Arduino Ultrasonic Range Detection Sensor

A guide to using the Arduino Ultrasonic Range Detection Sensor with Arduino in order to calculate distances from objects. In this case I’m also altering the output of an LED with PWM according to how close an object is to the sensor. So the nearer you are the brighter the LED. So if we start with the Arduino Ultrasonic Range Detection Sensor, it’s an IC that works by sending an ultrasound pulse at around 40Khz. It then waits and listens for the pulse to echo back, calculating the time taken in microseconds (1 microsecond = 1.0 × 10-6 seconds). You can trigger a pulse as fast as 20 times a second and it can determine objects up to 3 metres away and as near as 3cm. It needs a 5V power supply to run.

Adding the Arduino Ultrasonic Range Detection Sensor to the Arduino is very easy, only 4 pins to worry about. Power, Ground, Trigger and Echo. Since it needs 5V and Arduino provides 5V I’m obviously going to use this to power it. Below is a diagram of my Arduino Ultrasonic Range Detection Sensor, showing the pins. There are 2 sets of 5 pins, 1 set you can use, the other is for programming the PIC chip so don’t touch them!

1. **Specification:**

   Working Voltage : 5V(DC)
   Working Current : max 15 ma
   Working frequency : 40HZ
   Output Signal : 0-5V (Output high when obstacle in range)
Sentry Angle : max 15 degree
Sentry Distance : 2cm - 500cm
High-accuracy : 0.3cm
Input trigger signal : 10us TTL impulse
Echo signal : output TTL PWL signal
Size : 45*20*15mm

Note : This module is not suitable to connect with electric power, if you need to connect this module with electronic power, then let the GND terminal of this module to be connected first, otherwise, it will affect the normal work of the module.

2. Interface:
Pin:

1: VCC  2: trig (T)  3: echo (R)  4: GND

3. Usage:

Supply module with 5V, the output will be 5V while obstacle in range, or 0V if not.

The output pin of this module is used as a switching output when an anti-theft module, and without the feet when ranging modules,

Note: the module should be inserted in the circuit before being powered, which avoids producing high level of misoperation; if not, then power again.

Module Working Principle:

(1) Adopt IO trigger through supplying at least 10us sequence of high level signal,

(2) The module automatically sends eight 40khz square wave and automatically detects whether receive the returning pulse signal,

(3) If there is signals returning, through outputting high level

and the time of high level continuing is the time of that from the ultrasonic transmitting to
Test distance = (high level time * sound velocity (340M/S)) / 2,

**The circuit:**

Very, very simple circuit, I’ve used the breadboard to share the GND connection and to add the LED which I could probably have done without the breadboard. You’ll see the most complex thing is the code later on.

![The circuit diagram](image)

**The sketch:**

All the work is done here, I’ve added code that averages the distance readings to remove some of the jitter in the results as the DYP-ME007 is calculating distances very rapidly and there can be a lot of fluctuation. Also I convert the time in microseconds to distance by dividing the time by 58. Why 58? Well because if you take the time in microseconds for a pulse to be sent and received e.g. for 1 meter it takes about 5764 microseconds – at least from my wall anyway. If I divide this time by the distance in cm in I will get 57.64 so I just round this up – you can calculate distance in any other unit with this method.

Here I’ve also decided that for every cm under 255 my LED will get 1 step brighter. I’ve been lazy here for the sake of the sensors 3 metre range I didn’t see the point in making this any more complicated. Otherwise I would calculate the brightness on the percentile of proximity out of total range.

**There are three code for you to test, there must be one you can pass the test:**
1. **Test Code:**

```c
int pingPin = 13;
int inPin = 12;

long microseconds;

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {

long duration, inches, cm;

digitalWrite(pingPin, LOW);
delayMicroseconds(2);
digitalWrite(pingPin, HIGH);
delayMicroseconds(10);
digitalWrite(pingPin, LOW);
delayMicroseconds(2);
pinMode(pingPin, OUTPUT);

pinMode(inPin, INPUT); duration = pulseIn(inPin, HIGH);

inches = microsecondsToInches(duration); cm = microsecondsToCentimeters(duration);

    Serial.print(inches);
    Serial.print(" in ");
    Serial.print(cm);
    Serial.print(" cm");
    Serial.println();

delay(100); }

long microsecondsToInches(long microseconds) {
  return microseconds / 74 / 2; }

long microsecondsToCentimeters(long microseconds) {
  return microseconds / 29 / 2;
}
```
2. **Example Code – 1:**

