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The touch-screen device has become familiar to us all with the spread of smartphones. The technology that goes into detecting a finger touching a screen is called Electrostatic technology. Electrostatic technology involves detecting the electrical change (the change in capacitance) that occurs from contact with the human body. Various things are manipulated with the help of an embedded sensor in the touchscreen that senses location and movement. At Alps Alpine, we develop a variety of "touch to move" devices, such as touchpads on laptops, controllers for video game consoles, and touch panels in automobiles. This technology is evolving towards a touchless control next-generation input experience and other next-generation sensors such as hands-off detection built into steering wheels. The touchpad is widely known as a human machine interface (HMI) device that makes use of Electrostatic technology. HMI is an interface that links people to machines and includes buttons, switches, keyboards, and mice. Alps Alpine developed Japans first domestically produced mouse in 1983, and would go on to utilize computers to develop various devices. In 1994, we acquired licensing from Cirque Corporation, an American leader in Electrostatic technology that released GlidePoint, the first touchpad. In 2023, Cirque was made into a subsidiary where both companies technologies were combined and used to create more advanced precision sensing technology. These were incorporated into products such as the Touch Motion Sensor for use in pet robots, and the GlideSensor, which is used in mobile devices. In 2004, we further evolved the resistive touch panels we marketed to develop capacitive touch panels, and have made progress in commercializing them with a focus on mobile products, such as smartphones. GlidePoint, GlideSensor, Touch Motion Sensor Following that, we made effective use of our experience in consumer electronics, actively working on researching and developing touchpads for use in automobiles. In 2010, we cleared issues of sound and environment proofing, and announced we were developing a revolutionary automobile touchscreen. AirInput uses a sensor with a design optimized for the locations in which it is mounted, an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) that greatly influences the performance limits of capacitance detection, and algorithms that analyze detected data and solve problems. Alps Alpines strengths can be seen in how we created an optimal solution for these three essential elements of Electrostatic technologies. Alps Alpine was the first in the industry to develop an IC that is overwhelmingly noise-proof. In addition to being able to detect touch even when the user is wearing gloves, it can detect multiple locations simultaneously, and can even detect hands from a distance of more than 10 cm away from the screen. AirInput Module The AirInput Module represents the culmination of Alps Alpines Electrostatic technology. It comes equipped with functions that allow it to sense subtle finger movements such as moving closer and moving away. It makes possible a new type of input that can be operated in the air rather than by touch. This technology can be used in medical and nursing care facilities that adhere to the strictest standards of hygiene. It also can be applied in places such as public transportation, restrooms, elevators, and ATMs, since this technology allows individuals who may have water, oil, or medicine on their hands to interact with panels without touching them, helping to make life in society safer, more secure, and more comfortable. The Electrostatic technology of today is mainly used in surface-level, aesthetic functions, but it is expected to expand to 3-D functionality. If a sensor were to be placed in a grip or handle-shaped device, for example, it could lead to input methods that have never been seen before. Alps Alpine is advancing the development of Premium HMI in the automotive field. Premium HMI high-quality human machine interface that provides comfortable operation with a feeling of excellence. By combining Alps Alpines printing technologies with the evolution of Electrostatic technologies, we can create input controls for air conditioning and audio volume using surface layers and illuminated devices that reproduce the texture of wood, leather, and fabrics. Amidst the advance of flat automobile interior design, our Premium HMI, with its intuitive operation and outstanding aesthetics, has the potential to create the next-generation mobility experience. Additionally, we are working to accelerate research and development to expand the range of applications for Premium HMI, bringing the technology from vehicle interiors to regular households and public settings by continually furthering the evolution of high sensitivity Electrostatic technology and improving mid-air detection. Alps Alpines Electrostatic technology will create a lifestyle of