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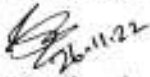
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## **Abstract**

Cables are put underground to stay away from pointless obstruction. These force cables convey electrical force and when these cables are put underground it is extremely hard to decide the specific area of the deficiency happened. There are numerous elements or purposes behind a deficiency to happen as, for example, burrowing, tremor, development work and so forth. As it don't have a clue about the specific area of the issue happened to the cable the fixing procedure identified with that cable is troublesome. Underground cable framework is a most basic practice followed in the urban zones. This paper is expected to find the flaw in an underground cable lines from the base station to a precise area in kilometers. The framework identifies flaw with the assistance of potential divider organize laid over the cable. When a defect is found in a cable line, a voltage gets produced according to the resistors organize blend. This voltage is detected by the microcontroller and is refreshed to the client.

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# Chapter 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

A bundle of electrical conductors used for carrying electricity is called as a cable. An underground cable generally has one or more conductors covered with suitable insulation and a protective cover. Commonly used materials for insulation are varnished cambric or impregnated paper. Fault in a cable can be any defect or non-homogeneity that diverts the path of current or affects the performance of the cable. So it is necessary to correct the fault. Power Transmission can be done in both overhead as well as in underground cables. But unlike underground cables the overhead cables have the drawback of being easily prone to the effects of rainfall, snow, thunder, lightning etc. This requires cables with reliability, increased safety, and ruggedness and greater services. So underground cables are preferred in many areas especially in urban places. When it is easy to detect and correct the faults in overhead line by mere observation, it is not possible to do so in an underground cable. As they are buried deep in the soil it is not easy to detect the abnormalities in them. Even when a fault is found to be present it is very difficult to detect the exact location of the fault. This leads to debugging of the entire area to detect and correct the fault which in turn causes wastage of money and manpower. So it is necessary to know the exact location of faults in the underground cables. Whatever the fault is, the voltage of the cable has the tendency to change abruptly whenever a fault occurs. We make use of this voltage across change resistors to detect the fault. In the event of short circuit (Line to Earth) fault, the voltage accordingly. It is then fed to an ADC to develop precise digital data that is directed to the programmed Arduino to display the same in kilometers. Hence this paper is very helpful for determining exact location of short circuit fault. This project is to determine underground cable fault using specific application. If the short circuit or any physical damage is occurred then the voltage across cable line changes. The changes which occurred can be calculated using CT theory. CT theory provide simple and accurate means of sensing current flow in power conductors. Signal conditioner manipulates the analog signal for the further processing. In this circuit we are used an Arduino UNO, Relays, ULN2003A, LCD, LEDs, Switches. ULN2003 is a high voltage and high current Darlington array IC. It contains seven open collector Darlington pairs with common emitters. A Darlington pair is an arrangement of two bipolar transistors.

ULN2003 belongs to the family of ULN200X series of ICs. Different versions of this family interface to different logic families. ULN2003 is for 5V TTL, CMOS logic devices. These ICs are used when driving a wide range of loads and are used as relay drivers, display drivers, line drivers etc. Each channel or Darlington pair in ULN2003 is rated at 500mA and can withstand peak current of 600mA. The objective of this project is to determine the distance of underground cable fault from the base station in kilometers. An underground cable system is quite common in many urban areas wherein it becomes very difficult to repair in case of any faults because finding the exact location of the fault in such cable system is quite difficult. With the proposed system, finding the exact location of the fault is possible. This project uses a standard concept of Ohms law, i.e. when a low DC voltage is applied at the feeder end through series resistor (assuming them as cable lines), then the current would vary depending upon the location of the fault in the cable. In case of a short circuit (line to ground), the voltage across the series resistors changes which is then fed to an ADC, to develop a precise digital data that gets displayed on the LCD. The project is assembled with a set of resistors representing cable length in km and fault creation is made by a set of switches at every known km to cross check the accuracy of the same. The fault that occurs at a particular distance of a particular phase is displayed on the LCD interfaced to the micro controller. Furthermore, this project can be enhanced by using a capacitor in an AC circuit to measure the impedance which can even locate an open-circuited cable, unlike short circuited fault only using resistors in DC circuit as followed in the above proposed project.

## **1.2 Motivation**

A few month ago a huge fire broke out in a k khan Chattogram. Those fire occurred from electricity. If we ignore the service fault there still left some reason's which alert us a lot .One of them are power observation .Our transmission lines are not that much well connected or well observed . For that reason we decided to move to the underground portion .On the other hand we see in underground fault detection it's very difficult to detect fault .Only focused on productivity. For this reason we tried to make a solution which can reduce this problem.

### 1.3 Objectives

Underground fault detection will provide us a complete solution to detect current or voltage fault on underground transmissions lines. This monitoring is useful for the overall system that would like to avoid the upcoming loss that can occur by system. The overall objective of this project is designed to develop an underground fault detection system for ensuring good power distribution and servicing system. The basic objectives of this project can be divided as:

- The project aim is to implement an underground fault detection observation system.
- Ensuring safe and efficient underground cable fault point detection.
- Designing and implementing reliable and low cost power based underground cable fault detection system using arduino.

### 1.4 Project Outline

In this, we described and discussed about our project in **seven** chapters. The outline of our project are as follows:

Chapter 1 “Introduction” shows the background, motivation and objectives of the project.

Chapter 2 “Literature review” discusses about the history and literature importance of this project. The history of the development of the underground fault detection system and discussion on some previous methods in this field.

Chapter 3 “Design Methodology” shows the implementation process and the working flowchart of the proposed system.

Chapter 4 “Hardware Description” describes the diagram, pin diagram and working principle of the hardware’s used in this automation projects.

Chapter 5 “Design Implementation and Analysis” shows the on field implementation of the system that has been designed.

Chapter 6 “Result and Discussion” Shows the performance analysis of the device with proper output.

Chapter 7 “Conclusion” Shows the advantages, limitation and future works of the proposed system.

## **Chapter 2**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

#### **2.1 Introduction**

Snehal C. Kor [1] in (2013) proposed Modified Murray Loop Method for Underground Cable Fault Location Detection Using GSM approach for detecting underground cable fault detection using mury loop method .In mury loop test we can perform short circuit test of underground cable fault point detection. Snehal C. Kor used mury loop method to find the fault location. He used GSM system to notify the user about fault location. He got 72% of efficiency in that project. Neha N. Badwaik [2] in (2013) proposed Underground Cable Fault Detection System by Using IoT approach for detecting underground cable fault detection using resonance circuit. In this system she used ESP8266 IoT module to send notification about underground cable fault location detection. She used offline method, online method, tester method to complete the whole experiment. She got 53% efficiency on her experiment. Xiaohong Zhang [3] in (2002) proposed the application of fiber optic distributed temperature sensor to fault detection of XLPE insulated underground cable approach for detecting underground cable fault detection. He used pulse radar method to detect underground cable fault. In his experiment he used XLPE insulated system to detect underground cable fault. He got 47% efficiency on his experiment. We have discussed those three different experiment on underground cable fault detection below.

#### **2.2 Definition of Transmission System**

Electrical energy, after being produced at generating stations (TPS, HPS, NPS, etc.) is transmitted to the consumers for utilization. This is due to the fact that generating stations are usually situated away from the load centers. The network that transmits and delivers power from the producers to the consumers is called the transmission system. This energy can be transmitted in AC or DC form. Traditionally, AC has been used for years now, but HVDC (High Voltage DC) is rapidly gaining popularity.

Electrical power is normally generated at 11kV in a power station. While in some cases, power may be generated at 33 kV. This generating voltage is then stepped up to 132kV, 220kV, 400kV or 765kV etc. Stepping up the voltage level depends upon the distance at which power is to be transmitted. Longer the distance, higher will be the voltage level. Stepping up of voltage is to reduce the I<sup>2</sup>R losses in transmitting the power (when voltage is stepped up, the current reduces by a relative amount so that the power remains constant, and hence I<sup>2</sup>R loss also reduces). This stage is called as primary transmission.

