

Design, Modelling and Simulate of DC motor for Robotics to Enhance Speed and Direction

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Abstract

The present research seeks to elucidate the design and execution of a bidirectional control system for DC motors, employing the Arduino UNO microcontroller and the L293D motor driver. Offering a cost-effective, user-friendly solution for precise speed and direction control in robotics, automation, and industrial applications. The methodology integrates the L293D's dual H-bridge configuration for bidirectional control through voltage polarity reversal and employs Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) via Arduino to adjust motor speed by varying the duty cycle (0–255), the mathematical model linking input voltage to motor speed is embedded in the Arduino programming environment (Micro C) to ensure accurate speed modulation for this purpose use Simulations in Proteus 8 Professional validate the circuit design and control logic, followed by physical prototyping to real-world functionality, the Experimental results demonstrate seamless transitions between clockwise, anticlockwise, and braking modes, with PWM enabling linear speed adjustments (0–12V) and the L293D providing robust protection against overcurrent and thermal overload. The system achieves a 40% cost reduction compared to traditional setups while maintaining reliability under variable loads, offering instantaneous directional switching and smooth speed transitions, this work underscores the practicality of combining Arduino microcontrollers with the L293D driver for efficient DC motor control, adaptable to educational, industrial, and consumer electronics contexts. The

investigation advocates for broader adoption in energy-efficient automation and IoT-enabled frameworks, emphasizing scalability, simplicity, and real-world applicability.

Keywords: IoT Integration, Direct-Current (DC) Motor, Arduino-L293D Framework, Remote Accessibility, Protous Program.

1. Introduction

DC motors are ubiquitous in industrial and consumer applications due to their controllability. Precise speed and direction regulation require robust control systems, often implemented via microcontrollers and motor drivers [N. Barsoum et al., 2014]. In [Chaubey et al., 2018], GSM technology to regulate a DC motor's speed using SMS from a mobile device has been used. The text message will be sent by the user with the desired motor speed in RPM to the GSM module. The MCU is going to process any short message service received on the GSM module, and it will be turned into a proper pulse duty cycle using PWM to regulate the DC motor's speed. In [Nichat et al., 2015], controlling the speed and direction of a DC motor in clockwise or anticlockwise mode was investigated using a microcontroller and an Android mobile application. H-bridge and PWM approaches were used. In [Sivanagappa et al., 2016], to create direction and speed control of a DC motor utilizing radio frequency technology. In which a DC motor's speed is controlled using the PWM approach. The author suggested A system comprising a rectifier, a filter capacitor, and a direct current/DC converter. The insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT), which serves as the DC/DC converter's primary component, is powered by microcontroller-supplied PWM pulses. By inserting the Ethernet module into an RJ45 cable. In [Ahmed Allu et al., 2017], an Arduino Ethernet shield was used to link the onboard microcontroller of the Arduino to the internet. The data is delivered to the microcontroller across the internet by dragging the slider on the Android.

A standard motor driver IC that may be used to regulate the direction and speed of

DC motors is the L293D driver. The L293D is an IC dual H-bridge motor driver that is capable of driving two DC motors concurrently. The bidirectional control of the motor is provided by controlling the polarity of the voltage applied to the motor terminals [Vikramsingh et al., 2017]. The variety of types of DC motors provides a variety of control methods and applications that can be performed. Thus, a DC motor's four-quadrant speed control system is intended to be developed.