comfortable connection between people and technology as it expands its range of applications. Capacitive sensing is a popular interfacing alternative to switches and knobs in consumer electronics, industrial and automotive front panel applications. IoT devices span across consumer, industrial, and business applications. All these applications can benefit from a sleek user interface, with product-differentiating features such as a touch display, buttons/sliders, proximity sensing, and intelligent touch switches for smart homes. For the best user experience, touch displays may also need to be able to support gesture recognition, water resistance, wrist detection, and gloved touch. Each of these features can be implemented using capacitive sensing technology in a manner that enables intuitive ways for users to interact with the product.Figure 1: Touch enabled Home Appliance (Example)CapSense BasicsCapSense(www.cypress.com\capsense) is an Infineons capacitive touch sensing technology. It works by measuring changes in the capacitance between a plate (the sensor) and its environment to detect the presence of a finger on or near a touch surface. A typical capacitive sensor consists of a copper pad of proper dimensions on the surface of a PCB, where a nonconductive overlay serves as the touch surface for the button. There are two types of sensing methods commonly used in capacitive touch sensing applications. Zoho Releases Canvas to Re-Envision CRM Experience Also Read Figure 2: Self-Capacitive Sensing (CSD) MethodSelf-Capacitive Sensing (CSD)CSD CapSense Sigma-Delta is Infineons preoperatory self-capacitance sensing method. A sensor is nothing but a conductive object connected to a PSoC MCU pin. Sensor can be constructed using a copper pad on PCB, transparent materials such as ITO or silver-oxide printed on glass for Touchscreens, it could be even conductive paint printed in non-conductive material or even as simple as a wire. The high-performance touch sensing engine measures capacitance of electrode w.r.t ground. The algorithms in touch firmware library identifies touch pattern and user interactions. Self-cap sensing is used in interface that support one finger operation such as buttons, slider, proximity sensor and touchscreen with one finger operation. MediaTek Unveils Dimensity 920 and Dimensity 810 Chips Also Read Figure 3: Mutual-Capacitive Sensing (CSD) MethodMutual-Capacitive Sensing (CSX)CSX is Infineons preoperatory mutual-capacitance sensing method. As the name suggests, Mutual-capacitance works by measuring the capacitance between two electrodes, the transmit (Tx) and receive (Rx) electrodes. When a finger is placed between the Tx and Rx electrodes, the CM decreases. Because of the reduction in CM. the charge received on the Rx electrodes also decreases. The capacitive-sensing system measures the amount of charge received on the Rx electrode to detect a touch/no touch condition. Example of an application that benefits from mutual-cap is touchscreen that can simultaneous detect multiple finger touches.Challenges in designing a Robust Touch HMI SolutionBuilding a robust and reliable capacitive sensing system gives many challenges to an embedded designer. Detecting a finger touch on touch panel requires measuring capacitance in range of femto farads. There are several noise sources that can affect the measurement, hinder the operation and create false touch detection. These noise sources include but not limited environmental factors, liquid presents, metal objects, dust, moisture, wet, extreme temperatures or electrical noise such as conducted and radiated noises from other equipment. The touch interface must reliably work in all these conditions, should meets the EMC & EMI and regulatory requirements.A good reliable touch HMI design should consider Robustness, Response Rate, Low Power and Aesthetics & Form Factor.RobustnessInfineon offers a high performance, robust solution with high immunity t various noise sources and it works reliably in harsh operating conditions. The high immunity from external noise sources in is built into silicon hardware and the extensive firmware algorithms that hides this silicon complexity and gives a reliable Capacitive Touch sensing solution. Some of the important parameters that helps provide robust solution includes:Signal to noise ratio:This is the most important specification for a design. A high SNR is indicative of a highly reliable touch interface. Infineons advanced sensing algorithms provides reliable performance even in noisy environments with Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) of > 100:1.Robust Liquid Tolerance: Touch sensing must work reliably in presence of water droplets, rain, mist and other liquids and protect from false touches even under streaming water. Infineons capacitive sensing with drive shield electrode guards the sensor from liquids. The hybrid sensing (ability to perform multiple types of measurements self-capacitance, mutual-capacitance