

10.h bridge

H-bridges are integrated circuits (IC), components that hold large circuits in a tiny package. In the “Motor” Project you got a motor to spin in one direction. If you were to take power and ground on the motor and flip their orientation, the motor would spin in the opposite direction. It’s not very practical to do that everytime you want to spin something in a different direction, so you’ll be using an H-bridge to reverse the polarity of the motor.

When looking at an IC, the part with a dimple is referred to as the top. You can identify pin numbers by counting from the top-left in a “U” direction like in Fig. 1.

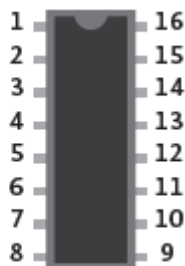
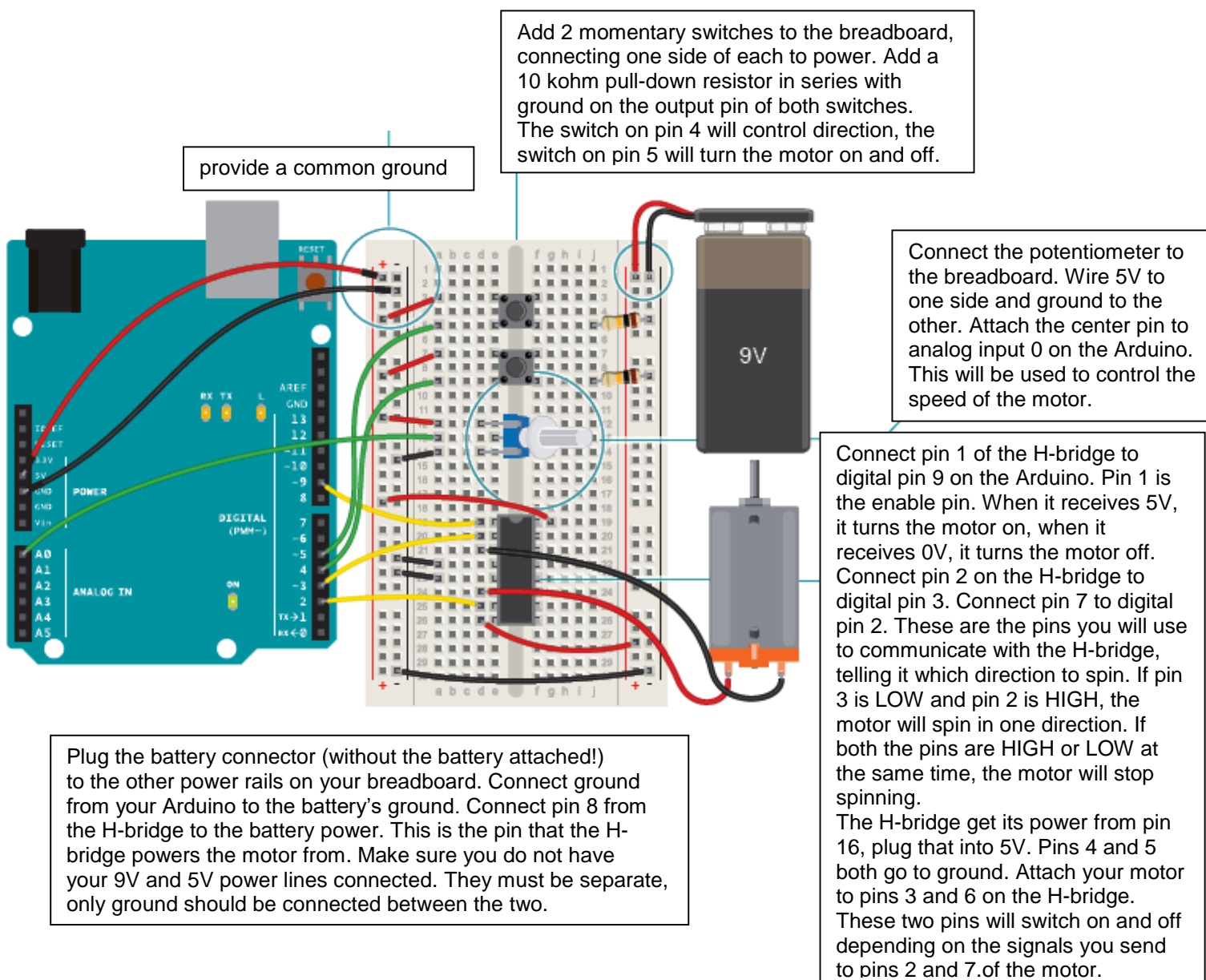


