

Design of a circuit for an automated system used for cleaning the panels of the 79.2KW photovoltaic power plant

Diseño de un circuito para un sistema automatizado utilizado para la limpieza de paneles de la central fotovoltaica de 79.2KW

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Abstract

Solar panel cleaning is an important practice to ensure the performance and efficiency of solar energy systems. This brief description discusses the usefulness of cleaning solar panels and their impact on renewable energy production. The accumulation of dirt and other contaminants on the surface of solar panels can greatly reduce their ability to capture sunlight and convert it into electricity. Therefore, regular cleaning of panels is critical to maintaining their efficiency and maximizing energy production. The benefits of cleaning solar panels are substantial. By removing impurities, better penetration of sunlight is ensured, which translates into higher power generation. This ensures stable performance and increased power generation over time. In addition, regular cleaning prolongs the life of solar panels by preventing damage caused by the accumulation of dirt and other corrosive elements. Clean panels are less susceptible to damage and are less prone to failure.

Automated system, Photovoltaic panel, Renewable energy

3 Introduction

Good cleaning of solar panels is very important to ensure that they achieve maximum efficiency and effectiveness during power generation. Accumulation of dirt, grime and other contaminants can significantly reduce the amount of sunlight reaching the panels, reducing their energy efficiency. Keeping panels clean and free of obstructions provides optimal solar radiation, which increases energy efficiency and generates more efficient electricity. In addition, good cleaning also helps to extend the life of the panel, avoiding damage and problems caused by dirt accumulation in the long run.

The challenge is to clean the solar panels regularly and efficiently with an automated robot that does the job at least twice a month. Solar panels are exposed to various contaminants, such as dirt, leaves and bird droppings, which affects their efficiency and reduces power output. Manual cleaning of the panels is laborious and requires a lot of time and effort.

The main hypothesis is that by developing an automatic cleaning robot for solar panels that cleans regularly, it will be possible to keep the panels in optimal condition, maximizing their efficiency and power output. It is expected that this robot will be able to effectively and completely cover large areas of solar panels, ensuring uniform cleaning without the need for manual intervention. This will allow for more frequent and efficient cleaning, improving the overall efficiency of the PV system and extending the life of the panels.

There are several reasons why a robot might be better than manual labor:

Efficiency and speed. The cleaning robot is designed for fast and efficient cleaning. They can cover large areas of solar panels in a short time, resulting in faster cleaning and less panel downtime.

Accuracy and consistency: the cleaning robot is programmed to follow fixed routes and use specific cleaning methods. This ensures thorough and consistent cleaning of each panel, avoiding missed or poorly cleaned areas.

Hard-to-reach locations: some solar panels can be placed in hard-to-reach locations or on elevated structures. Cleaning robots are designed to move and work in confined spaces and difficult terrain, allowing them to reach panels in places where manual labor cannot reach. They also reduce the risk of accidents or injuries associated with working at height.

Long-term cost savings: while the initial investment in a robot vacuum cleaner may be higher, in the long run it can be more cost-effective than manual labor. Cleaning robots require less labor and can operate independently, which reduces labor costs in the long run. Therefore, using a robot vacuum cleaner to clean solar panels offers advantages in efficiency, accuracy, reach to hard-to-reach places, safety and cost reduction. These advantages make automatic cleaning an attractive and effective alternative to manual cleaning.

Regular cleaning of solar panels is essential to ensure optimal performance and maximize power generation. Dirt, leaves or other contaminants that accumulate on the surface of the panels can reduce their ability to capture sunlight efficiently. This reduces the efficiency of the panel and therefore reduces the amount of electricity generated.

With regular cleaning, at least twice a month, dirt does not build up and adhere to the solar panels. This helps keep the surface clean and transparent, allowing the panels to capture the maximum amount of available sunlight and generate power more efficiently.

