8-Segment Digital Tube  


Overview

“8-Segment Digital Tube” is the conventional name for a display capable of showing one numeric digit, where any possible digit, in turn, is composed of up to seven separate LED segments. (A decimal point potentially trailing the digit represents an eighth possible LED.) Such low-cost, low-power numeric displays are common in microwave ovens, alarm clocks, induction cookers, automatic washing machines, and similar devices. In this experiment, you’ll program the Raspberry Pi to show the digits 0 through 9, sequentially, on the LED display.

Experimental Materials

Raspberry Pi x1

Breadboard x1

8-segment Digital Tube x1

Resistors(330Ω) x8   
Dupont jumper wires

Experimental Procedure

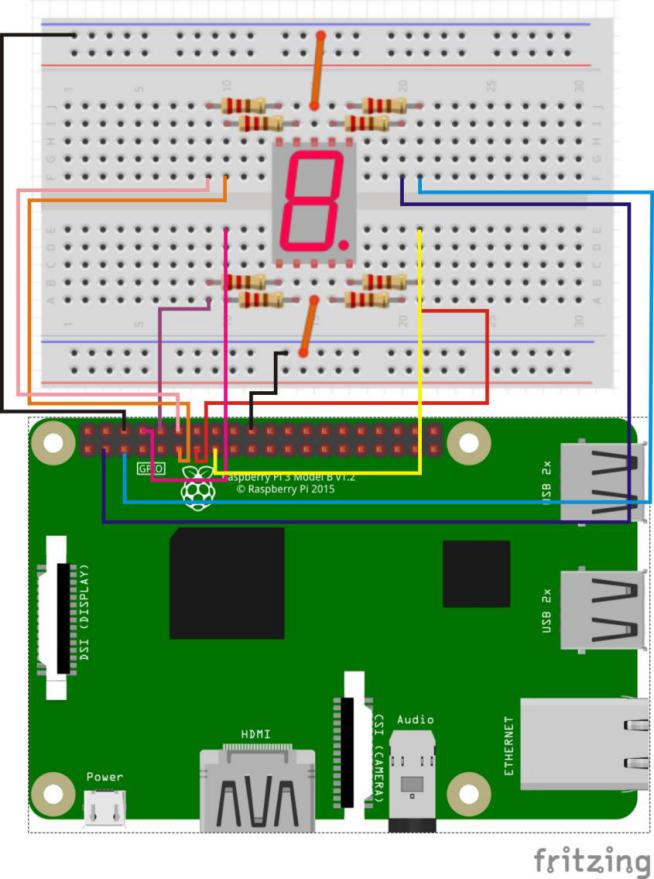
1. If you have not done so already, prepare your development system by installing the Python interpreter, RPi.GIO library, and wiringPi library as described in READ\_ME.TXT.
2. Install the 8-segment LED display on your breadboard, and use Dupont jumper wires and resistors to connect it to your Raspberry Pi as illustrated in the Wiring Diagram below.
3. Execute the sample stored in this experiment’s subfolder.

If using C, compile and execute the C code:  
cd Code/C  
gcc 8segment\_1digit.c -o 8segment\_1digit.out –lwiringPi  
./8segment\_1digit.out

If using Python, launch the Python script:  
cd Code/Python  
python 8segment\_1digit.py

1. Make experimental observations.  
   The LED display cycles through 10 digits and the decimal point.

Wiring Diagram



8-segment digital tube pin position:

“a” ↔ Raspberry Pi pin 3 (through resistor)

“b” ↔ Raspberry Pi pin 5 (through resistor)

“c” ↔ Raspberry Pi pin 7 (through resistor)

“d” ↔ Raspberry Pi pin 8 (through resistor)

“e” ↔ Raspberry Pi pin 10 (through resistor)

“f” ↔ Raspberry Pi pin 11 (through resistor)

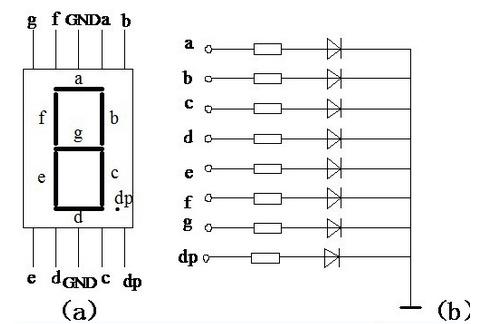
“g” ↔ Raspberry Pi pin 12 (through resistor)

“dp” ↔ Raspberry Pi pin 13 (through resistor)

GND ↔ Raspberry Pi GND

Technical Background

The seven alphabetically-labeled data pins (**a**-**g**) correspond to the seven possible segments of the numeric digit display; the pin labeled **dp** corresponds to the decimal point. In the module’s common cathode design, setting a pin HIGH illuminates the corresponding LED segment. Thus to display “1” requires setting only pins **b** and **c** high—for the two righthand vertical segments composing a “1”, whereas to display “**8.**” requires setting *all* pins (**a, b, c, d, e, f, g, dp**) high. Of course you can also set pin patterns that do not make up numeric digits at all! (For example, setting **b, c, e, f, g** would display an “H”-like shape.)



