

Lesson 1 - Make The Car Move

Points of this section Learning part:

- Learn how to use Arduino IDE
- Make the car move by uploading program

Preparations:

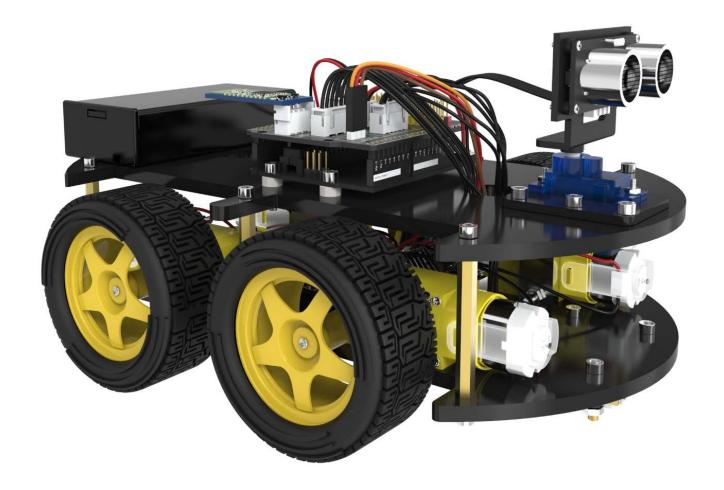
- One car (with a battery)
- One USB cable



I . Introduction of the car

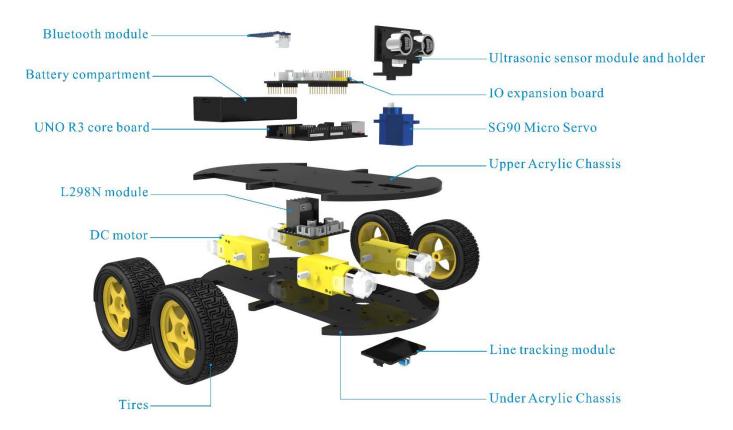
This kit is an extremely flexible vehicular kit particularly designed for education, competition and entertainment purposes. The upper panel of the kit is directly compatible with 9-gram steering engine. It also carries supersonic sensor, battery and other fixed holes to facilitate installation of various sensors. This is a very funny and versatile robot that meets learning and production purposes. With it, you can implement diverse interesting ideas, such as Bluetooth and infrared remote control, automatic avoidance of obstacles, and line inspection.

Let's describe the small vehicle that will accompany us for a long time in the future.





Each parts of the car is as below:



Function of each part:

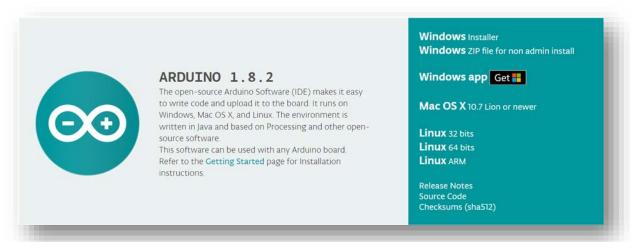
- 1. Battery holder with a switch: provide power supply for the vehicle
- 2. Electric motor + wheel: drive the vehicle to move
- 3. acrylic plate: the frame of the car
- 4. L298N motor driving board: drive the motor to rotate
- 5. UNO controller board: the brain of the car, controls all the parts
- 6. V5 sensor expansion board: combined with the UNO, make the connection become more easier
- 7. Servo and cloud platform: enable the GP2Y0A21 distance sensor to rotate 180 degrees
- 8. Ultrasonic sensor module: distance measurement and obstacle avoidance
- 9. Line tracking module: black and white sensor for recognition of the white and black lanes
- 10. Infrared receiver and remote control: provide the infrared remote control function
- 11. Bluetooth module: provide the Bluetooth control function



Ⅱ. Upload program

Each movement of the vehicle is controlled by the program so it's necessary to get the program installed and set up correctly. We will use the Arduino Software IDE (Integrated Development Environment) as a programming tool.

STEP 1: Go to https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software and find below page.



