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## Title

**Autonomous Navigation Car Using Arduino Uno with Triple Ultrasonic Sensors.**

## Abstract

Obstacle avoidance is a critical feature for autonomous vehicles, allowing them to navigate environments without human intervention. This project implements an obstacle-avoiding car using an Arduino Uno microcontroller. The car employs ultrasonic sensors to detect obstacles and a motor driver to control the direction and speed of DC motors. The system is programmed to analyze sensor data and adjust its movement in real-time, ensuring efficient and reliable navigation. The project demonstrates a cost-effective solution for robotic automation, with potential applications in industries such as logistics, surveillance, and exploration.

**Keywords**: Arduino Uno, Obstacle Avoidance, Ultrasonic Sensors, DC Motor, Autonomous Vehicle

## Introduction

### Background of Study and Motivation

The advent of autonomous vehicles has revolutionized industries ranging from transportation to logistics. A key feature of these vehicles is their ability to detect and avoid obstacles autonomously. This capability ensures safety, efficiency, and adaptability in dynamic environments. With the increasing affordability of microcontrollers like Arduino Uno, it is now possible to develop low-cost, highly functional obstacle avoidance systems. This project aims to explore and implement such a system, combining the simplicity of Arduino programming with the reliability of ultrasonic sensors.

### Project Objectives

- To design and develop an obstacle-avoiding car using Arduino Uno.
- To utilize ultrasonic sensors for real-time obstacle detection.
- To implement a motor control system for responsive navigation.

### A Brief Outline of the Report

This report is structured as follows:

- the introduction provides the background and objectives of the project;
- the literature review examines related works;
- the methodology section details the design and implementation process;
- the results and discussions section evaluates the system's performance;
- and finally, conclusions and future endeavors are discussed.

## Literature Review

The following review summarizes five project-related journal papers published between 2020 and 2024:

1. **"Low-Cost Autonomous Vehicles Using Arduino"**: This paper explores the potential of Arduino-based systems for autonomous navigation.
2. **"Obstacle Detection Techniques in Robotics"**: The study analyzes various sensors, highlighting the reliability of ultrasonic sensors for short-range detection.
3. **"DC Motor Control in Robotic Systems"**: Focuses on techniques for precise motor control in robotic applications.
4. **"Real-Time Path Planning for Mobile Robots"**: Discusses algorithms for obstacle avoidance in dynamic environments.
5. **"Applications of Microcontrollers in Robotics"**: Highlights the versatility of Arduino in robotics projects.

## Limitations in the Project

- Limited sensor range restricts obstacle detection to short distances.
- The system struggles with complex obstacles such as narrow or reflective surfaces.
- Battery life constraints affect prolonged usage.

