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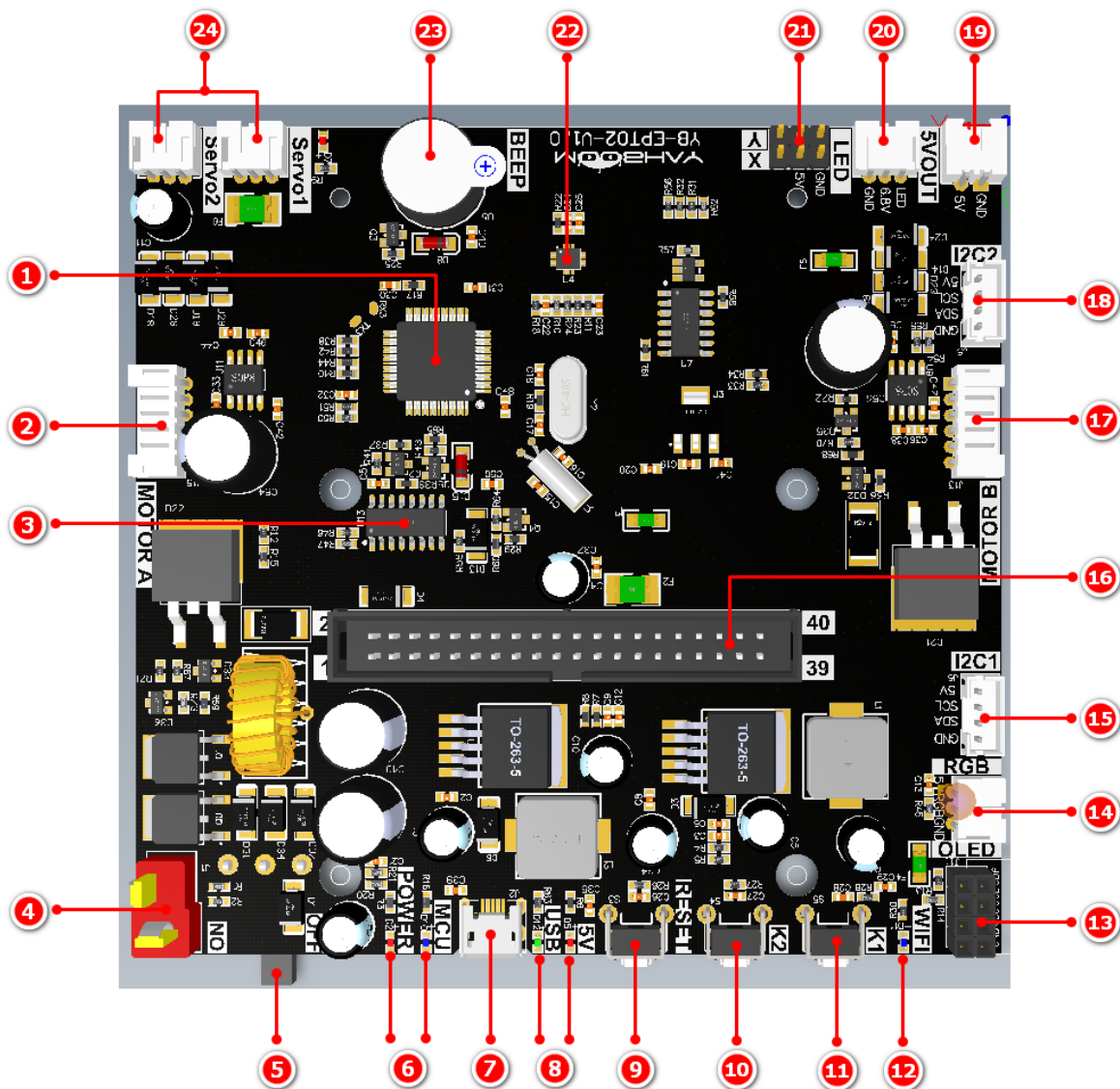
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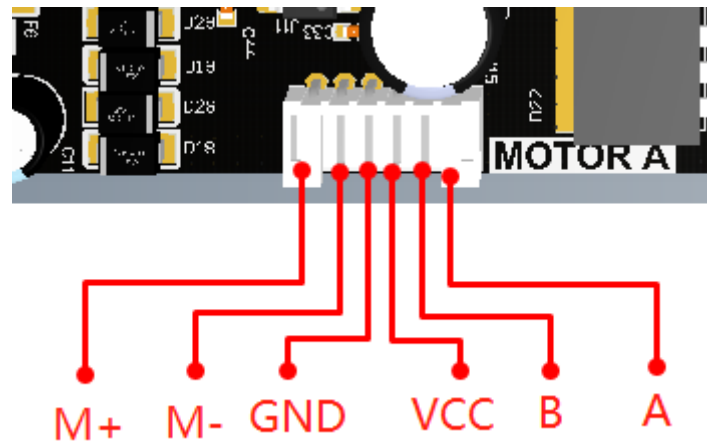
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① On-board single-chip microcomputer: In order to simplify the development steps, the Transbot expansion board integrates a which mainly manages the component drivers on the expansion board. The driving content includes: robotic arm, active buzzer, six-axis attitude sensor, PWM servo pan/tilt, LED searchlight, motor, RGB colorful light bar, button K2. The single-chip microcomputer and Jetson Nano board communicate through the serial port. When the single-chip microcomputer will respond to the serial port information. The specific communication protocol can be viewed in [Transbot baseboard and main control board communication protocol].