// variables to take x number of readings and then average them
// to remove the jitter/noise from the DYP-ME007 sonar readings
const int numOfReadings = 10; // number of readings to take/ items in the array
int readings[numOfReadings]; // stores the distance readings in an array
int arrayIndex = 0; // arrayIndex of the current item in the array
int total = 0; // stores the cumulative total
int averageDistance = 0; // stores the average value
// setup pins and variables for DYP-ME007 sonar device
int echoPin = 2; // DYP-ME007 echo pin (digital 2)
int initPin = 3; // DYP-ME007 trigger pin (digital 3)
unsigned long pulseTime = 0; // stores the pulse in Micro Seconds
unsigned long distance = 0; // variable for storing the distance (cm)
// setup pins/values for LED
int redLEDPin = 9; // Red LED, connected to digital PWM pin 9
int redLEDValue = 0; // stores the value of brightness for the LED (0 = fully off, 255 = fully on)
// setup
void setup() {
    pinMode(redLEDPin, OUTPUT); // sets pin 9 as output
    pinMode(initPin, OUTPUT); // set init pin 3 as output
    pinMode(echoPin, INPUT); // set echo pin 2 as input
    // create array loop to iterate over every item in the array
    for (int thisReading = 0; thisReading < numOfReadings; thisReading++) {
        readings[thisReading] = 0;
    }
    // initialize the serial port, lets you view the
    // distances being pinged if connected to computer
    Serial.begin(9600);
}
// execute
void loop() {
    digitalWrite(initPin, HIGH); // send 10 microsecond pulse
delayMicroseconds(10); // wait 10 microseconds before turning off
digitalWrite(initPin, LOW); // stop sending the pulse
    pulseTime = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH); // Look for a return pulse, it should be high
    as the pulse goes low-high-low
distance = pulseTime/58; // Distance = pulse time / 58 to convert to cm.
total = total - readings[arrayIndex]; // subtract the last distance
readings[arrayIndex] = distance; // add distance reading to array
arrayIndex = arrayIndex + 1; // go to the next item in the array
// At the end of the array (10 items) then start again
if (arrayIndex >= numOfReadings) {
    arrayIndex = 0;
}
averageDistance = total / numOfReadings; // calculate the average distance
if (distance is less than 255cm then change the brightness of the LED
if (averageDistance < 255) {
    redLEDValue = 255 - averageDistance; // this means the smaller the distance the
    brighter the LED.
}
analogWrite(redLEDPin, redLEDValue); // Write current value to LED pins
Serial.println(averageDistance, DEC); // print out the average distance to the
debugger
delay(100); // wait 100 milli seconds before looping
again
}

3. Example Code – 2:

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// PIC16F877 + DYP-ME007 + LCD03 example
// Written October 2005 by Gerald Coe, using HITECH PIC16 compiler
//
// Note - assumes a 20MHz crystal, which is 5MHz timer clock
// A 1:4 prescaler is used to give a 1.25MHz timer count (0.8us per tick)
//
// This code is Freeware - Use it for any purpose you like.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

#include <pic.h>
#include <stdio.h>

__CONFIG(0x3b32);

#define trig RB0
#define echo RB1
void clrsrn(void); // prototypes
void cursor(char pos);
void print(char *p);
void setup(void);
unsigned int get_srf04(void);

char s[21]; // buffer used to hold text to print

void main(void)
{
    unsigned int range;

    setup(); // sets up the PIC16F877 I2C port
clrscn(); // clears the LCD03 display
cursor(2); // sets cursor to 1st row of LCD03
    // text, printed into our buffer
    // send it to the LCD03
    printf("SRF04 Ranger Test");
    print(s);

    while(1) {
        // loop forever
        range = get_srf04(); // get range from srf04 (round trip flight
time in 0.8uS units)
cursor(24); // sets cursor to 2nd row of LCD03
    printf("Range = %dcm ", range/72); // convert to cm
    print(s);
        // send it to the LCD03
cursor(44); // sets cursor to 3rd row of LCD03
        printf("Range = %dinch ", range/185); // convert to inches
print(s);
        // send it to the LCD03

