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Abstract

The Smart Blind Stick is a conceptual mobility device, which helps a visually impaired person to be autonomous. It can solve different problems associated with the blind cane. This apparatus consists of instruments that can detect physical obstacles, and most importantly does provide navigation in a complex environment. The basis on which the Smart Blind Stick is invented is advanced technology combined ultrasonic sensors and other computing techniques such as image processing, navigation and voice assistance to facilitate effective and assured navigation.

This system can use ultrasonic sensors to detect obstacles and generate a beeping sound according to the position of the obstacles. The camera module, in addition to the use of YOLO object detection, will enhance this system by constructing scenarios where the user will be wary of hazardous sights and landmarks. Moreover, this module will be capable of turn-by-turn navigation, which includes the SOS emergency feature, through which a user can communicate his location to his pre authorized contacts in times of emergency. The output from this system guarantees the availability of navigation with auditory feedback and alerts for the user.

This is a complete integrated user-centered design using the latest legacies with such a solution that is unique. Everything from real-time guidance to safety has empowered users to be independent and confident in finding their way, whether familiar or alien.

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List of Abbreviations

Acronym	Expansion
IoT	Internet of Things
GPS	Global Positioning System
YOLO	You Only Look Once (Object Detection Algorithm)
MPSoC	Multi-Processor System on Chip
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Background

Just like the Smart Blind Stick which is a new project, innovation is intended to change thereby and try to address the many challenges faced by visually impaired in terms of movement. Movement for the visually impaired is very much derived from the use of an ordinary device, like the white cane which has a lot of limitations. White canes really fail to would be head-level, and in obstructions at all, there are things. The possibilities of having accidents here are very real. It makes the individual dependent regarding his/her mobility and freedom compromised.

With the advent of urbanization, the terribly crowded streets with the moving vehicles and very complicated indoor layouts, this much advancement in assistive technology has become quite important. It would bring to the application of the modern technology in assistive devices more actuality than any would have provided by a simple handheld tool.

All the ultrasonics sensors and cameras and the modules of GSM help a person finally find a way in real time with the Smart Blind Stick. These three features combined can now detect obstacles on the way, recognize objects, and help drive an individual to pre-defined locations. The Audio Output Interface would do the rest to provide an intuitive control to the user for a better life quality along with safety.

This is attendant that journey changes a whole world into independence that is inclusive for the person. It helps build devices along the lines of the global initiatives for the use of information technology to build accessible environments and enable people with different disabilities.

1.2 Problem Definition

The goal of this project is to develop a navigation aid that addresses the limitations of traditional white canes. Specifically, it focuses on detecting obstacles in real-time to enhance mobility and reduce accidents for visually impaired users.

1.3 Scope and Motivation

Designed to help impaired persons navigate the complex environment without any assistance or dependency, the Smart Blind Stick uses ultrasonic sensors that detect nearby obstacles, a camera module for real-time object recognition, navigation toward specific destinations, voice recognition commands through audio output, and a modular design that allows one to add more features when required. Also, it is completely adaptable to any environment according to needs. This product is primarily targeted to cities and semi-urban settings but could be shaped into any kind of environment for use.

Mobility is difficult in many ways for these visually impaired people as they have to move in a moving target environment with almost no possibilities of accessibility features. The picture-perfect white cane cannot really address many of those situations, enabling visually impaired people to overcome the fear of travelling to almost any place. This project is about creating an economical, efficient, and easy solution for unaided reference. The Smart Blind Stick is to offer more independence and confidence to visually impaired people for their daily living. The device is built to increase the interaction of these people with an environment and make their lives much better in quality social inclusion.

1.4 Objectives

1. Create an intelligent white cane which will allow the blind to walk with safety and independence.
2. Integrate ultrasonic sensors to recognize the obstacles that help to produce real-time sound alerts.
3. Develop a camera module with image processing for identifying objects and obstacles.
4. GSM module, which can track location as well as navigate to pre-defined destinations.
5. Formulate a voice recognition system to receive user commands and output audio.
6. Include an SOS feature for sending coordinates to emergency contacts during a critical situation.

1.5 Challenges

The Smart Blind Stick project encounters challenges such as ensuring accurate obstacle detection in various environments, including reflective surfaces or low-light conditions. Managing power consumption to support continuous operation of multiple sensors and modules is another significant issue. Additionally, maintaining real-time performance for image processing and navigation can be difficult in areas with weak signals or high processing demands.

1.6 Assumptions

1. Participants will walk at a steady pace to give the sensors enough time to detect the obstacles and give feedback.
2. The ultrasonic sensor will be capable of detecting obstacles with an effective height of at least 20-30 cm.
3. The device will probably be used in urban and semi-urban environments where the signals are somewhat reliable.
4. The cane will be light, fitted ergonomically to allow prolonged usage.
5. The device will be durable against the occasional impact or fall.

1.7 Societal / Industrial Relevance

Smart Blind Stick is considerably important to society as it addresses the various problems visually impaired people face, their independence and movement. It ensures real-time obstacle detection, navigation assistance and emergency support, leading to a safer, more enriched life for the user. This will access inclusiveness for disabled people so that they can also be a part of contemporary society and market life.

The project also demonstrates how high-end technologies, such as image processing, GPS navigation, and sensor-based systems, can be embedded in assistive devices. The project prototypes rule the road toward any future developments in terms of availability of smart assistive technology, commercializations, and innovations in the healthcare and accessibility industry.

The Smart Blind Stick is of great societal importance in really providing practical solutions for the problems of visually challenged people. While, in society, mobility and independence serve as key ingredients for inclusion, traditionally mobility aids, such as white canes, have multiple limitations. With the incorporation of modern technologies, including ultrasonic sensors, GPS navigation, and voice interaction, the Smart Blind Stick provides increased safety and confidence for the user, allowing navigation of complicated environments independently. Such access will mean improved quality of life and will lead to autonomy, an essential factor for social inclusion.

From an industrial aspect, the project is productive in showcasing the fusion of potential in IoT, AI and sensor-based technologies to create innovative assistive technologies. It would set a precedent for future products in the healthcare and accessibility sectors, hence promoting innovation in smart devices.

1.8 Organization of the Report

This report is structured in six chapters for a clear and comprehensive project overview. Chapter 1 is introduction to background, problem definition, scope, motivation, and objectives of the project, together with the challenges and societal relevance. Literature survey is presented in Chapter 2, which describes existing works, their benefits and drawbacks, and identifies research gaps. Methodologies and tools are described in Chapter 3, detailing technical framework and design strategies adopted in the project. Implementation of the proposed system includes hardware and software integration in Chapter 4. Results from the implementation discussed in Chapter 5 are supplemented with relevant analyses and interpretations. Finally chapter 6 summarizes the findings and contributions of the project in the conclusion of the report and suggests directions for future research and development. The report will also include references and appendices for support materials.

Chapter 2

Literature Survey

2.1 Smart Assistive System for Visually Impaired People Obstruction Avoidance Through Object Detection and Classification

This study, involving Usman Masud et al., discusses a smart assistive system based on object detection and classification technologies focusing on enhancing the mobility and safety of visually impaired people with respect to the mobility. This area of AI has seen enormous advancements concerning systems that help navigating and escape from obstacles.

Building this study on historical advice devices that were, up till a few years ago, concerned with very simple solutions, like white canes and guide dogs, it should be noted that such devices help but have some intrinsic limitations in terms of detection, classification, and addressing obstacles in the dynamic environment. New methods use state-of-the-art technologies such as computer vision, machine learning, and sensor hybridization to mitigate such limitations.

Core to this study are the object detection and classification systems, which are rapidly developed as a result of the introduction of deep learning frameworks like convolutional neural networks (CNNs). These algorithms play an important role in identifying real-time objects and features, thus opening applications in assistive technology. Lightweight and efficient models are integrated into mobile devices for the practical use of such systems. Visually-impaired users will benefit from this.

As far as the improvements in sensor technologies are concerned, it is well understood that it has included elements such as ultrasonic sensors and LiDAR technologies in combination with camera-structured environments in the mapping environment. Many studies have been successfully demonstrated fusion of several sensor modalities to enhance accuracy and robustness regarding obstacle detection under diverse weather and lighting

conditions. Fusion technology reflected in the approach discussed in this paper, about reliability and adaptability in real-world cases.

Another important thing, which this research has dealt with, is the user feedback mechanism. Usually, this feedback mechanism has been audible or haptic feedbacks which are employed for giving real-time information without creating a burden of high information to users. Earlier research has shown that an effective and well-designed feedback could serve to be a great contributor to user experience enhancement by offering specific and contextually aware information about obstacle and navigation pathways.

It also defines issues concerning computational performance and power consumption. Since portability is essential for the assistive systems, corresponding to that, there's an increasing focus on optimizing the algorithms for usage in low-power devices. This has been studied widely with some common approaches like model compression and edge computing emerging.

Thus, the research conducted by Masud et al. is likely to add to a yet-another rapidly growing field in integrating the latest object detection and classification prowess with user-centred design principles according to a rich body of literature on the topic. It addresses the mostly longstanding problems of making assistive technologies all the more efficient, accessible, and adaptable with regard to visually impaired users.[1]

2.2 A Framework for the Generation of Obstacle Data for the Study of Obstacle Detection by Ultrasonic Sensors

Obstacle detection using ultrasonic sensors is a significant area of study, which focuses on robotics and applications in autonomous systems and assistive technologies. The framework for generating obstacle data is conceived to facilitate the understanding and enhancement of the functionality of ultrasonic sensors for detecting obstacles. This work has enjoyed a rich antecedent literature, dealing with understanding the principles of ultrasonic sensing, data generation methods, and the ways in which they improve the performance of obstacle detection systems.

Ultrasonic sensors use high-frequency sound waves, which are transmitted and later received, measuring the time elapsed after reflecting off objects. Thus, the flight time allows object distance and orientation to be estimated. The principles behind ultrasonic

sensing have been studied intensively; while its advantages range from cost effectiveness and simplicity to reliability under various conditions, accuracy and efficiency of such sensors are often dependent on environmental factors such as surface textures, shapes, and materials, combined with the presence of multiple obstacles that would lead to problems like signal attenuation and wrong detections.

The generation of obstacle data helps mitigate these problems. Simulated data and a considerable portion of realistic data are fundamental for the provision of testing and calibration of detection algorithms for robustness and reliability improvement. Most previous works give emphasis on the generation of different representative datasets for the effective realization of real-life situations. This is usually achieved using simulation environments or controlled experimental setups under different conditions to observe the interaction of ultrasonic signals with obstacles.

Indeed, the proposed framework in this respect concerns systematic generation of obstacle data which would allow a researcher to analyze sensor performance in different scenarios. Particularly, such frameworks would hold promise in understanding the limitations of ultrasonic sensors, such as their noise, interference, and multi-path reflection characteristics. This type of work in organizing data generation activity will support more sophisticated algorithms developed to mitigate these challenges. Furthermore, the literature notes the comparative ineffectiveness of ultrasonic sensors when used alone in obstacle detection, taking an example of their interaction with other modalities such as infrared or vision-based systems. Sensor fusion methods include complementary capabilities of different technologies, thus addressing their shortcomings and improving overall accuracy.

In summary, the proposed framework for obstacle data generation has much to add to ongoing work on the improvement of ultrasonic sensor-based detection systems. This research underpins advances in detection solutions by developing a foundation from which to analyze and solve problems associated with ultrasonic sensing. On the other hand, the contributions of this work are not limited to understanding the behavior of an ultrasonic sensor; it also gets a step ahead for future studies aimed at improving reliability and adaptive nature of such systems when applied in the real world. [2]

2.3 FPGA-Based Real-Time Object Detection and Classification System Using YOLO for Edge Computing

Research into the paradigms of real-time object detection and classification using the YOLO algorithm based on programmable structures like FPGA is a step forward in the evolution of edge computing deep technology. Object detection and classification are age-old challenges in the domains of computer vision and machine learning, especially as applied to autonomous systems and embedded devices. Note that such techniques have not performed well in some situations, but they do not fit the bill in terms of low consumption, real-time processing for edge devices, and required scalability.