② Motor interface A: Connect to the Transbot motor of left wheel. The interface line sequence is shown in the figure:



③ Serial communication chip: onboard CH340C serial chip.

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⑤ Power switch: ON/OFF.

⑥ Indicator light: MCU indicator light indicates whether the MCU on the expansion board is working normally. Normally working status: fast flashing twice every 3 seconds, abnormally working status: always on or off.

Power indicator indicates whether the expansion board is normally powered.

⑦ Micro USB interface: connect to the computer USB port, it can be used to update the firmware of the expansion board.

⑧ Indicator light: When the 5V indicator light is on, it means that the 5V voltage supply of the board is normal. If the USB indicator flashes, it means there is data coming in from the Micro USB port.

⑨ RESET button: It can restart the MCU on the expansion board.

⑩ K2 key: The buzzer will sound once every time the K2 key is pressed, and the special effect of the RGB colorful light bar will be switched. K2 key is only connected to the MCU in the expansion board. The function of this button has been fixed and cannot be customized by yourself.

⑪ K1 key: By default, after the Transbot system and APP control process is started, long press the button K1 to enter the network distribution mode, and the robot car can connect to the network by scanning the QR code.

When the APP control process is closed, the function of this button can be customized by yourself. K1 is connected to the physical pin 11 of Jetson NANO (BCM number is 17).

⑫ WiFi indicator: By default, after the Transbot system and APP control process is started, when the robot car connects to WiFi, this light will keep on.

When the APP control process is closed, the function of this light can be customized by yourself. It is connected to the physical pin 12 of Jetson NANO (BCM number is 18).

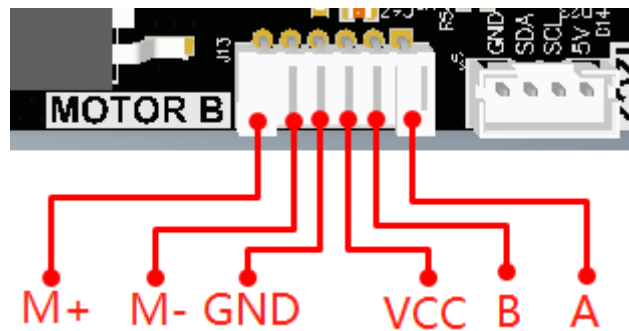
⑬ OLED interface: IIC communication, I2C interface 1 and interface 2 are connected in parallel. It is connected to the physical pins 3, 5 of Jetson NANO.

⑭ Colorful light bar interface: Connect to the RGB colorful light bar.

⑮IIC interface1: It is connected to the physical pin 3, 5 of Jetson NANO.

⑯Flat cable socket: The expansion board is connected with the main control board through the flat cable, communicates with the main control board and supplies power to it.

⑰Motor interface B: Connect to the Transbot motor of right wheel. The interface line sequence is shown below.



⑱IIC interface1: It is connected to the physical pin 3, 5 of Jetson NANO.

⑲DC 5V power output: 5V DC voltage can be output, rated current: 0.5 A.

⑳OLED searchlight interface: connect to the LED searchlight, support adjusting the brightness of the searchlight.

㉑PWM servo interface: Two PWM servos can be connected, the yellow is the signal line, the red is 5V, and the black line is GND.

㉒Six-axis attitude sensor: Provides the current pose information of Transbot to Jetson NANO.

㉓Active buzzer: When receiving a high-level signal, the whistle will sound.

㉔Robotic arm interface: Servo1 and Servo2 are connected in parallel, robotic arm can be connected to any one of them, rated current: 2.6 A.

1.2、FAQ

1: How does main control board communicate with the expansion board?

A: Main control board sends data through the serial port, and then transmits the data to the MCU on the expansion board through the 40 Pin cable. The MCU automatically receives and parses the serial data.

2: When using the Transbot, does the main control board need additional power supply?

A: Transbot kit include a battery pack insert the battery pack into the DC 12V power T-type interface of the expansion board. Open the power switch, the expansion board integrates a voltage conversion chip will provides DC 5V power, and transmits it to main control board through a 40 Pin cable. So main control board does not need an additional separate power supply.

3: Which functions on the Transbot are managed by the MCU on expansion board? Which functions are directly managed by main control board?

A: The parts managed by main control board: K1, WiFi indicator, I2C interface, OLED interface.

The part managed by MCU on the expansion board: robotic arm, active buzzer, six-axis attitude sensor, PWM servo, LED searchlight, motor, colorful light bar, K2, RESET button, etc.

4: Why does the buzzer whistle once every second when Transbot hits the wall and causes the motor to stall?

A: The above situation means that the motor still outputs torque when the speed is 0 rpm.

At this time, a large current will be generated on the expansion board. If there is no protection circuit, it may cause the motor to burn out.

Therefore, we have designed a motor protection circuit on the Transbot expansion board. When the motor stall current is too large, the protection circuit will sound a whistle and automatically disconnect the power supply of the motor. When the power supply is restored after 1 second, the system will again determine whether the current motor status is normal, if motor still stall, it will automatically disconnect for another 1s.