Regular cleaning also contributes to the durability and longevity of the solar panels. By removing dirt and other contaminants, it prevents staining, corrosion or other damage that could negatively affect the integrity and performance of the panel.

3.1.1 Ergonomic design

When developing an ergonomic design for a solar panel cleaning robot, there are several features to consider to ensure ease of use and efficiency.

First, the robot should be compact and lightweight for ease of handling and movement around the solar panels. In addition, strategic handles or grips should be placed on the robot to ensure a secure and comfortable grip during transport and handling.

It is important that the design includes an intuitive and user-friendly interface for the operator. This means convenient buttons or controls that are properly positioned and labeled, as well as an easy-to-read display that shows up-to-date information on the robot's cleaning status and progress.

The robot should also have an automatic navigation system to avoid collisions and navigate the solar panels smoothly. Proximity sensors and obstacle detection technology can be integrated to ensure safe and efficient driving.

In addition, quick and easy access to robot parts for maintenance and repair must be provided. This means that parts are located for easy access, and the modular construction facilitates the replacement of damaged or worn parts.

3.1.2 Navigation system

An efficient navigation system is the basis for the development of solar panel cleaning robots. The positioning system will allow the robot to navigate automatically and accurately over the surface of the solar panels. Proximity sensors can also be used to avoid obstacles and ensure safe driving.

Navigation systems can also include obstacle avoidance by detecting and avoiding objects. As a result, the robot can move safely and efficiently without damaging the solar panels or other environmental elements.

A navigation system for a PV cleaning robot should combine vision sensors, proximity sensors.

3.1.3 Efficient cleaning mechanism

Developing an efficient cleaning mechanism is essential for solar panel cleaning robots. The cleaning mechanism must be able to effectively remove dirt and debris from the surface of the solar panels. A popular option is to use a soft brush or special cloth that is gentle enough not to damage the solar panels but effective enough to remove stubborn dirt and debris. These brushes or rags can be attached to a movable frame, ensuring constant and even movement over the surface of the panels. Another alternative is to use a pressure-controlled sprayer. This can help remove stubborn dirt and debris that clings to the panels. Water can be supplied through properly located taps on the robot, and the pressure should be carefully adjusted to avoid damaging the panels.

3.1.4 Pressure and temperature control

Effective pressure and temperature control is essential when designing a solar panel cleaning robot. This control ensures that the pressure and temperature used during the cleaning process are sufficient to avoid damage to the solar panels. For effective pressure control, a pressure sensor can be used to measure the force applied to the control panel. These sensors can be integrated into a brush system, allowing the pressure to be adjusted in real time according to the characteristics of the panel and the level of soiling. When it comes to temperature control, the temperature and environmental conditions of the solar panels must be taken into account when cleaning them. In addition, automatic control systems can be used to automatically adjust the pressure and temperature according to the characteristics of the panel and the level of soiling.

Automatically adjust the pressure and temperature according to the set parameters. This ensures efficient and safe cleaning without constant operator intervention. As a result, the effective control of pressure and temperature in the solar panel cleaning robot allows the cleaning parameters to be adjusted according to the characteristics of the panels, preventing damage and ensuring an efficient cleaning process.

3.1.5 Power and autonomy

When it comes to power, you can choose a combination of power sources. One option is to use a high-capacity battery that can provide the power needed to run the robot while cleaning. In addition, it is possible to build an automatic charging system that allows you to recharge the battery if necessary using the solar energy available from the photovoltaic panels. For autonomy, the energy consumption of the robot and the time it takes to perform the cleaning tasks must be taken into account. To optimize the use of the energy stored in the battery, an efficient energy management system can be implemented. This can include intelligent planning of cleaning routes and control of various parts of the robot to minimize energy consumption. In addition, a battery level monitoring and notification system can be activated so that operators can take preventive measures and recharge the batteries as needed.

Therefore, the correct development in terms of energy and autonomy of solar panel cleaning robots involves the use of batteries, automatic charging systems and efficient energy management to ensure long-term and efficient robot operation in cleaning tasks.