## Methodology and Modeling

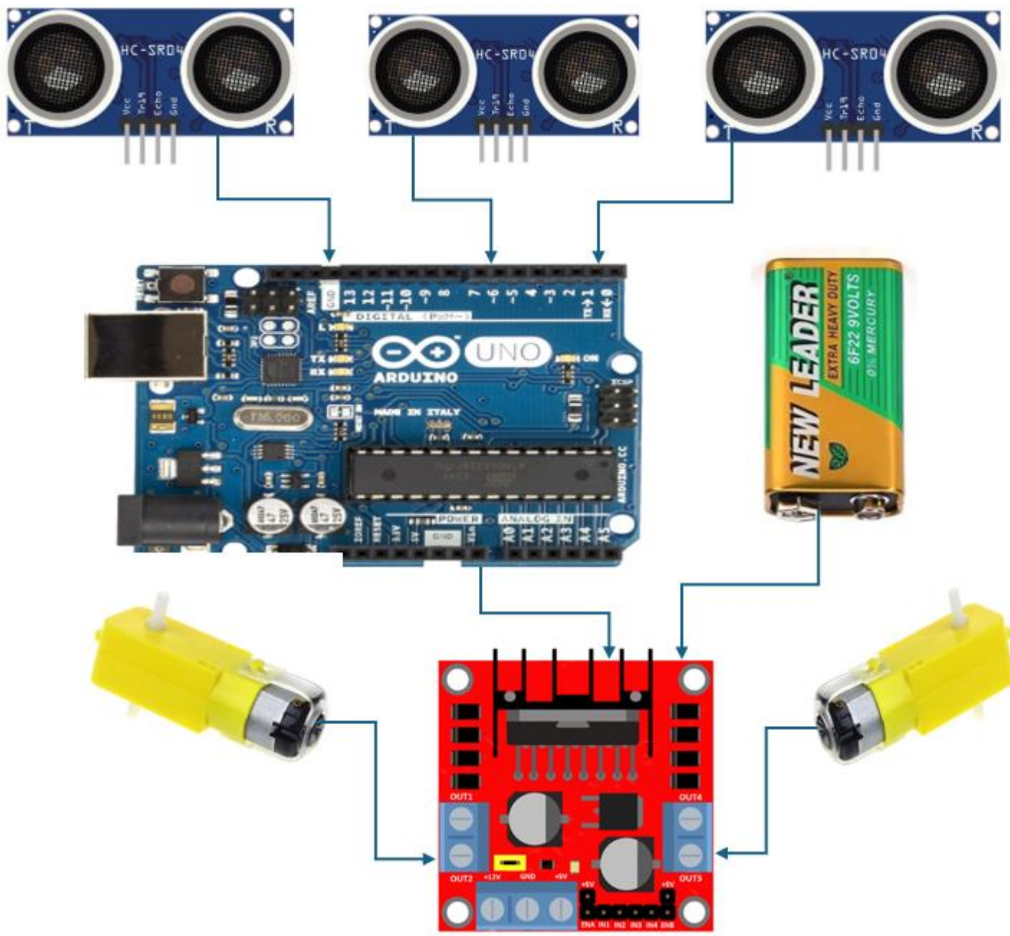
### Introduction

This section outlines the approach used to design, implement, and test an obstacle-avoiding car using Arduino Uno. The project involves integrating ultrasonic sensors for obstacle detection and employing a motor driver to control the car's movement. By processing sensor data, the car can autonomously navigate its environment, avoiding obstacles and adjusting its path as needed. The methodology covers system design, hardware integration, software development, and testing to ensure reliable and efficient operation of the obstacle-avoiding system.

### Working Principle of the Proposed Project

The obstacle-avoiding car employs an ultrasonic sensor to detect obstacles by emitting ultrasonic waves and measuring their reflection time. The Arduino Uno processes this data to determine the distance between the car and the obstacle. Based on the distance, the system adjusts the motor controls via a motor driver to stop or change direction, ensuring uninterrupted navigation.

## Block Diagram:




## Process of Work

The obstacle-avoiding car is an intelligent system designed to navigate its environment by avoiding obstacles using ultrasonic sensors, an Arduino Uno, and DC motors with a motor driver. The three ultrasonic sensors continuously emit sound waves, and the Arduino calculates the distance to nearby objects based on the time taken for the reflected waves to return. If no obstacle is detected within a preset threshold distance, such as 15 cm, the car continues to move forward.

When an obstacle is detected, the car halts, and the Arduino processes the sensor data to decide the best direction to turn—left or right—depending on which side has more clearance. The motor driver then executes the movement, controlling the speed and direction of the DC motors to guide the car safely. This process repeats in real time, allowing the car to dynamically adjust its path and avoid collisions, demonstrating effective autonomous navigation.

## Description of the Components

**Arduino Uno:** The microcontroller used for processing sensor data and executing control logic.

**Ultrasonic Sensors:** Detect obstacles by measuring the time taken for sound waves to bounce back.

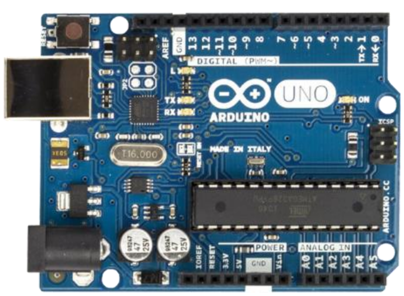
**DC Motors:** Drive the wheels of the car, enabling movement and directional changes.