and inductive sensing) enables further safe guard against complex failure conditions by making decision logics based on data from multiple sensing methods on same interfaces. This is very useful and important for outdoor equipment and as well as Home appliance in which users can spill liquid or clean the panel with soap or wet cloths etc.EMC/EMI Compliance:The sensor operating frequency plays an important role noise emission from HMI interface as well as high immunity from external electrical noise sources. Infineon provides several solutions. Spread Spectrum Clock (SSC) and Pseudo random sequencer (PRS) are two methods in which operating clock is spread over a wider range of frequency thus attenuate the noise emission at specific frequencies. This clock spread also protects sensing system is not sensitive to interference from specific frequencies and its harmonics. The Multi-Frequency Scan (MFS) is a method of performing multiple micro scan in using multiple narrow band frequencies. This method helps to provide robust performance against both high frequencies conducted and radiated noise sources and is comes handy in meeting EMC/EMI regulatory requirements. This is very important for touch interface on industrial equipment as it is expected to reliability work in harsh noisy conditions.Operating Conditions:The touch sensing interface works by measuring capacitance of touch sensors which may be sensitive to environmental factors such as humidity and temperature around the sensors. High immunity from such factors surrounding touch sensor is important for equipment that are subjected to changing surroundings such as Cooktop (fast change in temperature). The Capacitive touch sensing solutions implements relative measurement to detect user interaction on sensors to overcome this challenge.As the product becoming smaller and smarter more components are packed into small form factors and this is why high immunity to noise from other electronics components and RF transmitters are important for good HMI interface. Thanks to Infineons proprietary sensing method for providing worlds best noise protection in Capacitive HMI solutions for almost decades now.Response rateResponse rate indicates how quickly the touch HMI can react to a user interaction. For a smoother user experience, a simple touch button interface detecting on or off status requires about 40 Hz report rate. A slider interface or touchscreen interface that detects and tracks finger positions as well as detect Gesture requires response rate about between 60 to 120 Hz for smooth user experience.Infineon touch solution provides higher than 120 Hz report rate enabling smoother user interface designs. This is achieved using a high-performance deltasigma architecture-based capacitance digital converter and using multiple capacitance to digital converters to sense multiple sensors in parallel to each other in some touch controllers.Low powerIn most products, the touch HMI interface will be active always active including in standby mode of the product as users may use touch interface to wake the product up from standby mode. This emphasis an increased focus on need for low power touch solution, especially for battery powered designs.Optimizing average power consumption of touch system requires little more than selecting a chip that has lowest datasheet power specs. Selecting a touch controller that offers response rate higher than required for the product helps to put chip in Deepsleep power domain for portion time while maintaining the required response rate. Features and flexibility such as ganged sensing and hybrid sensing allows to optimize scan duration in standby mode and put controller in Deepsleep power domain for longer duration without affecting user interface functionality. The ganged sensing method allows to combine multiple sensors together inside chip and sense it as on giant touch or proximity sensor capable of sensing a touch or proximity event on any of the sensor with shorter scan time. Hybrid sensing allows to scan sensors or ganged sensor using sensing method that uses lowest average power consumption to detect a touch in standby mode. Flexibility to operation sensing subsystem in Sleep or Deepsleep mode where unused peripherals of touch controller can be turned off useful to optimize average power consumption further. Therefore, one must carefully select a controller with features and flexibility to optimize overall touch HMI power consumption to achieve best results.Form Factor and AestheticsTodays customers dont need a product that just fine, they want unique solutions and great aesthetics. For example, Smart Thermostat is not more a just equipment, is a beautiful piece of art in living room wall. These products require everything to be elegant including an HMI interface. It is worth to note many successful products that emerged in last decade has great touch HMI and aesthetics. As the IoT product becoming smaller and smaller with more components