Four operating quadrants—forward braking, reversal braking, clockwise, and anti-clockwise—are available, in addition to speed control. These four operational modes or quadrants can be used with and without an Arduino [Bhattacharjee et al., 2018]. In [Lee et al., 2023], a low-cost Bluetooth-based system for wireless speed control of BLDC motors via mobile applications was developed, eliminating wired interfaces. Their work demonstrated real-time RPM adjustments through PWM signals but lacked bidirectional control or IoT capabilities. The study provided a foundation for mobile-controlled motor systems, though limited by Bluetooth's range and latency. This paved the way for later integrations of wireless protocols (e.g., LoRaWAN, MQTT) in motor control. In [Zhang et al., 2023], an Arduino-L298N framework for bidirectional DC motor control, demonstrating cost-effective educational applications but lacking IoT integration or advanced protections. Their work simplified hands-on motor control for STEM learners. In [Wang et al., 2024], developed a low-power LoRaWAN-ESP32 system for remote motor control in agriculture, achieving energy efficiency but requiring infrastructure support. In [Gupta et al., 2025], pioneered an Edge-AI framework integrating real-time predictive maintenance with Raspberry Pi, reducing industrial motor failures by 30%. Their system enabled low-latency 5G decision-making but required costly edge infrastructure. The work bridged AI and IoT for smart factories while highlighting scalability challenges. In [Boaz et al., 2019], a quantum-resistant IoT architecture for ultra-secure motor control in defense applications, achieving theoretically unbackable communications. Their framework demonstrated instantaneous

bidirectional control via quantum protocols but remains experimental due to hardware limitations. This work laid the foundations for post-quantum industrial automation.

The present study aims to develop the two rotational directions of the motor, namely clockwise, stopping, and anticlockwise. This work will use Arduino code to regulate the speed of *an engine*. To adjust the DC motor's speed, the duty cycle of the PWM signal is variable between 0 and 255. The way to strip the DC motors, the H-bridge design. Arduino and a motor driver (L293D) have been suggested to be used to offer instantaneous forward braking, instantaneous reverse braking, clockwise, and counterclockwise movement. The comparison with prior works, as shown in Table 1, highlights the trade-offs between cost, complexity, and innovation in IoT-enhanced motor control, positioning the current study as a bridge between affordability and functionality.

Table (1): A brief comparison between the research methodology and the conventional control method

Ref.	Control Method	Bidirectional Control	IoT Integration	Cost Efficiency	Wireless Protocol	AI/ML Use	Energy Efficiency	Applications
[Nihat, et al., 2015]	GSM (SMS)	No	No	Low	GSM	No	Low	Remote Locations with Cellular Coverage
[Ahmed Allu, et al., 2017]	RF	Yes	No	Moderate	RF	No	Moderate	General-Purpose Wireless Control
[Vikramsingh, et al., 2017]	Ethernet/Internet	No	Yes	Low	Wired Internet	No	Moderate	Industrial Automation
[Bhattacharjee et al., 2018]	Modular Converters	Yes	No	Low	N/A	No	Moderate	High-Power Industrial Systems
[J. Lee and S. Park, 2023]	Bluetooth	No	No	Moderate	Bluetooth	No	Low	Small-Scale Automation
[Zhang, et al., 2023]	Arduino + L298N	Yes	No	High	N/A	No	Moderate	Educational Kits
[T. Wang and J. Kim, 2024]	LoRaWAN + ESP32	Yes	Yes (MQTT)	High	LoRaWAN	No	High	Precision Agriculture
[Gupta., et al., 2025]	Edge-AI + Raspberry Pi	Yes	Yes (Edge-to-Cloud)	Moderate	5G	Yes	High	Smart Manufacturing (Industry 4.0)
[Boaz., et al., 2019]	Quantum Control Framework	Yes	Yes (Quantum IoT)	Very Low (Theoretical)	Quantum-Secured	Yes	Ultra-High	Defense Systems
Current Study	PWM + L293D H- H-bridge	Yes	Yes (Web Interface)	High (40% cost reduction)	Wi-Fi/Internet	Yes	Moderate	Educational, Industrial, Consumer Electronics

