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Railway Track Crack Detection

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ABSTRACT

Railway track failures due to cracks can lead to severe numbers accidents, causing loss of life and property. This project presents a budget-friendly Railway Track Crack Detection System using ESP8266, IR sensors, vibration sensors, and a GSM module to identify cracks and alert railway authorities in real time. The system consists of IR and vibration sensors that continuously scan the railway tracks for any cracks or disturbances. When a crack is detected, the buzzer and LED provide a local alert, while the GSM module (SIM800L/900A) sends an SMS notification to predefined mobile. The entire setup is powered by a rechargeable Li-ion battery and is assembled on a breadboard or perfboard, eliminating the need for a custom PCB. This system provides an efficient, low-cost, and real-time solution for railway maintenance teams, reducing the risk of accidents. Future enhancements may include GPS tracking for precise location reporting, AI-based image recognition for crack detection, and cloud-based monitoring for better predictive maintenance.The railway network is very huge and accidents due to unidentified cracks are a cause of major concern. Many cracks threaten great amount of concern for the railway department. Most of the accidents are occurring at railway track and are resulting in loss of life and property. It requires monitoring the track health condition frequently using crack classify system. The project prevents the train accident by classifying cracks in railway tracks using image processing technique. To propose a solution for track crack we use a recognition system that uses a combination of Convolutional Neural Network and specific image processing techniques. It provides a very innovative solution.

Keywords— *Railway Track Crack Detection, ESP8266, IR Sensor, Vibration Sensor, GSM Module, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN).*

Introduction

Railway is one of the most significant transportation modes of our country but it is a matter of great sorrow that, railway tracks of our country are very prone. That's why, a vast number of accidents are occuring every year due to this primitive type of railway tracks and as the consequences of those accidents we lose huge number of lives every year. These types of incidents motivate us to think over the above mentioned issue and take necessary steps to protect those lives. Through our proposed system, we need to establish more modern and secure railway system. Besides this, there is no such type of technology or system in our country which can stop the collision between two trains coming from the opposite direction of each other on the same track. Moreover, natural disaster can throw any object on the rail track which cannot be removed very quickly in the remote area. We thought if our system can detect those object or barrier and inform to the control room then they can take necessary steps to avoid accident. The Rail transport is growing at a rapid pace in India. It is one of the major mode of transport but still our facilities are not that accurate, safer as compared to international standards. A survey on the internet states that about 60% of all the railway accidents is due to derailments, recent measurements show that about 90% are due to cracks on the rails. Hence, it is not safer for Human Life. This needs to be at the utmost attention. System having LED and LDR sensor assembly, but the main disadvantage is that the LED and LDR must be placed opposite to each other track. To overcome this disadvantage, here sensors are used, which will detect the crack accurately. The existing system is slow, tedious and time consuming. This system has GSM and GPS module which will give the real time location or coordinates in the form of Short Message Service (SMS) to the nearest railway station.

Motivation

The motivation behind developing a railway track crack detection system stems from the critical need to enhance the safety and reliability of railway networks. Frequent derailments caused by track defects pose significant threats to human lives and property, necessitating a proactive approach to track maintenance.

1. Enhancing Safety: Track defects, particularly cracks, are a leading cause of train accidents. Implementing an automated detection system aims to reduce the risk of derailments and associated casualties.
2. Improving Efficiency: Traditional manual inspection methods are labor-intensive, time-consuming, and prone to human error. An automated system offers a more efficient and

accurate means of monitoring track conditions

3. Real-Time Monitoring: Integrating technologies like ultrasonic sensors, GPS, and GSM modules allows for real-time detection and reporting of track anomalies, facilitating prompt maintenance actions.
4. Cost-Effectiveness: By reducing the reliance on manual inspections and enabling early detection of faults, the system can lead to significant cost savings in maintenance and accidentprevention.

