Introduction to robotics

3rd lab

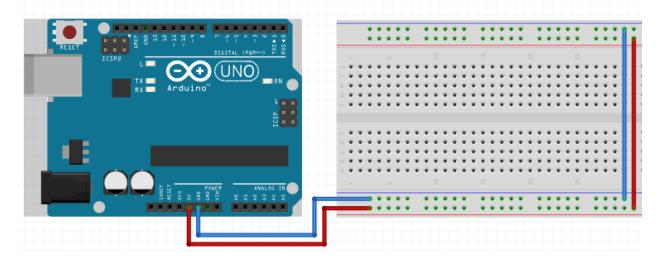
Remember, when possible, choose the wire color accordingly:

- BLACK (or dark colors) for GND
- RED (or colored) for POWER (3.3V / 5V / VIN)
- **Remember** than when you use digitalWrite or analogWrite, you actually send power over the PIN, so you can use the same color as for **POWER**
- **Bright Colored** for read signal
- We know it is not always possible to respect this due to lack of wires, but first rule is
 NOT USE BLACK FOR POWER OR RED FOR GND!

Now, let's pick it up where we left off...

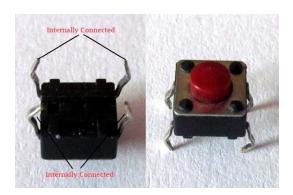
Pull out your Arduino and breadboard and connect them like in the schematic. This is to "power up" the breadboard so we can easily have access to **5V** and **GND**.

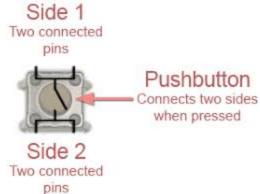
Attention! Remember how the breadboard works. Use correct wire colors.



1. Pushbuttons

Let's recap the course a bit: What is a push button?





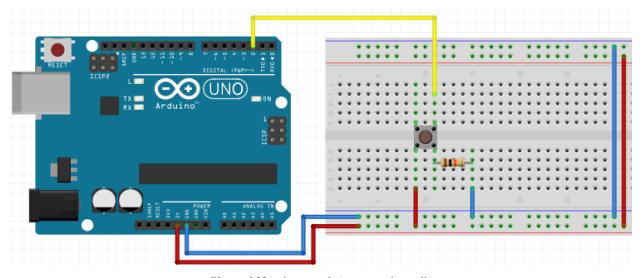
Always remember that the oppositely oriented pins connected.

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https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/DigitalReadSerial

Pushbuttons or switches connect two points in a circuit when you press them. When the pushbutton is open (unpressed) there is no connection between the two legs of the pushbutton, so the pin is connected to ground (through the pull-down resistor) and reads as **LOW**, or **0**. When the button is closed (pressed), it makes a connection between its two legs, connecting the pin to 5 volts, so that the pin reads as **HIGH**, or **1**.

Connect the button, wires and the resistor like in the schematic below. **Make sure you connect** the **5V** and **GND** to the red and blue columns on the breadboard.



5k or 10k ohm resistors work well

```
const int pushButton = 2;
bool buttonState = 0;

void setup() {
    // make the pushbutton's pin an input:
    pinMode(pushButton, INPUT);
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    // read the input pin:
    buttonState = digitalRead(pushButton);
    // print out the state of the button:
    Serial.println(buttonState);
    delay(1);    // delay in between reads for stability
}
```

Questions:

- 1. What happens if we remove the connection to **GND**?
 - a. A: This is called a "Floating Pin". Digital Input pins are very sensitive to change, and unless positively driven to one state or another (HIGH or LOW), will pick up stray capacitance from nearby sources, like breadboards, human fingers, or even the air. Any wire connected to it will act like a little antenna and cause the input state to change.
- 2. So what do we do, in this example, to counter this?
 - A: We drive the state to LOW, by sinking current to GND, with a PULLDOWN resistor.
- 3. What else could we do?
 - A: Drive the value to HIGH, with a PULLUP resistor.

