

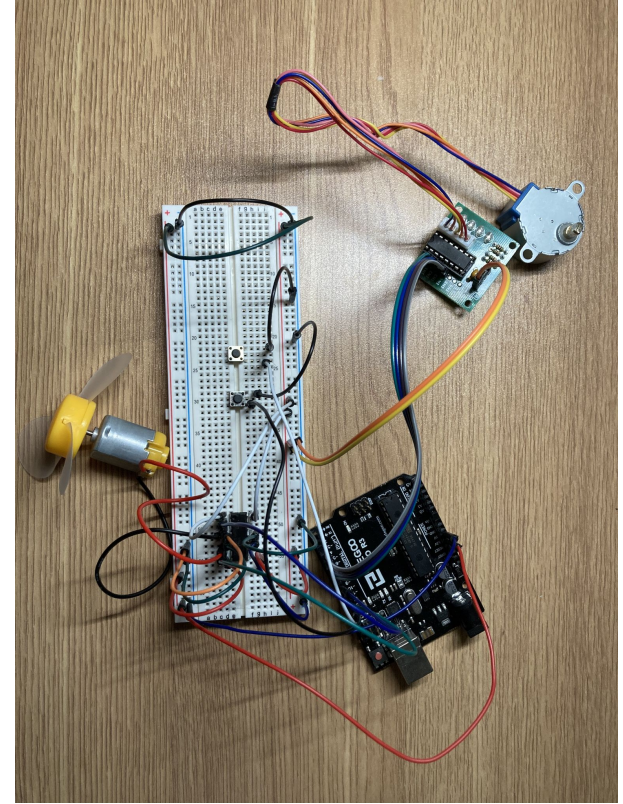
Embedded System Workshops

06. DC Motors and Stepper Motors
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Project Overview

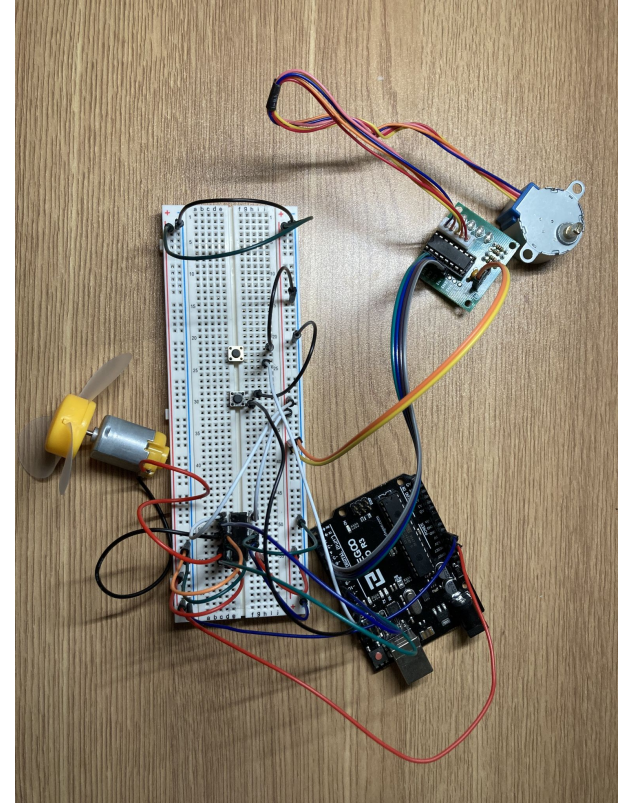
- Purpose
 - ◆ Introduce the DC Motor and Stepper Motor and how to control them.
- Project
 - ◆ Create a motor-controlled fan
 - ◆ Create a stepper motor circuit controlled by buttons (optional)
- Grab your kit, and let's get started!



What are we making?

→ Motors Project

- ◆ Make a fan powered by a DC motor controlled by a PWM module.
 - Turn this fan on using a button
- ◆ (If time allows) Make a stepper motor controlled by a pair of buttons