Literature Survey

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Software Requirements

The software requirements define the core functions needed for the Railway Track Crack Detection System to operate effectively. The software must collect and analyze sensor data in real time, detect cracks or abnormalities, and trigger alerts with GPS-based location tracking. It also ensures reliable communication with monitoring stations and supports data logging for maintenance and safety analysis.The hardware requirements define the essential physical components needed for the Railway Track Crack Detection System to function effectively. These include sensors, processing units, communication modules, and power sources that work together to detect track cracks, process data, and transmit alerts. This section outlines the necessary hardware elements to ensure reliable and real- time operation of the system in field conditions.The implementation of a Railway Track Crack Detection System requires a well-integrated combination of both hardware and software components to ensure accurate detection, processing, and communication of faults. Hardware elements such as sensors (infrared or ultrasonic), microcontrollers (like Arduino), GPS modules, and GSM communication units form the physical foundation of the system, enabling real-time monitoring and alert transmission.These components work together to identify cracks on the track surface, determine their precise location, and immediately inform railway authorities. On the other hand, software tools like the Arduino IDE and embedded programming languages such as C/C++ are essential for programming the microcontroller, managing sensor data, and ensuring smooth communication between modules. Together, the hardware and software requirements are critical for building a reliable, cost-effective, and efficient system that enhances railway safety through timely detection and response to track defects.

Hardware Requirements

The software for the Railway Track Crack Detection System must be capable of continuously collecting data from various sensors, such as ultrasonic, infrared, or camera modules. It should analyze this data in real-time to identify any cracks, gaps, or abnormalities in the railway track. When a defect is detected, the software must determine the exact GPS location and log it along with the time and severity of the crack. The system should generate immediate alerts using visual indicators, sound, or wireless communication such as SMS or GSM to inform the control center or maintenance team. Additionally, all detection events must be stored for future reference and analysis.

The software must also meet several non-functional requirements. It should process data and respond to defects within seconds to ensure timely intervention. The system must be reliable, capable of running continuously without interruption. Furthermore, the software must be optimized for low power consumption, especially when deployed on embedded systems like Arduino or Raspberry Pi. Finally, it should be modular and scalable to allow for future updates or the integration of additional

sensors and features.

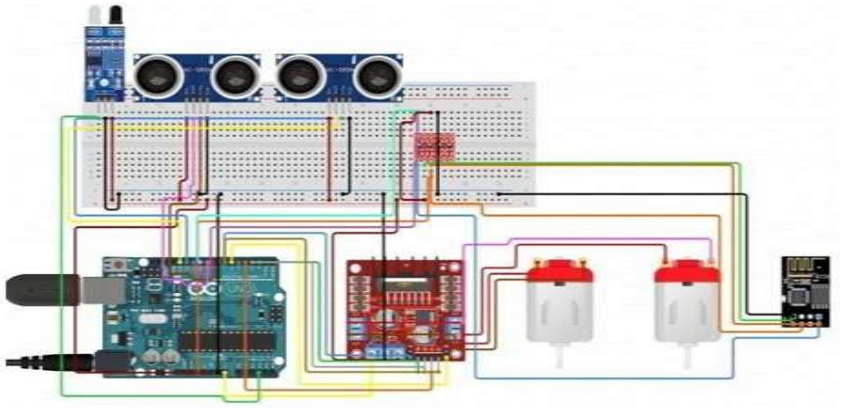

Figure 1 Circuit Connection for System design

The main objective is to define any railway track fault using this system, which is implemented in effective and will also function efficiently. This method will be helpful in regular track checking as it is more convenient than the handheld checking system. The current system has a railway laborers walking on the railway tracks and detecting the fault manually. In Figure 2:3:1 here we are using Arduino for control action to make system we are connecting Ultrasonic sensors and IR sensors to detect the obstacle and we are connecting dc motors, gps module is used. This requires a lot of time and labor. So we are using a Ultrasonic sensors and IR sensors for railway track crack detection. The testing vehicle consists of motors driven by a motor driver. The IR, and Ultrasonic sensor which is connected to the Arduino. Message is generated using GSM and GPS and will be sent to the nearby station.The primary aim of this model is to efficiently detect faults on railway tracks, particularly cracks, through regular inspections. The system employs a vehicle propelled by a motor and motor driver assembly. Detection of cracks is achieved using infrared (IR) sensors, while the precise location of the faults is determined via a GPS module. By integrating these technologies, the model ensures comprehensive coverage of the railway network, facilitating early identification and timely maintenance of track defects. This proactive approach enhances railway safety and operational reliability, mitigating the risks associated with track failures. Furthermore, the automated nature of the system reduces reliance on manual inspections, improving efficiency and reducing labor costs. Overall, the model represents a significant advancement in railway track maintenance, offering a reliable and scalable solution for ensuring the integrity and safety of rail infrastructure.The software in the Railway Track Crack Detection System plays a crucial role in controlling the hardware components and enabling the overall functionality of the system. Developed using Embedded C or C++ and programmed through the Arduino IDE, the software begins by initializing all connected modules, such as sensors, GPS, and GSM. It continuously monitors data from the IR or ultrasonic sensor to detect anomalies on the railway track. When a sensor reading indicates a crack or gap exceeding a set threshold, the software identifies it as a fault. It then communicates with the GPS module to retrieve the exact location coordinates of the detected crack. This information is formatted into a warning message and sent to the concerned authorities via the GSM module using AT commands. Additionally, the software can activate a buzzer or LED indicator to provide an immediate local alert. The program runs in a continuous loop, ensuring real-time monitoring and prompt communication, thereby enhancing the safety and efficiency of railway track maintenance.