In electronic logic circuits, a pull-up resistor or pull-down resistor is a resistor used to ensure a known state for a signal. It is typically used in combination with components such as switches and transistors, which physically interrupt the connection of subsequent components to ground or to VCC. When the switch is closed, it creates a direct connection to ground or VCC, but when the switch is open, the rest of the circuit would be left floating (i.e., it would have an indeterminate voltage). For a switch that connects to ground, a pull-up resistor ensures a well-defined voltage (i.e. VCC, or logical high) across the remainder of the circuit when the switch is open. Conversely, for a switch that connects to VCC, a pull-down resistor ensures a well-defined ground voltage (i.e. logical low) when the switch is open.

(source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pull-up resistor)

2. Controlling an LED with the pushbutton

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/Button

The idea is simple: reading the button value returns **HIGH** or **LOW** which we can write directly to the ledPin. For this, we can use ledPin 13 (and add an LED directly on pin 13 and the **GND** next to it).

```
const int pushButton = 2;
const int ledPin = 13;

bool buttonState = 0;

void setup() {
   pinMode(pushButton, INPUT);
   pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
   Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
   buttonState = digitalRead(pushButton);
   digitalWrite(ledPin, buttonState);
}
```

Works great and it's quite simple: we digitally read the value of the button, which can be either **HIGH** or **LOW** and directly digitally write it to the **LED** value which also accepts the values **HIGH** or **LOW**. Seeing that we used a PULLDOWN resistor, the default button value is **LOW** and the default led state is off.

Now, let's try to switch it to a **PULLUP resistor**.

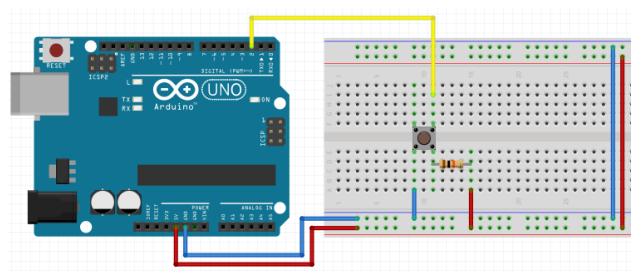
Only a small change is needed.

Questions:

1. Which one?

A: Connect the wire with the resistor to **5V** and the other one to **GND**.

2. What do you expect to happen now?



Be careful and note the different connections to the button

Questions:

1. Using the same code, what happens now?

A: the default button state (not pressed) is **HIGH** and the pressed value is **LOW**, thus the LED will be on when the button is not pressed and off when the button is pressed.

2. Why?

A: Because we are using a **PULLUP** resistor, thus driving the button default value to **HIGH**.

Here, we can keep the same code, or go for 3 variations:

- 1. We can negate the read value by adding "!" in front of the digitalRead(buttonState).
- 2. We use an if-else statement and digitalWrite **LOW when reading HIGH** and else.
- 3. We can create a new variable, ledState which receives the negated buttonState.

As your projects increase in complexity you will start doing more with the value of the button. That is why it is good practice to instantiate a **ledState** variable from the beginning and digitalWrite it to the ledPin, instead of writing the buttonValue to the LED.

We'll go for version no. 3 - because it is a clean variant - but show code snippets on version 1 and 2 as well.

```
const int pushButton = 2;
const int ledPin = 13;
bool buttonState = 0;
```

```
bool ledState = 0;

void setup() {
   pinMode(pushButton, INPUT);
   pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
   Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
   buttonState = digitalRead(pushButton);
   ledState = !buttonState;
   digitalWrite(ledPin, ledState);

   Serial.println(buttonState);
}
```

#1

```
buttonState = !digitalRead(pushButton);
```

#2

```
if (digitalRead(buttonPin) == HIGH) {
    digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
}
else {
    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
}
```

3. Internal PULLUP resistor

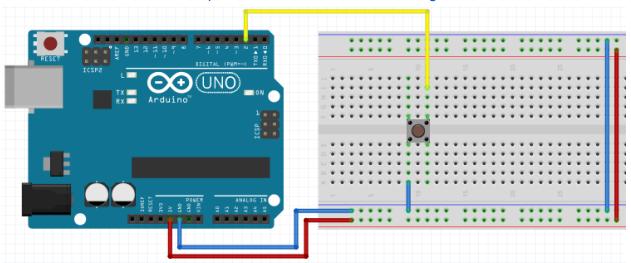
We've started with a **hardware pulldown resistor**, switched it to a **hardware pullup** and now we'll see a way to remove the resistor completely.