3.1.6 Safety

Safety is a key factor in the development of solar panel cleaning robots. Many measures must be taken to protect both the robot and the solar panels, as well as the environment. First, obstacle detection sensors and intelligent navigation systems can be activated to avoid collisions with objects and people. In addition, an emergency stop system can be implemented to quickly stop the robot in any dangerous situation. This could include strategically placed stop buttons or the ability to receive shutdown commands remotely.

It is also important to establish safe procedures for maintenance and cleaning of the robot, as well as ensuring that operators are properly trained to ensure that they follow established safety procedures. Therefore, safety developments in solar panel cleaning robots include the implementation of obstacle detection sensors, intelligent navigation systems, emergency shutdown systems, fire protection measures and related safety protocols. These measures ensure that people, solar panels and the environment are protected while the robot is in operation.

3.1.7 Resistance to environmental conditions

Environmental resilience is a critical aspect of the development of a solar panel cleaning robot, as it will operate in a variety of environments and weather conditions.

To ensure durability, durable and high quality materials and components can be used that can withstand adverse conditions such as high temperature, humidity, dirt, exposure to solar radiation. In addition, suitable sealing and protection rings can be used to prevent water, dust and other harmful elements from entering the internal components of the robot. This ensures long-lasting and reliable operation even under extreme conditions. Similarly, it is important to consider the design of the robot, which must be robust and resistant to shock and vibration. The components must be properly fixed and secured to avoid damage caused by sudden movements or vibrations during operation. In addition, efficient cooling systems, such as fans or heat sinks, can be used to avoid overheating of the robot electronics.

Therefore, improving the environmental resistance of solar panel cleaning robots requires the use of durable materials and components, proper sealing, protection, robust construction and effective cooling systems. These features ensure long and reliable operation of the robot in various environments and climatic conditions.

3.1.8 Integration with monitoring systems (Idea)

Integration with monitoring systems is a key feature in the development of PV cleaning robots, as it allows providing real-time information about the operation of the panels and the status of the robot.

Communication technologies such as Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and even cloud communication systems can be used for efficient integration. This allows the robot to interface with existing on-site monitoring systems, such as energy monitoring systems or property management systems.

Thanks to this integration, you can obtain data on the efficiency of your panels, energy production, the presence of contaminants or detect possible faults. This data can be viewed in real time and saved for later analysis.

In addition, integration with monitoring systems allows for scheduling and remote control of the robot. This means you can set cleaning schedules, customize your robot's settings and receive notifications when problems or maintenance are needed. In short, integration with monitoring systems on solar panel cleaning robots provides real-time access to relevant data on panel performance and robot status. This facilitates informed decision making, optimizes panel performance, and detects potential problems or service needs early.

3.1.9 Maintainability and serviceability

The development of a system that is easy to maintain and repair is essential for the development of solar panel cleaning robots to ensure optimal and uninterrupted long-term operation.

For ease of maintenance, the robot can be designed in a modular fashion with easily accessible and replaceable parts. This allows the operator to easily perform maintenance tasks, such as cleaning parts or replacing worn parts.

In addition, self-diagnostics and self-calibration systems can be integrated to help identify problems and perform automatic corrections. This simplifies the maintenance process and reduces robot downtime.

It is important to provide clear, detailed operating instructions and proper training to operators so that they can perform maintenance and repair tasks correctly. Similarly, you can set up a maintenance monitoring system that records activities performed and schedules periodic preventive maintenance. This helps prevent problems before they happen and prolongs the life of the robot. In the event of a breakdown or more complex repair, you can count on dedicated service and spare parts to ensure a quick solution to your problems.

Therefore, developing a maintenance and repair tool on a solar panel cleaning robot requires a modular design, a self-diagnostic system, clear operating instructions, operator training, maintenance monitoring and access to maintenance and spare parts. These measures ensure efficient maintenance and quick resolution of potential problems, maximizing the life and productivity of the robot.