packed into small form factors, it is challenging to design a touch interface with limited space available on the product.Designing a small form factor touch interface demands a high-performance touch sensing system that can detect a touch signal as small as femto-farads, enhanced immunity to defend various noise challenges a tightly packed company design may pose, flexibility to support wide ranges of sensor designs and a scalable hardware and software architecture. One can find all of these in Infineons touch sensing solution as result of 2 decades of technology innovation.CapSense enabled PSoC MCUsInfineons capacitive touch technology is offered mainly under 3 variants:Figure 4: MBR Configurable Touch ControllersMBR devices(, a configurable CapSense controller that does not require firmware development or manual tuning, that allows to quickly and easily replace mechanical buttons with sleek & reliable touch user interface. This is one of the easiest and quickest way to implement a touch interface a product, even with beginner who does not have prior experience with capacitive sensing can quickly and easily complete the design. PSoC 4 MCU(www.cypress.com/PSoC4) device family is Infineons programmable MCU with touch interface. Programmability gives greater flexibility to implement complex interfaces and fine tune performance of touch interface.The programmable analog and digital blocks in PSoC 4 devices allow to customize your analog-front-end, enabling you to easily integrate intelligent analog sensors into your application. Programmable wired communication (USB, CAN, I2C, SPI, UART) and wireless communication (BLE) integrated into some PSoC 4 devices simplifies RF design and interfacing with external devices. PSoC 4 simplifies complex HMI interfaces such as capacitive and inductive sensing enabling sleek, robust, and easy-to-use interfaces.Figure 5: PSoC 4 MCU- Programmable Touch ControllersFigure below shows Touch HMI enabled PSoC 4 CapSense portfolio which have more capabilities in addition to touch sensing, that makes them suitable for HMI Plus Sensor or System controller and many more. For example, Integrated CapSense + Analog Front End (AFE) + Digital Peripherals makes them ideal for low memory footprint applications (i.e. Housekeeping MCUs). Figure 6: PSoC 6 MCU Purpose Built IoT Host ControllersPSoC 6 MCU(www.cypress.com/psoc6) device family from Infineon has lot more than HMI interface. It is purpose built dual core application processor for IoT applications. This device is suitable for Embedded IoT applications providing touch HMI, wireless connectivity, security, graphics and lot more. Figure above shows PSoC 6 portfolio.Key features of PSoC 6 MCU are 150-MHz and 100-MHz dual-core Arm Cortex-M4 and Arm Cortex-M0+ ultra-low-power 40-nm architecture. Industry-leading ultra-low-power design that consumes as little as 22-A/MHz in active power mode. Best-in-class Wi-Fi connectivity options enabled with ModusToolbox and cloud services support like Amazon Web Services and Integrated, hardware-based Secure Execution Environment (SEE) with secure data storage.Comprehensive Software Solution with Intuitive GUI interface (ModusToolbox)Implementing a robust touch embedded system requires a great silicon and an easy use software solution, that is why Infineon provides a state-of-the-art touch library with Modus toolbox IDE, that enables quick implementation of a touch interface with few API calls on CapSense enabled programmable MCUs.Figure 7: CapSense Solution in ModusToolboxCapSense Middleware Touch Firmware library provides set of APIs to quickly implement robust touch user interface of end product. Additionally, a graphical interface-based wizard to customize firmware library and create interfaces, widgets and configure that suite each application. The Tuner Software tool is a real-time performance analysis software tool providing tuning, testing, validation and debugging support I2C, UART, Bluetooth interface capabilities. ReferenceRead Infineon CapSense Design GuidesComprehensive and ideal documents for those who want to design touch HMI. It guides from concept through production and helps to overcome various system level challenges in create robust touch HMI for your product. CapSense Capacitive-Sensing Overview Web Page Getting Started With CapSense Application Note ModusToolbox CapSense Configurator Guide PSoC 4 and PSoC 6 MCU CapSense Design GuideStart with a Code ExampleStart and complex code examples for CapSense touch HMI solutions Code Examples for ModusToolbox Softwareon GitHubReach out to us on theCypress Developer Communityfor help!PSoC MCU Dev Kits in 3 FlavorsYou can evaluate PSoC MCUs with a variety of Dev Kits. 