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A. Theory

1. Pushbutton

1.1. The use and connection of a pushbutton

In Arduino, a pushbutton is an input component that initiates actions when pressed and returns to its initial state when released. To connect a pushbutton with a digital input :

1. **Step 1:** Insert the pushbutton into the breadboard, Ensure that the button's legs are inserted into different rows, with two legs on each side of the gap.
2. **Step 2:** Use a jumper wire to connect one leg of the push button to the GND (ground) pin on the Arduino board.
3. **Step 3:** Use a wire to link the other leg of the pushbutton to a digital input pin on the Arduino board.

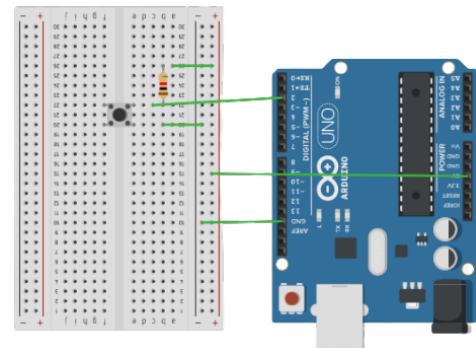


Figure 1: Connecting push-button

1.2. De-bounce circuit

Bouncing is a noise or oscillations that can occur in a pushbutton switch when it is pressed or released. A de-bounce circuit, consisting of a capacitor and resistor connected in parallel with a push button, filters out rapid signal changes caused by contact bouncing. This provides a more stable and accurate signal to the Arduino's digital input pin.

1.3. Pull-Up and Pull-Down resistors

To ensure a stable voltage level at a digital pin input, you can use pull-up and pull-down resistors.

1. **Pull-up :** A pull-up resistor is connected between the digital pin and a higher voltage level (such as Vcc).
2. **Pull-down Resistor :** A pull-down resistor is connected between the input pin and ground.

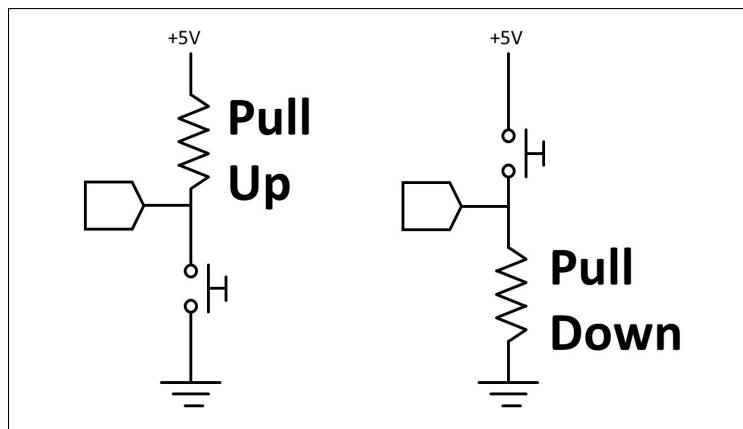


Figure 2: Pull-Up vs Pull-Down resistors

2. Connection of a light sensor (Analog GPIO)

2.1. Introduction of the light sensor

A light sensor is a device that detects the presence, absence, or intensity of light in a given environment.

2.2. Using Arduino serial console as a display

1. In the setup function, use `Serial.begin(9600)` to set up the serial connection.
2. In the loop function, use `Serial.print()` to send data to the serial console.
3. After uploading your sketch, open the serial console by selecting «Serial Monitor» from the «Tools» menu.

2.3. Configuring GPIO line as an analog output

1. In the setup function, use the `pinMode()` function to configure the GPIO pin as an output.
2. In the loop function, use the `analogWrite()` function to set the output voltage.