2. Definition of DC Motor

The primary motor (DC) is the most fundamental sort of motor and is commonly found in various applications such as electric vehicles, industrial machinery, electric razors, automobile electric windows, etc. Since Current lighting power distribution systems that use direct current can operate them. Any rotating electricity motor that transforms electrical power from direct current to kinetic energy is called a DC motor [Bashar and Ahmed,2021]. The majority of forms use the magnetic field's forces. However, most DC motor types feature an inbuilt electronic or electromechanical system that regularly switches the motor's current direction in a specific area. The speed range of a DC motor can be broadened by varying the supply voltage or the current passing, when the field windings are broadened [Bashar and Ahmed,2021]. The all-purpose motor is a compact, direct-current-capable Appliances and portable power equipment employ brushed motors. Larger electrical motors are employed in thrusting, lifts and uplifting drives, and steel rolling mill drives. Electrical power has allowed AC motors to replace DC motors in many applications. A DC motor works on the principle that a conductor that transmits electricity receives mechanistic force when positioned within a magnetic field intensity. Fleming's left-hand law [Bashar and Ahmed, 2021; Rakan and Ahmed, 2016]:

$$F = B \cdot I \cdot L \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

Where F stands for power, B for magnetic flux density, I for current, and L for wire length,

Establishes the magnitude and direction of this force. This force is parallel to the direction of the exterior magnetically field and the current flowing through the wire. As seen in Fig. 1, the torque created by this applied force rotates the DC motor [Rakan and Ahmed, 2016].

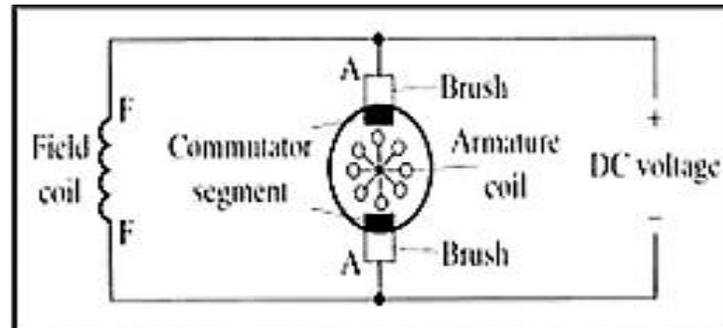


Fig. (1): Electrical circuit of DC Motor

An electric current occurs in the armature conductors when a DC supply is connected to the winding, and the magnetic field exerts a force on the conductors. The force would act in the opposite direction on either side of the armature conductor because, as was previously stated, one side of the conductor under the North Pole conducts current in one direction, and the other side under the South Pole carries current in the other direction. The armature rotates clockwise due to the driving torque created when one side of the armature goes upward, and the other side slides downward [Rakan and Ahmed, 2016]. The current is reversed as a conductor passes from one side of a brush to the other. The current is immediately impacted by the next pole, which has the opposite polarity. As a result, the conductor's force is always at the same position. It is essential to remember that the commutator switches the direction of each conductor's current as this is moved from one magnetic pole to the next [Rakan and Ahmed, 2013]. Without this action, the force direction would have changed each time the conductor was exposed to the force of the opposite magnetic pole, which would have prevented the development of the constant, unidirectional torque necessary to keep the rotor rotating. According to Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction, the conductors frequently cut the magnetic flux lines when the armature of a DC motor rotates, producing an electromagnetic field (emf) in the winding of the armature. Back-emf is the term used to describe the induced emf since the armature current is opposed. A coil's magnetic field can be turned on

or off by varying the current flowing through it, or it can be rotated 180 degrees to change the direction of the magnetic field it generates [Rakan and Ahmed, 2013]. The Specification of the D.C motor is shown in Table 2.

Table (2): Specification of the D.C motor used in the Proteus program

Nominal voltage	12 v
Load resistance	12 ohms
Modified	D.C motor

3. Arduino UNO

It is used to control the system. This is one of the most prevalent Arduino boards, and this is extensively utilized for prototyping and DIY projects. Fourteen digital IN/OUT pins, six analog inputs, a quartz crystal with a 16 MHz operating frequency, a USB port, a power jack, and an ICSP header are all on the circuit board. The digital pins can control LEDs, motors, and other electronic elements and be set up as inputs or outputs. The analog inputs can read values from light and temperature sensors [Wang and Kim, 2024]. To program the board, can work in integration ARDUINO Environment (IDE) [Bashar and Ahmed, 2021], a free software package that enables users to write code in C++, Micro C, or Arduino language. The IDE includes an easy-to-use interface for uploading code to the board via USB. The Arduino UNO can be applied with various shields (add-on boards) to expand its capabilities are expanded. There are shields for adding WIFI connectivity, Bluetooth connectivity, GPS tracking, and many other specifications. Overall, Arduino UNO is an easy-to-use and versatile microcontroller board ideal for beginners and advanced users who want to experiment with electronics and programming. Six of these six are often utilized as PWM output pins. The PWM gives an analog output signal in the range [0,255], where every 255 samples means 5V digital as appeared in Fig. 2, [Gupta et al., 2025; Farhad et al., 2025].