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She earned her MBA credential from IIM, Bangalore and holds a bachelors degree in Electronics Engineering from the Kurukshetra University. Jaya can be reached at We will continue extensively refining core technologies that go beyond customers' expectations and taking on the challenge of new technology development. The products that contain the technological capabilities of Alps Alpine are at use around the world in a wide variety of fields, such as automotive, consumer appliances, mobile phones and video games. Through unique technological capabilities, Alps Alpine continues to create products that are useful to society. Here we introduce, in more depth, the core technologies that underlie our products. A capacitive sensor is ideally suited to carry out presence checks and distance measurements in very small areas. The values can be determined exactly, down to the nanometre. That is why the sensors are suitable for a broad range of applications. They can be used, for example, in smartphone touchscreens, in scanning tunnel microscopes or in assembly systems. Capacitive sensors function by using the principle of an ideal plate capacitor. One plate is the sensor itself. The other is the measurement object, which lies across from it. An electrical field is generated between the two plates. A protection ring around the device structure ensures that the electrical field is as homogenous as possible. If an object enters the field, the distance between the two plates changes. This can be measured. The two plates as electrically conductive bodies store a charge (Q). The ratio between this charge and the electrical voltage (U) is referred to as its capacity (C). C = Q/U.In a capacitive sensor, the charge is dependent on the size (A) of the plates or electrodes as well as the material of the dielectric (the space between the plates in which the electrical field exists). The code letter e (dielectric number) indicates the permittivity (permeability for electrical fields) of the dielectric. The voltage is the inverse value of the distance of the two plates (d) from each other.A capacitive sensor then carries out a calculation using the formula C = eA/d.As an ideal example for a measuring procedure: e for a vacuum has the value 1, and the sensor makes use of this fact. Every other material has a higher dielectric number. If another material enters the electrical field, the capacity increases, as the above formula shows. The sensor is triggered. As an example: Capacitive sensors serve to measure the abrasion of brake discs. These deform minimally through use. The disc bends into the electrical field the capacity increases as a result and the sensor is triggered. (Air has an e-value of 1.00059. All other materials will have a higher dielectric number.)A touchscreen functions in a similar way a capacitive pressure sensor is used to act as a pulse generator. Light pressure on the glass will cause a membrane to move into the dielectric. The change is registered and the intended command is triggered, for example the opening of an app. The following can be used, for example: Metals Acetone Water InkIn general, conductive media are suitable when their conductivity > 20 S/cm. S in this case stands for the Mikrosiemens resistance value.That is why a capacitive sensor is also suitable, for example, for the filling level monitoring of liquids, paste-like substances or bulk goods. By default, our models can handle temperatures from -25 to +70 degrees. Temperature-resistant models with a range from -200 to +250 degrees can also be ordered, so the sensors let can be used in machines, systems and vehicles without a problem. The housing of the sensors ensures that they are not affected by soiling, impacts and water (up to IP68 waterproof, depending on the model). A capacitive sensor generally responds well to all materials whose electrical conductivity < 20 S/cm. It should only be noted that e should be as high as possible. If the number is too small and approaches the value of the insulating material in the dielectric too much, then the differentiation will become all the more difficult. As an example: Alcohol has an e-value of 25 and can thus be detected quite well. Thin paper has an e-value of 1.2 and is therefore problematic as a result, special sensors are more suitable for such individual applications (sensors directly developed for the customer). Two- and three-wire proximity sensors with binary output can be operated in serial or parallel connections, similar to mechanical contacts. What should be kept in mind is the device-typical drop in voltage, the residual voltage Ud, which is multiplied depending on the number of devices in a serial connection. In a parallel connection of sensors with a thyristor output, the output switched first assumes the total load current. Other interesting articles A proximity sensor is an electronic device, used to sense or detect the presence or approach of nearby objects without physical contact. So these sensors change the data on the objects presence or movement into an electrical signal. Generally, detection systems are available in three types of systems that perform this conversion. The systems that utilize the eddy currents that are