

Arduino Bootcamp : Learning Through Projects

Using a Potentiometer to Adjust LED Brightness

Project Objectives

- In this project you will learn:
 - What is a potentiometer?
 - How to connect a potentiometer in a circuit
 - How to take an analog reading using the Arduino
 - Understanding pulse width modulation (pwm) and how it works
 - How to use the analogRead() function
 - How to use the analogWrite() function
 - How to use the map() function

Parts

- Arduino Uno
- USB A-B cable
- Breadboard
- Red LED (or any color)
- 220 ohm resistor
- 10 k ohm potentiometer
- Connecting wires

Pulse Width Modulation

50% duty cycle



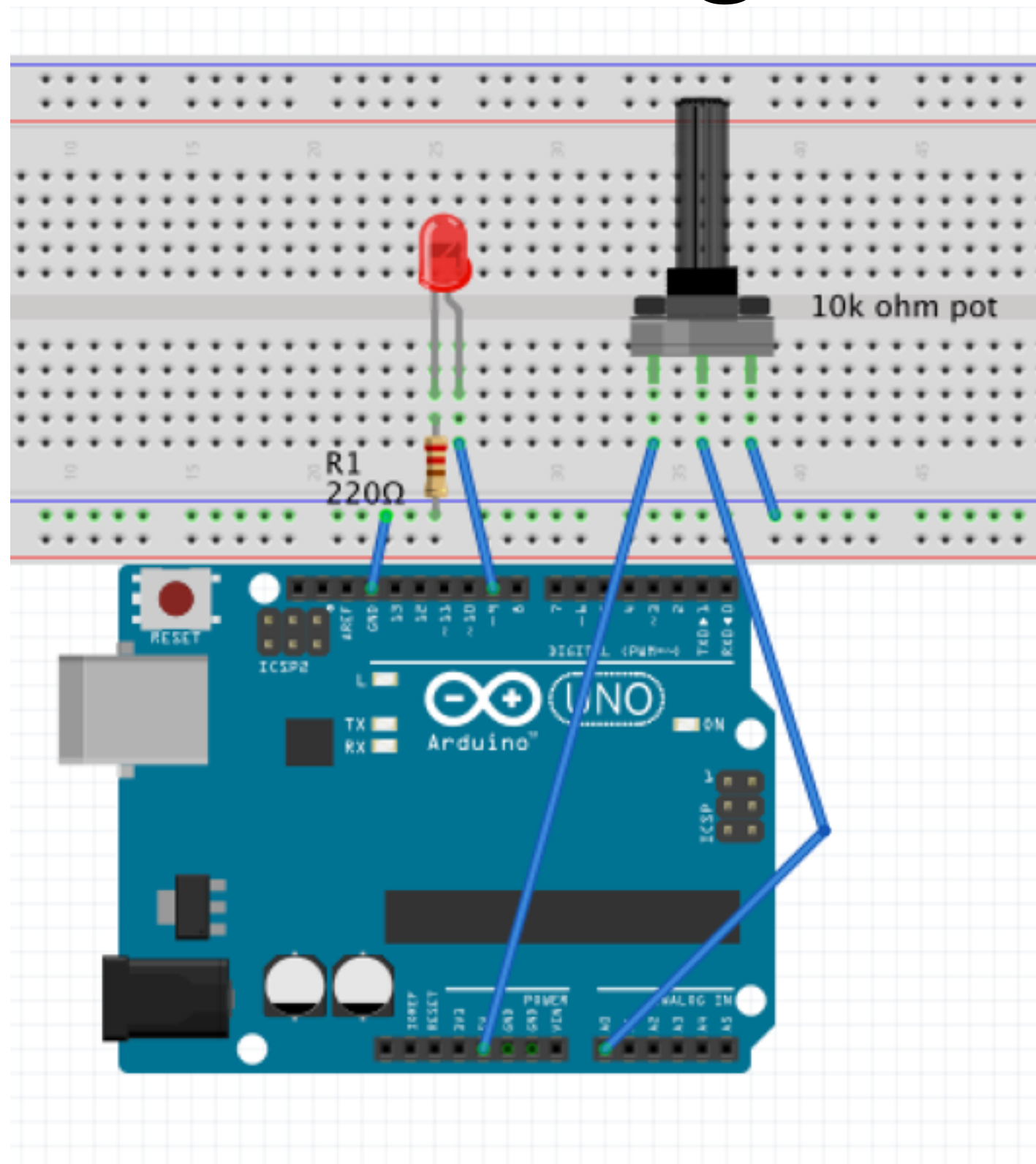
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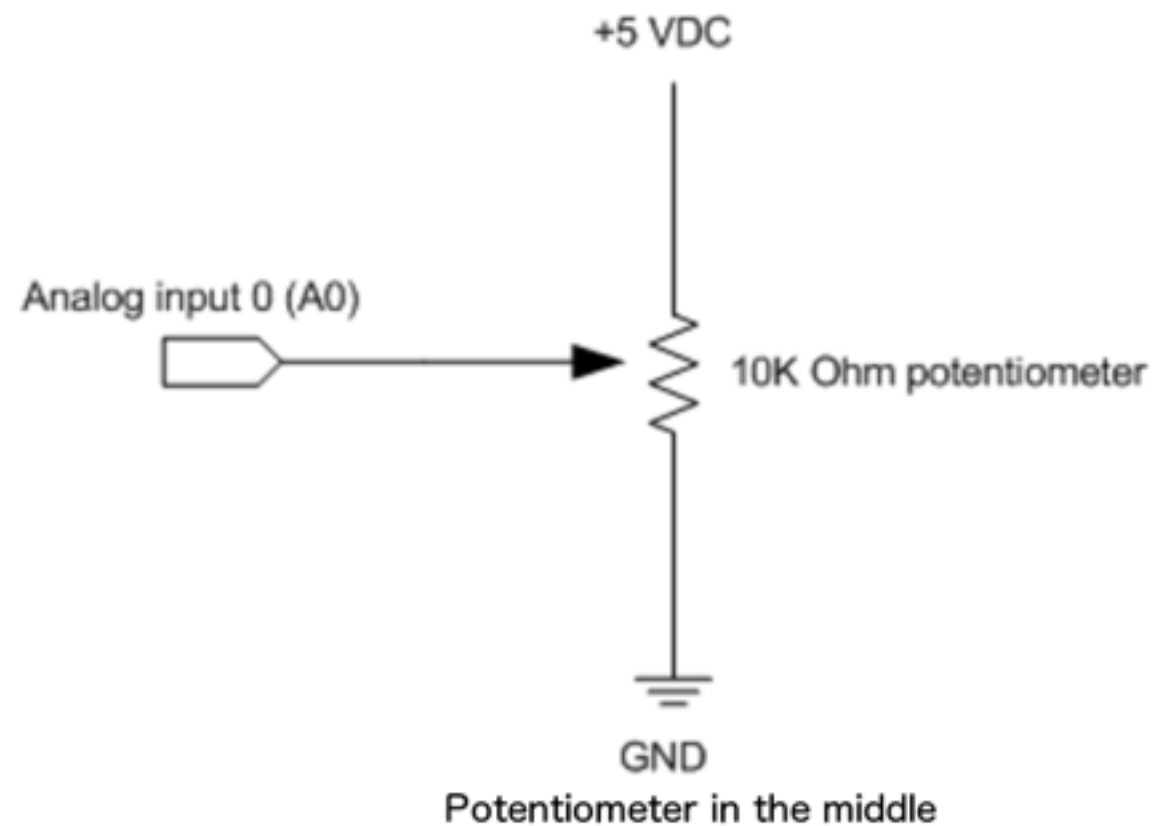
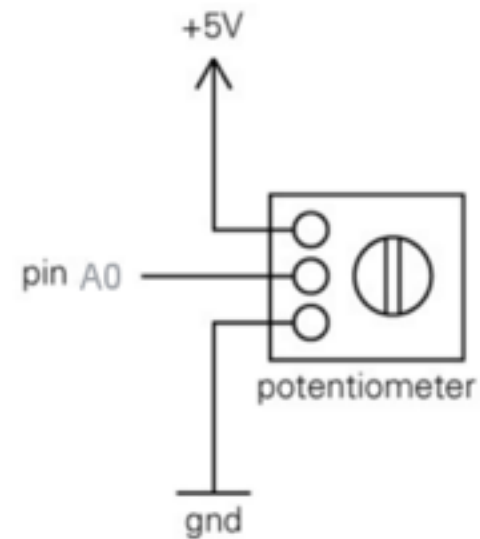
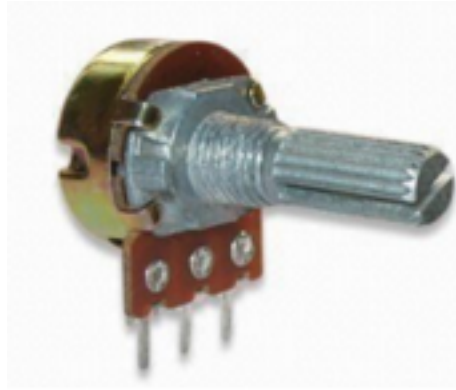
25% duty cycle



Circuit Diagram



Potentiometer Operation



Summary

- In this project you learnt:
 - What is a potentiometer and how it works
 - Pulse Width Modulation (pwm)
 - How to take analog readings and generate pwm output signals
 - Using the `analogRead()`, `analogWrite()` and `map()` functions