

DC Robotics Arduino Motors Workshop

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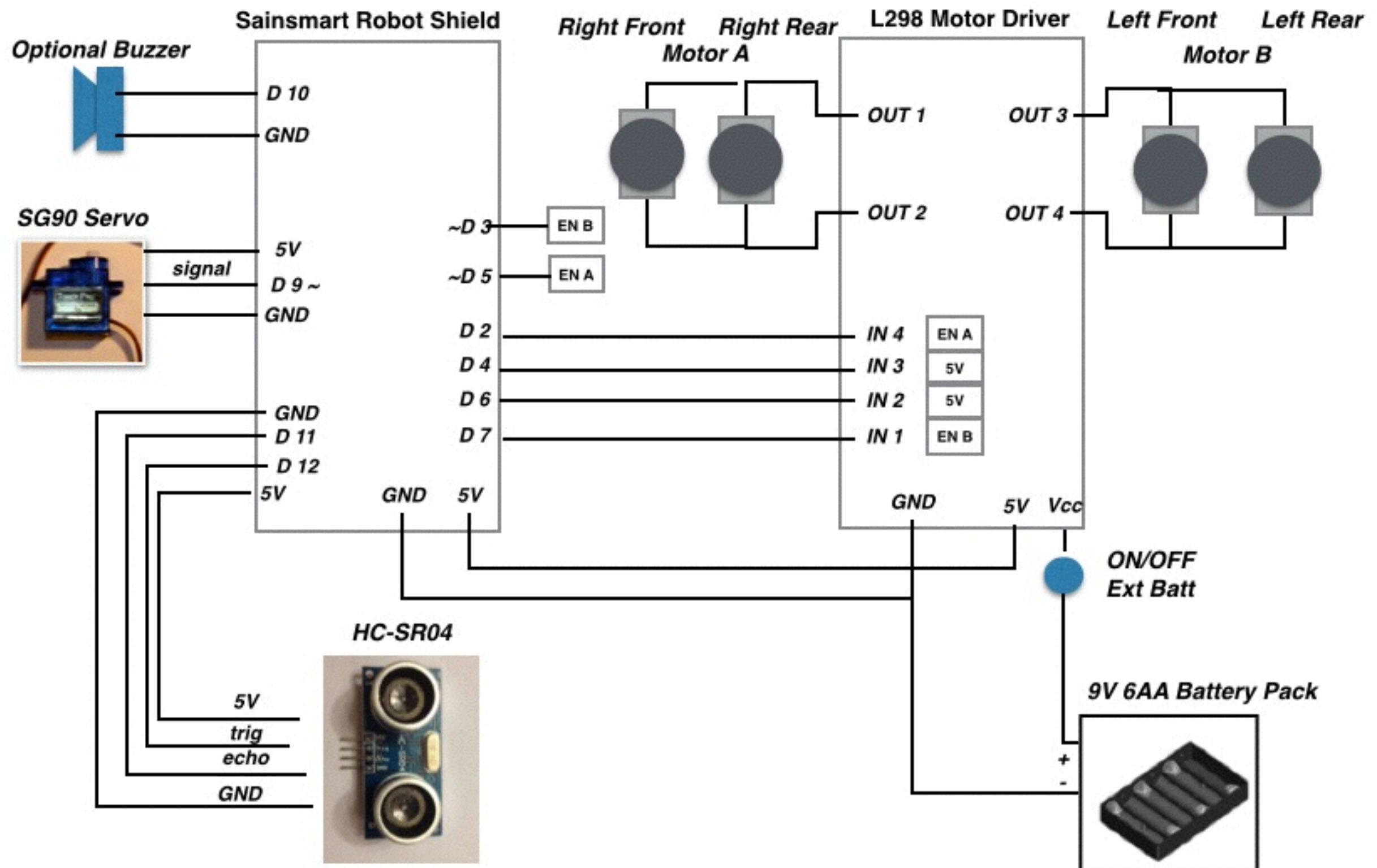
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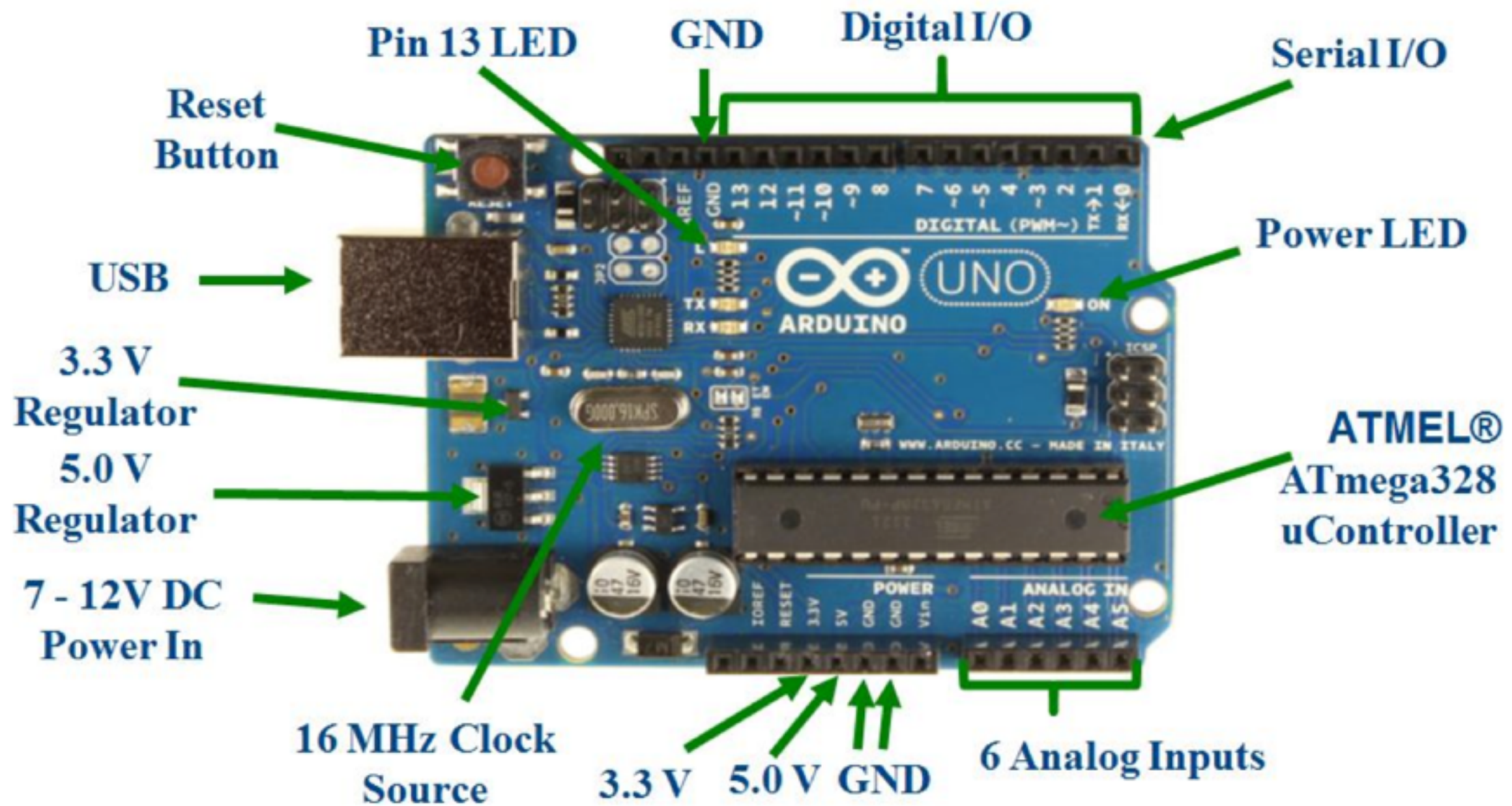
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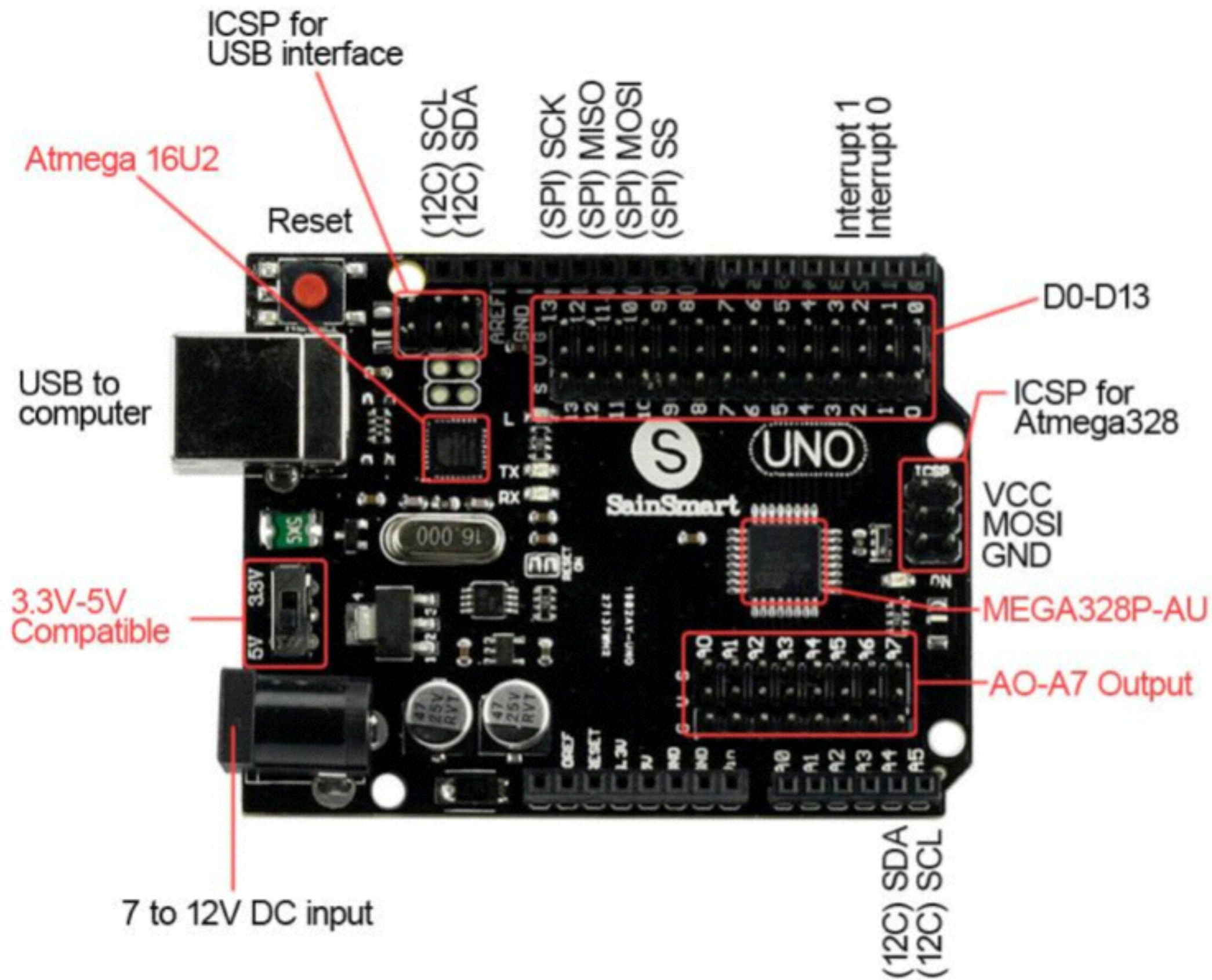
- * Arduino Review and Basic Robot Control
- * Servo Control
- * What are H-Bridges?
- * DC Motor Control
- * Stepper Motor Control
- * Building and Programming the robot