3.2 What advantages and disadvantages can a solar panel cleaning robot have?

3.2.1 Advantages

- Efficiency: the automatic cleaning robot can clean solar panels efficiently and quickly without constant human intervention. This saves time and effort compared to manual cleaning.
- Increase productivity: Keeping the solar panels clean increases their efficiency and power. Regular vacuuming by the robot ensures optimal panel performance and thus greater energy savings.
- Safety: Using a robotic vacuum cleaner reduces the risks associated with manual cleaning of solar panels, such as injuries from falls or contact with hot surfaces. The operator can monitor and control the robot from a safe distance.
- Preventive maintenance: The cleaning robot can detect and report solar panel anomalies, such as cracks or damage, allowing you to take preventive maintenance measures to avoid serious long-term problems.
- Save water: with a solar cell cleaning robot, you can optimize your water usage as the system can use the right amount or may not even necessarily have water for efficient cleaning, avoiding waste and saving water.

3.2.2 Disadvantages

- Initial cost: purchasing and implementing a solar panel cleaning robot can be a significant investment, especially for systems with high performance and advanced functions.
- Maintenance and repairs. While cleaning robots are designed to last a long time, they may also require regular maintenance and repair, which means additional costs and potential downtime.
- Location and design limitations: Depending on the design of the robot, there may be limitations in its ability to clean some types of solar panels or hard-to-reach areas, such as slopes or non-flat surfaces.
- Technology dependent: The proper functioning of a cleaning robot depends on the proper functioning of its technologies, such as sensors, motors and navigation systems. Failure of these components can affect its performance.
- Adaptation to extreme weather conditions: In some adverse weather conditions, such as heavy rain, strong winds or sandstorms, it may be necessary to stop the robot to avoid damage or accidents.

Table 3.1 showing the estimated stress of a bipolar motor as a function of weight, which varies from 5 to 30 kilograms

Weight (kg)	Estimated motor stress (N)
5	49.03
10	98.06
15	147.09
20	196.12
25	245.15
30	294.18

Table 3.2 Voltage provided by a solar panel at different times of the day

Time of day	Average voltage (V)
6:00	0-2
9:00	10-20
12:00	20-30
15:00	30-40
18:00	10-20

3.3 Methodology to be developed

Define requirements: define the key requirements of the circuit, such as the ability to control the robot's movements, the sensors needed to detect dirt on the board, the ability to navigate automatically, etc. Research and select components: research the necessary components for circuits such as microcontrollers, sensors, actuators, power supplies, etc. Choose the ones that best suit your requirements.

Wiring design: use electronic design software (Proteus) to create a wiring diagram for the circuit. Connect the parts according to the manufacturer's specifications and the needs of the cleaning robot.

Circuit testing: On a breadboard, test the circuit made in the software used.

Printed circuit board (PCB) design: Change the electrical circuits to printed circuit boards. Place the components on the PCB and make the necessary connections with the PCB design software. Be sure to follow best design practices to ensure signal integrity and circuit performance.

PCB production: Send the PCB design to the manufacturer or produce it yourself if you have sufficient resources. Verify the manufacturer's specifications and perform a continuity and short circuit test before proceeding.

Assembly and test: Solder components to the PCB and perform functional tests to make sure the circuit works properly.

Make corrections and fix any problems identified during testing.

Cleaning robot integration: Integrate the circuit with the cleaning robot by making the correct connections and ensure compatibility with other parts of the robot.

Upgradeability

The possibilities for improvements to a solar panel cleaning robot are varied and new technologies are continually being researched to optimize its performance. Some areas of improvement include:

Energy efficiency: developing more efficient systems that use less energy during cleaning and maximize power generation from the solar panels.

Battery life and autonomy: Improving battery capacity and robot autonomy to perform longer cleanings without the need for recharging.