**Motor Driver (L298N):** Interfaces between the Arduino and motors, controlling motor speed and direction.

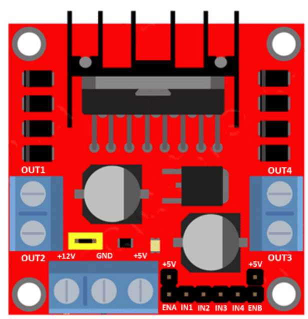
**9V Battery:** Provides power to the Arduino and other connected components, ensuring the system operates independently without a direct connection to a computer.

**Breadboard:** A prototyping platform used to connect and organize components like sensors, motors, and the motor driver, making it easier to build and modify the circuit.

**Wires:** Electrical connectors used to establish connections between the Arduino, motor driver, sensors, and other components. They transmit power and signals across the system.

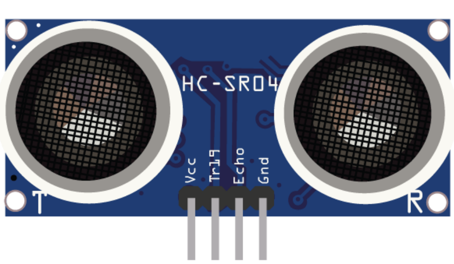



**Arduino Uno**




**Motor Driver (L298N)**

**Breadboard**




**Ultrasonic Sensors**


**9V Battery**

**DC Motors**

**Wires**

## Test/Experimental Setup

The experimental setup consists of:

### Hardware:

- **Arduino Uno Microcontroller:** Processes sensor data and controls the system.
- **Three Ultrasonic Sensors:** Mounted at the front for detecting obstacles.
- **L293D Motor Driver:** Controls the movement and direction of the motors.
- **Two DC Motors:** Provide movement for the car.
- **Power Source:** Supplies energy to the Arduino and motors.