4WD Robot Block Diagram



Arduino Uno, R3

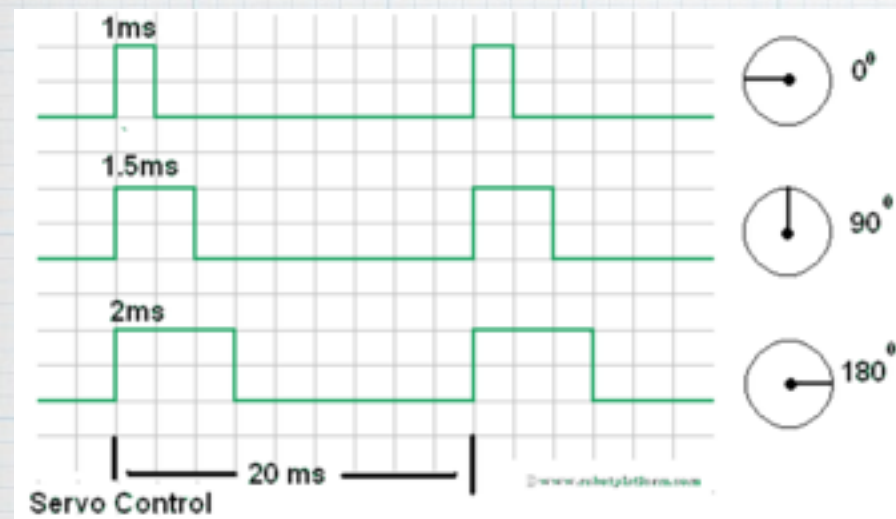




Servo

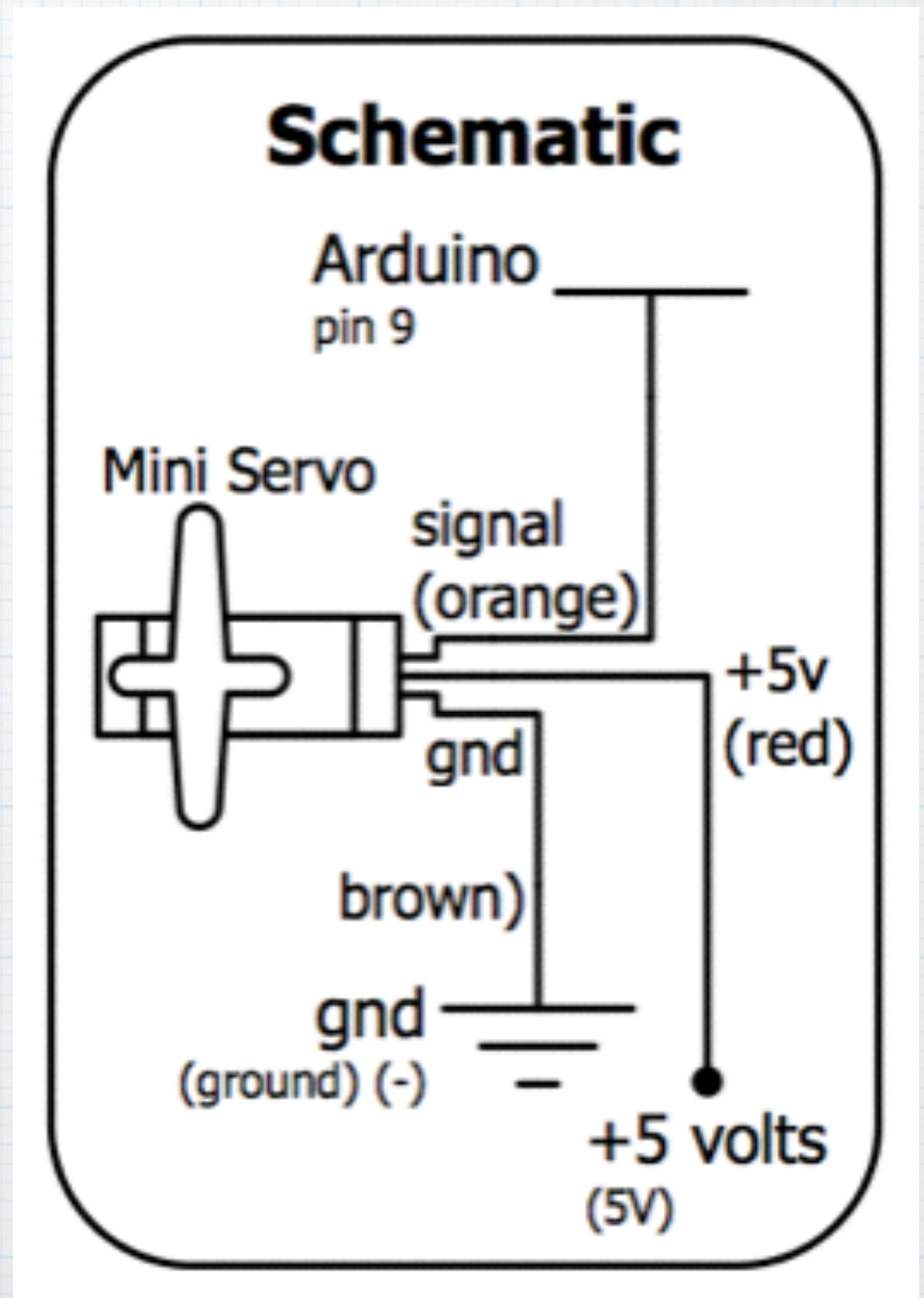
A "servo", short for servomotor, is a motor that includes feedback circuitry that allows it to be commanded to move to specific positions. This one is very small, but larger servos are used extensively in robotics to control mechanical arms, hands, etc. You could use it to make a (tiny) robot arm aircraft control surface, or anywhere something needs to be moved to specific positions.