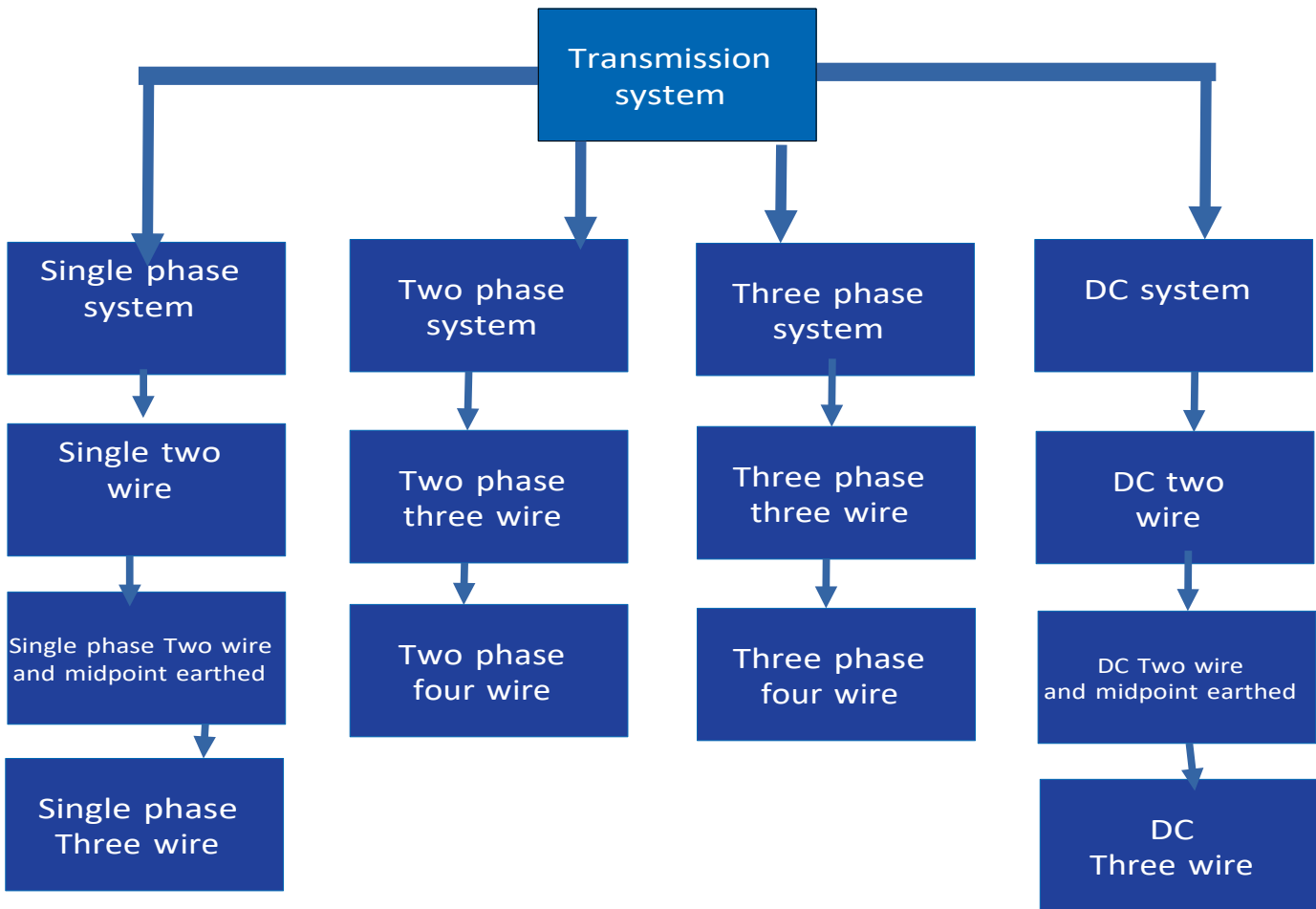
The voltage is the stepped down at a receiving station to 33kV or 66kV. Secondary transmission lines emerge from this receiving station to connect substations located near load centers (cities etc.).

The voltage is stepped down again to 11kV at a substation. Large industrial consumers can be supplied at 11kV directly from these substations. Also, feeders emerge from these substations. This stage is called as primary distribution.

Feeders are either overhead lines or underground cables which carry power close to the load points (end consumers) up to a couple of kilometers. Finally, the voltage is stepped down to 415 volts by a pole-mounted distribution transformer and delivered to the distributors. End consumers are supplied through a service mains line from distributors. The secondary distribution system consists of feeders, distributors and service mains.

### **2.3 Different Types of Transmission Systems**

1. Single phase AC system | single phase, two wires |  
single phase, two wires with midpoint earthed |  
single phase, three wires
2. Two phase AC system | two-  
phase, three wires | two-  
phase, and four wires
3. Three phase AC system |  
three-phase, three wires |  
three-phase, four wires
4. DC system | DC two wires | DC two wires  
with midpoint earthed | DC three wires



**Fig 2.1:** Classification of transmission line system.

**Electric power transmission** can also be carried out using underground cables. But, construction of an underground transmission line generally costs 4 to 10 times than an equivalent distance overhead line. However, it is to be noted that, the cost of constructing underground transmission lines highly depends upon the local environment. Also, the cost of conductor material required is one of the most considerable charges in a transmission system. Since conductor cost is a major part of the total cost, it has to be taken into consideration while designing. The choice of transmission system is made by keeping in mind various factors such as reliability, efficiency and economy. Usually, overhead transmission system is used.

## 2.4 Main Elements of a Transmission Line

Due to the economic considerations, three-phase three-wire overhead system is widely used for electric power transmission. Following are the main elements of a typical power system.

**Conductors:** three for a single circuit line and six for a double circuit line. Conductors must be of proper size (i.e. cross-sectional area). This depends upon its current capacity. Usually, ACSR (Aluminum-core Steel-reinforced) conductors are used.

**Transformers:** Step-up transformers are used for stepping up the voltage level and step-down transformers are used for stepping it down. Transformers permit power to be transmitted at higher efficiency.

**Line insulators:** to mechanically support the line conductors while electrically isolating them from the support towers.

**Support towers:** to support the line conductors suspending in the air overhead.

**Protective devices:** to protect the transmission system and to ensure reliable operation. These include ground wires, lightning arrestors, circuit breakers, relays etc.

**Voltage regulators:** to keep the voltage within permissible limits at the receiving end.

## 2.5 Summary of Previous Work

Because of the progression of wireless technology, there are a few different advancements were presented, for example, Mury loop method, pulse radar method and resonance methods. Each technology has its very own unique specifications and applications.

Previously, they have used various experiment over underground cable fault point detection. In those methods, cable fault detection was pretty coast effective. Sometimes it was difficult to maintain. Those project has been described elaborately:

### *2.5.1 Underground Cable Fault Location Detection Using GSM*

In this project, they used Mury Loop method to detect underground cable fault detection. They used short circuit test on their project. They used GSM module in their project to show output.

**Snehal C. Kor**, “Murray Loop Method for Underground Cable Fault Location Detection Using GSM” used short circuit test to examine the underground cable fault point detection. Murray loop test, Varley loop test and Pulse Echo test are simple basic method to detect cable fault point testing. This method used basic equipment that obtained easily. These tests are performed for the fault point of either an earth fault or short circuit fault in underground cable. In these tests the resistance of fault does not affect the results obtained except when the resistance of fault is very high. There are two loop tests used and they are known as MurrayLoop and Varley Loop Test. These tests used the principle of Wheatstone bridge.

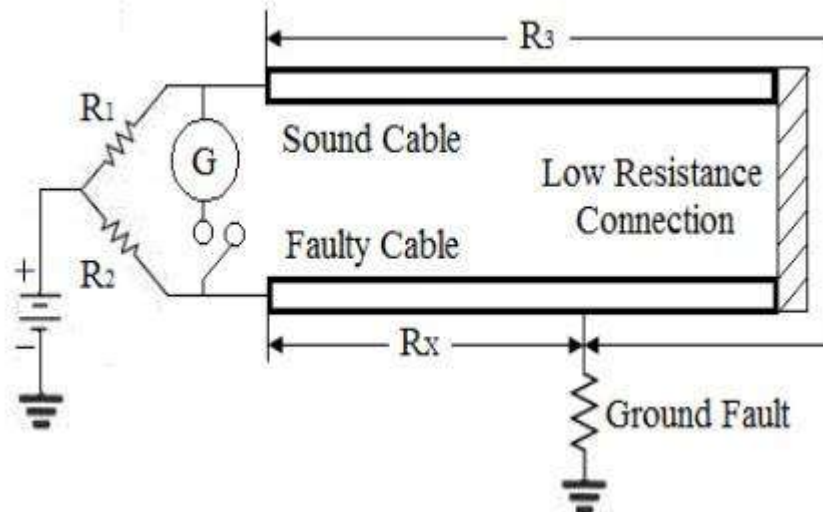


Fig2.2.1: Mury loop ground fault detection system [1].

In this test, the faulty cable is connected with sound cable by a low resistance wire, because that resistance should not affect the total resistance of the cable and it should be able to circulate the loop current to the bridge circuits without loss.

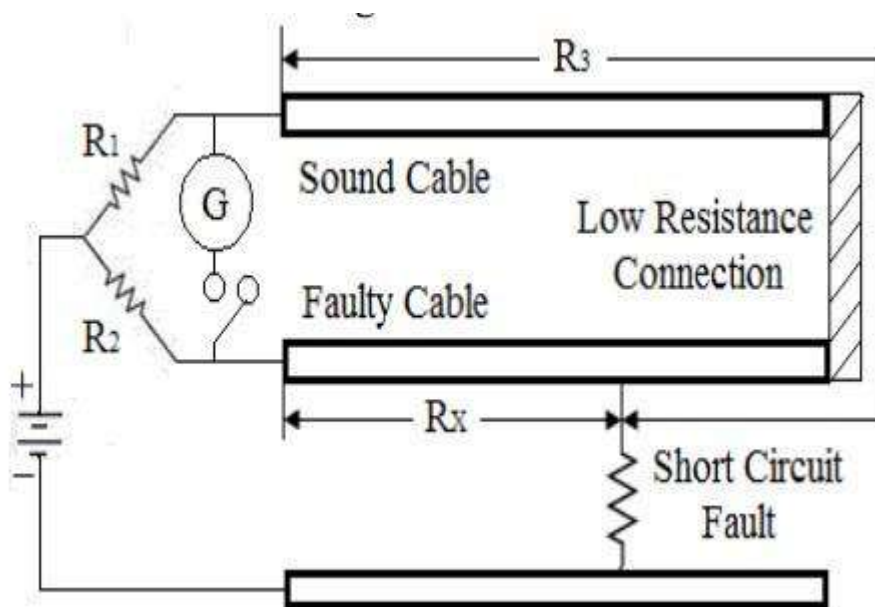


Fig2.2.2: Mury loop short circuit test [1].