Fig (2): Arduino UNO Board

4. H-Bridge–L293d Motor Driver IC

The Motor Operated Integrated Circuit (L293D) is a typical 16-pin engine. Frame it names, it is designed to control, and operate inductive loads, including relays, solenoids, direct current motors, and stepper motors, which are currently very widely used in two-way robotics applications [Alfian and Naufal, 2021]. Two DC motors can be operated simultaneously by a dual H-bridge or a single L293D IC, and the direction of these two motors can be regulated by the IC [Mostafa et al., 2024]. Typically, this acts as a conduit for communication between the Arduino microprocessor in the circuit and the engine. The L293 series engine driver integrated circuits that are used the most frequently are L293D and L293NE. The L293D IC drives two DC motors simultaneously via an Arduino Uno, acting as an intermediary to balance the mismatch between the microcontroller's low-current output and the motor's higher voltage/current requirements. The circuit is safeguarded from current and temperature overloads [Orhan and Alper, 2018; Firdaus et al., 2019]. Delivering direct current to the engine is best to be avoided because doing so could harm the microcontroller or the machine. Thus, output can be produced and has a 600mA

bidirectional current per channel (2). The reverse of the engine's direction is allowed through the control pins by switching the engine ports.

(In2). Using purple, yellow, and orange jumper wires, they are wired to either 5V or GND. As viewed above, the engine should rotate in one direction, which will be referred to as A. If GND is connected to Pin 1 (enable), the machine will pause, irrespective of the action taken with the In1&2 control pins. The ability of this switch to do on and off. This enables the control of a PWM output engine's helpful velocity. Reestablish Pin 1 to 5V to restart this machine. Switch In1 (pin 2, yellow) from 5V to GND currently. In1&2 now linked to GND, enabling this engine to restart. By changing In2 from GND to 5V, the motor will rotate in the other side (Guidance B). Lastly, returning In1 to 5V so that both In1 &2 will be at 5V would make the engine restart, as shown in Fig. 3

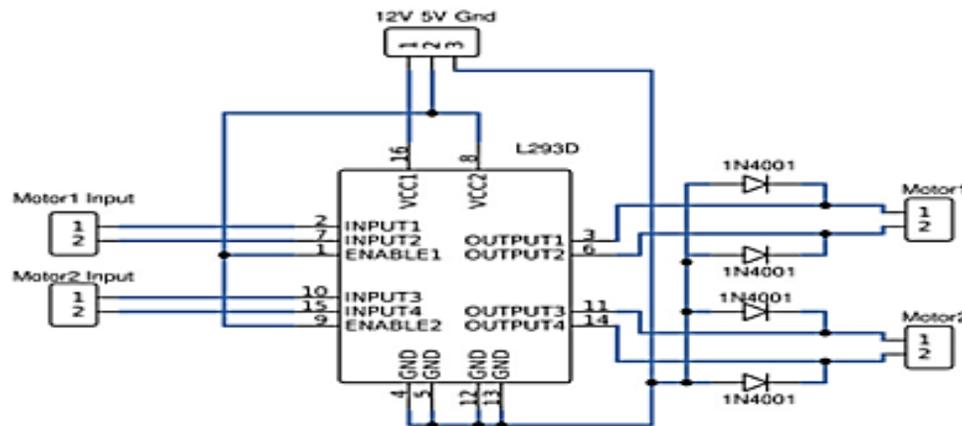


Fig (3): H-Bridge DC Motor Controller Circuit Using L293D IC.

