MBSD Lab #4 A.Y. 2023/24

# Purposes

* Integrate the one-pedal controller into a simulated Arduino Uno[[1]](#footnote-1) microcontroller (μC), resorting to SimulIDE[[2]](#footnote-2).
* Interact with the μC through its digital and analog interfaces.

# Instructions

For instructions on how to use SimulIDE and the Platform Support Packages, follow the instructions provided by Prof. Violante in the lectures.

The delivery shall contain:

* The controller Simulink model is used to generate the firmware binary file (plus all the accompanying files needed to make it possible to generate the code again, like .m files containing initializations)
* The firmware binary file to be loaded into the simulated Arduino in SimulIDE
* The SimulIDE project file.
* The PDF or Microsoft Word version of the report.

Is available an example based on a Tank level controller in the folder

The deliverable has to be provided as a . ZIP file up to **June 23rd at 23:59. It shall also contain a brief report explaining the** integration process using the following template. It is sufficient that only one of the group members uploads it.

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# Laboratory 4 Report

## Components of the working group (max 2 people)

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# I/O interfaces

*[Please describe the I/O interfaces to interact with the one pedal controller through the electrical interfaces of the Arduino]*

Three analog input and one digital input have been selected for the input interfaces:

* *BrakePedalPressed:* digital input as it can assume either TRUE (so 5V as electrical tension) or FALSE as Boolean values.

The following inputs are analog because either they assume continuous values or a single value among several ones, like for the states.

At the beginning, a common sequence of blocks is given: the RAW measurement is casted into a double variable to preserve accuracy for the next conversion into an equivalent voltage readout. This value shall then be scaled, taking into account the range of possible values and the reference voltage, to obtain the desired controller inputs.

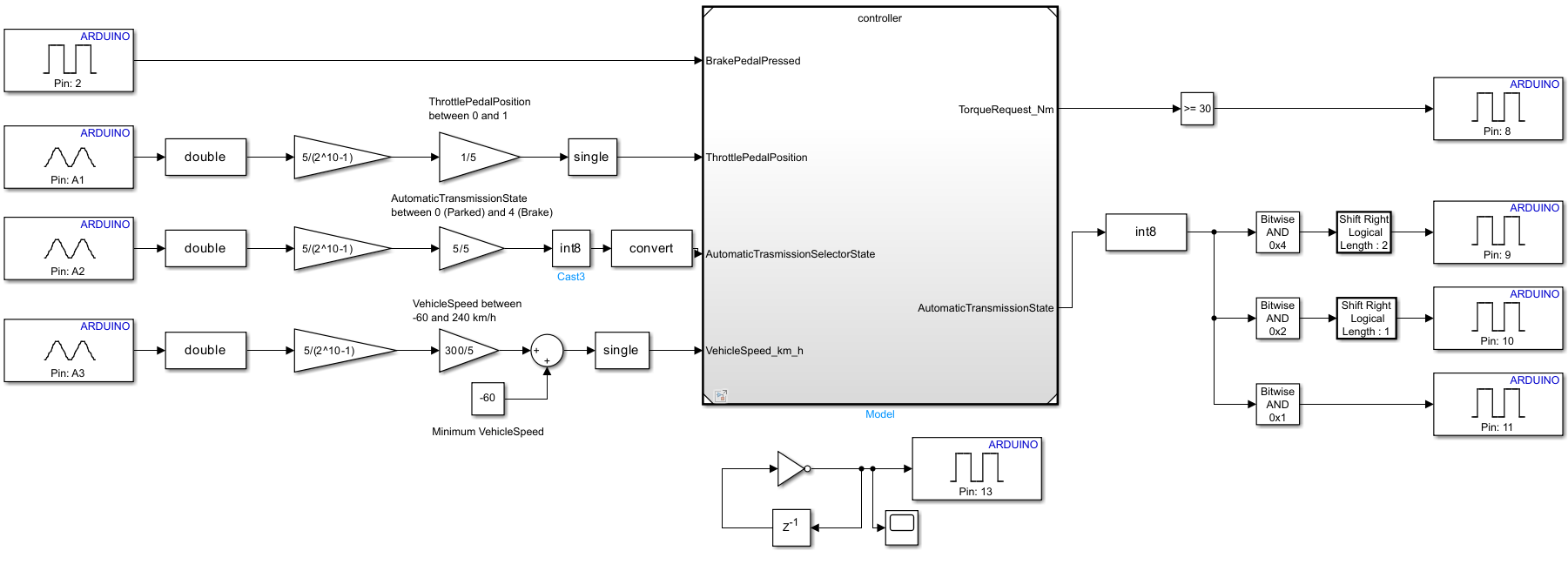
* *ThrottlePedalPosition*: the input voltage is scaled to a floating point number in the range [0, 1] by applying a gain factor. At the end, we added a cast into single to give it to the controller.
* *AutomaticTransmissionSelectorState*: the input voltage is scaled to a floating point number in the range [0, 4] by applying a gain factor. At the end, we added a cast into integer and then one to the enum class to give it to the controller.
* *VehicleSpeed\_km\_h*: the input voltage is scaled to a floating point number in the range [-60, 240] by applying a gain factor and then subtracting the minimum (negative) value. At the end, we added a cast into single to give it to the controller.