Advanced sensors and algorithms: Implement more sophisticated sensors and intelligent algorithms that allow better detection of dirt, obstacles and environmental conditions.

Self-cleaning system: Design a mechanism integrated in the robot that allows its own cleaning, avoiding the accumulation of dirt and increasing its efficiency.

Adaptability to different surfaces: Improve the robot's ability to adapt to different types of surfaces and angles of the solar panels, allowing effective cleaning in various configurations.

These improvements seek to optimize the efficiency, autonomy and adaptability of the solar panel cleaning robot, with the objective of facilitating cleaning and maintaining the optimal performance of the solar panels.

3.4 Results

Component compatibility: the circuit must ensure proper compatibility and connection of the components used, such as microcontrollers, sensors, actuators and power supplies.

Energy efficiency: the circuit design shall provide efficient power management to maximize the robot vacuum cleaner's battery life and make optimal use of the available power sources.

Reliability and stability: The chains must be designed to be stable and reliable, resistant to vibrations and temperature fluctuations occurring in the external environment.

Failure protection: the circuit design must include safety measures to prevent damage to components in the event of short circuit, overvoltage or overcurrent, to ensure circuit integrity and prolong circuit life.

Ease of maintenance and repair: The circuit design should allow easy access and replacement of parts in case of failure, facilitating theft maintenance and repair.

3.5 Annexes

This annex details additional aspects about the PV panel cleaning robot document, providing complementary information and relevant resources for its understanding.

Technical specifications:

ATPMEGA328 Function.

The ATmega328 is a microcontroller of the AVR family manufactured by Atmel (now part of Microchip Technology). The function of the ATmega328 is to act as the main brain or controller in various electronic devices. Some of the main functions of the ATmega328 include:

Data processing: The ATmega328 can execute instructions and perform mathematical, logic and control calculations to control the operation of an electronic system.

Peripheral control: The microcontroller can interface with a variety of peripherals, such as sensors, actuators, displays, and serial communication (such as UART, I2C, SPI), to receive and send data.

Memory management: The ATmega328 has an internal memory that can store program instructions, temporary data and variables.

Timing and counters: The microcontroller has built-in timers and counters that can be used to generate timing signals, measure time and control periodic events.

Ultrasonic sensor function to detect anomalies

An ultrasonic sensor is a device that uses high-frequency sound waves to detect objects and measure distances. In the context of altitude detection, ultrasonic sensors can be used to detect changes in the altitude or distance of an object relative to the surrounding surface. This is accomplished by emitting an ultrasonic pulse and measuring the time it takes to pick up the echo of that pulse after bouncing off an object.

The ultrasonic sensor, which detects drops, can provide information about the presence of an obstacle and the distance to it, or about the change in altitude from the original position. This information is useful in many applications, such as automatic leveling systems, mobile robots that need to avoid obstacles, and even safety systems that detect sudden changes in terrain.

Therefore, the role of ultrasonic sensors in impact detection is to use sound waves to measure and detect changes in the height or distance of an object from the surrounding surface, allowing decisions to be made or acted upon.

Function of L293D (H-Bridges)

Directional control: reverses the polarity of the motor poles, allowing the motor to rotate in both directions (forward and reverse). This is achieved by including suitable power transistors inside the L293D. **Speed control:** The L293D provides speed control via Pulse Width Modulation (PWM). By applying a PWM signal to the L293D speed control pin, you can change the speed of the motor by adjusting the duty cycle of the PWM signal. **Overcurrent protection:** The L293D has built-in thermal and protection diodes to help prevent circuit damage due to excessive current or power feedback generated by the motor.

Diagrams and drawings: Attached are technical diagrams and drawings of the robot, illustrating component layout, electrical circuits.