The variable resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are forming the ratio arms. Balance of the bridge is achieved by adjusting the variable resistors. „G is the galvanometer to indicate the balance.  $[R_3 + R_X]$ “ is the galvanometer to indicate the balance.  $[R_3 + R_X]$  is the total loop resistance formed by the sound cable and the faulty cable.

Neha N. Badwaik [2] designed Underground Cable Fault Detection System by Using IoT. In her system users notified about underground cable fault point with three phase.

They are:

1. Online method
2. Offline method
3. Testing method

The proposed system is an IoT enabled underground cable fault detection system. The main principle behind the system is the Ohm's law. When the fault causes in the cable, the voltage varies which is used to measure the fault distance. The system consists of a ESP8266 module, Micro-controller, and Real-Time Clock. The block diagram of the fault detection system is shown in Figure 2.3.1 the power supply is provided using a step-down transformer, rectifier and regulator. The current measurement circuit of the cable provides the magnitude of the voltage drop across the resistors to the micro-controller and based on the voltage the fault distance is located.

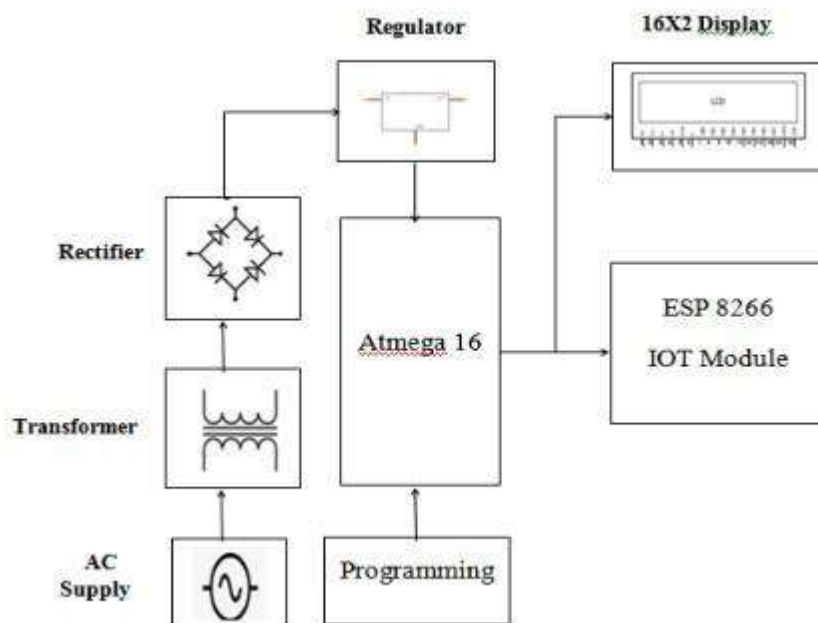


Fig2.3.1: Block diagram of IoT based underground cable fault detection system [2].

The project uses the simple concept of Ohms law where a low DC voltage is applied at the feeder end on a series resistor. The current would vary depending upon the length of the cable fault in case there is a short circuit of LL or 3L or LG etc. The series resistor voltage drop changes accordingly which are then fed to an ADC to develop precise digital data in which the programmed micro-controller would display the same. This designed model of an underground cable fault distance locator using a micro-controller. It is classified into four parts DC power supply part, cable part, controlling part, display part. DC power supply part consist of an ac supply of 230V is step down using a transformer, bridge rectifier converts ac signal to DC and the regulator is used to produce constant dc voltage. The cable part is denoted by a set of resistors along with switches. The current sensing part of cable represented as a set of Potentiometer are used as fault creators to indicate the fault at each location. This part senses the change in current by sensing the voltage drop. Next is the controlling part which consists of analog to digital converter which receives input from the current sensing circuit, converts this voltage into a digital signal and feeds the microcontroller with the signal. The micro-controller also forms part of the controlling unit.

### **2.3.3 *The application of fiber optic distributed temperature sensor to fault detection of XLPE insulated underground cable***

Xiaohong [3] in 2003 proposed “The application of fiber optic distribution temperature sensor to fault detection of XLPE insulated underground cable” system, tried to developed underground cable fault detection in such a way that they used pulse detection of XLPE insulated underground cable for detecting cable fault point.

Although Murray loop method and pulse radar method have been extensively used for cable fault locating, the fault line needs to be removed from service and connected to detection equipment, which will take much time and effort. In the present paper, a new fault location method, which integrates fiber optic distributed temperature (FODT) sensor into cable, is introduced. The FODT sensor, which is applied to fault detection of XLPE insulated underground cable in resistance grounded power system, can find fault point immediately. The maximum detection distance, distance resolution and processing time for fault location are 10 km, 1 m and 30 s respectively.

#### ***2.5.22.4 The proposed Underground transmissions line fault detection system***

Technology is updating day by day. Various technologies used in previous days. All system has some drawbacks. Some system uses conventional technology. Some system uses modern technology but they also have some limitations in monitoring which relates to the automation system. A fault in electrical equipment can be defined as a defect in its electrical circuit due to which the current is diverted from the intended path. Faults are generally caused by mechanical failure, accidents, excessive internal, external stresses and others. When a cable is faulty the resistance of such cable is affected. If left unrectified, it will totally hinder voltage from flowing through the cable. The challenge with the existing methods used for locating faults in underground cables is the inaccuracy in calculating the distance where the fault is located and the low durability of such equipment. To overcome these challenges, this project presents a novel underground cable fault detector that has the capacity to measure the resistance of the cable, detect the type of fault in a cable and also accurately compute the location of the fault using cheap materials. Several tests were conducted using the designed device, and the results indicated that the designed method produced satisfactory results in detecting both open circuit and short circuit problem in underground cables within a maximum distance of 10-km.

## **Chapter 3**

### **DESIGN METHODOLOGY**

#### **3.1 Introduction**

The project entitled “Underground cable fault detection system”. Observation of desired data voltage, current, temperature, observation and fault detection will be possible. In this project we use voltage converter, bread board power adapter, dual relay module, LCD, microcontroller, temperature sensor, power voltmeter, ammeter, 2volt ULN2003A module .All the information will be shown on a LCD so that we can know the running state of this device.

#### **3.2 Design Stages**

To complete the project we have followed four steps. Which are-

1. Planning
2. Analyzing
3. Designing and
4. Design implementation

##### ***3.2.1 Stage 1 – Planning***

At the first stage of our project we consulted with our supervisor to select a project. With the consultation of supervisor we select this project and named this project as “UNDERGROUND CABLE FAULT DETECTION OBSERVATION”. Then we studied the background work on this field and found some fruitful previous work. We found that technology is almost new. In previous work there were some limitations which might be cover in this new technology. So we planned and developed our project to overcome those limitations.

##### ***3.2.2 Stage 2 – Analyzing***

After planning about the project we started analyzing about some of the underground cable fault detection system that has been made before. We downloaded some papers from IEEE web page which helped us during analyzing. We also watched many videos on YouTube on