generated within metallic sensing objects through electromagnetic induction, the systems that notice changes within electrical capacity whenever approaching the detecting object, and finally the systems that utilize magnets as well as reed switches. Thus, there are different kinds of proximity sensors like; inductive, capacitive, photoelectric, and magnetic. This article provides an overview of a capacitive sensor, its workings, types, and applications.What is a Capacitive Sensor?A type of proximity sensor used to detect nearby objects through an electric field strength effect produced by the sensor is known as a capacitive sensor. These proximity sensors are related to radar because they detect electrical components when monitoring & insulating wood or plastic materials.Thus, a capacitive proximity sensor detects and measures different things like; movement, displacement, electric field, and chemical properties. Thus, it can also detect many other variables indirectly that can be changed into dielectric constant (or) motion like; pressure, acceleration, fluid level & fluid composition. So this sensor will produce an electrical field from the detecting end of the sensor to detect these targets and also detect any object that can interrupt the electrical field.Capacitive SensorExamples of capacitive sensors are; Human interface devices like touch pads. Sometimes, mobile phones, tablet computers, and Digital audio players use capacitive sensing touch screens like input devices. So these sensors replace mechanical buttons.Capacitive Sensor Formula:A capacitance sensor includes two metal plates which are separated by a d distance and an A area. So, the C capacitance between two junctions can be measured with the below expression.C = 0rAh Where,C is the capacitance in Faradays.r is the relative dielectric constant of an insulator.0 is a dielectric constant for open spaceA is the overlapping region of two capacitor plates.h is the gap width between two capacitor plates.Capacitive Sensor Working PrincipleThe capacitive proximity sensor has an HF oscillator with a sensing surface that is shaped by two metal electrodes. Whenever a target approaches the sensing surface, then it penetrates the electrodes electrostatic field & alters the oscillators capacitance. Thus, the oscillator circuit begins oscillating and alters the output condition of the capacitive sensor once it attains a certain amplitude. When the object leaves the sensor, the amplitude of the oscillator will be reduced by switching the capacitive sensor back to its early condition. Capacitive Sensor WorkingA capacitive proximity sensors typical sensing range is from a few mm to about 25 mm but some type of sensor range can be extended up to 2 inches. This sensor detects the targets larger dielectric constant easily, so this makes the detection of the material in nonmetallic containers because the liquid contains a much higher dielectric constant as compared to the container. So it provides the ability of to sensor to observe through the container to detect the liquid. For proper function, they must be utilized in quite constant temperature & humidity environments.Types of Capacitive SensorsThere are different types of capacitive sensors analog, miniature, high temperature, and cylindrical which are discussed below.Miniature Capacitive SensorMiniature capacitive sensors are available in a cylindrical or wafer shape which can be arranged within the smallest of spaces. The main function of this sensor is to check machine processes constantly & function as detectors mainly for job counting. To afford the finest fit within fixed spaces, these sensor heads need an external amplifier where the potentiometer on this amplifier permits sensitivity adjustment. Miniature Capacitive SensorAnalog Capacitive SensorThe analog capacitive sensor working is the same as a normal capacitive sensor, although it provides extra benefits based on its usage. These types of capacitive sensors are outstanding for thickness monitoring, concentration difference & material selection as compared to other applications.Analog TypeHigh-Temperature TypeHigh-temperature type capacitive sensor is applicable wherever the sensor head is subjected to very high temperatures. So these sensors can detect liquids, bulk goods, and temperature levels even in the most severe conditions whenever it is in direct contact with temperatures and hot materials.High-Temperature TypeCylindrical TypeThe cylindrical type sensor is bigger as compared to miniature sensors which range from 6.5 to M12 & M12 to M30. This capacitive sensor has an uneven sensing distance, different housing widths, and flush & non-flush mounting options. So these sensors mainly detect level (or) give direct contact-free closeness detection throughout a container wall.Cylindrical TypeCapacitive Sensor Alarm Circuit DiagramThe capacitive sensor alarm circuit is shown below which utilizes electrical capacitance to notice the existence of close by objects