Let's do so: remove the resistor and the button's connection to **5V** completely. Again, the values read on the button pin are floating. Meet **INPUT_PULLUP**.

There are 20K pullup resistors built into the Atmega chip that can be accessed from software. These built-in pullup resistors are accessed by setting the pinMode() as INPUT_PULLUP. This effectively inverts the behavior of the INPUT mode, where HIGH means the sensor is off, and LOW means the sensor is on.

The value of this pullup depends on the microcontroller used. On most AVR-based boards, the value is guaranteed to be between $20k\Omega$ and $50k\Omega$. On the Arduino Due, it is between $50k\Omega$ and $150k\Omega$. For the exact value, consult the datasheet of the microcontroller on your board.

source: https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/DigitalPins



```
const int pushButton = 2;
const int ledPin = 13;

bool buttonState = 0;
bool ledState = 0;

void setup() {
   pinMode(pushButton, INPUT_PULLUP);
   pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
   Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
   buttonState = digitalRead(pushButton);
   ledState = !buttonState;
   digitalWrite(ledPin, ledState);

   Serial.println(buttonState);
}
```

Questions:

- 1. What do you think of this solution?
 - a. A: no specific answer, I was just curious
- 2. What are the advantages?
 - a. A: no hardware
- 3. What are its drawbacks?
 - A: it makes the code a lot less portable, as you are not sure the new system supports INPUT_PULLUP.

From now on, we'll be using the button this way, when possible.

4. Button Press Counter

Now that we've learned how a button works, how we can use it in multiple ways and understood some of its inner workings, let's do a button press counter.

```
const int pushButton = 2;
bool buttonState = 0;
int buttonPushCounter = 0;

void setup() {
   pinMode(pushButton, INPUT_PULLUP);
   pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
   Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
   // read the input pin:
   buttonState = digitalRead(pushButton);
   ledState = !buttonState;
   digitalWrite(ledPin, !ledState);

if (buttonState == LOW) {
     buttonPushCounter++;
   }
   Serial.println(buttonPushCounter);
}
```

Press the button, lifting the finger as fast as possible.

Questions:

1. Count the number of times the LED lights. How do you think this value compares to the counter?

A: The led counter is considerably lower.

2. How does the counter grow?

A: The button counter grows faster

3. Why?

A: Because it does many readings in a fraction of a second

4. How can we fix this?

A: We need state change detection

5. State change detector

Let's do a simple state change detector, saving the current and the previous state and comparing them to know if a change occurred.

```
const int buttonPin = 2;
const int ledPin = 11;
bool buttonState = LOW;
bool ledState = LOW;
int buttonPushCounter = 0;
bool lastButtonState = LOW;
void setup() {
 pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT_PULLUP);
 pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
 Serial.begin(9600);
void loop() {
 buttonState = digitalRead(buttonPin);
 if (buttonState != lastButtonState) {
   if (buttonState == LOW) {
     buttonPushCounter++;
     ledState = !ledState;
     digitalWrite(ledPin, ledState);
      Serial.println(buttonPushCounter);
    delay(50);
  lastButtonState = buttonState;
```

Questions:

1. What are the drawbacks of this method?

A: It uses delay, for starters. But it is still sensitive to noise.

6. Debounce

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/Debounce

Pushbuttons often generate spurious open/close transitions when pressed, due to mechanical and physical issues: these transitions may be read as multiple presses in a very short time fooling the program. This example demonstrates how to debounce an input, which means checking twice in a short period of time to make sure the pushbutton is definitely pressed. Without debouncing, pressing the button once may cause unpredictable results. This sketch uses the millis() function to keep track of the time passed since the button was pressed.

```
const int buttonPin = 2;
const int ledPin = 11;
bool buttonState = LOW;
bool ledState = HIGH;
int buttonPushCounter = 0;
bool lastButtonState = LOW;
unsigned int lastDebounceTime = 0;
unsigned int debounceDelay = 50;
void setup() {
  pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
  Serial.begin(9600);
void loop() {
  int reading = digitalRead(buttonPin);
  if (reading != lastButtonState) {
    lastDebounceTime = millis();
  if ((millis() - lastDebounceTime) > debounceDelay) {
    if (reading != buttonState) {
      buttonState = reading;
      if (buttonState == HIGH) {
        ledState = !ledState;
```

