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ABSTRACT

In healthcare settings, the timely monitoring of saline levels for patients undergoing intravenous therapy is crucial for ensuring effective treatment and preventing complications. Traditional methods of saline level monitoring often rely on manual checks, which can be prone to human error and may result in delays in addressing critical situations. To address this challenge, we propose a Smart Saline Level Monitoring System utilizing readily available components such as Arduino Uno microcontroller, ultrasonic sensor, buzzer alert, and GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) module. The system operates by continuously monitoring the saline level within the IV bag using an ultrasonic sensor interfaced with an Arduino Uno microcontroller. The ultrasonic sensor emits high-frequency sound waves and measures the time taken for the waves to bounce back, allowing for precise determination of the saline level. Additionally, to ensure timely intervention even when healthcare providers are not in close proximity, the system incorporates a GSM module. Upon detecting a low saline level, the Arduino Uno sends a notification message through the GSM module to predefined mobile numbers, alerting healthcare professionals of the situation. This enables swift action to be taken to replenish the saline solution, thereby preventing interruptions in patient care and potential health risks associated with low saline levels. The integration of Arduino Uno, ultrasonic sensor and GSM notification facilitates a cost-effective and efficient solution for real-time saline level monitoring in healthcare settings. The system not only enhances patient safety by ensuring timely interventions but also reduces the workload on healthcare staff by automating the monitoring process. Overall, the proposed Smart Saline Level Monitoring System represents a significant advancement in patient care technology, promising improved outcomes and enhanced efficiency in healthcare delivery.

Keywords: *Real-Time Monitoring, Arduino Uno, Ultrasonic Sensor, GSM Notification, Intravenous Therapy, Patient Safety.*

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

GSM	Global System for Mobile Communication
LED	Light-Emitting Diode
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
PLC	Programmable Logic Control
ECG	Electrocardiogram
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
ICSP	In-Circuit Serial Programming
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver or Transmitter
DC	Direct Current
USB	Universal Serial Bus
GND	Ground
HC SR04	High-Conductance Ultrasonic Sensor
ETSI	European Telecommunication Standard Institute
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In modern healthcare, the efficient and accurate monitoring of patients undergoing intravenous therapy is paramount to ensuring their well-being and recovery. Traditional methods of saline level monitoring often rely on manual checks, leaving room for error and potential delays in addressing critical situations. To tackle this challenge, innovative solutions such as the Smart Saline Level Monitoring System have emerged. This system, built around accessible components like the Arduino Uno microcontroller, ultrasonic sensor, and GSM module, offers a dynamic approach to saline level monitoring. By continuously tracking the saline levels within IV bags, the system provides real-time data on the status of the infusion. In the event of a low saline level, the system triggers alerts remotely via GSM notification, ensuring prompt action by healthcare providers.

In healthcare facilities, ensuring the availability and proper management of medical supplies, such as saline solutions, is crucial for patient care. Traditional methods of monitoring saline levels can be time-consuming and prone to errors. To address this challenge, the Smart Saline Level Monitoring System using Arduino and GSM technology offers an innovative solution, along with water sensor to detect leakage.

This system leverages Arduino, a popular open-source microcontroller platform, along with GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) technology to provide real-time monitoring of saline levels remotely. By integrating sensors and communication modules, healthcare professionals can efficiently monitor saline levels and receive alerts when they need to be replenished, ensuring uninterrupted patient care.

In this project, we will explore the components and functionality of the Smart Saline Level Monitoring System. We will discuss the hardware setup involving Arduino, sensors for saline level detection, and the GSM module for wireless communication. Additionally, we will delve into the software aspects, including programming the Arduino to read sensor data and send alerts via SMS using GSM.

At the heart of our system lies Arduino, a versatile microcontroller platform known for its reliability and ease of integration. Paired with sensors capable of accurately measuring saline levels, Arduino forms the core intelligence of our monitoring system. These sensors are strategically placed within saline storage units, continuously gauging the volume of saline present.

Incorporating GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) technology, our system transcends the limitations of local connectivity. By leveraging GSM modules, real-time data regarding saline levels is transmitted wirelessly to designated recipients, ensuring prompt awareness of any fluctuations. This seamless communication enables healthcare providers to take proactive measures, such as refilling depleted saline supplies or reallocating resources as needed.

Beyond basic level monitoring, our system offers advanced functionalities for comprehensive oversight. Through Arduino's programmability, users can set threshold alerts, triggering notifications when saline levels fall below predefined levels. Additionally, historical data logging enables trend analysis, facilitating informed decision-making and resource planning.

The Smart Saline Level Monitoring System represents a paradigm shift in healthcare supply management, offering a robust, scalable, and user-friendly solution for saline monitoring. By harnessing the power of Arduino and GSM technology, we empower healthcare providers to deliver optimal patient care while driving operational excellence.

This not only enhances patient safety by facilitating timely interventions but also streamlines the monitoring process, reducing the burden on healthcare staff. The integration of cutting-edge technology with healthcare protocols represents a significant step forward in patient care, promising improved outcomes and efficiency in healthcare delivery

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

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CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE

3.1 AIM

The aim of a Smart Saline Level Monitoring System using Arduino and GSM Module is to provide a solution for monitoring the level of saline solution in a tank remotely and in real-time, also to detect leakage by water sensor. This system is particularly useful in medical facilities, laboratories, or industrial settings where a saline solution is crucial and its level needs to be monitored regularly.

3.2 OBJECTIVE

- To implement a system that continuously monitors the level of saline solution in a container or IV bag and provides real-time updates on the level changes.
- To enable healthcare providers or caregivers to access saline level information remotely via GSM connectivity, allowing them to monitor the status of saline levels from anywhere using a mobile device or computer.
- Set up automatic alerts to notify healthcare providers or caregivers via SMS or calls when the saline level falls below a certain threshold, ensuring timely refills and preventing interruptions in patient treatment.
- To log saline level data over time to track usage patterns and trends, facilitating data-driven decision-making for optimizing saline supply management and patient care.

3.3 SCOPE

The scope of a smart saline level monitoring system using Arduino and GSM modules encompasses various aspects, including technical functionalities, applications, and potential enhancements. It encompasses technical development, functional capabilities, application scenarios, and potential enhancements to create a robust, versatile, and effective monitoring solution.