    TMR1H = 0; // 52mS delay - this is so that the
    SRF04 ranging is not too rapid
    TMR1L = 0; // and the previous pulse has faded
away before we start the next one
T1CON = 0x21; // 1:4 prescale and running
TMR1IF = 0;
while(!TMR1IF); // wait for delay time
TMR1ON = 0; // stop timer

}
}

unsigned int get_srf04(void)
{
    TMR1H = 0xff; // prepare timer for 10uS pulse
    TMR1L = -14;
T1CON = 0x21;  // 1:4 prescale and running
TMR1IF = 0;
trig = 1;   // start trigger pulse
while(!TMR1IF);  // wait 10us
trig = 0;   // end trigger pulse
TMR1ON = 0;  // stop timer
TMR1H = 0;   // prepare timer to measure echo pulse
TMR1L = 0;
T1CON = 0x20;  // 1:4 prescale but not running yet
TMR1IF = 0;
while(!echo && !TMR1IF);  // wait for echo pulse to start (go high)
TMR1ON = 1;  // start timer to measure pulse
while(echo && !TMR1IF);  // wait for echo pulse to stop (go low)
TMR1ON = 0;  // stop timer
return (TMR1H<<8)+TMR1L;  // TMR1H:TMR1L contains flight time of the pulse

in 0.8us units
}

void clrsrn(void)
{
  SEN = 1;  // send start bit
  while(SEN);  // and wait for it to clear

  SSPIF = 0;
  SSPBUF = 0xc6;  // LCD02 I2C address
  while(SSPIF);  // wait for interrupt
  SSPIF = 0;  // then clear it.

  SSPBUF = 0;  // address of register to write to
  while(!SSPIF);  //
  SSPIF = 0;  //

  SSPBUF = 12;  // clear screen
  while(!SSPIF);  //
  SSPIF = 0;  //

  SSPBUF = 4;  // cursor off
  while(!SSPIF);  //
  SSPIF = 0;  //

  PEN = 1;  // send stop bit
  while(PEN);  //
void cursor(char pos)
{
    SEN = 1; // send start bit
    while(SEN); // and wait for it to clear

    SSPIF = 0;
    SSPBUF = 0xc6; // LCD02 I2C address
    while(!SSPIF); // wait for interrupt
    SSPIF = 0; // then clear it.

    SSPBUF = 0; // address of register to write to
    while(!SSPIF); //
    SSPIF = 0; //

    SSPBUF = 2; // set cursor
    while(!SSPIF); //
    SSPIF = 0; //
    SSPBUF = pos; //
    while(!SSPIF); //
    SSPIF = 0; //

    PEN = 1; // send stop bit
    while(PEN); //
}

void print(char *p)
{
    SEN = 1; // send start bit
    while(SEN); // and wait for it to clear

    SSPIF = 0;
    SSPBUF = 0xc6; // LCD02 I2C address
    while(!SSPIF); // wait for interrupt
    SSPIF = 0; // then clear it.

    SSPBUF = 0; // address of register to write to
    while(!SSPIF); //
    SSPIF = 0; //

    while(*p) {
        SSPBUF = *p++; // write the data
    }
}
while(!SSPIF); //
    SSPIF = 0; //
}

PEN = 1; // send stop bit
while(PEN); //
}

void setup(void)
{
    unsigned long x;

    TRISB = 0xfe; // RB0 (trig) is output
    PORTB = 0xfe; // and starts low

    TRISC = 0xff;
    PORTC = 0xff;

    SSPSTAT = 0x80;
    SSPCON = 0x38;
    SSPCON2 = 0x00;
    SSPADD = 50; // SCL = 91khz with 20Mhz Osc

    for(x=0; x<300000L; x++); // wait for LCD03 to initialise