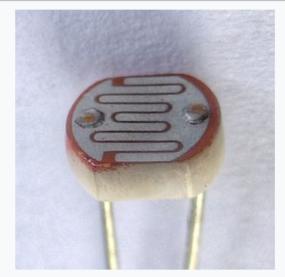
```
}
}
digitalWrite(ledPin, ledState);
lastButtonState = reading;
}
```

We finally learned how to turn the light on and off with a pushbutton. Now let's learn how to create a basic smart lighting system. Meet the...

6. Photoresistor (optional)

(aka photocell, light-dependent resistor, LDR, or photo-conductive cell)

A photoresistor is a light-controlled **variable resistor**. (**Q**: what other variable resistor component have we used so far?). The resistance of a photoresistor decreases with increasing incident light intensity; in other words, it exhibits photoconductivity. A photoresistor is made of a high resistance semiconductor. In the dark, a photoresistor can have a resistance as high as several megaohms ($M\Omega$), while in the light, a photoresistor can have a resistance as low as a few hundred ohms.



Туре

Passive

Working principle

Photoconductivity

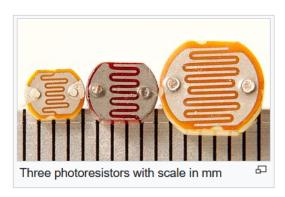
Electronic symbol



The symbol for a photoresistor

source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photoresistor



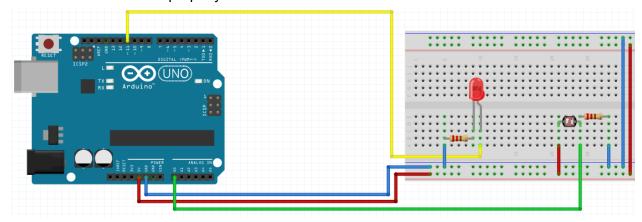
Interesting facts: "Photo" means <u>light</u>, so photoelectricity simply means <u>electricity</u> produced by a light beam. That idea doesn't seem at all unusual in the 21st century, when most people have heard of <u>solar</u> <u>panels</u> (lumps of material, such as silicon, that generate an electric current when sunlight shines on them). But imagine how amazing the **photoelectric effect** must have seemed a little over a century ago, in 1887, when it was first discovered by German physicist Heinrich Hertz

(1857–1894), one of the pioneers of <u>radio</u>. It remained something of a mystery for almost 20 years until Albert Einstein weighed in with an almost complete explanation of the phenomenon in 1905.

(source and more info: https://www.explainthatstuff.com/how-photoelectric-cells-work.html)

Interesting facts: Cesium (Caesium, Atomic Number: 55, Period Number: 6, Group Number: 1) is used in photoelectric cells used to convert sunlight into electricity. The electrons in cesium atoms are stimulated by direct sunlight, and in photoelectric cells, these electrons flow to create an electric current. Cesium is an ideal catalyst for this photoelectric process.

Let's connect it to the breadboard and to Arduino like in the schematic below. Resistors: 10k ohm + 220 ohm at the LED. If you encounter problems when reading the photoresistor, lower the resistor until it reads properly.



First, let's just read the values from the photoresistor in order to know the thresholds.

```
const int photoCellPin = A0;
int photoCellValue = 0;

void setup() {
   Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
   photoCellValue = analogRead(photoCellPin);
   Serial.println(photoCellValue);
}
```

Note the average values when:

- The only light applied to it is the one in the room
- You apply a light directly and closely (use a phone or the light from the magnifying glass)

In my case, as I'm writing this only with artificial light, the mean for ambient light is around 150, so we'll use 200. The mean for direct light (from the phone's flash) is around 550.