Servos

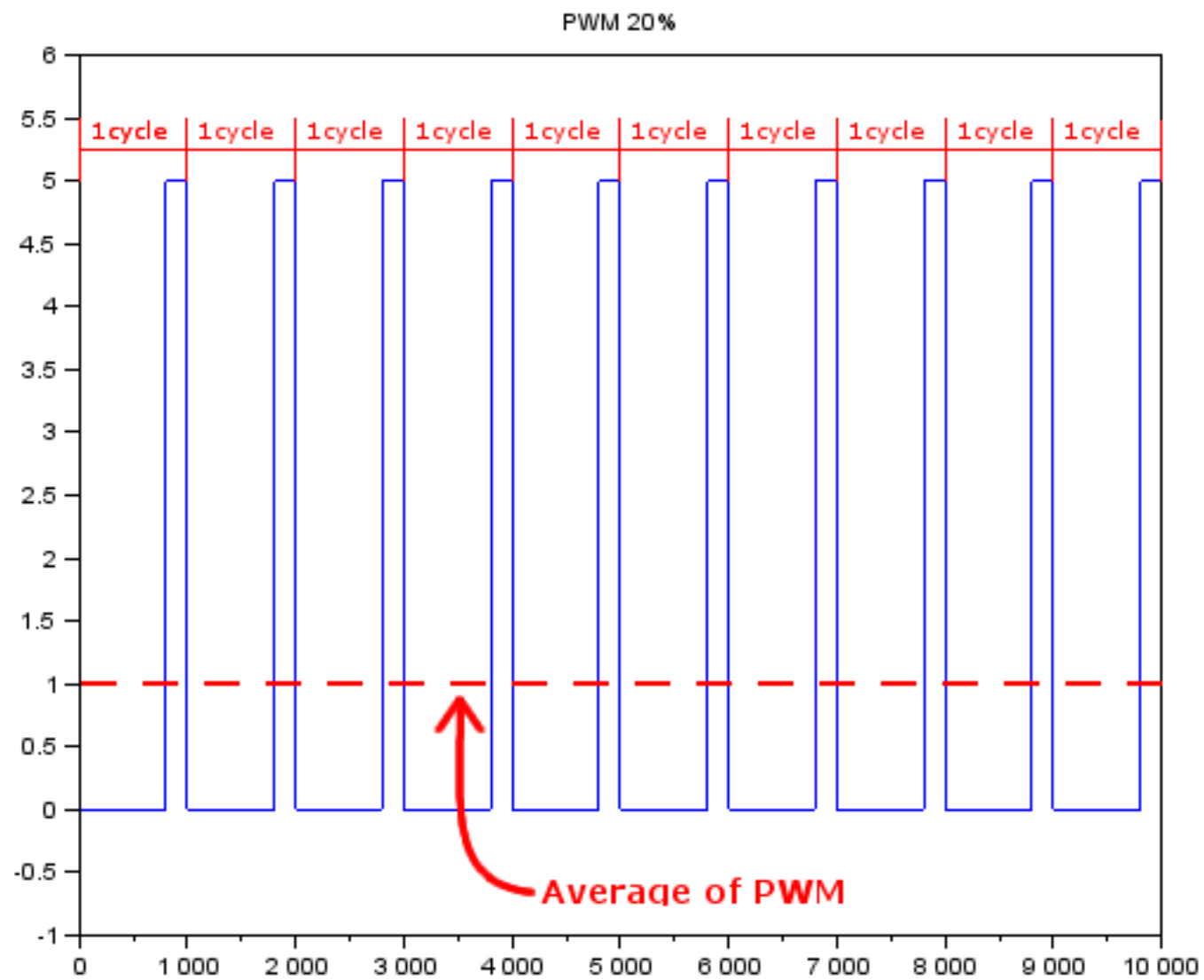


- * `#include <Servo.h>;`
- * `Servo.attach(9);`
- * `Servo.write(180);`

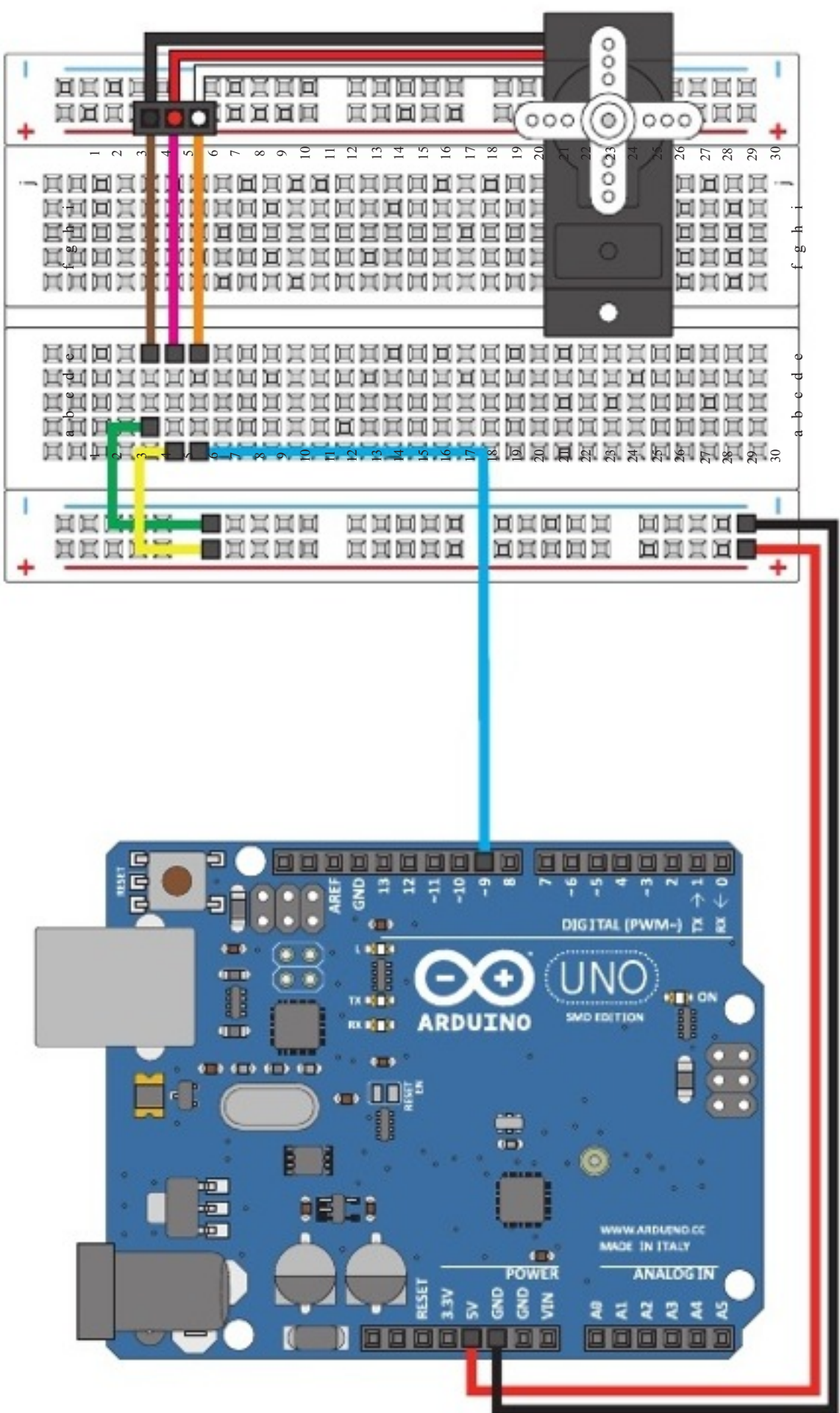
Use servo library



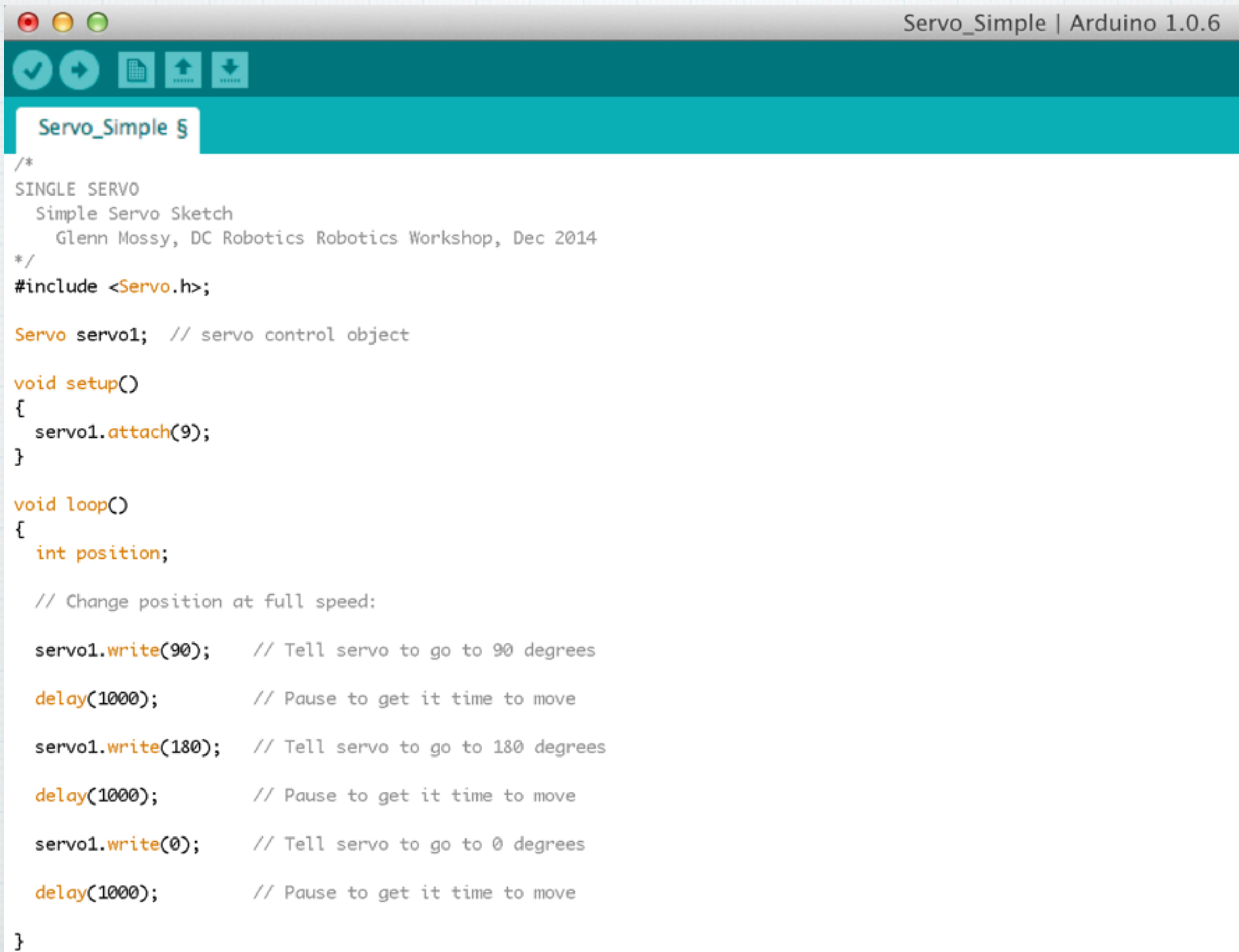
PWM



Circuit 8: A Single Servo



Servo Code Simple Example

The image shows a screenshot of the Arduino IDE interface. At the top, the window title is "Servo_Simple | Arduino 1.0.6". Below the title bar is a toolbar with icons for checking, running, opening a file, uploading, and downloading. The main editor area has a tab labeled "Servo_Simple §" and contains the following C++ code:

```
/*
SINGLE SERVO
  Simple Servo Sketch
  Glenn Mossy, DC Robotics Robotics Workshop, Dec 2014
*/
#include <Servo.h>

Servo servo1;  // servo control object

void setup()
{
  servo1.attach(9);
}

void loop()
{
  int position;

  // Change position at full speed:

  servo1.write(90);    // Tell servo to go to 90 degrees

  delay(1000);         // Pause to get it time to move

  servo1.write(180);   // Tell servo to go to 180 degrees

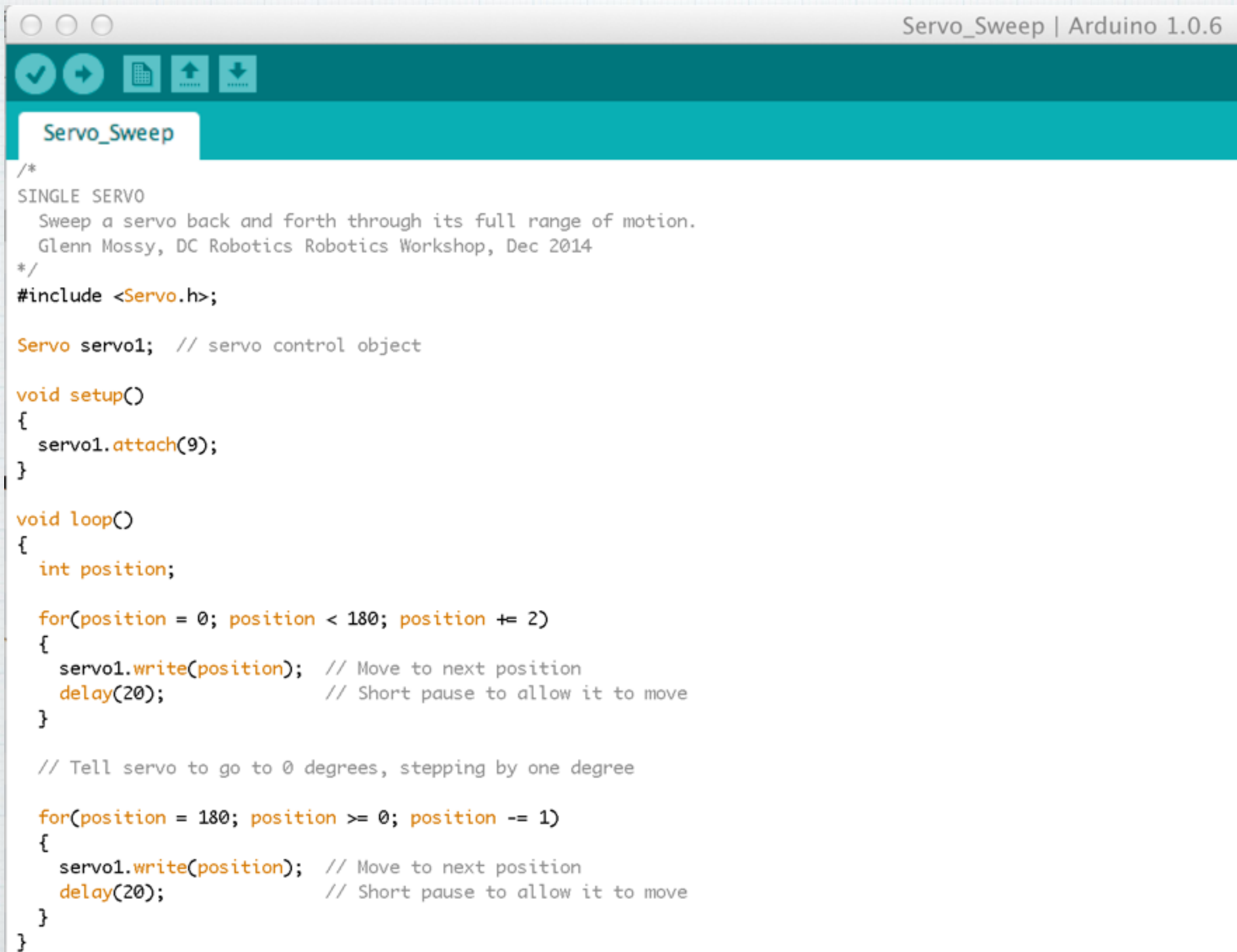
  delay(1000);         // Pause to get it time to move

  servo1.write(0);     // Tell servo to go to 0 degrees

  delay(1000);         // Pause to get it time to move

}
```


Servo Code Sweep Example

The image shows a screenshot of the Arduino IDE interface. The title bar at the top reads "Servo_Sweep | Arduino 1.0.6". Below the title bar is a toolbar with icons for running, saving, and other functions. The main text area contains the following C++ code:

```
/*
SINGLE SERVO
  Sweep a servo back and forth through its full range of motion.
  Glenn Mossy, DC Robotics Robotics Workshop, Dec 2014
*/
#include <Servo.h>

Servo servo1; // servo control object

void setup()
{
  servo1.attach(9);
}

void loop()
{
  int position;

  for(position = 0; position < 180; position += 2)
  {
    servo1.write(position); // Move to next position
    delay(20);              // Short pause to allow it to move
  }

  // Tell servo to go to 0 degrees, stepping by one degree

  for(position = 180; position >= 0; position -= 1)
  {
    servo1.write(position); // Move to next position
    delay(20);              // Short pause to allow it to move
  }
}
```

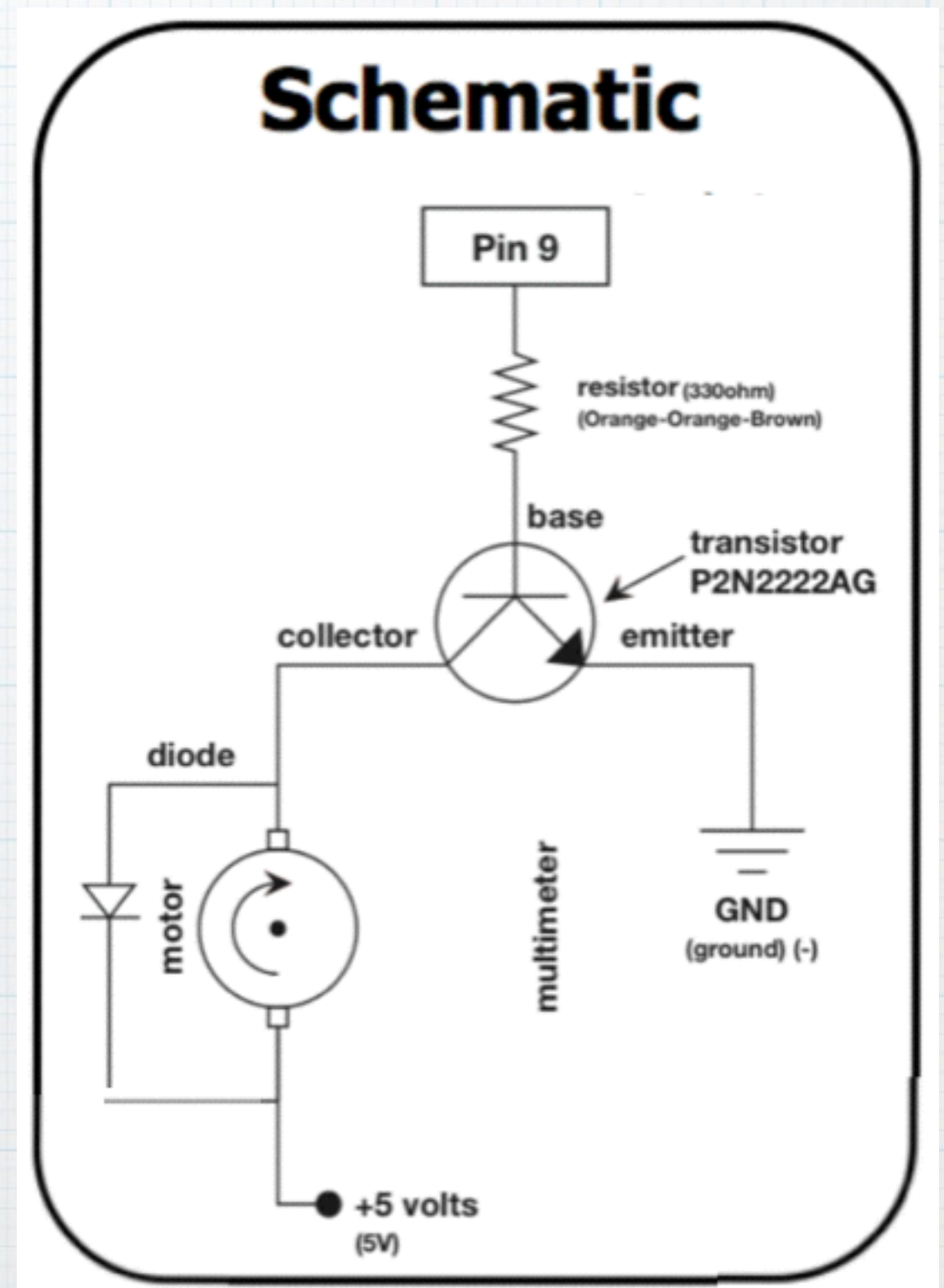
Very Basic DC Motor Control

* `int (motorPin, OUTPUT);`

* `digitalWrite(motorPin, HIGH);`

* `digitalWrite(motorPin, LOW);`

Use control



What is an H-Bridge

- * How do H-Bridges work
- * <http://www.tigoe.net/pcomp/code/circuits/motors/stepper-motors/>

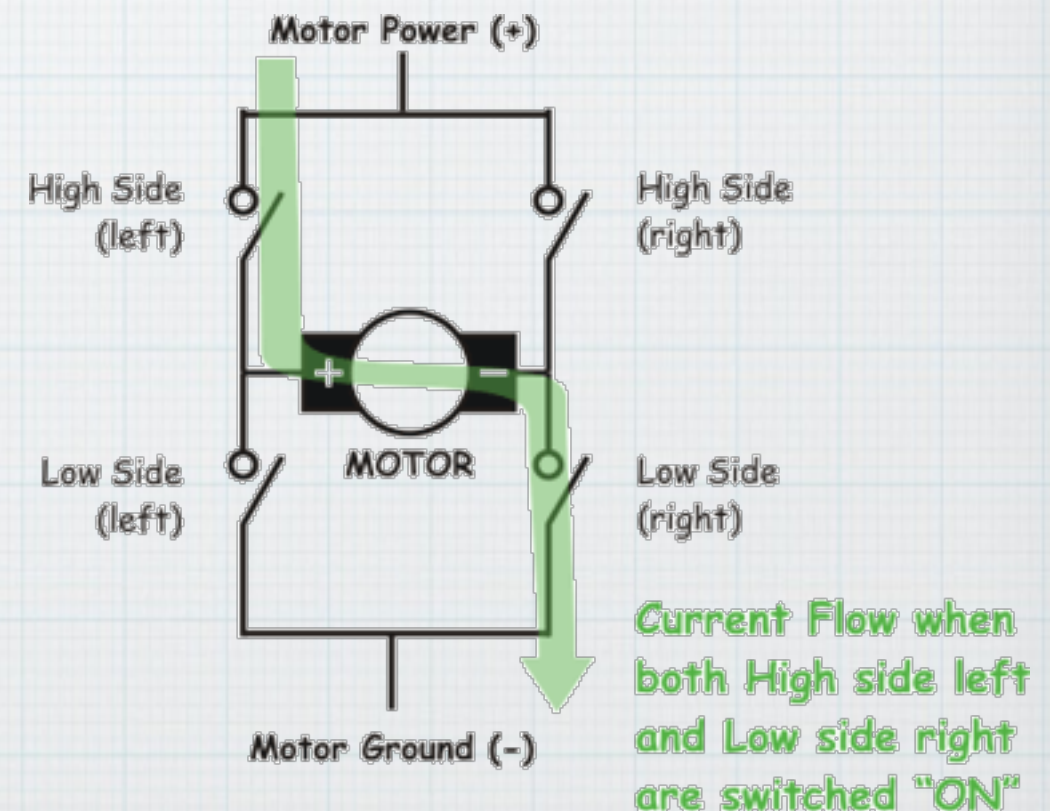
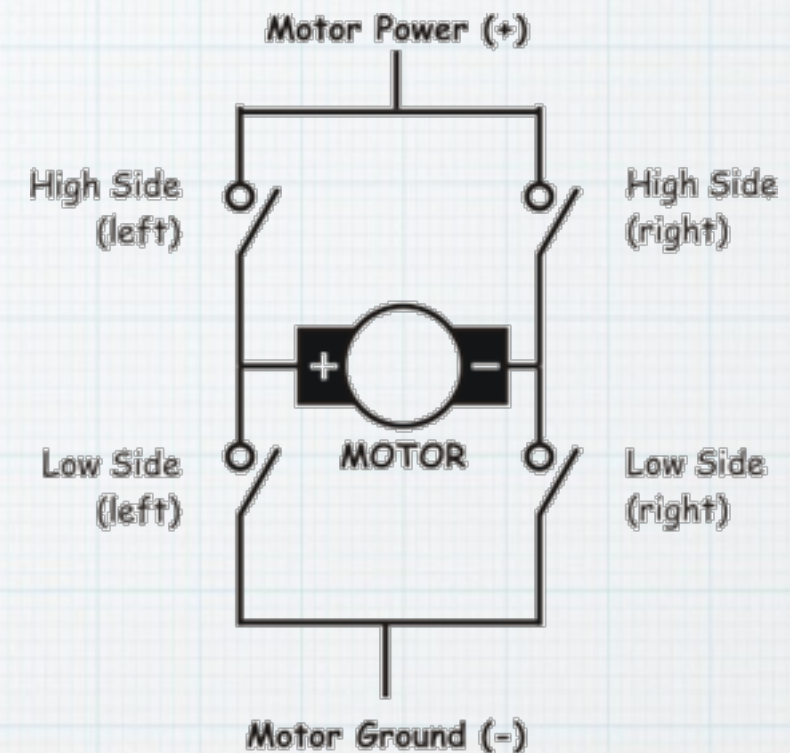
Basic H-Bridge Theory

Sometimes called a "full bridge" the H-bridge is so named because it has four switching elements at the "corners" of the H and the motor forms the cross bar. The basic bridge is shown in the figure to the right.

