

Measuring Unknown Resistance Using ESP32

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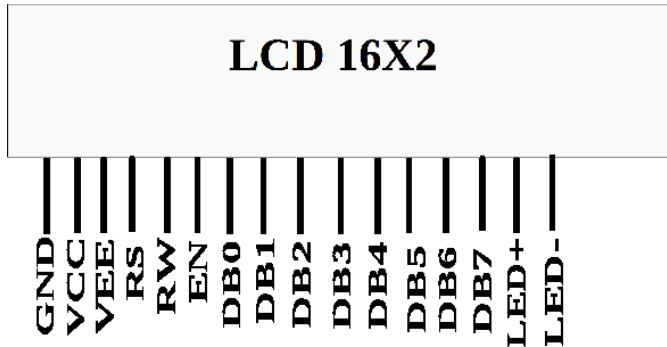


Fig. 2.1.1: lcd

Abstract—Through this manual, we will learn how to setting up the display and how to measure an unknown resistance through ESP32 and display it on an LCD.

1 COMPONENTS

| Component | Value | Quantity |
|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Resistor | 220 Ohm | 1 |
| | 1K | 1 |
| ESP32 | Devkit V1 | 1 |
| Jumper Wires | | 20 |
| Bread board | | 1 |
| LCD | 16 X 2 | 1 |
| Potentiometer | 10K | 1 |

TABLE 1.1

| ESP32 | LCD Pins | LCD Pin Label | LCD Pin Description |
|---------|----------|---------------|---------------------|
| GND | 1 | GND | |
| 5V | 2 | Vcc | |
| GND | 3 | Vee | Contrast |
| GPIO 19 | 4 | RS | Register Select |
| GND | 5 | R/W | Read/Write |
| GPIO 23 | 6 | EN | Enable |
| GPIO 18 | 11 | DB4 | Serial Connection |
| GPIO 17 | 12 | DB5 | Serial Connection |
| GPIO 16 | 13 | DB6 | Serial Connection |
| GPIO 15 | 14 | DB7 | Serial Connection |
| 5V | 15 | LED+ | Backlight |
| GND | 16 | LED- | Backlight |

TABLE 2.3.1

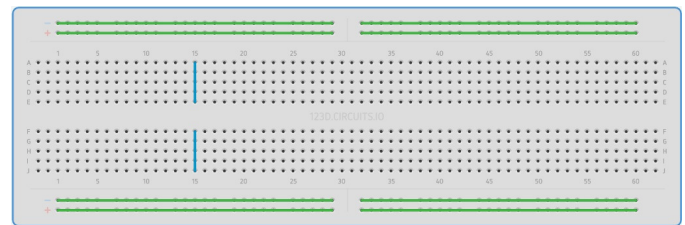


Fig. 3.1.1: Breadboard

2 SETTING UP THE DISPLAY

- 2.1. Plug the LCD in Fig. 2.1.1 to the breadboard.
- 2.2. Connect the 220Ω resistance from V_{cc} to pin 15 (Led+) of the LCD.
- 2.3. Connect the ESP32 pins to LCD pins as per Table 2.3.1.
- 2.4. Execute the following code

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3 MEASURING THE RESISTANCE

- 3.1. Connect the 5V pin of the ESP32 to an extreme pin of the Breadboard shown in Fig. 3.1.1. Let this pin be V_{cc} .
- 3.2. Connect the GND pin of the ESP32 to the opposite extreme pin of the Breadboard.
- 3.3. Let R_1 be the known resistor and R_2 be the unknown resistor. Connect R_1 and R_2 in series such that R_1 is connected to V_{cc} and R_2 is

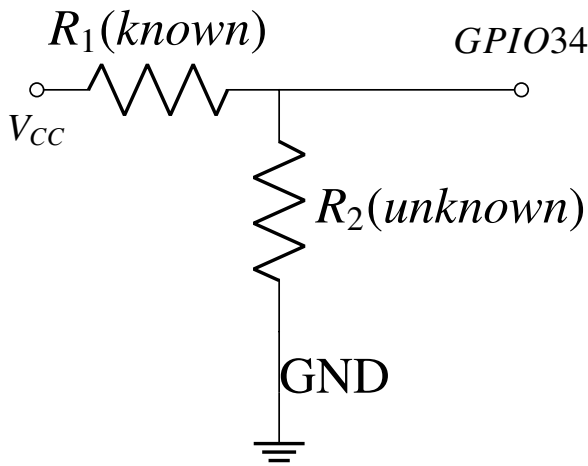


Fig. 3.3.1: Voltage Divider

connected to GND. Refer to Fig. 3.3.1

- 3.4. Connect the junction between the two resistors to the GPIO34 pin on the ESP32.
- 3.5. Connect the ESP32 to the computer so that it is powered.
- 3.6. Execute the following code

4 EXPLANATION

- 4.1. We create a variable called `analogPin` and assign it to 0. This is because the voltage value we are going to read is connected to `analogPin` GPIO34.
- 4.2. The 12-bit ADC can differentiate 4096 discrete voltage levels, 5 volt is applied to 2 resistors and the voltage sample is taken in between the resistors. The value which we get from `analogPin` can be between 0 and 4095. 0 would represent 0 volts falls across the unknown resistor. A value of 4095 would mean that practically all 5 volts falls across the unknown resistor.
- 4.3. V_{out} represents the divided voltage that falls across the unknown resistor.
- 4.4. The Ohm meter in this manual works on the principle of the voltage divider shown in Fig. 3.3.1.

$$V_{out} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{in} \quad (4.4.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_2 = R_1 \left(\frac{V_{in}}{V_{out}} - 1 \right) \quad (4.4.2)$$

In the above, $V_{in} = 5V$, $R_1 = 220\Omega$.