by triggering an alarm whenever someone approaches a particular range. Thus, it is an extremely efficient method to detect intruders & defend your property.The required components to make this circuit mainly include; a 12 V Relay, BC107 & BC517 transistors, capacitors like; 10 nF polyester, 100 F electrolytic, 10 nF polyesters, 680 pF ceramic, and 10-60 pF. Resistors like; 1k, 470k, 10k & 3.3k, Diodes like; 1N4148, 1N4007 & 1N1448 and self 1 mH coil.Connect the circuit as per the diagram shown above. First, connect the circuit to a power source and make sure that the relay is turned off or not. Situate a metal dish close to the capacitive sensor and notice if the relay is switched on. Change the variable capacitor value to modify the frequency of the oscillator & again test the circuit.Test the sensitivity of this circuit by shifting the metal dish nearer to the sensor and check if the relay switches are turned on/off accordingly. At last, test the capacitive sensor circuit with someone approaching & touching the metal dish and observe if this circuit switches off the relay.Capacitive Sensor Alarm Circuit DiagramWorkingThis is a simple circuit that utilizes a transistor like an oscillator to activate a relay. This circuit simply works with the transistor like an HF oscillator, where its frequency is decided by the JAF1 choke & the parasitic metal dish capacitance is connected simply to its collector. After that, the high-range frequency signal is removed from the emitter throughout the C3 capacitor & transmitted to a pair of DS1 & DS2 diodes, which change it into a positive DC voltage.After that, this DC voltage is sent to the base terminal of a TR2 transistor so that it activates the relay. Whenever an object approaches near (or) contacts the capacitive sensor dish, then the oscillator stops & the base terminal of the TR2 transistor no longer gets positive voltage, so it turns off the relay.To regulate the oscillators operating position, a C1 adjustable capacitor is arranged in between the emitter and collector terminals of the TR1 transistor. So a DL1 diode can also be connected with the relay winding in parallel to specify whenever the relay is turned off. This circuit functions at approximately 500 kHz frequency because of the JAF1 1 mH choke. But, by regulating this component value, the circuit works at various frequencies.Capacitive Proximity Sensor Interfacing with NodeMCUThe capacitive proximity sensor is an electronic device that detects the occurrence or nonexistence of liquid or solid objects without touching them physically. So this sensor works simply by emitting an electrical field. Whenever any object approaches the capacitive sensor, then it changes the electrical field to change the sensors capacitance.So this change can be noticed & changed into an electrical signal that can be utilized by other electronic type devices. Generally, these sensors are used in touch screens & other applications wherever a non-contact sensing technique is necessary. Thus this circuit operates with a +12V to +24V AC/DC power supply.Thus, the required components of this interfacing include; a capacitive sensor, Arduino board, resistors; 12K & 4.7K, and connecting wires. The connections of this interfacing follow as;The capacitor sensors Vin pin is connected to a +12V supply.The GND pin of the sensor is connected to the GND pin of NodeMCU.The OUT pin of the sensor is connected to the D0 pin of NodeMCU.Capacitive Proximity Sensor Interfacing with NodeMCUCode:The required code for capacitive sensor interfacing with NodeMCU for detecting solid (or) liquid objects is shown below.const int SENSOR_OUTPUT_PIN = D0; /* Capacitive sensor O/P pin */void setup() {pinMode(SENSOR_OUTPUT_PIN, INPUT);Serial.begin(9600); /* Define baud rate for serial communication */delay(1000); /* Power On Delay */}void loop() {int sensor_output;sensor_output = digitalRead(SENSOR_OUTPUT_PIN);if(sensor_output == HIGH) {Serial.print(Object detected);}delay(100);}The above code begins by defining the pin of NodeMCU to the capacitive sensors data pin.Initially, need to set the baud rate at 9600 for serial communication.After that, we have to declare the capacitive sensor pin as INPUT to get the data from the sensor.Thus, in the loop function, utilizing the digitalRead function, the sensor output is detected & stored within the sensor_output variable.So, once the sensors output goes HIGH, we will print the output as Object Detected on the Serial Monitor.Difference b/w Capacitive Sensor Vs Inductive SensorThe difference between a capacitive sensor and an inductive sensor includes the following.Capacitive SensorInductive SensorA capacitive sensor is a proximity sensor that detects solids or liquid targets without any physical contact.An inductive sensor detects ferrous metal targets exclusive of physical contact.A capacitive sensor uses a capacitive plate to produce an electrostatic field.An inductive sensor uses a coil to produce an electromagnetic field.This