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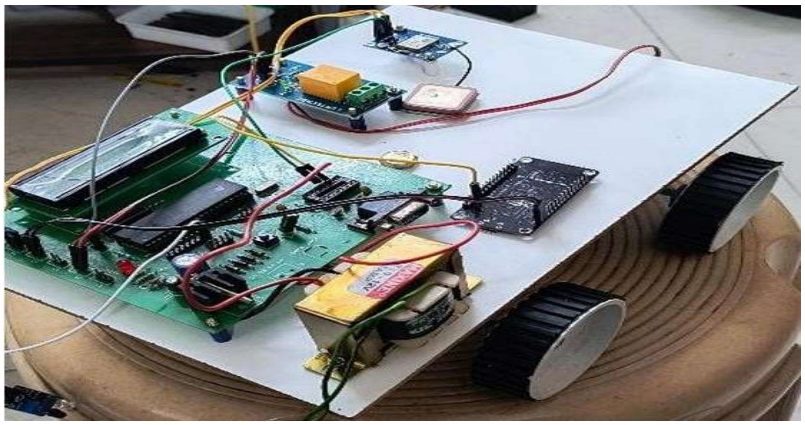


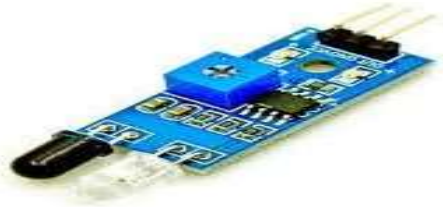
Figure 2 Working Model Diagram

Hardware Requirements

Sensors:Ultrasonic Sensors are used to emit sound waves and measure their reflection to detect cracks, gaps, or irregularities on the rail surface. They are capable of detecting internal flaws not visible to the naked eye.

Fig 3 Ultrasonic sensor

Infrared (IR) Sensors detect temperature variations and surface inconsistencies, which can indicate



cracks or defects.

Fig 4 IR sensor

High-Resolution Cameras provide visual inspection capabilities, capturing images or video of the track surface. When combined with image processing software, they can detect surface cracks and other anomalies.

Processing Unit:A Microcontroller (such as Arduino) or a Single Board Computer (such as Raspberry Pi) acts as the central processing unit. It collects data from sensors, processes it in real time, and runs detection algorithms or AI models to identify cracks. The processing unit also manages communication with external systems.

Fig 5 Arduino UNO

Location Tracking:A GPS Module is essential to log the precise geographic coordinates of any detected crack. This allows maintenance teams to quickly locate and inspect problem areas on the railway line.

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management circuits to ensure sustained energy availability.

Fig 6 GPS Module

Power Supply:
Reliable power is necessary for continuous operation, especially in remote or hard-to-access locations. This is typically provided by rechargeable batteries or solar panels combined with power

LCD Display 16x2:
The term LCD stands for liquid crystal display. It is one kind of electronic display module used in an extensive range of applications like various circuits & devices like mobile phones, calculators, computers, TV sets, etc. These displays are

mainly preferred for multi-segment light-emitting diodes and seven segments. The main benefits of using this module are inexpensive; simply programmable, animations, and there are no limitations for displaying custom characters, special and even animations, etc.

Fig:8 LCD Display

Description of Railway Track Crack Detection

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Supporting Components:
Signal Conditioning Circuits may be needed to amplify, filter, or convert sensor signals for accurate reading by the processing unit. Mounting Hardware secures sensors and electronic modules to the train or track infrastructure. Protective Enclosures safeguard sensitive electronics and sensors from environmental factors such as dust, moisture, and vibrations common in railway environments.
Motor Driver: L298N

Fig 7 Motor Driver L298N

The L298N is a dual H-Bridge motor driver this allows speed and direction control of two DC motors at the same time. Motor L298N driver contains an IC as shown in the figure 10. The module can drive DC motors that have voltages among 5 and 35V, with a peak current capable of 2A.