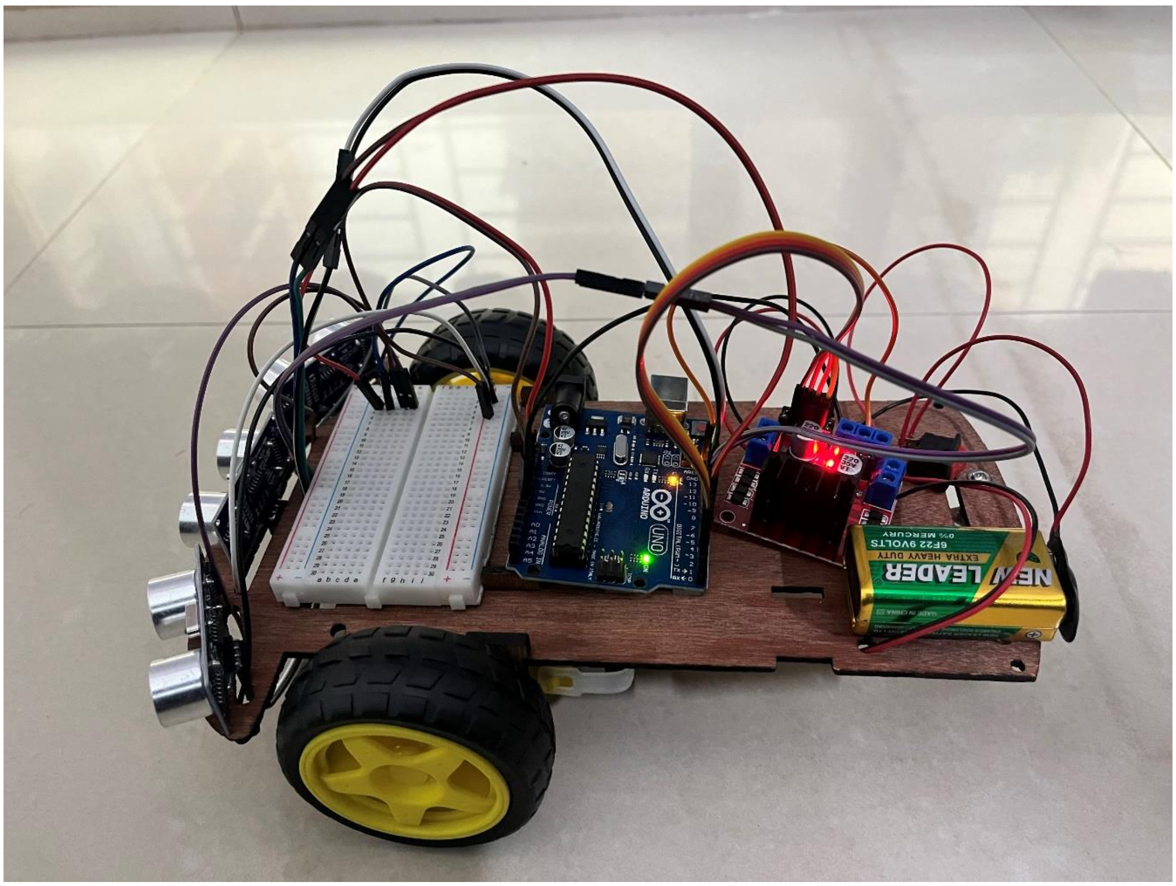



**Figure:** Hardware setup of the obstacle-avoiding car

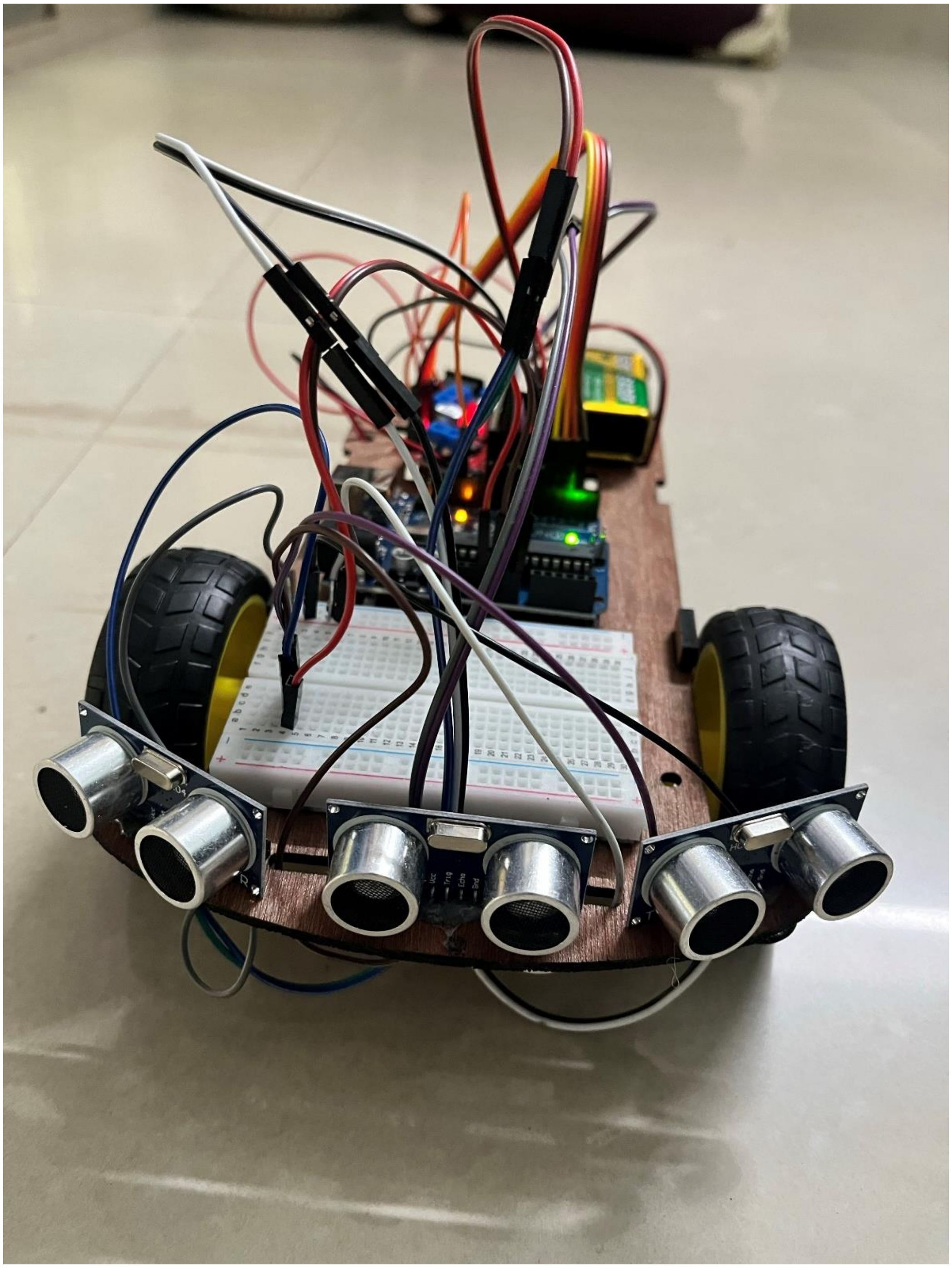


**Figure:** Hardware setup of the obstacle-avoiding car, including the Arduino Uno, ultrasonic sensors, motor driver, DC motors, and power supply, assembled to demonstrate the system's functionality

## ArduinoIDE code:

Arduino code for processing sensor data and controlling motor actions.

```
// Pin definitions
#define TRIG_FRONT 8
#define ECHO_FRONT 9
#define TRIG_LEFT 10
#define ECHO_LEFT 11
#define TRIG_RIGHT 6
#define ECHO_RIGHT 7


#define MOTOR_A_IN1 5
#define MOTOR_A_IN2 4
#define MOTOR_B_IN3 3
#define MOTOR_B_IN4 2


// Function to calculate distance
long getDistance(int trigPin, int echoPin) {
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
  delayMicroseconds(2);
  digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH);
  delayMicroseconds(10);
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
  long duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);
  return duration * 0.034 / 2;
}


// Movement functions
void moveForward() {
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN1, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN2, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN3, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN4, LOW);
}
```