CHAPTER 4

MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM

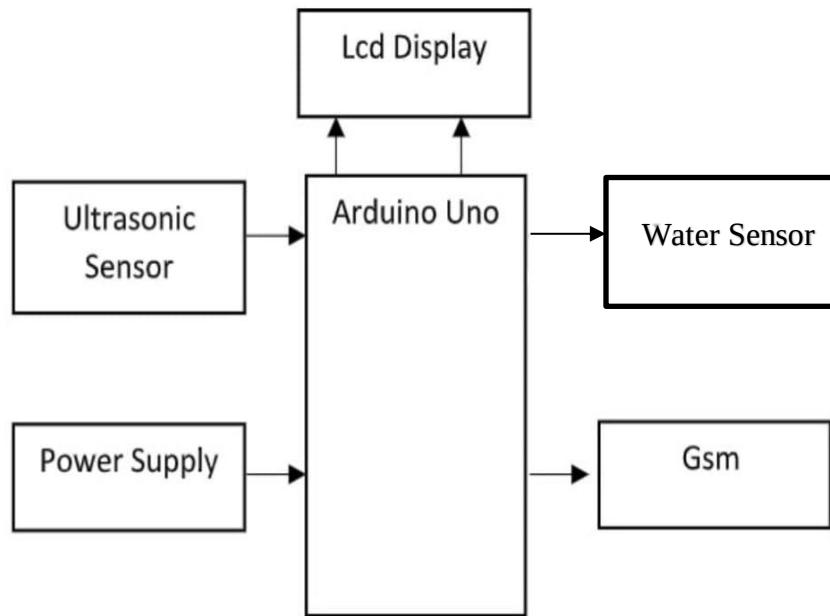


Fig: 4.1: Block Diagram

At the heart of the proposed system as shown in Fig 4.1, is a block diagram hardware, an Arduino Uno, which serves as a central processing unit. It will be equipped with a GSM module for wireless communication with a smartphone. A saline-level monitoring system using Arduino Uno consists of a sensor module, signal conditioning, a central processing unit, a display module, data logging, a communication interface, a water sensor and a stable power source. The sensor measures the saline solution level in the tank, and the UNO serves as the central processing unit. The system can be interfaced with an LCD screen or LED display, and data logging can be added for recording readings over time. The system requires a stable power source for reliable operation.

4.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Arduino Uno
- Ultrasonic sensor
- Push Button
- Water Sensor
- Potentiometer
- DC Motor
- LCD Display
- Power Supply
- GSM
- LED
- Servo Motor

Once a saline level monitoring system utilizing an Arduino Uno and a GSM module is fully completed and assembled, it comprises several interconnected hardware and software components working together to monitor and communicate the status of saline levels effectively. Here's a detailed overview of how such a system functions upon completion

- **Arduino Board:** This is the central controller of the system. It processes inputs from sensors and controls the output to the GSM module for sending alerts. The choice of Arduino model (like Arduino Uno, Nano, or Mega) depends on the requirements for I/O ports and memory.
- **Ultrasonic Sensor:** These use sound waves to detect the distance from the sensor to the surface of the liquid. The time it takes for the echo to return indicates the level of the liquid. They are typically used where contact with the liquid needs to be avoided. Mounted on top of the IV stand, this sensor measures the level of saline in the IV bag by emitting ultrasonic waves that bounce back to determine the distance to the liquid surface. This distance measurement helps calculate the amount of saline left.
- **GSM Module:** Connected to the Arduino, the GSM module enables the system to send SMS alerts or make automated calls to notify medical staff when the saline level is critically low or other parameters are met.
- **Power Supply:** A reliable power source is crucial, typically provided by a battery or a direct

power connection. This ensures that the monitoring system operates continuously without interruption.

- **Water Sensor:** These sensors detect changes in capacitance caused by the proximity of a liquid. A non-contact version can detect the liquid level through the bag. Can be placed outside the IV bag to monitor fluid levels without contaminating the fluid.
- **Optional Components:** Additional components like an LCD display can be added for direct readout of saline levels, and LEDs or buzzers can be used for local alerts.

4.2.1 Arduino Uno Board

An Arduino Uno board is shown in Fig. 4.2, which is basically a microcontroller board based on the AT Mega 328P microcontroller. The Arduino boards are used to read inputs from sensors and turn them into outputs, such as turning on a light or motor. The Arduino boards were created by David Cuartielles and Massimo Banzi at the Interaction Design Institute in Ivrea, Italy, in 2005. The Arduino software is based on the Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE). The IDE is used to write and upload programs to Arduino using C and C++.

The central processing unit is responsible for controlling the system. Arduino IDE writes, compiles, and uploads the code to the Arduino microcontroller. It uses three main things: Sensors and switches are connected to the controller to provide information.

This microcontroller board has 14 digital I/O pins out of which 6 can be used as PWM output, 6 analog inputs, 16MHz ceramic resonator, a USB Connection, a power jack,

an ICSP header and a reset button. Communications can be done using UART, I2C and SPI. Power supply connector used in Arduino Uno board is Barrel plug. USB serial processor used in Arduino Uno is ATmega16U2 16MHz.

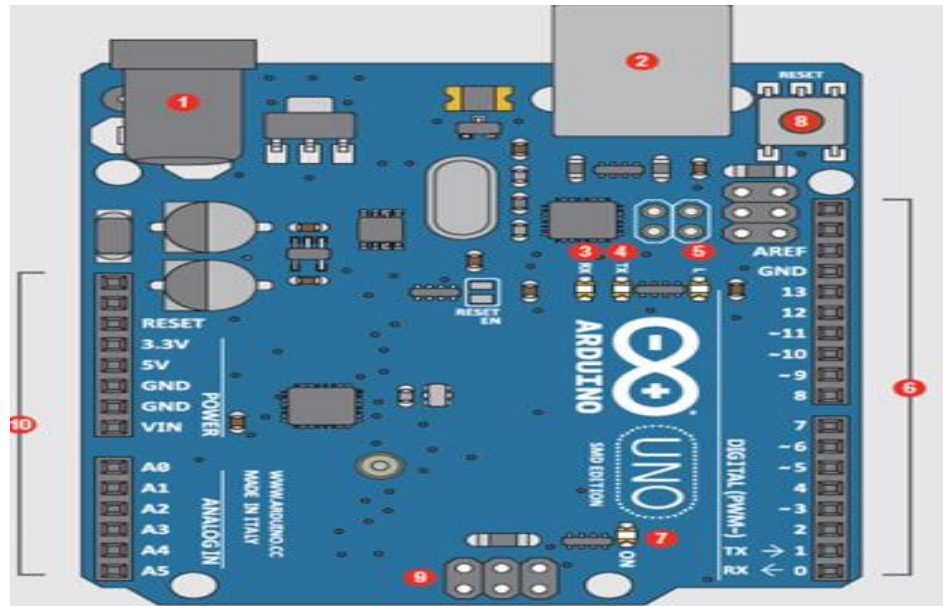


Fig: 4.2: Arduino Uno

The AT mega 328P is an 8-bit microcontroller from Microchip. It has 32 KB flash memory, 2KB SRAM, 1 KB EEPROM, 32 registers and 10-bit analog to digital converter. It is based on the RISC architecture. It consumes low power and lost cost. Hence this type microcontroller is used in Arduino boards. Arduino boards are inexpensive when compared to microcontrollers. Arduino software can run in almost all operating system such as Windows and Linux. The Arduino software (IDE) is flexible and easy to use.