Parts List

DC Motor Project

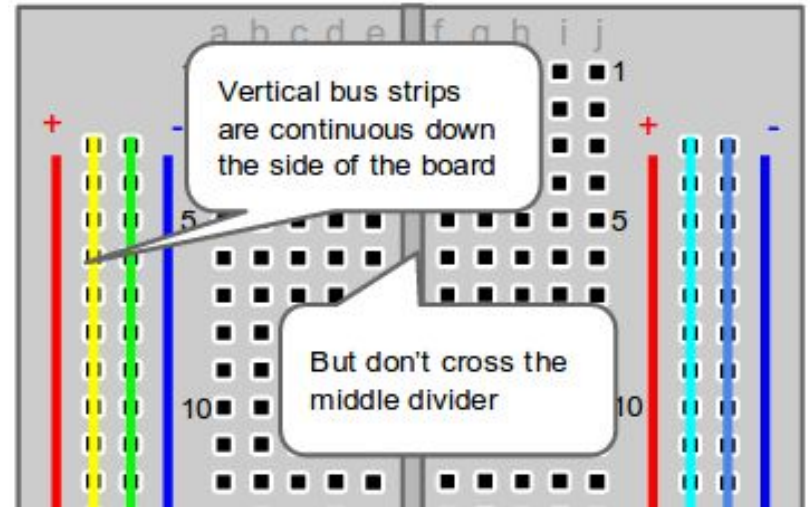
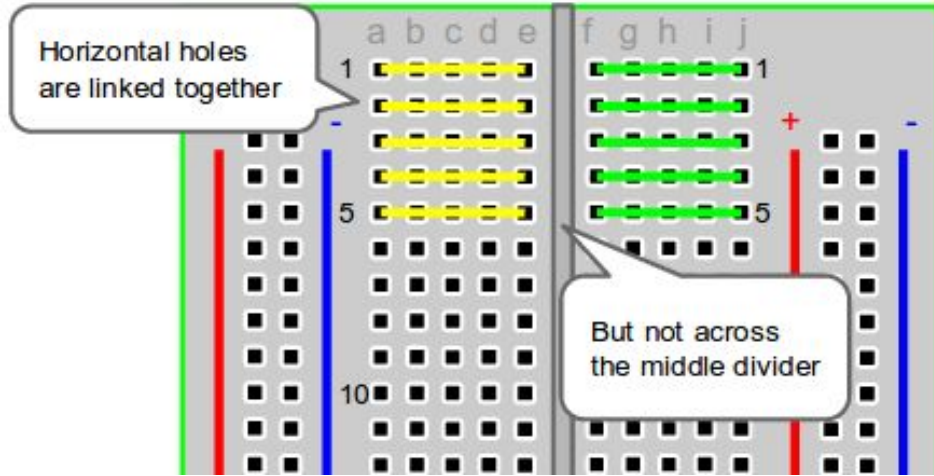
- Arduino UNO R3 Controller Board
- USB Cable
- Breadboard
- DC Motor
- L293D Motor Control Chip
- Male-to-male jumper wires

Stepper Motor Project (if time allows)

- Stepper Motor
- ULN2003 Stepper Motor Controller
- Buttons (x2)
- Male-to-female jumper wires

Review

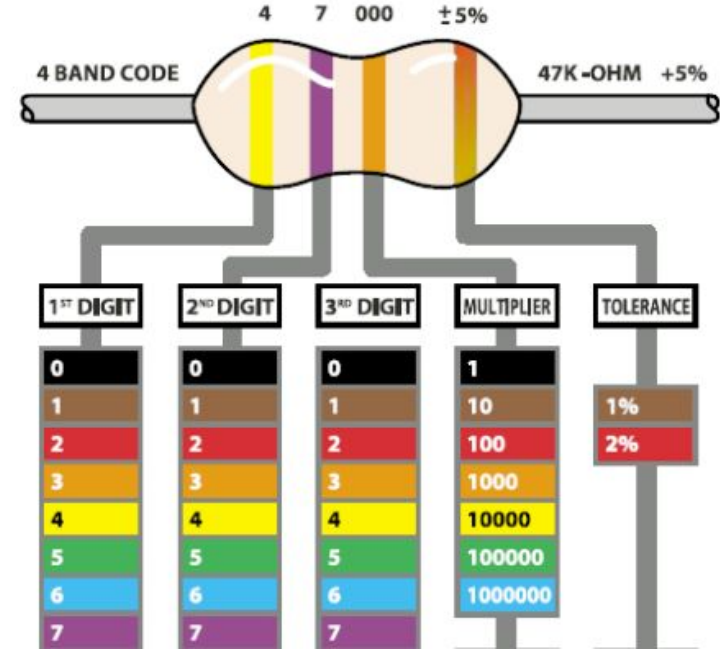
Review: Breadboards Explained



Tip: It is good practice to have your power input connected to the red/positive rail and your ground pin connected to the blue/negative rail.

Review: Resistors

- Resistors slow the electric current, and control where and how fast the current flows
- Resistance value is measured in ohms Ω , which is represented by colored stripes on the body of the resistor
- Each stripe has a different value depending on the color and location as shown in the reference chart
- A potentiometer is a variable resistor



Project Part 1: DC Motors

Introduction to DC Motors

A **motor** is a device that **converts electrical energy into rotational motion**. The motors we are using run on DC (Direct Current) power.