◆Type: Common Cathode ◆Color: Red

◆Number of Pins: 10 ◆Pin Spacing: 2mm / 0.08 inch

◆Material: Plastic, Metal ◆Color: Black and White

Sample Code

Python Code

#!/usr/bin/env python

import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

import time

pinA = 3

pinB = 5

pinC = 16

pinD = 8

pinE = 10

pinF = 11

pinG = 12

pinDP = 13

def init():

GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)

GPIO.setup(pinA, GPIO.OUT)

GPIO.setup(pinB, GPIO.OUT)

GPIO.setup(pinC, GPIO.OUT)

GPIO.setup(pinD, GPIO.OUT)

GPIO.setup(pinE, GPIO.OUT)

GPIO.setup(pinF, GPIO.OUT)

GPIO.setup(pinG, GPIO.OUT)

GPIO.setup(pinDP, GPIO.OUT)

print 'gpio init completed!'

def display\_0():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 0'

def display\_1():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 1'

def display\_2():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 2'

def display\_3():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 3'

def display\_4():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 4'

def display\_5():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 5'

def display\_6():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 6'

def display\_7():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 7'

def display\_8():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 8'

def display\_9():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.HIGH)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'display number 9'

def display\_dp():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.HIGH)

print 'display DP'

def clear():

GPIO.output(pinA, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinB, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinC, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinD, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinE, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinF, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinG, GPIO.LOW)

GPIO.output(pinDP, GPIO.LOW)

print 'clear'

def loop():

while True:

display\_0()

time.sleep(1)

display\_1()

time.sleep(1)

display\_2()

time.sleep(1)

display\_3()

time.sleep(1)

display\_4()

time.sleep(1)

display\_5()

time.sleep(1)

display\_6()

time.sleep(1)

display\_7()

time.sleep(1)

display\_8()

time.sleep(1)

display\_9()

time.sleep(1)

display\_dp()

time.sleep(1)

clear()

time.sleep(1)

if \_\_name\_\_ == '\_\_main\_\_':

try:

init()

loop()

except KeyboardInterrupt:

GPIO.cleanup()

print 'Key Board Interrupt!'

C Code

#include <wiringPi.h>

#include <stdio.h>

//Set pin control all digital IO

int pinA = 8;

int pinB = 9;

int pinC = 3;

int pinD = 15;

int pinE = 16;

int pinF = 0;

int pinG = 1;

int pinDP = 2;

void digital\_0(void) //Display number 5

{

digitalWrite(pinA, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinB, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinC, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinE, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinF, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinG, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_1(void) //Display number 1

{

digitalWrite(pinA, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinB, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinC, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinE, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinF, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinG, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_2(void) //Display number 2

{

digitalWrite(pinA, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinB, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinC, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinD, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinE, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinF, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinG, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_3(void) //Display number3

{

digitalWrite(pinA, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinB, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinC, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinE, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinF, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinG, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_4(void) //Display number 4

{

digitalWrite(pinA, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinB, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinC, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinE, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinF, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinG, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_5(void) //Display number 5

{

digitalWrite(pinA, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinB, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinC, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinE, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinF, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinG, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_6(void) //Display number 6

{

digitalWrite(pinA, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinB, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinC, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinE, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinF, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinG, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_7(void) //Display number7

{

digitalWrite(pinA, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinB, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinC, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinE, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinF, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinG, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_8(void) //Display number 8

{

digitalWrite(pinA, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinB, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinC, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinE, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinF, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinG, HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void digital\_9(void) //Display number 9

{

digitalWrite(pinA,HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinB,HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinC,HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinD,HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinE, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinF,HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinG,HIGH);

digitalWrite(pinDP,LOW);

}

void digital\_dp(void) //Display dp

{

digitalWrite(pinA, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinB, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinC, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinD, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinE, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinF, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinG, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinDP, HIGH);

}

void clear(void) //clear

{

digitalWrite(pinA, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinB, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinC, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinD, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinE, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinF, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinG, LOW);

digitalWrite(pinDP, LOW);

}

void init()

{

pinMode(pinA, OUTPUT);

pinMode(pinB, OUTPUT);

pinMode(pinC, OUTPUT);

pinMode(pinD, OUTPUT);

pinMode(pinE, OUTPUT);

pinMode(pinF, OUTPUT);

pinMode(pinG, OUTPUT);

pinMode(pinDP, OUTPUT);

}

void main(void)

{

if(wiringPiSetup() == -1)

{

printf("wiringPi setup failed!\n");

return -1;

}

init();

while(1)

{

digital\_0();

delay(1000);

digital\_1();

delay(1000);

digital\_2();

delay(1000);

digital\_3();

delay(1000);

digital\_4();

delay(1000);

digital\_5();

delay(1000);

digital\_6();

delay(1000);

digital\_7();

delay(1000);

digital\_8();

delay(1000);

digital\_9();

delay(1000);

digital\_dp();

delay(1000);

clear();

delay(1000);

}

}