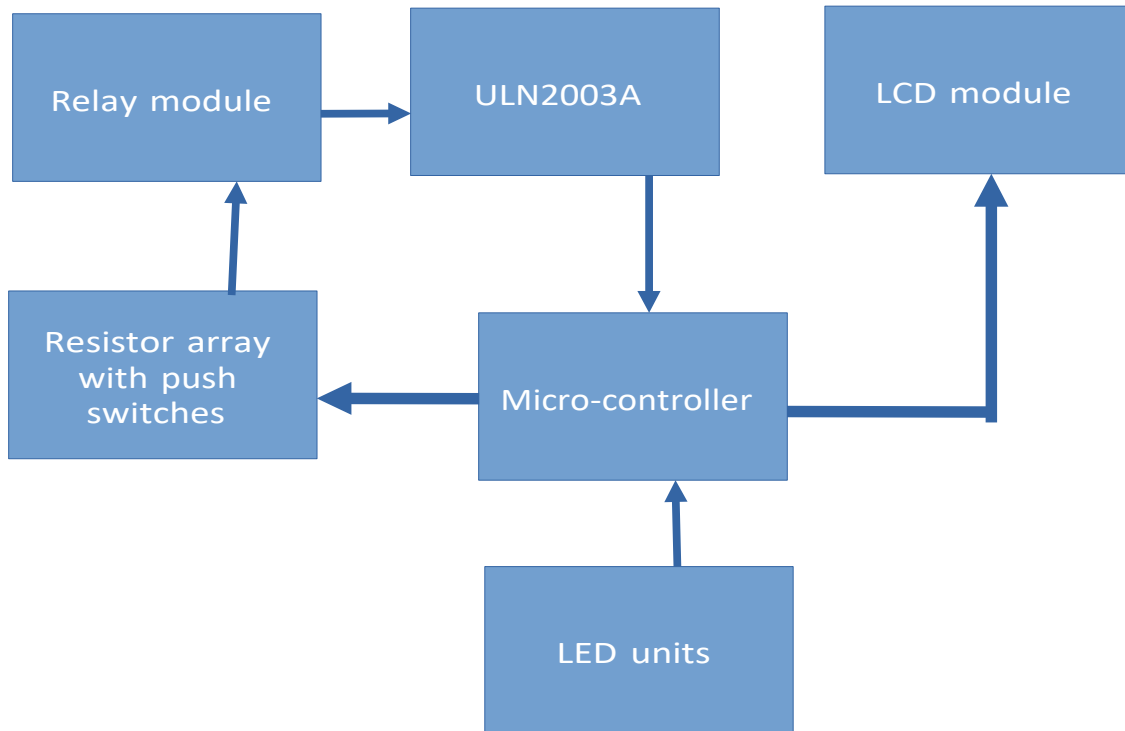
this field. We did our literature review section according to this analysis. Then we analyzed the hardware's operation and their specifications that we are using. Study on suitable programming language and different platforms are important to ensure that the programming language is sufficient to build the proposed system and how to integrate different modules with different platforms into a meaningful system to provide useful information to the user. We also analyzed the previous works in our university on this field. We found a few works in this field with various technologies. We tried to overcome the limitations of previous work.

### ***3.2.3 Stage 3 - Designing***

The main project constructing process starts from this stage. Here the entire system will be theoretically designed which will be implemented in the implementation section.

## **3.2. Block Diagram**

This circuit has been designed over arduino based micro-controller system. All the components are directly or partially connected with arduino Uno. First of all we designed an array of resistor with bunch of switches. We decided them into three section. Each push switches return a different resistance value. Those values are connected to each relay driver modules. Now our relay driver modules are connected to ULN2003 relay driver. This driver helps to controls digital pins of arduino to detect fault location distance. We measures the fault point location by defining the resistance drop over transmission line. Then after gaining the fault point location distance we have shown the output on out LCD.



**Fig 3.1:** Block Diagram of Designed Project

Here is the complete block diagram representation of the industrial automation system. Every systems and sub-systems are depicted from where its operating procedure can be described. Various sensor modules are connected with system. LCD which uses as a monitor in this project. Voltage, current, temperature will be shown on it and the signal point measuring the detected region the show the faulty node of cable transmission line.

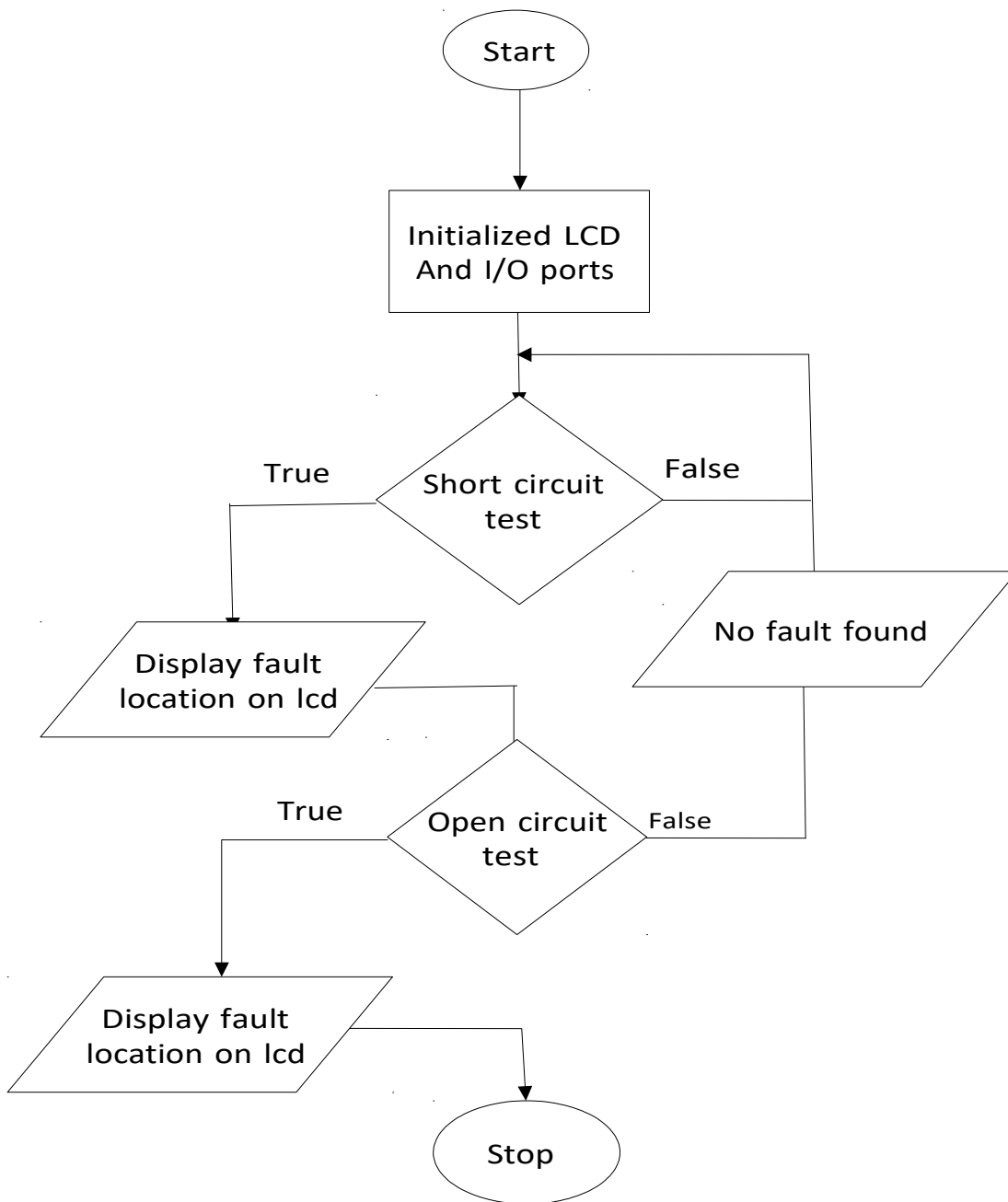
#### ***3.2.4 Stage 4 - Design implementation***

After the completion of all the designs and developments, we started implementing the theoretical designs where all the hardware's are implemented and functionality is checked.

Then we assembled every parts of our system according to our design. First, we built a base for the entire system. Then we assembled the sensors according to pin diagram and checked their functionality. After that we connected the LCD module to get the result. Finally, after all the hardware works been done final testing has been performed and results are noted.

### ***3.2.5 Algorithm for implementing the designed system***

The algorithm of the Design and Implementation of IoT Based Different Underground Cable Fault Detection Systems Using Copper Cable Resistance is discussed in this section. At first the system initializes all the module, device and sensors. Then the system waits for getting all the values. When the system get all data, it sends those data to the controller from where we can see the output through LCD. If the system does not get fault data, it again searches for the fault value. Such this way, the system repeats the loop and hence we can get our desired output result. The flow chart of the system is shown in **Fig 3.2** Which shows how all the systems are interconnected and interact with each other.



**Fig3.2:** Flow chart of underground cable fault detection system.

## Chapter 4

### HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

#### 4.1 Introduction:

The development of this project is based on several types of module and sensor. Major equipment's are:

1. Arduino
2. Relay module
3. ULN2003A
4. 1k resistors
5. 16x2 LCD
6. I2C
7. Push Switch
8. Led
9. Bread board



#### **4.4 SAFETY**

All boards are labelled with the FCC and CE logo, as they meet the electromagnetic compatibility standards set in their respective jurisdictions. Arduino/Genuino products meet the essential requirements of EU Directive 2001/95/CE General directive on products safety and Directive 93/68/CE.

#### **4.5 FCC COMPLIANCE**

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

#### **4.6 NOTE**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment o and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna;
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver;
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected;
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/ TV technician for help.

The following parties are responsible for the compliance of radio frequency equipment with the applicable standards: in the case of equipment subject to authorization under the verification procedure, the manufacturer or, in the case of imported equipment, the importer. If subsequent to manufacture and importation, the radio frequency equipment is modified by any

party not working under the authority of the responsible party, the party performing the modification becomes the new responsible party.

## **4.7 TESTING**

Products are subject to triple testing to make sure they are not faulty:

→ first, printed circuit boards are thoroughly tested for short circuits and open connections.

→ Then, boards are powered (and, in products containing a micro-controller, the boot loader is programmed) to check there are no macroscopic problems preventing the board from turning on.

→ finally, the most in-depth test: the board is placed into a custom bed of nails tester, and programmed by a test program, which checks its overall functionality. All boards are tested to meet USA and EU consumer safety, health and environmental requirements.

