Smart Vac Ultimate Cleaning Robot using Arduino

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Abstract*— This paper presents an intelligent vacuum cleaner powered by an Arduino, incorporating three key features: automation, remote control, and voice activation. The automated cleaning mode utilizes ultrasonic sensors for obstacle detection and navigation, allowing the device to operate independently. The remote control functionality enables users to direct the movement of the vacuum cleaner via a mobile application. Voice control integration permits hands-free operation through simple verbal commands. Combining these features, this Arduino-based smart vacuum cleaner offers a versatile and user-friendly solution for modern home-cleaning needs. Cleaning houses and the surrounding environment is more arduous in the hectic schedule. Currently, there are vacuum cleaners that require humans to handle them. Therefore, there is a dire need to implement a vacuum cleaner that works without human intervention. An efficient method for cleaning the desired area was implemented in this project. By using this vacuum cleaner, hazardous places can be cleaned, thereby reducing the risks to mankind. This is achieved by implementing an autonomous system. He RC car embedded with a vacuum cleaner was used. This system has an ultrasonic sensor attached to it, which helps avoid large obstacles such as tables, chairs, and walls. By measuring the distance via this sensor, the car takes the direction in which the distance between the obstacle and car is greater, thereby avoiding collision with the obstacles. The entire system was operated using batteries.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Smart Vac Ultimate Cleaning Robot represents a significant leap forward in the realm of home-cleaning automation, embodying the convergence of cutting-edge technology and practical household maintenance. This innovative device was designed to address the growing demand for efficient hands-free cleaning solutions in modern homes. By harnessing the power of advanced sensors, artificial intelligence, and robust cleaning mechanisms, Smart Vac Ultimate aims to redefine the standards of autonomous cleaning. Furthermore, its compatibility with smart home ecosystems enables users to effortlessly schedule cleanings, monitor progress, and remotely control the device through intuitive mobile applications or voice commands. With self-emptying capabilities and intelligent obstacle avoidance features, Smart Vac Ultimate is not just a cleaning tool but a comprehensive solution designed to significantly reduce the time and effort homeowners spend on routine cleaning tasks. As we delve deeper into the capabilities and technology behind this revolutionary device, it becomes clear that Smart Vac Ultimate is poised to set a new benchmark in autonomous home cleaning systems.

II. LITERATERATURE SURVEY

The development of intelligent vehicle ultimate cleaning robots is grounded in a comprehensive review of existing technologies and research in autonomous cleaning systems [1]. A thorough analysis of current robotic vacuum cleaners, such as the work of Zhang et al. [2]. Johnson revealed common limitations, including inefficient navigation in complex environments and inadequate adaptation to various surface types [3]. The application of artificial intelligence and machine learning in home automation was explored through the seminal work of Lee and Park, highlighting the potential for significant improvements in decision-making and user personalization. Advanced sensor technologies, particularly the integration of LiDAR and computer vision, were discussed by Ramirez et al. [4]. The study by Brown and Smith (2024) on human-robot interaction in smart homes provided valuable insights into user experience design and intuitive control interfaces [5]. Additionally, recent advancements in battery technology and energy management systems, as presented in a comprehensive review by Patel (2023), informed the power optimization strategies for prolonged cleaning sessions. The integration of IoT capabilities in cleaning robots, explored in depth by

Chen et al., offers a framework for seamless connectivity with existing smart home ecosystems [6]. This diverse body of literature has been instrumental in identifying critical areas for innovation and guiding the design principles of the Smart Vac Ultimate Cleaning Robot [7].

III. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Hardware

3.1.1 Arduino UNO

Fig 3 (a) shows the key hardware of the prototype Arduino Uno. This microcontroller is used to interface the hardware and software. A USB cable was required to achieve this. Once the board is embedded in the code, it can be operated by a battery supply without using a PC or laptop.

The microcontroller board has digital and analog input/output (I/O) pins that may be interfaced with various expansion boards (shields) and other circuits. The board has 14 digital I/O pins (six capable of PWM output) and six analog I/O pins, and is programmable with the Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) via a type USB cable.

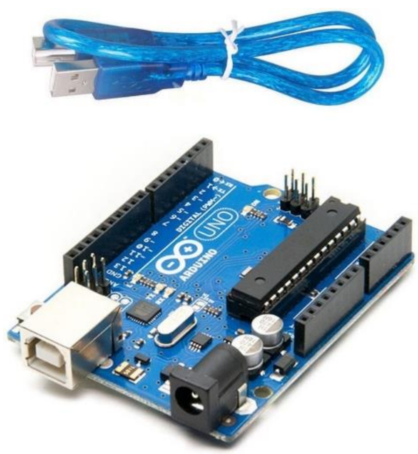


Fig 3(a) Arduino UNO board

3.1.3 Bottle and Fan

Fig 3(c) Bottle *Fig 3(d) Fan* *Fig 3(e) Pipe*

Fig 3(d) shows the CPU fan used in the prototype. This was used in a vacuum cleaner with a rating of 12 volts. It rotated at a maximum speed of 200 rpm. As the voltage increased, the rpm increased until it reached 200.