Therefore we'll say that we want the LED to light up when the value goes under 200 and turn off when the value goes above 350 (we don't want to wait until it's full daylight).

Questions:

1. Since the analog value increases as we increase the direct light, does the resistance increase or decrease?

a. A: decrease.

2. Why?

A: because basically 1023 is equivalent to 5V. As the resistance increases, the voltage and the value drops, and the other way round. Or: The resistance decreased quite dramatically: the LDR was converting incoming light into electrical energy and adding it to the current already passing through. This is an example of the photoconductive effect, where light reduces the resistance of a material (or increases its conductance, if you prefer) by making the electrons inside it more mobile.

```
const int photoCellPin = A0;
const int ledPin = 13;

int photoCellValue = 0;
bool ledState = 0;

int lowThreshold = 200;
int highThreshold = 350;

void setup() {
   pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
   Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
   photoCellValue = analogRead(photoCellPin);
   Serial.println(photoCellValue);

if (photoCellValue < lowThreshold) {
    ledState = HIGH;</pre>
```

```
}
else if (photoCellValue > highThreshold) {
    ledState = LOW;
}
digitalWrite(ledPin, ledState);
}
```

In this case, although we controlled a simple LED, the exact principle can be applied for an outdoor light.

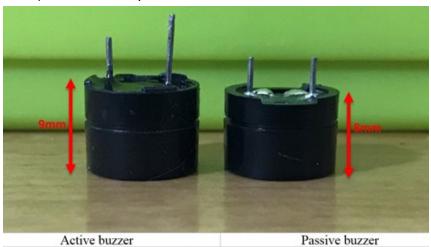
7. Basic sounds

7.1 Active and passive piezo buzzers

In your kit you have 2 buzzers, one passive and one active.

They look quite similar, so be careful when telling them apart:

- The height of the two is slightly different, the active buzzer has a height of 9mm, while the passive has height of 8mm.
- if you apply a DC voltage to them and it buzzes, it is active.
- Pins side, you can see a green circuit board in the passive buzzer. No circuit board and closed with a black is an active buzzer.
- Using an ohmmeter, if you find the resistance between buzzer pins is about 16ohm (or 8ohm), the buzzer is passive.





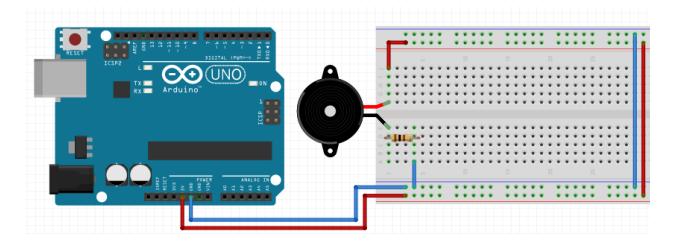
Although they look similar, inside they are quite different. But let's start with what they have in common: they are both **piezo buzzers**. A piezo buzzer has a thin piezoelectric plate inside it that vibrates mechanically whenever a voltage is applied to it. It's the same principle as a quartz crystal that is used in watches, that vibrates whenever energy is applied to it.

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They are sometimes called buzzers or speakers, but buzzers is more appropriate since they can only play tones, and not complicated sound effects.

As far as functionality is concerned, the active speaker has active electrical components built into it. The passive one is just piezoelectric material so it needs active components externally in order to generate the wave and work.

Let's make the simplest connection we can make. You can recognise the + and - pins by their length (+ is longer) or you can look at the case, as they both have a + written on the top.



Use a small resistor, no higher than 100 ohms

First, let's connect the **active** buzzer (careful, this will be annoying). **Then**, connect the **passive** buzzer (don't worry this time).

Questions:

1. Why didn't the passive buzzer play the same tone?

A: because the active buzzer can convert a straight line signal (3V, 5V etc) into sound because of the active components. The passive speaker needs a varying voltage (an AC signal or a **PWM**). The good thing about the **PWM** style is that it works with both passive and active speakers.

It's time to play some music. Let's play a little melody that you might've heard before.

