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Smart Virtual Indoor and Outdoor Guiding System for Blind People

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Abstract- This paper presents a Smart system for visually impaired, that make use of ultrasonic sensors and camera. The main aim of this work is to design a voice-based alerting system for the blind people. Visually impaired individuals find navigation difficult as they struggle every day in performing actions for bypassing obstacles and hurdles in their path. In order to help blind people, navigate safely and quickly this system is proposed. Ultrasonic sensor is placed on the spectacle which is used for obstacle detection with distance indication. The camera is used to detect the object in front of the blind people and alert them using the APR voice module. This system prevents the blind people from accidents and identifies the object in front of them.

Keywords- Virtual blind road, obstacle avoiding, route following, wearable navigation device.

I. INTRODUCTION

The visually impaired humans usually have difficulties in on foot in an unexpected and complicated place independently. To offer them an automated navigation tool with effective steering on their circulate, 3 troubles need to be taken into consideration:

- In which is the person? The tool has to recognize where in the person is positioned so one can make an accurate decision for guiding the individual. This refers to be the localization hassle.
- Where does the individual want to move? a good way to assist the visually impaired man or woman reach his destination, the device has to identify the destination. This is referred to as intention reputation.
- How does the individual get there? This includes wayfinding, route following and impediment detecting.

Manner locating is to devise a shortest route from the starting function to the vacation spot, route following is to make positive the blind person follows the deliberate route and obstacle detecting is to assist him avoid barriers. to date, there are numerous navigation systems seeking to clear up the above problems, including the low-fee white cane [1], guide canine [2] and ETAs (electronic journey Aids) [3]. But white cane is unable to discover a globally shortest course [2] and offer the location facts.

Manual dog is incapable of detecting overhanging item, and desires highly-priced training, which can be unaffordable to the visually impaired people [1], [2]. Maximum present ETAs are best intended for obstacle detecting or/and remarks [4-9], and cannot provide way-finding and course following features. Despite the fact that a few ETAs have been designed with manner-locating and direction following capabilities, such as the cactus tree-based algorithm proposed in [10], obstacle (mainly the dynamic limitations) detecting and avoiding are neglected.

A wearable indoor navigation machine based on visual marker reputation and ultrasonic obstacle perception changed into brought in [11], however the localization precision is no longer high sufficient for guiding the blind due to the mistake growth of the inertial measurement sensor, and the goal reputation scheme is much less green on making plans a worldwide direction. A a hit navigation gadget for the blind is the visual SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) and PoI (point of hobby)-graph primarily based indoor navigation system provided in [1], [12].

But the impediment detection heavily relies at the white cane swaying, which isn't green and transportable. These paper ambitions to develop a powerful wearable navigation gadget that could discover the user observe the digital-blind-avenue and keep away from boundaries at the identical time, so that it will provide automatic navigation for the visually impaired humans. the main contribution of this paper is the proposal of a unique dynamic sub-aim choosing based virtual-blind- avenue following scheme which combines the impediment heading off algorithm [13] for guiding the blind humans to observe the globally shortest virtual- blind-street without collision.

This scheme can assist the visually impaired human beings to avoid limitations at the same time as following a route exactly to the destination, which realizes the automated navigation for them. As the GPS-primarily based blind navigation generation [14] cannot be used because of the significantly degradation of GPS signal in indoor environment, the visual SLAM (e.g., ORBSLAM

(oriented quick-SLAM) [15], [16]) was followed on this paper for the building of the virtual-blind-street and the localization. The complete device is deployed on a pair of wearable optical see-thru glasses, which is able to deliver the visually impaired human's visible recommendations and sound remarks.

II. METHODOLOGY

Navigation for the blind in indoor surroundings needs to consider the problems of localization, manner finding, course following, and impediment detecting. Many ETAs have been reviewed in information [13], which utilize ultrasonically, laser experiment, camera, or multi-sensor fusion era for obstacle detecting and/or ward off.

Those ETAs can assist the visually impaired keep away from the obstacles, but they're unable to provide the vicinity statistics and no longer have way- locating and path-following functions. Hence, the related works on localization, way-finding, and path following for blind navigation in an indoor environment are reviewed in this segment.