Four digital output pins have been selected for output interfaces:

* *TorqueRequest\_Nm:* a threshold value of 30 Nm has been chosen and a 1 is obtained, by means of a comparison block, when the requested torque is greater than the threshold, otherwise 0. Let’s note that this is a simplification that does not give as output values of the actual torque, as an high number of pins should be used.
* *AutomaticTransmissionState:* firstly, a cast is needed to convert from enum type to integer (a value from 0 to 4). Then, we implemented a mechanism to obtain the binary representation of the integer by means of “Bitwise AND” and appropriate “Shift Right Logical” blocks.

The pin 9 represents the Most Significant Bit and the pin 11 the LSB.

*[Screenshot of the controller model ready for the code generation]*

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| **Name** | **Unit** | **Type[[3]](#footnote-3)** | **Conversion formulas** | **Min[[4]](#footnote-4)** | **Max** |
| BrakePedalPressed | Unitless | Digital Input | - | 0 | 1 |
| ThrottlePedalPosition | Unitless | Analog Input |  | 0 | 1 |
| AutomaticTransmissionSelectorState | Unitless | Analog Input |  | 0 | 4 |
| VehicleSpeed\_km\_h | Km/h | Analog Input |  | -60 km/h | 240 km/h |
| TorqueRequest\_Nm | N\*m | Digital Output | - | -80 Nm | 80 Nm |
| AutomaticTransmissionState | Unitless | Digital Output | - | 0 | 4 |

# Code generation for Arduino

*[Please describe the steps to generate the Arduino firmware using the Simulink Support Package for Arduino Hardware]*

A prerequisite for this procedure is the proper installation of Simulink Support Package for Arduino Hardware, Embedded Coder, and any necessary dependencies. These shall appear in the Installed section of the Add-On Manager.

Before generating the executable firmware, some *Model Settings* have to be checked for both our “*controller\_arduino*” and “*controller*” Simulink models.

In the Solver settings we chose “*Inf*” as Stop time, *Fixed-step* with *discrete solver (no continuous states)* and a proper step size was chosen.

In the “*Hardware Implementation*” section we have to choose as *Hardware Board* “*Arduino Uno*” and, in the Target hardware resources, the *Build* action, under Build options, was chosen as “*Build*” because, in this case, we are not trying to directly load the firmware on a connected board.

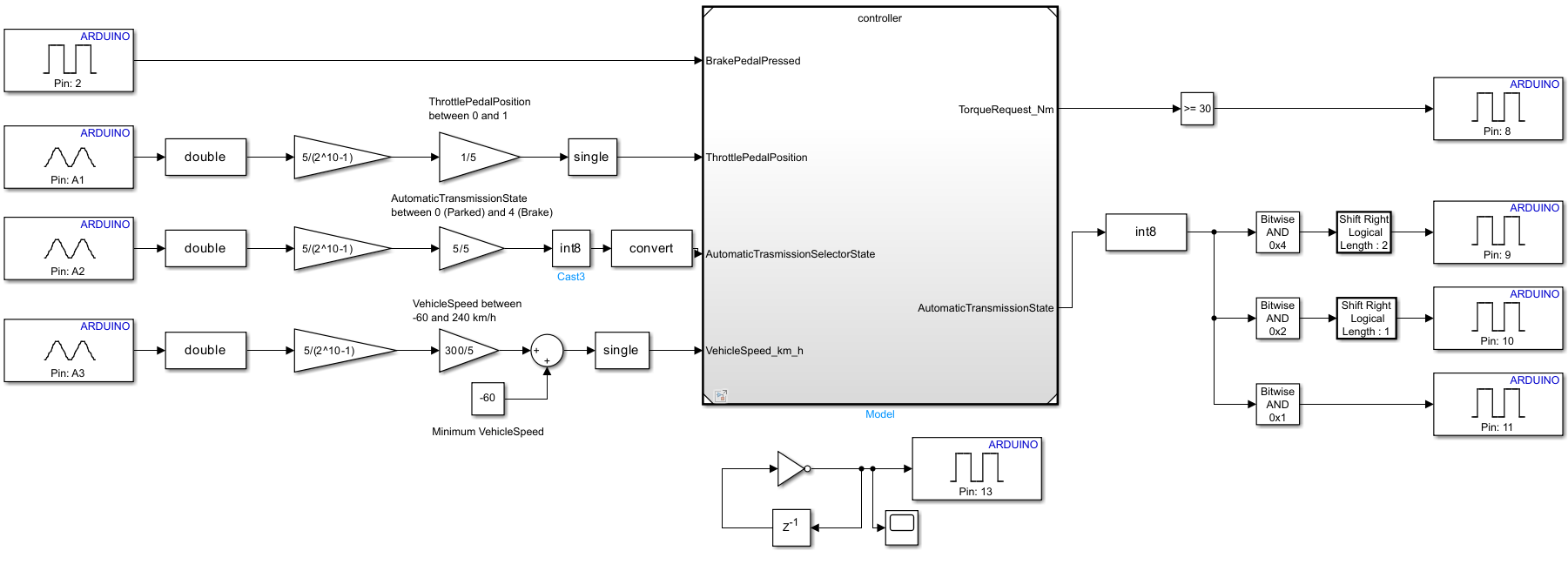
At last, in the Code Generation section, the System target file is “*ert.tlc*” and the description, if the following add-on is correctly installed, should report “*Embedded Coder*”.