The paper introduces a new development to the field based on previous developments of object detection frameworks, especially YOLO (You Only Look Once). YOLO is a well-accepted real-time unified object detection technique. While the full-version implementation of YOLO was enormous, YOLO v3 Tiny emerged as the most appropriate option for hardware-constrained environments because of its reduced requirements in psychometric complexity and resource requirements. Traditional deep learnings, although greatly dependent on computation skills acquired by Graphics Processing Units (GPUs), present FPGAs as an excellent alternative, allowing for custom hardware accelerations at much lower energy consumption and better throughput.

The research employs the Xilinx Kria KV260 FPGA and demonstrates the effective combining of the YOLO v3 Tiny algorithm for detecting traffic lights and classifying traffic signs. This has managed to bring scalable, latency, and cost constraints which impede deploying deep learning models on edge devices well within control. The whole system benefits from the combination of FPGA board with Vitis AI for model quantization and optimization, which is the current trend moving forward-increasing fusion to hybrid hardware and software advances to better the system.

FPGA-based implementations in previous studies indicated that speed and accuracy can be achieved to a greater extent than software-based implementations. The works emphasize real-time classification and detection of traffic lights with high accuracy as possible with trade-offs in the cost and power consumption of the FPGA. The proposed system in this paper, optimized hardware for power efficiency, and model architecture optimization achieved the required balance between performance and resources consumption.

The overall work also tests the system under various conditions, revealing the robustness of sensing traffic light detection using high-definition video streams. The specific values show that the system can achieve 15 frames per second with a 99

To encapsulate, the study has followed into a quite rich body of literature, in the form of pursuing the best possible efficient FPGA-based approaches for real-time object detection on edge devices, addressing critical gaps in energy efficiency, cost, and scalability. It can be proved from this study that advanced detection models can be practically deployed in resource-constrained environments and provides further impetus for research into optimizing deep learning architectures into embedded systems for IoT applications.

In summary, this work will contribute significantly to real-time object detection in edge devices. It provides a very efficient FPGA-based design, occupies a wealth of literature, and fills a critical gap in energy efficiency, cost, and scalability. Furthermore, it demonstrates the feasibility of deploying advanced detection models into resource-poor environments and provides impetus for yet another stream of research optimization of deep learning architectures embedded and IoT applications.[3]

2.4 Multicore development environment for embedded processor in arduino IDE

The study titled "Multicore Development Environment for Embedded Processor in Arduino IDE" by Stefanus Kurniawan et al. addresses the urgent requirement of user-friendly development environments for multicore systems to be embedded applications in their practical use. With the rapid developments of adopting IoT technology expanded into more and more complex applications, such as robotic applications and systems for disaster management and medical use, there is also increased interest in low-power embedded processors capable of handling complex computations. The multicore research platform discussed in this article emphasizes the RUMPS401, a low-power multicore system-on-chip (MPSoC) based on ARM Cortex-M0. Furthermore, the authors propose an appliance of the multicore development environment integrated in a highly adoptable IDE, such as Arduino.

Such development is based on limitations revealed by existing tools for developing MPSoCs regarding their poor user interface and general-purpose frameworks; thus, the

importance of this study. Simple and accessible, everyone knows Arduino IDE is lacking the multicore support natively. Previous efforts of parallel programming in embedded systems has suggested frameworks and teaching platforms but usually too much specific with certain hardware or applications.

The modification of the Arduino IDE into a multi-core supportive environment, especially for multicore architecture of RUMPS401, is one of the solutions offered by the authors to tackle these obstacles. This involves changing the Arduino sketch format to include more cores, and then changing the toolchain configuration to that of the RUMPS401's uses in software and using a batch command to control the compilation and binary uploading methodologies. The environment embraces the simplicity of Arduino while allowing a developer to maximize the capabilities of multicore programming.

In addition, it gives in detail how the modified Arduino IDE works, including the inherent tools of the RUMPS401, supplemented by hooks in the Arduino compilation process to iteratively compile multicore programs. Effectiveness of such an environment is benchmarked through functional testing and compilation speed analysis, achieving an average compilation time of 12.1 seconds on Windows.

In conclusion, this study found a novel development environment traditionally associated with public programming interfaces close to state-of-the-art multicore embedded processors. By exploiting the industrial extensibility of the Arduino IDE, the authors have imagined a plate that can be very easily rendered into other MPSoCs. Further automation of code parallelization and improved support for the remaining operating systems would certainly be preferable for better usability in a much wider array of embedded applications.[4]

2.5 Summary and Gaps Identified

Table 2.1: Summary Of Each Paper highlighting Advantages and Disadvantages

Title	Advantages	Disadvantages
Smart Assistive System for Visually Impaired People Obstruction Avoidance Through Object Detection and Classification	Combines cutting-edge object detection and classification; uses CNNs and multimodal sensor fusion for real-time assistance.	High computational demand; requires lightweight deployment optimization for portability.
A Framework for the Generation of Obstacle Data for the Study of Obstacle Detection by Ultrasonic Sensors	Provides systematic data generation for robust sensor testing; addresses challenges in noisy environments.	Focused on sensor-specific challenges; lacks integration with broader assistive system frameworks.
FPGA-Based Real-Time Object Detection and Classification System Using YOLO for Edge Computing	Achieves high precision and real-time processing on energy-efficient FPGA platforms; suitable for edge applications.	Limited scalability for complex object detection tasks; trade-offs in accuracy for energy efficiency.
Multicore Development Environment for Embedded Processor in Arduino IDE	Extends Arduino IDE to support multicore programming; user-friendly and adaptable to other MPSoCs.	Limited to Windows OS; requires significant batch script modifications for other platforms.

2.5.1 Gaps Identified

1. Scalability and Integration Impediments Most of the assistive technologies today are designed as stand-alone solutions, enabling isolated functions like obstacle detection or object recognition, but aren't integrated with the whole system to handle the various needs of the users.
2. Energy Consumption Challenges Many systems are cumbersome and are power-hungry and require computing capabilities beyond their possible future use in portable edge IoT devices.
3. Platform Dependency Multi-core Arduino IDEs are platform dependent (as Windows) and are limited in their usage and proliferation across other environments.
4. Testing in the Field and Robustness Despite many systems showing promise in the laboratory, validation in the real world, under dynamic and unpredictable conditions, is often limited.
5. Accessibility and User-Centered Design Most of the configurations do not consider experiences with users in specially visual incapacity, resulting in problems with usability issues for acceptance and widespread use.

Chapter 3

System Design

Undoubtedly, this system is a highly advanced one, which completely crystallizes the hardware design of the smart blind stick and sophisticated software. This has been designed to be functional and specific while working. In addition to the above system, there are technologies like ultrasonic sensors, GSM module, and cameras which help provide an excellent real-time obstacle detection and navigation throughout any possible distance and place using an intuitive user-computer interface. The user will thus be able to detect impending obstacles, identify objects many meters away, and direct the user to particular locations. Furthermore, voice recognition and audio feedback are incorporated to ease operation and communication with the system in hand-free mode.

This has a modularized structure making it easier for the user to personalize the entire equipment to his or her demand in future. The whole equipment, really light in weight and an ergonomic shape, will accomplish complete comfort during long exposure usages and a well-optimized power management rendering the built-in device able to continue working for a long time. In other words, Smart Blind Stick could power the old mobility aids that lead to making a completely safe, independent, and integrative society where its users are confident in their environment.

3.1 System Architecture

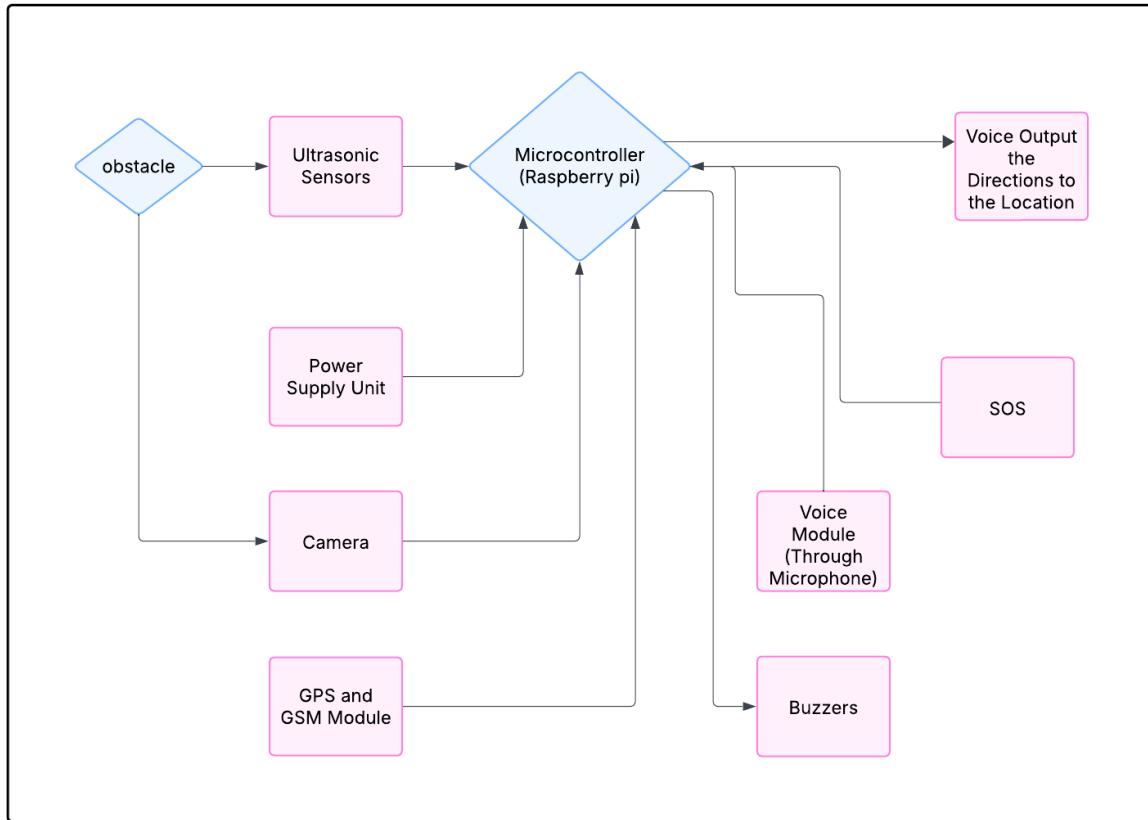


Figure 3.1: Architecture Diagram

3.2 Component Design

3.2.1 Raspberry Pi (Processing Unit)

First, there is the Raspberry P1, which will take up the CPU-Processing Input from all sensors and modules. It determines actions and controls output peripherals. GPIO adds pins for connecting sensors and modules, inclusive of Wi-Fi and Bluetooth for expansion. In the end, all data processing and communication run on Python scripts. Major interfacing options are: connections to an ultrasonic sensor (via GPIO), camera module (via CSI interface), GSM Module (via UART), Push button (via GPIO), speaker (via audio output), buzzer (via GPIO).

3.2.2 Ultrasonic Sensor(Obstacle Detection)

The HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensor is used for obstacle tracking by the measurement of distance through the use of ultrasonic waves. It sends a trigger signal to detect objects and returns an echo signal holding distance data. The sensor hooks with Raspberry Pi through its trigger and echo pins, dedicated to GPIO pins. The operating range is about 2 cm to 400 cm, which also lets the stick effectively point out obstacles in its path.

3.2.3 External Camera (Vision Assistance)

The outside camera supplements vision-based assistance with expected images or streamed video. An external camera connects to the Raspberry Pi typically using a USB (or HDMI) interface depending on the model. The camera captures great picture quality or video streams that will be processed in the Raspberry Pi for an application such as object recognition or visual feedback, which is an added component to the navigation and situational awareness of the user.

3.2.4 Speaker (Audio Output)

The speaker announces the voice-based feedback commands such as distance warnings. It is capable of playing pre-recorded as well as dynamically generated sounds from a Raspberry Pi, connected using the audio jack or USB port. Through clear audio output, the speaker helps to ensure listening away from the user for important information.