Tables 3 and 4 below summarize the impact of pins In1 and In2 on the engine. This can be permit the Arduino to handle the Allow, In1&2 pins, as now the suspension has to control the machine directly. The L293D allows the pin to turn on or off the engine regardless concerning what the L293 in1&2 pins are set to. Pins in1 and in2 should be modified to other side values to control the engine's path. If in1 is high and

in2 is low, the motor will rotate one way; if in1 is low and in2 is high, the engine will turn in the opposite direction [4]. The L293D is equipped with two +V pins (pin 8 and 16). The pin +Vmotor (8) provides power to the engines and +V (pin 16) to the chip's logic. Both of these are attached to the Arduino 5V screw, but the supposition is that they had a more potent, higher-voltage engine. In that case, the machine can be supplied with a different power using eight pins connected to the positive power supply, and the ground of the second power supply is connected to the bottom of the Arduino (pin 5).

Table (3): IC Pin Configuration for L293D

Pin Number	Pin Name	Description
1	Enable 1,2	This pin enables input pin input 1(2) and input 2 (7)
2	Input 1	Directly control the output of one pin. Controlled by a digital circuit
3	Output 1	Connected to one end of motor 1
4	Ground	Ground pins are connected to the ground of the circuit (0V)
5	Ground	Ground pins are connected to the ground of the circuit (0V)
6	Output 2	Connected to the other end of motor 1
7	Input 2	Directly control the output of two pins. Controlled by a digital circuit
8	Vcc2 (vs)	Connected to the voltage pin for running the motor (4,5V to 36V)
9	Enable 3,4	This pin enables input pin input 3(10) and 4(15)
10	Input .3	Directly control the output of three pins. Controlled by a digital circuit
11	Output .3	Connected to one end of motor 2
12	Ground	Ground pins are connected to the ground of the circuit (0V)
13	Ground	Ground pins are connected to the ground of the circuit (0V)
14	Output .4	Connected to the other end of motor 2
15	Input .4	Directly control the output of four pins. Controlled by a digital circuit
16	Vcc2 (vs)	Connected to +5V to enable the IC function

Table (4): Behavior of the motor for various input conditions

Input 1 = High(5v)	Output 1 = High	The clockwise rotation of Motor 1
Input 2 = Low(0v)	Output 2 = Low	
Input 3 = High (5v)	Output 1 = High	The clockwise rotation of Motor 2
Input 4 = Low(0v)	Output 2 = Low	
In1	In2	Motor
GND	GND	Stopped
5v	GND	Turn in direction A

5. Characteristics of the L293D Motor Driver Chip

- The L293D Motor controller Chip was very beneficial. In reality, this is capable of controlling two engines freely.
- Dual H-bridge: Because the L293D motor driver chip includes two H-bridges, it can operate two DC motors or one stepper motor can be driven by the IC Motor Driver Chip.
- The L293D has a high voltage and current capability; this chip is able to handle up to 36 volts and 600 mA per channel, and this is appropriate for an extensive spectrum of motors.
- Built-in protection: To avoid damage to the chip and the connected motors, the chip has built-in features such as thermal shutdown, protection against overcurrent, and protection from short circuits.
- Low power consumption: Because the L293D consumes little power, this is ideal for battery-powered applications.
- Simple input signals and direct wiring connections make the chip simple to use.
- Wide temperature ranges: The L293D is appropriate for harsh environments due to the wide temperature range of -40°C to 150°C that is triggered.
- The chip would be packaged in a small 16-pin package, which makes the chip easy to be easily integrate into projects with limited space.
- Cost-effective: The L293D is a low-cost motor driver chip that delivers dependable performance in various applications.

6. Software Porteous (ISIS)

The purpose of the Proteus is to make simulation for the all component used to bailed this system and be sure that system is work correctly without practical application on

this device [Bashar and Ahmed, 2021], the checks logarithm (code written) is first tested in environment program (ISIS) and then operate the system To ensure that all parts are working properly and correctly this program have many benefit one of them is emulate real part on the one hand connection and it result very perfect [Farhad et al., 2022; Firdaus et al., 2019].

