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Ambulance Priority System

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Abstract

This concept concerns the use of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology intended to expedite traffic management for ambulances during emergencies. Integrating RFID into the system would provide real-time monitoring and identification of arriving vehicles, allowing traffic signals to dynamically prioritize ambulances at junctions. This technique not only facilitates quicker transit but also mitigates the impact of congestion on routes, therefore ensuring seamless access to destinations. The RFID modifications guarantee prompt emergency navigation via crowded roadways to optimize response time for public safety. This would allow ambulances to navigate through intersections without causing congestion. Because of the congestion that occurs at certain times, traffic signals, which are one of the most important tools for managing the movement of vehicles, can be a barrier for emergency vehicles traveling through certain areas. This system makes use of radio frequency identification (RFID) to identify approaching ambulances at intersections. Subsequently, the green light in that lane is activated, while the other lanes remain in the red state. In a manner that does not compromise the safety of adjacent lanes, this RFID-based setup makes it possible for ambulance routes to be utilized highly efficiently.

There is an algorithm that can change the patterns of signals in real-time, which can cut down on the amount of time it takes ambulances to travel and, as a result, make it easier for people to get access to any kind of urgent medical intervention. This is for the benefit of the general public. In high-density urban areas, it enables a more rapid response to emergencies, which in turn increases safety. Additionally, it reduces the amount of time that a patient is delayed in transportation, which ultimately helps save lives.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Traffic congestion is a major obstacle to effective emergency One of the biggest challenges to efficient emergency response systems in contemporary metropolitan environments is traffic congestion. The challenge for ambulances to navigate intricate networks of crowded junctions to promptly reach patients has been considerable. An innovative prototype traffic light management system utilizing RFID technology has been developed to address this critical problem. The new system may dynamically adjust traffic signal operations to prioritize ambulances in emergencies. This relies on its capacity to identify RFID tags affixed to emergency vehicles, facilitating the regulation of unobstructed traffic flow that ensures a clear route for urgent medical assistance.

The primary goal of the prototype is to ensure that ambulances may go through traffic without being hin-

dered or interrupted by it. In order to improve vehicle mobility, the system combines advanced traffic signal management algorithms with RFID technology to build an efficient network that prioritizes every second in critical circumstances.The requirements set out by this template go beyond mere convenience and recommendation. It is relevant to the preservation of life because this system decreases the critical gap between the occurrence of an accident or a medical emergency and the time at which any help reaches there. As such, through the lowering of reaction time, this system is like a protector; it lessens the devastating impact of accidents or other medical emergencies on the very weak individuals in society. The prototype system proposed indeed gives a concrete solution so that the negative impacts associated with traffic congestion can minimize the response system for the emergencies. This new technology is meant to introduce an age of efficiency wherein every life counts and time is everything. This imagination is not enough because this is about imagining ambulances that run perfectly with the arrival of the technological revolution. We have to act positively and make this dream come into reality.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

1. System for Intelligent Traffic Management using Arduino Mega Platforms

An intelligent traffic system is one of the more important innovations in the domain of urban transportation. The time schedule of a conventional traffic light system directly constrains it. Many research articles have presented different solutions for this problem. These studies discuss the use of advanced technology, such as Arduino Mega and ultrasonic sensors, in developing adaptive traffic signal systems. This project aims to demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of creating a system for controlling and managing urban traffic. It accomplishes this through simulator testing with the Proteus simulator and empirical trials. This study addresses a deficiency in the current literature by introducing an innovative concept for intelligent traffic systems. The objective of this research is to devise adaptable and responsive traffic management strategies through the application of advanced technology.

2. The Development of an Intelligent Traffic Light Control System Employing Arduino Mega

The issue requiring investigation is a traffic bottleneck at intersections. Traffic congestion arises when one or two directions display red lights while other directions exhibit green lights that remain obstructed. This proposal proposes a novel architecture for a four-way traffic system. It accomplishes this by identifying the direction with the greatest density of cars and subsequently granting that direction a green signal. The main means of integration consists of detection sensors equipped with an Arduino Mega micro-controller, located at each junction approach. The Arduino Mega micro-controllers manage and allocate green lights, facilitating real-time flow optimization and mitigating congestion at intersections.