1. Hardware Configuration & Working:
The proposed navigation device consists of an ultrasonic rangefinder, an embedded CPU. These sensors are of low cost, small volume, and easy integration, and thus can be widely used in consumer market.

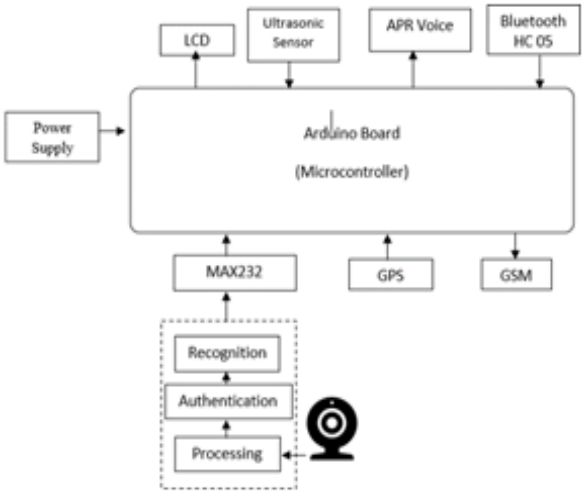

Fig 1. Arduino Board.

1.1 Power Supply: The power supply segment is the phase that provides +5V for the components to function. IC LM7805 is used for presenting a consistent power of +5V. The ac voltage, generally 220V, is hooked up to a transformer, which steps down that ac voltage down to the extent of the preferred dc output. A diode rectifier then gives a full-wave rectified voltage that is, to begin with, filtered via a simple capacitor clear out to produce a dc voltage. This ensuing dc voltage generally has some ripple or ac voltage variation. A regulator circuit gets rid of the ripples and also keeps the same dc value even though the input dc voltage varies, or the burden linked to the output dc voltage adjustments. This voltage regulation has usually received through the usage of one of the popular voltage regulator IC units.

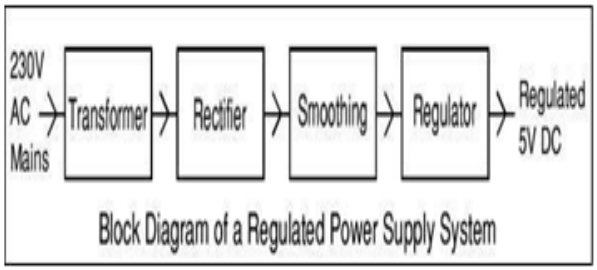

Fig 2. Power Supply System.

1.2 Arduino Uno: Arduino/genuino Uno is a microcontroller board based totally on the atmega328p (datasheet). It has 14 digital input/output pins (of which 6 may be used as pwm outputs), 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz quartz crystal, a usb connection, a electricity jack, an icsp header and a reset button. It includes everything had to support the microcontroller; really connect it to a laptop with a usb cable or energy it with a ac-to-dc adapter or battery to get started. You may tinker with your uno without worrying too much approximately doing something incorrect, worst-case situation you could replace the chip for a few bucks and begin yet again.

"Uno" way one in Italian and was selected to mark the discharge of arduino software program (ide) 1.zero. The uno board and model 1.0 of arduino software program (ide) have been the reference versions of arduino, now advanced to more moderen releases. The uno board is the primary in a series of usb arduino forums, and the reference version for the arduino platform; for an extensive list of contemporary, beyond or outdated boards see the arduino index of boards.

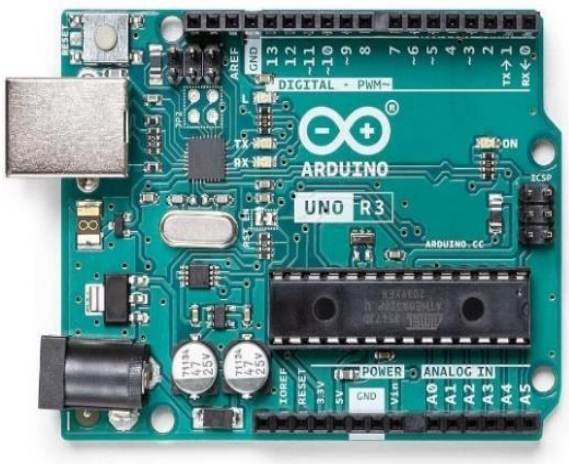

Fig 3. Arduino/genuino Uno.