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Existing system

In previously existing system, the work is to be done manually, but the proposed system has a robot which will run automatically on the tracks. System having LED and LDR sensor assembly, but the main disadvantage is that the LED and LDR must be

placed opposite to each other and also the environment needs to be perfect to detect the track. To overcome this disadvantage, here sensors are used, which will detect the crack accurately. The existing system is slow, tedious and time consuming. This system has GSM and GPS module which will give the real time location or coordinates in the form of Short Message Service (SMS) to the nearest railway station.

Several existing systems and technologies have been developed to detect cracks and faults in railway tracks, each with its own strengths and limitations. Traditionally, manual inspection has been the primary method, where trained personnel visually examine tracks on foot or using specialized vehicles. While effective, this method is time-consuming, labor-intensive, and susceptible to human error.To address these challenges, automated systems have been introduced that employ various sensing technologies. Ultrasonic testing is widely used to detect internal cracks by sending high-frequency sound waves through the track material, revealing defects beneath the surface. Similarly, infrared sensors and laser scanning technologies provide non-contact methods for detecting surface anomalies. Advanced solutions also integrate computer vision and machine learning algorithms to analyze images or videos captured by drones or track-mounted cameras, enhancing detection accuracy.Some modern systems incorporate GPS and wireless communication modules to provide real-time monitoring and immediate alerts, allowing maintenance teams to respond quickly. However, many of these automated solutions can be expensive and complex to deploy across extensive railway networks. In summary, while multiple existing systems offer effective crack detection, there is an ongoing need for cost-effective, easy-to-implement solutions that provide real-time data with high accuracy— motivating the development of integrated sensor-based detection systems like the one proposed in this project.

Figure.9 Railway crack on track

Railway crack on track A. Train accident statistics TABLE I shows statistics of the number of injuries caused due to train accidents.

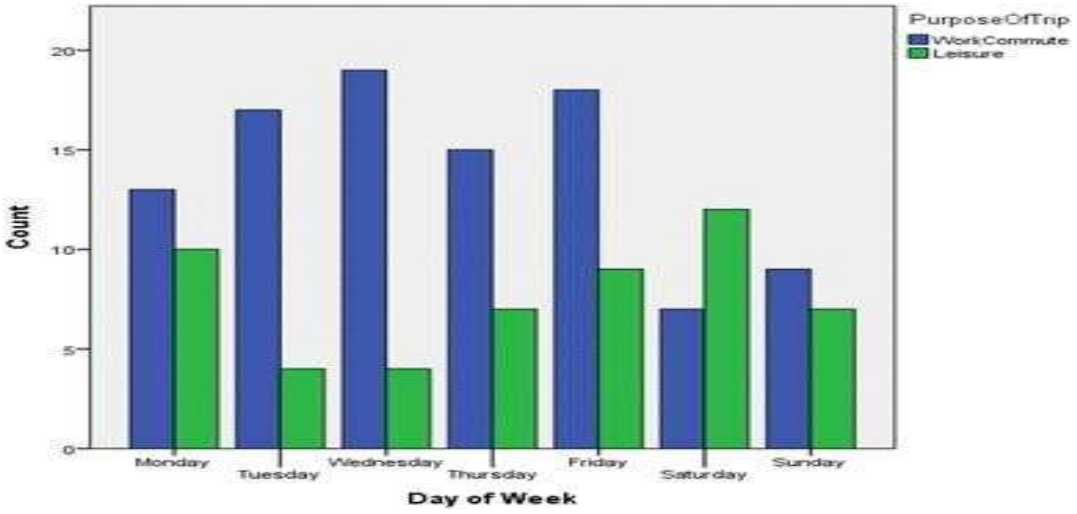

Fig:10:Graphical representation

Table-I: statistics of the number of injuries caused due to train accidents Figure 2 depicts the number of deaths due to rail accidents. As it can be observed from Figure 2, the number of deaths is increasing year to year.

Proposed system

In proposed system our project is used to detect the crack in the tracks by means of sensor and Node MCU, measuring distance for two rail road . In this project we use ultrasonic sensor to detect the crack. It uses to measure the distance between the two tracks.