Figure 3.1 ATmega328

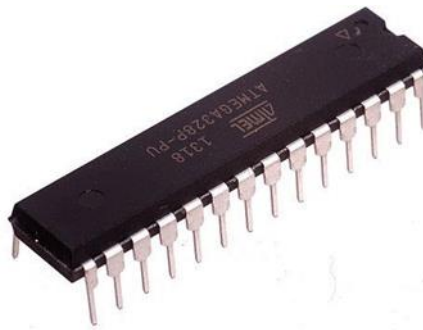


Figure 3.2 Ultrasonic Sensor



Figure 3.3 L293D



Figure 3.4 Stepper motor



Algorithms and programs: Algorithms and programs used to control the cleaning robot are provided, including navigation logic, obstacle detection, cleaning sequence and any other control processes implemented.

Figure 3.5 Arduino code used

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1 // librería para el sensor ultrasónico
2 #include <NewPing.h>
3
4 // Definición de los pines del sensor ultrasónico
5 const int buttonPin = 1; // Pin del botón
6 #define TRIGGER_PIN1 2
7 #define ECHO_PIN1 3
8 #define TRIGGER_PIN2 4
9 #define ECHO_PIN2 5
10
11
12 // Definición del pin del LED
13 // Definición de los pines del L293D
14 int motorPin1 = 6;
15 int motorPin2 = 7;
16 int motorPin3 = 8;
17 int motorPin4 = 9;
18
19 // Variables de control del motor
20 int velocidad1 = 500;
21 int velocidad2 = 500;
22 int ciclo = 0;
23 int again;
24
25 NewPing sonar1(TRIGGER_PIN1, ECHO_PIN1);
26 NewPing sonar2(TRIGGER_PIN2, ECHO_PIN2);
27
28 // Variables de distancia
29 unsigned int distanciaActual1;
30 unsigned int distanciaAnterior1;
31 unsigned int distanciaActual2;
32 unsigned int distanciaAnterior2;
33
34 int objetoAlejandose = 0;
35
36 void setup() {
37 // configurar los pines del L293D como salida
38 pinMode(motorPin1, OUTPUT);
39 pinMode(motorPin2, OUTPUT);
40 pinMode(motorPin3, OUTPUT);
41 pinMode(motorPin4, OUTPUT);
42 pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT_PULLUP);
43 }
44
45 void loop() {
46 // Leer el estado actual del botón
47 distanciaActual1 = sonar1.ping_cm();
48 distanciaActual2 = sonar2.ping_cm();
49
50 if (distanciaActual1 > distanciaAnterior1) {
51   objetoAlejandose = 1;
52 }
53 if (distanciaActual2 > distanciaAnterior2) {
54   objetoAlejandose = 2;
55   ciclo = ciclo + 1;