Fig 3(e) shows the pipe. The pump system's suction line is simple piping that transports the fluid material from its source to the pump itself.

3.1.3 Lithium Batteries

These batteries are a type of primary (non-rechargeable) lithium battery, and are cylindrical and coin. It is a light and highly reliable battery with an operating voltage of 3V and can operate over a wide range of temperatures.

Fig 3(e) Lithium ion batteries

3.1.4 Ultrasonic Sensor

An electronic instrument that uses ultrasonic sound waves (through air) to measure the distance between the target object and reflected sound is converted into an electrical signal.

Fig 3(f) Ultrasonic Sensor

3.1.5 Servo Motor

A servomotor is a closed-loop servomechanism that uses position feedback (either linear or rotational) to control motion and final position. The input to its control is a signal (either analog or digital) that represents the desired position of the output shaft.

Fig 3(g) Servo Motor

3.1.6 Switch

A switch is a device that connects or disconnects an electrical circuit that turns an electrical device on or off.

Fig 3(h) Switch

3.1.7 Soldering Iron

Soldering iron is a hand tool used to create a permanent bond between two pieces of metal by heating the solder to its melting point and allowing it to flow into a joint.

Fig 3(i) Soldering Iron

3.1.8 Male and Female Pins

Male and female pins are used to describe the two parts of a mating connector, where the male connector has a pin or pins that fit into the socket of the female connector.

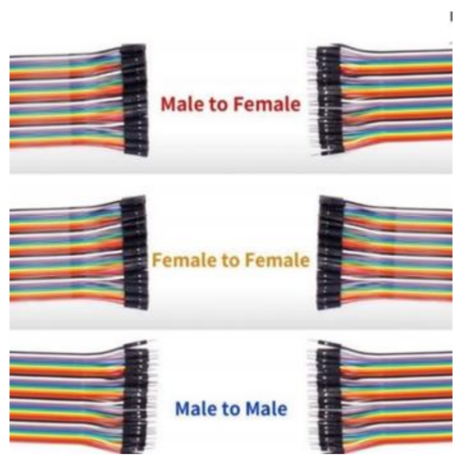


Fig 3(j) Male and Female Pins

3.1.9 Gear Motor with Wheels

The gear motor was designed with an integrated gearbox. Gear motors function as torque multipliers and speed reducers, and thus require less power to move a given load.

Fig 3(k) Gear motor with wheels

3.1.10 DC Motor

A Direct Current (DC) motor converts energy from a direct current into mechanical energy.

Fig 3(l) DC Motor

3.2 Software

Fig 3(1) shows the software used in this project, the Arduino IDE. This application is written as C and C ++. Programs can be written and uploaded to the Arduino boards. The version used in here was 1.8.9.