2. Specifications of Arduino:

Microcontroller	ATmega328P
Operating Voltage	5V
Input Voltage (recommended)	7-12V
Input Voltage (limit)	6-20V
Digital I/O Pins	14 (of which 6 provide PWM output)
PWM Digital I/O Pins	6
Analog Input Pins	6
DC Current per I/O Pin	20 mA
DC Current for 3.3V Pin	50 mA
Flash Memory	32 KB (ATmega328P) of which 0.5 KB used by bootloader
SRAM	2 KB (ATmega328P)
EEPROM	1 KB (ATmega328P)
Clock Speed	16 MHz
LED_BUILTIN	13
Length	68.6 mm
Width	53.4 mm
Weight	25 g

3. Liquid Crystal Display:

A liquid crystal display screen is an electronic display module that discovers a huge variety of packages. A 16x2 liquid crystal display is a totally basic module and could be very commonly used in various gadgets and circuits. Those modules are desired over seven segments and other multi-segment LEDs. The reasons are: LCDs are most economical; effortlessly programmable; don't have any dilemma of displaying unique & even custom characters (not like in seven segments), animations, and so on. A 16x2 liquid crystal display means it is able to display sixteen characters according to the line and there are 2 such strains. On this liquid crystal display, every character is displayed in a 5x7 pixel matrix.

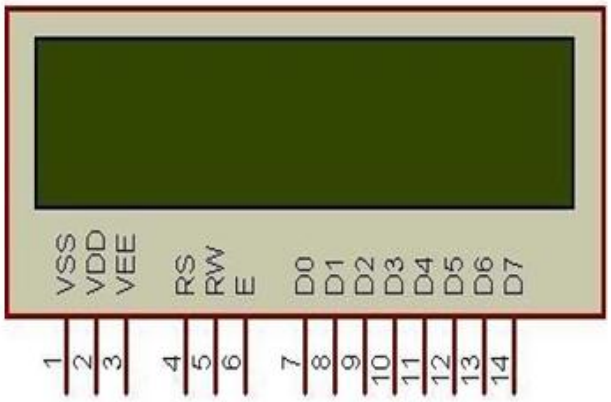

Fig 4. Liquid Crystal Display.

This LCD has two registers, particularly, Command and records. The command sign-up stores the command commands given to the LCD. A command is a preparation given to an LCD to do a predefined mission like initializing it, clearing its screen, putting the cursor position, controlling the show, etc. The records check in shops the statistics to be displayed on the liquid crystal display. The record is the ASCII value of the individual to be displayed at the liquid crystal display.

4. Ultrasonic Sensor:

Ultrasonic sensors are industrial control devices that use sound waves above 20,000 Hz, beyond the range of human hearing, to measure and calculate distance from the sensor to a specified target object.

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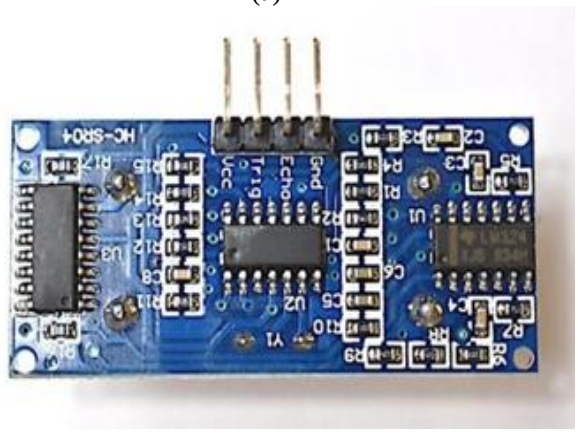

(b)

Fig 5. Ultrasonic sensors.

Functions of ultrasonic sensors:

- Description: Ultrasonic Transducer - receiver
- Operating Temperature: -20 C to +85 C
- Range: 0.2 to 4.5m
- Nominal Frequency: 40 kHz
- Sensitivity: -67 dB min.
- Sound Pressure: 112dB min.
- Operating Voltage: 5V
- Trigger Input Signal: 10 micro sec TTL pulse

5. APR 9600 VOICE IC:

The APR9600 device offers proper single-chip voice recording, non-volatile garage, and playback functionality for 40 to 60 seconds. The IC is 28 pin device used to file & playback a maximum of 8 messages. The device helps both random and sequential access of multiple messages. Pattern quotes are person-selectable, allowing designers to personalize their designs for specific exceptional and

storage time wishes. The device is right for use in portable voice recorders, toys, and lots of different ive quality with a low noise degree.