The version available at this website is usually the latest version, and the actual version may be newer than the version in the picture.

STEP2: Download the development software that is suited for the operating system of your computer.

Take Windows as an example here.

You can install it using the EXE installation package or the green package.

Windows Installer
Windows ZIP file for non admin install

The following is the exe implementation of the installation procedures.

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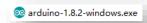
Windows Installer

Press the button "JUST DOWNLOAD" to download the software.

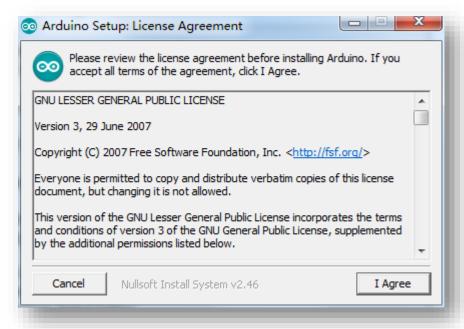




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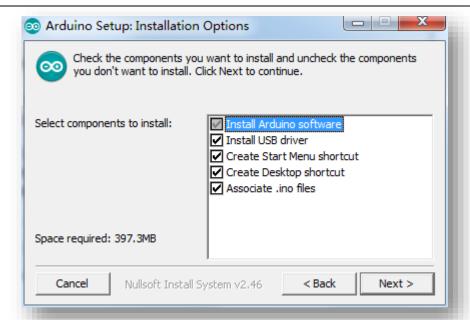


These are available in the materials we provide, and the versions of our materials are the latest versions when this course was made.

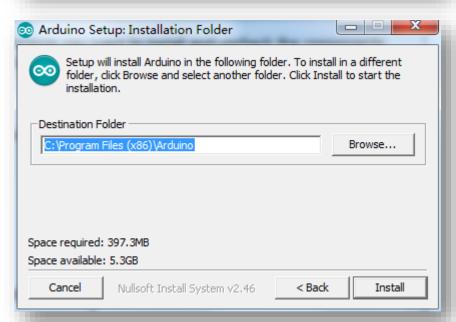


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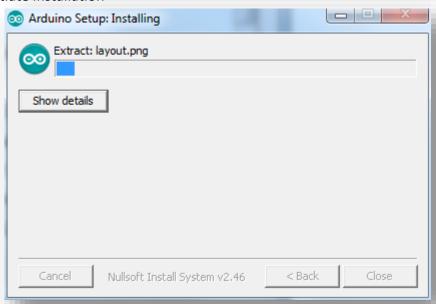




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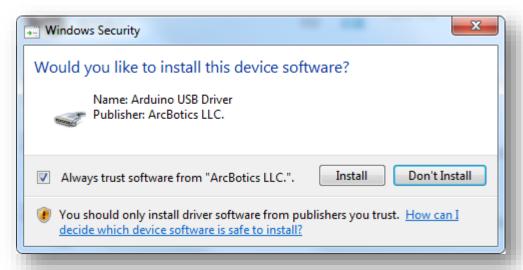
Press Install to initiate installation





Finally, the following interface appears, you should choose Install to ensure correctness of

development



Next, the following icon appears on the desktop



Double-click to enter the desired development environment

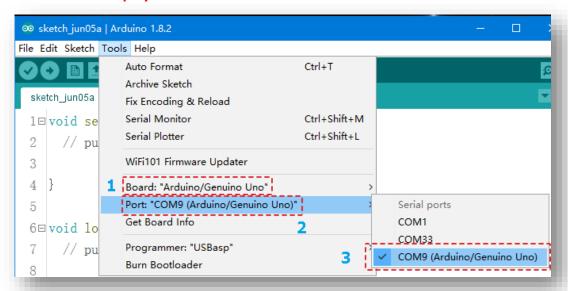


STEP3: Connect the car to the computer.



STEP 4: Open the Arduino IDE. Select "Tool" → "Board:" → "Arduino/Genuino Uno". Select "Tool" → "Port:"→"COM (Arduino/Genuino Uno)".

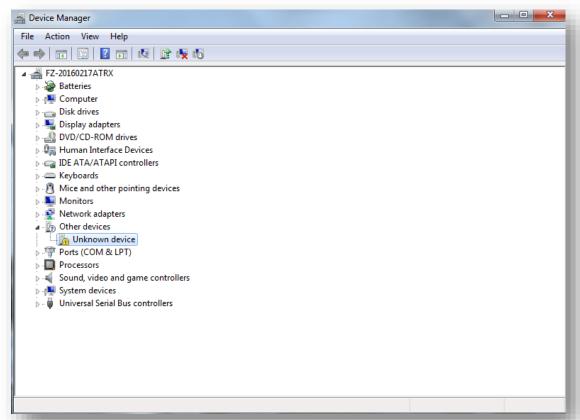
Each Arduino Uno board has a different COM number on the same computer and usually the COM number with a suffix name "(Arduino/Genuino Uno)" in Arduino 1.8.2. You should choose the COM number of the actual display.