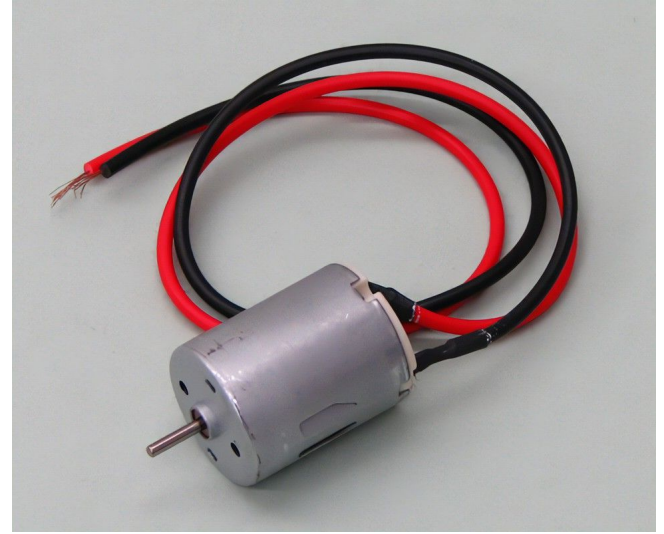
Electric motors are used in many areas of transportation like starter motors of internal combustion engines, electric and hybrid vehicles, and rail locomotives, although motors for traction applications primarily use AC (Alternating Current) power.



Motor Components

The motor has two wires, a red and black wire.

However, unlike most other devices with color-coded wires, switching which wire is connected to power/ground will not harm the motor. It will instead reverse the direction of the motor's rotation.

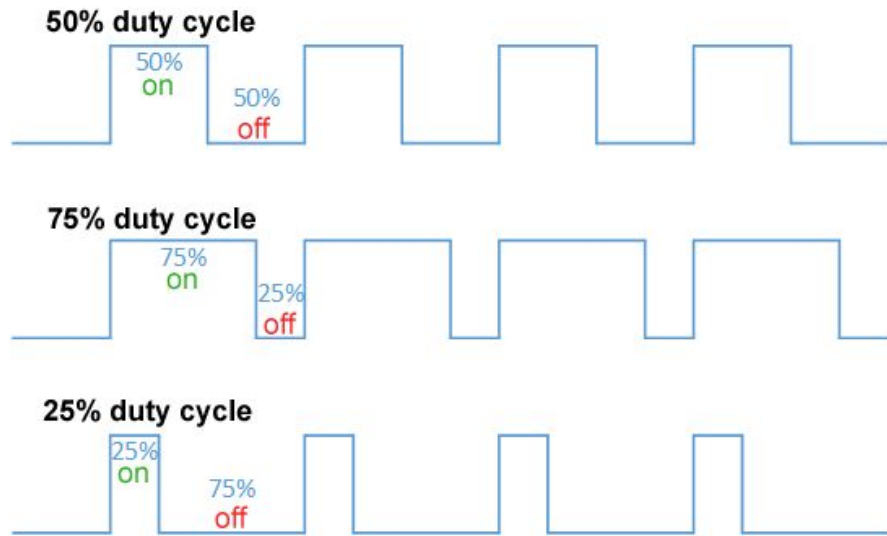


Introduction to PWM

Because our motor has no internal control circuits, we need something else to control its power and direction. This is where **Pulse-Width Modulation** (PWM) comes in.

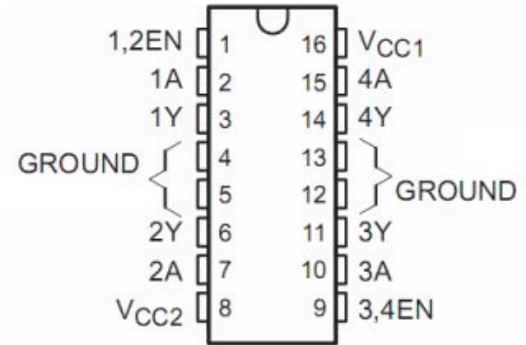
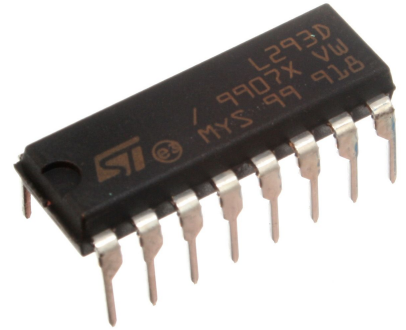
PWM does not change the actual current to the motor. Rather, it changes the duration at which that current is applied.

For instance, a 50% duty cycle will apply full power half the time.