B. Activity

1. Connection of a light sensor (analog pin)

Hardware

An arduino MKR1010 board is connected to a light sensor (LDR) and a 240Ω resistor:

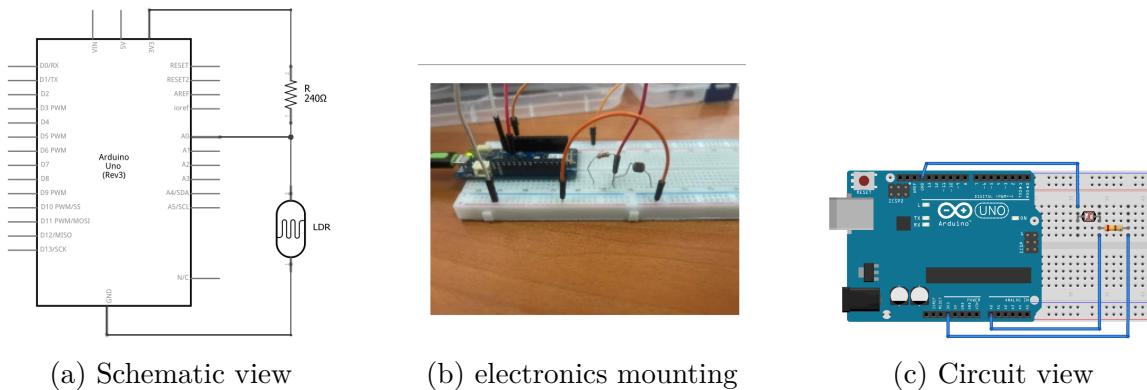


Figure 3: LDR connection electronics views

Software

In the `setup()` function, we configure a serial port for communication and we set the analog pin `sensorPin` as an input pin by using the `pinMode()` function. In the `loop()` function every 1 second:

```
1 int ldr = A3;      //assigning ldr pin A3.
2 int out = 7;       //assigning out pin 7.
3 void setup()
4 {
5     pinMode(out, OUTPUT); //setting pinmode as output
6     pinMode(ldr, INPUT); //setting pinmode as input
7     Serial.begin(9600); //initialize serial connection
8 }
9 void loop()
10 {
11     int sensorValue = analogRead(ldr);
12     Serial.println(sensorValue); // print out the value you read
13     delay(1000); // delay in between reads for stability
14 }
```

Listing 1: LDR connection Arduino program

Analysis

The serial console display values (between 0 and 1023) which are proportional to the light amount absorbed by the LDR sensor.

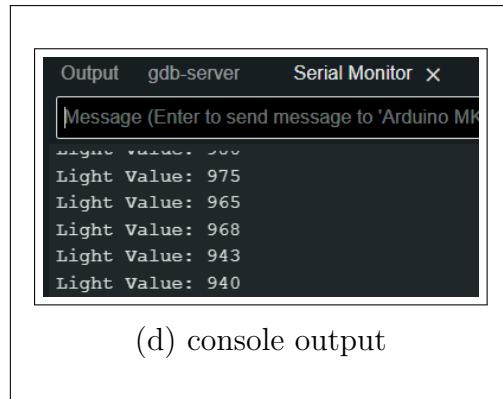


Figure 4: LDR connection electronics experience

2. Connection of a pushbutton (digital pin)

2.1. Pull-Up resistor

Hardware

An arduino MKR1010 board is connected to a pushbutton and a $10k\Omega$ pull-up resistor:

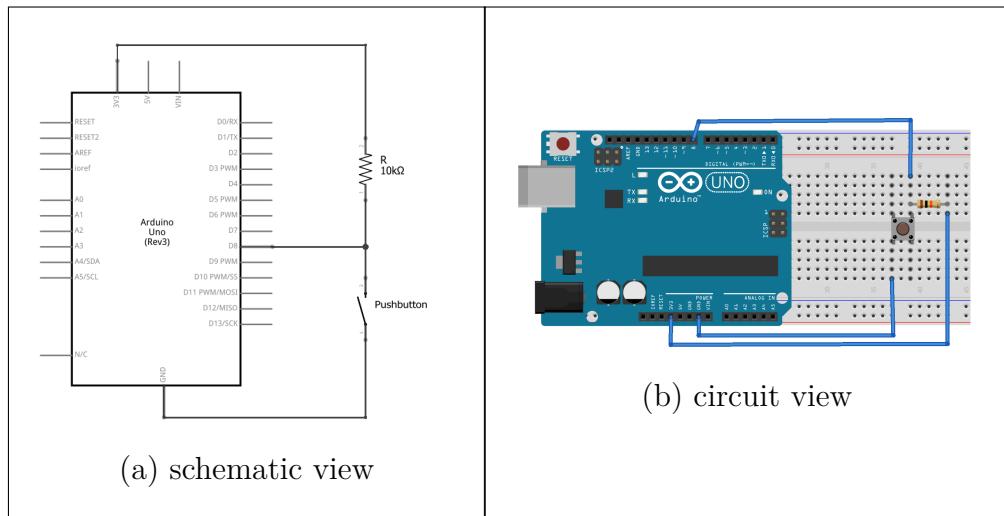


Figure 5: Pull-Up resistor electronics views

Software

In the `setup()` function, we configure a serial port for communication and set the 'BUTTON_PIN' as an input using `pinMode()`.

