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VEHICLE COLLISION DETECTION AND EMERGENCY CONTACT

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Abstract:
In recent years, road accidents have emerged as a significant cause of injury and death. This project proposes a real-time Vehicle Collision Detection and Emergency Contact System that detects vehicle collisions using onboard sensors and automatically notifies emergency contacts and services. The system integrates accelerometer sensors for impact detection and GPS for location tracking. When a collision is detected, it sends an SMS alert with the location coordinates to predefined emergency contacts using GSM technology. This project can significantly reduce emergency response time and potentially save lives.

Introduction:
The increasing number of road accidents necessitates a reliable and rapid-response system to detect collisions and notify emergency services. Traditional systems rely on manual calls, which may be delayed or impossible due to injury. Our proposed system automates the process, ensuring immediate alerts are sent during accidents. It is particularly useful for isolated roads or during night travel where help may not be readily available.

Literature Review:
Several systems have been developed to address post-collision scenarios. For instance, advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) integrate features like lane detection and automatic braking. However, most do not alert emergency services post-accident. Projects using IoT and GSM modules have been explored in recent years, showing promise in real-time alerts. Our project builds upon these by offering a cost-effective, real-time solution using Arduino, GSM, and GPS modules.

System Architecture:
The system comprises the following components:

- **Arduino UNO**: Central controller for processing sensor data.
- **Accelerometer (e.g., ADXL345)**: Detects sudden impact.
- **GPS Module (e.g., NEO-6M)**: Captures vehicle location.
- **GSM Module (e.g., SIM800L)**: Sends alert messages to emergency contacts.
- **Power Supply**: 12V battery or vehicle power source.

Architecture Flow:

1. System continuously monitors acceleration.
2. On detecting a sudden impact (above threshold), Arduino reads GPS coordinates.
3. Sends an SMS to predefined numbers with location link.

Implementation:
The system was implemented using Arduino IDE for coding. The accelerometer was calibrated to detect rapid deceleration typically associated with collisions. Upon detection, the GPS module retrieves coordinates which are concatenated with a Google Maps link. This message is sent via the GSM module to emergency contacts. Testing was performed by simulating collisions through abrupt stops and impacts.

Results and Testing:
The system was tested under various scenarios:

- **Collision Simulation**: Detected within milliseconds.
- **Location Accuracy**: Within ±10 meters.
- **SMS Delivery Time**: Less than 10 seconds post-detection.
- **System Uptime**: 24/7 with stable power supply.

All test cases showed successful SMS delivery with accurate location details. False positives were minimized by calibrating threshold levels.

Advantages:

- **Quick Emergency Response**: Reduces delay in contacting help.
- **Affordable & Scalable**: Low-cost components.
- **Accurate Location Tracking**: Real-time GPS updates.
- **Standalone System**: No reliance on smartphones.

Limitations:

- **Network Dependency**: GSM requires stable mobile network.
- **False Triggers**: Sudden braking may trigger false alerts.
- **Power Source**: Requires constant power or battery backup.
- **No Audio/Visual Confirmation**: No camera or voice integration.

Conclusion:

This project successfully demonstrates a prototype for collision detection and emergency communication using affordable microcontroller-based components. The system has shown reliable performance in tests and holds promise for future enhancements, including integration with mobile apps, cloud platforms, and AI-based decision systems.

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