The sampling charge for a 60 2nd recording period I s kHz that giving a legitimate record/replay bandwidth of 20Hz to two.1 kHz. but, via changing an oscillation resistor, a sampling rate as high as eight.0 kHz can be completed. This shortens the whole period of sound recording to 32 seconds.

Fig 6. APR 9600 VOICE IC.

6. Global Positioning System:
The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a satellite tv for pc-based totally navigation system that may be used to discover positions everywhere in the world. Designed and operated via the U.S. GPS receivers take records transmitted from the satellites and use triangulation to calculate a user's genuine area.

Fig 7. Global Positioning System.

GPS is used on incidents in a ramification of methods, together with: GPS is made from three elements: between 24 and 32 satellites orbiting the Earth, 4 control and monitoring stations in the world, and the GPS receivers are owned by customers. GPS satellites broadcast signals from area that is utilized by GPS receivers to provide the three-dimensional area (range, longitude, and altitude) plus the time.

7. Global System for Mobile:
Global system for mobile communications (GSM) modems are specialized forms of modems that perform over subscription-primarily based wireless networks, similar to a cellular cell phone. A GSM modem accepts a Subscriber identity Module (SIM) card and acts like a mobile phone for a laptop. Such a modem can even be a dedicated cellular telephone that the laptop makes use of for GSM community competencies. Traditional modems are connected to computer systems to permit dial-up connections to different computer structures.

A GSM modem operates similarly, except that it sends and receives information through radio waves as opposed to a phone line. This form of the modem may be an outside tool-related via a standard Serial Bus (USB) cable or a serial cable. Greater typically, however, it's far a small device that plugs without delay into the USB port or card slot on a laptop or computer. It is a widely used mobile verbal exchange gadget around the globe. GSM is an open and digital mobile generation used for transmitting mobile voice and data services working on the 850MHz, 900MHz, 1800MHz, and 1900MHz frequency bands.


Fig 8. Global System for Mobile.

III. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGE

1. Advantages:
- Obstacle detection with indication support
- Low layout time
- Low manufacturing price
- This system applies to both the indoor and outdoor surroundings
- Putting the destination is very clean

- It's far a dynamic gadget. Less area

2. Disadvantages:

- This system is not compatible for harsh environments, because of sensitive electronic circuitry
- GPS, GSM signals requires good network coverage in rural network signals may not available with good strength
- Every time voice reloading is more complex work (if multiple users are using the same)

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Visually impaired individuals find navigation tough as they war each day in acting movements to bypass boundaries and hurdles of their route. To help blind humans navigate properly and fast this system is efficiently proposed.

V. FUTURE SCOPE

- Enhancing the overall performance of the system.
- Decreasing the weight.
- Images acquired camera for identification.
- Detection of no of object and material shape.
- Mono pulse radar may be used for a long- range target object.
- Surest and safe path detection primarily based on neural network.

VI. CONCLUSION

A unique method for assessing the first-rate of vehicle tracking systems using IoT is presented on this paper. This paper affords a singular navigation device for the visually impaired businesses to assist them reach their destination appropriately and correctly in an indoor environment. The visual SLAM algorithm turned into used to solve the issues of indoor localization and virtual-blind-avenue constructing.

The PoI-graph turned into generated to find the globally shortest digital- blind-street with the aid of the set of rules. The dynamic sub-aim selecting based totally course following set of rules was proposed to assist the blind observe the globally shortest virtual- blind-street as intently as possible and meanwhile keep away from obstacles (inclusive of dynamic boundaries).

Experimental consequences verified that the proposed navigation tool changed into powerful enough in supporting visually impaired humans stroll from one region to another. The sensors embedded in the tool have the traits of low value, small length, and clean integration. Thus, it has terrific ability within the purchaser marketplace, in particular the digital journey aids market.

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