## **4.8 LIMITED WARRANTY STATEMENT**

### **4.2.1 Warranties:**

4.2.1.1 **Arduino LLC** warrants that its products will conform to the Specifications. If the board is bought outside the EU this warranty lasts for one year from the date of the sale. If the board is bought in the EU this warranty lasts for two years from the date of the sale. Arduino LLC shall not be liable for any defects that are caused by neglect, misuse or mistreatment by the Customer, including improper installation or testing, or for any products that have been altered or modified in any way by the Customer. Moreover, Arduino LLC shall not be liable for any defects that result from the Customer's design, specifications or instructions for such products. Testing and other quality control techniques are used to the extent Arduino LLC deems necessary.

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In no event shall Arduino LLC be liable to the Customer or any third parties for any special, collateral, indirect, punitive, incidental, consequential or exemplary damages in connection with or arising out of the products provided hereunder, regardless of whether Arduino LLC has

been advised of the possibility of such damages. This section will survive the termination of the warranty period.

#### ***4.8.2 Changes to Specifications.***

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#### **4.2.1.9 Statutory laws.**

- (i) Some countries, regions, states or provinces do not allow the exclusion or limitation of remedies or of incidental, punitive, or consequential damages, or the applicable time periods, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply.
- (ii) except to the extent lawfully permitted, this limited warranty does not exclude, restrict or modify statutory rights applicable to where the product is sold but, rather, is in addition to these rights.

#### **4.2.1.10 Arduino Pin Configuration:**

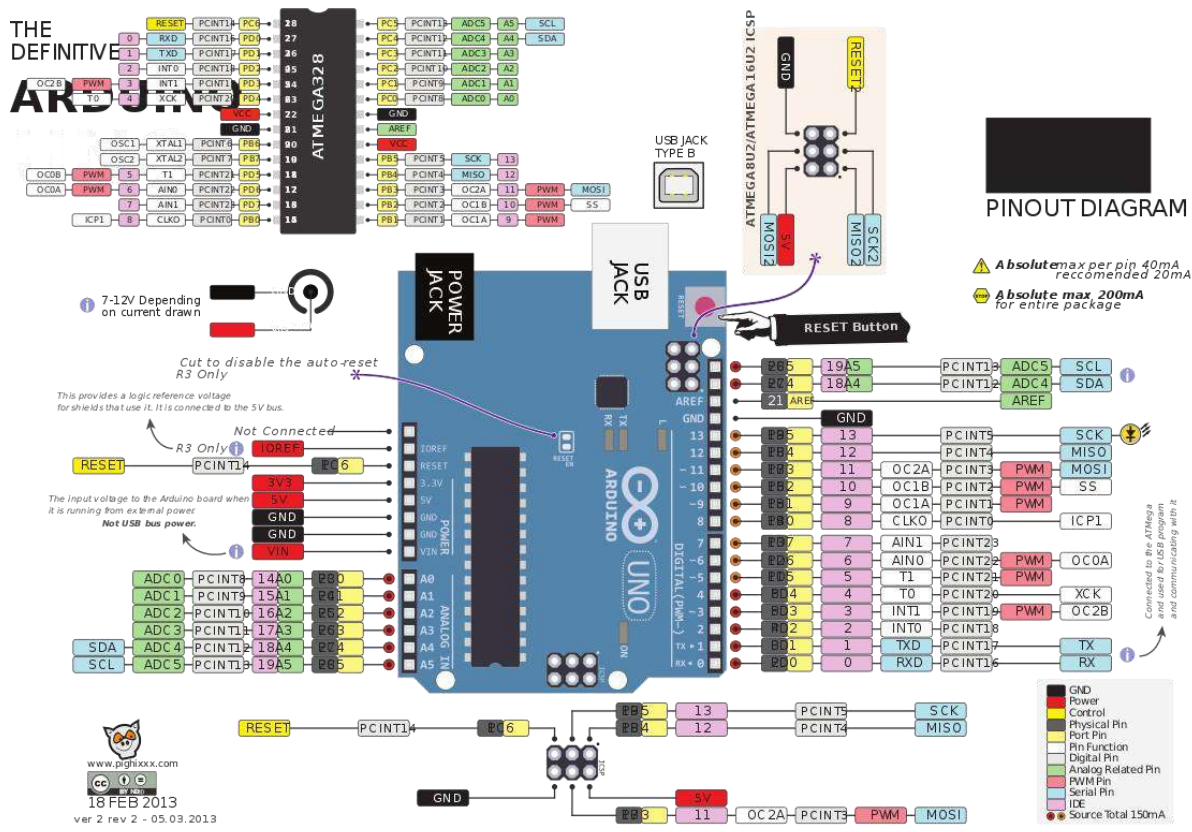


Fig 4.2: Arduino Pin Configuration [5]

Fig4.2 Shows Arduino GPIO Header Pin Configuration

### 4.8.3 Key Benefits

- Low cost
- Consistent board
- 10x faster processing
- Added connectivity

### 4.8.4 Key Applications

- Low cost PC/tablet/laptop
- IoT application

- Media center
- Robotics
- Industrial/Home automation
- Server/cloud server
- Print server
- Security monitoring
- Web camera
- Gaming
- Wireless access point
- Environmental sensing/monitoring (e.g. weather station)

**Features:**

1 Broadcom BCM2837B0, Cortex-A53 (ARMv8) 64-bit SoC @ 1.4GHz

1 1GB LPDDR2 SDRAM

1 2.4GHz and 5GHz IEEE 802.11.b/g/n/ac wireless LAN, Bluetooth 4.2, BLE 1 Gigabit Ethernet over USB 2.0 (maximum throughput 300 Mbps) 1 Extended 40-pin GPIO header 1 Full-size HDMI 1 4 USB 2.0 ports

1 CSI camera port for connecting a Raspberry Pi camera 1 DSI display port for connecting a Raspberry Pi touchscreen display 1 4-pole stereo output and composite video port

1 Micro SD port for loading your operating system and storing data

1 5V/2.5A DC power input

1 Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) support (requires separate PoE HAT)

## 4.3 Relay Board Kit

The Dual Relay Board can be used to turn lights, fans and other devices on/off while keeping them isolated from your micro-controller. Once properly assembled, the Dual Relay Board Kit allows you to control two high-power devices (up to 8 A) via the included Omron mechanical relays. Independent control of each relay is provided via a 2 x 3 header — friendly to servo cables and convenient connection to many development boards, such as the Board of Education, Propeller Board of Education, Professional Development Board and Propeller Professional Development Board. LEDs indicate relay status.



Fig:4.3 Relay module [6]

## 4.3 ULN2003A

ULN2003A is a relay driver IC. We have used this IC for measuring induced voltage across relay input, as we know after switching we get some dropped voltage from the resistor array. Those voltage occurs variation in induced voltage in relay input. Now we connected our ULN2003A IC on output channel of the relay module, So that we can measure voltage drop from input channel.

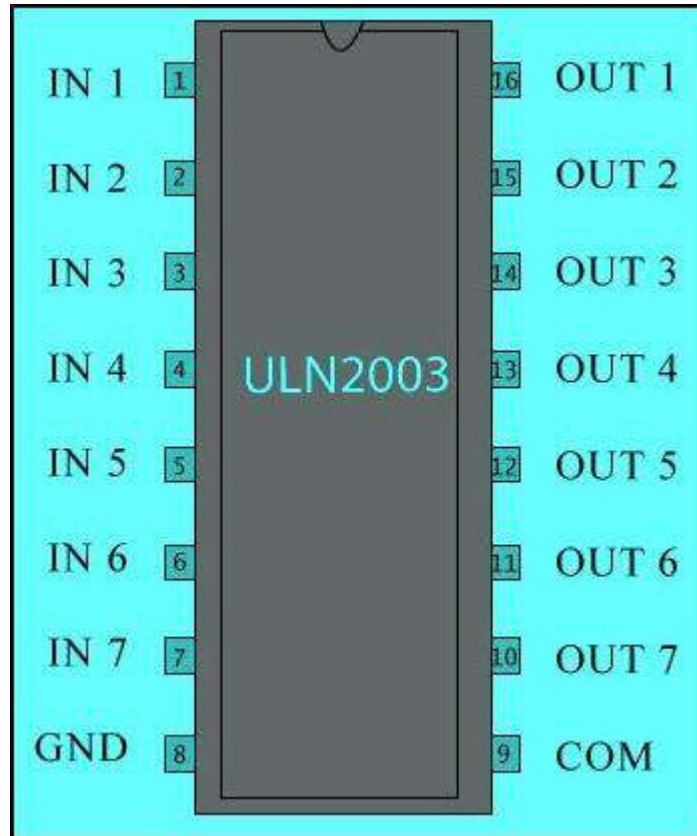


Fig4.4: ULN2003A block diagram [7]

The IC ULN2003A is a Darlington transistor array which deals with high-voltage and high current. There are various types of relay driver ICs such as a high side toggle switch, low side toggle switch, bipolar NPN transistor, Darlington transistor, N-channel MOSFET, ULN2003 driver IC. The pin diagram of IC ULN2003A is shown in the above figure which consists of 16 pins. The IC ULN2003A comprises of 7-NPN Darlington pairs as shown in the internal schematic diagram and is typically used to switch inductive loads (dissipates voltage spikes if any using suppression diode) and to drive stepper motors.