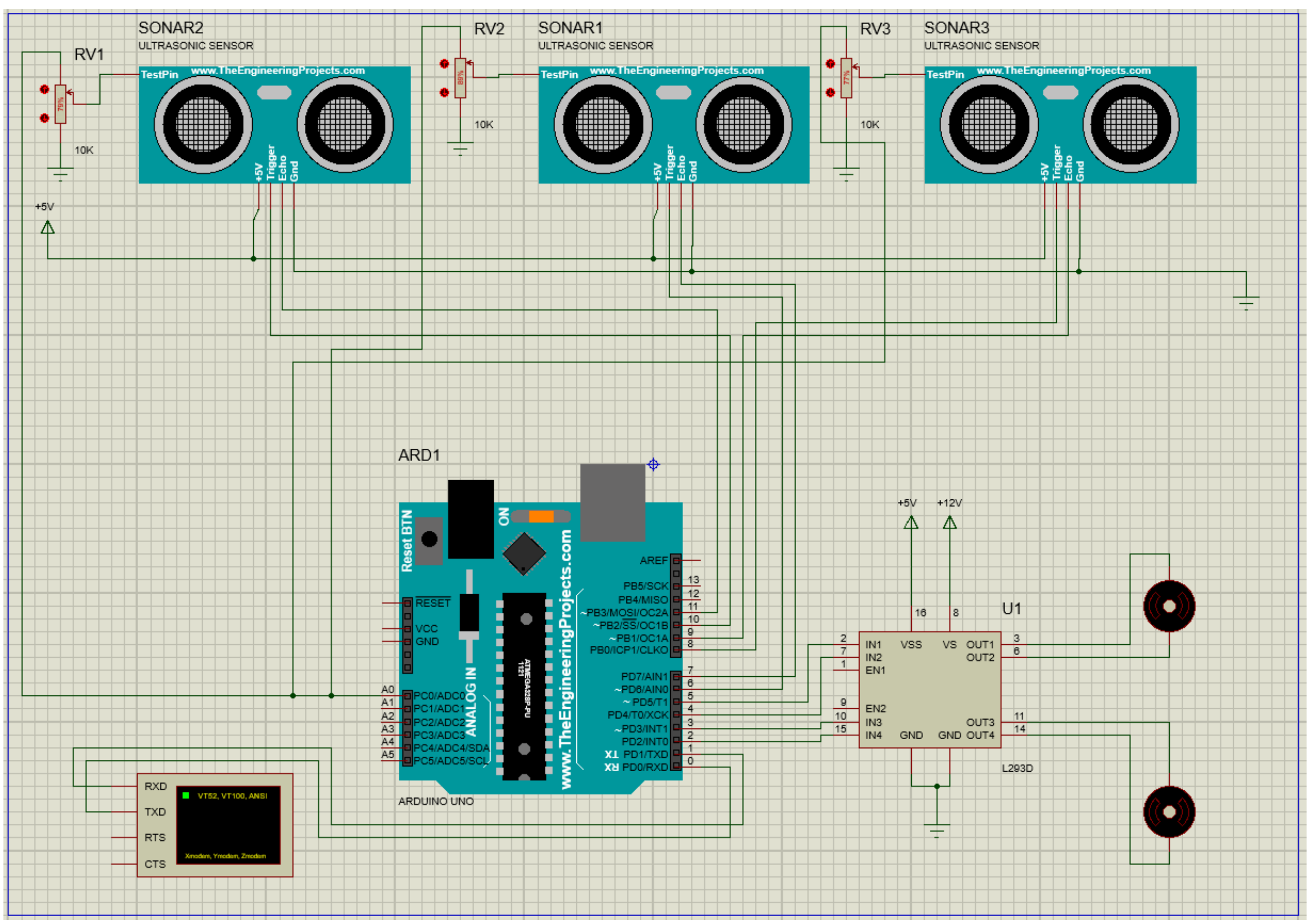
```
void moveBackward() {
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN1, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN2, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN3, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN4, HIGH);
}


void turnLeft() {
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN1, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN2, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN3, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN4, LOW);
}


void turnRight() {
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN1, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN2, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN3, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN4, HIGH);
}


void stopCar() {
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN1, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_A_IN2, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN3, LOW);
  digitalWrite(MOTOR_B_IN4, LOW);
}



void setup() {
  // Ultrasonic sensor pins
  pinMode(TRIG_FRONT, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ECHO_FRONT, INPUT);
  pinMode(TRIG_LEFT, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ECHO_LEFT, INPUT);
  pinMode(TRIG_RIGHT, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ECHO_RIGHT, INPUT);
```