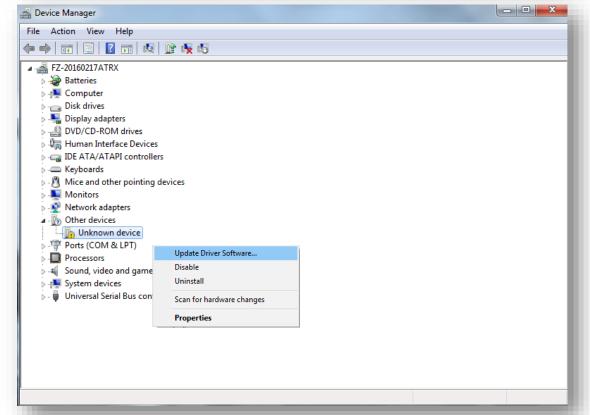
If you see the port "COM (Arduino/Genuino Uno)", it means that the vehicle has been connected correctly to the computer. In this case, you can jump to STEP 5 directly. Otherwise, you need to install the driver in the following way.

Open Device Manager by right clicking My Computer —— Management —— Device Manager



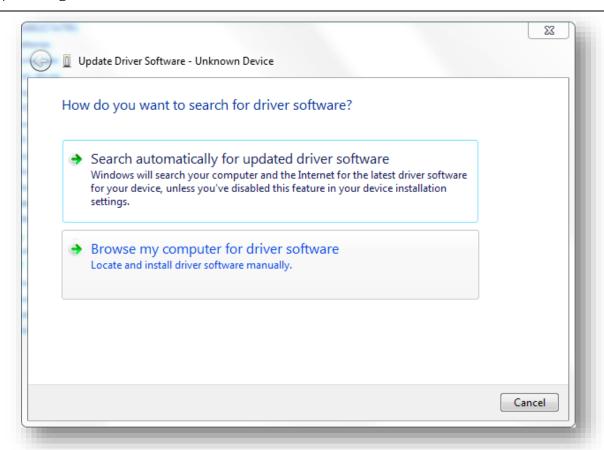


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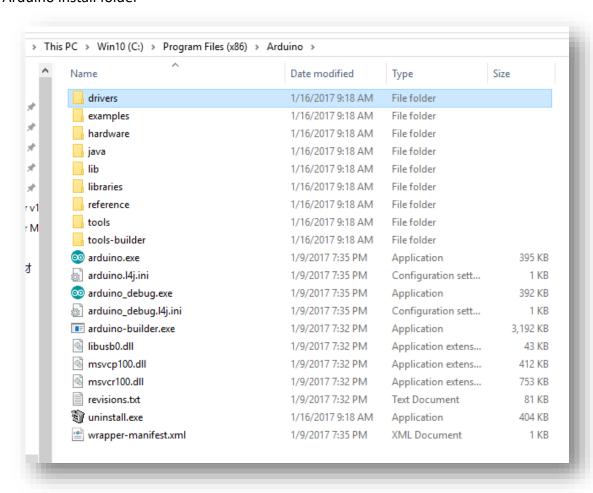


It shows that the driver has not been installed, and you need to click Browse my computer for driver software to find the drivers. The drives is in the Arduino folder. Normally you will install the folder in C:\Program Files (x86)\Arduino.