3. An Arduino-Based Intelligent Traffic Control System:

This initiative addresses and surpasses two interrelated metropolitan issues: traffic management and youth gang violence, in light of the pressing demand for solutions to these problems. It is necessary to develop more complex and technologically advanced traffic systems to address the increasing demand for safety and efficiency in urban transportation networks. This is attributable to the ongoing rise in the number of individuals using roadways. The project proposes a complete technique that utilizes easily available components to address the various challenges arising from this situation. This strategy demonstrates the interaction between technology and community empowerment by using readily accessible resources to create a solution that would significantly address the issues that actually exist with regard to urban transportation. This technology, through embedded sensors installed on existing structures, enhances the management of traffic by allowing real-time monitoring of traffic density for safe car and pedestrian

passage in metropolitan settings. The latest innovation targeting the reduction of traffic congestion on urban roads is an adaptive traffic management system made using Arduino Uno, RF modules, and infrared (IR) sensors. For long stretches of lines, often extended to ambulances in the case of people with traffic saturation due to higher automobile stock, it responds sensitively to the situations for a faster and less straitjacketed movement while ensuring better response times at times of emergencies. This could be achieved by putting up infrared sensors in the signals that change the time on the basis of traffic going on in the moment, thus reducing the delays, its duration.

It would be easier and efficient for emergency vehicles to avoid crowded places. Radio frequency modules would improve the maneuverability of emergency vehicles around traffic jams lining the highways. This way, it would ensure the free movement of traffic, improve efficiency in the whole movement of traffic, save numerous lives, and reduce serious injuries on the roadways. This strategy reflects the collaboration between technology and community empowerment through the use of readily available resources, providing significant solutions for traffic problems in metropolitan areas. Compared to more traditional methods of managing traffic, this technology improves the safety of pedestrians and cars in urban environments by integrating sensors into existing infrastructure for traffic. The latest innovation in intelligent traffic management controls the growth in the congestion of city roads with a flexible system developed with an Arduino Uno and RF module, equipped with infrared (IR) sensors.

Growing car traffic causes an increase in congestion that results in longer times taken by emergency vehicles like ambulances. This technology attempts to remove these delays by adjusting the signal timetables of the streetlights using infrared sensors through the current traffic conditions it faces. It also permits emergency vehicles to successfully escape congested areas. Radio modules in emergency vehicles assist such vehicles to move more freely over congested highways. This includes enabling smoother flow in traffic, improving overall efficiency concerning traffic, and improving security on roads.

III. SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION.

A. Data Collection

Data collection is one of the important tasks in instances where machine learning systems are utilized. This comprises of:

1. **Ambulance GPS Data:** The real-time GPS data collected from ambulances contains location coordinates, speed, and direction. Such data can be used to assess the proximity of an ambulance to the intersection point.
2. **Traffic Signal Data:** Obtain the data regarding the location of traffic signals and what color or state of the signal, that is, either red, green, or yellow. Also, get the cycle timings. The data will help the process to be managed and hence, control the signal.
3. **Historical Traffic Data:** Gather historical data regarding traffic patterns, which would include traffic density and congestion level at every time of the day. This is intended to be utilized in optimizing the timing as well as response of the signal-changing system.
4. **Event Logs:** It records the log files of the previously happened emergency events with timestamps and response times, thereby providing an understanding of the system's performance.

B. Data Preprocessing

Cleaning is one of the significant tasks inside preprocessing and consists of collecting the relevant data and correcting any inaccuracies to the data collection. This may mean cutting out extraneous or inaccurate information.

1. **Cleaning Data:** Removing inaccuracy and inconsistencies.
2. **Normalization:** Use the GPS coordinates, among any other numeric data available, to standardize them for consistency among all sources of the data. This prevents scaling issues as and when you are using your data within an algorithm.
3. **Handling Missing Data:** Especially for historical traffic data where some gaps are expected to be found, these imputation techniques will be used to fill up this.
4. **Data Labeling:** Cases be labeled as "emergency" and "normal" to play out different scenarios where the ambulance is coming towards a junction with normal traffic situation to train the model and this is helpful in the classification algorithm training.

C. Model Validation and Classification

Model Validation and Classification are critical for assessing the effectiveness of the trained models:

1. **Classification Models (Optional):** If you are working with machine learning to determine when to raise a signal change alert, train a classification model from labeled data. That will help to classify those conditions where a change in a signal is needed and those that are normal.
2. **Cross Validation:** This will cross-check the model across test metrics for accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. Cross-validation helps the model generalize well for new data.
3. **Real-time testing:** Field testing of the product by ambulances at real scenarios and real conditions, monitoring response accuracy and effectiveness of the system in proximity detection signal changes.
4. **System Performance Evaluation:** Considerations should be taken in terms of how the system will impact and improve the overall performance of the ambulance and traffic flow responses. Adjust thresholds, geofences, etc., based on the performance data gathered from the system.