sensor detects any material like conductors and insulators.It detects metals like iron, copper, aluminum, etc.This sensor works at a low switching frequency.This sensor works at a faster switching frequency.A capacitive sensor detection range is from 2 to 50mm.An inductive sensor detection range is from 0.8 to 100mm.It is not flexible to contaminants.It is flexible to contaminants.This sensor includes a plate, an oscillator, a trigger circuit & output circuit.This sensor includes a ferrite core including coils, an oscillator, a Schmitt trigger & an output amplifier.The capacitive sensor uses electric fields to sense objects.This sensor uses magnetic fields to sense objects.These sensors are expensive.These sensors are much cheaper.CharacteristicsThe capacitive sensor characteristics include the following.These sensors detect Non-metallic targets.It detects small and lightweight objects.This sensor in object counting applications provides a higher switching rate for quick response.This sensor helps in detecting liquid targets throughout non-metallic barriers.It has a long operational life with almost limitless operating cycles.These are perfect for high-volume sorting and high-bandwidth measurement applications.This sensor provides an extremely high resolution which is only matched by the laser interferometer.Its common resolutions range from 0.1 nm to 50 nm.Its operating ranges are normally < 3 mm.Advantages & DisadvantagesThe advantages of capacitive sensors include the following.The capacitive sensor detects various kinds of materials like liquid, metal, plastic, and skin.It is contactless & wear-free.This sensor is capable of sensing up to a large distance with tiny sensor sizes.It is a less powerful solution.This sensor detects non-metallic targets through certain kinds of containers.It is very simple to design & adjustable.It identifies solid targets & liquids.This sensor is not expensive.This sensor sensitivity is greater & operates with a small force.It measures pressure, humidity, and force among other things.This sensor has high resolution & a broad frequency response.The disadvantages of capacitive sensors include the following.Capacitive sensors are very sensitive to changing ecological conditions like humidity & temperature which affect their performance.Capacitance measurement is not easy as compared to resistance measurement.These sensors are not accurate as compared to inductive sensors.It has high output impedance and poor load capacity.Parasitic capacitance impact is large.ApplicationsThe applications of capacitive sensors include the following.Capacitive sensors are used frequently to detect changes within a conductive target position. So these can also be quite helpful in measuring existence, density, thickness, and non-conductor location.These sensors detect velocity, proximity, position, fluid level, humidity & displacement.Capacitive sensors are utilized in the wood-processing industries & agriculture for solids and liquids level querying.Wind turbines need different control & monitoring data. These sensors are utilized in different applications for transmission lubrication level detection & coolant within wind turbines.This sensor is used for non-mechanical manual detection within mechanical control units in the material and storage handling sector.It is used in different medical devices which range from defibrillators to cardiac monitors to measure if the medical device is properly arranged & provide feedback to the staff. So that engineers use this data to decide what adjustments need to be taken to enhance its operation.Thus, these are used in current smartphones, laptops, or tablets to recognize the human finger positioning on the display and allow gesture recognition.It can be incorporated into machinery or industrial robots to sense various objects mainly for switching. So these are easier & cheaper to incorporate into automation solutions as compared to other frequently used sensors.Thus, this is an overview of a capacitive sensor, its working, and its applications. This is an electronic device used to detect solid (or) liquid targets exclusive of physical contact. Thus, for detecting these targets, this sensor emits an electrical field from the detecting end of the capacitive sensor. So any target that can interrupt this electrical field can be noticed by this sensor. These sensors are robust and fast to measure the existence of an object. 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In the women's reserve race, Cambridge's Blondie (crew pictured) defeated Oxford's Osiris by nine lengths. The men's reserve race was won by Cambridge's Goldie, who defeated Oxford's Isis by a margin of four lengths. The men's race was the final event of the day and completed a whitewash as Cambridge won, taking the overall record to 8380 in their favour. The races were watched by around 250,000 spectators live, and broadcast around the world. 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