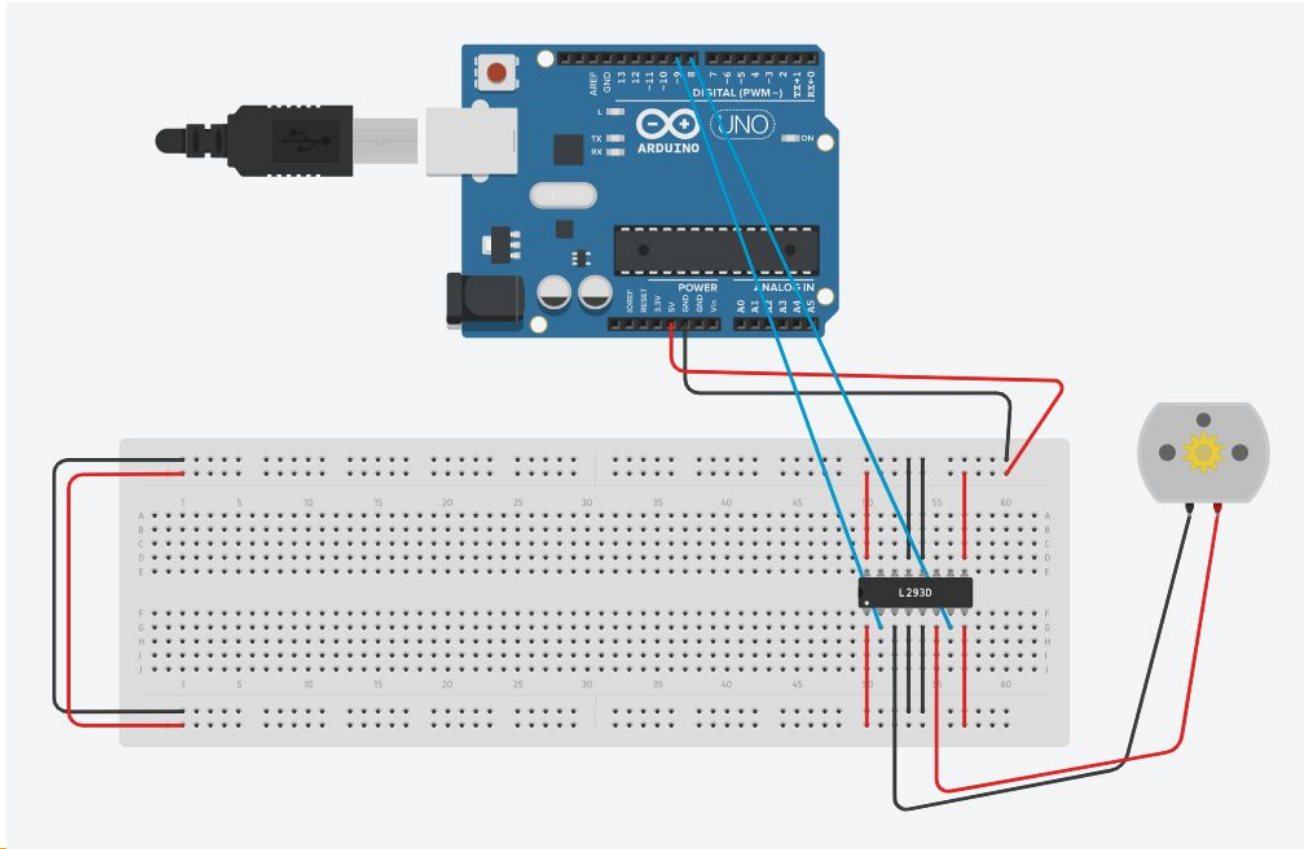


L293D Motor Driver

The **L293D** is a PWM chip that can simultaneously control the direction and PWM of up to two motors (assuming it has the current to do so). We will be using one of these in today's project.



Schematic



Grab the Starter Code from GitHub

If you haven't made the repository yet, check these [slides](#)

- Go to your repository (username/embedded-systems-course)
- Click “Compare”
- Switch the repos so yours is the base repository and FTC9837 is the head
- Create pull request (x2)
- Merge pull request (and confirm)
- You should have the lesson6 folder in your repository

This branch is 1 commit behind FTC9837:main.

 Pull request  Compare

Comparing changes

Choose two branches to see what's changed or to start a new pull request. If you need to, you can also [compare across forks](#).



base repository: SamP923/embedded-systems-...

base: main



head repository: FTC9837/embedded-systems-c...