## 4.4 16X2 LCD

We have used 16x2 LCD to show the output of our project. It has two row and 16 column in it. So we can easily execute two string line on it. We used 16x2 LCD to show underground cable fault location point. Most of our measurement have been shown in this module, only few output function has been shown in led units.

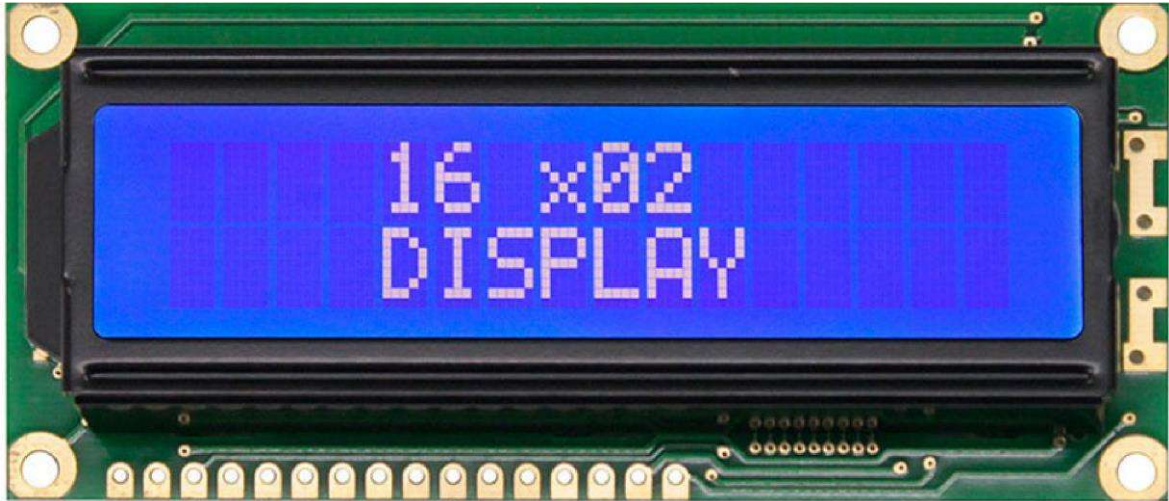


Fig4.5: 16x2 LCD [8]

LCD display module with Blue Back light

- SIZE : 20×4 (2 Rows and 16 Characters Per Row)
- Built-in industry standard HD44780 equivalent LCD controller
- Commonly Used in: Student Project, Collage, copiers, fax machines, laser printers, industrial
- Test equipment, networking equipment such as routers and storage devices. Operate with 5V DC LCD type: Characters.

#### 4.5 I2c module:

We have used I2C module to easily implement LCD circuit. We used ad fruit character led library to implement I2C with LCD. It has four pin to connect with arduino. They are:

1. VCC
2. Ground
3. SDA
4. SCL

It has 16pin in common connection with LCD display units.

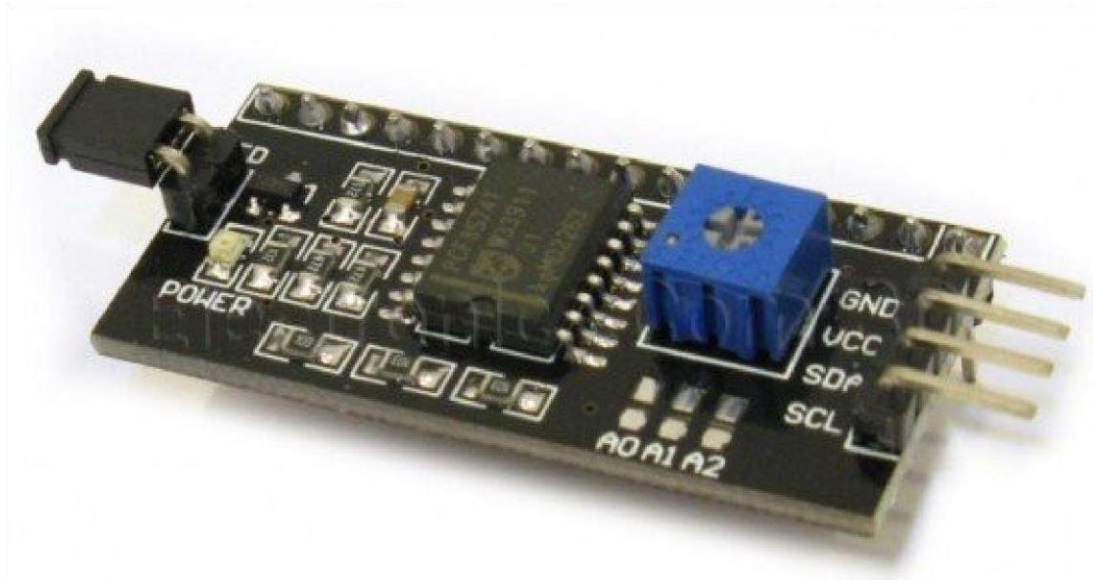


Fig4.6:I2C module [9]

- 1) This board is used to drive the LCD 1602 or LCD 2004 through I2C communication.
- 2) Reduce the number of pins used to connect from LCD module to Arduino board.
- 3) Operating voltage: 5Vdc.
- 4) Based on PCF8574 chip.
- 5) Power LED indicator.
- 6) Jumper cap for LCD back light.
- 7) LCD contrast is adjustable through potentiometer.
- 8) Select-able I2C address. Default is 0x27.
- 9) Dimension: 41 x 19 mm.
- 10) Weight: 7g.

# Chapter 5

## SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS

### 5.1 Introduction

This chapter is all about implementing and the theoretical concepts into reality. This chapter describes the detailed design of each block of the proposed has along with the working of each part. Each block comprises of a few parts associated in the expected method to give the desired output. The complete circuit diagram is provided at the end based on which the fabrication was completed. Here the entire system is assembled and its performance is analyzed.

### 5.2 Design of the underground cable fault detection system Observation Unit

A remote methodology can supplant the wire outfit inside home system detecting and control system applications. With the self-arrangement and self-association advancements a smart control system can be developed with the use automation. Figure 5.1 shows the design of the fault current automation controlling unit.

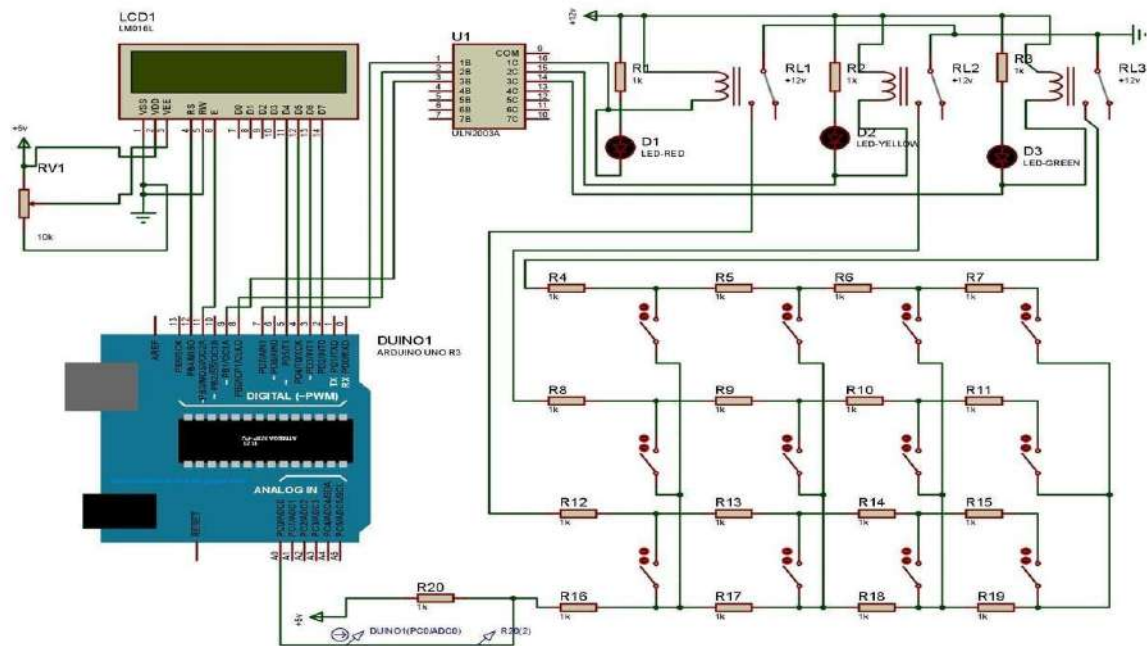


Fig 5.1: Underground fault detection system circuit diagram [10]