The switches are turned on in pairs, either high left and lower right, or lower left and high right, but never both switches on the same "side" of the bridge. If both switches on one side of a bridge are turned on it creates a short circuit between the battery plus and battery minus terminals.

To power the motor, you turn on two switches that are diagonally opposed. In the picture to the right, imagine that the high side left and low side right switches are turned on. The current flow is shown in green.

The current flows and the motor begins to turn in a "positive" direction. What happens if you turn on the high side right and low side left switches? Current flows the other direction through the motor and the motor turns in the opposite direction.



Basic H-Bridge Theory

One more topic in the basic theory section, quadrants. If each switch can be controlled independently then you can do some interesting things with the bridge. If you built it out of a single DPDT relay, you can really only control forward or reverse. You can build a small truth table that tells you for each of the switch's states, what the bridge will do. As each switch has one of two states, and there are four switches, there are 16 possible states. However, since any state that turns both switches on one side on is "bad" there are in fact only four useful states (the four quadrants) where the transistors are turned on.

High Side	High Side	Lower Left	Lower Right	Quadrant Description
On	Off	Off	On	Motor goes Clockwise
Off	On	On	Off	Motor goes Counter-clockwise
On	On	Off	Off	Motor "brakes" and decelerates
Off	Off	On	On	Motor "brakes" and decelerates

The last two rows describe a maneuver where you "short circuit" the motor which causes the motor's generator effect to work against itself. The turning motor generates a voltage which tries to force the motor to turn the opposite direction. This causes the motor to rapidly stop spinning and is called "braking" on a lot of H-bridge designs.

Of course there is also the state where all the transistors are¹⁵ turned off. In this case the motor coasts if it was spinning and does nothing if it was doing nothing.

4WD Robot Motor Basic

```
//Setting the wheels to go backward by setting the backward pins to HIGH
```

```
void backward(){  
  digitalWrite(rightForwardPin, LOW);  
  digitalWrite(rightBackwardPin, HIGH);  
  digitalWrite(leftForwardPin, LOW);  
  digitalWrite(leftBackwardPin, HIGH);
```

```
  
  //use pwm to control motor speed through enable pin  
  analogWrite(ENA, duty);
```

```
}
```

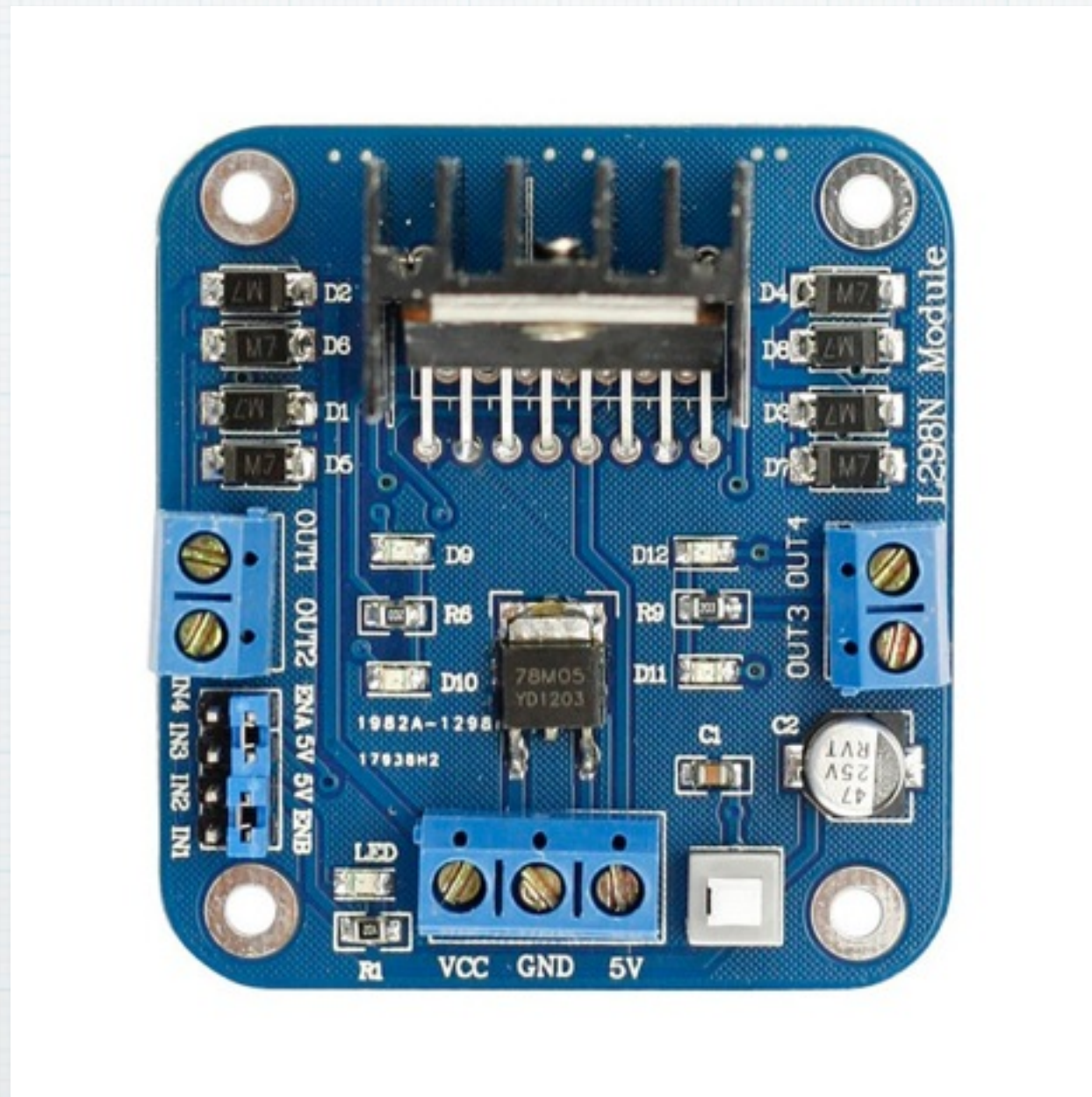
```
//Setting the wheels to go right by setting the rightBackwardPin and leftForwardPin to HIGH
```

```
void right(){  
  digitalWrite(rightForwardPin, LOW);  
  digitalWrite(rightBackwardPin, HIGH);  
  digitalWrite(leftForwardPin, HIGH);  
  digitalWrite(leftBackwardPin, LOW);
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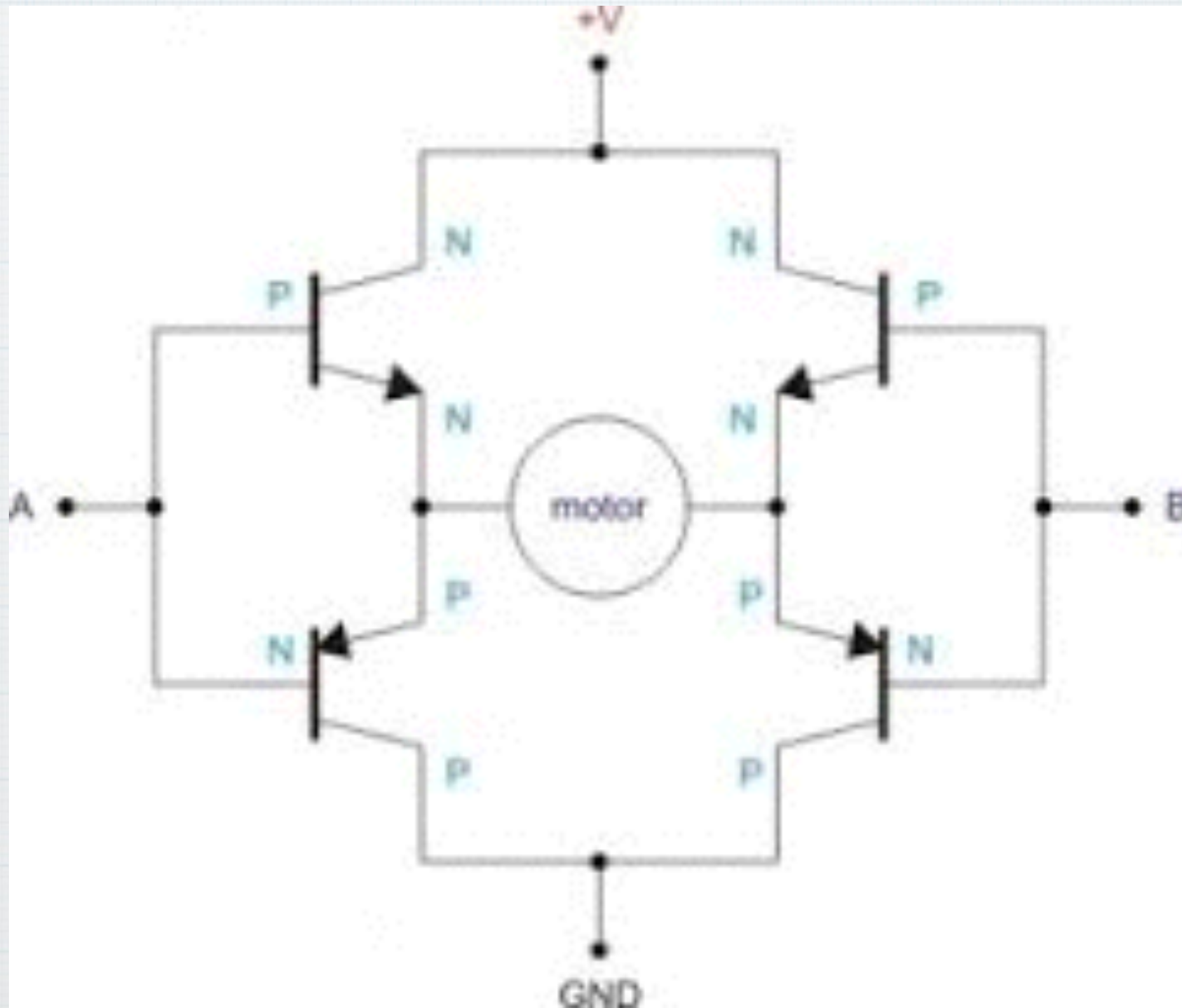
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  //use pwm to control motor speed through enable pin  
  analogWrite(ENB, duty);
```

```
}
```