Now, let's control the tone. Connect the + to **D11**. You can use either the passive or the active buzzer, but let's use the passive one just to see it works.

7.2 Introducing the tone() function

The **tone()** function generates a square wave of the specified frequency (and 50% duty cycle) on a pin. A duration can be specified, otherwise the wave continues until a call to noTone(). The pin can be connected to a piezo buzzer or other speaker to play tones.

Only one tone can be generated at a time. If a tone is already playing on a different pin, the call to tone() will have no effect. If the tone is playing on the same pin, the call will set its frequency.

Attention! Use of the tone() function will interfere with PWM output on pins 3 and 11.

Syntax:

```
tone(pin, frequency)
tone(pin, frequency, duration)
```

Parameters

pin: the Arduino pin on which to generate the tone.

frequency: the frequency of the tone in hertz. Allowed data types: unsigned int.

duration: the duration of the tone in milliseconds (optional). Allowed data types: unsigned long.

(source: https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/toneMelody)

The tone() function is all that is needed to play a tone. Careful, this gets annoyingly fun fast!

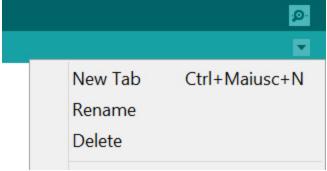
```
const int buzzerPin = 11;
int buzzerTone = 1000;

void setup() {
}

void loop() {
  tone(buzzerPin, buzzerTone, 500);
}
```

Now, let's cycle through the tones a bit.

Prerequisite: in your project, create a new tab and add these:



```
#define NOTE_B0 31
#define NOTE_C1 33
#define NOTE_CS1 35
#define NOTE_D1 37
#define NOTE_DS1 39
#define NOTE_E1 41
#define NOTE F1 44
#define NOTE_FS1 46
#define NOTE_G1 49
#define NOTE_GS1 52
#define NOTE_A1 55
#define NOTE_AS1 58
#define NOTE_B1 62
#define NOTE_C2 65
#define NOTE_CS2 69
#define NOTE_D2 73
#define NOTE_DS2 78
#define NOTE_E2 82
#define NOTE_F2 87
#define NOTE_FS2 93
#define NOTE_G2 98
#define NOTE_GS2 104
#define NOTE_A2 110
#define NOTE_AS2 117
#define NOTE_B2 123
#define NOTE_C3 131
```

```
#define NOTE CS3 139
#define NOTE_D3 147
#define NOTE_DS3 156
#define NOTE E3 165
#define NOTE F3 175
#define NOTE_FS3 185
#define NOTE_G3 196
#define NOTE_GS3 208
#define NOTE A3 220
#define NOTE_AS3 233
#define NOTE B3 247
#define NOTE C4 262
#define NOTE_CS4 277
#define NOTE_D4 294
#define NOTE_DS4 311
#define NOTE E4 330
#define NOTE_F4 349
#define NOTE_FS4 370
#define NOTE_G4 392
#define NOTE GS4 415
#define NOTE_A4 440
#define NOTE_AS4 466
#define NOTE B4 494
#define NOTE_C5 523
#define NOTE_CS5 554
#define NOTE_D5 587
#define NOTE DS5 622
#define NOTE_E5 659
#define NOTE_F5 698
#define NOTE FS5 740
#define NOTE G5 784
#define NOTE_GS5 831
#define NOTE_A5 880
#define NOTE_AS5 932
#define NOTE_B5 988
#define NOTE_C6 1047
#define NOTE_CS6 1109
#define NOTE_D6 1175
#define NOTE_DS6 1245
#define NOTE_E6 1319
#define NOTE_F6 1397
#define NOTE FS6 1480
```

```
#define NOTE_G6 1568
#define NOTE_GS6 1661
#define NOTE_A6 1760
#define NOTE AS6 1865
#define NOTE B6 1976
#define NOTE_C7 2093
#define NOTE_CS7 2217
#define NOTE_D7 2349
#define NOTE_DS7 2489
#define NOTE_E7 2637
#define NOTE_F7 2794
#define NOTE_FS7 2960
#define NOTE_G7 3136
#define NOTE_GS7 3322
#define NOTE_A7 3520
#define NOTE_AS7 3729
#define NOTE_B7 3951
#define NOTE_C8 4186
#define NOTE_CS8 4435
#define NOTE_D8 4699
#define NOTE_DS8 4978
```

```
const int buzzerPin = 11;
int buzzerTone = 1000;

void setup() {

    void loop() {
        tone(buzzerPin, buzzerTone, 500);
        delay(100);

        noTone(buzzerPin);
        delay(100);
        buzzerTone += 50;
}
```

Change both delays to 10 instead of 100.

