

Lab 2 : 8x8 LED Display Experiment

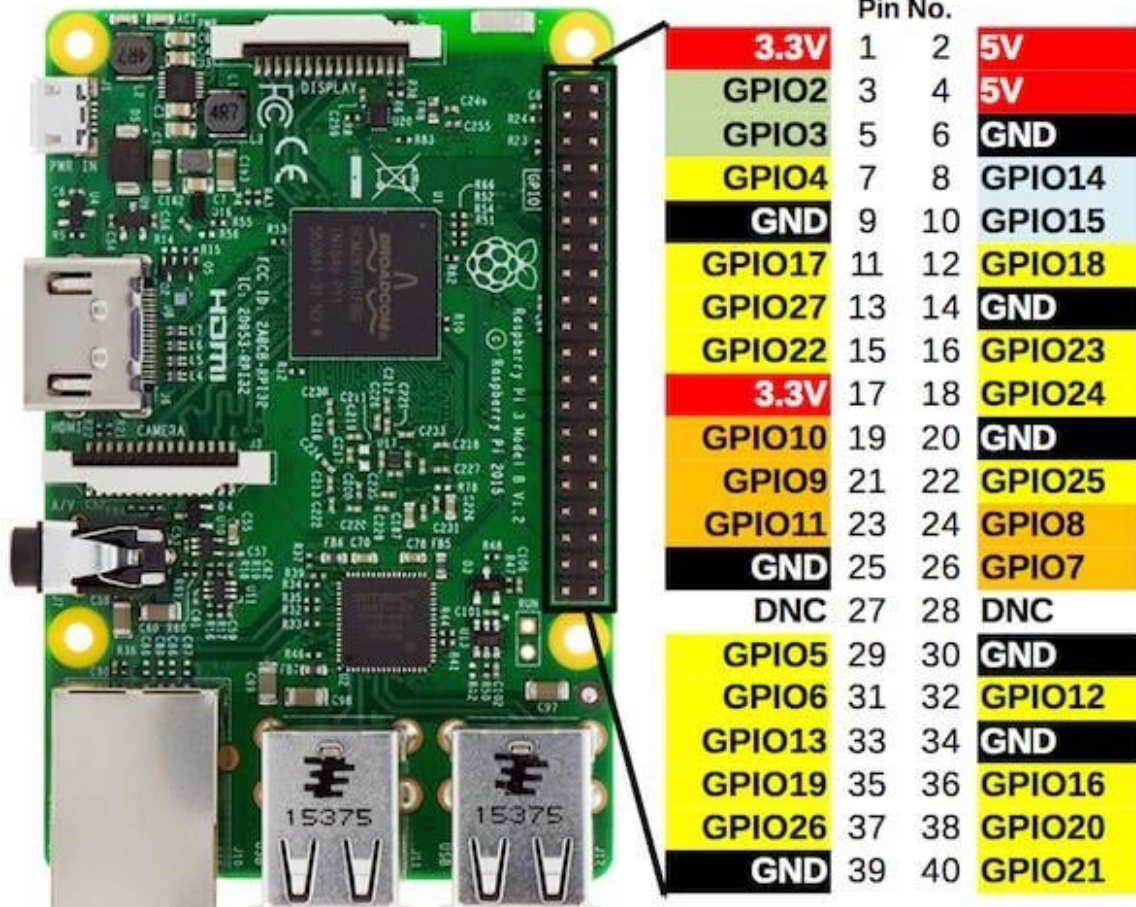
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RPi Pin



Components Used

1. Rpi 5 & its power supply adapter
2. MAX7219 8x8 LED Display Module
3. Breadboard & Wire

MAX7219 8x8 LED Display Module

- MAX7219 Red Light Led Matrix MCU Control LED Display Module



VCC connect to 5V power supply

GND connect to GND

DIN connect to SPI MOSI (Default Pin: GPIO 10, Pin19)

CS connect to SPI CE0 (Default Pin: GPIO 8, Pin24)

CLK connect to SPI SCLK (Default Pin: GPIO 11, Pin23)

DIN is Serial-Data Input. Data is loaded into the internal 16-bit shift register on CLK' s rising edge.

MOSI(Master Output, Slave Input):

Host output slave input signal.

CS is Chip-Select Input. Serial data is loaded into the shift register while CS is low. The last 16 bits of serial data are latched on CS' s rising edge.

