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# Conceptual View Of Designing a Smart Intelligent Connecting Link (Bridge) Between 2 Islands Over a Water Surface

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#### **Abstract**

In this paper, a conceptual view of designing a smart intelligent connecting link (bridge) between 2 islands over a water surface is presented. This paper provides a concise overview of the historical evolution of bridges, emphasizing their critical role in a nation's transportation infrastructure. Bridges are essential but costly to construct and upkeep. As a result, careful maintenance is imperative, and sensors play a vital role in this regard. The concept revolves around maintaining bridge integrity by controlling various parameters through effective data analysis, monitoring, and proper functioning. This project is primarily dedicated to the monitoring and assessment of bridge conditions using a range of sensors. The continuous advancement in sensor technology has led to the development of automated real-time bridge health monitoring systems. The work carried out is the second semester mini-project by the students of Electronics & Communication Engineering under the guidance of the faculties.

## Introduction

A 'smart bridge' is one that can detect critical environmental or structural changes and respond automatically. Bridges are vital components of contemporary transportation networks, facilitating the seamless movement of vehicles, pedestrians, and goods over water bodies and challenging terrains. To ensure their safety and longevity, it is essential to address potential structural issues. Recent technological advancements have given rise to 'smart bridge monitoring systems,' offering innovative solutions. These systems utilize diverse sensors, data communication technologies, and microcontrollers like Arduino to continuously collect and analyze data. Arduino, as an open-source electronics platform, provides a cost-effective and adaptable means to create advanced monitoring systems for various applications, including bridge monitoring.

Floods result in significant loss of both life and property across many nations. However, in developing countries, the lack of advanced technology exacerbates these losses. Bridges, integral to modern infrastructure, enhance the aesthetic and functional aspects of roadways. Yet, bridge failures pose a substantial challenge, often leading to catastrophic consequences, including loss of life and disruptions in commerce. This project's objective is to monitor flood conditions and, in case of danger, raise an alarm through a buzzer sound [10].



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Fig. 1: A typical bridge flooded with water

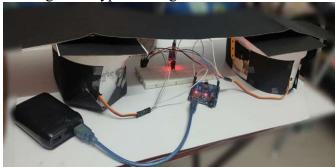


Fig. 2: Experimental results obtained for the smart intelligent bridge

## **Conclusions**

We've designed an Arduino-based automated river bridge control system for seamlessly opening and closing river bridges. This automated approach significantly reduces the need for manual labor. The primary objective of this project is to minimize structural damage and protect lives and property. The operational principle of the Bridge Monitoring system involves displaying data on an LCD when signs of bridge instability emerge. This system holds the potential to avert major disasters in the future and, ultimately, save numerous lives. In conclusion, the implementation of an automatic height-adjusting bridge using Arduino, servo motors, and moisture sensors presents a promising solution to prevent accidents and enhance safety during bridge crossings, particularly in times of heavy rainfall or flooding

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