Question:

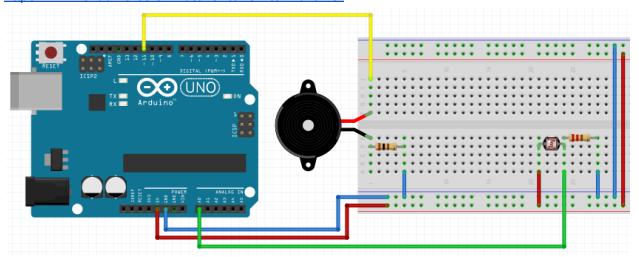
- 1. Where would these be useful?
 - a. A: in a game where you need sounds (a matrix game is coming), in alarms and generally in projects where you need audio feedback.

Copy paste this code. Source: https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/toneMelody (with modified pin)

```
#include "pitches.h"
const int buzzerPin = 11;
int melody[] = {
 NOTE_C4, NOTE_G3, NOTE_G3, NOTE_A3, NOTE_G3, ∅, NOTE_B3, NOTE_C4
};
int noteDurations[] = {
 4, 8, 8, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4
};
void setup() {
  for (int thisNote = 0; thisNote < 8; thisNote++) {</pre>
      int noteDuration = 1000 / noteDurations[thisNote];
      tone(buzzerPin, melody[thisNote], noteDuration);
      int pauseBetweenNotes = noteDuration * 1.30;
      delay(pauseBetweenNotes);
      noTone(8);
void loop() {
```

Now, let's do a tone pitch follower

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/tonePitchFollower



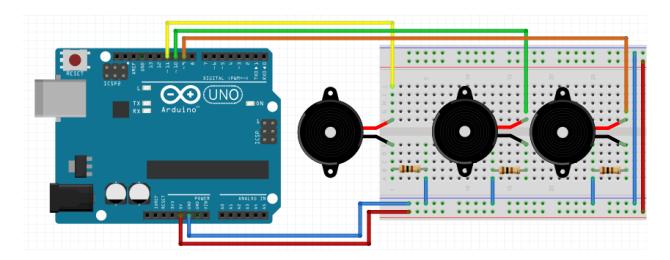
We use a value from an analog input (photoresistor this time), find out it's min and max, map them to an interval between 120 and 1500 and write the result with tone.

```
const int buzzerPin = 11;
const int photoCellPin = A0;
int buzzerTone = 1000;
int photoCellValue = 0;
int minPitch = 120;
int maxPitch = 1500;
int minPhotoCellValue = 150;
int maxPhotoCellValue = 700;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
void loop() {
  photoCellValue = analogRead(photoCellPin);
  Serial.println(photoCellValue);
  int buzzerTone = map(photoCellValue, minPhotoCellValue,
maxPhotoCellValue, minPitch, maxPitch);
  tone(buzzerPin, buzzerTone, 10);
  delay(1);
```

This next exercise shows how to use the tone() command to play different notes on multiple outputs.

The tone() command works by taking over one of the Atmega's internal timers, setting it to the frequency you want, and using the timer to pulse an output pin. Since it's only using one timer, you can only play one note at a time. You can, however, play notes on different pins, sequentially. To do this, you need to turn the timer off for one pin before moving on to the next