4.2.1.1 Types of Arduino Board

- Arduino Uno

- LilyPad Arduino
- Arduino Mega
- Arduino Leonardo

4.2.1.2 Advantages

- Open source.
- User friendly.
- Cost effective.
- Portable.
- Easy to learn programming.
- simplified program language to execute.
- Low power consumption.

The Arduino Uno board can be powered either by USB or by an external power supply. The power source is assigned automatically. External (non-USB) power can be supplied either by an AC-to-DC adapter (wall-wart) or a battery. A 2.1mm centre-positive plug should be inserted into the circuit board's power connector to connect the adapter. The GND and Vin pin headers of the power connector can be fitted with battery leads. An external supply between 6 and 20 volts can power the board. However, if less than 7V is supplied, the 5V pin may supply less than five volts, causing the board to become unstable. When more than 12V is applied, the voltage regulator may overheat and damage the board. The suggested range for Arduino Uno is 7 to 12 volts.

4.2.2 ULTRASONIC SENSORS

Work on a principle similar to radar or sonar which evaluate attributes of a target by interpreting the echoes from radio or sound waves respectively. Ultrasonic sensors generate high-frequency sound waves and evaluate the echo which is received back by the sensor. Sensors calculate the time interval between sending the signal and receiving the echo to determine the distance to an object.

In this project we are using this to measure the amount of liquid in a tank, the sensor measures the distance to the surface of the fluid. Further applications include:

humidifiers, sonar, medical ultrasonography, burglar alarms and non-destructive testing. Systems typically use a transducer which generates sound waves in the ultrasonic range, above 20,000 hertz, by turning electrical energy into sound, then upon receiving the echo turn the sound waves into electrical energy which can be measured and displayed.



Fig: 4.3: Ultrasonic sensor

4.2.2.1 HC-SR04 Specifications

- Working Voltage: DC 5V
- Working Current: 15mA
- Working Frequency: 40Hz
- Max Range: 4m
- Min Range: 2cm
- Measuring Angle: 15 degree
- Trigger Input Signal: 10 μ S TTL pulse
- Echo Output Signal Input TTL level signal and the range in proportion
- Dimension 45 * 20 * 15mm

4.2.3 Push Button

Pushbuttons or switches connect two points in a circuit when you press them. This example turns on the built-in LED on pin 13 when you press the button. This module is a sensor. The connector is an output which must be connected to one of the input connectors.

4.2.4 Water Sensor

Using a water sensor specifically for monitoring Intravenous (IV) fluid levels in a medical setting is a critical application. This involves ensuring that patients receive the correct amount of fluids and medications through their IV lines and that the medical staff is alerted in real-time if the fluid levels drop too low or the flow is interrupted.



Fig: 4.4: Water Sensor

4.2.5 Potentiometer

A Potentiometer is a commonly used variable resistor. Turning the knob, you vary the output voltage between 0 and 5V. This value is sent.

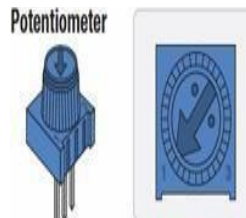


Fig: 4.5: Potentiometer

4.2.6 DC motor

In order to make a DC motor work with Arduino we need to use a transistor, which can switch a larger amount of current than the Arduino can handle. If the saline level goes below a certain threshold, indicating that it is getting depleted, the system triggers a DC motor and a spring mechanism. The DC motor and spring work together to prevent the

reverse flow of blood in the tube.

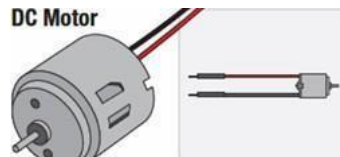


Fig: 4.6: DC Motor

4.2.7 LCD Display

The LCD display shows in Fig. 4.7 that the page turns right, left, forward, backwards, etc. The liquid crystals do not emit light directly; instead, they use a backlight to produce images in colour.

The LCD display module is integrated with an LSI controller, which includes two 8-bit registers: a data register (DR) and an instruction register (IR). The address information for the character generator (CGRAM) and display data RAM (DDRAM), as well as instruction codes (such as screen clear and cursor shift), are stored in the IR. Only the MPU has the ability to write the IR.

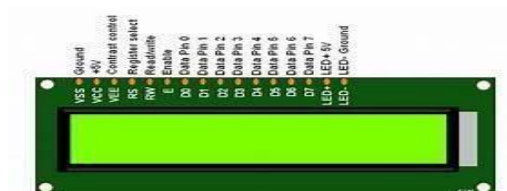


Fig: 4.7: LCD Display

4.2.8 Power Supply

The power supply should be of +5V, with maximum allowable transients of 10mv. To achieve a better / suitable contrast for the display, the voltage (VL) at pin 3 should be adjusted properly. A module should not be inserted or removed from a live circuit. The ground terminal of the power supply must be isolated properly so that no voltage is induced in it. The module should be isolated from the other circuits, so that stray voltages are not induced, which could cause a flickering display.

4.2.9 GSM Module

The GSM module enables the vehicle to send SMS to predefined numbers. Fig. 4.8 shows that the GSM module also allows the vehicle to communicate over cellular networks using a SIM card. The European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) created the GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications, formerly Groupe Special Mobile) standard. With over 90% of the market and operations in over 219 countries and territories, it was developed to define the protocols for second-generation (2G) digital cellular networks, which are used by mobile phones. Today, it is the de facto global standard for mobile communications. The Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) on 2G and 3G cellular communication systems offers packet-oriented mobile data services called General Packet Radio Service (GPRS). A chip or circuit used to establish communication between a mobile device or computer and a GSM or GPRS system is called a GSM or GPRS module. In addition to being a mobile phone with GSM modem functionality, a GSM modem can also be a specialised modem device with a serial, USB, or Bluetooth connection. The GSM/GPRS module provides an example of how to use AT commands. Via a computer, they can do all of the features of a mobile phone, including sending and receiving SMS, MMS, and calls. GSM Example: GSM SMS Transmission.



Fig:4.8: GSM Module

4.2.10 LED

A light-emitting diode is a semiconductor device that emits light when current flows through it. Electrons in the semiconductor recombine with electron holes, releasing energy in the form of photons.

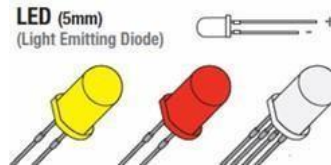


Fig:4.9: LED

4.2.11 Servo Motor

Are capable of precise control of motor shaft rotation. It allow you to set an exact angle of rotation with code or inputs like joysticks, push buttons, or potentiometers. Can be connected directly to Arduino.