Fig. 1



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const int controlPin1 = 2; // connected to pin 7 on the H-bridge
const int controlPin2 = 3; // connected to pin 2 on the H-bridge
const int enablePin = 9;   // connected to pin 1 on the H-bridge
const int directionSwitchPin = 4; // connected to the switch for direction
const int onOffSwitchStateSwitchPin = 5; // connected to the switch for
                                         //turning the motor on and off

const int potPin = A0; // connected to the potentiometer's output
// create some variables to hold values from your inputs
int onOffSwitchState = 0; // current state of the On/Off switch
int previousOnOffSwitchState = 0; // previous position of the on/off switch
int directionSwitchState = 0; // current state of the direction switch
int previousDirectionSwitchState = 0; // previous state of the direction switch
int motorEnabled = 0; // Turns the motor on/off
int motorSpeed = 0; // speed of the motor
int motorDirection = 1; // current direction of the motor

void setup() {
  // initialize the inputs and outputs
  pinMode(directionSwitchPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(onOffSwitchStateSwitchPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(controlPin1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(controlPin2, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(enablePin, OUTPUT);

  // pull the enable pin LOW to start
  digitalWrite(enablePin, LOW);
}

void loop() {
  // read the value of the on/off switch
  onOffSwitchState = digitalRead(onOffSwitchStateSwitchPin);
  delay(1);

  // read the value of the direction switch
  directionSwitchState = digitalRead(directionSwitchPin);

  // read the value of the pot and divide by 4 to get
  // a value that can be used for PWM
  motorSpeed = analogRead(potPin) / 4;

  // if the on/off button changed state since the last loop()
  if (onOffSwitchState != previousOnOffSwitchState) {
    // change the value of motorEnabled if pressed
    if (onOffSwitchState == HIGH) {
      motorEnabled = !motorEnabled;
    }
  }

  // if the direction button changed state since the last loop()
  if (directionSwitchState != previousDirectionSwitchState) {
    // change the value of motorDirection if pressed
    if (directionSwitchState == HIGH) {
      motorDirection = !motorDirection;
    }
  }
}

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// change the direction the motor spins by talking
// to the control pins on the H-Bridge
if (motorDirection == 1) {
    digitalWrite(controlPin1, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(controlPin2, LOW);
} else {
    digitalWrite(controlPin1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(controlPin2, HIGH);
}

// if the motor is supposed to be on
if (motorEnabled == 1) {
    // PWM the enable pin to vary the speed
    analogWrite(enablePin, motorSpeed);
} else { // if the motor is not supposed to be on
    //turn the motor off
    analogWrite(enablePin, 0);
}
// save the current On/Offswitch state as the previous
previousDirectionSwitchState = directionSwitchState;
// save the current switch state as the previous
previousOnOffSwitchState = onOffSwitchState;
}

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Create constants for the output and input pins.

Use variables to hold the values from your inputs. You'll be doing state change detection for both switches, comparing the state from one loop to the next, similar to the Hourglass Project. So, in addition to storing the current state, you'll need to record the previous state of each switch.

motorDirection keeps track of which direction the motor is spinning, and **motorPower** keeps track of whether the motor is spinning or not.

In `setup()`, set the direction of each input and output pin. Turn the enable pin LOW to start, so the motor isn't spinning right away.

In your `loop()`, read the state of the On/Off switch and store it in the **onOffSwitchState** variable. If there is a difference between the current switch state and the previous, and the switch is currently HIGH, set the **motorPower** variable to 1. If it is LOW, set the variable to 0. Read the values of the direction switch and potentiometer. Store the values in their respective variables.

Check to see if the direction switch is currently in a different position than it was previously. If it is different, change the motor direction variable. There are only 2 ways for the motor to spin, so you'll want to alternate the variable between two states. One way to accomplish this is by using the inversion operator like so: **motorDirection = !motorDirection**.

The **motorDirection** variable determines which direction the motor is turning. To set the direction, you set the control pins setting one HIGH and the other LOW. When **motorDirection** changes, reverse the states of the control pins.

If the direction switch gets pressed, you'll want to spin the motor in the other direction by reversing the state of the control pins.

If the **motorEnabled** variable is 1, set the speed of the motor using `analogWrite()` to PWM the enable pin. If **motorEnabled** is 0, then turn the motor off by setting the `analogWrite` value to 0. Before exiting the `loop()`, save the current state of the switches as the previous state

for the next run through the program.

Plug your Arduino into your computer. Attach the battery to the connector. When you press the On/Off switch, the motor should start spinning. If you turn the potentiometer, it should speed up and slow down. Pressing the On/Off button another time will stop the motor. Try pressing the direction button and verify the motor spins both ways. Also, if you turn the knob on the pot, you should see the motor speed up or slow down depending on the value it is sending.