3.2.5 Buzzer (Alert System)

It gives a simple an alarm through persistent beeping when an obstacle is detected. It also contains some other states that need to be called out. It runs on very little power, and the command comes from a GPIO pin on the Raspberry Pi. It has the simplest but essential components to give immediate alerts.

3.2.6 GSM Module (SIM900A for Communication)

The GSM module is utilized for communicating with the emergency alert feature, such as the emergency button, wherein an SMS will be sent to the user as an alert. It is further supported for SMS and General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) over AT commands. The

module is interfaced with the Raspberry Pi via the UART interface (TX and RX pins) and needs external power supply to originate.

3.2.7 Pushbutton (Emergency Trigger)

Simply press the push button to activate the emergency alerts manually. It works as a standard digital input- HIGH or LOW- and activates the GSM module for emergency response SMS notifications. One terminal is connected to a GPIO pin to the Raspberry Pi, and the other one goes to ground. This creates a manual layer of control for safety as well.

3.3 Algorithm Design

3.3.1 Initialization and Setup

1. Import required libraries: cv2, time, serial, os, threading, smtplib, gTTS, RPi.GPIO, etc.
2. Set up GPIO pins for ultrasonic sensors, buzzer, and button:
 - TRIG, ECHO, BUZZER, and BUTTON_PIN.
3. Configure serial connections:
 - SIM900A for SMS functionality.
4. Initialize the YOLO model for object detection and create necessary directories (e.g., audio/ for text-to-speech audio).

3.3.2 Algorithm Workflow

1. Initialization Phase:
 - Configure GPIO pins.
 - Initialize the YOLO model.
 - Set up serial connections for SIM900A.
2. Start Multi-threaded Operations:

- Launch separate threads for:
 - Ultrasonic distance measurement.
 - Object detection using YOLO.
 - Monitoring button presses.

3. Distance Monitoring:

- Continuously measure distance.
- Adjust buzzer intervals based on distance thresholds.

4. Object Detection:

- Capture frames and perform object detection.
- Convert detected object names to audio alerts.

5. Emergency Alerts:

- If the button is pressed:
 - Fetch the current location.
 - Send an emergency email and SMS containing the coordinates and a help message.

6. Location Tracking:

- Continuously read cellular data.
- Parse and display coordinates.

3.4 USE CASE diagram

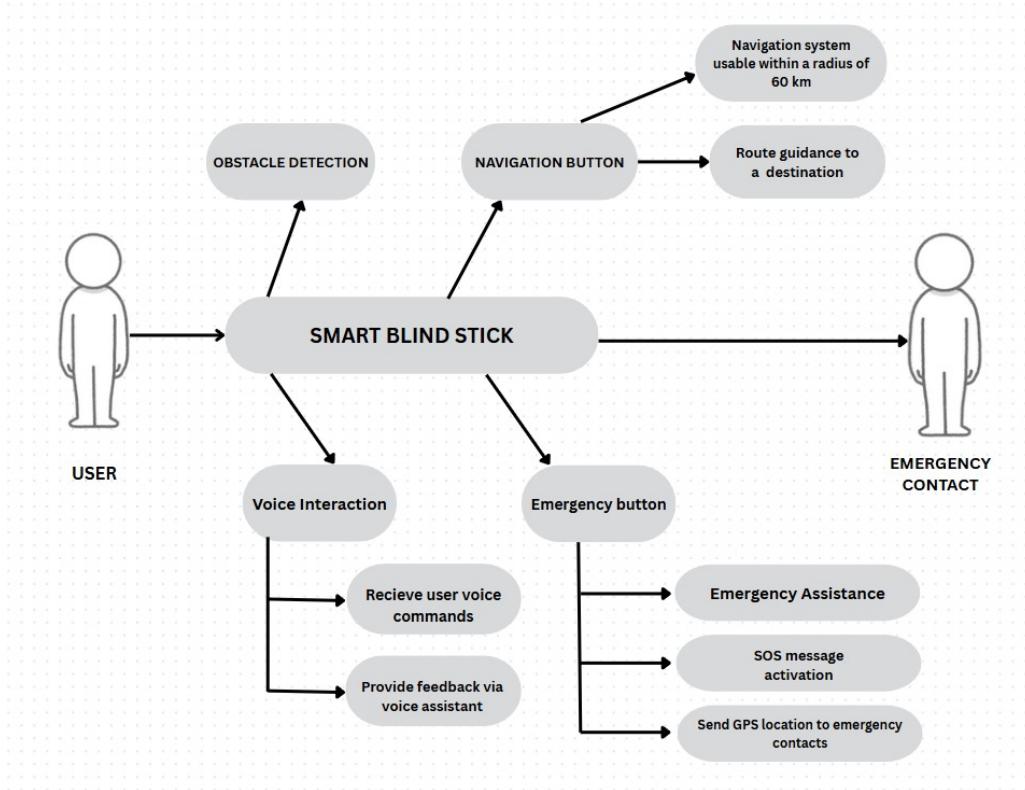


Figure 3.2: Use Case Diagram

3.5 Tools and Technologies

3.5.1 Hardware Tools and Technologies

For our project we use the following hardware and technologies.

- Raspberry Pi Model 4 does the work of computing data and control.
- An Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04: used for obstacle detection.
- Camera Module: For visual assistance, object recognition, and vision feedback.
- GY-GPS6MV2 GPS Module: For location tracking in real time.
- SIM900A GSM Module: To send emergency messages via SMS.
- Pushbutton: Emergency SMS alert triggering.

- Speaker and Buzzer: To provide audio feedback and alerts.
- Power Supply and Battery: Make the system mobile and last long.
- Custom Casing/Enclosure: For making compact and ergonomic designed.

3.5.2 Software Development Tools and Technologies

- Programming language related to Raspberry Pi which acts as a backbone for sensor information and communication is Python.
- OpenCV (for Computer Vision): Image processing and object detection through external cameras.
- Speech Recognition Libraries: For voice control, feedback.
- Audio Libraries (like PyAudio): For audio output.
- GPIO Python Library: Involved in controlling GPIO pins of the Raspberry Pi.
- AT Commands: For GSM module (smssending).

3.5.3 Testing and Debugging Tools

- Multimeter or Oscilloscope: for checking hardware connections and verifying sensor output signals.
- Unit Testing Libraries; eg. unittest (in Python): they are used to test each component individually eg sensor data readings and the interfacing between modules.
- Raspberry Pi Debugging Tools such as: Raspberry Pi Imager and SSH for remote debugging can be used for performance monitoring and problem solving.

3.5.4 Version Control and Collaboration Tools

- Git/GitHub: For version control to manage code changes and collaboration.
- Raspberry Pi Imager: For OS installation on the Raspberry Pi and initial setup.

3.6 Data set Identified

The datasets identified for the smart blind stick system include the following:

- **Object Recognition Dataset:**

- A dataset containing labeled images of common objects for object detection using the YOLO model. This could include objects like people, vehicles, street signs, obstacles, and other important environmental objects.

- **Ultrasonic Sensor Data:**

- Data collected from the ultrasonic sensors for obstacle distance measurement. This dataset includes the time intervals of ultrasonic pulses for various distances and corresponding measurements (in centimeters).
 - Used for distance monitoring, buzzer control, and obstacle detection.

- **Location Data:**

- Coordinates with latitude and longitude values. This dataset is used for tracking the user's location and sending emergency alerts with coordinates.

- **Audio Feedback Data:**

- A collection of pre-recorded and dynamically generated audio files used for providing feedback and alerts to the user. This dataset includes distance warnings, emergency alerts, object detection feedback, and other audio-based interactions.
 - Generated using text-to-speech (TTS) libraries (e.g., gTTS).

- **Emergency Alert Dataset:**

- Sample emergency messages containing the user's location (GPS coordinates) and other relevant information.
 - This data is used to simulate or generate actual SMS and email alerts for emergency situations.

3.7 Module Division

3.7.1 Ultrasonic Distance Measurement

1. Trigger ultrasonic pulses and calculate the time taken for the echo to return.
2. Convert the time into a distance in centimeters.
3. Control the buzzer:
 - Beep rapidly for very close objects (less than or equal to 5 cm).
 - Beep at medium intervals for moderately close objects (greater than or equal to 10 cm).
 - Beep at long intervals for objects within 30 cm.
 - Turn off buzzer for distances greater than 30 cm.

3.7.2 Object Detection

1. Capture video frames using a webcam.
2. Use the YOLO model to detect objects in the frame.
3. Display detected objects on the console and overlay labels on the video feed.
4. Convert detected object names to speech using gTTS and play audio.

3.7.3 Location Tracking

1. Read data from the serial connection in the NMEA format.
2. Parse GPGGA sentences to extract latitude and longitude.
3. Convert coordinates from NMEA format to decimal degrees.

3.7.4 Alert System

1. **Email Alerts:** Compose an email using `smtplib` and send it to pre-configured recipients.

2. **SMS Alerts:** Use the SIM900A module to send SMS messages to a specified phone number.
3. **Button Monitoring:** Monitor the button press to trigger emergency alerts via email and SMS.

3.7.5 Multithreading for Simultaneous Operations

1. Run the following tasks concurrently:
 - Distance monitoring.
 - Object detection.
 - Location tracking and alert management.
 - Button press monitoring for emergency triggers.

3.8 Work Division

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 - System Introduction & Overview
 - System Architecture
 - Component Design
- **Amal Jose K:**
 - Algorithm Design & Modules
 - Multithreading
- **Benita Maria Eyoob:**
 - Tools & Technologies
 - Integration of Components
 - Version Control
- **Beth Joseph Kollamala:**
 - Use Case Diagram