Implementing H-Bridges

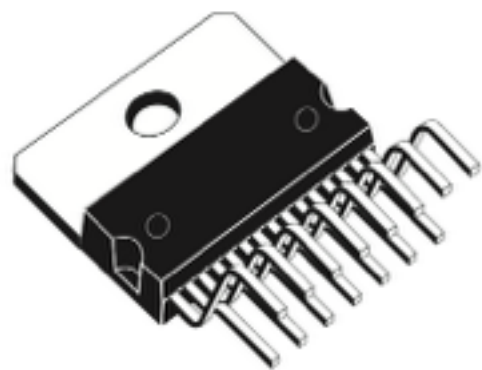


Classic H-Bridge

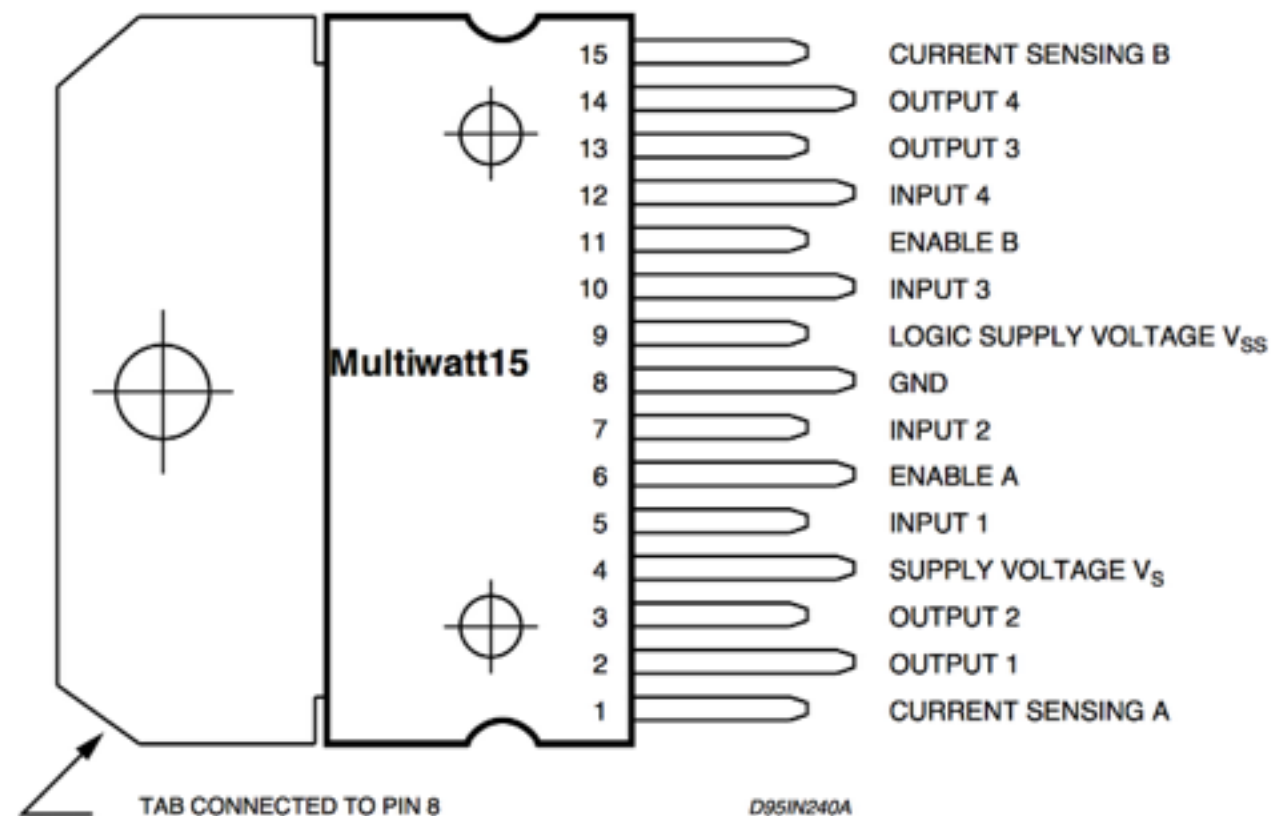


L298 Dual Full-Bridge Driver

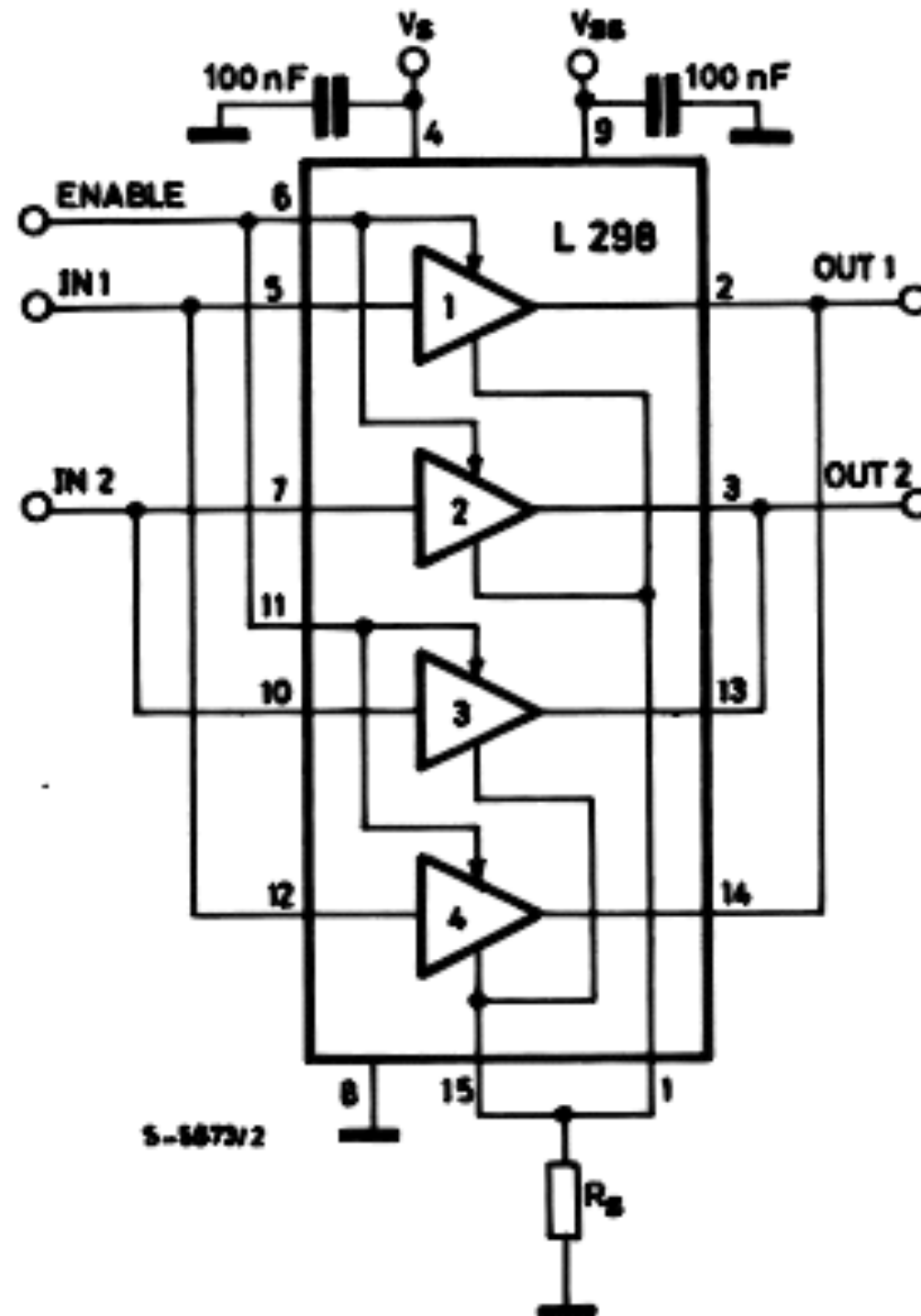
The L298 is an integrated monolithic circuit in a 15-lead Multiwatt packages. It is a high voltage, high current dual full-bridge driver designed to accept standard TTL logic levels and drive inductive loads such as relays, solenoids, DC and stepping motors. Two enable inputs are provided to enable or disable the device independently of the input signals. The emitters of the lower transistors of each bridge are connected together. An additional supply input is provided so that the logic works at a lower voltage.



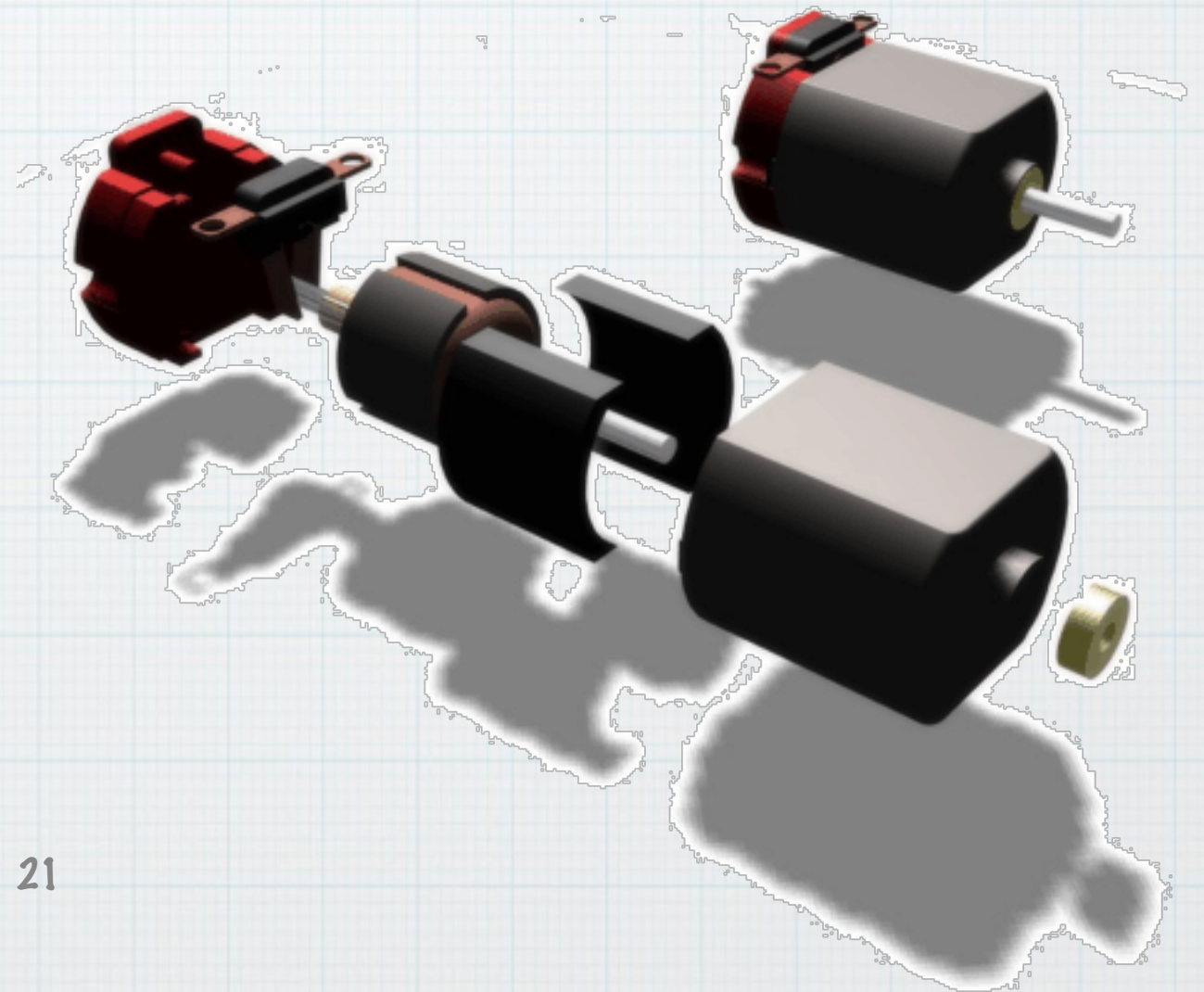
Multiwatt15



L298 Single Motor



DC - Motors



What is a Stepper Motor

- * A **stepper motor** (or step **motor**) is a brushless DC electric **motor** with a series of electromagnetic coils that divides a full rotation into a number of equal steps. The **motor's** position can then be commanded to move and hold at one of these steps without any feedback sensor (an open-loop controller), as long as the **motor** is carefully sized to the application. The center shaft has a series of magnets mounted on it, and the coils surrounding the shaft are alternately given current or not, creating magnetic fields which repulse or attract the magnets on the shaft, causing the motor to rotate.
- * This design allows for very precise control of the motor: by proper pulsing, it can be turned in very accurate steps of set degree increments (for example, two-degree increments, half-degree increments, etc.). They are used in printers, disk drives, and other devices where precise positioning of the motor is necessary.
- * Two Basic Types:
 - * Unipolar Stepper Motors
 - * Bipolar Stepper Motors

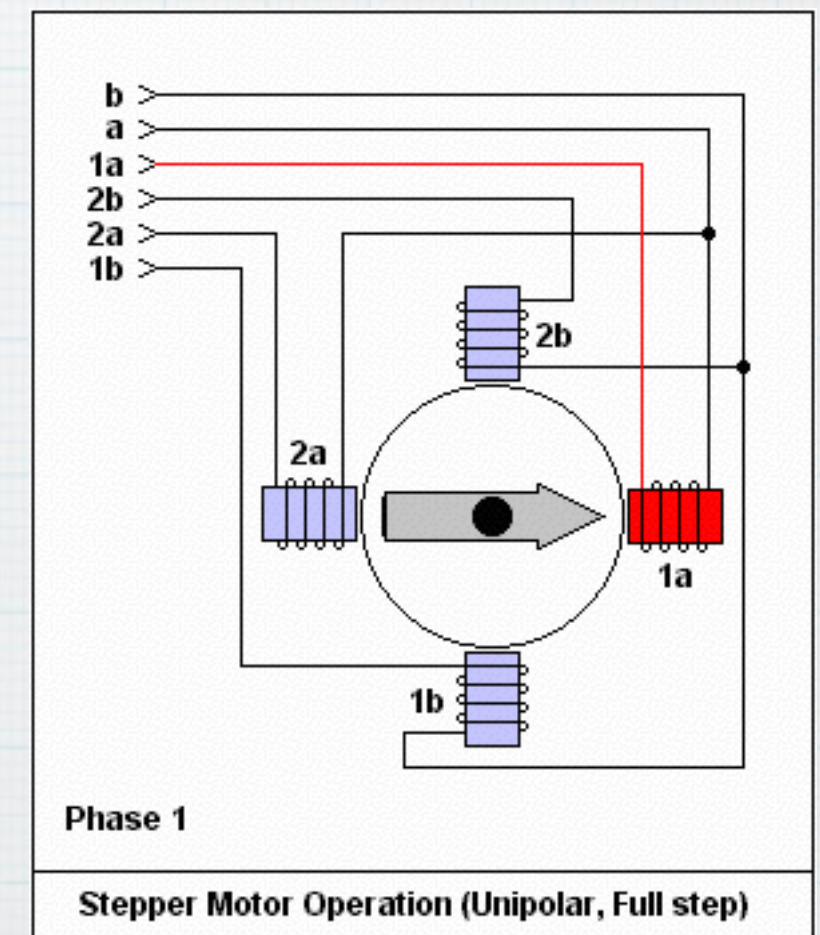


Stepper Motor (cont)

- * A stepper motor is a motor controlled by a series of electromagnetic coils. The center shaft has a series of magnets mounted on it, and the coils surrounding the shaft are alternately given current or not, creating magnetic fields which repulse or attract the magnets on the shaft, causing the motor to rotate.
- * This design allows for very precise control of the motor: by proper pulsing, it can be turned in very accurate steps of set degree increments (for example, two-degree increments, half-degree increments, etc.). They are used in printers, disk drives, and other devices where precise positioning of the motor is necessary.
- * Two Basic Types:
 - * Unipolar Stepper Motors - The unipolar stepper motor has five or six wires and four coils (actually two coils divided by center connections on each coil). The center connections of the coils are tied together and used as the power connection. They are called unipolar steppers because power always comes in on this one pole.
 - * Bipolar Stepper Motors - The bipolar stepper motor usually has four wires coming out of it. Unlike unipolar steppers, bipolar steppers have no common center connection. They have two independent sets of coils instead.