IV. ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM

The process used in the ambulance priority system is illustrated in the architecture diagram in Fig.1.

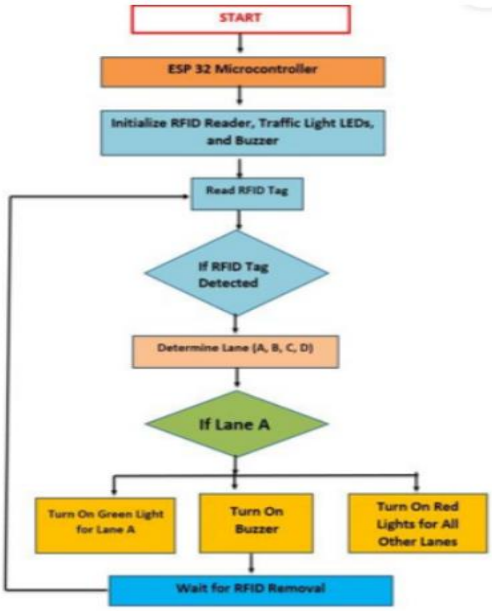

Fig. 1. Ambulance priority system Architecture diagram

V. COMPONENTS

A. Hardware Components

1. Arduino Nano
2. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
3. Buzzer Module
4. 16*2 LCD display board

B. Need for Software

1. Window as the operating system
2. Embedded C is the programming language.
3. IDE: Arduino IDE.

1. Arduino Nano: This is free, open-source electronics based on a combination of hardware and software. It's a microcontroller-based board equipped with 16 digital pins. The Nano board enables many applications, from small things to industrial projects of considerable complexity. The compact design of the Nano makes it ideal for prototyping and developing new projects. As one of the most space-efficient boards in Arduino, it is especially designed for easy use with breadboards. Nano also has pin headers to make quick breadboard integration possible and a Mini-B USB connector for connectivity.

Fig. 2 Arduino Nano

2. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID): RFID is the identification method based on wireless detection via the usage of radio waves to detect RFID tags. Readers and tags are two major components of an ordinary RFID system. These units may be compared as electronic tools, which carry one or more antennas. The ability to detect signals from RFID tags is achieved by fitting antennas with the electronic devices with the ability to transmit and receive radio waves thereby enabling tags, whether passive or active, to transfer their identification data and other details to proximate readers. A passive RFID tag draws power from the reader, whereas an active tag has contained batteries. RFID tags can hold anything from a simple serial number to highly detailed multi-page information.

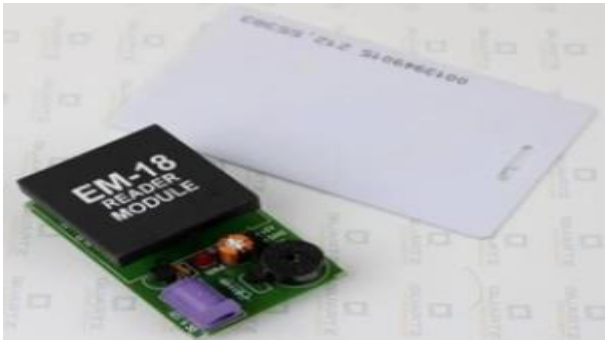

Fig. 3 .EM-18RFID

Buzzer Module: A buzzer gives sound enabling capability to the devices. Light in weight and reliable performance, such a buzzer is commonly used within alarm circuits, for toys, and alerting systems of all kinds. The buzzer acts as an external source of sound that will work over a large enough range of operating voltages (3V to 12V). The most frequent models used operate from 9V and 12V and are durable, reliable in performance, and have excellent construction in a plastic SOT enclosure.

Fig. 4 Buzzer Module

LCD Display Board (16×2): A 16×2 LCD is a display module that can display 16 characters across two rows, which amounts to 32 characters. It is used for displaying alphanumeric information in most electronic devices. The 16×2 LCD is also commonly used in various projects for the display of information, such as text or data.

Fig. 5 LCD Screen(16*2)

VI. WORKING

It is crucial to investigate other facets in order to give a more thorough grasp of how the system functions, such as:

System Boot-Up and Initialization: System Initiation and Configuration The Arduino microcontroller and RFID technologies are used in the new intelligent traffic control system, which operates as follows: Every lane's RFID reader modules, traffic light LED arrangement, and alarm system, which includes a buzzer, are powered on and initialized by an Arduino.