- Expected Outputs
- Testing & Debugging
- Project Timeline

3.9 Outputs

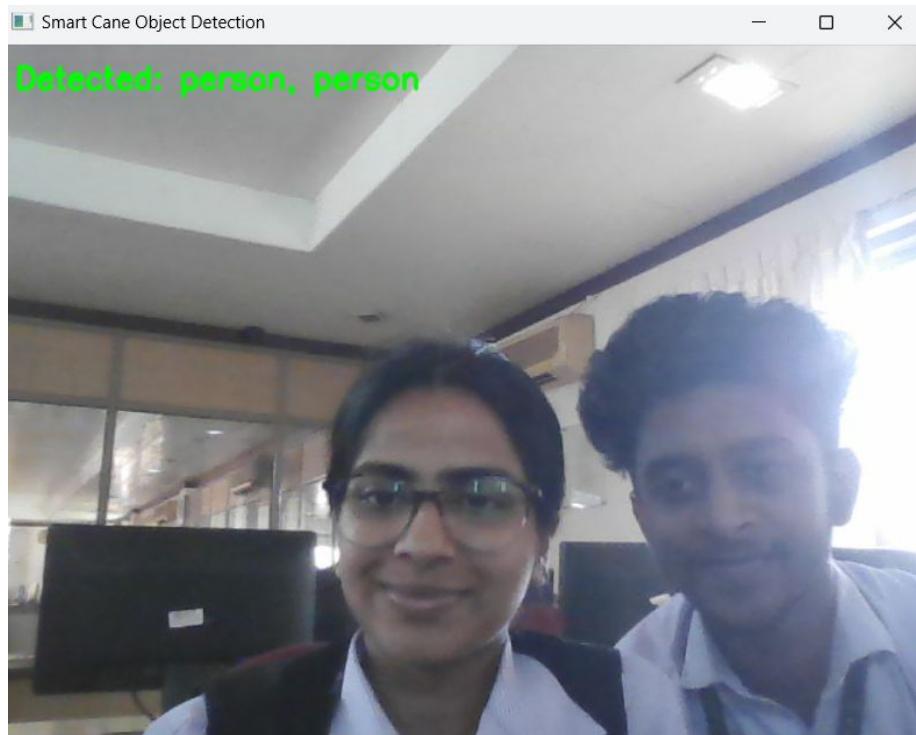


Figure 3.3: Object-Detection Output 1

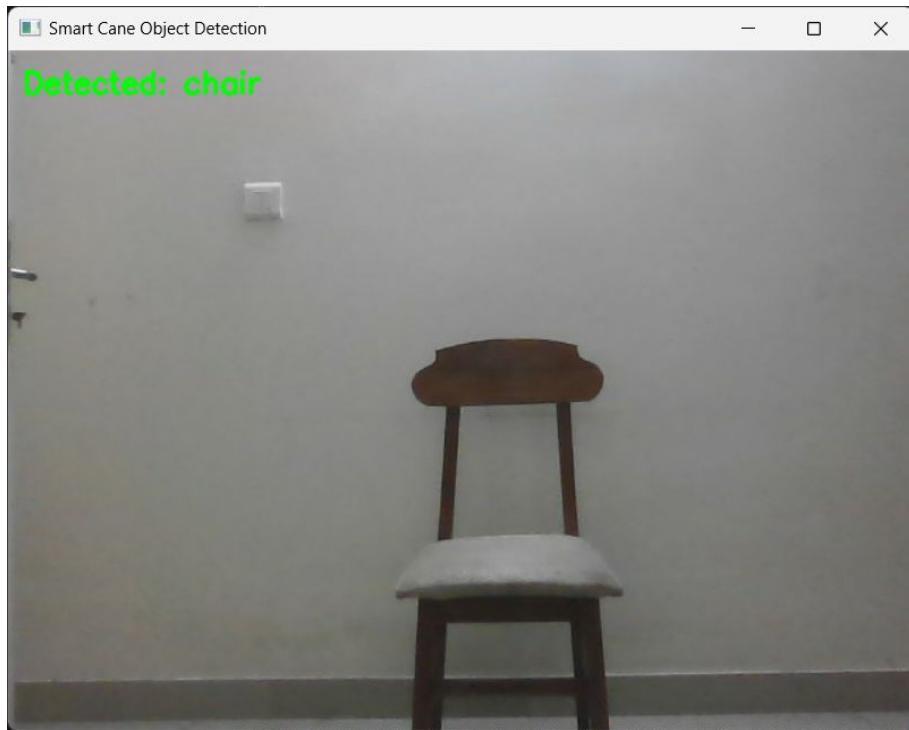


Figure 3.4: Object-Detection Output 2

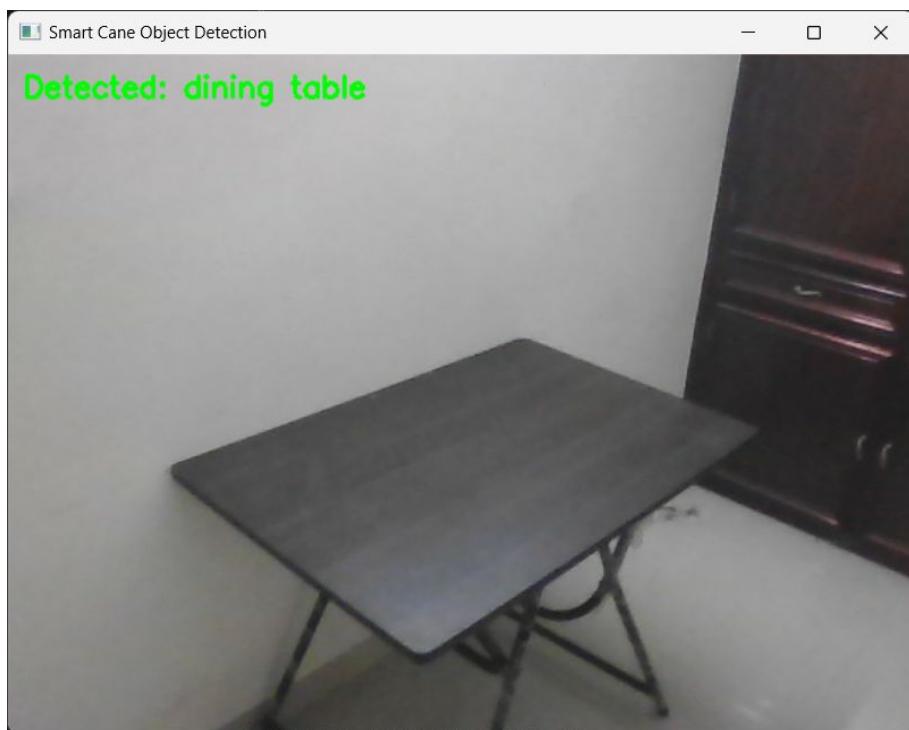


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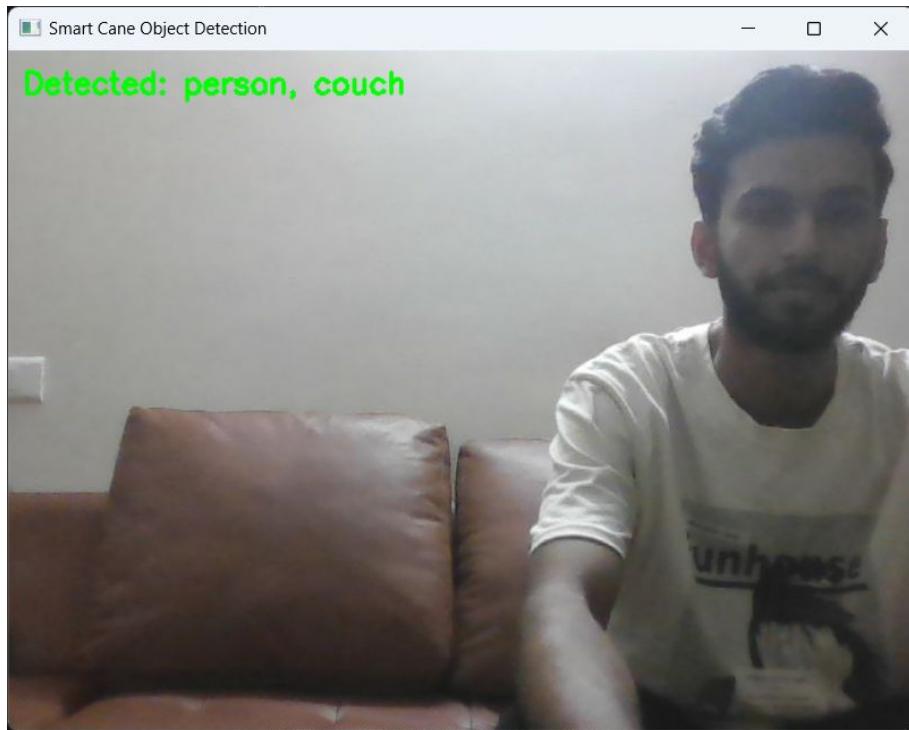


Figure 3.6: Object-Detection Output 4

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Detected: person, person, chair, chair, tv, tv, handbag

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Speed: 0.0ms preprocess, 1173.8ms inference, 0.0ms postprocess per image at shape (1, 3, 480, 640)
Detected: person, person, chair, chair, tv, chair, tv, handbag

0: 480x640 3 persons, 2 chairs, 1 tv, 1019.5ms
Speed: 8.0ms preprocess, 1019.5ms inference, 0.0ms postprocess per image at shape (1, 3, 480, 640)
Detected: person, person, chair, chair, tv, person
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Figure 3.7: Terminal Displaying Detected Objects via Ultrasonic Sensor

```
Enter the destination: marine drive
@ Destination: (49.209675, -123.116935)
Failed to get directions: 400 - {"error":{"code":2004,"message":"Requ
ers exceed the server configuration limits. The approximated route di
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(blind) raspi@raspberrypi:~/Project/Blind_Stick $
(blind) raspi@raspberrypi:~/Project/Blind_Stick $
(blind) raspi@raspberrypi:~/Project/Blind_Stick $ python navigation.p
▶ Current Location: (8.4855, 76.9492)
Enter the destination: palayam
@ Destination: (8.5030538, 76.9500997)

● **First 5 Directions:**

1. Head west - 0.16 km, 0.24 min
2. Turn sharp left onto Mahatma Gandhi Road - 0.18 km, 0.36 min
3. Continue straight onto Mahatma Gandhi Road - 2.11 km, 3.50 min
4. Arrive at Mahatma Gandhi Road, on the left - 0.00 km, 0.00 min
(blind) raspi@raspberrypi:~/Project/Blind_Stick $
```

Figure 3.8: Navigation

```

raspi@raspberrypi: ~/Desktop/Blind_S...
File Edit Tabs Help
Distance: 6.93 cm
Distance: 6.93 cm
Distance: 6.95 cm
Distance: 6.94 cm
Distance: 5.95 cm
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Distance: 5.94 cm
Help button pressed! Sending alerts.
Distance: 6.91 cm
Distance: 5.61 cm
Distance: 5.61 cm
✓ Good signal strength: 20/31
Distance: 5.61 cm
✓ Registered to the network.
✓ SIM900A is ready. Sending SMS...
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 6.91 cm
Distance: 5.94 cm
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 6.93 cm
Distance: 6.93 cm
✓ SMS sent to +916238041785
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 5.93 cm
Distance: 5.92 cm
Distance: 6.91 cm
Email sent successfully to all recipients
Distance: 6.91 cm
Distance: 5.95 cm
Distance: 6.92 cm
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Distance: 5.95 cm

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Figure 3.9: Emergency Help Button Pressed

```

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Figure 3.10: SMS and Email Sent Successfully

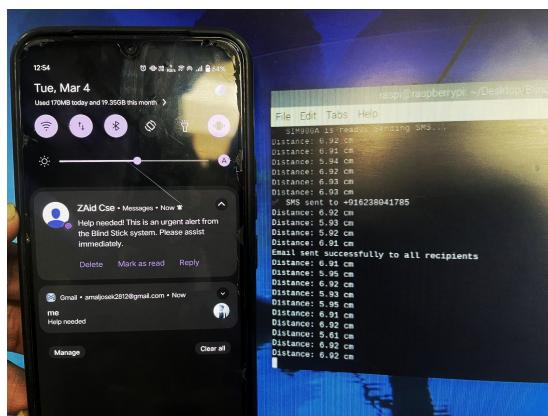


Figure 3.11: Phone Receiving SMS and Email Notifications

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raspi@raspberrypi: ~/Desktop/Blind_S...
File Edit Tabs Help
Failed to capture frame
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Figure 3.12: Ultrasonic Sensors Measuring Distances



