

Lab 10 - Line Following

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2 Documentation.

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3 Objectives.

1. Become familiar with the QRE1113 Line Sensor.
2. Utilize the Arduino to detect lines.
3. Integrate the Line Sensors with the DFECBot and program the DFECBot to follow a line.

4 Materials.

1. 3x QRE1113 Line Sensors
2. 9x Female-to-Male Jumpers
3. DFECBot
4. USB Programming Cable
5. Black Tape or a Black Marker an Paper

5 Introduction.

5.1 QRE1113 Line Sensor

The QRE1113 Line Sensor uses an infrared radiation (IR) reflectance sensor with an IR light-emitting diode (LED) and an IR sensitive phototransistor.¹ The sensors will be powered using the 5 V and ground pins on the Arduino. Powering the sensors illuminates the IR LED. A 100 Ω resistor is on-board and placed in series with the LED to limit current. The output of the phototransistor is tied to a 10 nF capacitor. The faster the capacitor discharges, the more reflective the surface is.¹ The QRE1113 has an optimal sensing distance between .25 mm and 5 mm.²

Connect your three QRE1113 Line Sensors to the spacer underneath the base layer. Space them evenly and secure them using three #2 – 56 x 1/4" bolts and nuts. Wire the sensors according to the schematic shown in Figure 1.

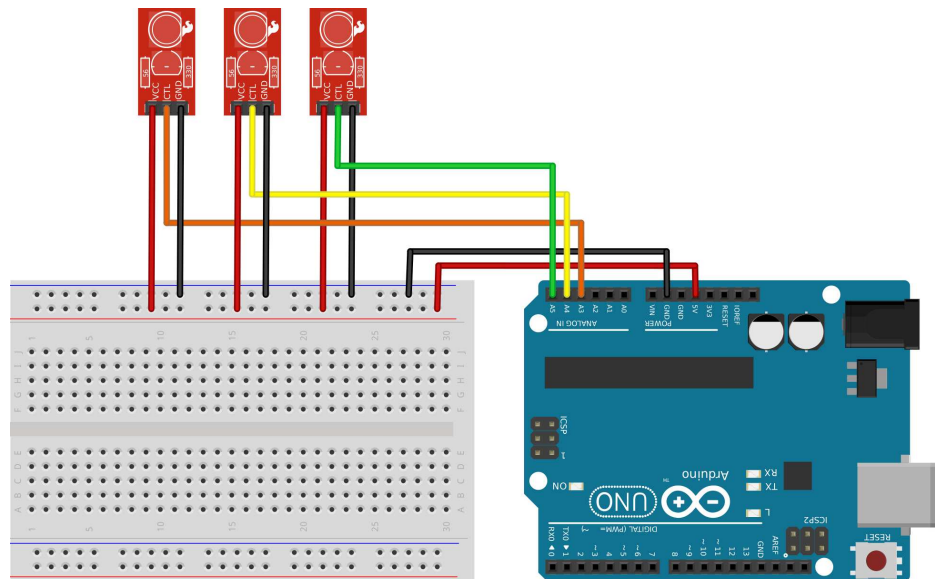


Figure 1: QRE1113 Line Sensor Wiring Schematic

5.2 Example Code

Browse to K:\DF\DFEC\ECE210\Labs\Lab 10 - Line Following and copy the robot_linefollowing folder to your computer. Open robot_linefollowing.ino. Opening the .ino file should open 3 files in your Arduino IDE: robot_linefollowing.ino, drive.h, and TB6612FNG.h. The two .h files are the same header files used during Lab 9 and the .ino file is your Arduino sketch.

5.2.1 robot_linefollowing.ino

This example Arduino Sketch provides code to read the values from the DFECBot's left QRE1113 Line Sensor (see below example).

```
1 // read and print value from the DFECBot's left line sensor
2 float line_L = analogRead(lineL);
3 Serial.print("Left: "); Serial.println(line_L);
```

¹Information found at Sparkfun, <https://www.sparkfun.com/products/9454>

²Fairchild Semiconductor, QRE1113 Datasheet, <https://www.robotshop.com/media/files/zip/documentation-rob-09453.zip>

6 Procedure

Use the example code provided, **TB6612FNG.H**, and **drive.h** to code the DFECBot to do the following:

1. Print the values from the DFECBot's center and right QRE1113 Line Sensors to the serial monitor.
2. Observe how these values change if the sensor is over a solid black line.
3. Program the DFECBot to follow a line using the 3 QRE1113 Line Sensors.
 - (a) Drive forward.
 - (b) If the right sensor detects the line, turn left slightly until the middle sensor detects the line.
 - (c) If the left sensor detects the line, turn right slightly until the middle sensor detects the line.

Hint: You may need to code two functions in `drive.h` to have the DFECBot make a slight right or left correction.