## **Digital Multimeter (DMM) Assignment**

## Measuring Resistance:

- Set DMM to resistance mode ('Ω' icon)
- Confirm that it behaves as expected:
  - Separate probes and verify 'OL' reading (overload)
  - $\circ$  Touch probe tips together and verify  $\sim$ 0Ω reading
  - $\circ$  Measure resistance of a 330  $\Omega$  or 10k  $\Omega$  resistor (A multimeter is often much quicker than looking up the resistor color codes.)
- Questions:
  - 1. What's the full resistance of the potentiometer (across the two outer pins)?
  - 2. What are the lowest and highest resistances that can be achieved on the middle pin with the dial turned fully clockwise or counterclockwise.

## Measuring Continuity:

- Set to continuity mode (<sup>IIII</sup> icon). In this mode DMM will beep when it measures low resistance (less than ~20Ω).
- Touch probe tips together and verify that DMM beeps
- Questions:
  - 1. Is the housing of the USB port grounded? (I.e., is it connected to the GND pin?)
  - 2. **BONUS:** There is set of 6 male pins on your Arduino labeled *ICSP*. Can you determine which of these pins (if any) connect to GND and 5V?

## Measuring Voltage:

- Set to DC voltage mode ( $\overline{v}$  icon). In this mode the voltage on the red probe is measured with respect to the black probe. Typically you will connect the black probe to Gnd/0V.
- Touch probe tips together and verify 0V reading.
- Questions:
  - 1. Measure the voltage on the 5V and 3.3V pins are they close to their nominal values? (Be sure to measure with reference to ground.)
  - 2. Wire up an LED with a current-limiting resistor and turn it on. Measure the voltage drop across the LED leads. Now can you predict the voltage across the resistor? Measure to confirm your prediction.