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If any crack are occurred in the track means longitude and latitude coordinates of the place are to be sent to the bigot and ultrasonic sensor measured the distance between the two track if there is any small variance found the message which contains coordinates of that particular place will be sent to the nearest station or control room with the help of GPS and GSM module. This project is to be made in order to change the system of crack detection in railways which can be resulted out as not only cost-effective but also with good accuracy and time saving facility. The proposed system is not only overcome these problems but also improve accuracy and crack detection in rails.The proposed work "railway track crack detection system". In this system we are using Arduino Uno microcontroller, which acts as a brain of the system. This microcontroller controls function. Various the components circuit are interfaced with this microcontroller to perform desired operation of the system. The hardware components used in this system requires regulated power supply for the operation. This power is provided by the rechargeable battery connected in the system. The battery will be charged through solar power with the help of solar panel connected. In this system we have interfaced two TSOP IR sensors with the microcontroller for the distance and detection of the crack present in the track of the railway line. To communicate the received information, we make use of a GSM modem. The GSM module is being used to send the current latitude and longitude data to the relevant authority as an SMS. This GSM module is interfaced with the microcontroller through a matching circuit MAX232. A GPS receiver is also interfaced with the microcontroller to determine the exact location of the crack on the railway track.This GPS receiver will provide the longitude and latitude parameter values to the controller. Two DC motors are used to move the robot in forward direction. These motors are interfaced and controlled through the microcontroller. To operate these motors through a microcontroller a driver circuit is required for interfacing between microcontroller and motors. A wireless camera is also used in this system. This camera is interfaced in the system for live streaming of the status of the railway track. This camera provides the live video to the device in which the application of that camera is installed. The architecture of the proposed system also consists of a 16x2 LCD display, interfaced with the microcontroller for the display purpose. This LCD display will display the longitude and latitude values of the crack detected by the system.

Block Diagram

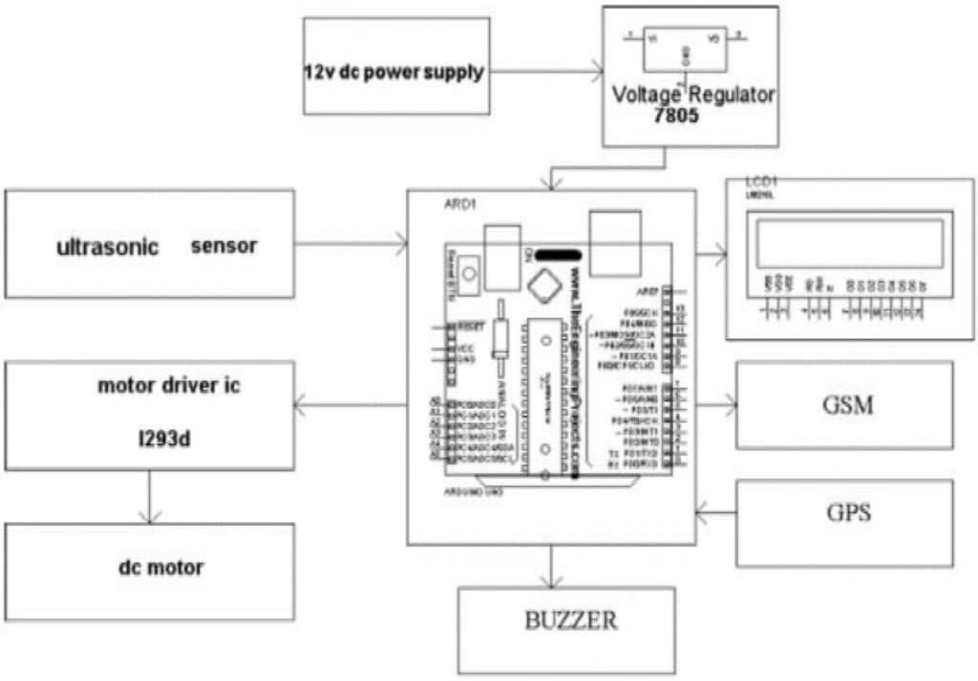

Fig:.Block Diagram

The main cause of the accidents happened in railways are railway track crossing and unrevealed crack in railway tracks. Therefore, there is a need to have new technology which will be robust, efficient and stable for both crack detection in railway track as well as object detection. Our work involves a project

