 1
#define MARKO STOP 0
#define CAR SPEED 2
int askMark0(int dist);
long totalDistance;
void setup() {
 pinMode(TRIG, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ECHO, INPUT);
 Serial.begin(9600);
 totalDistance = 0;
```

Two values for Mark0 decision

Car speed is set to 2 cm / s

declaration of a function for Mark0

Need a global variable for total distance

Initialize total distance variable



Main loop for Mark-0

```
void loop() {
 digitalWrite(TRIG, HIGH);
 delayMicroseconds(10);
 digitalWrite(TRIG, LOW);
 long duration = pulseIn(ECHO, HIGH);
 if(duration == 0) return;
 long distance = duration * 0.034 / 2;
   Serial.println("Go!");
 } else Serial.println("Stop!");
 Serial.print("Total distance : ");
 Serial.print(totalDistance);
 Serial.println("cm");
 delay(2000);
```

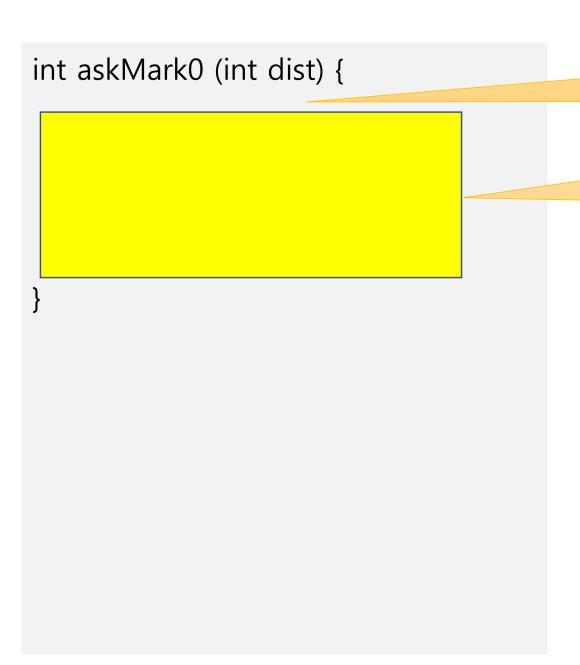
Follow Mark0's decision

When GO, calculate cumulative distance of the car

When NO, just show a message



Core function for Mark-0



Check the driving condition

This function can be extended as needed



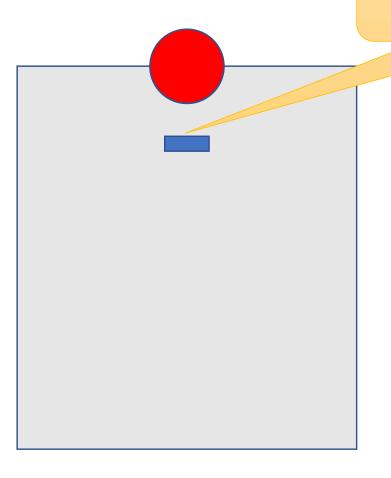
Limitations of HC-SR04

- Generally, work well. But, HC-SR04 cannot measure the distance in the following cases
- 1) Cannot measure the distance of more than 400 cm or less than 2 cm
 - As technical specification
- 2) Sound reflection can fail under the specific condition
 - At a too shallow angle
 - Too small object
 - Too soft object with irregular surface (such as stuffed animals)



Assignment: Smart Parking lot

HC-SR04 is here





Assignment: Smart Parking lot

- Requirements
 - Based on the ultrasonic and Tri-color examples, write a sketch program as follows.
 - Setup Tri-color LED and HC-SR04 on breadboard
 - Occupied condition = Within 10 cm distance between car and HC-SR04
 - When not occupied, turn on Green LED; otherwise, turn on Red LED
 - Display log messages via Serial communication
 - Write block-type comments in the top of your source code, which includes "your student no., your name, writing date, what you feel about this assignment, etc."

Results

- (a source code file) sketch source code ("sketchfilename.ino")
- (a Arduino board capture file) a photo capture showing how you setup your circuit (max. 1GB file).