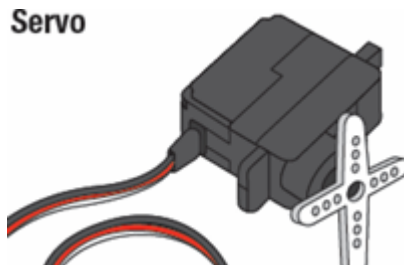


Fig:4.10: Servo Motor

4.3 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT

Once the hardware setup is completed, the system's operation is governed by software programmed into the Arduino using the Arduino IDE. Here's how the software functions

- **Programming:** The Arduino is programmed using C/C++ via the Arduino IDE. The code includes functions to handle data from the ultrasonic sensor, compute the saline level, and control the GSM module for sending alerts.
- **Sensor Calibration and Data Processing:** The software includes routines for calibrating the ultrasonic sensor to ensure accuracy. Algorithms process the sensor data, converting

the measured distance to an actual saline level. The system may also implement error checking to handle any potential data discrepancies or sensor errors.

- **Threshold Settings and Alerts:** The software allows for setting thresholds for when alerts should be triggered (e.g., when the saline drops below a predefined level). Once this threshold is reached, the software instructs the GSM module to send an SMS to a predefined list of phone numbers, and potentially make voice calls.
- **Communication Protocols:** The system uses AT commands (instruction set used to communicate with GSM modules) to interact with the GSM module. The software handles the creation and sending of SMS messages and manages network connectivity issues to ensure messages are sent successfully.

User Interaction: If equipped with an interface like buttons or a touchscreen, the software will handle user input to configure settings such as alert thresholds, phone numbers, and measurement intervals.

4.3.1 Arduino IDE

To write, compile, and upload the code to the Arduino microcontroller. Arduino IDE is an open-source software that helps to write and upload the code to Arduino board.

4.3.1.1 To Download Software

Step 1: Open Internet Explorer and search for Arduino IDE.

Step 2: Click the link that appears on the top of the search page. (www.arduino.cc)

Step 3: Click Software on that website.

Step 4: Select Arduino IDE tab and choose the download options according to the system model.

Step 5: Click Just Download and it starts to download in background.

Step 6: Open the downloaded file location.

Step 7: Click the file and it starts to download.

Step 8: Give required permission and choose the storage path and install it.

4.3.1.2 To Create and Run Program

Step 1: Open Arduino IDE.

Step 2: Open file and click New Sketch.

Step 3: Open the Tools from the Menu bar and select Port as Arduino Uno. Step

4: Enter the code in the working space and save it.

Step 5: Verify and compile the code.

Step 6: Select Serial plotter from Menu bar to view the Graphical representation and select Serial Monitor in Tools from Menu bar to view the values obtained as output.

4.3.2 Work Flow

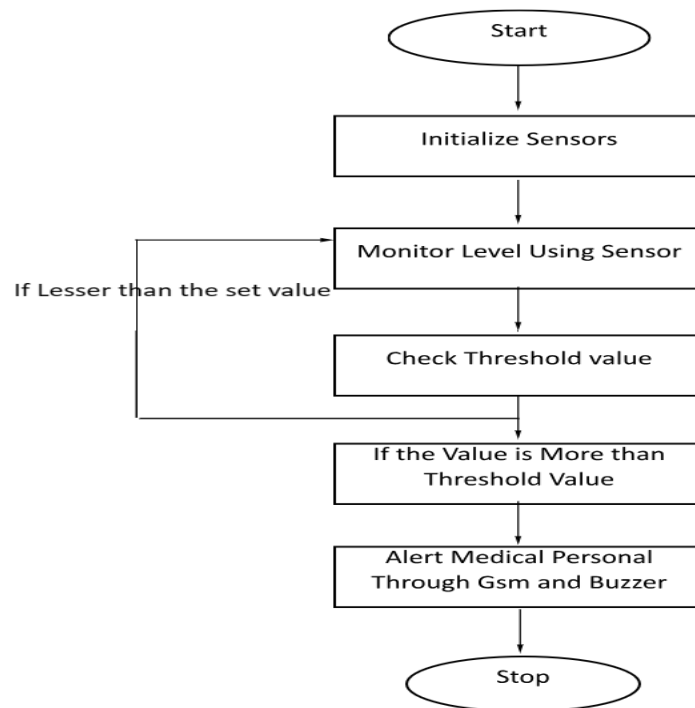


Fig: 4.11: Software Work Flow

4.3.2.1 Writing Sketches

Programs written using Arduino Software (IDE) are called sketches. These sketches are written in the text editor and are saved with the file extension. `.ino`. The editor has features for cutting/pasting and for searching/replacing text. The message area gives feedback while saving and exporting and also displays errors. The console displays text output by the Arduino Software (IDE), including complete error messages and other information. The bottom righthand corner of the window displays the configured board and serial port. The toolbar buttons allow you to verify and upload programs, create, open, and save sketches, and open the serial monitor.

4.3.2.2 IDE VERIFY File

Verify Checks your code for errors compiling it.

4.3.2.3 IDE UPLOAD File

Upload Compile your code and upload it to the configured board. See uploading below for details.

Note: If you are using an external programmer with your board, you can hold down the "shift" key on your computer when using this icon. The text will change to "Upload using Programmer".

4.3.2.4 IDE NEW File

New Creates a new sketch.

4.3.2.5 IDE OPEN File

Open Presents a menu of all the sketches in your sketchbook. Clicking one will open it within the current window overwriting its content.

Note: due to a bug in Java, this menu doesn't scroll; if you need to open a sketch late in the list, use the File | Sketchbook menu instead.

4.3.2.6 IDE SAVE File

Save Saves your sketch.

4.3.2.7 IDE SERMON File

Serial Monitor Opens the serial monitor.

Additional commands are found within the five menus: File, Edit, Sketch, Tools, Help. The menus are context sensitive, which means only those items relevant to the work currently being carried out are available.

4.3.2.8 File

New Creates a new instance of the editor, with the bare minimum structure of a sketch already in place. Open Allows to load a sketch file browsing through the computer drives and folders.

