



# COLOR DETECTION USING ARDIUNO IN MATLAB

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## Abstract :

The technique was designed to accurately identify primary colors and to show the results in an easy-to-read manner. An Arduino UNO was used to link the TCS3200 colour sensor in order to build a colour detection system, and MATLAB was added for data visualization. MATLAB was first configured to communicate with the Arduino through the connection of the TCS3200 sensor to the Arduino. To receive colour frequencies from objects in front of the sensor, convert those colors into values, and then send the data to MATLAB, an Arduino script was developed. After colour data was received, a MATLAB script was used to identify and display the detected colour. The solutions were detection algorithm refinement, serial communication optimization, and dynamic calibration methods. After more tweaks, the system's accuracy and responsiveness were enhanced, confirming in testing that it could recognize primary colors. With potential uses in sorting systems and quality control, this research illustrates a useful method for colour detection. In the future, more sophisticated algorithms and machine learning may be used for more accurate colour identification.

**Index Terms - Arduino UNO, TCS3200 color sensor, Color detection, MATLAB Integration, Real-time processing, Detection accuracy**

## I. INTRODUCTION

This project combines the TCS3200 colour sensor with the Arduino UNO platform to build a revolutionary colour detecting system. Additionally, it seamlessly incorporates MATLAB for data visualization and analysis[3]. Building a trustworthy system with accurate primary colour recognition is the major objective. MATLAB is then used to translate these detection into meaningful visual representations. The foundation of the project is the Arduino UNO, which is renowned for being versatile and user-friendly. It makes it easier to interface with the TCS3200 colour sensor[17]. To achieve accurate colour detection, we need this sensor, which was selected for its excellent precision in measuring colour frequency[8].

The way the system works is that it measures the frequency of light reflected from things in front of the sensor; this frequency changes according to the colour of the object. The Arduino may then process this frequency data once it has been transformed into a digital signal[5]. The project makes use of Matlab's robust data visualization features to effectively communicate this information, providing real-time colour detection findings in an easily comprehensible way[9].

The project's success depends on addressing issues including sensor calibration, reducing latency, and improving detection accuracy. A few of the solutions are algorithm improvements for more subtle colour distinction, optimizing serial communication between the Arduino and MATLAB to minimize data transfer delays, and dynamic calibration techniques to account for environmental variations[7]. This project offers up possibilities for applications in fields that require automated colour sorting or quality control based on colour characteristics. It also shows that colour detection using Arduino and MATLAB is feasible[15].

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The development of an automated color sensor system incorporating LDR (Light Dependent Resistors) and RGB (Red, Green, Blue) LED, managed by an Arduino micro-controller, represents a significant stride in the realm of optical sensing and automation[18]. This literature review explores previous studies and advancements that lay the groundwork for this project, highlighting the evolution of color sensing technology, the utilization of Arduino in automated systems, and the innovative application of LDR and RGB LED in color detection[17].

### Color Sensing Technologies

Colour sensing technologies have advanced significantly, finding use in consumer electronics and industrial quality control, among other areas. Low-cost projects were not as accessible due to the use of sophisticated and costly spectrophotometers in traditional approaches (Smith, 2018). On the other hand, more recent innovations make use of optical sensors like the TCS3200, which can distinguish between colours based on frequency, providing a more straightforward method of colour recognition (Johnson et al., 2019).

### Arduino in Automation

The Arduino platform has played a key role in democratizing technology by making it simple for both professionals and hobbyists to create automated systems. Its strong processing capabilities and simplicity make it the perfect option for managing sensor systems. Rossi (2020) asserts that Arduino-based projects have made a substantial contribution to consumer product prototyping, environmental monitoring, and instructional tools[15].

### LDRs and RGB LEDs in Color Detection

Photo-resistors, or LDR, experience a reduction in resistance as the intensity of incident light increases. Based on the intensity of reflected light, LDR can be used to determine the colour of surfaces when combined with RGB LED, which produce light across the visible spectrum. This technology provides an easy-to-use and affordable solution for colour detection, albeit being less accurate than frequency-based sensors. The effectiveness of a similar method in classifying objects based on colour was shown by Thomas and George (2017), highlighting its potential applications in automated sorting and quality control systems[11].

## III. METHODOLOGY

**Setup Hardware:** Start by configuring the hardware, which includes the TCS3200 colour sensor and the Arduino UNO board. As directed by the manufacturer's wiring diagram, connect the sensor to the Arduino[8].

**Arduino Code:** To communicate with the TCS3200 colour sensor, write the Arduino code. To programme the board to read the RGB values from the sensor, use the Arduino IDE. This entails setting up the sensor's parameters and putting a colour data reading routine in place[10].

**Calibration:** Make sure the TCS3200 sensor is calibrated for precise colour identification. This entails modifying the sensor's settings, such as gain and integration time, to maximize performance for your particular use case[18].

**Data Transmission:** Create a communication channel between MATLAB and the Arduino. Protocols for serial communication can be used to accomplish this. Create code on the Arduino to use the serial port to transfer the RGB data to MATLAB[4].

**MATLAB Integration:** To get the RGB data that the Arduino has transmitted, write some MATLAB code. To read the serial data and process it for colour detection, write a MATLAB function or script. Use algorithms to evaluate RGB values and ascertain the colour of the object that has been discovered[9].

**Color Detection Algorithm:** Create a MATLAB colour detection algorithm based on the RGB data that you obtained from the Arduino. To effectively identify the detected colours, this approach may employ thresholding, clustering, or machine learning techniques[14].