Stepper Motor (cont)

- * The **stepper motor** is a type of motor that uses the principle of induction to work. Each stepper motor has 2 or more coils surrounding the motor. When electricity flows through a coil a magnetic field is created by the current flow. If the coils are charged in the correct order we can make the motor turn by either pushing or pulling it via magnetism!
- * When a coil is active (current flowing through it), a magnetic field is created that pushes the motor a tiny bit. One complete cycle is called a "Step" (every stepper motor will have a unique step size).
- * Another very important thing to notice is that each coil requires 2 connections (electric current flows in & then out). That means if a stepper motor has 4 coils, it will require 8 connections. Since we are using a 2 coil stepper motor for this tutorial we will need 4 connections.
- * Here is an example of a 4 coil (phase) stepper motor in operation:



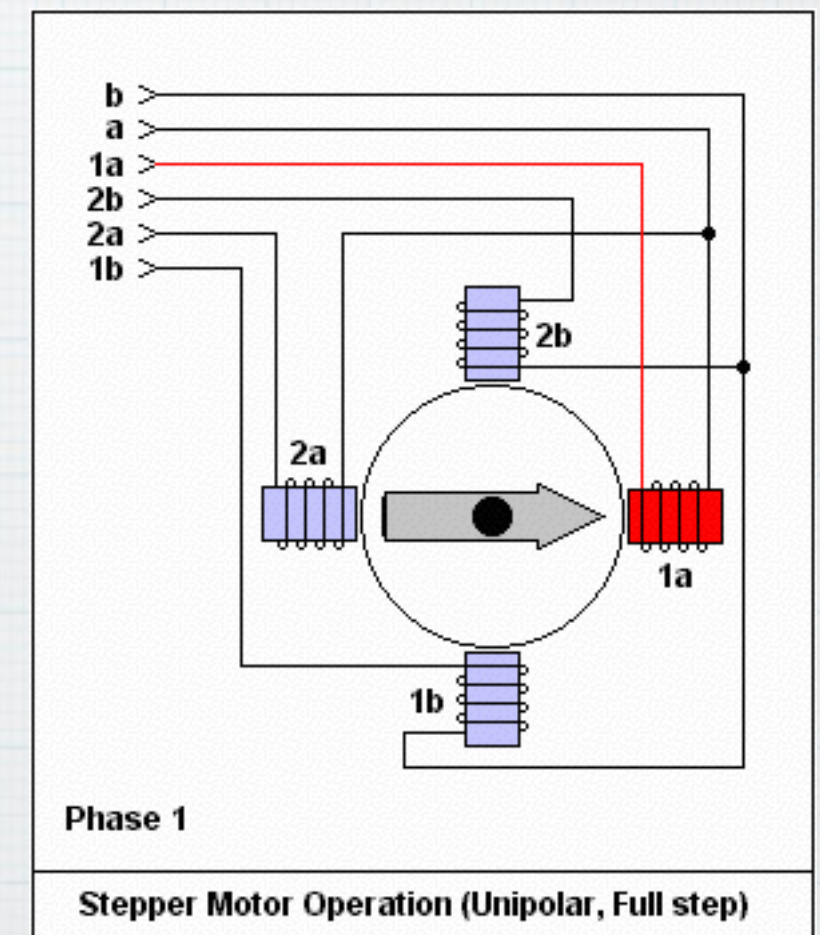
Stepper Motor (cont)

The Main Algorithm

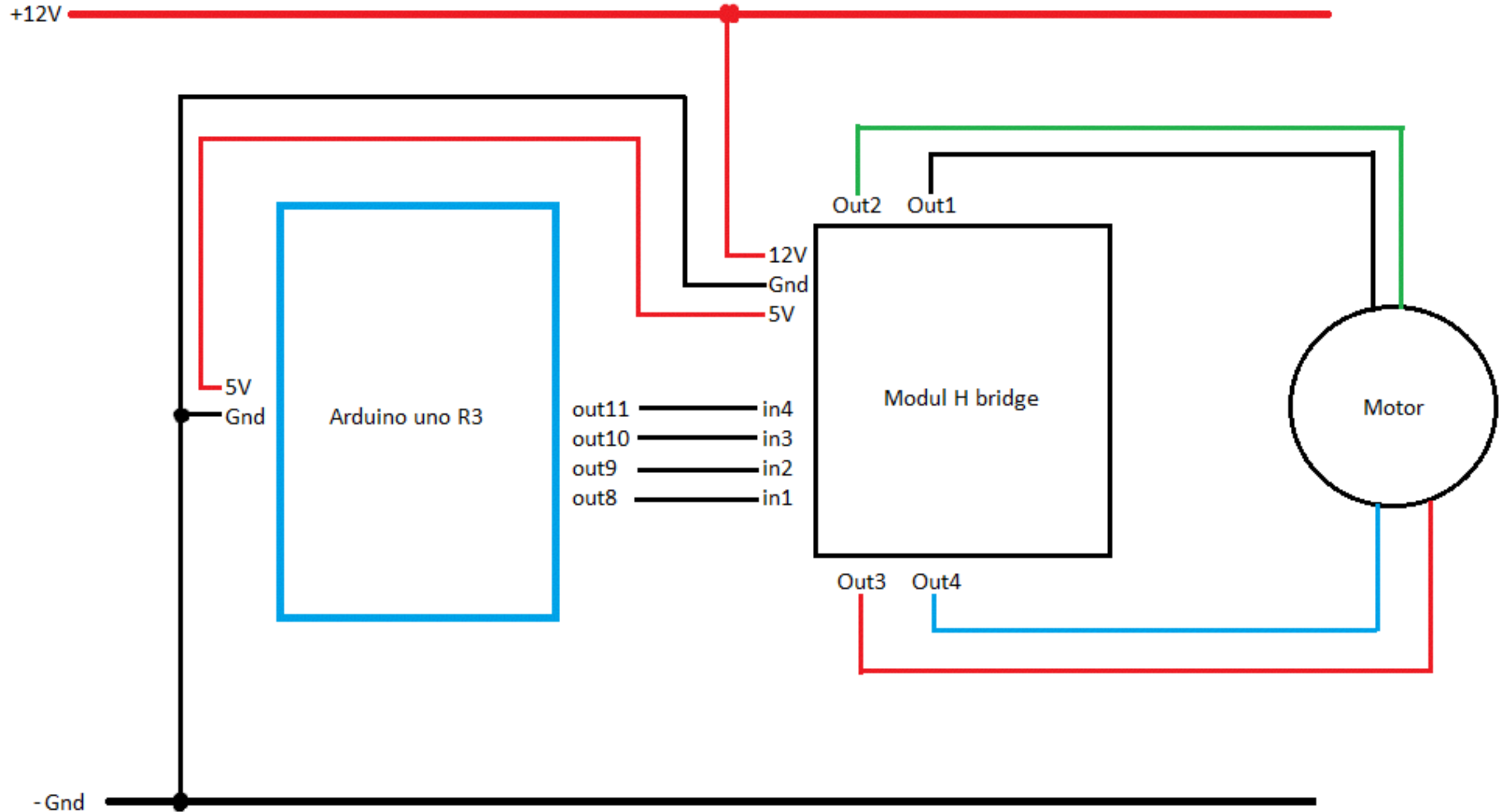
The main algorithm used for completing one step is as follows. The complete stepping cycle for a 2-coil stepper motor goes like this:

AB -> AB* -> A*B* -> A*B -> AB

A and B stand for the two coils in the stepper motor and the * or no star represents the direction of current flow.

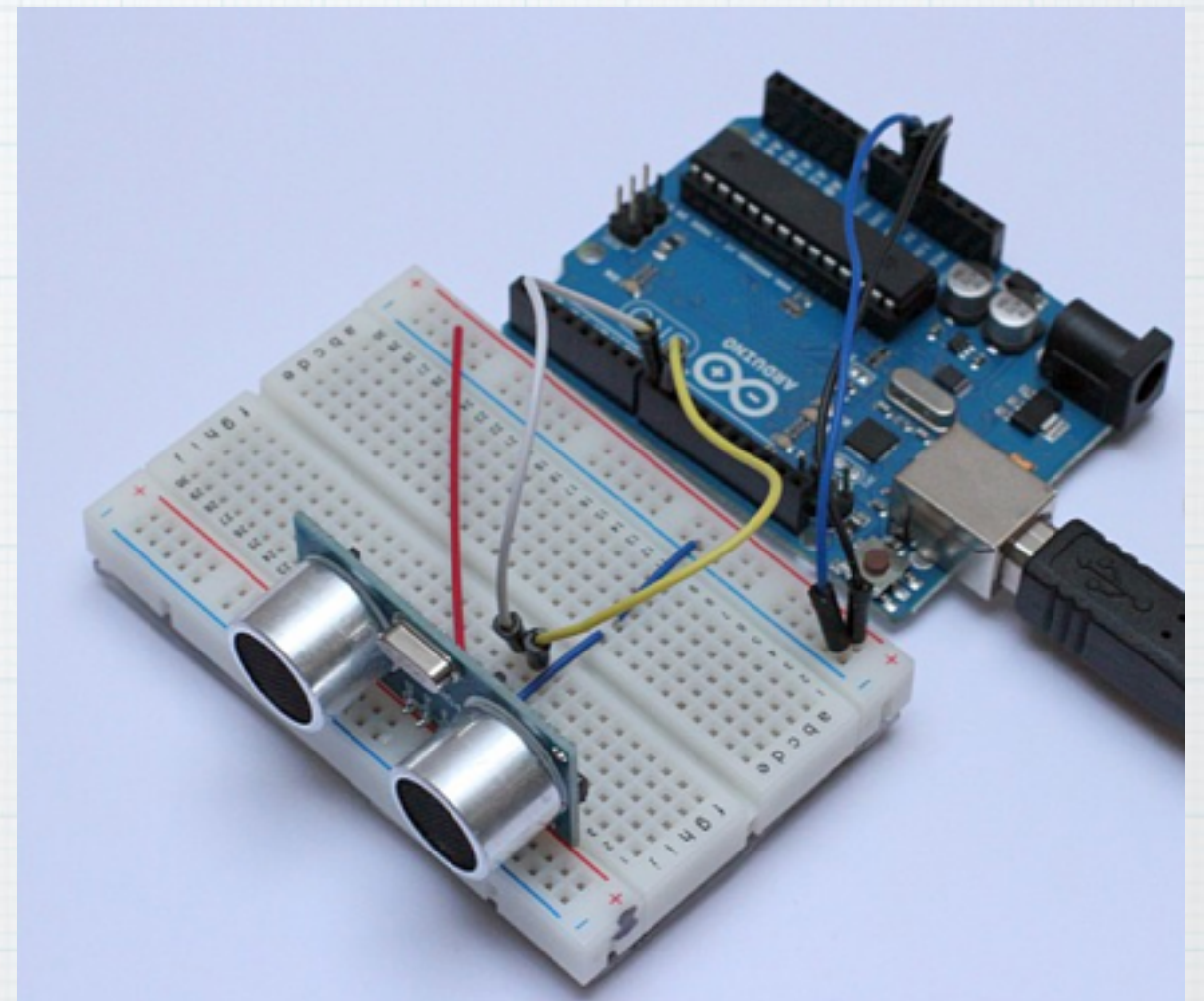


The L298 With A Stepper

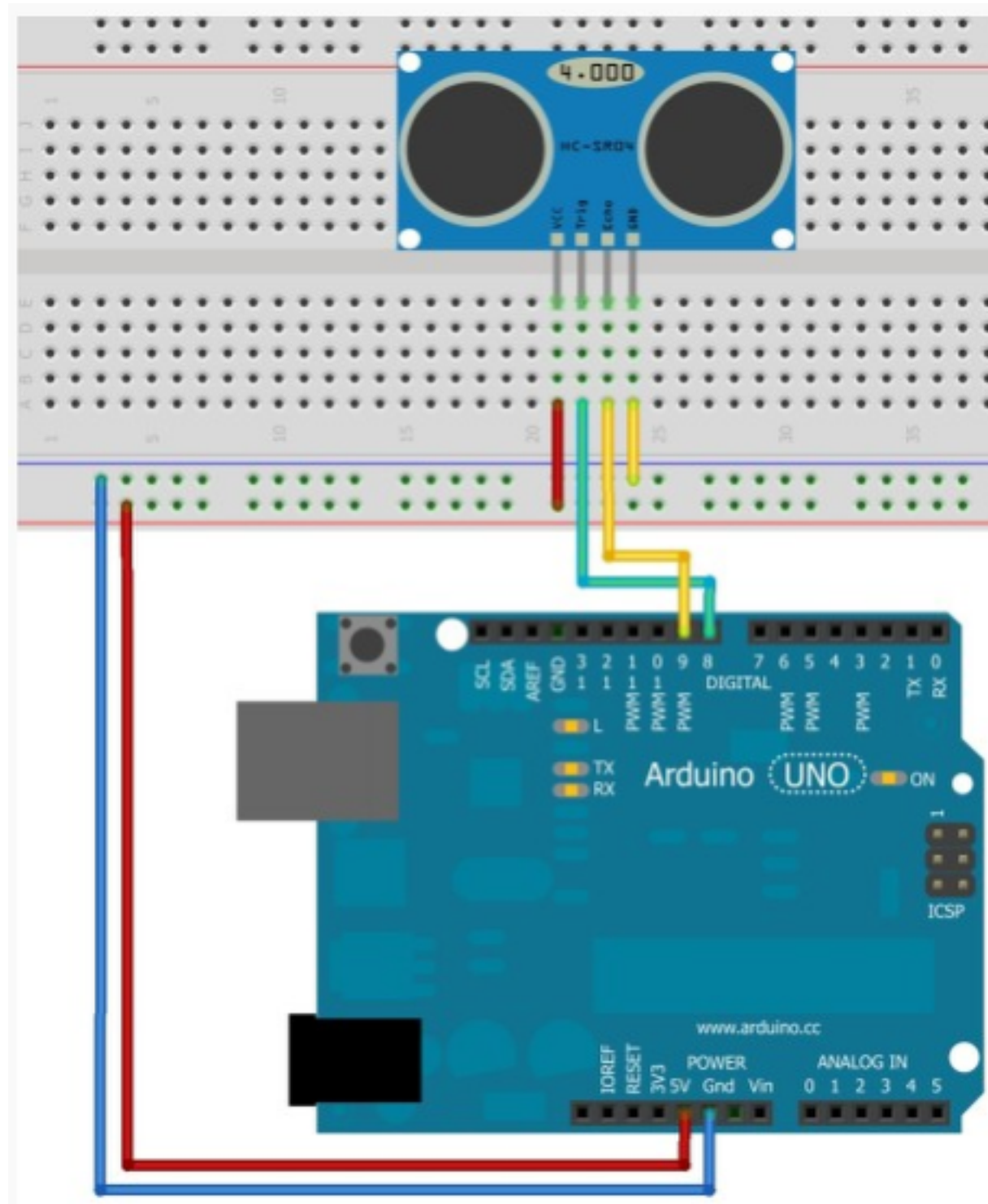


HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor

The way the HC-SR04 works is very simple, you turn the trigger pin high and then low, which initiates a trigger pulse, then wait to receive the echo pulse on another pin called the echo pin. The length divided by 2 of the echo pulse is then calculated as the distance an object is in front of the sensor that is reflecting the pulse. The speed of sound being a constant means that each cm sound will travel xxx cm's. The range of the SR04 is from 2cm to 400cm within a cone of 15 degrees.