4.3.3 Arduino IDE sketch

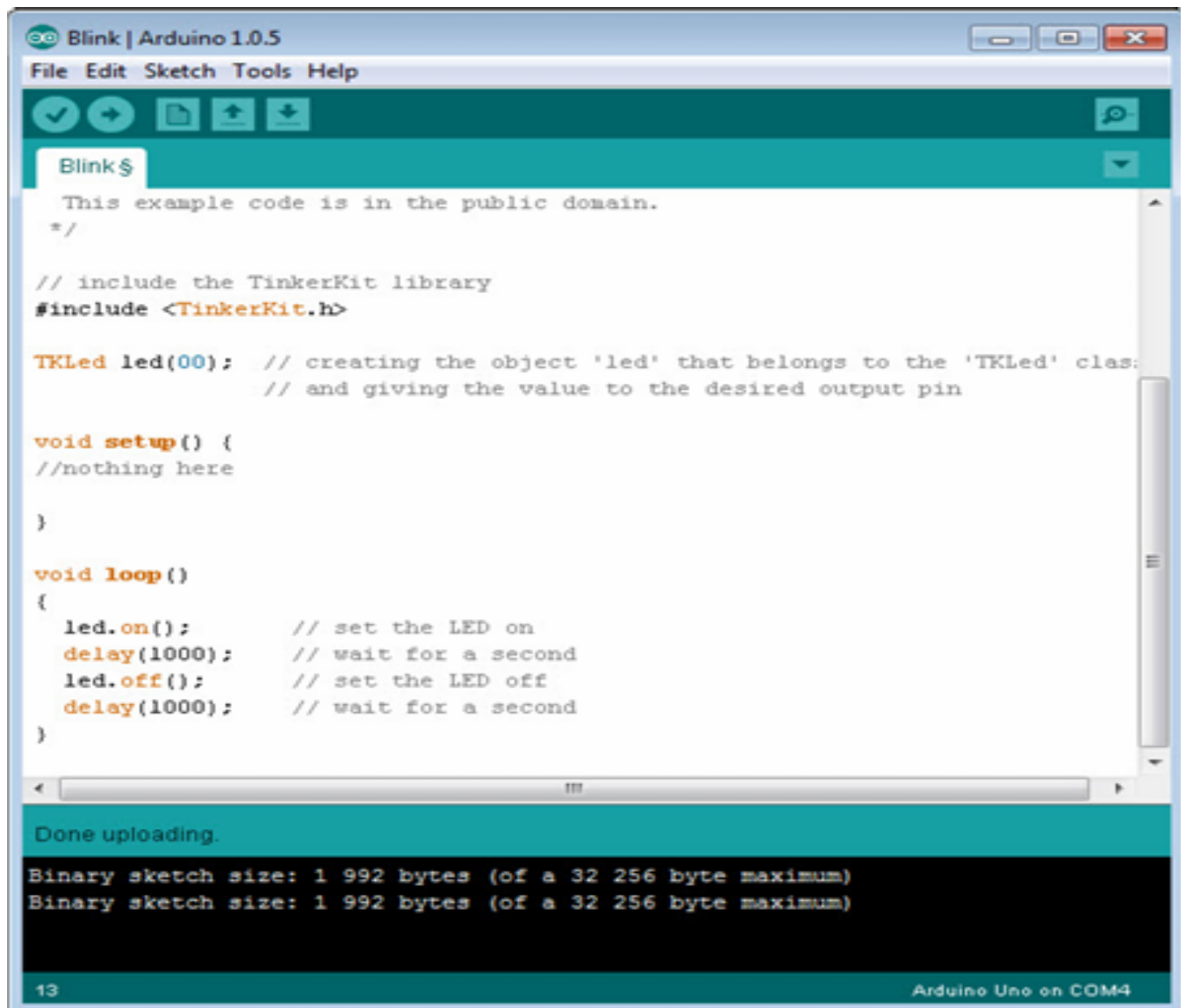


Fig:4.12: Arduino IDE

The code programmed into the Arduino as shown in Fig:4.12 governs how it interacts with the ultrasonic sensor to measure the saline level and the GSM module to send alerts. Specifically, the code includes routines to initiate and read measurements from the ultrasonic sensor, calculate the remaining saline volume based on these readings, and check if the level falls below a predefined threshold. If the threshold is crossed, the code commands the GSM module to send an SMS or make a call to the medical staff with the alert message. The Arduino IDE allows for straightforward coding in C/C++, providing libraries and functions to easily manage these hardware interactions, which simplifies the development of complex functionalities like sensor data processing and network communications in the monitoring system.

```
int led = 13;

void setup() {
  pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
}

// the loop routine runs over and over again forever:
void loop() {
  digitalWrite(led, HIGH);
  delay(1000);
  digitalWrite(led, LOW);
  delay(1000);
}
```

Fig:4.13: Program Sketch

A typical program written in Sketch as shown in Fig4.13, This simple program makes an LED connected to pin 13 blink.

Arduino software installation: <http://arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>.

4.4 System Testing and Operation

Upon completion, the system undergoes rigorous testing to ensure all components function correctly together. This includes verifying sensor accuracy, testing GSM connectivity and message delivery, and ensuring power reliability.

In operation, the Arduino continually monitors the input from the ultrasonic sensor, calculates the saline level, and checks against the set thresholds. If a critical event is detected, it triggers the GSM module to send an alert, thus enabling timely intervention from medical staff.

This integration of Arduino and GSM technologies into a saline level monitoring system demonstrates a practical application of embedded systems in healthcare, highlighting the importance of robust software and reliable hardware for critical health monitoring.

4.5 Algorithm

Step 1: Initialize the setup (ultrasonic sensor, GSM module, LCD display)

Step 2: Insert a sim in GSM to further proceed with the communication (sending alert)

Step 3: Library Inclusion;

- `#include <LiquidCrystal.h>`: This line includes the LiquidCrystal library, which allows you to control LCD displays.
- `#include <SoftwareSerial.h>`: This line includes the SoftwareSerial library, which enables serial communication on other digital pins of the Arduino.

Step 4 : Give the phone number of the nurse or attender in string usernum

- `String usernum = "08667569900"`; Stores the user's phone number.

Step 5: Upload the height level in which below the level the system gets alert

- `int b_height = 30, sens_min = 4, dis_alert = 30`; Defines the bottle height, minimum sensor reading, and alert distance threshold.
- `int alert_Status = 0`; Flag to indicate whether an alert has been sent.

Step 6: Connect the water sensor panel to Arduino, which senses any leakage

Step 7: Reset the button every time after completion of one saline

- `lcd.print(dis_per)`; Prints the fluid level percentage.

Step 8: Calls the alert function if the fluid level is low.