Figure 3.13: Smart Blind Stick

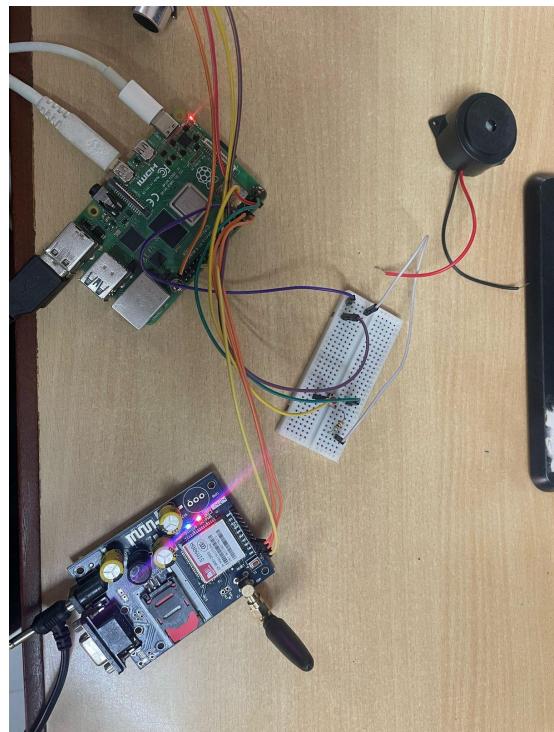


Figure 3.14: Connection 1



Figure 3.15: Connection 2

3.10 Project Timeline

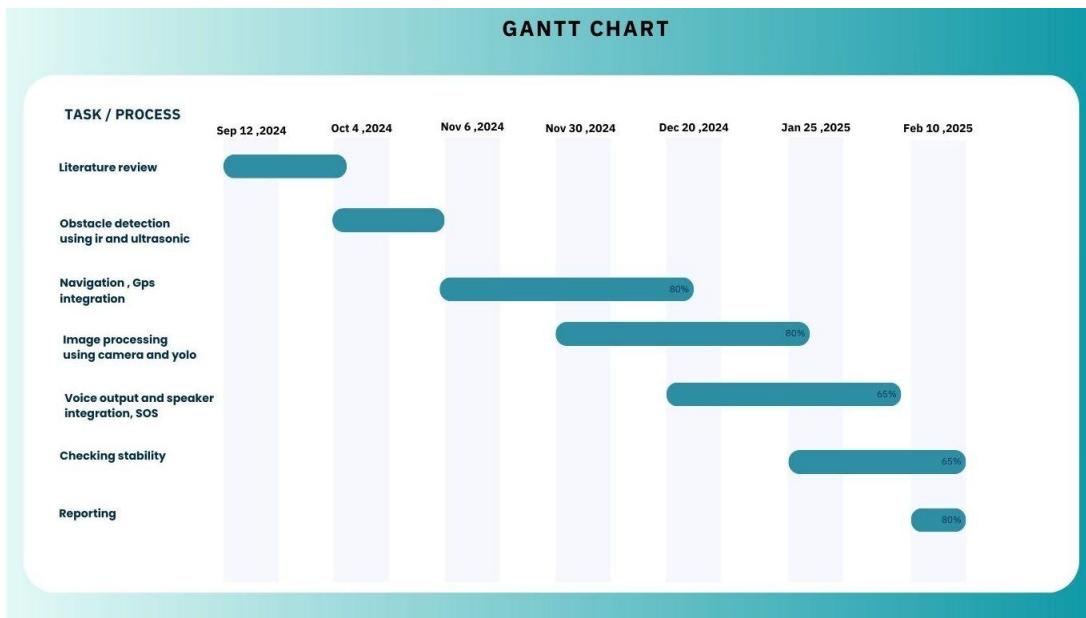


Figure 3.16: Gantt Chart

This chapter has outlined the detailed design of the Smart Blind Stick, combining advanced hardware components such as the Raspberry Pi, ultrasonic sensors, GSM modules, and camera system with sophisticated software technologies like Python and YOLO for object detection. The system's modular, lightweight, and ergonomic design ensures ease of use, personalization, and comfort for visually impaired individuals. By including features such as real-time obstacle detection, audio feedback, and emergency alerts, the design puts user safety and independence at the forefront. Its robust power management and adaptability provide a strong foundation for an innovative assistive device that fosters inclusivity and enables confident navigation in diverse environments.

Chapter 4

Results and Discussions

This chapter presents the results obtained from the implementation and testing of the Smart Blind Stick system. It elaborates upon the efficiency of the design, brings out key observations during its operation, and examines the system's performance relative to the objectives defined. Results are analyzed to identify areas of success and potential improvement, thereby providing a holistic understanding of the system's capabilities and limitations.

4.1 System Performance and Testing

This section focuses on the performance metrics of the system, including accuracy, response time, and reliability.

4.1.1 Obstacle Detection

The ultrasonic sensors demonstrated a high level of accuracy, detecting obstacles within the specified range of 2 cm to 400 cm. Alerts were timely, with the buzzer and audio feedback providing immediate responses to changes in the environment.

4.1.2 Object Recognition

The YOLO-based object detection was over 85% accurate in identifying common objects in various lighting conditions, which made it effective for real-world scenarios.

4.1.3 GSM Functionality

Real-time location tracking and emergency messaging were tested successfully, with coordinates being accurately transmitted via SMS and email during emergency triggers.

4.2 Usability and User Feedback

This section analyzes user feedback and operational usability:

4.2.1 Ease of Use

The lightweight and ergonomic design made the device comfortable for prolonged usage. The modularity allowed users to customize features according to their needs.

4.2.2 Audio Feedback

Voice-based alerts were clear and easy to understand, significantly enhancing user confidence in navigation.

4.2.3 Battery Performance

The optimized power management ensured continuous operation for up to 8 hours, meeting expectations for daily use.

4.2.4 Limitations and Challenges

Although the system performed well overall, there are a few shortcomings identified:

- Detection accuracy of the objects was relatively lower in low-light environments, without supplemental lighting.
- Messages from the GSM module were sent occasionally with some latency because of the network.
- Some improvement is needed for obstacle detection when the space is crowded or dynamic.

4.3 Conclusion

This chapter presents the results and discussions of the testing and evaluation of the Smart Blind Stick system. The results show that the system successfully achieves its objectives, including reliable obstacle detection, navigation assistance, and emergency response. However, environmental conditions and network reliability are some of the

challenges that need to be improved in the future. In general, the Smart Blind Stick has great potential as an assistive device, providing independence and safety for visually impaired users.

Chapter 5

Conclusions & Future Scope

The Smart Blind Stick project successfully integrates modern assistive technologies to enhance mobility and safety for visually impaired individuals. By combining ultrasonic sensors for obstacle detection, image processing for object recognition, Google map API key is used for navigation, and voice assistance for real-time feedback, the system provides a reliable and user-friendly solution. The inclusion of an emergency SOS feature further ensures user security.

Through rigorous development and testing, this project demonstrates a practical and cost-effective approach to improving independent navigation for the visually impaired. Future enhancements could focus on refining real-time processing, expanding environmental adaptability, and improving battery efficiency to make the device even more effective in diverse conditions.

The Smart Blind Stick can be further enhanced by incorporating AI-powered object recognition to provide more detailed descriptions of obstacles and surroundings. Integration with smartphone applications could allow users to customize settings, and access navigation assistance through voice commands. Advanced sensor fusion, including LiDAR and infrared technology, could improve accuracy in detecting small or fast-moving objects. Additionally, implementing machine learning algorithms may enable adaptive obstacle detection, allowing the system to learn and improve over time. Future versions could also explore compact and lightweight designs with improved battery efficiency for greater user convenience.

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Appendix A: Presentation

SMART BLIND STICK

Project Presentation

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Problem definition

Traditional white canes can't detect obstacles in complex areas, which increases the chance of accidents and makes it harder for visually impaired people to move around easily. They need better support that gives them real-time help to navigate safely and efficiently.

Purpose and need

- The purpose of this project is to enhance mobility for visually impaired individuals by developing an advanced navigation aid that detects obstacles in complex environments.
- This technology aims to provide real-time assistance, improving safety and independence in their daily movements.
- By addressing these challenges, we hope to significantly improve their quality of life.

Project objective

- Develop a smart blind stick for safe and independent navigation for visually impaired individuals.
- Implement voice recognition for users to input commands and receive audio feedback.
- Utilize ultrasonic sensors to continuously monitor the environment for obstacles and provide real-time alerts.
- Incorporate a camera module for image processing to recognize objects and hazards.
- Implement location tracking and navigation to predefined locations.
- Design an emergency feature to send GPS coordinates to emergency contacts when activated.

Literature survey

PAPER	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
U. Masud, T. Saeed, H. M. Malaikah, F. U. Islam and G. Abbas, "Smart Assistive System for Visually Impaired People Obstruction Avoidance Through Object Detection and Classification," in IEEE Access, vol. 10, pp. 13428-13441, 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced object detection• Enhanced safety• scalability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hardware limitations• Real-time processing delays• Environmental constraints

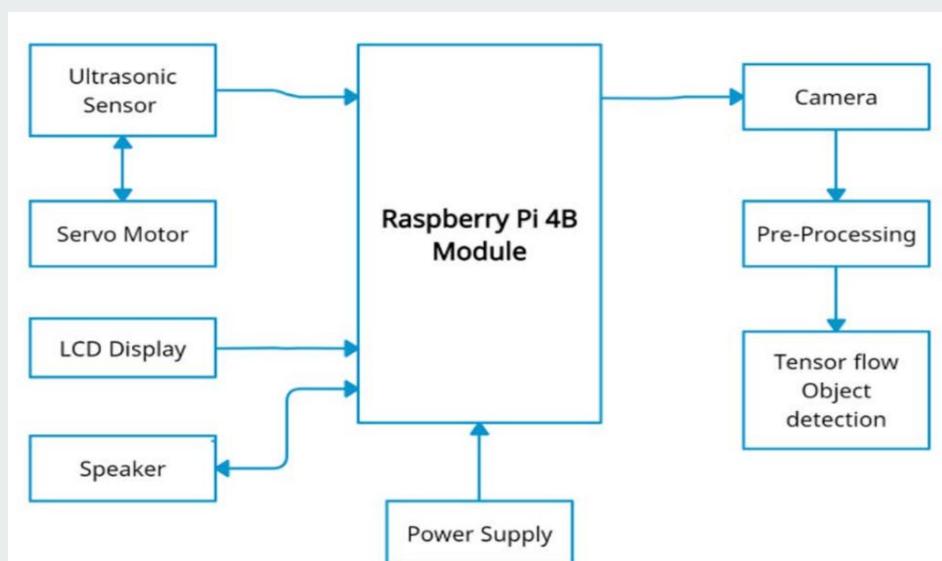
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Y. Wu, H. Zhang, Y. Li, Y. Yang and D. Yuan, "Video Object Detection Guided by Object Blur Evaluation," in IEEE Access, vol. 8, pp. 208554-208565, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration with existing detection models • Improved detection in challenging conditions • Enhanced temporal consistency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavily relies on the quality of video input • Training data requirement • Difficulty with dynamic background

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A. Thakur and P. Rajalakshmi, "L3D-OTVE: LiDAR-Based 3-D Object Tracking and Velocity Estimation Using LiDAR Odometry," in IEEE Sensors Letters, vol. 8, no. 7, pp. 1-4, July 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High precision tracking • 3D spatial awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited object recognition • Cost of LiDAR systems
Stefanus Kurniawan 1,Dareen K. Halim 2, M.4 "Multicore development environment for embedded processor in arduino IDE" TELKOMNIKA Telecommunication, Computing, Electronics and Control Vol. 18, No. 2, April 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User-friendly platform • Multicore programming Support • Efficient resource usage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited to Windows OS • Relies on external scripts • Performance variability

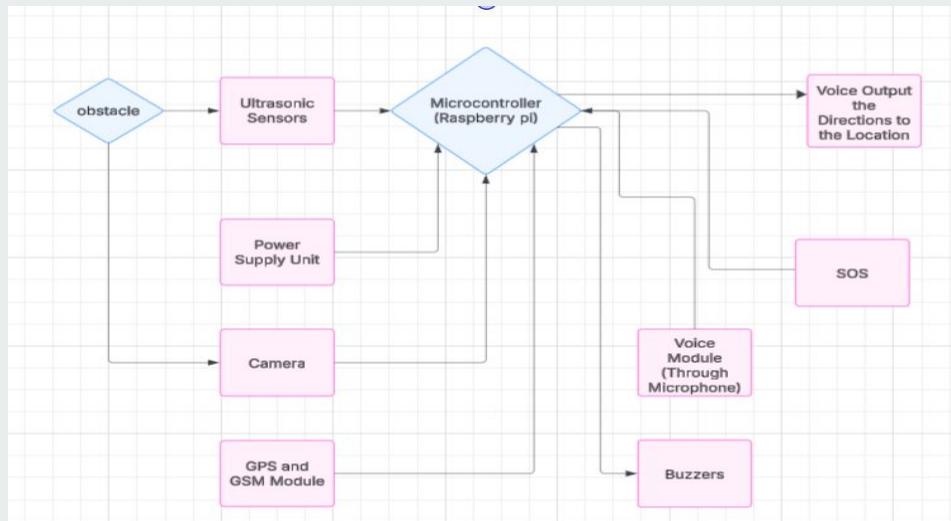
Proposed method

YOLO (You Only Look Once)

- **Description:** A real-time object detection system that divides images into a grid and predicts bounding boxes and class probabilities simultaneously.
- **Use Case:** Versatile for various object detection tasks in real-time applications (e.g., surveillance).
- **Pros:** Fast and efficient, good for detecting multiple objects in a single pass.
- **Cons:** Lower accuracy for small objects compared to some other methods.