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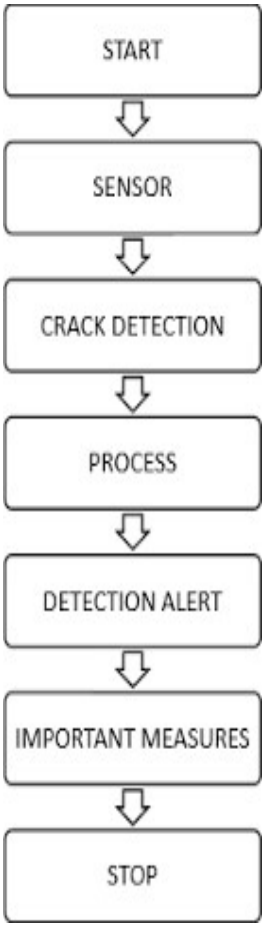
that aims of designing a railway crack detection system using Ultrasonic Sensor, GPS (Global Positioning System) and Node MCU ESP8266 Wi-Fi module whose implementation is an efficient method of detecting the cracks which is present in the

Methodology

The main aim of project is to design the railway crack detection using Ultrasonic sensors. The project block diagram is shown in Figure 3, which contains microcontroller (Arduino), ultrasonic sensor, motor driver, motor, GPS module when the crack is detected, relevant geographical location coordinates will sent to the nearest station. This recording and sending of coordinates are done by GPS module. GPS network used by cell phones provides a low cost, long range wireless communication channel for applications that require connectivity rather than higher data rates. Infrared transmitter is one type of the LED which emits infrared rays generally called IR transmitter.

Ultrasonic sensor is used to detect the crack in the rail track with measuring the distance from track to sensor. Ultrasonic technique is the most effective method which detects cracks on a railway track. An android application will be developed to intimate about the rail cracks. As and when a rail crack is



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tracks and thus avoiding derailment of the trains. Crack detection by this method can be done during both day and night time and exact location of fault can be obtained.

detected by the crack detection system, the corresponding loco pilot will be intimated through a pop- up message. This pop- up notification service will be implementing with the help of GPS module.

A. Process of the rail track system the project block diagram which contains following process

Initially the tracks are being continuously monitored with the help of sensor, which is used to detect the crack in the track.

This monitoring is done with the help of ultrasonic sensor in order to sense the minor changes also which can be quite difficult with other sensors.

Whenever the crack gets detected with the help of ultrasonic sensor it passes the alert of crack found to the Arduino microcontroller.

As the message gets delivered to the Railway Authority, the alert is to be taken into account and important measures must be taken by them in order to avoid future incidents and miss happenings which can lead to loss of human life and also to major injuries.

Working:

In the system crack in the tracks is detected by means of sensor and Arduino microcontroller, measuring distance for two railroads. In this project we have used ultrasonic sensors to detect the crack. The below figure shows system for detecting the crack using ultrasonic sensors. It uses to measure the distance between the two tracks. If any crack occurred in the track means latitude and longitude coordinates of the place are to be sent to the nearest railway station or control room and ultrasonic sensor measured the of the processing technique. The crack detection can be made of two ways. They are Destructive Testing and Non-Destructive testing. It is part of a vision system, generating a crack map to support condition monitoring for buildings. Distance between the two tracks if there is any variance found the message which contains coordinates of that particular place will be sent to the nearest station or control room with the help of GPS module. This project is to be made in order to

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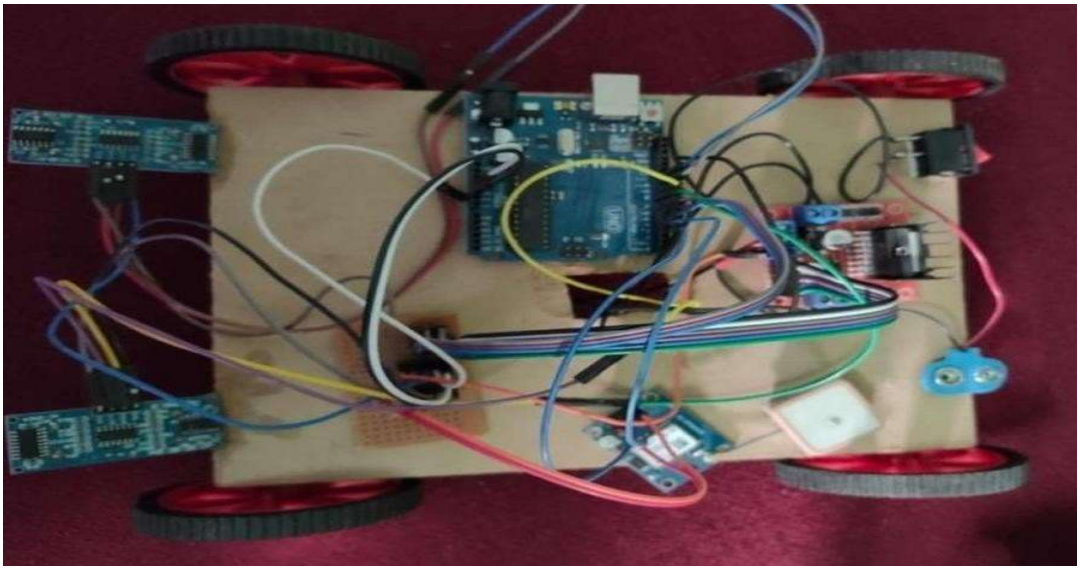