Step 9: A leakage alert is displayed if there is any water drops in the sensor

Step 10: Alert Function; `alert_Status = 1`; Sets the alert status to indicate that an alert has been sent.

```

#include <LiquidCrystal.h>
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>
// LiquidCrystal lcd(13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8);
LiquidCrystal lcd(8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13);

SoftwareSerial gsm_soft(3, 2);

#define gsm_tx_rx Serial

// Define GSM and Arduino Node communication ports

#define splash splash1

#define t1 5
#define e1 4

String usernum = "08667569900";
// String usernum = "08144086513";
String smsmsg;
int distance;
int b_height = 30, sens_min = 4, dis_alert = 30;
int dis_per;
int dis_t = 500;
int disp = dis_t;

int alert_Status = 0;

void setup() {

    // put your setup code here, to run once:
    Serial.begin(9600);
    gsm_tx_rx.begin(9600);

    LcDSet();
    lcd.clear();
    SendSmS(usernum, "GSM Initialized!!!", "Sending SMS.....");

}

void LcDSet() {
    lcd.begin(16, 2);
    splash(0, "Intravenous");
    splash(1, "Monitoring");
}

```

```

    delay(3000);
}

void loop() {
    disp++;
    if (disp > dis_t) {
        dis_t = 0;
        distance = get Cm(t1, e1);
        if (distance >= b_height) {
            distance = b_height;
        } else if (distance <= sens_min) {
            distance = sens_min;
        }
        dis_per = map(distance, sens_min, b_height, 100, 0);

        lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
        lcd.print("Fluid LvL :    ");
        lcd.setCursor(12, 0);
        lcd.print(dis_per);
        lcd.print("%");

        disp = 0;
        if (dis_per < dis_alert) {
            alert(String(dis_per));
            splash(1, "Alert");

        } else {

            splash(1, "");
        }
    }
}

// Function to handle alert
void alert(String msg) {
    if (alert_Status == 0) {

        smsmsg = "Emergency Fluid level less than ";
        smsmsg += String(dis_per);
        smsmsg += " %";
        SendSmS(usernum, smsmsg, "Sending MSG");

        alert_Status = 1;
    }
}

```

The provided Arduino code is designed to monitor the level of intravenous (IV) fluid using an ultrasonic sensor and display this level on an LCD screen. It also includes functionality

to send an alert via SMS when the fluid level drops below a set threshold. The system utilizes a LiquidCrystal library to control the LCD, which is connected to digital pins 8 through 13, and a SoftwareSerial library for communication with a GSM module connected to pins 3 (RX) and 2 (TX). The main loop of the code checks the fluid level at intervals defined by **dis_t**. It calculates the fluid level percentage from the distance measured by the ultrasonic sensor, which is connected to pins 5 (trigger) and 4 (echo). If the fluid level percentage falls below the threshold (**dis_alert**), an alert message is sent via SMS to a predefined phone number (**usernum**). The alert includes the current fluid level percentage and is sent only once to avoid spamming until the system is reset or restarted. This setup could be particularly useful in a medical setting for monitoring and ensuring the timely refill of IV fluids without constant manual checks.

The Arduino will be programmed using the Arduino IDE where you write code to read the sensor's analog output. This output varies proportionally with the saline level. The software code processes this analog value to determine the saline level, applying calibration data to convert sensor readings to actual saline measurements. For real-time monitoring, the Arduino can be programmed to trigger an alarm or a visual indicator like an LED or an LCD display, when saline levels fall below a predefined threshold. Optionally, incorporate wireless communication modules like Wi-Fi or Bluetooth for remote monitoring.

4.6 Flow chart

1. Initialization:

The system starts by initializing the Arduino board and the GSM module.

The GSM module establishes communication with the cellular network.

2. Sensor Readings:

An IR (infrared) sensor is placed near the saline bottle to measure the fluid level.

The IR sensor detects the presence of liquid (saline) and provides an analog signal.

3. Analog-to-Digital Conversion (ADC):

The analog signal from the IR sensor is converted to a digital value using the Arduino's built-in ADC.

The digital value represents the saline level (e.g., 0 to 1023 for a 10-bit ADC).

4. Threshold Check:

The Arduino compares the digital value (saline level) with predefined thresholds. If the level is below a critical threshold (indicating low saline), the system proceeds to the next step.

5. Alert Generation:

The GSM module sends an SMS alert to the designated healthcare provider (doctor, nurse, or caregiver).

The alert message includes information about the patient, the saline bottle, and the critical level.

6. Automatic Stop Mechanism (Optional):

If the saline level reaches a minimum threshold (e.g., bottle empty), an automatic stop mechanism can be activated.

The system stops the saline flow to prevent air bubbles or harm to the patient.

This feature is crucial during night hours when continuous monitoring may not be feasible.

7. Alert Acknowledgment (Optional):

The healthcare provider acknowledges the alert by responding to the SMS.

The system logs the acknowledgement for record-keeping.

8. Continuous Monitoring:

The system continuously monitors the saline level.

If the level increases (e.g., new saline bottle added), the system resets and resumes monitoring.

9. End of Operation:

The system remains operational until manually turned off or replaced.

