

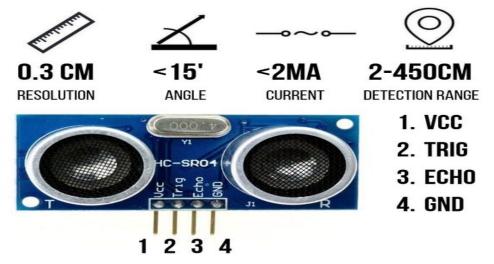
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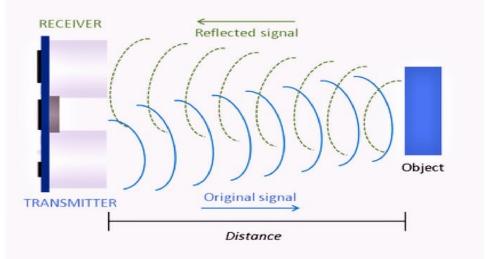
Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04

Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04 is a sensor that can measure distance. It emits an ultrasound at 40 000 Hz (40kHz) which travels through the air and if there is an object or obstacle on its path It will bounce back to the module. Considering the travel time and the speed of the sound you can calculate the distance.

The configuration pin of HC-SR04 is VCC (1), TRIG (2), ECHO (3), and GND (4). The supply voltage of VCC is +5V and you can attach TRIG and ECHO pin to any Digital I/O in your Arduino Board.



Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04 Configuration and Specification

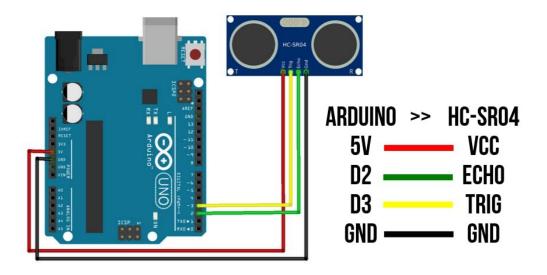


Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04 Principle

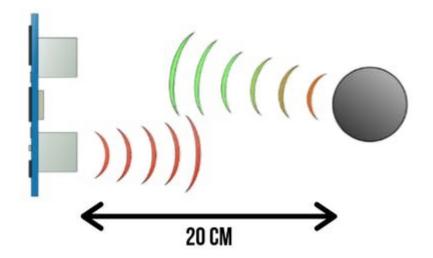


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For example, if the object is 20 cm away from the sensor, and the speed of the sound is 340 m/s or 0.034 cm/ μ s. But what you will get from the Echo pin will be double that number because the sound wave needs to travel forward and backward. So in order to get the distance in cm we need to multiply the received travel time value from the echo pin by 0.034 and divide it by 2.



SPEED OF SOUND: v = 340 m/s v = 0.034 m/s

TIME = DISTANCE/SPEED t = s/v = 20/0.034= 588 us s = t x 0.034/2

Distance calculating



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long duration; // variable for the duration of sound wave
int distance; // variable for the distance measurement
void setup() {
 pinMode(trigPin, OUTPUT); // Sets the trigPin as an OUTPUT
 pinMode(echoPin, INPUT); // Sets the echoPin as an INPUT
 Serial.begin(9600); // // Serial Communication is starting
 Serial.println("Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04 Test"); // print
void loop() {
 digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
 delayMicroseconds(2);
 digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH);
 delayMicroseconds(10);
 digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
 duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);
 Serial.print("Distance: ");
 Serial.print(distance);
 Serial.println(" cm");
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