Figure 11 system to detect rail track

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Advantages

The Railway Track Crack Detection System offers several significant advantages over traditional inspection methods and some existing technologies. Firstly, it provides real-time monitoring and immediate alerts, enabling faster response times to potential track failures and thereby enhancing safety. The use of automated sensors reduces the reliance on manual inspections, minimizing human error and labor costs. Additionally, the integration of GPS and GSM modules allows precise localization of defects and seamless communication with maintenance teams, improving the efficiency of repair operations. The system is also designed to be cost-effective and easy to implement, making it suitable for widespread deployment across extensive railway networks. Overall, these advantages contribute to more reliable railway infrastructure, reduced maintenance expenses, and improved passenger safety**.**

Disadvantages

Despite its many benefits, the Railway Track Crack Detection System also has some disadvantages. The reliance on sensors and electronic components means the system can be susceptible to environmental factors such as extreme weather conditions, dust, and vibrations, which may affect accuracy and durability. Additionally, the initial setup and calibration of the system require technical expertise and can be time-consuming. Connectivity issues with GPS or GSM modules in remote or signal-poor areas might delay alert transmission, potentially impacting timely maintenance responses. Furthermore, while the system reduces manual labor, it may not completely replace the need for human inspections, especially for complex track conditions or faults beyond crack detection. These limitations highlight the need for ongoing refinement and complementary maintenance practices.

Results and Discussion

The results section of the Railway Track Crack Detection System project showcases the performance and effectiveness of the developed System in accurately identifying cracks on railway tracks and providing timely alerts. Through rigorous testing under different conditions, the system demonstrated reliable detection capabilities and prompt communication of fault locations, highlighting its advantages over traditional manual inspections. It reflects on the benefits of real-time monitoring and automated alerts while acknowledging areas for further improvement, such as enhancing sensor accuracy and expanding system scalability, to ensure continued advancement in

railway infrastructure safety.

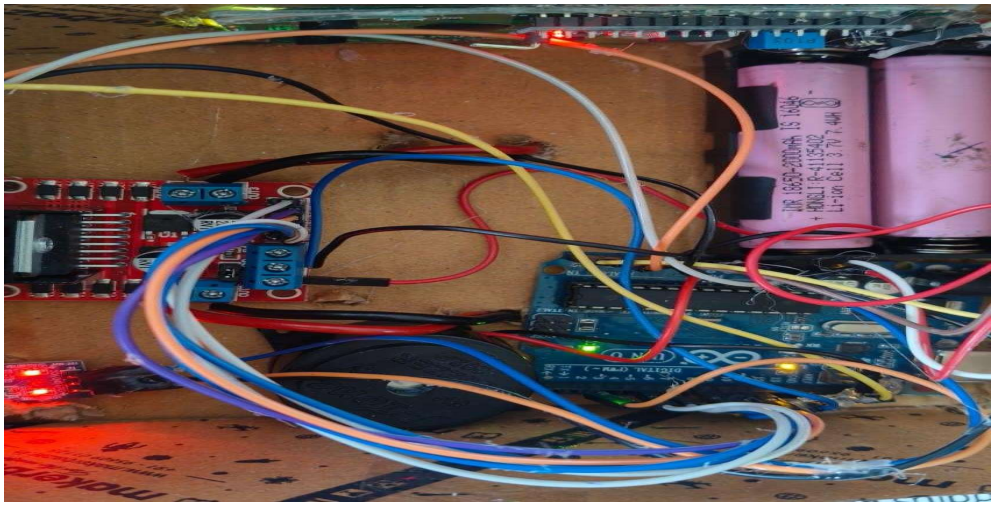

Fig :12 IR Sensor Output

The Railway Track Detection System is an Arduino-based safety project designed to detect obstacles and track conditions using a combination of sensors and alert systems. The core of the system is the Arduino board, which processes input from various components.An IR sensor is used to detect cracks or gaps in the railway track by sensing reflected infrared light. An ultrasonic sensor is mounted at the front to detect obstacles at a certain distance ahead of the track.