In the `loop()` function, we check if the button state has changed, and if so, we print whether the button is pressed or not.

```

1 // initialize a constant for the digital pin input
2 #define BUTTON_PIN 8
3 int previous=0;

```

```

4 void setup()
5 {
6     Serial.begin(9600); // initialize the serial connection
7     pinMode(BUTTON_PIN, INPUT); // configure the digital pin as input
8 }
9 void loop()
10 {
11     // read the binary logic voltage between the pin and the ground
12     byte buttonState = digitalRead(BUTTON_PIN);
13     // display the button state only if it had changed
14     if(previous!=buttonState)
15     {
16         // when the button is pressed, the state is LOW
17         if(buttonState == LOW)
18             {Serial.println("Button is pressed");}
19         // when the button is not pressed, the state is HIGH
20         else
21             {Serial.println("Button is not pressed");}
22         previous=buttonState; // change the state
23     }
24 }
```

Listing 2: Pull-Up resistor Arduino program

Analysis

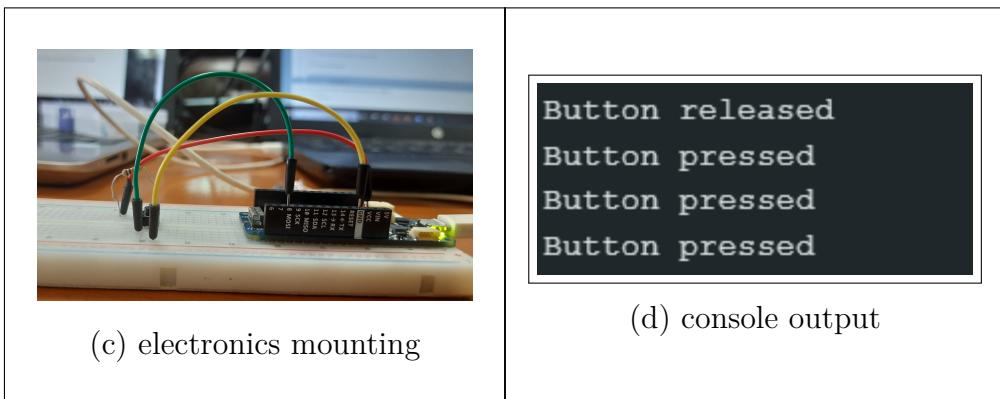


Figure 6: Pull-Up resistor electronics experience

2.2. Pull-Down resistor

Hardware

An arduino MKR1010 board is connected to a pushbutton and a $10\text{k}\Omega$ pull-down resistor:

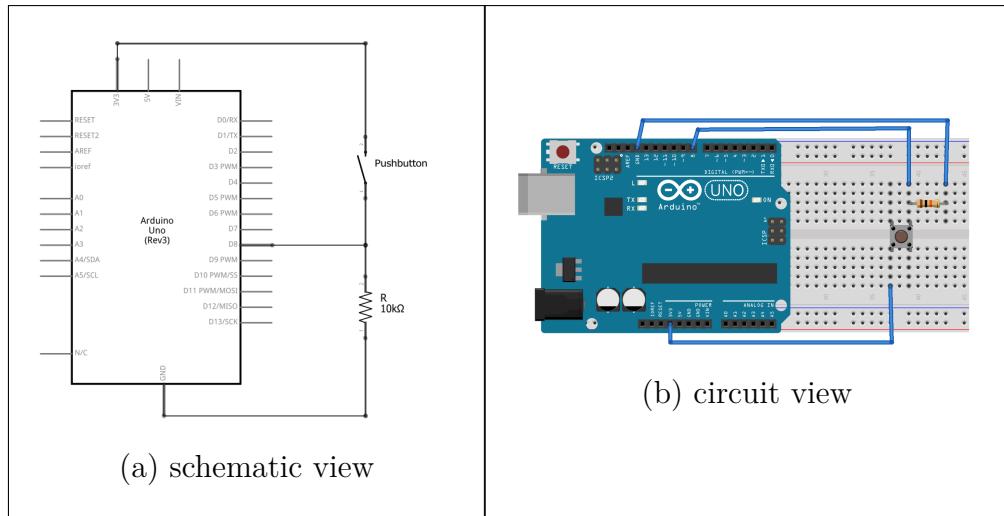


Figure 7: Pull-Down resistor electronics views

Software

The code below shows only the loop() function:

```

1 const int BUTTON_PIN = 2; // Change to the desired pin number
2 byte previous = LOW; // Initialize the previous state
3 void setup() {
4     pinMode(BUTTON_PIN, INPUT_PULLUP); // Configure the pin as an input with
5     // a pull-up resistor
6     Serial.begin(9600); // Initialize the serial communication
7 }
8 void loop() {
9     byte buttonState = digitalRead(BUTTON_PIN); // Read the button state
10    if (previous != buttonState) {
11        if (buttonState == HIGH) {
12            Serial.println("Button is pressed");
13        } else {
14            Serial.println("Button is not pressed");
15        }
16        previous = buttonState; // Change the state
17    }
}
```

Listing 3: Pull-Down resistor Arduino program

2.3. De-bounce circuit

Hardware

A capacitor is connected between the pushbutton in the previous circuit:

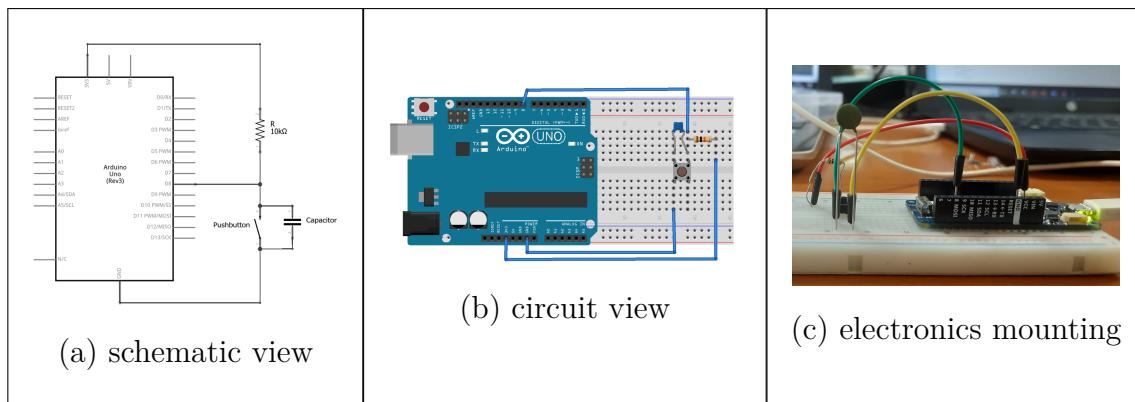


Figure 8: De-bounce circuit electronics views

Software

The program used here is the same that the one used with the Pull-Up resistor configuration.

Analysis

When the de-bounce circuit is used, the signal read from the digital input is clean and consistent with the real pushbutton state.

3. Using an LED with LDR and Pushbutton

3.1. From a light threshold

Hardware

Two circuits are connected with the Arduino board, one for the LED and another . The figure below shows the electronics details:

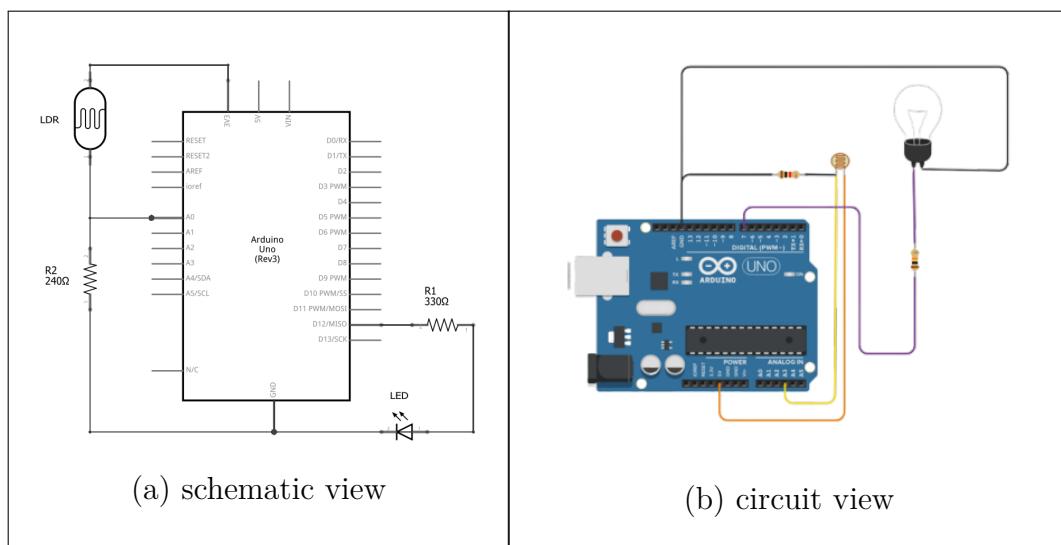


Figure 9: LED with LDR electronics views

Software

```

1 int sensorPin = A0; // select the analog input pin for LDR
2 int LEDpin = 12; // select the digital output pin for LED
3 void setup()
{
5   Serial.begin(9600); // initialize the serial connection
6   pinMode(LEDpin,OUTPUT); // set the digital pin for the LED as output
7   pinMode(sensorPin ,INPUT); // set the digital pin for the LED as input
8 }
9 void loop()
{
11  int valeur = analogRead(sensorPin); // read tha LDR value
12  Serial.println(valeur); //prints the LDR values on the screen
13  delay(1); // 1 second wait
14  // turn on the LED if the sensor value is <= 30
15  if (valeur <= 30 ) {
16    digitalWrite(12, HIGH);
17    Serial.println("ON");
18  }
19  // turn of the LED if the sensor value is > 30
20  else {
21    digitalWrite(12, LOW);
22    Serial.println("OFF");
23  }
24 }
```

Listing 4: LED with LDR Arduino program

Analysis

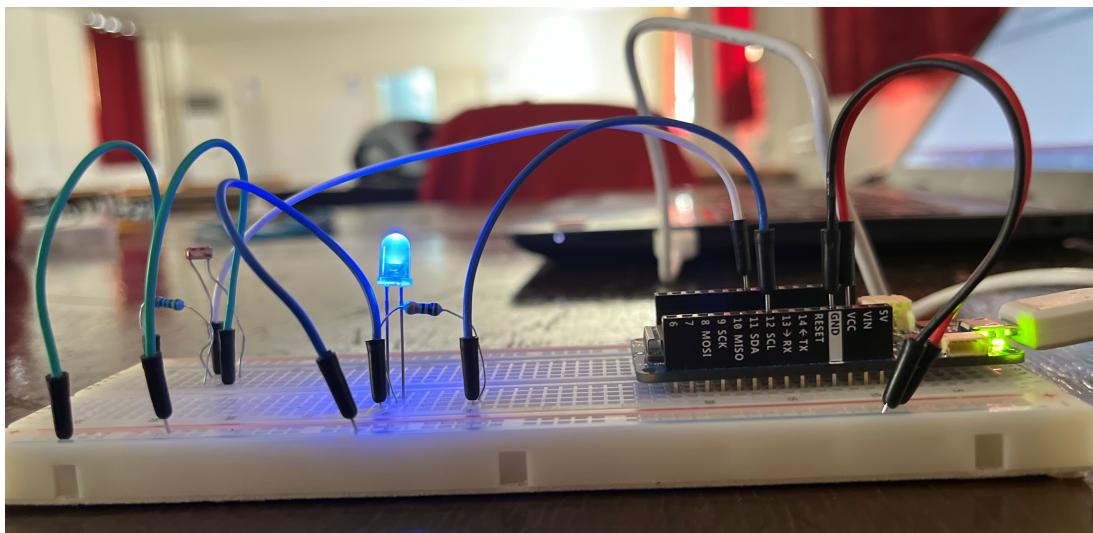


Figure 10: LED with LDR electronics experience

When the light intensity is low, the LED turns on. When the light intensity is high, the LED turns off.