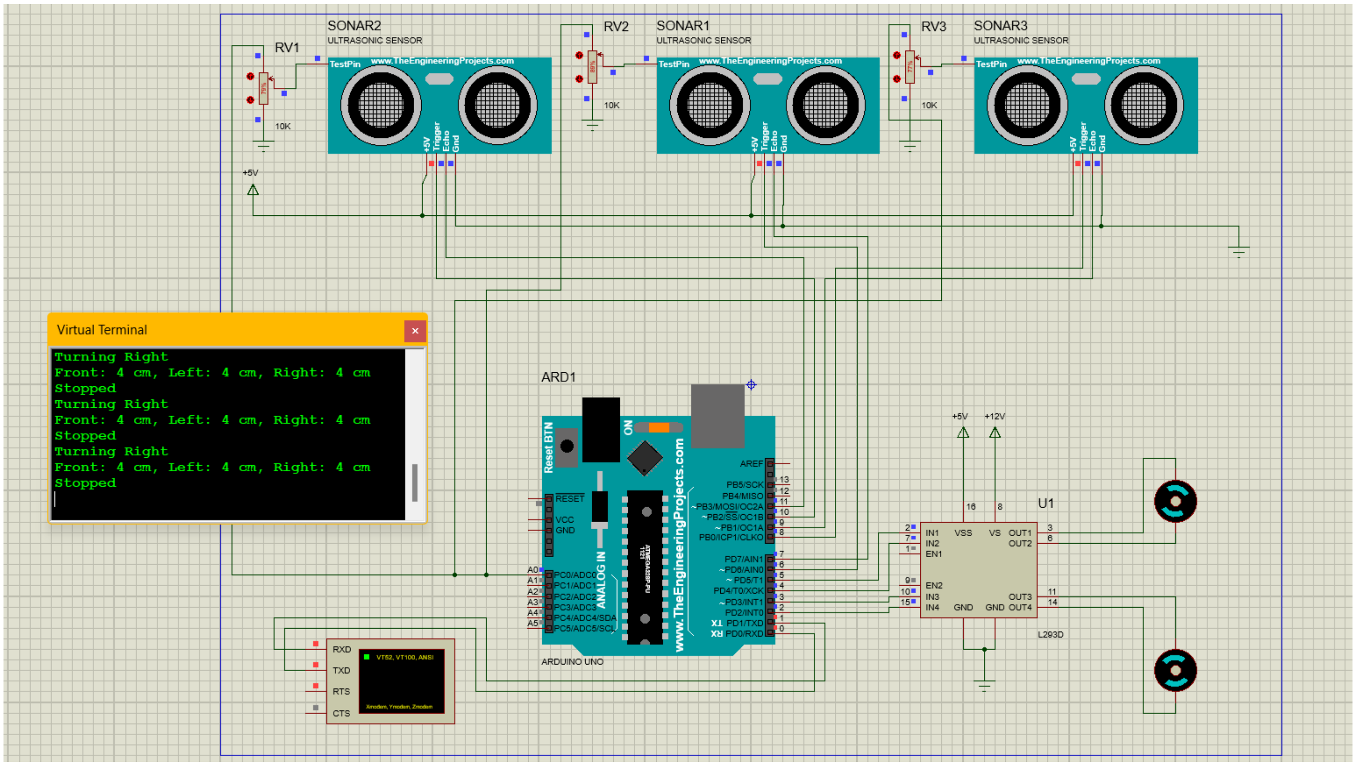
```
  // Motor driver pins
  pinMode(MOTOR_A_IN1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(MOTOR_A_IN2, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(MOTOR_B_IN3, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(MOTOR_B_IN4, OUTPUT);

  Serial.begin(9600);
}


void loop() {
  long distanceFront = getDistance(TRIG_FRONT, ECHO_FRONT);
  long distanceLeft = getDistance(TRIG_LEFT, ECHO_LEFT);
  long distanceRight = getDistance(TRIG_RIGHT, ECHO_RIGHT);


  Serial.print("Front: ");
  Serial.print(distanceFront);
  Serial.print(" cm, Left: ");
  Serial.print(distanceLeft);
  Serial.print(" cm, Right: ");
  Serial.print(distanceRight);
  Serial.println(" cm");


  if (distanceFront < 15) {
    stopCar();
    if (distanceLeft > distanceRight) {
      turnLeft();
      delay(500);
    } else {
      turnRight();
      delay(500);
    }
  } else {
    moveForward();
  }

  delay(100);
}
```

## Proteus Simulation:

The obstacle-avoiding car's circuit was simulated in Proteus to validate its functionality before moving to hardware implementation. The simulation utilized the following components:

- **Arduino Uno R3:** Acts as the main microcontroller, processing data from sensors and managing motor controls.
- **Ultrasonic Sensors:** Simulated to detect obstacles by emitting ultrasonic waves and measuring their reflection time.
- **POT-HG:** Simulates varying obstacle distances by dynamically adjusting sensor readings during testing.
- **L293D Motor Driver:** Interfaces the Arduino with the DC motors, providing bidirectional speed and directional control.
- **DC Motors:** Simulated to represent the movement of the car based on motor driver signals.
- **Virtual Terminal:** Displays real-time system data, including sensor readings and control actions, for debugging and analysis.