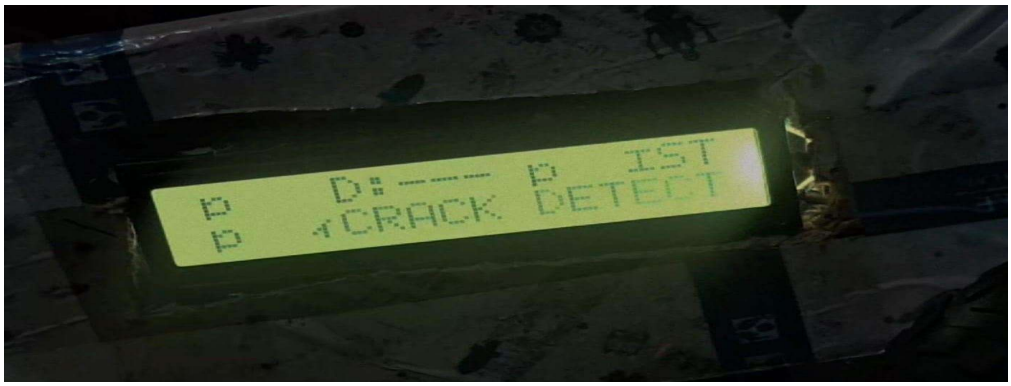

Fig:13 Output of Crack Detection

When a crack or obstruction is detected, the Arduino triggers a buzzer to produce an audible alert and displays a warning message on a 16x2 LCD screen (connected via I2C interface for simplicity). The system also includes a motor driver module (L298N or L293D), which controls two DC motors that act as wheels of a railway prototype .These motors are powered by an external 9V–12V power supply, and the logic of all components is connected to the Arduino's 5V and GND lines. The motor driver receives input signals from the Arduino to move the motors forward, backward, or stop, based on sensor data. If an obstacle or track fault is detected, the Arduino stops the motors by cutting off the signal to the motor driver. This setup simulates a smart railway system that enhances track safety by combining sensor technology with automation and real-time feedback.

Conclusion

The suggested Arduino-Powered Solution for Railway Track Crack Detection System has the ability to automatically and without human assistance identify fractures in the rail track, even little ones. Comparing the suggested approach to conventional detection methods reveals significant advantages. Fast detect and reporting systems, lower costs, reduced power consumption, and shorter analysis times are some of the benefits. Additionally, the suggested system is perfect for deployment on a broad scale with very little initial expenditure due to the simplicity of the idea and the ease with which the components are readily available.As a result, in operational

conditions, it can operate successfully and efficiently. With the aid of this suggested model, accidents caused by trackside cracks may be easily avoided, perhaps saving a great number of lives. In this project, we developed a low-cost, low-power embedded technology to help improve train track safety standards and avoid accidents caused by cracks and other obstructions. The testing railway model prototype is capable of accurately identifying fractures and other obstructions on the rails. The outcome demonstrates that this brand-new, cutting-edge technology will improve the dependability of safety systems used in railway transportation. We can prevent mishaps to the tune of 70% by putting these features into real-time use

Future scope

The future scope of railway track crack detection systems is highly promising, with advancements aimed at making rail transport safer, smarter, and more efficient. Emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and machine learning will play a major role in automatically detecting and predicting cracks, significantly reducing human error and enabling predictive maintenance. The use of autonomous drones and robots equipped with high-resolution cameras and sensors will allow for real-time, remote inspections, especially in difficult-to-access areas. Internet of Things (IoT) devices and smart sensors embedded in tracks will enable continuous monitoring, while cloud- based analytics and digital twin technology will support long-term infrastructure planning and simulation. With the rollout of high-speed 5G networks, real-time data transmission from moving trains to centralized systems will become more efficient.Future systems will also prioritize cost-effectiveness and energy efficiency, making them more accessible for widespread adoption. Overall, these innovations will contribute to improved safety, reduced maintenance costs, and more reliable railway operations. Furthermore, there will be a move toward international standardization, ensuring interoperability and consistency across global railway networks. All these developments aim to create a highly intelligent, automated, and reliable railway maintenance ecosystem, significantly improving operational safety, reducing downtime, and extending the lifespan of railway infrastructure.

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