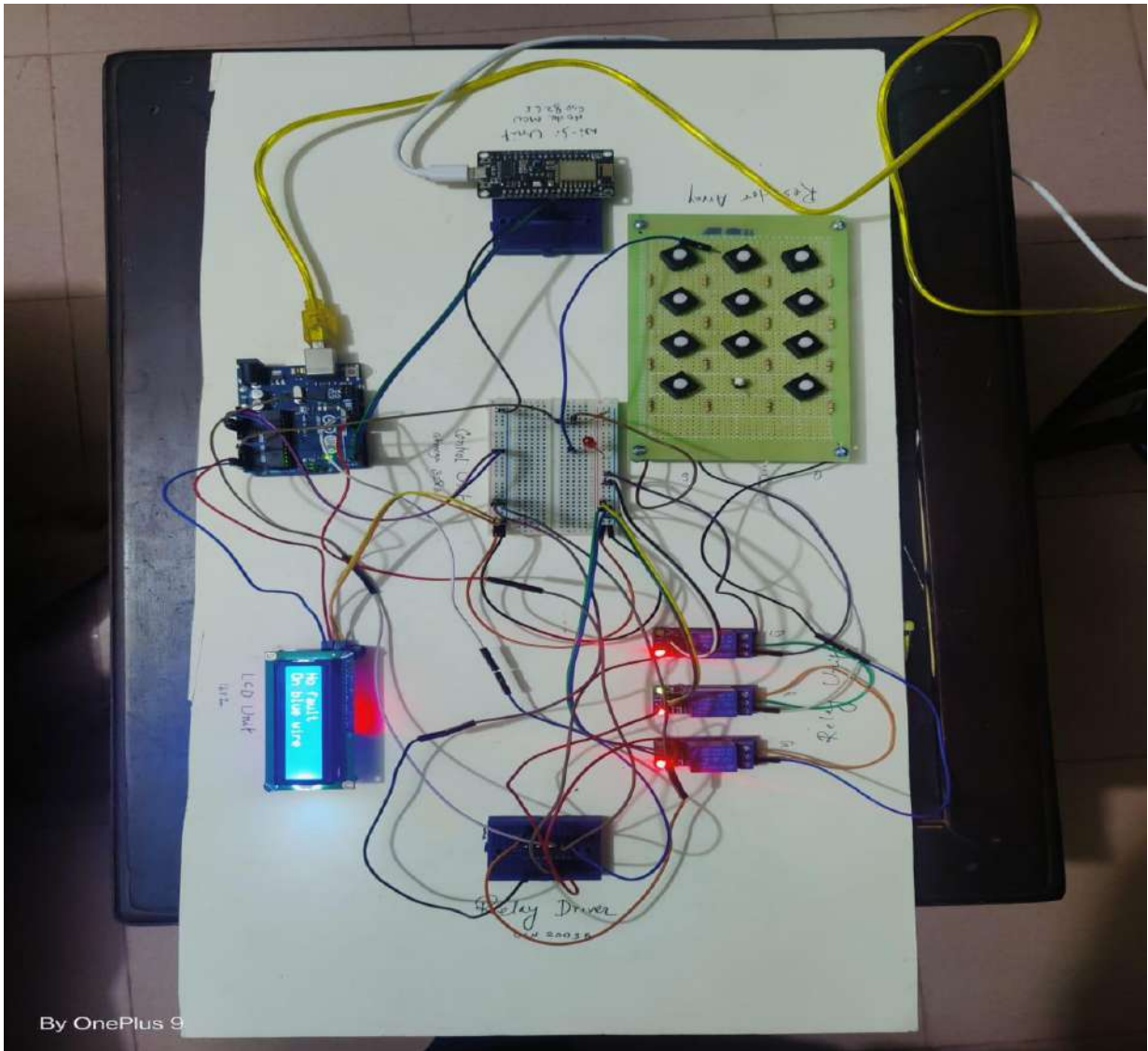


Fig 5.2: Circuit Diagram of the entire system.

In this system we have developed arduino based underground cable fault detection. We used 12vold dc output voltage. In relay module output we have used 12volt dc power supply. In arduino we have used 5volt stable voltage power supply. We passed around 3.3 to 4 volt to our resistance array in switching section. We measures voltage drop over resistor array. When switches is closed we counts remaining voltage after passing the resistors. As we see, mode the resistor have been passed the remaining voltage will decrease.

### 5.3 Circuit Diagram of the Entire System

Circuit diagram of the entire system is shown in the Fig 5.2,

In this circuit arduino is the heart of this system. It takes all the values from sensors. Getting those data it updates the value on LCD.

### 5.4 Entire System Prototype:

The prototype figure of entire system is shown below where all the components are clearly depicted. This system use ac power supply to run and the adaptor used as alternative power source. Power sensor, relay, ice, led all designed for Arduino based projects to control devices. Arduino used for machine mechanism and cooler fan are controlled by the use of the server. Here a prototype figure of the entire system is shown in the Figure 5.3

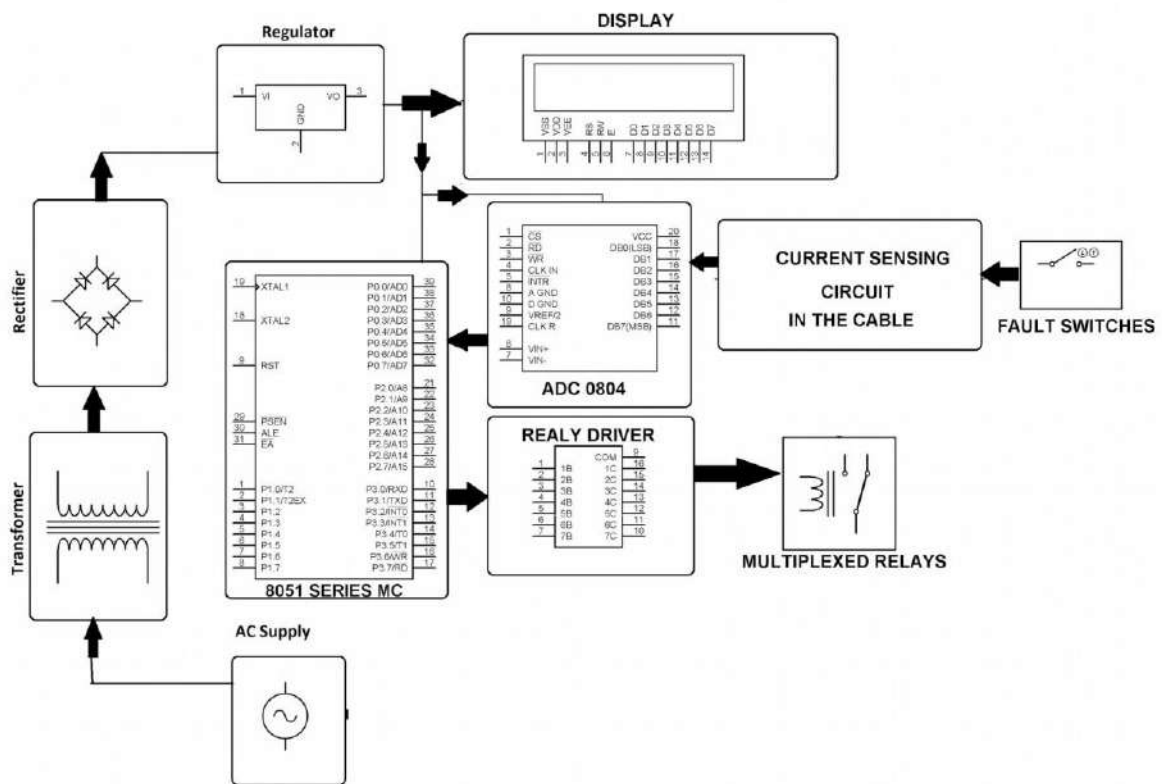


Fig: 5.3 Circuit block diagram [11]

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

#### **6.1 Introduction**

In this chapter, the total output and result of this project is discussed. After completing of the entire system, our project has worked perfectly during experiment. We have done some experiments to determine the working capacity and efficiency of the project. We have been able to view the state of the appliances over arduino platform there are several pictures of output results shown in this chapter.