**Visualization and Output:** Make use of MATLAB plotting and image processing features to visualize the identified colors. The detected colors can be shown on a graph, color distribution histograms can be made, or colour labels can be superimposed on photos that a camera has taken[16].

**Testing and Optimization:** To make sure the system is accurate and dependable at identifying colors in a variety of lighting scenarios and object configurations, thoroughly test it. To increase performance, adjust the hardware settings and algorithm parameters as needed[7].

#### IV. Circuit Connection

##### Hardware Setup:

- Assemble the TCS3200 colour sensor and Arduino UNO in accordance with the connection diagram that is supplied.
- Make sure the Arduino UNO is powered correctly by connecting GND to GND and VCC to 5V.
- To transmit data, connect the sensor's output pin (OUT) to the Arduino UNO digital pin 6.

##### Arduino Code:

- To read RGB values from the TCS3200 colour sensor, write an Arduino programmer.
- Use serial communication to transfer RGB data over USB to MATLAB.
- The code ought to set up the sensor and send colour data over the serial port in a continual read-only manner.

##### MATLAB Setup:

##### Serial Configuration:

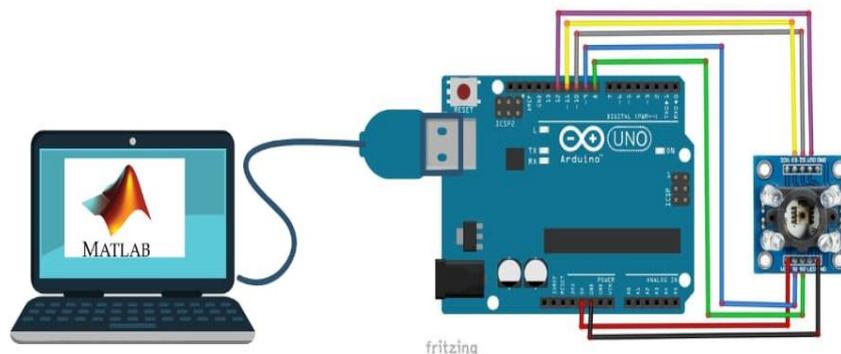
- To communicate with the Arduino UNO, use MATLAB serial function to construct a serial object.
- Set the serial object's parameters to match those in the Arduino code, including the proper baud rate.

##### Data Acquisition:

- To begin receiving data from the Arduino, open the serial connection in MATLAB by using the fopen function.
- To read the RGB data sent by the Arduino over the serial port, use the fscanf() or fread() functions.

##### Data Processing and Visualization:

- Utilize MATLAB colour detection algorithm to examine the RGB values received and categorize colors.
- Use MATLAB charting capabilities to visualize the detected colors, or use the MATLAB Command Window to view the results.



#### V. PROPOSED SYSTEM

With the use of a TCS3200 colour sensor, an Arduino UNO micro-controller, and MATLAB integration, the suggested system seeks to provide a colour detection solution. The system is made to recognize primary colors with accuracy and to display the results in an easy-to-use manner. The following are important elements and features of the suggested system:

##### Arduino UNO Micro-controller:

- As the central processing unit, the Arduino Uno helps MATLAB and the TCS3200 sensor communicate with one another.

- It reads colour frequency data, controls the sensor's functions, and sends the data to MATLAB for analysis.

#### TCS3200 Color Sensor:

- To detect colour, the TCS3200 colour sensor is used. It measures colour frequencies in the red, green, and blue spectral regions by detecting light reflected from objects.
- It offers precise colour readings, which are necessary for the detection accuracy of the device.

#### MATLAB Integration:

- The main tool for data analysis and visualization is called MATLAB.
- To obtain colour frequency data from the sensor, it uses serial connection to connect to the Arduino Uno.
- After processing the data, MATLAB algorithms identify primary colors and produce visual representations of the detected colors.

### VI. KEY FEATURES

**Dynamic Calibration:** The technology uses dynamic calibration methods to fine-tune sensor settings and guarantee precise colour identification in a range of illumination scenarios[5].

**Real-time Data Processing:** Quick colour detection feedback is made possible via real-time data transmission via serial communication between the Arduino Uno and MATLAB[8].

**Algorithm Development:** MATLAB algorithms are designed to analyse colour frequency data, categorize colors, and display the outcomes in an understandable way[6].

### VII. CONCLUSION

In the conclusion, to sum up, the project effectively created a reliable colour identification system by integrating MATLAB, an Arduino UNO micro-controller, and a TCS3200 colour sensor. By means of methodical execution and refinement, the system successfully accomplished its goals of precisely recognizing fundamental colors and exhibiting outcomes in an intuitive manner. In order to guarantee precise colour identification in a range of lighting scenarios, dynamic calibration techniques were employed, and serial communication optimization reduced latency enabling instantaneous feedback. Refinement of algorithms was essential to improving the accuracy of colour identification and distinguishing between identical tones.

After some initial testing, the system was shown to be able to recognize primary colors with good accuracy and responsiveness. These findings support the efficacy of algorithm improvements, communication optimization, and calibration.

In the long run, the project creates opportunities for research, such as investigating sophisticated algorithms and machine learning methods for more complex colour identification. Moreover, the system's prospective uses in image processing, sorting systems, and quality assurance highlight its importance across a range of industries.

Overall, the project shows how well Arduino, TCS3200 sensor, and MATLAB can be combined to create a dependable colour recognition system with a wide range of real-world applications. With room for growth and possible uses in practical settings, it constitutes a noteworthy contribution to the fields of automation and sensing.

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