Install luma.led_matrix

- Install Luma.LED_Matrix to control LED matrix displays.

```
pip install luma.led_matrix
```

- You might see this error message.

```
cirlab@raspberrypi:~$ pip install luma.led_matrix
error: externally-managed-environment

× This environment is externally managed
╰─> To install Python packages system-wide, try apt install
    python3-xyz, where xyz is the package you are trying to
    install.

    If you wish to install a non-Debian-packaged Python package,
    create a virtual environment using python3 -m venv path/to/venv.
    Then use path/to/venv/bin/python and path/to/venv/bin/pip. Make
    sure you have python3-full installed.

    For more information visit http://rptl.io/venv

note: If you believe this is a mistake, please contact your Python installation
or OS distribution provider. You can override this, at the risk of breaking your
Python installation or OS, by passing --break-system-packages.
hint: See PEP 568 for the detailed specification.
```

- This error message indicates that you are attempting to install luma.led_matrix in an "externally managed environment," which typically refers to a system-level Python installation managed by the operating system's package manager.

Virtual Environment

- Use a virtual environment

1. Create a virtual environment

```
python3 -m venv myenv
```

2. Activate the virtual environment

```
source myenv/bin/activate
```

3. Install the required Python package

```
pip install luma.led_matrix
```

Open SPI Interface

- SPI is the primary communication method between the MAX7219 and the Raspberry Pi. You must ensure that the SPI interface is enabled; otherwise, you will not be able to control the LED matrix display.
- The MAX7219 uses a serial communication protocol, which includes CLK (clock), CS (chip select), and DIN (data input).
- If SPI is not enabled, the Raspberry Pi will not be able to use the SPI interface to transmit data to the MAX7219, resulting in a `DeviceNotFoundError` or `FileNotFoundError` when running the Python script.

```
>>> %Run aaa.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/home/pi/.local/lib/python3.7/site-packages/luma/core/interface/serial.py", line 306, in __init__
    self._spi.open(port, device)
FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:

Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/home/pi/Desktop/example/aaa.py", line 8, in <module>
    serial = spi(port=0, device=0)
  File "/home/pi/.local/lib/python3.7/site-packages/luma/core/interface/serial.py", line 317, in __init__
    raise luma.core.error.DeviceNotFoundError('SPI device not found')
luma.core.error.DeviceNotFoundError: SPI device not found
```

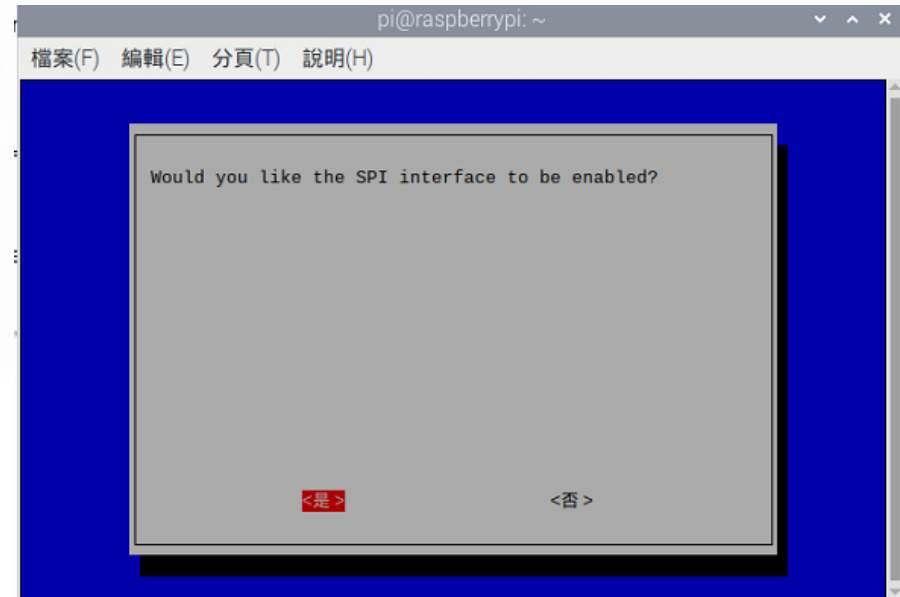
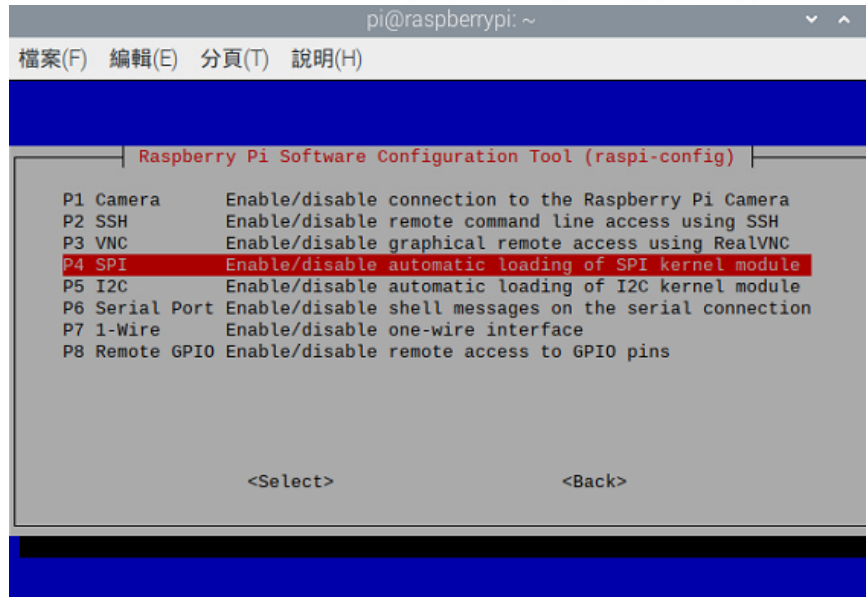

