

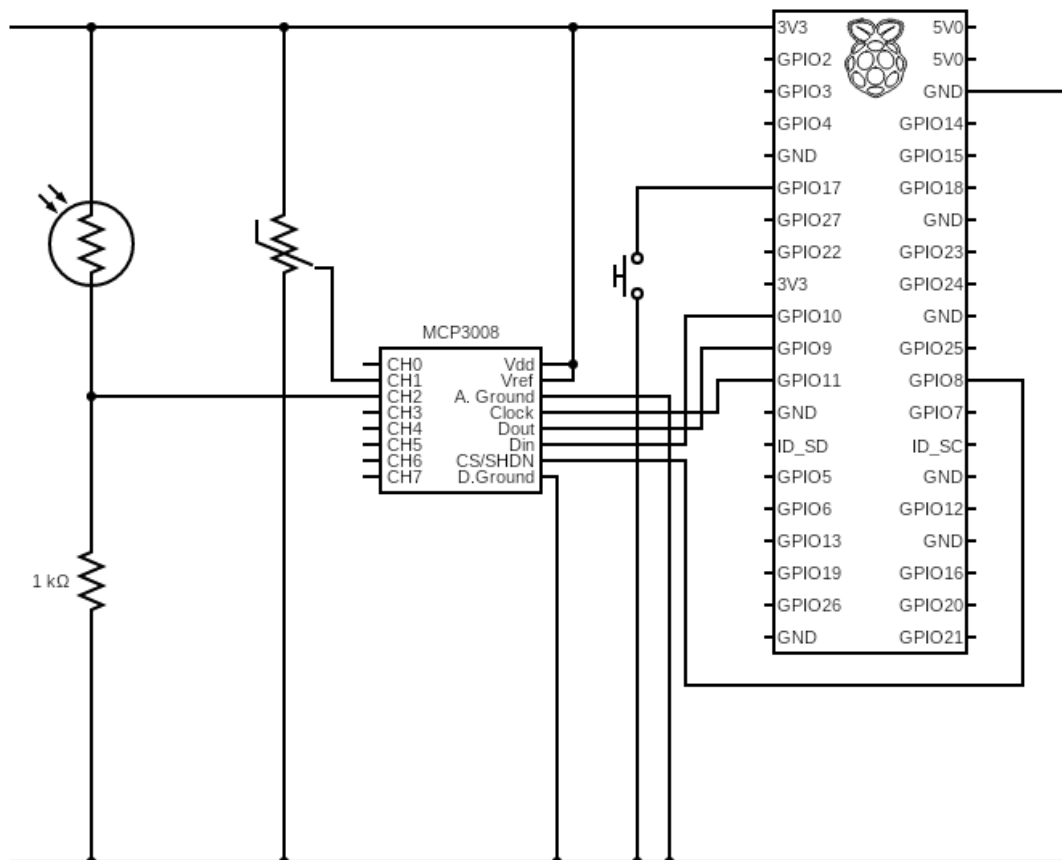
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1.2 Validation and Testing

The first tests for the ldr involved measuring the readings at ambient, then covering the light, observing the readings decrease, shining a torch on the light and observing the readings increase. To test for the Thermistor, the ADC readings were converted to Celcius, then compared to the value of a mercury thermometer. The readings were seperated by a degree and half.

The Pi was then restarted and the tests redone to validate the results. We obtained very similar readings for ambient temperature and light, the increase/decreases were also consistent with our initial testing.

The image below is a sample of some of the testing. The sections outlined in red are ambient readings. The section in blue is the light sensor being covered. The section in yellow is the light sensor having a torch shined at it. The section in green is the thermistor being held by fingers (increasing the temperature), notice the ramp up as the thermistor warms. You'll also notice during this section the ldr readings drop, this is due to the ldr being close to the thermistor, and the hand of the operator blocking the light to the ldr. The pink section is when the thermistor has been released and is returning to ambient slowly.

We will demo our program in person next week, as indicated we can do on the discord server, so no video is linked.

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Runtime Temp Reading    Temp    Light Reading
0s      14400           22.19   5632
Changing from 10s to 5s after the next sample
Changing from 5s to 1s after the next sample
1s      13760           19.29   5632
11s     13760           19.29   5632
12s     13760           19.29   5632
13s     13760           19.29   5632
14s     13760           19.29   5632
15s     13760           19.29   5632
16s     13760           19.29   5632
17s     13760           19.29   1088
18s     13760           19.29   1024
19s     13760           19.29   768
20s     13760           19.29   576
21s     13760           19.29   5632
22s     13824           19.29   5632
23s     13760           19.29   5632
24s     13824           19.29   28352
26s     13760           19.61   39552
27s     13824           19.61   38848
28s     13824           19.29   38656
29s     13760           19.61   5568
30s     13824           19.29   5504
31s     13760           19.61   4096
32s     13952           19.61   960
33s     14080           21.87   896
34s     14592           23.48   832
35s     14656           24.77   832
36s     15040           26.06   832
37s     15104           26.06   832
38s     15168           26.38   5248
39s     15040           25.73   5568
40s     14976           25.41   5568
41s     14912           25.09   5568
42s     14912           24.77   5568
43s     14848           24.77   5568
44s     14784           24.44   5568
45s     14720           24.12   5568
46s     14720           24.12   5568
47s     14656           23.8    5568
48s     14656           23.48   5568
49s     14592           23.48   5568
50s     14592           23.48   5568
51s     14528           23.16   5568
52s     14528           23.16   5568
53s     14464           22.83   5504
54s     14464           22.83   5504
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[ ]: import busio
import digitalio
import board
import threading
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
from time import time, sleep
import adafruit_mcp3xxx.mcp3008 as MCP
from adafruit_mcp3xxx.analog_in import AnalogIn

def print_sensor_vals(start_time, temp, ldr):
    print(f"{round(time()-start_time)}s\t{temp.value}\t\t{round(((temp.
↳voltage-0.5)/0.01), 2)}\t{round(ldr.value, 2)}")

def cycle_sample_time(channel):
    global current_sampling_time_index, sampling_times
    print(f"Changing from {sampling_times[current_sampling_time_index]}s to
↳{sampling_times[(current_sampling_time_index+1)%3]}s after the next sample")
    current_sampling_time_index = (current_sampling_time_index + 1) % 3

sampling_times = [10, 5, 1]
current_sampling_time_index = 0

#create the spi bus
spi = busio.SPI(clock=board.SCK, MISO=board.MISO, MOSI=board.MOSI)

# create the cs (chip select)
cs = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D5)

# create the mcp object
mcp = MCP.MCP3008(spi, cs)

# Add button callback to change sampling rate
GPIO.setup(17, GPIO.IN, pull_up_down=GPIO.PUD_UP)
GPIO.add_event_detect(17, GPIO.FALLING, callback=cycle_sample_time,
↳bouncetime=200)

start_time = time()
ldr = AnalogIn(mcp, MCP.P2)
temp = AnalogIn(mcp, MCP.P1)
print("Runtime\tTemp Reading\tTemp\tLight Reading")
x = threading.Thread(target=print_sensor_vals, args=(start_time, temp, ldr))
while True:
    x.start()
    x.join()
    wait_time = sampling_times[current_sampling_time_index]

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sleep(wait_time)
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