#### **6.2 Project Outcome**

In this session we will show the entire project outcomes. For getting the desired output at first we have to develop the system shown in the Figure 5.3 in the previous chapter. Cable fault detection system and observation system employs broadband connection, resulting in acceptable performance. Eventually, expected results were met. For establishing a proper system the appliances and the sensors placement is very much necessary. We used ULN2003A power measuring unit for getting voltage and current, used relay module to switching over resistor array, we used led units to show output on ULN2003A,

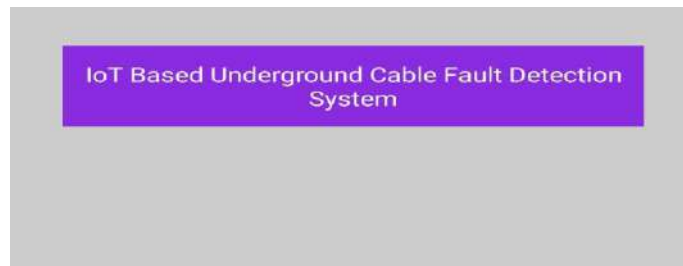
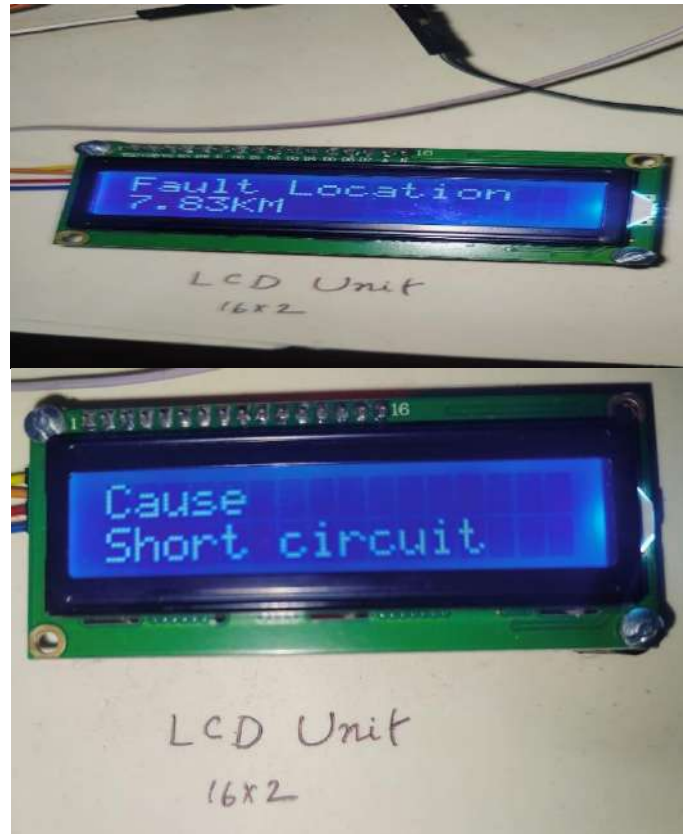


## IoT Based Underground Cable Fault Detection System

Fault Type: open  
Total Load: 100MW Power Supply  
Area Observed: 10 KM  
Checkpoint: 12  
Fault location: 7

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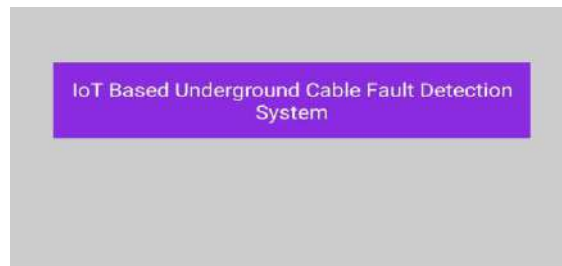
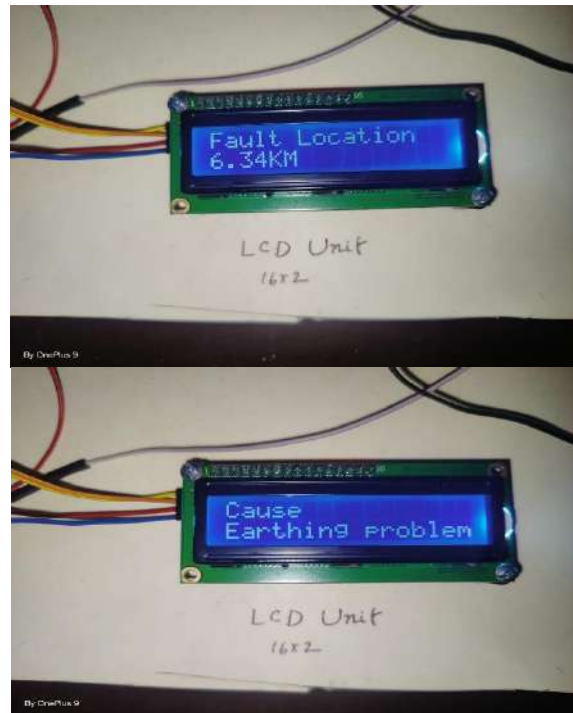
Fig: 6.1: Power, voltage, current measurement on LCD



Fault Type: short  
Total Load: 100MW Power Supply  
Area Observed: 10 KM  
Checkpoint: 12  
Fault location: 7

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Fig: 6.2: Power, voltage, current measurement on LCD



Fault Type: earthing  
Total Load: 100MW Power Supply  
Area Observed: 10 KM  
Checkpoint: 12  
Fault location: 6

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Fig: 6.3: Power, voltage, current measurement on LCD

### 6.3 Cost Analysis

Table 6.1 Cost analysis of the proposed UNDERGROUND CABLE FAULT DETECTION SYSTEM.

No	Name	Quantity	Price
1	Arduino	1	550/-
2	Relay module	3	150/- per
3	ULN2003A	1	30/-
4	16x2 Lcd display	1	150/-
5	I <sup>2</sup> C	1	180/-
6	LED	5	2/- per
7	1k Resistor	19	1/- per

### 6.4 Discussion

Underground cables have been extensively used for power distribution networks over the years. This is because of their suitability for underground connections, better security from activities of vandals and thieves, and resistance to hazardous climatic conditions such as thunderstorms and whirlwind. They are cheap, easy to maintain and environmental friendly. They have reduced maintenance and operating costs such as lower storm restoration cost. Also, underground cables eliminate the menace of wind-related storm damage. They are not subjected to destruction caused by flooding which usually spoil and interrupt electric service. They ensure fewer transitory interruptions through tree falling on wires or electric poles falling down thereby improving public safety. Life-wire contact injuries is drastically reduced. It leads to the elimination of unattractive poles and wires on the streets thereby enhancing the visual range of the drivers and pedestrians on the streets.

# CHAPTER 7

## CONCLUSION

### 7.1 Introduction

It can be concluded that this system can be applied to every transmission lines to control the system far away from the power distribution plants. In this project we have designed and developed such a device or system by considering all previous drawbacks which provides continuous home monitoring system in a convenient way. The system is designed with medium cost instruments and locally available which makes it an easily obtainable product for the people of any level with electronic device.

### 7.2 Advantages & Application

- Our system is user friendly. Anyone can manage their system with our device.
- Anyone can monitor their system from LCD. So maybe some people will also want to implement it in their house also.
- Continuous monitor can overcome upcoming fault accident.
- Low cost installation.
- Uses both short circuit test and open circuit test to detect underground cable fault point detection.

### 7.3 Limitations

Through the automation system provides various automation in our regular life, but it also has some drawbacks. Here some drawbacks of this automation system given below:

1. Sometime switching error can be caused.
2. Wire fault type is not specified.

#### **7.4 Future Work**

1. In future it will be possible to use artificial intelligence in display system.
2. In future it will be possible to add alternative source in voltage /current measuring system.

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## APPENDIX

program of product

// include the library code:

```
#include <LiquidCrystal.h>
```

// initialize the library with the numbers of the interface pins

```
LiquidCrystal lcd(12, 11, 5, 4, 3, 2);
```

// define phase control pins

```
int phase[3] = {7, 8, 9};
```

```
//************************************************************************
```

```
int distance(int inputVoltage) { if (inputVoltage >= 890 &&
```

```
inputVoltage < 920) { return 8;
```

```
}
```

```
else if (inputVoltage >= 850 && inputVoltage < 890) {
```

```
return 6;
```

```
}
```

```
else if (inputVoltage >= 750 && inputVoltage < 850) {
```

```
return 4;
```

```
}
```

```
else if (inputVoltage >= 600 && inputVoltage < 750) {
```

```
return 2; }
```

```
else return 0 ;
```

```
}
```

```
//************************************************************************
```

```
void setup() {
```

```
// set up the LCD's number of columns and rows:
```

```
lcd.begin(16, 2);
```

```

// set pin mode for phase relays
for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
    pinMode(phase[j], OUTPUT);
}
} void loop() {
digitalWrite(phase[0], HIGH);
delay(500);

int dist1 = distance(analogRead(A0));
if (dist1 == 0) { lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
lcd.write("R: "); lcd.setCursor(3, 0);
lcd.write("NF ");
} else {
lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
lcd.write("R: ");
lcd.setCursor(3, 0);
lcd.print(dist1);
lcd.setCursor(4, 0);
lcd.write(" KM");
}
digitalWrite(phase[0], LOW);
//=====
digitalWrite(phase[1], HIGH);
delay(500);

int dist2 = distance(analogRead(A0));
if (dist2 == 0) { lcd.setCursor(8, 0);
lcd.write("Y: "); lcd.setCursor(11,
0);
lcd.write("NF ");
} else {
lcd.setCursor(8, 0);
lcd.write("Y: ");
lcd.setCursor(11, 0);
lcd.print(dist2);
lcd.setCursor(12, 0);
lcd.write(" KM");
}
}
}

```

```

}
digitalWrite(phase[1], LOW);
//=====
digitalWrite(phase[2], HIGH);
delay(500);
int dist3 = distance(analogRead(A0));
if (dist3 == 0) { lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd.write("G: "); lcd.setCursor(3, 1);
lcd.write("NF ");
} else {
lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd.write("G: ");
lcd.setCursor(3, 1);
lcd.print(dist3);
lcd.setCursor(4, 1);
lcd.write(" KM");
}
digitalWrite(phase[2], LOW);
}

```