compare: main

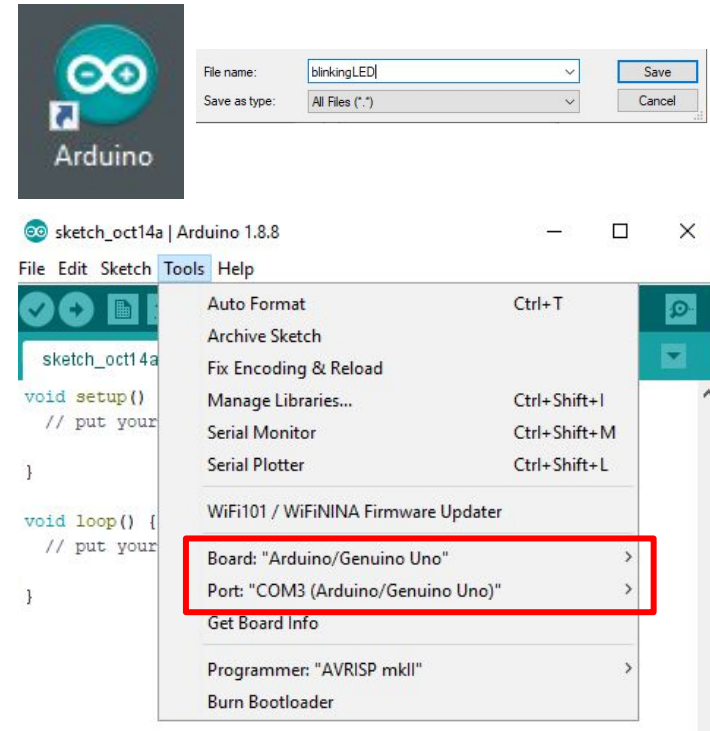
✓ Able to merge. These branches can be automatically merged.

Discuss and review the changes in this comparison with others. [Learn about pull requests](#)

Create pull request

Review: Setting up Arduino

- Find and open Arduino on your desktop
- Click “File” in the top left corner and click save
- Save this tab as “MotorTest”
- Connect the USB cord in your kit to the Arduino and the computer (USB port is on the left side of the monitor)
- Open the “Tools” Window and make sure the board has been recognized and the port is “COM#(Arduino/Genuino Uno)”



Basic Motor Code

MotorsTest

```
const int forward = 8;
const int backward = 9;

void setup()
{
  pinMode(forward , OUTPUT);
  pinMode(backward , OUTPUT);
}

void loop()
{
  digitalWrite(forward , HIGH);
  digitalWrite(backward , LOW);
}
```

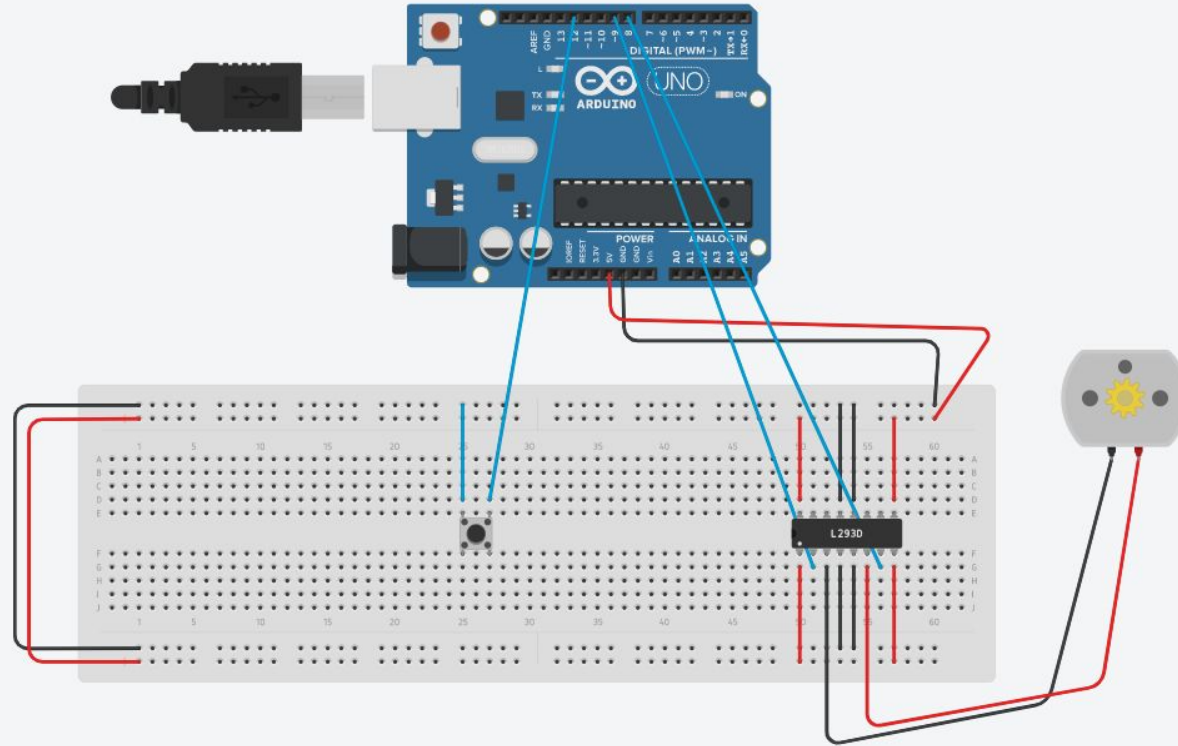
Initializes the
forward and
backward pins

Makes the motor
start turning in the
forward direction

To test your code,
click the checkmark
then the arrow!