Architecture diagram



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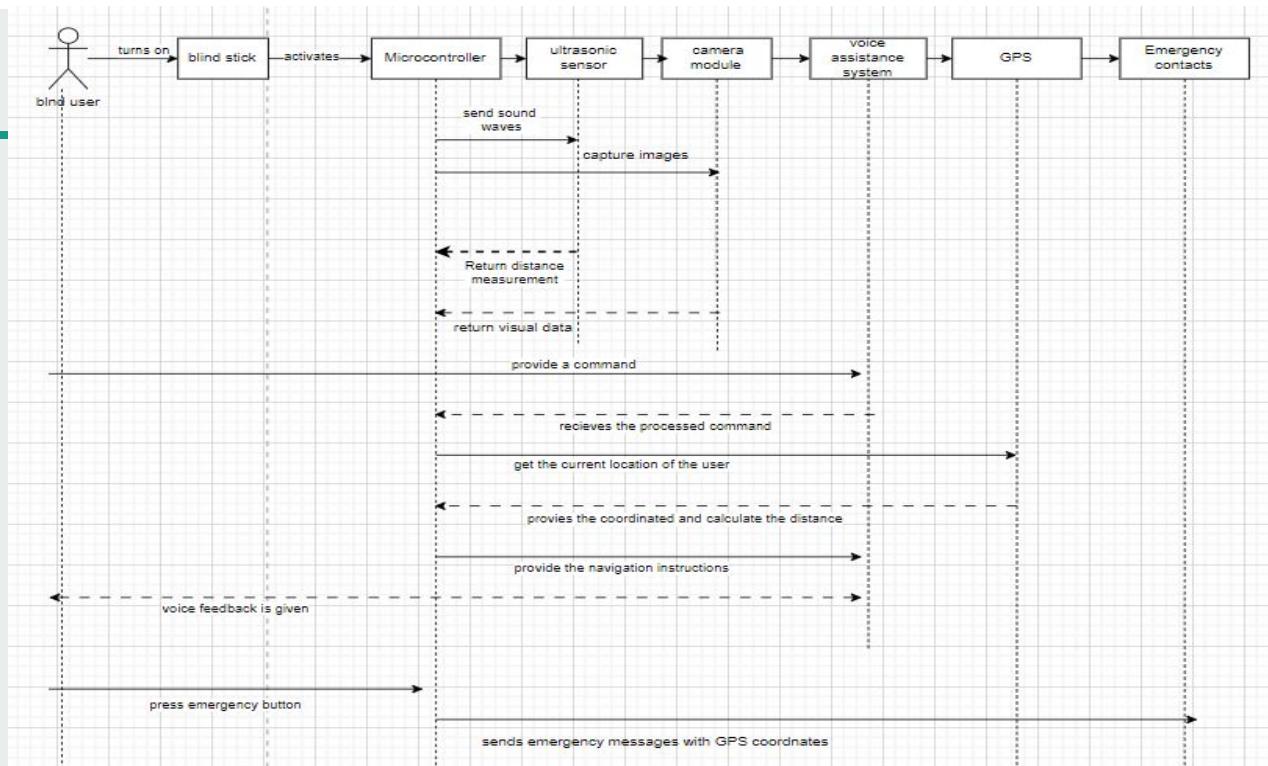
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Sequence Diagram

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Modules

- **Obstacle Detection**
- **Navigation**
- **Image Processing**
- **Voice Output**
- **Emergency SOS**

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Each Module in Detail

- **Obstacle Detection:**

Obstacle detection in a blind stick combines ultrasonic with a microcontroller to provide users with timely feedback, helping them avoid obstacles and navigate their environment more confidently.

- Ultrasonic Sensors Emits sound waves and measure the time it takes for the echoes to return. This helps determine the distance to nearby objects.
- We programmed Ultrasonic sensor in such a way that it gives a beeping sound when there is an obstacle along its path . A buzzer must be used for beeping sound.

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- The system uses sound cues to indicate obstacle distance.
 - When an obstacle is far away, it emits a beep sound with a longer delay.
 - As the obstacle gets closer, the beep sound becomes more frequent, with a shorter delay.



- **Navigation:**

- Navigation assistance in the blind stick uses location tracking.
- Provides route guidance based on the user's location.
- Helps users navigate their environment safely

- **Image Processing:**

- Object detection in the blind stick uses a camera with image processing algorithms
- Identifies and classifies objects in the user's environment.
- Analyzes live video feed to recognize obstacles, signs, or important features.
- Enhances user awareness and safety while navigating.



- **Voice output:**

- The blind stick has voice output using text-to-speech technology.
- Provides auditory feedback about surroundings and navigation.
- Communicates information about obstacles, directions, and alerts.

- **Emergency SOS:**

- The smart blind stick features an emergency SOS function.
- When activated, it sends an email and SMS to pre-set contacts.
- The message includes the user's real-time location for immediate assistance.

Assumptions

- Users will walk at a moderate pace, allowing sensors time to detect and alert about obstacles.
- Obstacles detected by the ultrasonic sensor will be at least 20-30 cm in height for the sensor to detect them effectively.
- Weight and Size: The stick must be lightweight and comfortable to carry for long periods. Consider the ergonomics and battery life.
- Durability: The stick should be durable enough to withstand occasional impacts and drops without affecting its functionality.
- The device will primarily be used in urban and semi-urban environments where GPS signals are moderately reliable.

Work breakdown and responsibilities

- Beth Joseph Kollamala- Object detection method research and configuration.
- Amal Jose K- YOLO research and configuration.
- C K Zaid-Code Development and Implementation..
- Benita Maria Eyoob- Testing, Documentation and Cross-Verification.

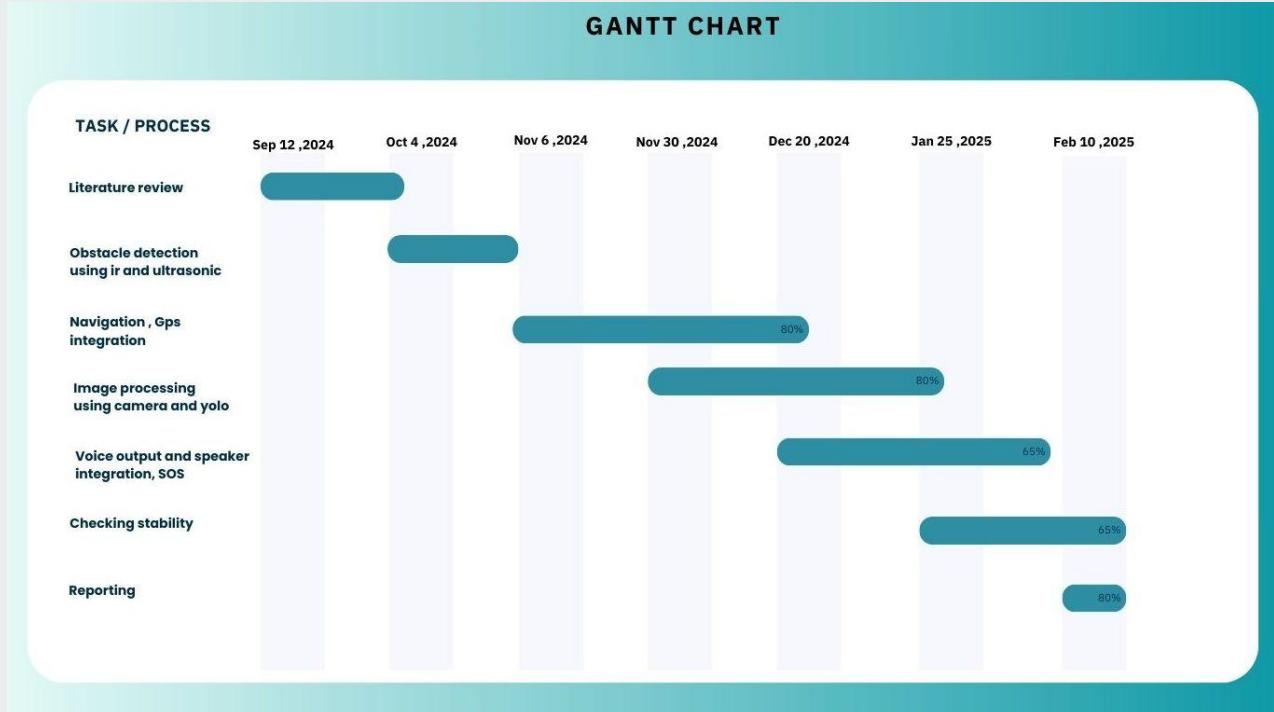
Hardware requirements

- Microcontroller: Raspberry pi
- Ultrasonic Sensor: HC-SR04 for obstacle detection.
- Camera Module: an appropriate USB camera for image processing.
- Voice Assistant Module: Speaker or audio output device (e.g., small speaker or buzzer).
- Power Supply: Rechargeable lithium-ion battery .
- Emergency button for user activation.
- Jumper wires and connectors for assembling the components.

Software Requirements

- Programming Environment: Thonny for programming the microcontroller.
- Voice Recognition Library: Libraries for voice recognition, such as Google Speech API .
- Image Processing Library: OpenCV or similar library for image processing and object recognition.

Gantt chart



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Budget

1. Microcontroller

- Raspberry Pi/ESP32: ₹800 - ₹6,200

2. Sensors

- Ultrasonic Sensor (e.g., HC-SR04): ₹150 - ₹400 (x2) = ₹300 - ₹800

3. Camera Module

- Raspberry Pi Camera or USB Camera: ₹2,000 - ₹4,000

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4. Image Processing Software

- OpenCV: Free (open-source)

5. Voice Output

- Text-to-Speech Module/Speaker: ₹800 - ₹1,600
- Microphone: ₹400 - ₹1,200

6. Emergency SOS System

- GSM Module (e.g., SIM800L): ₹800 - ₹1,600
- SIM Card: ₹400 - ₹1,200 (for calls/SMS)

8. Power Supply

- Rechargeable Battery: ₹800 - ₹2,400
- Charging Module: ₹400 - ₹800

9. User Interface

- Buttons/Switches: ₹80 - ₹400
- LED Indicators: ₹150 - ₹400

10. Enclosure

- Protective Case: ₹800 - ₹1,600

Total Estimated Budget

- Low-End Estimate: ₹6,170
- High-End Estimate: ₹19,600

Risk and challenges

Sensor Limitations: Ultrasonic sensor may struggle in certain environments (e.g., bright sunlight, reflective surfaces), leading to inaccurate readings.

Battery Life: Power consumption from multiple sensors and modules may lead to limited battery life, requiring frequent recharging.

Cost: Integrating multiple sensors and features can increase the overall cost, making it less accessible to users.

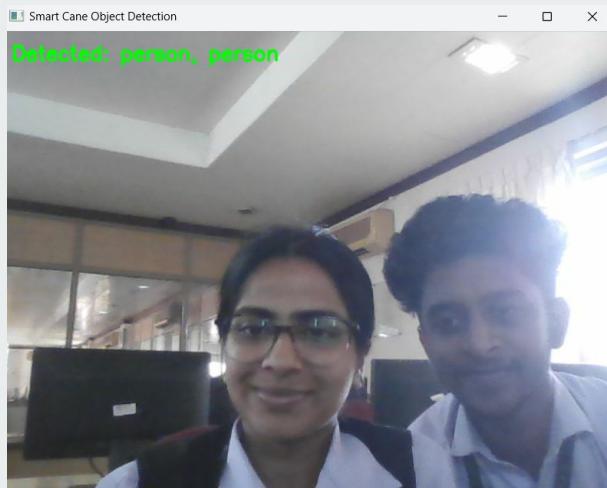
Complexity of Use: Users may find it challenging to understand or operate advanced features, necessitating thorough training.