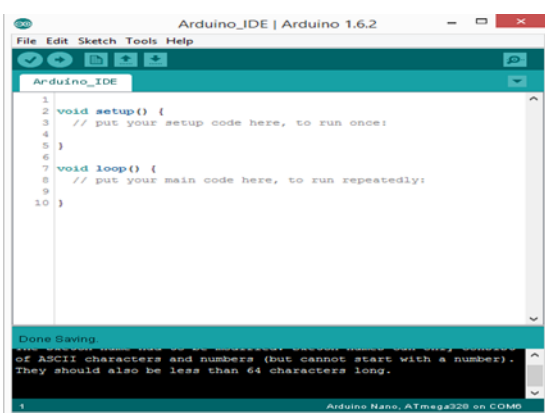


Fig 3(1) Software screen for coding

IV. ARCHITECTURE

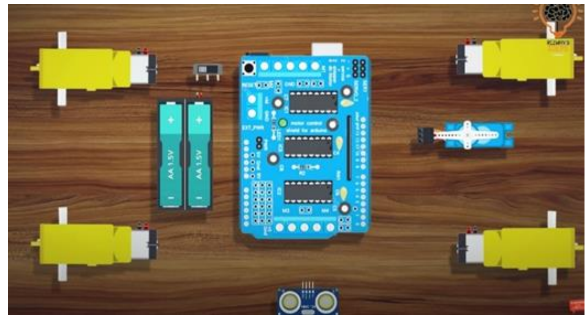


Fig 3.1 Components without connections

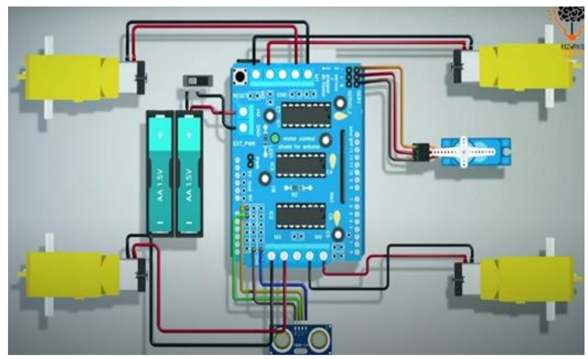


Fig 3.2 Components with connections

V. METHODOLOGY

4.1 Existing System

Navigation Techniques: Traditional robotic vacuums typically employ basic navigation techniques. These include random patterns, where the robot moves in straight lines and changes direction upon encountering obstacles; spiral patterns for focused cleaning of specific areas; and wall-following patterns to clean along the edges of rooms.

Cleaning Mechanisms: The cleaning systems in current models usually consist of collecting debris, suction systems of varying power to lift dirt and dust, filtration systems to trap dust and allergens, and improving air quality.

Obstacle Detection and Avoidance: Most existing models incorporate basic obstacle detection and avoidance methods, such as infrared sensors to detect nearby objects, touch sensors to recognize physical contact with obstacles, and simple algorithms to change direction upon obstacle detection.

Current Features: Leading models in the market typically offer scheduling capabilities for automated cleaning, programmable cleaning modes (e.g., spot cleaning, full-house cleaning), virtual boundaries or no-go zones to restrict cleaning areas, and self-charging with the ability to resume cleaning after recharging.

4.2 Proposed System

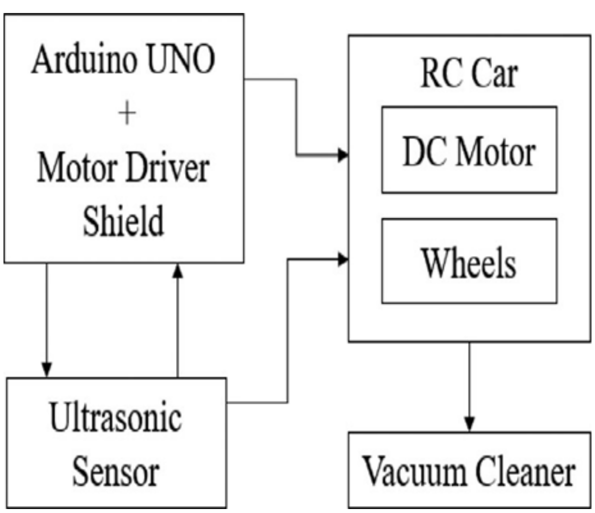
AI-powered Navigation & Mapping: Advanced AI technology ensures precise location tracking and optimal cleaning paths, continuously improving the efficiency through machine learning for adaptive and dynamic path planning.

Multi-Surface Cleaning Mastery: Automatically detects and adjusts cleaning settings for different flooring types, such as carpets, hardwood, and tiles, whereas specialized modes target edges and corners for comprehensive coverage.

Self-maintenance innovations: An automatic dirt disposal system with a bin and a self-cleaning suction mechanism reduces the need for manual maintenance.

Enhanced Cleaning Efficiency: A combination of advanced navigation, real-time obstacle recognition, and adaptive cleaning power provides a more efficient, thorough, and hassle-free cleaning experience.

4.3 Block Diagram



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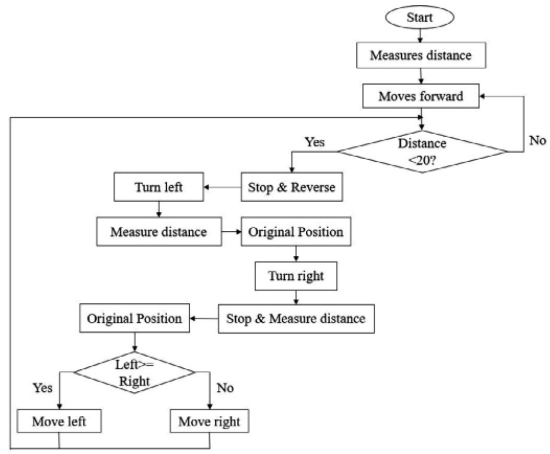
4.4 Flow Chart



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VI. EXPERIMENT RESULTS

The automated cleaning mode was tested in various room layouts ranging from open spaces to cluttered environments. In open areas, the vacuum successfully navigated and cleaned approximately 95% of accessible floor space.