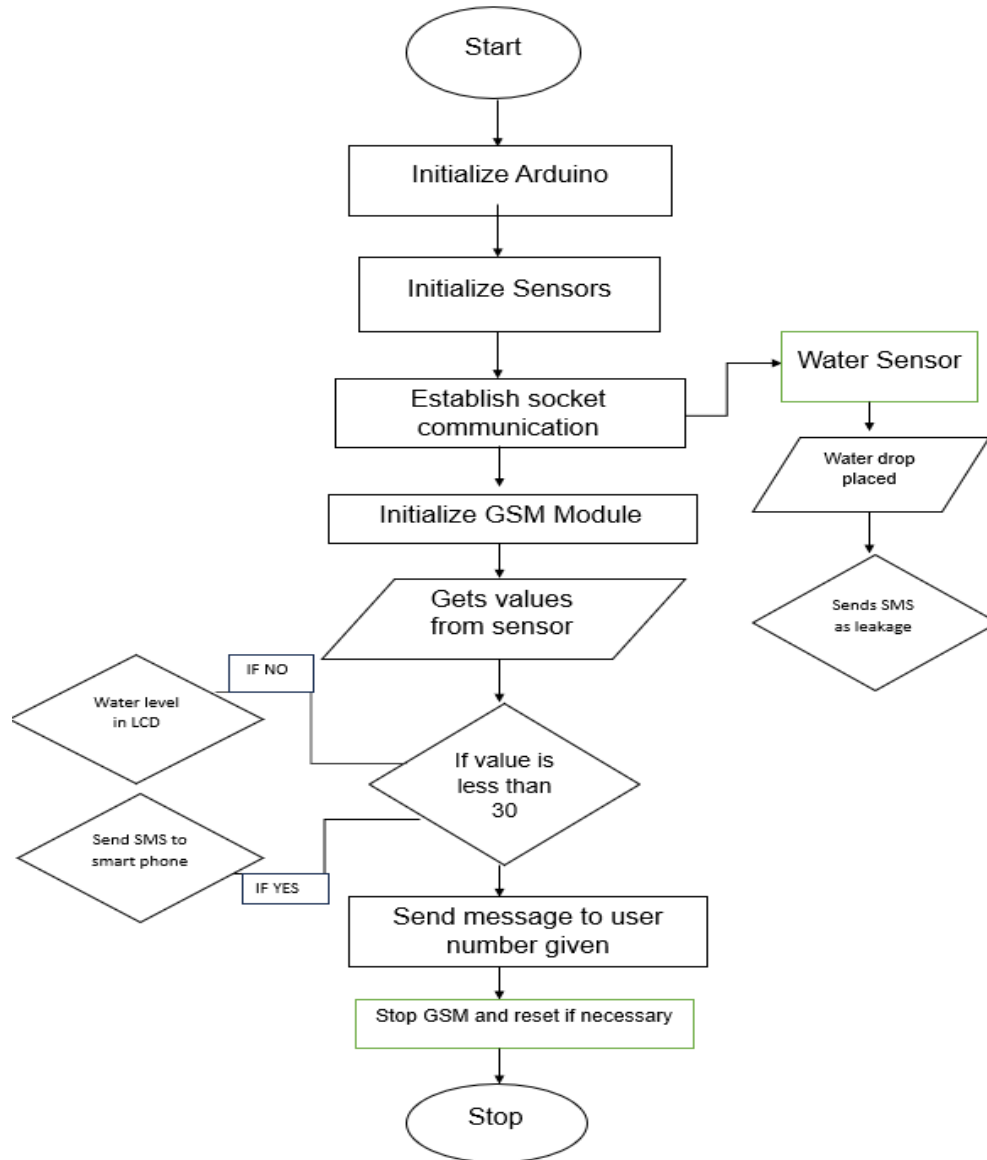


Fig 4.14 Flow chart for water level monitoring

The code begins by including two libraries:

LiquidCrystal.h: This library is used for interfacing with LCD displays.

SoftwareSerial.h: This library enables software-based serial communication (used for GSM communication).

LCD Initialization:

The LiquidCrystal object lcd is created with the specified pin numbers (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13).

The LcdSet() function is called to initialize the LCD display with a splash screen showing “Intravenous Monitoring” for 3 seconds.

Global Variables:

usernum: A string containing the phone number to which SMS alerts will be sent.

distance: An integer variable to store the distance (presumably from a water level sensor).

Maximum height (in arbitrary units) for the fluid level (e.g., tank height).

The threshold for triggering an alert (fluid level below this percentage).

Calculated fluid level percentage.

Setup Function:

Setup() initializes the serial communication (for debugging) and the GSM module.

It calls LcdSet() to set up the LCD display and sends an SMS indicating that the GSM module is initialized.

The variable is calculated as a percentage based on the mapped distance.

The LCD display shows the fluid level percentage.

If the fluid level is below the threshold, an alert is triggered using the alert() function.

Alert Function:

alert() sends an SMS with the emergency fluid level information if the alert status is 0 (not already alerted).



Fig:4.15: Initializing GSM

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 RESULT

The programming is based on the Arduino platform which is done using a C compiler. The results are obtained on a Web page or Smartphone App with the help of Bluetooth terminal software and are obtained on a computer or laptop using serial port test software. The results contain a number of droplets coming from the saline bottle, the solution given to the patient in ml, the droplet rate and the remaining solution in a bottle.

Should the saline level fall below a predefined threshold, indicative of the IV bag being nearly empty, the Arduino triggers the GSM module. This module, in response, sends an SMS message or makes an automated call to the nurses' station or directly to the mobile phones of the relevant medical personnel. The message typically contains information about the specific IV stand and patient requiring attention, enabling staff to promptly respond and replace the IV bag. This real-time alert system helps ensure continuous and effective patient care, avoiding the risks associated with delays in saline replenishment.

Additionally, the system can be configured to provide status updates at regular intervals or on demand via a connected display or interface, offering staff immediate visual feedback about the saline levels without needing to physically inspect each IV bag. This functionality not only enhances the efficiency of the nursing staff but also significantly improves patient safety and care quality in hospitals and healthcare facilities.