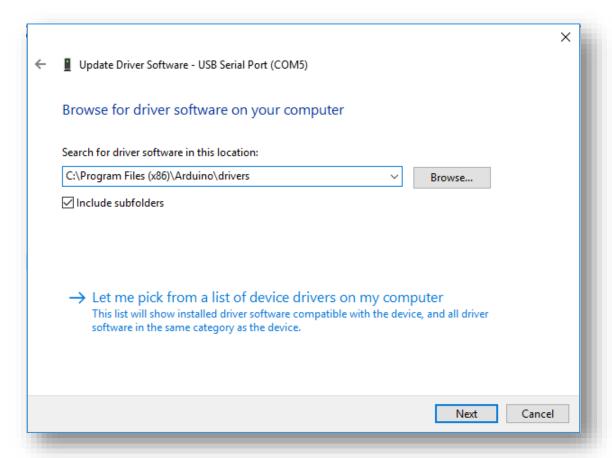


Arduino install folder

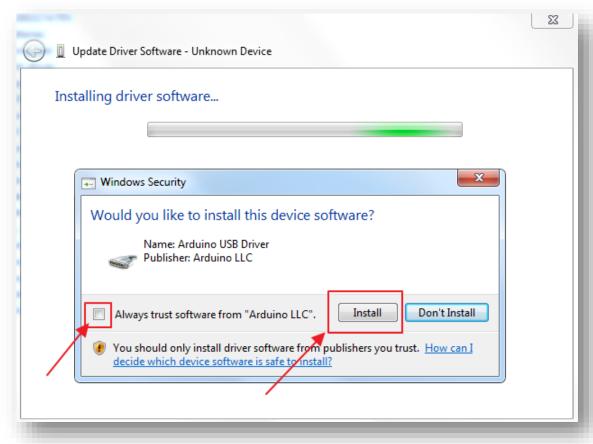




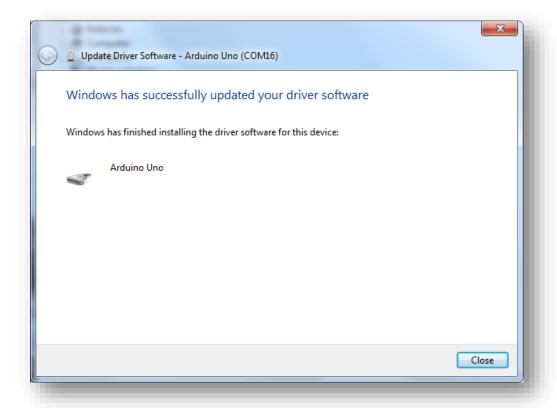
Select the Arduino driver folder



Install Arduino USB device

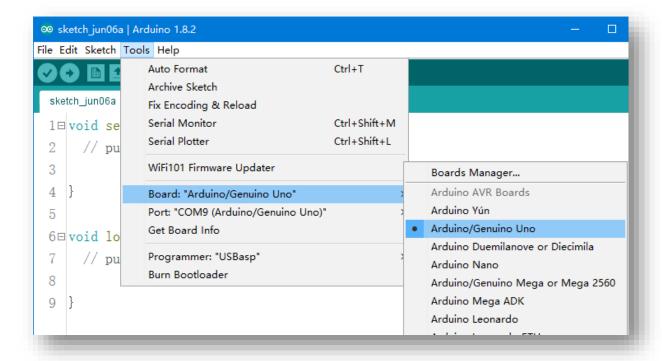






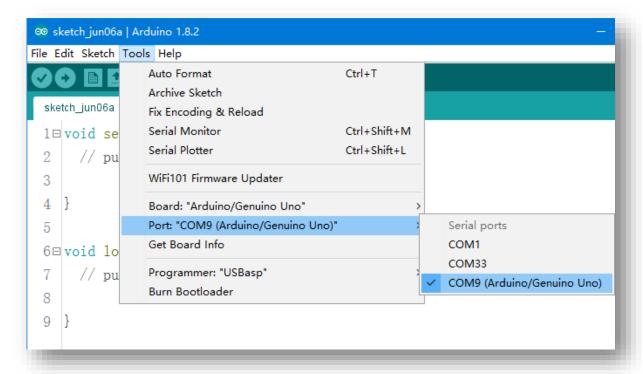
STEP5: After the driver is installed, please open the IDE and then click "Tools" \rightarrow "Board" \rightarrow

[&]quot;Arduino/Genuino Uno".





STEP6: Click "Tools"→"Port"→COM.

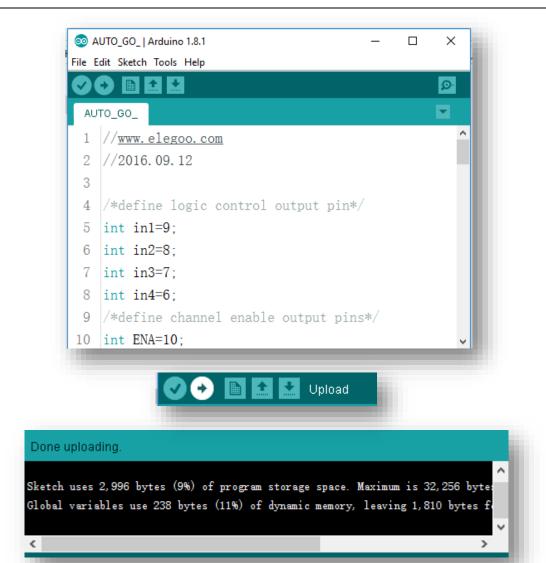


STEP7: Open the code file in the directory "\Lesson 1 Make The Car Move \AUTO_GO_\AUTO_GO_.ino" and upload to the UNO controller board.