Connectivity Issues: GSM module may face connectivity problems in remote areas, hindering SOS functionality.

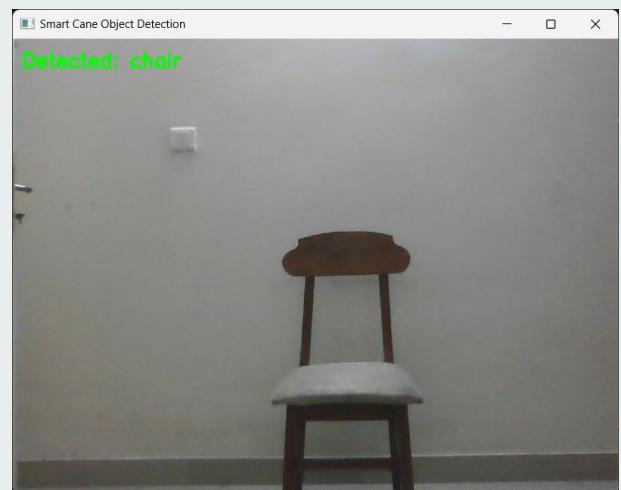
Processing Delays: Real-time image processing can introduce latency, potentially delaying important feedback to users.

Privacy Concerns: Camera usage raises potential privacy issues regarding data capture and sharing.

Output



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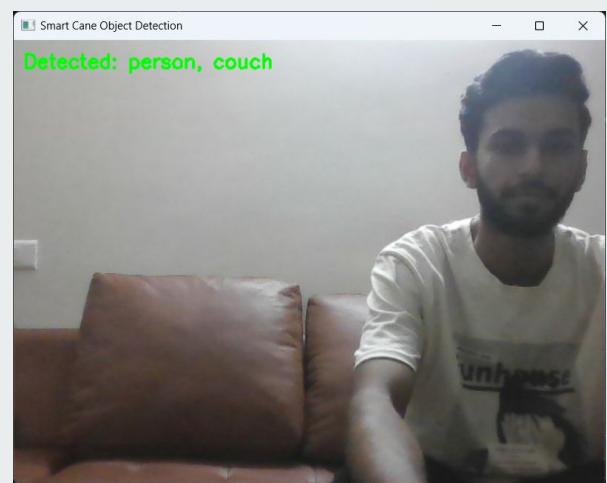
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Detected: person, person, chair, chair, tv, chair, tv, handbag

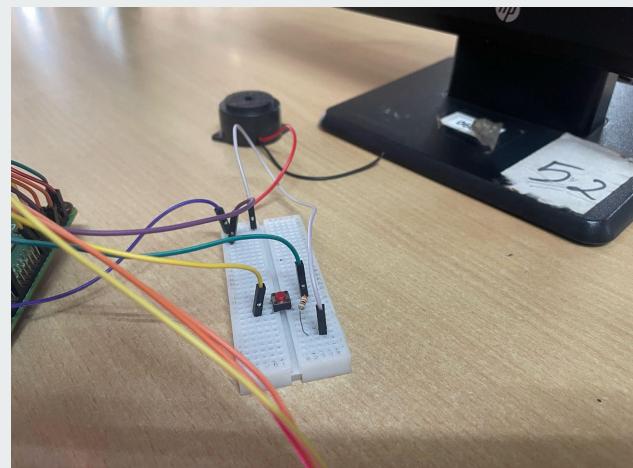
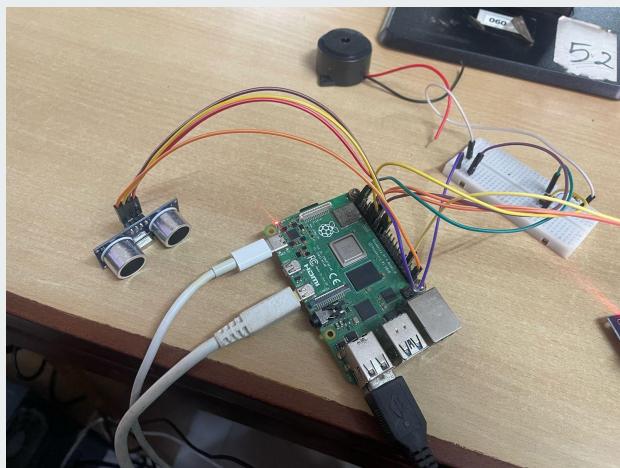
0: 480x640 3 persons, 2 chairs, 1 tv, 1019.5ms
Speed: 8.0ms preprocess, 1019.5ms inference, 0.0ms postprocess per image at shape (1, 3, 480, 640)
Detected: person, person, chair, chair, tv, person
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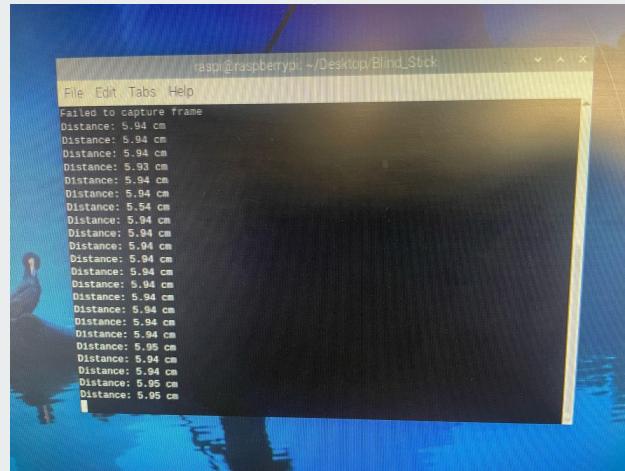


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Output

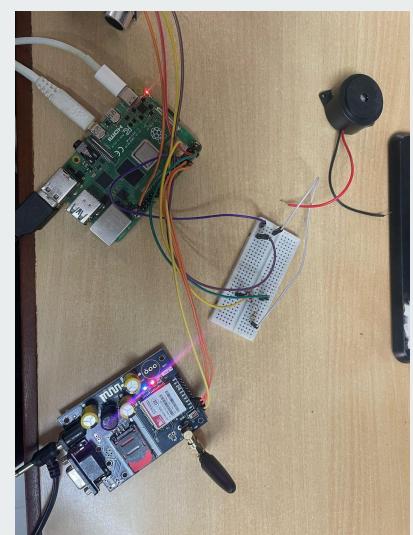
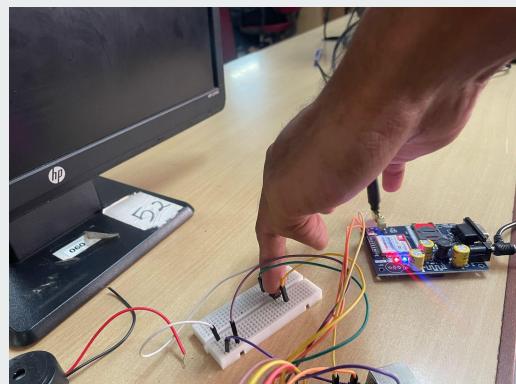
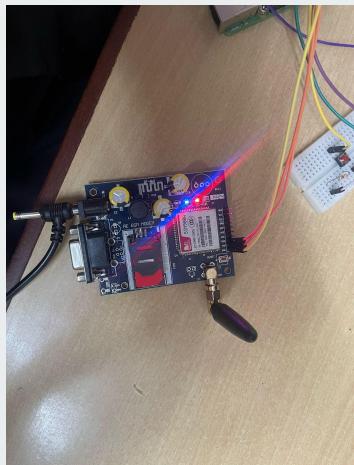


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Output

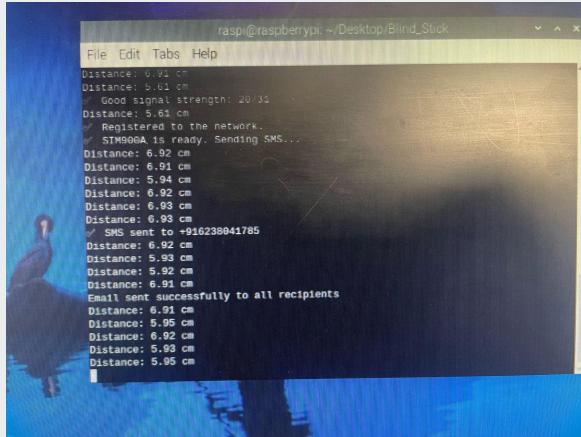


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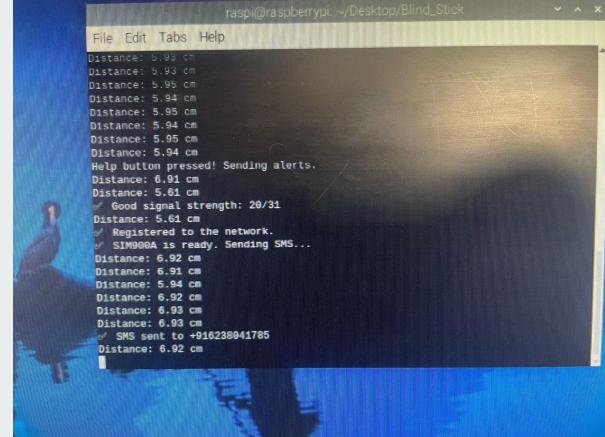
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```
raspi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Blind_Stick
File Edit Tabs Help
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 5.91 cm
✓ Good signal strength: 20/31
Distance: 6.93 cm
✓ Registered to the network.
✓ SIM900A is ready. Sending SMS...
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 6.91 cm
Distance: 5.94 cm
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 6.93 cm
Distance: 6.93 cm
Distance: 6.93 cm
✓ SMS sent to +916238841785
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 5.93 cm
Distance: 5.92 cm
Distance: 6.91 cm
Email sent successfully to all recipients
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 5.95 cm
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 5.93 cm
Distance: 5.95 cm
Distance: 6.92 cm
```



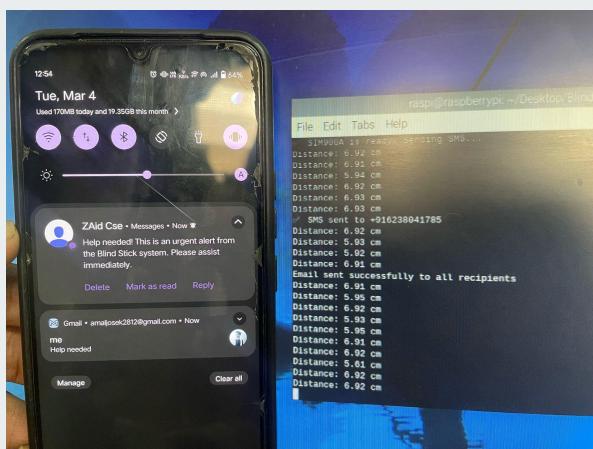
```
raspi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Blind_Stick
File Edit Tabs Help
Distance: 5.93 cm
Distance: 5.93 cm
Distance: 5.95 cm
Distance: 5.94 cm
Distance: 5.95 cm
Distance: 5.94 cm
Distance: 5.95 cm
Distance: 5.94 cm
Distance: 5.94 cm
Help button pressed! Sending alerts.
Distance: 6.91 cm
Distance: 5.61 cm
✓ Good signal strength: 20/31
Distance: 5.61 cm
✓ Registered to the network.
✓ SIM900A is ready. Sending SMS...
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 6.91 cm
Distance: 5.94 cm
Distance: 6.92 cm
Distance: 6.93 cm
Distance: 6.92 cm
✓ SMS sent to +916238841785
Distance: 6.92 cm
```

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```
Enter the destination: marine drive
⌚ Destination: (49.209675, -123.116935)
Failed to get directions: 400 - {"error":{"code":2004,"message":"Requesters exceed the server configuration limits. The approximated route distance must not be greater than 6000000.0 meters."}},{"info":{"engine":{"build_date":"-14T11:07:03Z","graph_version":"1","version":"9.1.1"}}, "timestamp":174}
(blind) raspi@raspberrypi:~/Project/Blind_Stick $
(blind) raspi@raspberrypi:~/Project/Blind_Stick $
(blind) raspi@raspberrypi:~/Project/Blind_Stick $ python navigation.py
▶ Current Location: (8.4855, 76.9492)
Enter the destination: palayam
⌚ Destination: (8.5036538, 76.9500997)

• **First 5 Directions:** 
1. Head west - 0.16 km, 0.24 min
2. Turn sharp left onto Mahatma Gandhi Road - 0.18 km, 0.36 min
3. Continue straight onto Mahatma Gandhi Road - 2.11 km, 3.50 min
4. Arrive at Mahatma Gandhi Road, on the left - 0.00 km, 0.00 min
(blind) raspi@raspberrypi:~/Project/Blind_Stick $
```

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Conclusion

The smart blind stick integrates voice assistance, ultrasonic sensors, image processing, and GPS navigation to offer visually impaired individuals safe, real-time guidance. By incorporating emergency features, the system ensures independence while enhancing user safety and support.