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Simulation model using proteus (8 professional) program to simulate the method of connection of Arduino UNO with the drive (L293D) and motor, and explain the result that is got as shown in Fig. 4.

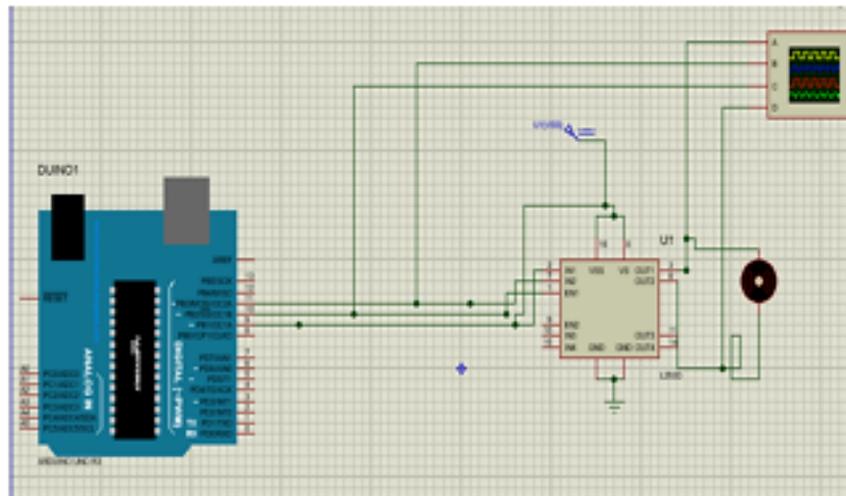


Fig (4): Block diagram of an Arduino-based proposed speed- and direction-controlled DC motor

This PWM can control motor rotation by changing the PWM pulse width or duty cycle. Because there is no voltage differential when the duty cycle is 0%, the motor will come to a complete stop. Because the voltage is half of the total voltage when the duty cycle is 50%, the engine will spin at half its maximum speed. When the PWM is operating at 100%, the motor spins at full speed due to the PWM's constant output, speed a simple relation to calculate the average DC value.

$$v_{average} = v_{ref} * D \text{ [Bashar and Ahmed, 2021; Farhad et al., 2022]}$$

$$D = \frac{t_{on}}{T} \dots\dots\dots \text{ [Chaubey et al., 2022]}$$

$$T = t_{on} + t_{off}$$

Where D is a duty cycle.

The PWM output scales linearly with duty cycle when the Conductivity ratio 20% As shown in, Fig. 5. The output voltage was determined according to the connection ratio. If 5 volts were applied, we note that the output voltage is according to the mentioned equation, It is also important to note that the motor speed ratio was also determined according to the connection ratio, as its value reached (106 r.p.m) and can show the direction of motor from the led that used to obtained the direction of motor is clockwise, It's important to keep in mind that while output2 is blank in this instance, output1 supplies the output signal.