Schematic With Button



Motor with Button Code

Initialize another pin for the button and set the pinMode

If the button is pressed, the motor should turn.
Else, the motor should be off.

```
MotorsWithButtons

const int forward = 8;
const int backward = 9;
int button = 12;

void setup()
{
  pinMode(forward , OUTPUT);
  pinMode(backward , OUTPUT);

  pinMode(button, INPUT_PULLUP);
}

void loop() {
  if (digitalRead(button)==LOW) {
    digitalWrite(forward , HIGH);
    digitalWrite(backward , LOW);
  }
  else{
    digitalWrite(forward , LOW);
    digitalWrite(backward , LOW);
  }
}
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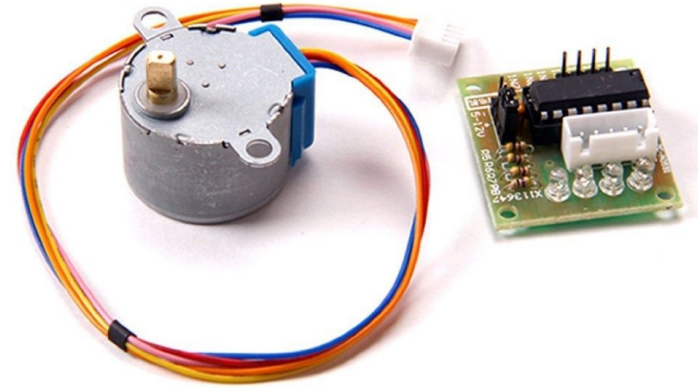
[View this code on GitHub!](#)

Project Part 2: Stepper Motors

Introduction to Stepper Motors

Like normal motors, stepper motors can provide continuous rotation. Unlike normal motors, however, a stepper motor will hold its current position (or “step”) until given a command to move clockwise or counterclockwise a certain number of steps.

