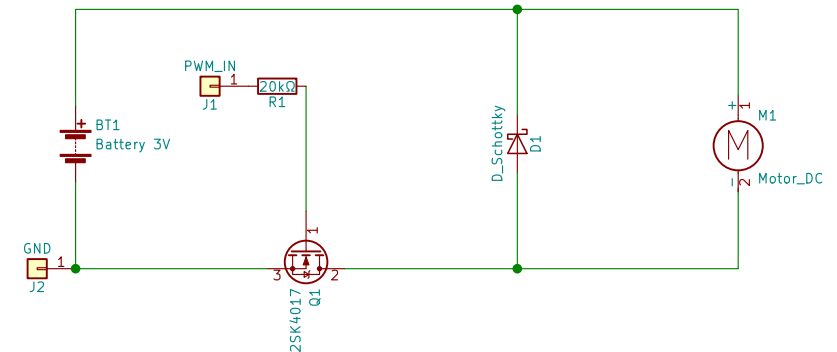


- * Connect PWM_IN (J1) with GPIO 12 or 13 of Raspberry Pi (RasPi).
RasPi's GPIO pins are driven with 3.3 volts. Don't apply 5 volts to PWM_IN (J1).
- * Connect GND (J2) with any ground pin of RasPi.
- * Q1 is a N-channel power MOSFET (enhancement mode).
I used 2SK4017. Equivalents are needed to have enough drain current, on 3.3 volts of gate-source voltage.
- * In this schematic, DC motor's (M1) voltage range should be 1.5 volts to 3.0 volts, and the normal voltage should be 3.0 volts.
M1 is driven with 3.0 volts battery (2 of AA cells in series).
- * M1 has enough inductance to make a low-pass filter, so you don't need another coil in series and a capacitor in parallel.
- * Schottky diode's (D1) maximum average forward rectified current needs enough value compared to current consumption of a DC motor. For example, current consumption of a DC motor is 650 milliamperes, and a schottky diode you apply needs 650 milliamperes tolerance for its forward current. So the value, 1 ampere, is suitable as the diode's maximum average forward rectified current.

- * Duty cycle is calculated as follows.
 $D = \text{Time of Pulse Width} / \text{Time of Pulse Width and Off Width}$
- * Voltage on M1 is considered as follows ideally.
 $V_{\text{motor}} = D * V_{\text{battery}}$
- * However, two losses of voltage exist in this circuit.
One is drain-source of Q1 (V_{ds}), and another is forward voltage of D1 (V_{Fd}).
If you consider of these losses, voltage on M1 is calculated as follows.
 $V_{\text{motor}} = D * (V_{\text{battery}} - V_{\text{ds}}) - (1 - D) * V_{\text{Fd}}$
- * V_{battery} should be considered of battery's output impedance.
For example, if a AA cell has 0.1 ohms of its output impedance and current consumption of the AA cells is 650 milliamperes, voltage drop in the AA cells is calculated as follows.
 $2 * 0.1 * 650 \text{ milliamperes} = 0.13 \text{ volts}$
This value should be subtracted from V_{battery} .
- * When you test the value of V_{motor} , you may bother about the larger calculated value than the tested value. It's because of electromotive force of coils in a motor. A DC motor quickly changes/reverses an active coil by its brushes when driving.
This mechanism stays electromotive force of coils that is like an inverted battery against a real battery.



N-channel MOSFET has stronger negative feedback than a NPN bipolar transistor. To hide this effect place Q1 like this.

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