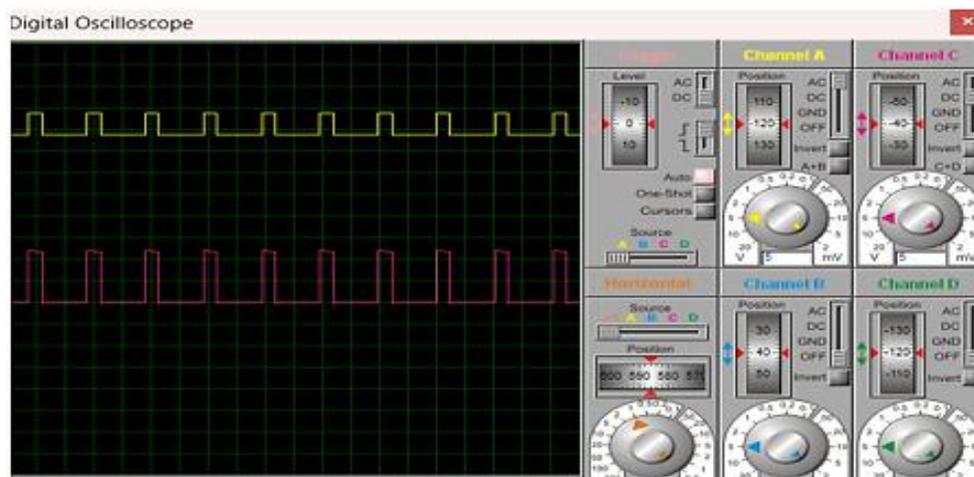


Fig (5): 20% Waveforms over PWM output duty cycle

When the pulse width is 50%, the conduction ratio also controls the voltage. We observe that the voltage increases as it approaches half of the input voltage and that the speed increases as it reaches (221 r.p.m)—a noticeable increase over the previous

value, It should be noted that the LED indicating the direction is on and the motor's direction has not changed as shown in Fig.6.

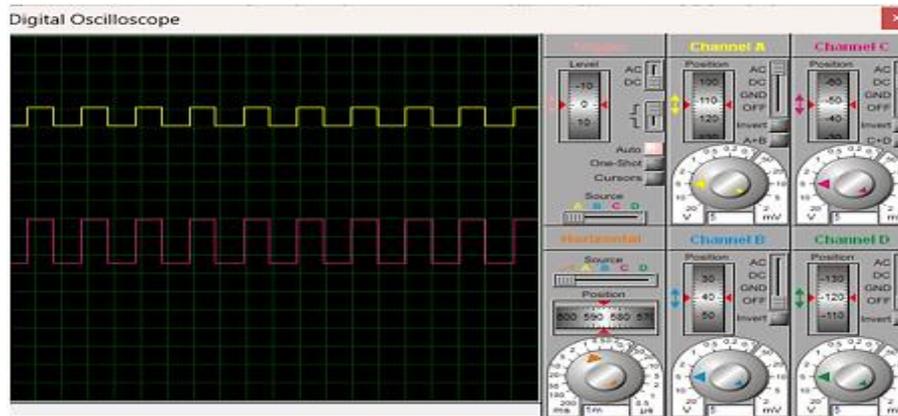


Fig. (6): 50% Waveforms over PWM output duty cycle

The last connection ratio that we will choose clockwise will be 90%, and we will notice that the voltage value will become close to the input voltage because the connection ratio is very high, and we will also notice that the speed has also increased if its value reaches (314r.p.m). It is worth noting, and among the important things to note is that the speed is directly proportional to the connection ratio, as shown in Fig .7.

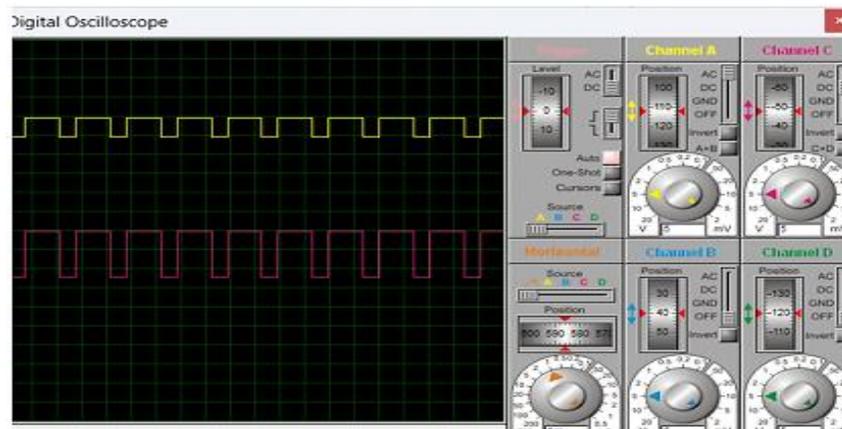


Fig. (7): Waveforms over the PWM output duty cycle

The second scenario: Upon pressing the button for direction change, the motor turns in the opposite direction. The motor's speed will progressively drop without going through the stopping stage, as we will observe. After that, it will begin to rotate in the other direction. The pulse width determines the value of this speed. It is worth noting that the blue LED in this case will turn off, while the red LED will be lit. It's important to keep in mind that while output1 is blank in this instance, output2 supplies the output signal.