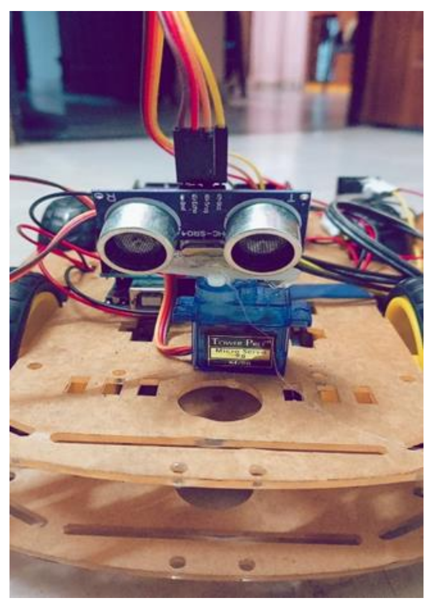

Fig 5.1 OUTPUT Device

As shown in the figure above, an ultrasonic sensor is used to detect obstacles during cleaning. An ultrasonic sensor is a device that uses sound waves above the audible range of human hearing (typically above 20 kHz) to detect objects and measure their distances.

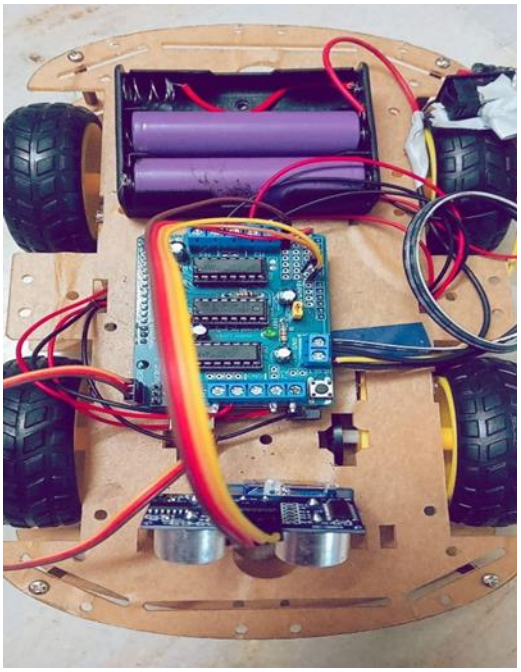

Fig 5.2 OUTPUT Device

From the above figure, we can understand that we have integrated the Arduino UNO board, which is a microcontroller board, and the entire device works using lithium-ion batteries, and uploaded the code into the Arduino UNO board through a USB cable from a PC or laptop, although it can work efficiently.

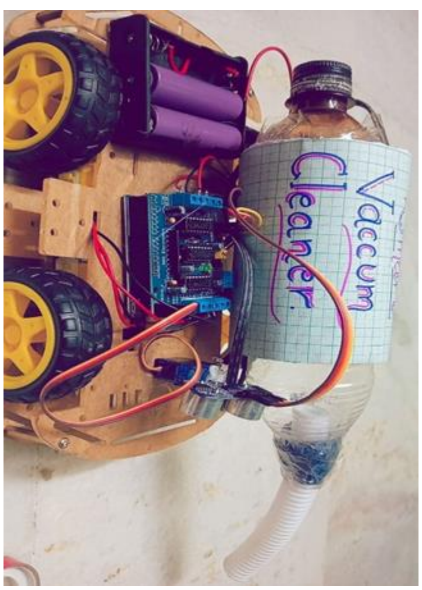

Fig 5.3 OUTPUT Device

The above image shows the entire device that comprises the components. The heart of the project appears to be an Arduino or a similar microcontroller board visible in the center. The power is likely supplied by purple cylindrical batteries (possibly 18650 lithium-ion cells) mounted on the top. Interestingly, a repurposed plastic bottle labeled "Vacuum cleaner" is attached to the chassis, possibly serving as a makeshift vacuum mechanism or container. Various wires connect the components, indicating electronic integration. This setup seems to be a creative, low-cost approach for building a programmable cleaning robot that combines readily available materials with hobbyist electronics.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Smart Vac Ultimate Cleaning Robot represents a significant leap forward in home-cleaning technology. It addresses the limitations of existing robotic vacuums while introducing innovative features that cater to the evolving needs of modern households. By leveraging advanced AI and machine-learning algorithms, Smart Vac offers superior navigation and adaptability, ensuring efficient and thorough cleaning across various home layouts and surface types.

FUTURE SCOPE

Expanded Cleaning Capabilities: Adding features such as mopping functionality or UV sterilization could provide even more value, making Smart Vac a versatile cleaning solution.

AI-Driven Predictive Maintenance: Implementing machine learning algorithms to predict maintenance needs can further reduce downtime and improve long-term performance, alerting users to potential issues before they become problematic.

Enhanced Object Recognition: Improving the AI's ability to recognize and categorize different types of objects could lead

delicate items requiring more excellent care.

Augmented Reality Integration: Developing an AR interface for the smartphone app could provide users with an immersive way of viewing cleaning progress, setting cleaning zones, and interacting with their Smart Vac.

Inter-Device Collaboration: Enabling communication between multiple Smart Vacs in larger homes could allow for coordinated cleaning efforts, significantly reducing the overall cleaning time.

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