As our controller relies on some definitions given from the *init\_fn.m* Matlab script, we need to open and execute this file.

At this point we can actually generate the firmware by going, with the “*controller\_arduino*” model opened, to the Hardware section on top and, under Deploy, by clicking on the little arrow, we make sure to select “*Build*” instead of “*Build, Deploy & Start*”.

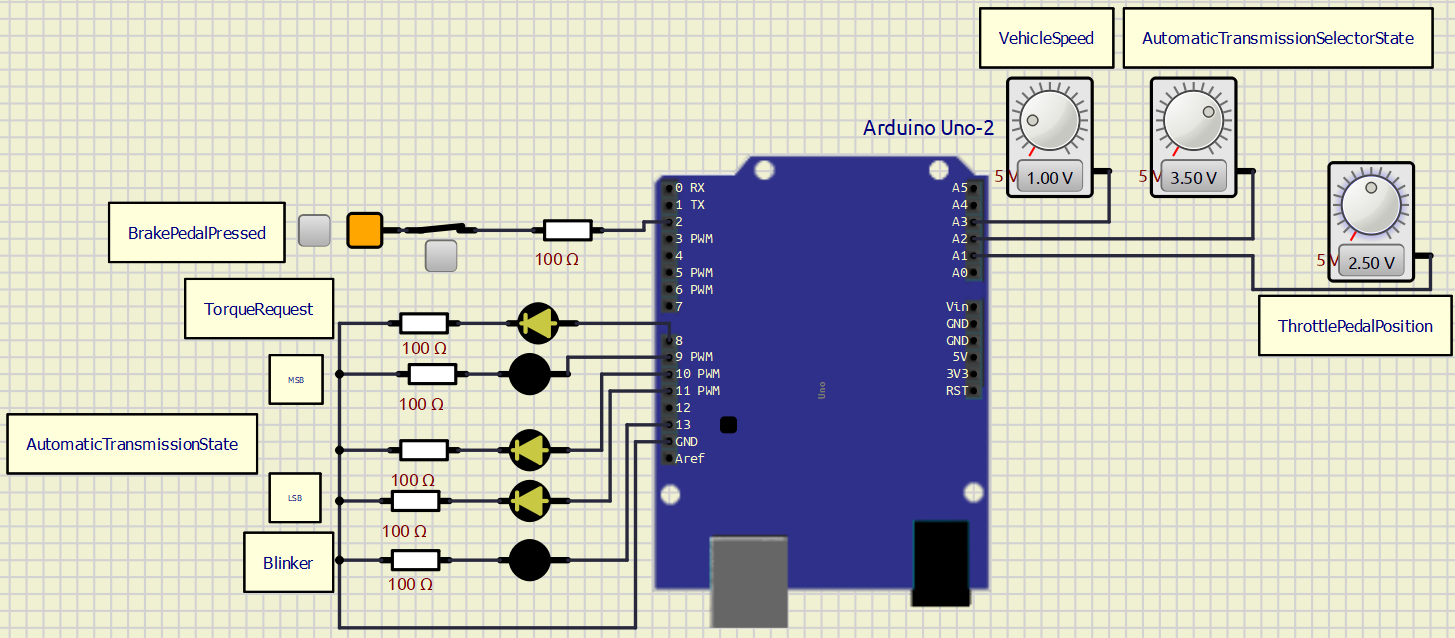
If the steps are correctly executed, a new folder and some controller\_arduino files will be in the current folder. As, in this case, we are interested in the “fully executable” approach, we can ignore the new folder and focus on the .hex file, which is our firmware ready to be deployed on simulIde.

*[screenshot of the controller model instrumented with the blocks of the Support Package for Arduino Hardware]*

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# Harness

*[screenshot of the harness implemented in SimulIDE]*



## Test stimuli

*[Provide a brief description of the stimuli set chosen to test the controller functionality] Due to the limitations of the SimulIDE, provide stimuli to check the function of the one pedal controller without the whole physical model*

1. Arduino Uno Board Anatomy <https://docs.arduino.cc/tutorials/uno-rev3/BoardAnatomy>, last visited on 16/05/2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. SimulIDE, https://www.simulide.com/p/home.html, last visited on 16/05/2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Digital Input (DI), Digital Output (DO), Analog Input (AI).

   For AIs, provide the conversion formula from input voltage to the measurement unit data (indicating also how to perform the conversion from the raw reading of the ADC). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The Min/Max values that can be handled due to the conversion formula shall be expressed in the measurement unit specified in the Unit column. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)