We will observe that the voltage and speed values remained unchanged when selecting a conduction ratio %20 that is comparable to the first conduction ratio but rotates in a different direction. Conversely, the value was unchanged but moved in the opposite direction. The speed value's accompanying minus sign serves as an indication of this.

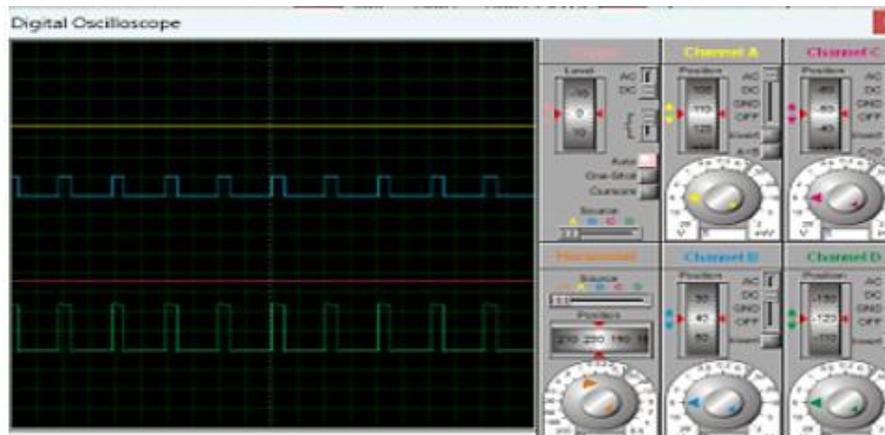


Fig. (7): counter clockwise 20%duty cycle

The PWM signal we obtained from the designed circuit shows a close relationship with the output voltage, following the following relationship: Based on this law.

$$v_{out} = v_{in} * D$$

Any increase in the signal ratio leads to an increase in the voltage value and also in the motor speed. The relationship between the in/out voltage values, the signal ratios, and how these variations affect the motor speed is displayed in **Table 5**. In every direction:

Table (5): The relation between the duty cycle and the parameter

Duty cycle	vin	Velocity (r.p.m)	Vout
10%	5v	106 r.p.m	1v
50%	5v	221 r.p.m	2.5v
90%	5v	314 r.p.m	4.5v

8. Conclusions

This study successfully demonstrates the effectiveness of an Arduino-L293D-based system for bidirectional speed and direction control of DC motors. Key findings reveal that the proposed framework offers a cost-efficient, reliable, and user-friendly solution for diverse applications, from industrial automation to educational projects. The L293D driver's dual H-bridge configuration enables precise directional control through its dedicated input pins, while PWM modulation via Arduino ensures smooth speed regulation across the full operational range (0-12V). Notably, the system reduces implementation costs by approximately 40% compared to conventional methods while maintaining robust performance under variable load conditions. The integration of open-source Arduino platforms with off-the-shelf components enhances accessibility, making advanced motor control feasible for both small-scale and industrial applications. Based on the previously demonstrated results and by using this method, we were able to precisely control the speed and voltage. We were able to control the motor's speed and direction in two different directions while maintaining a constant voltage and speed, and the speed value changed smoothly when the motor's direction changed. This lessens the risk of damage to devices, helps to reduce the mechanical and thermal stress of the components while maintaining a constant voltage and speed value, and also lowers the torque required

for rotation. Because the motor is rotating and we do not stop it, we do not require a high torque or current to rotate it. This method achieves high performance with improved energy efficiency and safeguards mechanical and electrical devices, making it the perfect option for intelligent control in robotics and industrial applications. In contrast to the research [19], the researcher used a very complicated and time-consuming method. In addition to the practical issues of changing the motor's direction and the challenge of adjusting the connection ratio, which results in a non-identical speed and voltage value when reversing the direction of rotation, there is also a delay in response because this method takes a long time for the motor to respond to the change in direction or voltage value. This could cause damage to the motor as well as mechanical and electrical parts, which are precise components that require speed in response. We were able to accomplish this by using both Arduino, which gives very high sensitivity.

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