3.2. By pressing the button

Hardware

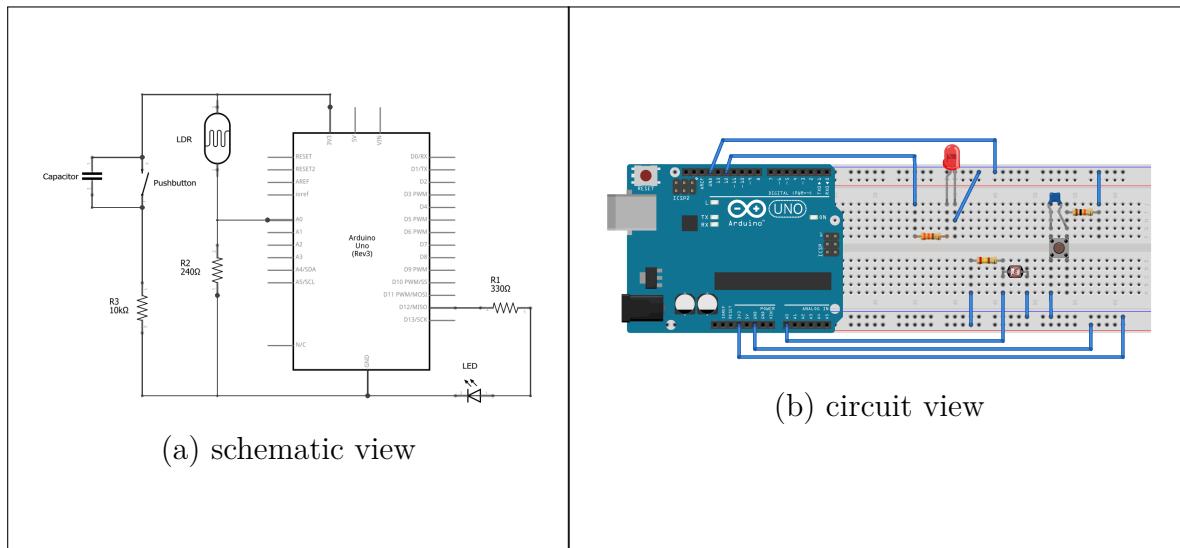


Figure 11: LED with LDR and pushbutton electronics views

Software

```

1 int sensorPin = A0; // select the analog input pin for LDR
2 int LEDpin = 12; // select the digital output pin for LED
3 int buttonPin = 8; // select the digital input pin for the pushbutton
4 // the system state indicates whether the LED is auto-controlled or not
5 int state = 0;
6 void setup()
{
7     Serial.begin(9600); // initialize the serial connection
8     pinMode(LEDpin,OUTPUT); // set the digital pin for the LED as output
9     pinMode(sensorPin ,INPUT); // set the digital pin for the LED as input
10    pinMode(buttonPin ,INPUT); // set the digital pin for pushbutton as input
11 }
12 void loop()
{
13     //if the button is pressed , then change the system state
14     if(digitalRead(8) == HIGH){
15         Serial.println(state); //prints the system state value
16         // change the state
17         if(state==1)
18             state=0;
19         else
20             state=1;
21     }
22     // if the light control is activated , then call the function
23     if (state == 1)
24         {lightControl();}
25     delay(50); // short delay
26 }
27 // the function that control the LED based on the light intensity
28 void lightControl(){
29     int valeur = analogRead(A6); // read the analog value from the sensor
30 }
```

```
32 // turn on the LED if the sensor value is <= 30
33 if (valeur <= 30) {
34     digitalWrite(12, HIGH);
35     Serial.println("ON");
36 // turn of the LED if the sensor value is > 30
37 } else {
38     digitalWrite(12, LOW);
39     Serial.println("OFF");
40 }
```

Listing 5: LED with LDR and pushbutton Arduino program

We configure BUTTONPIN and sensorPin as inputs and LEDpin as the only output. In the loop(), we check the push button state. If it's pressed, we toggle the system state and call lightControl.