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64 void loop() {
65   // Leer el estado actual del botón
66   distanciaActual1 = sensor1.pulg[0];
67   distanciaActual2 = sensor2.pulg[0];
68   if (distanciaActual1 > distanciaAnterior1) {
69     objetoLejanose = 1;
70   }
71   if (distanciaActual2 > distanciaAnterior2) {
72     objetoLejanose = 2;
73     ciclo = ciclo + 1;
74   }
75   if (digitalRead(botonPin) == LOW) {
76     if (ciclo == 2) {
77       digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
78       digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
79       digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
80       digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
81       delay(500);
82       objetoLejanose = 3;
83       ciclo = 0;
84     } else {
85       // Controlar el motor en función del sentido de giro actual
86       switch (objetoLejanose) {
87         case 1:
88           digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH);
89           digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
90           digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
91           digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
92           if (distanciaActual1 > distanciaAnterior1) {
93             velocidad1 = 5;
94           }
95           delay(velocidad1);
96           digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH);
97           digitalWrite(motorPin2, HIGH);
98           digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
99           digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
100          if (distanciaActual1 > distanciaAnterior1) {
101            velocidad1 = 5;
102          }
103          delay(velocidad1);
104          digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
105          digitalWrite(motorPin2, HIGH);
106          digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
107          digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
108          if (distanciaActual1 > distanciaAnterior1) {
109            velocidad1 = 5;
110          }
111          delay(velocidad1);
112          digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
113          digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
114          digitalWrite(motorPin3, HIGH);
115          digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
116          if (distanciaActual1 > distanciaAnterior1) {
117            velocidad1 = 5;
118          }
119          delay(velocidad1);
120          digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
121          digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
122          digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
123          digitalWrite(motorPin4, HIGH);
124          if (distanciaActual1 > distanciaAnterior1) {
125            velocidad1 = 5;
126          }
127          delay(velocidad1);
128          digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
129          digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
130          digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
131          digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
132        }
133        break;
134        case 2:
135          digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH);
136          digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
137          digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
138          digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
139          if (distanciaActual2 > distanciaAnterior2) {
140            velocidad2 = 5;
141          }
142          delay(velocidad2);
143          digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH);
144          digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
145          digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
146          digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
147          if (distanciaActual2 > distanciaAnterior2) {
148            velocidad2 = 5;
149          }
150          delay(velocidad2);
151          digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
152          digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
153          digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
154          digitalWrite(motorPin4, HIGH);
155          if (distanciaActual2 > distanciaAnterior2) {
156            velocidad2 = 5;
157          }
158          delay(velocidad2);
159        }
160      }
161    }
  
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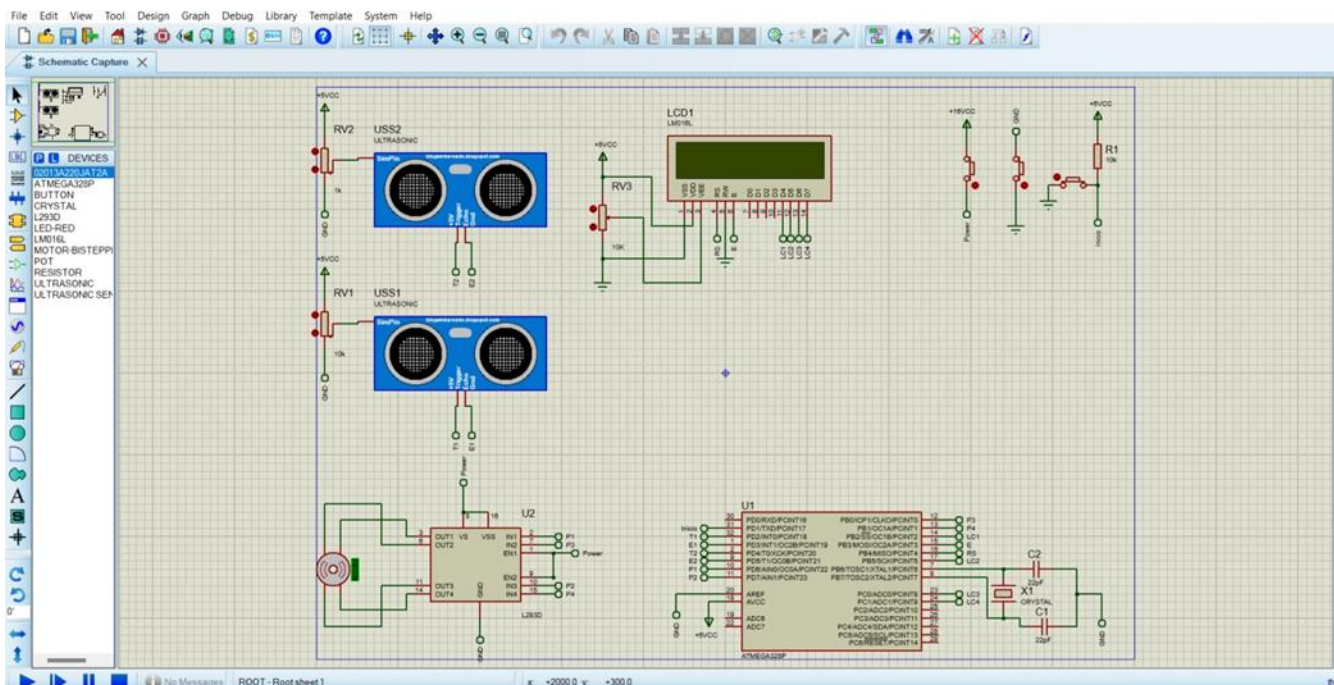
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157
158
159 delay(velocidad2);
160 digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
161 digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
162 digitalWrite(motorPin3, HIGH);
163 digitalWrite(motorPin4, HIGH);
164 if ((distanciaActual2 > distanciaAnterior2) {
165   velocidad2 = 5;
166 }
167 delay(velocidad2);
168 digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
169 digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
170 digitalWrite(motorPin3, HIGH);
171 digitalWrite(motorPin4, HIGH);
172 if ((distanciaActual2 > distanciaAnterior2) {
173   velocidad2 = 5;
174 }
175 delay(velocidad2);
176 digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
177 digitalWrite(motorPin2, HIGH);
178 digitalWrite(motorPin3, LOW);
179 digitalWrite(motorPin4, LOW);
180 if ((distanciaActual2 > distanciaAnterior2) {
181   velocidad2 = 5;
182 }
183 delay(velocidad2);
184 digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
185 digitalWrite(motorPin2, HIGH);
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Tests and results: The results of the tests performed (Circuit simulation) are presented.