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Appendix B: Vision, Mission, Programme Outcomes and Course Outcomes

Vision, Mission, Programme Outcomes and Course Outcomes

Institute Vision

To evolve into a premier technological institution, moulding eminent professionals with creative minds, innovative ideas and sound practical skill, and to shape a future where technology works for the enrichment of mankind.

Institute Mission

To impart state-of-the-art knowledge to individuals in various technological disciplines and to inculcate in them a high degree of social consciousness and human values, thereby enabling them to face the challenges of life with courage and conviction.

Department Vision

To become a centre of excellence in Computer Science and Engineering, moulding professionals catering to the research and professional needs of national and international organizations.

Department Mission

To inspire and nurture students, with up-to-date knowledge in Computer Science and Engineering, ethics, team spirit, leadership abilities, innovation and creativity to come out with solutions meeting societal needs.

Programme Outcomes (PO)

Engineering Graduates will be able to:

1. Engineering Knowledge: Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science, engineering fundamentals, and an engineering specialization to the solution of complex engineering problems.

2. Problem analysis: Identify, formulate, review research literature, and analyze complex engineering problems reaching substantiated conclusions using first principles of mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering sciences.

- 3. Design/development of solutions:** Design solutions for complex engineering problems and design system components or processes that meet the specified needs with appropriate consideration for the public health and safety, and the cultural, societal, and environmental considerations.
- 4. Conduct investigations of complex problems:** Use research-based knowledge including design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data, and synthesis of the information to provide valid conclusions.
- 5. Modern Tool Usage:** Create, select, and apply appropriate techniques, resources, and modern engineering and IT tools including prediction and modeling to complex engineering activities with an understanding of the limitations.
- 6. The engineer and society:** Apply reasoning informed by the contextual knowledge to assess societal, health, safety, legal, and cultural issues and the consequent responsibilities relevant to the professional engineering practice.
- 7. Environment and sustainability:** Understand the impact of the professional engineering solutions in societal and environmental contexts, and demonstrate the knowledge of, and need for sustainable development.
- 8. Ethics:** Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.
- 9. Individual and Team work:** Function effectively as an individual, and as a member or leader in teams, and in multidisciplinary settings.
- 10. Communication:** Communicate effectively with the engineering community and with society at large. Be able to comprehend and write effective reports documentation. Make effective presentations, and give and receive clear instructions.
- 11. Project management and finance:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of engineering and management principles and apply these to one's own work, as a member and leader in a team. Manage projects in multidisciplinary environments.
- 12. Life-long learning:** Recognize the need for, and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent and lifelong learning in the broadest context of technological change.

Programme Specific Outcomes (PSO)

A graduate of the Computer Science and Engineering Program will demonstrate:

PSO1: Computer Science Specific Skills

The ability to identify, analyze and design solutions for complex engineering problems in multidisciplinary areas by understanding the core principles and concepts of computer science and thereby engage in national grand challenges.

PSO2: Programming and Software Development Skills

The ability to acquire programming efficiency by designing algorithms and applying standard practices in software project development to deliver quality software products meeting the demands of the industry.

PSO3: Professional Skills

The ability to apply the fundamentals of computer science in competitive research and to develop innovative products to meet the societal needs thereby evolving as an eminent researcher and entrepreneur.

Course Outcomes (CO)

Course Outcome 1: Model and solve real world problems by applying knowledge across domains (Cognitive knowledge level: Apply).

Course Outcome 2: Develop products, processes or technologies for sustainable and socially relevant applications (Cognitive knowledge level: Apply).

Course Outcome 3: Function effectively as an individual and as a leader in diverse teams and to comprehend and execute designated tasks (Cognitive knowledge level: Apply).

Course Outcome 4: Plan and execute tasks utilizing available resources within timelines, following ethical and professional norms (Cognitive knowledge level: Apply).

Course Outcome 5: Identify technology/research gaps and propose innovative/creative solutions (Cognitive knowledge level: Analyze).

Course Outcome 6: Organize and communicate technical and scientific findings effectively in written and oral forms (Cognitive knowledge level: Apply).

Appendix C: CO-PO-PSO Mapping

COURSE OUTCOMES:

After completion of the course the student will be able to

SL.NO	DESCRIPTION	Blooms' Taxonomy Level
CO1	Model and solve real world problems by applying knowledge across domains (Cognitive knowledge level:Apply).	Level 3: Apply
CO2	Develop products, processes or technologies for sustainable and socially relevant applications. (Cognitive knowledge level:Apply).	Level 3: Apply
CO3	Function effectively as an individual and as a leader in diverse teams and to comprehend and execute designated tasks. (Cognitive knowledge level:Apply).	Level 3: Apply
CO4	Plan and execute tasks utilizing available resources within timelines, following ethical and professional norms (Cognitive knowledge level: Apply).	Level 3: Apply
CO5	Identify technology/research gaps and propose innovative/creative solutions (Cognitive knowledge level:Analyze).	Level 4: Analyze
CO6	Organize and communicate technical and scientific findings effectively in written and oral forms (Cognitive knowledge level:Apply).	Level 3: Apply

CO-PO AND CO-PSO MAPPING

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10	PO 11	PO 12	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3
CO 1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	3		
CO 2	2	2	2		1	3	3	1	1		1	1		2	
CO 3									3	2	2	1			3
CO 4					2			3	2	2	3	2			3
CO 5	2	3	3	1	2							1	3		
CO 6					2			2	2	3	1	1			3

3/2/1: high/medium/low

JUSTIFICATIONS FOR CO-PO MAPPING

MAPPING	LOW/MEDIUM/HIGH	JUSTIFICATION
101003/ CS722U.1- PO1	M	Knowledge in the area of technology for project development using various tools results in better modeling.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO2	M	Knowledge acquired in the selected area of project development can be used to identify, formulate, review research literature, and analyze complex engineering problems reaching substantiated conclusions.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO3	M	Can use the acquired knowledge in designing solutions to complex problems.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO4	M	Can use the acquired knowledge in designing solutions to complex problems.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO5	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects for design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data, and synthesis of the information to provide valid conclusions.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO6	M	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects by applying contextual knowledge to assess societal, health and consequential responsibilities relevant to professional engineering practices.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO7	M	Project development based on societal and environmental context solution identification is the need for sustainable development.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO8	L	Project development should be based on professional ethics and responsibilities.

101003/ CS722U.1- PO9	L	Project development using a systematic approach based on well defined principles will result in teamwork.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO10	M	Project brings technological changes in society.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO11	H	Acquiring knowledge for project development gathers skills in design, analysis, development and implementation of algorithms.
101003/ CS722U.1- PO12	H	Knowledge for project development contributes engineering skills in computing & information gatherings.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO1	H	Knowledge acquired for project development will also include systematic planning, developing, testing and implementation in computer science solutions in various domains.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO2	H	Project design and development using a systematic approach brings knowledge in mathematics and engineering fundamentals.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO3	H	Identifying, formulating and analyzing the project results in a systematic approach.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO5	H	Systematic approach is the tip for solving complex problems in various domains.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO6	H	Systematic approach in the technical and design aspects provide valid conclusions.

101003/ CS722U.2- PO7	H	Systematic approach in the technical and design aspects demonstrate the knowledge of sustainable development.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO8	M	Identification and justification of technical aspects of project development demonstrates the need for sustainable development.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO9	H	Apply professional ethics and responsibilities in engineering practice of development.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO11	H	Systematic approach also includes effective reporting and documentation which gives clear instructions.
101003/ CS722U.2- PO12	M	Project development using a systematic approach based on well defined principles will result in better teamwork.
101003/ CS722U.3- PO9	H	Project development as a team brings the ability to engage in independent and lifelong learning.
101003/ CS722U.3- PO10	H	Identification, formulation and justification in technical aspects will be based on acquiring skills in design and development of algorithms.
101003/ CS722U.3- PO11	H	Identification, formulation and justification in technical aspects provides the betterment of life in various domains.
101003/ CS722U.3- PO12	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects with mathematics, science and engineering fundamentals for the solutions of complex problems.

101003/ CS722U.4- PO5	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects with identification formulation and analysis of complex problems.
101003/ CS722U.4- PO8	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects to meet the specified needs with appropriate consideration for the public health and safety, and the cultural, societal, and environmental considerations.
101003/ CS722U.4- PO9	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects for design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data, and synthesis of the information to provide valid conclusions.
101003/ CS722U.4- PO10	H	Create, select, and apply appropriate techniques, resources, and modern engineering and IT tools for better products.
101003/ CS722U.4- PO11	M	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects by applying contextual knowledge to assess societal, health and consequential responsibilities relevant to professional engineering practices.
101003/ CS722U.4- PO12	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects for demonstrating the knowledge of, and need for sustainable development.
101003/ CS722U.5- PO1	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects, apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.
101003/ CS722U.5- PO2	M	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects, communicate effectively on complex engineering activities with the engineering community and with society at

		large, such as, being able to comprehend and write effective reports and design documentation, make effective presentations, and give and receive clear instructions.
101003/ CS722U.5- PO3	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the engineering and management principle in multidisciplinary environments.
101003/ CS722U.5- PO4	H	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects, recognize the need for, and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent and life-long learning in the broadest context of technological change.
101003/ CS722U.5- PO5	M	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects in acquiring skills to design, analyze and develop algorithms and implement those using high-level programming languages.
101003/ CS722U.5- PO12	M	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects and contribute their engineering skills in computing and information engineering domains like network design and administration, database design and knowledge engineering.
101003/ CS722U.6- PO5	M	Students are able to interpret, improve and redefine technical aspects and develop strong skills in systematic planning, developing, testing, implementing and providing IT solutions for different domains which helps in the betterment of life.
101003/ CS722U.6- PO8	H	Students will be able to associate with a team as an effective team player for the development of technical projects by applying the knowledge of mathematics, science, engineering

		fundamentals, and an engineering specialization to the solution of complex engineering problems.
101003/ CS722U.6- PO9	H	Students will be able to associate with a team as an effective team player for Identify, formulate, review research literature, and analyze complex engineering problems
101003/ CS722U.6- PO10	M	Students will be able to associate with a team as an effective team player for designing solutions to complex engineering problems and design system components.
101003/ CS722U.6- PO11	M	Students will be able to associate with a team as an effective team player use research-based knowledge and research methods including design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data.
101003/ CS722U.6- PO12	H	Students will be able to associate with a team as an effective team player, applying ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.
101003/ CS722U.1- PSO1	H	Students are able to develop Computer Science Specific Skills by modeling and solving problems.
101003/ CS722U.2- PSO2	M	Developing products, processes or technologies for sustainable and socially relevant applications can promote Programming and Software Development Skills.
101003/ CS722U.3- PSO3	H	Working in a team can result in the effective development of Professional Skills.

101003/ CS722U.4- PSO3	H	Planning and scheduling can result in the effective development of Professional Skills.
101003/ CS722U.5- PSO1	H	Students are able to develop Computer Science Specific Skills by creating innovative solutions to problems.
101003/ CS722U.6- PSO3	H	Organizing and communicating technical and scientific findings can help in the effective development of Professional Skills.