Source: https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/toneMultiple



```
const int activeBuzzerPin = 11;
const int passiveBuzzerPin = 10;
const int speakerPin = 9;

int activeBuzzerValue = 440;
int passiveBuzzervalue = 494;
int speakerValue = 523;

int activeBuzzerDelay = 200;
int passiveBuzzerDelay = 500;
int speakerDelay = 300;

void setup() {
}

void loop() {
```

```
// turn off tone function for pin 9:
noTone(activeBuzzerPin);
// play a note on pin 11 for 200 ms:
tone(activeBuzzerPin, activeBuzzerValue, activeBuzzerDelay);
delay(activeBuzzerDelay);

// turn off tone function for pin 11:
noTone(speakerPin);
// play a note on pin 10 for 500 ms:
tone(passiveBuzzerPin, passiveBuzzervalue, passiveBuzzerDelay);
delay(passiveBuzzerDelay);

// turn off tone function for pin 10:
noTone(passiveBuzzerPin);
// play a note on pin 9 for 300 ms:
tone(speakerPin, speakerValue, speakerDelay);
delay(speakerDelay);
}
```

But, wait, let's recap a bit. A passive piezo buzzer has a piezoelectric material inside that vibrates when electrically charged. But, then, if it does move, couldn't we read that value?

Let's try. Make sure you use the speaker for the next part (or the passive buzzer, but not the active one).

```
const int speakerPin = A0;
int speakerValue = 0;

void setup() {
   pinMode(speakerPin, INPUT);
   Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
   speakerValue = analogRead(speakerPin);
   // let's print only if it read anything different than 0
   if (speakerValue != 0)
        Serial.println(speakerValue);
}
```

Questions:

1. What happens when you move it, or knock on the table next to it?

A: It changes the value.

2. Why?

A: because the movement of the piezoelectric material generates electricity.

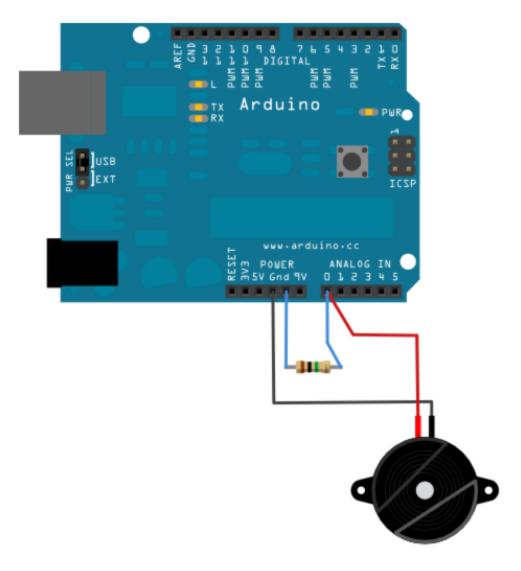
A Piezo is nothing but an electronic device that can both be used to play tones and to detect tones. Although for reading the values it's ideal to use one without plastic on it, these works as well. See in the lab what a piezo used for reading looks like.

8. Knock detector (optional)

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/KnockSensor

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/Knock

https://www.instructables.com/id/Arduino-Tutorial-Easy-Secret-Knock-Detector/



You must use a **passive buzzer**. Notice the parallel resistor used. You either do that, or use a diode as in the 3rd tutorial.

```
const int speakerPin = A0;
const int ledPin = 13;
int speakerValue = 0;
bool ledState = 0;
const int threshold = 1;
void setup() {
 pinMode(speakerPin, INPUT);
 pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
 Serial.begin(9600);
void loop() {
  speakerValue = analogRead(speakerPin);
 if (speakerValue != 0)
     Serial.println(speakerValue);
  if (speakerValue > threshold) {
      Serial.println("Knock");
     ledState = !ledState;
     digitalWrite(ledPin, ledState);
  delay(10);
```

We have to listen to an analog pin and detect if the signal goes over a certain threshold. It writes "knock" to the serial port if the Threshold is crossed, and toggles the LED on pin 13.

9. Extra info (optional):

https://learn.adafruit.com/photocells/arduino-code

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8AnIUT0ng0

https://programmingelectronics.com/an-easy-way-to-make-noise-with-arduino-using-tone/

https://www.khanacademy.org/science/ap-physics-1/ap-mechanical-waves-and-sound/introduction-to-sound-waves-ap/v/sound-properties-amplitude-period-frequency-wavelength

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zs4kNBa-Mj0