Figure 3.6 Proteus circuit



Recommendations for use and safety: Recommendations for use of the cleaning robot are detailed, including safety considerations, preventive maintenance, component cleaning, and any other relevant precautions or guidelines for safe and efficient operation.

- Preliminary check: before cleaning the solar panels, perform a visual inspection to identify obstructions, loose wires, or anything else that may interfere with the safe operation of the robot.
- Maintain a safe environment: ensure that the area where the cleaning robot is being used is free of loose objects, wires or any obstructions that could damage the robot or solar panels.
- Continuous supervision: always monitor the operation of the robot vacuum cleaner during operation. Stay close by and watch for any unusual or unexpected behavior.

- Avoid bad weather: do not use the robot vacuum cleaner in bad weather, such as heavy rain, thunderstorms or strong wind. These conditions can affect the safety of the robot and damage both the robot and the solar panels.
- Routine maintenance: Perform routine maintenance on the robot vacuum cleaner according to the instructions correctly. This may include cleaning parts, lubricating moving parts, and checking cables and connections.
- Proper training: Ensure that personnel responsible for operating the robot vacuum cleaner have received proper training in operation, safety and maintenance. This will reduce the risk of errors or accidents during use.
- Turn off: Before performing any maintenance or repairs on your robot vacuum cleaner, turn it off and follow the manufacturer's recommended safety instructions.
- Report a problem: If you encounter any problems or malfunctions with your robot vacuum cleaner, notify the institution immediately so that they can provide technical support and resolve the problem in a timely manner.

3.6 Conclusions

In conclusion, designing a solar panel cleaning robot is a critical step in the development of this technology. With the right circuit design, positive results and functionality can be achieved that contribute to the efficient operation of the cleaning robot. By considering component compatibility, energy efficiency, circuit reliability and stability, fault protection, and ease of maintenance and repair, a robust and reliable design can be achieved.

Well-designed circuitry allows it to control the movement of the cleaning robot, detect contamination accurately, assist with automatic navigation, and ensure efficient cleaning of the solar panels. In addition, proper power management prolongs battery life and optimizes the use of available resources.

In summary, proper design of the solar panel cleaning robot is essential for efficient, reliable and sustainable operation. This robust design is the basis for the successful development of a solar panel cleaning robot capable of generating maximum power and extending the lifetime of the PV system.

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