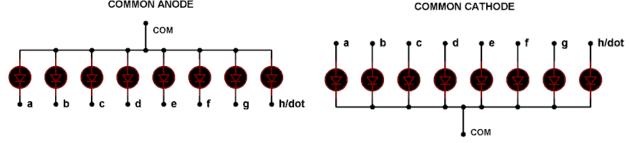
A seven segment display got its name from the very fact that it got seven illuminating segments. Each of these segments has a LED (Light Emitting Diode), hence the lighting. The LEDs are so fabricated that lighting of each LED is contained to its own segment. The important thing to notice here that the LEDs in any seven segment display are arranged in common anode mode (common positive) or common cathode mode (common negative).



Internal connections of 7 Segment Display

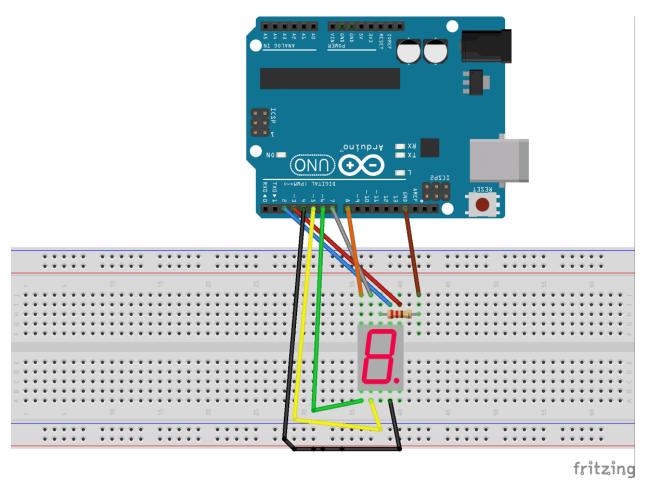
The circuit connection of LEDs in common cathode and common anode is shown in above figure. Here one can observe that, in CC the negative terminals of every LED is connected together and brought out as GND. In CA the positive of every LED is connected together and brought out as VCC. These CC and CA come in very handy while multiplexing several cells together.

## **Components Required**

Hardware: ARDUINO UNO, power supply (5v), HDSP5503 seven segment display (two pieces) (any common cathode will do), 47uF capacitor (connected across power supply).

Software: arduino IDE (Arduino nightly)

## **Circuit Diagram and Working Explanation**



The connections which are done for 7 segment display are given below:

PIN1 or E to PIN 6 of ARDUINO UNO

PIN2 or D to PIN 5

PIN4 or C to PIN 4

PIN5 or H or DP to PIN 9 ///not needed as we are not using decimal point

PIN6 or B to PIN 3

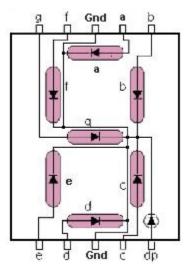
PIN7 or A to PIN 2

PIN9 or F to PIN 7

PIN10 or G to PIN 8

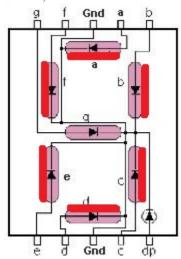
PIN3 or PIN8 or CC to ground through  $100\Omega$  resistor.

Now to understand the working, consider a seven segment display is connected to a port, so say we have connected "A segment of display to PINO", "B segment of display to PIN1", "A segment of display to PIN3", "A segment of display to PIN4", "A segment of display to PIN5", "A segment of display to PIN6". And is common ground type as shown in figure.



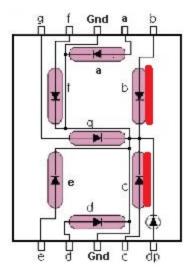
Here the common ground has to be connected to ground for the display to work. One can check each segment of display by using multimeter in diode mode. Each segment should not be power with a voltage greater than 4v, if did the display will be damaged permanently. For avoiding this a common resistor can be provider at common terminal, as shown in circuit diagram.

Now, if we want to display a "0" in this display as shown in below figure.



We need to turn the LEDs of segments "A, B, C, D, E F", so we need to power PINO, PIN1, PIN2, PIN3, PIN4 and PIN5. So every time we need a "0", we need to power all the pins mentioned.

Now, if we want "1" on display



We need to power segments "B, C", for segment B, C to turn ON we need to power PIN1, PIN2. With both the pins high we get "1" on display. So as seen above we are going to power pins corresponding to the digit that to be shown on display.

Here we are going to write a program turning each segment ON and OFF for a count 0-9. The working of **0-9 counter** is best explained step by step in C code given below:

## Code

```
switch (COUNT)
         {
         case 0://when count value is zero show"0" on disp
         digitalWrite(segA, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segB, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segD, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segE, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segF, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segG, LOW);
         break;
         case 1:// when count value is 1 show"1" on disp
         digitalWrite(segA, LOW);
         digitalWrite(segB, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segD, LOW);
         digitalWrite(segE, LOW);
         digitalWrite(segF, LOW);
         digitalWrite(segG, LOW);
         break:
         case 2:// when count value is 2 show"2" on disp
         digitalWrite(segA, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segB, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segC, LOW);
         digitalWrite(segD, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segE, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segF, LOW);
         digitalWrite(segG, HIGH);
         break:
         case 3:// when count value is 3 show"3" on disp
         digitalWrite(segA, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segB, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segD, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segE, LOW);
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digitalWrite(segF, LOW);
digitalWrite(segG, HIGH);
break:
case 4:// when count value is 4 show"4" on disp
digitalWrite(segA, LOW);
digitalWrite(segB, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segD, LOW);
digitalWrite(segE, LOW);
digitalWrite(segF, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segG, HIGH);
break;
case 5:// when count value is 5 show"5" on disp
digitalWrite(segA, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segB, LOW);
digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segD, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segE, LOW);
digitalWrite(segF, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segG, HIGH);
break:
case 6:// when count value is 6 show"6" on disp
digitalWrite(segA, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segB, LOW);
digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segD, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segE, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segF, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segG, HIGH);
break:
case 7:// when count value is 7 show"7" on disp
digitalWrite(segA, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segB, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
digitalWrite(segD, LOW);
digitalWrite(segE, LOW);
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digitalWrite(segF, LOW);
         digitalWrite(segG, LOW);
         break:
         case 8:// when count value is 8 show"8" on disp
         digitalWrite(segA, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segB, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segD, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segE, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segF, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segG, HIGH);
         break;
         case 9:// when count value is 9 show"9" on disp
         digitalWrite(segA, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segB, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segC, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segD, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segE, LOW);
         digitalWrite(segF, HIGH);
         digitalWrite(segG, HIGH);
         break:
         break;
         if (COUNT<10)
                  COUNT++:
                  delay(1000);///increment count integer for every second
         if (COUNT==10)
                  COUNT=0;// if count integer value is equal to 10, reset it to
zero.
                  delay(1000);
         }
```