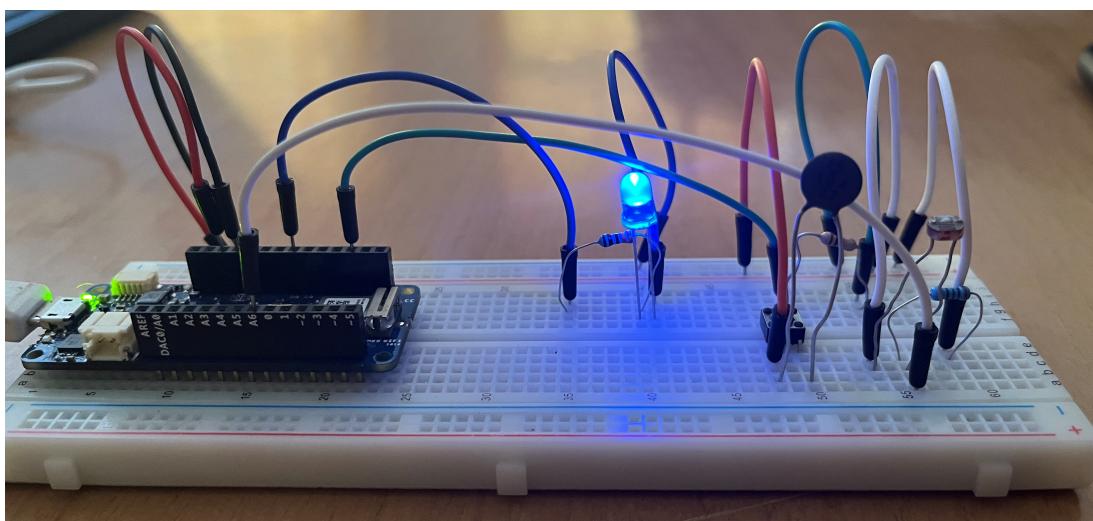


Figure 12: LED with LDR and pushbutton electronics experience

3.3. A scheme for a smart control of streetlights for public use.

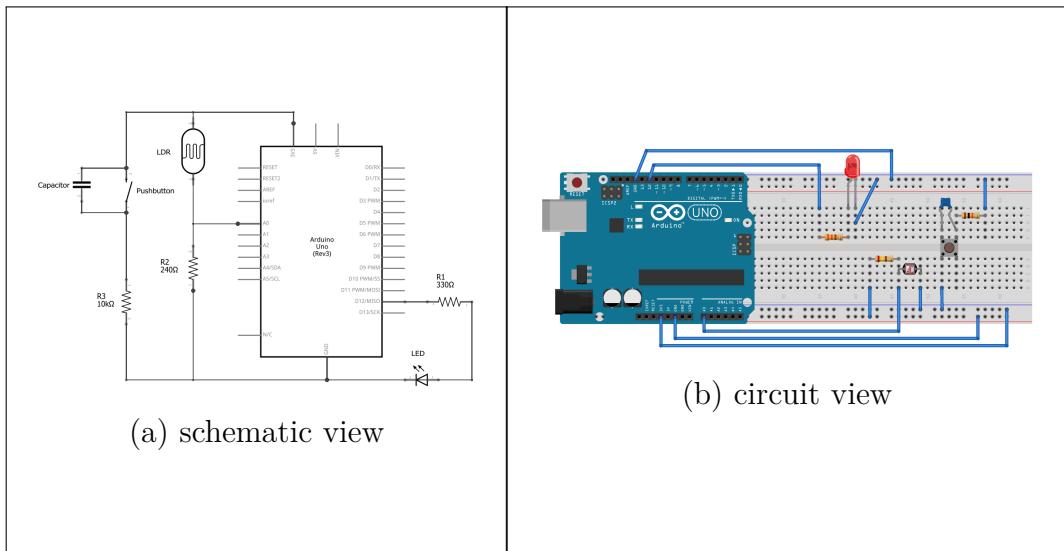


Figure 13: LED with LDR electronics views

4. Conclusion

In conclusion, push buttons are common components in Arduino circuits. To prevent issues, we can use a de-bounce circuit with the button or address the problem through software. Additionally, we use resistors, such as pull-up and pull-down resistors, to set default states for signals. The key difference lies in the default state.

Light-dependent resistors (LDRs) are passive light sensors widely employed in various applications. By integrating LDR sensors with pull-up or pull-down resistors and LEDs, we can create a smart streetlight control system for public use.