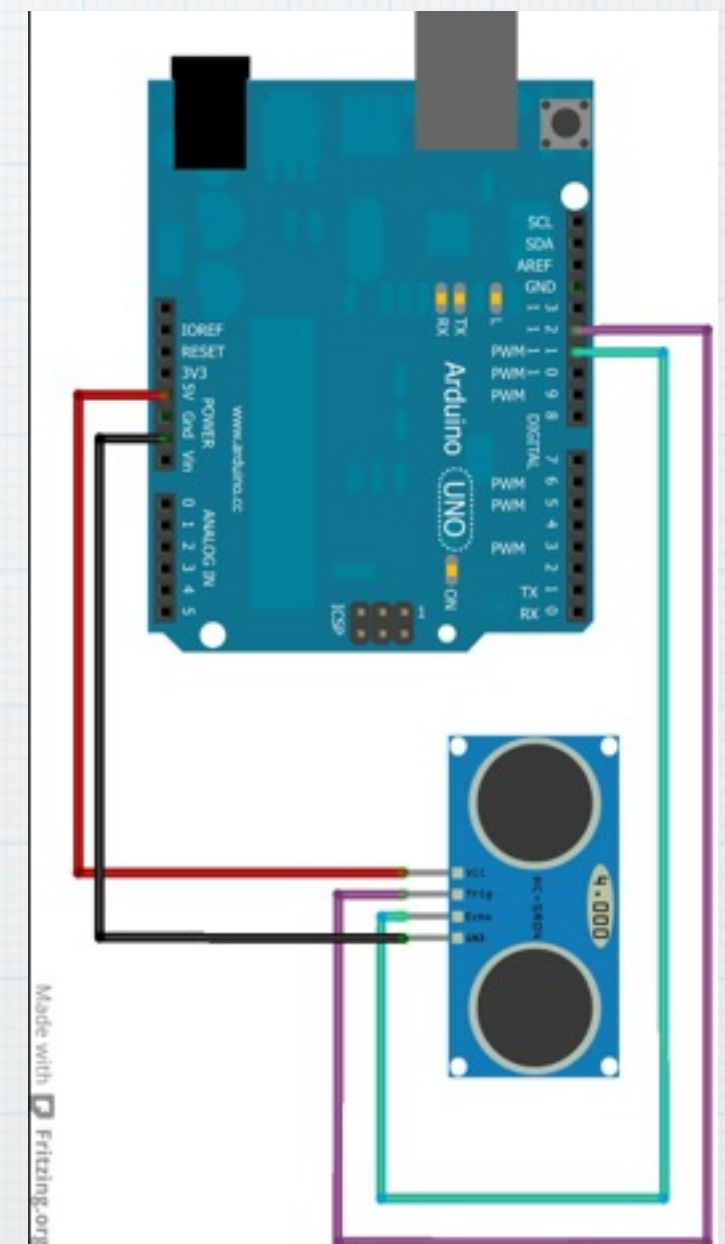
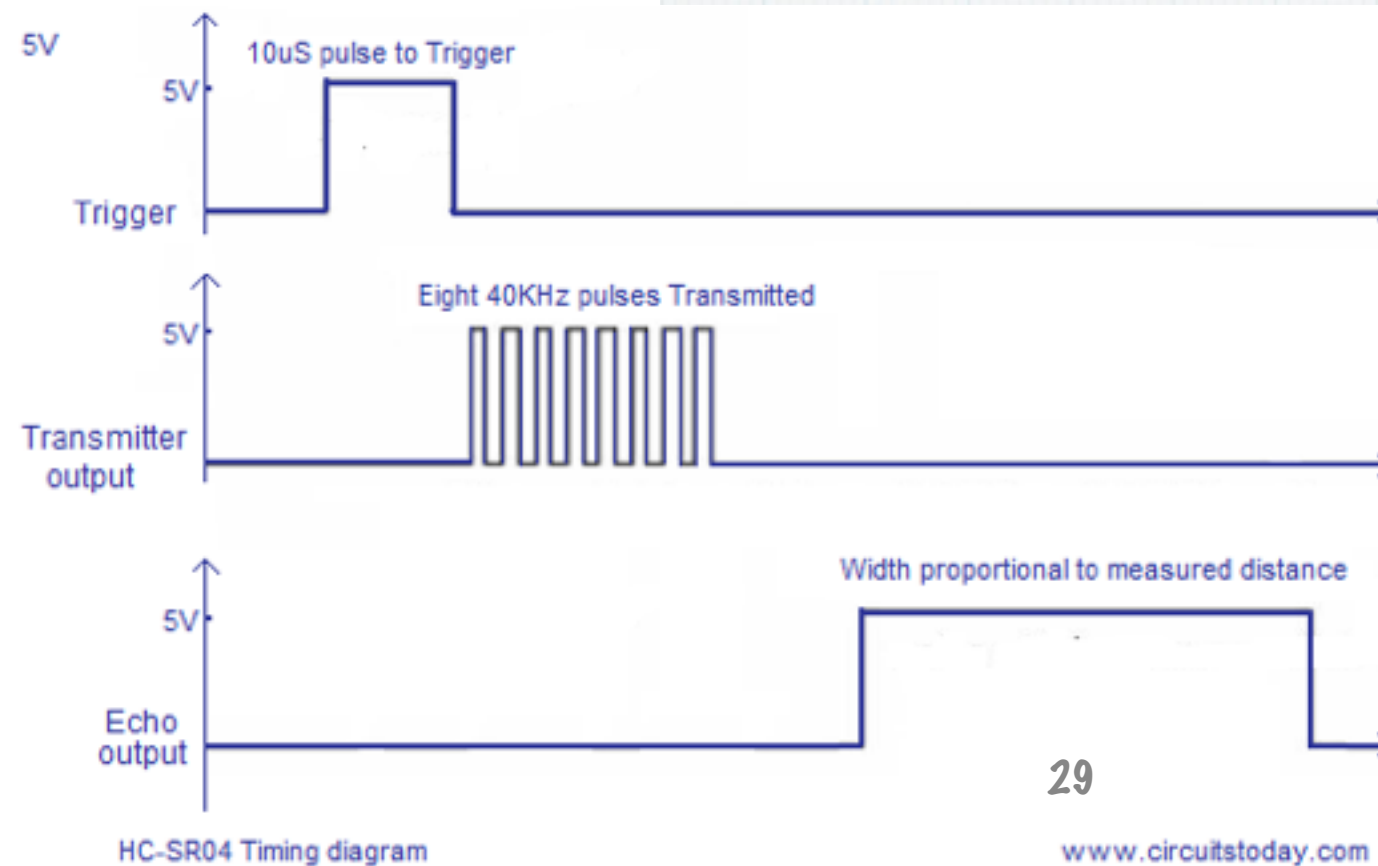
The HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Distance Sensor



HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor



Can you ping me?



HC-SR04 Basic Sketch

Arduino IDE window showing the HC-SR04 Basic Sketch code and the Serial Monitor output.

HC_SR04_basic_sketch 5

```
/*
HC-SR04 Ping distance sensor Basic sketch

Hardware Setup for HC-SR04 Ping distance sensor
VCC to arduino 5v
GND to arduino GND
Echo to Arduino pin 7
Trig to Arduino pin 8
*/

const int echoPin = 7;           //configure the echo PIN
const int trigPin = 8;           // configure the trigger PIN

void setup()
{
  Serial.begin(9600);             // setup the serial monitor so we can see the distance

  pinMode(trigPin, OUTPUT);       // the trigger pin will be an OUTPUT
  pinMode(echoPin, INPUT);        // the echo pin will be the return echo IN
}

void loop() {
  int duration, distance;         // integers for both duration and distance

  digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH);    // send the trigger pulse
  delayMicroseconds(1000);        // let the pulse be 1 second
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);     // end the trigger pulse

  duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH); // Get the the echo value from the echo pin and we are going to calculate the duration
  distance = (duration/2) / 29.1;   // microseconds per millimetre - sound travels 1 mm in ~2.9us

  if (distance >= 200 || distance <= 0){
    Serial.println("Out of range"); // We want to be notified if the object is found to be out of range
  }
  else {
    Serial.print(distance);         // Object in range, print out the distance to the serial monitor
    Serial.println(" cm");         // in centimeters
  }
  delay(500);                      // wait and loop
}
```

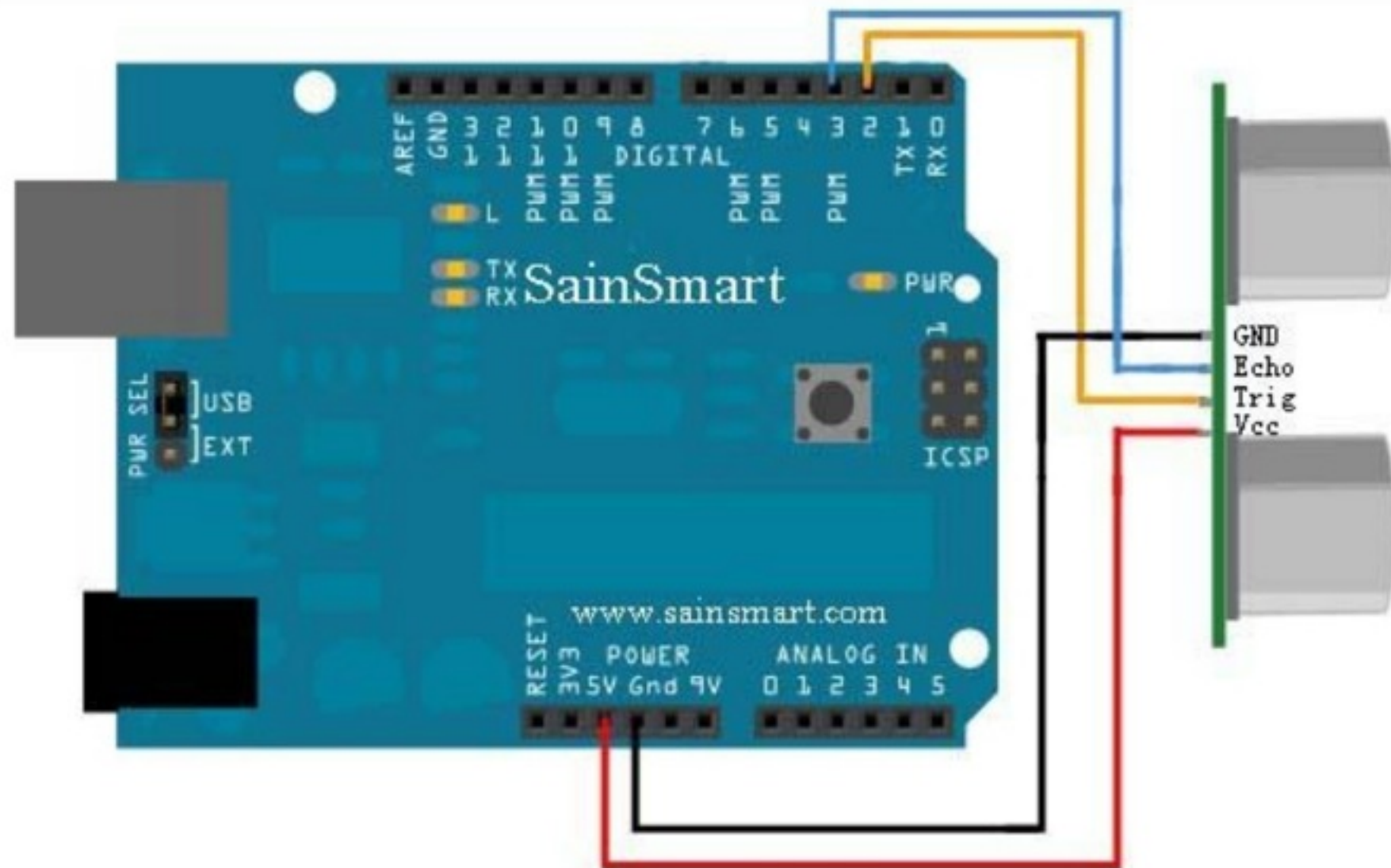
Serial Monitor (/dev/tty.usbmodem1411)