Stepper motors are often used in CNC machines, laser cutters, and 3D printers where precise motion is required.

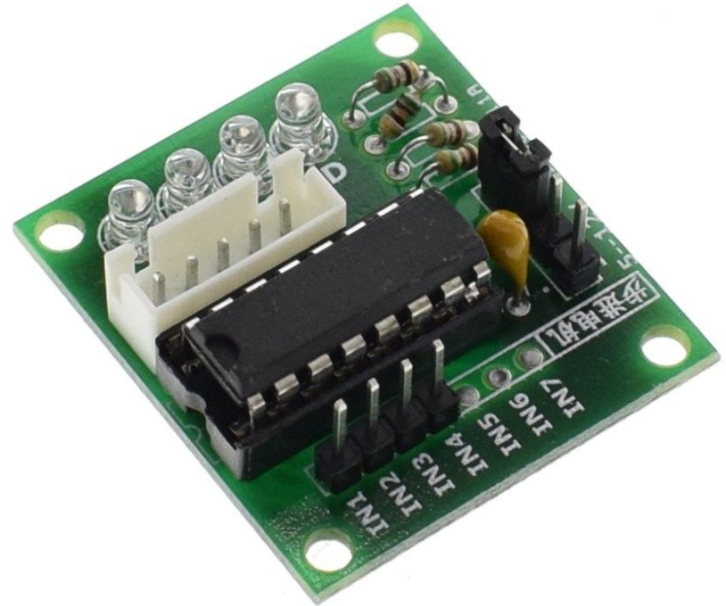


Stepper Motor Controller

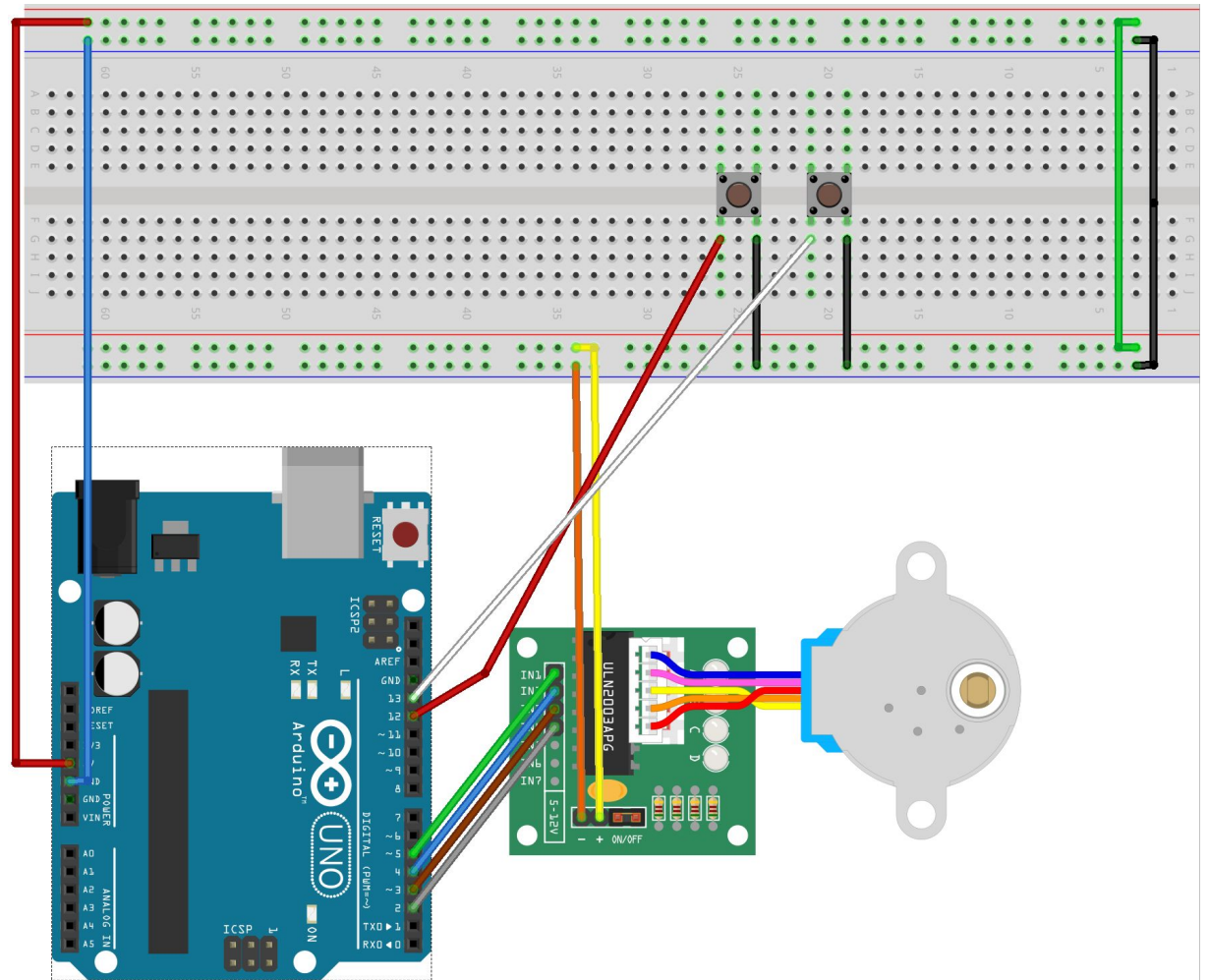
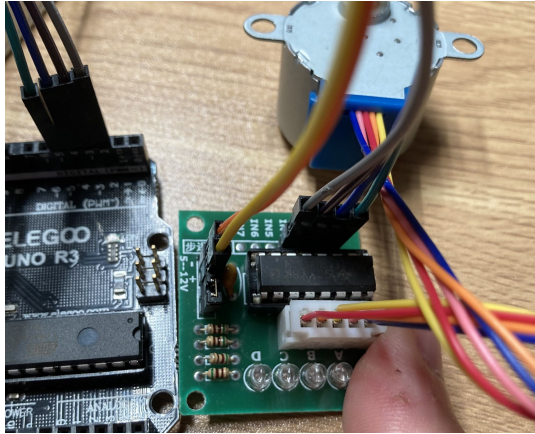
This controller is designed to control the motion of a stepper motor. We will be using it to control our stepper motor.

Connect IN1 to Pin 5, IN2 to Pin 4, IN3 to Pin 3, and IN4 to Pin 2. Connect the + to 5V, the - to Ground.

Plug the stepper motor into the white socket

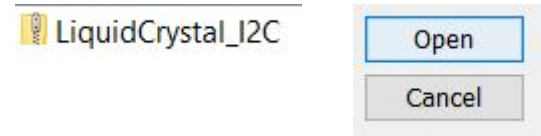
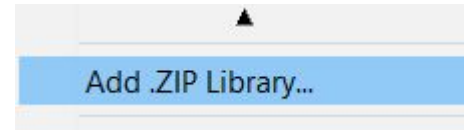
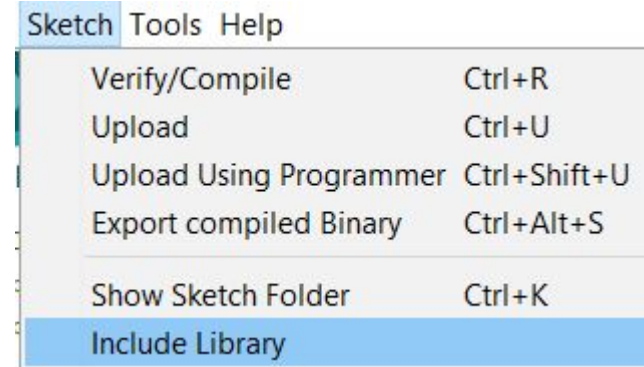


Schematic

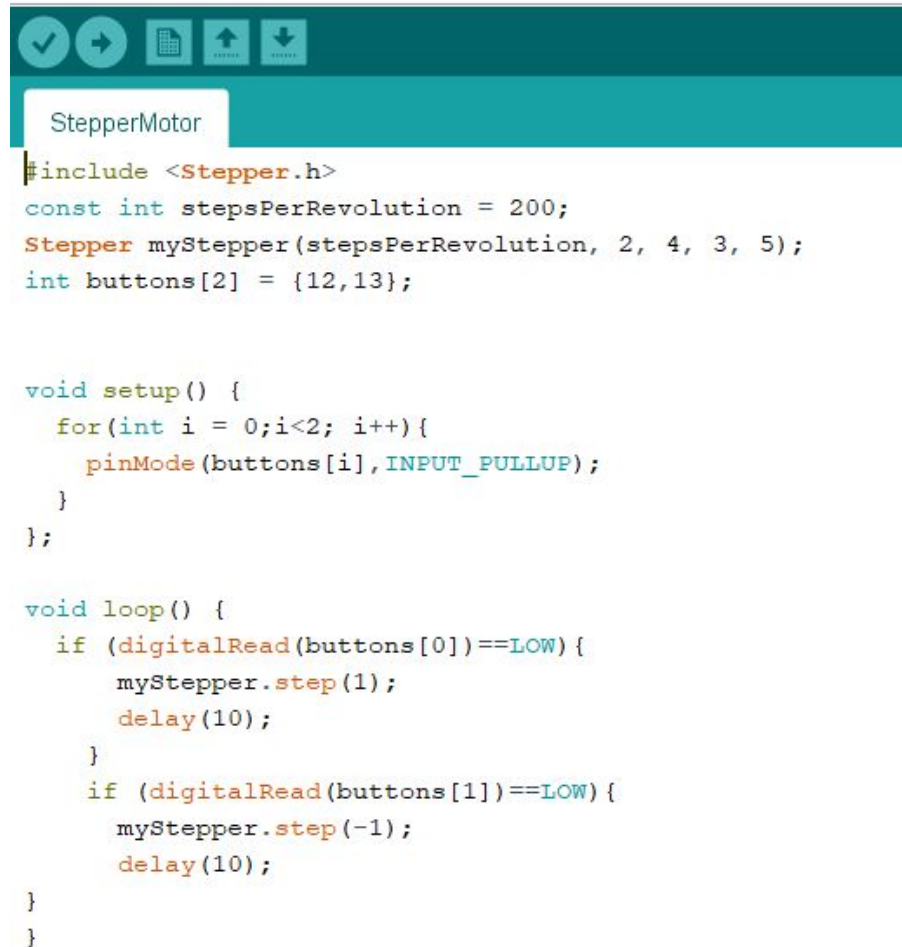


Downloading a Library

- We need to download a library in order to use the Stepper motors
- Download the Stepper Motor library [here](#)
 - ◆ Save it to your downloads folder
- Go to the Sketch Tab ⇒ Include Library ⇒ Add .Zip Library.
- Navigate to your downloads folder and select and open the Stepper Motor library.



Stepper Motor Code

A screenshot of a code editor window. The title bar is dark teal with icons for a checkmark, a right arrow, a document, an up arrow, and a down arrow. The editor has a teal header bar with the text 'StepperMotor'. The code is in C++ and is color-coded: keywords in blue, constants in light blue, and identifiers in orange. The code defines a StepperMotor class, sets steps per revolution to 200, initializes a Stepper object and two buttons, and implements setup and loop functions to control the stepper motor based on button presses.

```
StepperMotor
#include <Stepper.h>
const int stepsPerRevolution = 200;
Stepper myStepper(stepsPerRevolution, 2, 4, 3, 5);
int buttons[2] = {12,13};

void setup() {
  for(int i = 0;i<2; i++){
    pinMode(buttons[i],INPUT_PULLUP);
  }
};

void loop() {
  if (digitalRead(buttons[0])==LOW) {
    myStepper.step(1);
    delay(10);
  }
  if (digitalRead(buttons[1])==LOW) {
    myStepper.step(-1);
    delay(10);
  }
}
```


Thank you!

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