Open SPI Interface

1. Run the raspi-config tool

```
sudo raspi-config
```

2. Navigate to 3 Interfacing Options

3. Choose SPI • Choose Yes to open SPI interface

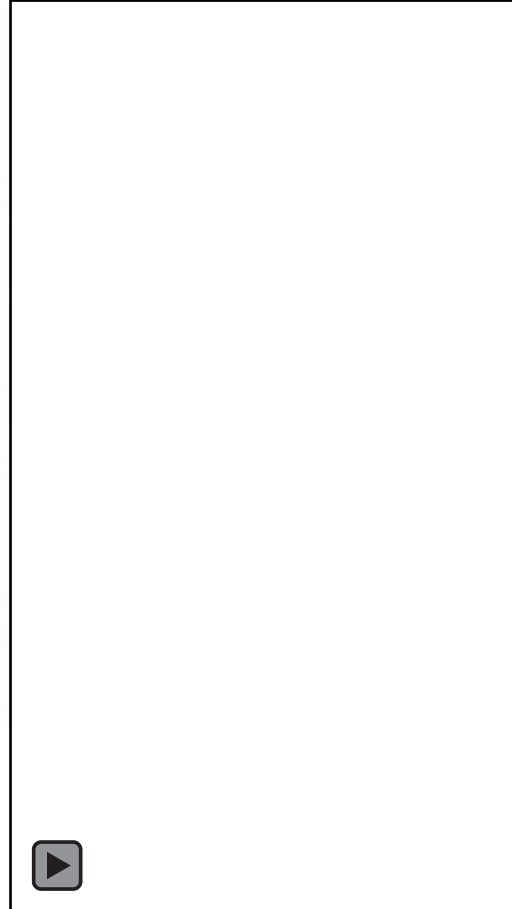


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- **show your student ID**

```
from luma.led_matrix.device import max7219
from luma.core.interface.serial import spi, noop
from luma.core.render import canvas
from luma.core.virtual import viewport
from luma.core.legacy import text, show_message
from luma.core.legacy.font import proportional, CP437_FONT, TINY_FONT, SINCLAIR_FONT,
LCD_FONT
Import time
#Create a serial instance and specify SPI bus parameters
serial = spi(port=0, device=0, gpio=noop())
device = max7219(serial, cascaded=1, block_orientation=0)
#cascaded=1 means only one device is connected, block_orientation=[0, 90, -90], Corrects
block orientation when wired vertically.
#show message
time.sleep(1)
msg = "61275041H"
show_message(device, msg, fill="white", font=proportional(LCD_FONT), scroll_delay=0.1) #white
means LED is illuminated
time.sleep(1)
```

Lab 2 Result



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The lab report should include the following:

Video

Code

Problems Encountered

End the report with a section called “Problems Encountered:” where you can describe missing features, problems with your codes, or difficulties encountered with using ssh/scp or other Unix commands. If there were no problems, write “None” .

Deadline : 03/26 **(It is best to complete it in class)**

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