### Working Mechanism in Simulation:

The ultrasonic sensor emits waves and receives the reflected signals, providing distance measurements.The Arduino Uno processes the sensor input and sends appropriate signals to the L293D motor driver.The DC motors respond to the driver’s signals, either stopping or changing direction to avoid obstacles.The POT-HG enables testing of varying obstacle distances in real time, ensuring accurate simulation results. Data from the system is displayed on the Virtual Terminal, confirming correct operation of the control logic.

## Results and Discussions

### Simulation/Numerical Analysis

The obstacle-avoiding logic was implemented and tested using the Arduino IDE. The ultrasonic sensors were configured to detect obstacles within a range of 15 cm. The motor control functions, including forward, backward, left, and right movements, were simulated to ensure proper navigation in a controlled virtual environment.

### Measured Response/Experimental Results

During physical testing, the obstacle-avoiding car effectively detected obstacles and adjusted its path in real-time. The average response time for obstacle detection and motor adjustments was approximately 0.2 seconds, ensuring smooth and timely navigation. Below is a sample data table showcasing the car's behavior under different scenarios:

| Test Case | Obstacle Distance (cm) | Left Distance (cm) | Right Distance (cm) | Detected Direction | Car Action | Delay (ms) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | 20 | 25 | 30 | Clear Path | Move Forward | 100 |
| **2** | 12 | 18 | 10 | Obstacle Front | Turn Left | 500 |
| **3** | 14 | 10 | 20 | Obstacle Front | Turn Right | 500 |
| **4** | 8 | 5 | 30 | Obstacle Front | Turn Right | 500 |
| **5** | 20 | 10 | 12 | Clear Path | Move Forward | 100 |
| **6** | 13 | 15 | 15 | Obstacle Front | Stop (Decision Time) | 100 |

**Comparison Between Numerical and Experimental Results**
The experimental results closely aligned with the simulated performance. Slight discrepancies were observed, primarily due to real-world factors like sensor noise, environmental variations, and surface irregularities. Despite these minor deviations, the overall functionality and responsiveness of the system were consistent with the expected simulation outcomes.

**Cost Analysis:**

| Component Quantity | Quantity | Cost (BDT) |
|---|---|---|
| **Arduino Uno** | 1 | 1500 |
| **Ultrasonic Sensor** | 3 | 500 |
| **DC Motors** | 2 | 1000 |
| **Motor Driver (L298N)** | 1 | 800 |
| **Breadboard** | 1 | 200 |
| **Battery** | 2 | 300 |
| **Wires** | - | 100 |
| **Total** | | 4400 |

## Conclusion and Future Endeavors

**Conclusion:**

An obstacle-avoiding car demonstrates how embedded systems, sensors, and robotics work together to navigate autonomously. Using ultrasonic sensors, the car detects obstacles by measuring distances and processes this data with an Arduino microcontroller. Based on the sensor input, the car adjusts its direction using a motor driver and DC motors, enabling smooth movement while avoiding collisions.
This project showcases practical applications of robotics in automation, such as autonomous vehicles and industrial systems. It is a cost-effective approach with significant potential for real-world applications in robotics and automation. It is an excellent learning tool for programming, sensor integration, and problem-solving, offering a glimpse into the potential of technology to adapt to real-world challenges efficiently.

**Future Endeavors:**

Future improvements to this project could include:

- **Increased Sensor Range:** Adding more sensors or upgrading to more advanced ones for better obstacle detection in all directions.
- **Advanced Algorithms:** Implementing path planning algorithms for more efficient navigation in complex environments.
- **Enhanced Navigation:** Adding GPS functionality to allow for location-based navigation in outdoor environments.
- **Battery Life Optimization:** Enhancing energy efficiency to extend the runtime of the system.

These enhancements could significantly improve the system's capabilities, making it more versatile and practical for various applications.

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