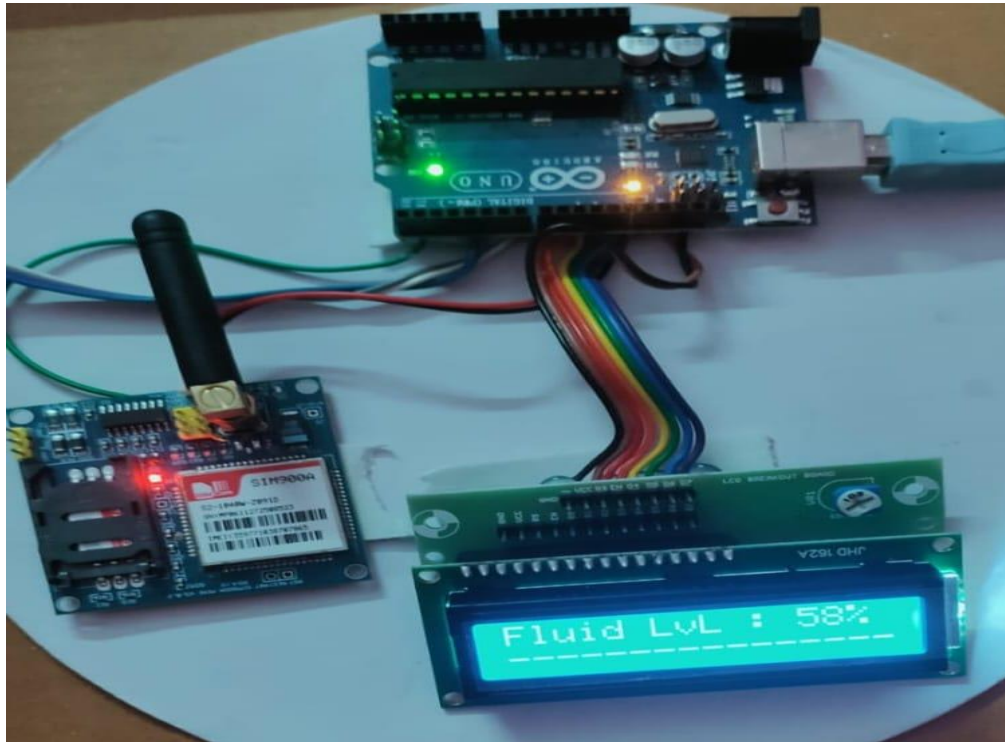


Fig:5.1: Completed working Model

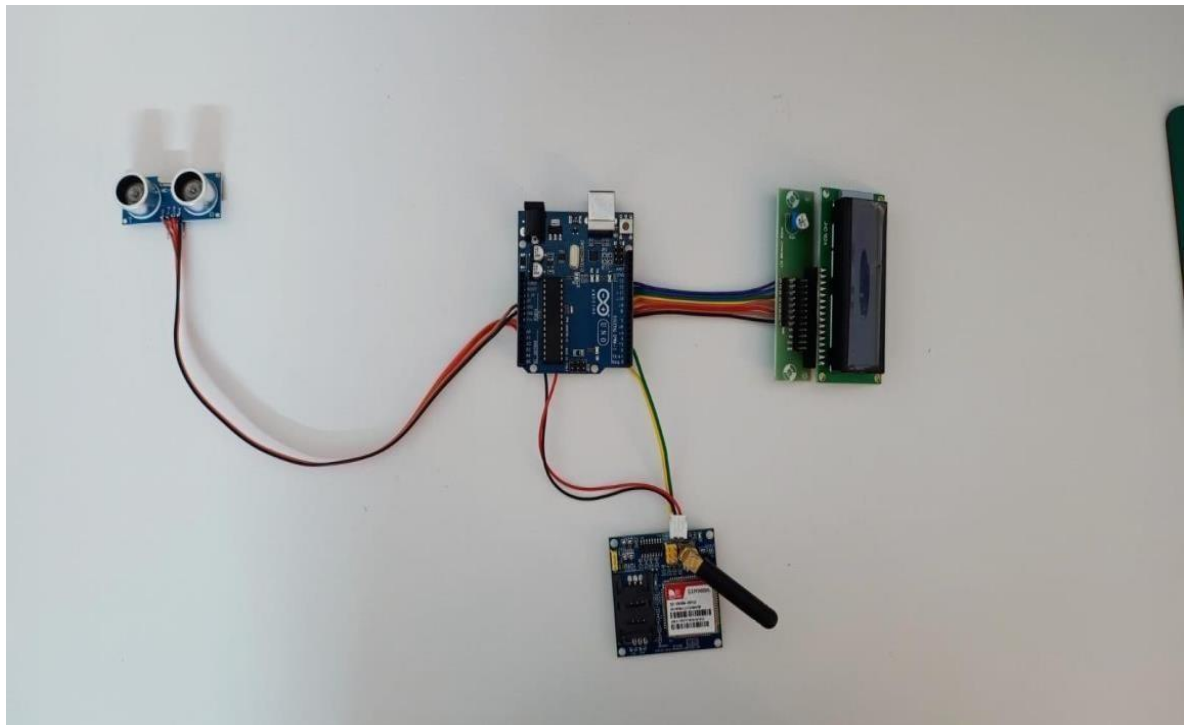


Fig:5.2: Algorithm of Working of System

5.1.1 Existing System with Drawbacks

The existing system for monitoring saline levels in intravenous therapy often relies on manual observation and periodic checks by healthcare professionals. This approach, while widely used, presents several drawbacks. Firstly, manual monitoring is prone to human error, leading to inaccuracies in assessing the actual saline levels within IV bags. Additionally, the intermittent nature of these checks means that there can be significant delays in detecting and addressing low saline levels, potentially compromising patient safety. Moreover, the reliance on manual intervention places a burden on healthcare staff, diverting their attention from other critical tasks. Furthermore, the lack of real-time monitoring capabilities limits the ability to proactively manage saline levels and respond promptly to any deviations from the desired range. Overall, the shortcomings of the existing system underscore the need for a more automated, reliable, and efficient approach to saline level monitoring in intravenous therapy.

5.1.2 Proposed System with Advantages

The proposed Smart Saline Level Monitoring System offers several advantages over the existing manual monitoring approach. Firstly, by leveraging technologies such as the Arduino Uno, ultrasonic sensor, and GSM module, the system provides continuous, real-time monitoring of saline levels within IV bags. This ensures accurate and timely detection of low saline levels, reducing the risk of complications and enhancing patient safety. Additionally, the system automates the monitoring process, eliminating the need for frequent manual checks by healthcare professionals. This not only reduces the likelihood of human error but also frees up valuable time for healthcare staff to focus on other critical tasks. Furthermore, the integration of a GSM module enables remote notification of low saline levels to predefined mobile numbers, facilitating prompt intervention even when healthcare providers are not physically present. This proactive approach to saline level monitoring allows for early detection of deviations from the desired range, enabling healthcare professionals to take preventive measures before complications arise. Overall, the proposed system offers a more reliable, efficient, and cost-effective solution for saline level monitoring in intravenous therapy, ultimately leading to improved patient outcomes and healthcare delivery. Overall, the shortcomings of the existing system underscore the need for a more automated, reliable, and efficient approach to saline level monitoring IV therapy.

In a saline level monitoring system implemented with Arduino, the final output is a highly effective automated alert mechanism that ensures continuous monitoring of IV saline levels. When the system detects that the saline level has dropped below a set threshold—indicative of the bag being nearly depleted—it activates the connected GSM module. This module then sends an SMS message or places an automated call to designated medical personnel. The alert contains critical information about the specific IV stand and patient affected, enabling healthcare staff to promptly respond by checking and replacing the IV bag if necessary. This real-time notification is crucial for maintaining continuous patient care and prevents any interruption that could arise from a depleted IV saline bag. Additionally, the system can incorporate an LCD display or LED indicators to provide visual feedback on the current saline level directly at the patient's bedside, further aiding in quick visual assessments by the medical staff.

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

6.1 SUMMARY

The Smart Saline Level Monitoring System utilizing Arduino and GSM Module is designed to provide real-time monitoring of saline solution levels in a tank, along with remote access and alert functionalities. The system continuously monitors the level of saline solution in a tank, ensuring up-to-date information for users. Users can remotely access the saline level data from anywhere using a GSM module, enabling monitoring and control without physical presence. The system sends alerts or notifications to designated users when the saline level falls below or exceeds predefined thresholds, ensuring timely intervention. Saline-level data is logged over time, allowing for analysis, troubleshooting, and historical tracking of solution levels. A user-friendly interface, possibly through a mobile app, web interface, or SMS commands, provides easy access to monitoring data, alerts, and settings. The system is optimized for low power consumption to ensure efficient and reliable operation over extended periods. Overall, the Smart Saline Level Monitoring System offers a comprehensive solution for monitoring, managing, and controlling saline solution levels, enhancing operational efficiency, and ensuring timely intervention in case of deviations from desired levels.

6.2 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Smart Saline Level Monitoring System using Arduino and GSM Module offers a robust and versatile solution for monitoring saline solution levels in various applications. By leveraging Arduino microcontroller technology and GSM communication, this system provides real-time monitoring, remote access, and alert functionalities to ensure timely intervention and efficient management of saline solution levels.

With its user-friendly interface and low power consumption, the system is well-suited for deployment in medical facilities, industrial processes, research laboratories, and agricultural settings where precise monitoring and control of saline levels are essential.

Furthermore, the system's potential for enhancements, such as sensor redundancy, advanced analytics, and integration with IoT platforms, opens up opportunities for scalability, optimization, and additional features to meet evolving needs and requirements.

Overall, the Smart Saline Level Monitoring System represents a valuable tool for enhancing operational efficiency, maintaining quality standards, and ensuring optimal utilization of saline solution resources in various domains.

The system finds applications in various fields including medical facilities, industrial processes, research laboratories, and agriculture where precise monitoring of saline solution levels is essential. Future enhancements could include sensor redundancy, advanced analytics, remote control capabilities, and integration with IoT platforms for scalability and additional features.

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