Identification and Alarm System for Emergency Vehicles: The system's architecture incorporates the use of RFID tags attached to emergency vehicles, such as ambulances. An RFID reader module recognizes the ambulance's unique RFID tag as it approaches a lane with one. After detecting, it sends a signal to Arduino which, in return, alerts the pedestrians and other cars moving to leave the road through the buzzer of the incoming emergency vehicle.

Complex Algorithm for Traffic Light Control at Intersections: In any intersection where emergency vehicles should be given priority crossing through the road, Arduino does complex algorithms in controlling traffic light. The system quickly turns the light in Lane A to green to ensure that the ambulance is passing in the right way when it detects the RFID tag of an ambulance crossing one of the lanes—Lane A in this trial.

Lane Preemption and Traffic Flow Management: In the meantime, all other lanes' lights stayed red, including those in B, C, and D, allowing the emergency vehicle to pass without incident. By providing

quick ambulance transportation and reducing congestion, strategic lane management helps to drastically slow down response times.

Dynamic Traffic Signal Adjustment: This system's primary characteristic is its ability to adjust at any time in response to shifting traffic conditions by utilizing a variety of situations. For example, the system dynamically changes to a green light when the ambulance's RFID tag crosses the red signal for Lane A, even though it has been presented as a stop. The emergency vehicle will experience the least amount of delay thanks to this adaptive capability, which also makes it possible to proceed past the intersection without raising an error flag**.** The system constantly tracks changes in the traffic signals and RFID detections to have real-time updates along the way. If an ambulance is coming, the audio notification system will ring a buzzer to alert all the drivers and pedestrians in the area. The traffic lights shall adjust proportionately. The system returns to normal after the passing of the ambulance in Lane A, therefore reverting to normal signal operations on all lanes.

In order to manage traffic, this configuration makes use of a Nano microcontroller that is equipped with an RFID reader. Additionally, an alert buzzer is included. Detailed information regarding the configuration of the system is provided in the flowchart that follows. This flowchart shows how RFID tags trigger certain actions, such as turning on green lights in the direction of the ambulance and turning off other lights.

A smart traffic control system integrated with RFID and Arduino microcontrollers will exhibit tremendous increased mobility of emergency vehicles by adequately minimizing the delays arising. Through testing and simulations, the prototype demonstrated a significant potential to quickly adapt to changing circumstances in the event of a medical emergency. It was able to accurately identify ambulances in real time by utilizing RFID tags, and it was able to provide priority clearance at intersections. The system's LCD screen uses RFID technology to display its current status, which ensures that emergency vehicles are able to pass through without any disruptions and in a timely manner.

This modification may save lives and improve the overall efficacy of emergency response measures. With its ability to quickly turn signals in nearby lanes to red, this technology will keep the ambulance's path clear of obstructions and allow for seamless, continuous travel to the emergency location. Positive test and simulation results demonstrate the real advantages that cities can receive from intelligent traffic management systems. The presentation of such an effective system will strongly ensure a very good deployment of the system in reality. Besides saving lives through emergency scenarios, the tool will be used to advance the facility's emergency managing procedures. Indeed, in certain locations, the emergency lane's traffic lights were red when the system initially recognized the ambulance's RFID tag, but it thereafter reacted admirably. In order to allow the emergency vehicle to pass freely, the system promptly changed all traffic lights to green.

Fig. 6. Case 1 actual time taken to travel through signals

Fig. 7. Case 2 revised time taken to travel through green signals

VII. CONCLUSION

The results are highly promising in addressing the problem of urban traffic congestion, especially in emergency situations, based on the outcome of the implementation of the complex traffic management system by using RFID technology and Arduino microcontrollers. This future system will dynamically regulate the traffic signals with the detection of RFID-equipped tags for the speedier crossing of the ambulance across the road. This might reduce the time to respond and make handling emergencies more effective. By using this system, we are closer to employing the newest technologies for public safety and ensuring immediate access to medical assistance in cases where lives may be lost without delay. This system hopes to meet both the need for prompt response and general transit by allowing the free movement of emergency vehicles while keeping in view the requirement of reducing the obstruction caused in the smooth flow of normal traffic. This sophisticated traffic control system created is fundamentally a proactive effort to make urban mobility better and safer. Such innovation has the potential to empower progress toward making cities safer and stronger, more responsive communities that work for everyone as cities continue to struggle with growth challenges and improving emergency response.

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