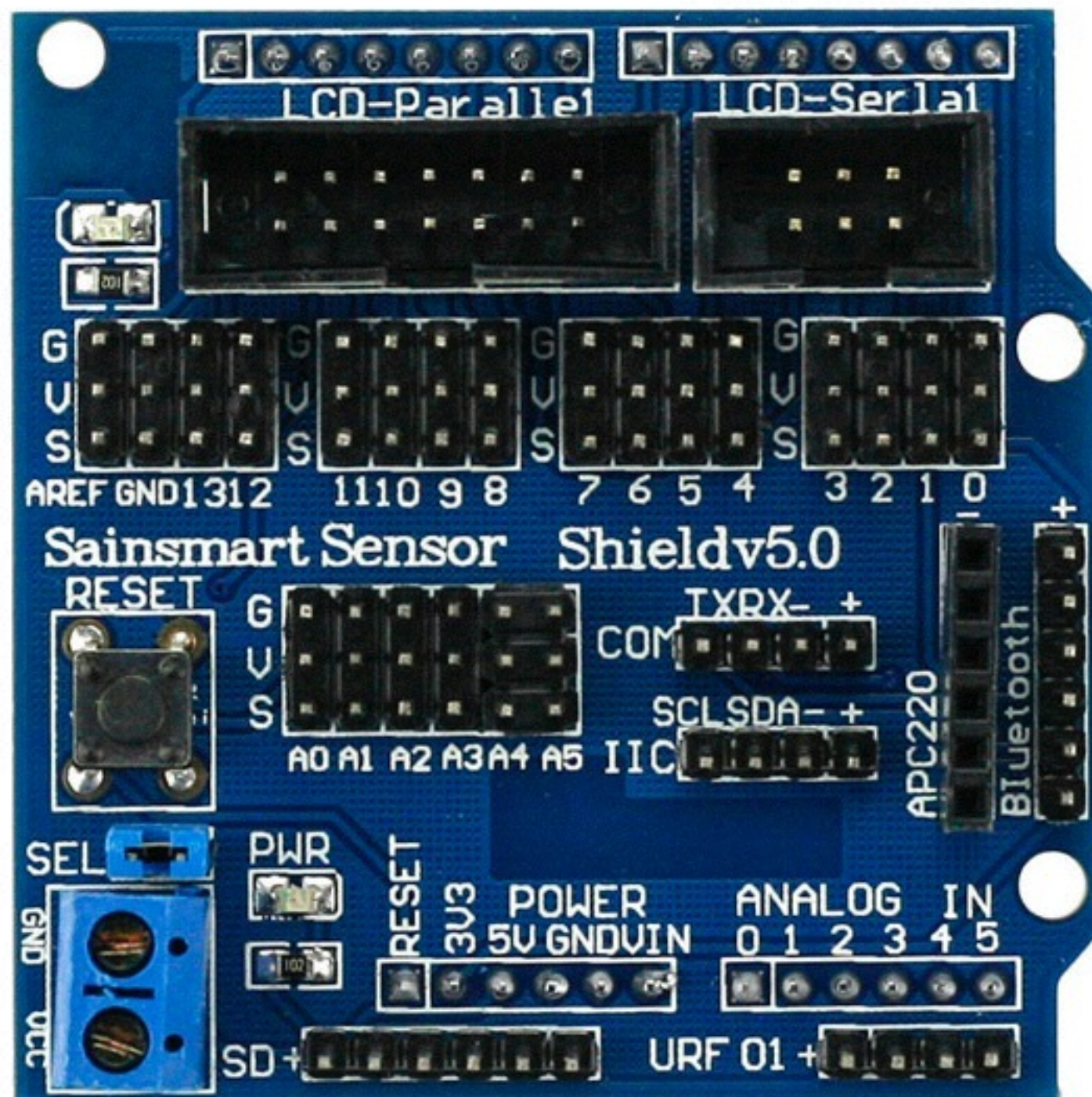
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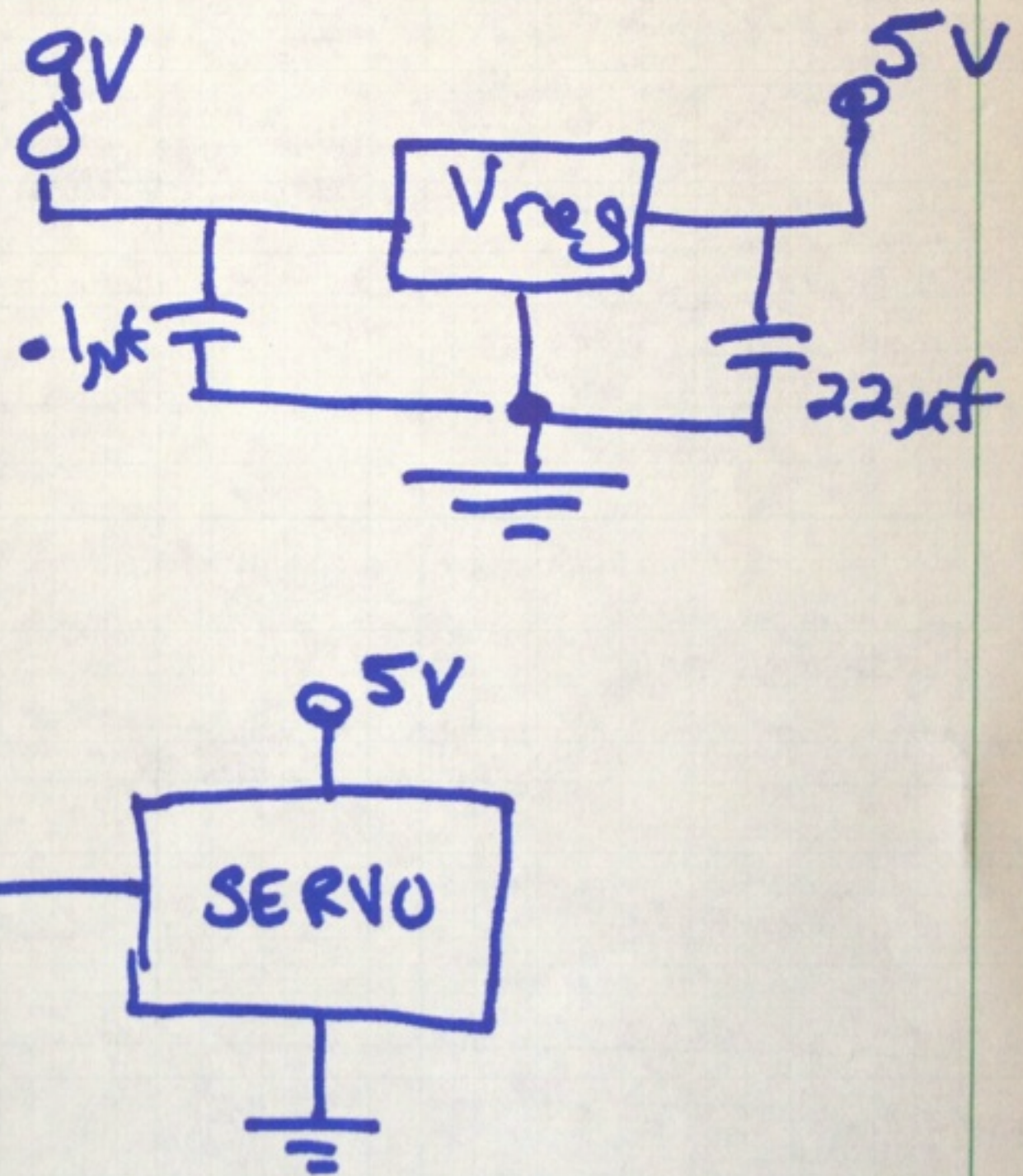
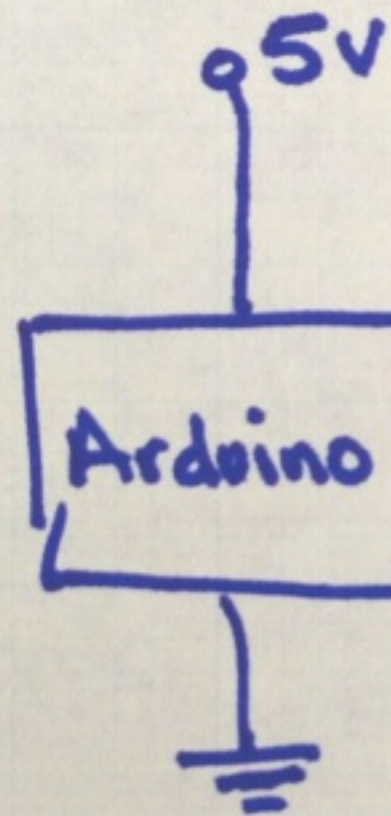
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HC-SR04 Method

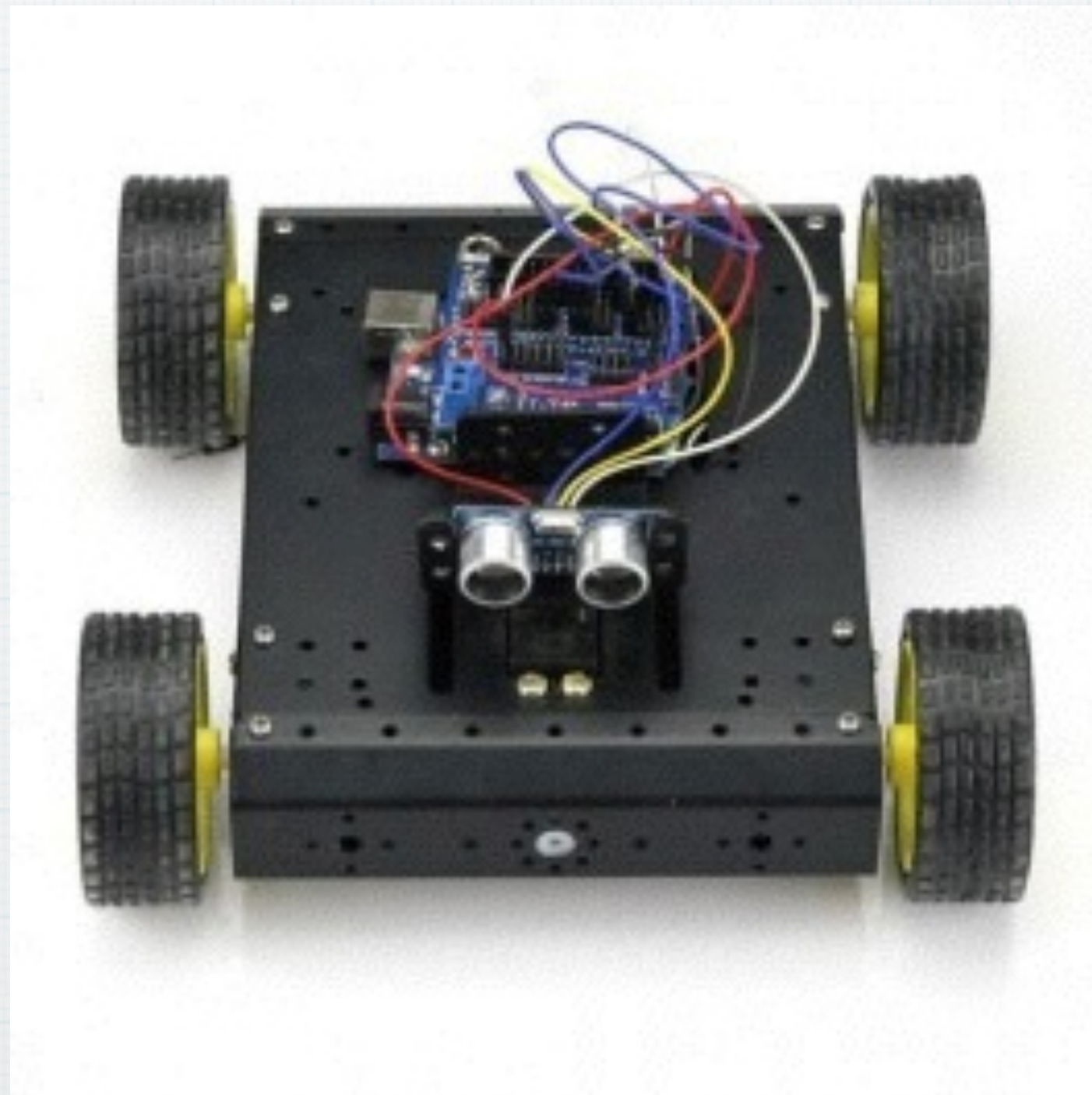
```
//measure distance, unit "cm"
long MeasuringDistance() {
    // Calculates the Distance in cm
    float cm; //define variables for distance sensor
    // ((time)*(Speed of sound))/ toward and backward of object) = Width of Echo pulse, in uS (micro second)
    // How to call the function: long Distance_cm = Distance(Duration); // Use function to calculate the distance
    long duration;
    long adjust = 1.15; // Calibration adjustment based on actual measurement test
    //pinMode(TrigPin, OUTPUT);
    digitalWrite(TrigPin, LOW);
    delayMicroseconds(2);
    digitalWrite(TrigPin, HIGH);
    delayMicroseconds(5);
    digitalWrite(TrigPin, LOW);
    //pinMode(EchoPin, INPUT);
    duration = pulseIn(EchoPin, HIGH);
    return duration / 29 / 2 + adjust; // Actual calculation in centimeters
}
```







* More than 2 servos need their own power supply



Light Sensor Example

```
pet_light_follow | Arduino 1.0.6

pet_light_follow
19 Serial.begin(19200);
20
21 }
22
23 void loop()
24 {
25   readLightSensors();
26   if(abs(ldrRValue - ldrLValue) > tolerance)
27   {
28     if(ldrRValue > ldrLValue)
29     {
30       turnRight();
31     }
32     else
33     {
34       turnLeft();
35     }
36   }
37   else
38   {
39     moveForward();
40   }
41 }
42
43 void readLightSensors()
44 {
45   ldrRValue = analogRead(ldrRight);
46   ldrLValue = analogRead(ldrLeft);
47   /* |
48    Serial.println("Right Value ");
49    Serial.print(ldrRValue);
50    Serial.println();
51    Serial.println("Left Value ");
52    Serial.print(ldrLValue);
53    Serial.println();
54    */
55   delay(50);
56 }
57
```


Code Repositories

- * <https://github.com/gmossy/Sainsmart-4WD-Robot>

Reference Links

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