TIPS: The bluetooth module should be pulled out when you upload the program every time, or it will be failed to upload the program.







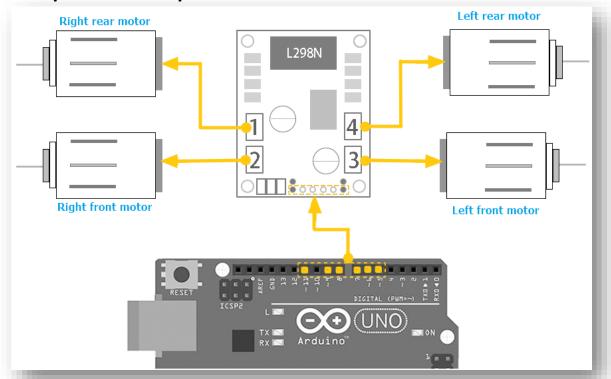
The picture above shows that it is uploaded successfully.

STEP8: Let's have a look at the results. Upload the program to the UNO controller board. After disconnecting the car to the computer, you can turn on the power switch and put the car on the ground. Then you will see the car moving.

Tips: Before turning on the power switch, check whether the battery is fully charged. If the battery is low, charge it in time. In the charging process, the charger shows a red LED indicates that the battery is not fully charged, the charger shows a blue LED indicates that it is fully charged.



Ⅲ. Description of Principles



How to use L298N motor driver board

Definition of the connection ports on L298N board have been marked above. The motors should be connected to the L298N board as the picture above, and if you find the rotational direction of one of the motors is opposite, please change the connecting position of its black and red wires.

L298N GND is connected to battery box GND;

L298N VCC is connected to battery box VCC;

UNO board is also connected to battery box.

L298N 5V here cannot be connected to UNO 5V;

ENA and ENB control the speed of right motor and speed of left motor separately by PWM.

IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4: IN1 and IN2 are used to control left motor, IN3 and IN4 are used to control right motor. About the principle, please look at the sheet below: (We take left motor for example)

ENB	IN1	IN2	DC MOTOR STATUS
0	Х	Х	STOP
1	0	0	BRAKING
1	1	0	FORWARD
1	0	1	BACKWARD
1	1	1	BARKING



IV. Make the Car Move

The first step: Drive the motor

We will try to move the motor without speed controlling. Because it is easy to write program without speed controlling.

First of all, let's see the connection of the motor the L298N board, we will use Arduino 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 pins to control the car. 9 and 11 pins control the right wheel. 7 and 8 pins control the left wheel. 5 and 6 pins control ENA and ENB.

So the connection is as below:

L298N	V5 expansion board	
ENB	5	
ENA	6	
IN1	7	
IN2	8	
IN3	9	
IN4	11	

Based on the sheet given above, we first design a simple program to make the right wheel turn 0.5s in positive direction, stop 0.5s, turn 0.5s in negative direction and stop 0.5s. And the wheel will repeat the reaction.

Connect the UNO controller board to the computer, open the code file in the path "\Lesson 1 Make The Car Move\right_wheel_rotation\ right_wheel_rotation.ino". Upload the program to the UNO board.



```
//www.elegoo.com
      Right motor truth table
//Here are some handy tables to show the various modes of operation.
// ENA
              IN3
                            IN4
                                      Description
// LOW
        Not Applicable Not Applicable Motor is off
// HIGH
              LOW
                            LOW
                                      Motor is stopped (brakes)
                                      Motor is on and turning forwards
// HIGH
              LOW
                            HIGH
```



```
// HIGH
              HIGH
                            LOW
                                       Motor is on and turning backwards
// HIGH
                            HIGH
              HIGH
                                       Motor is stopped (brakes)
// define IO pin
#define ENA 6
#define IN3 9
#define IN4 11
//init the car
void setup() {
 pinMode(IN3, OUTPUT); //set IO pin mode OUTPUT
 pinMode(IN4, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ENA, OUTPUT);
 digitalWrite(ENA, HIGH); //Enable right motor
//mian loop
void loop() {
 digitalWrite(IN3, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN4, HIGH); //Right wheel turning forwards
 delay(1000);
                          //delay 500ms
 digitalWrite(IN3, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN4, LOW);
                         //Right wheel stoped
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN4, LOW); //Right wheel turning backwards
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN4, HIGH); //Right wheel stoped
 delay(1000);
```

Disconnect it from the computer, and then switch on the car's power supply. You will see that the right wheel moves as you expected.

If the car is not moving, press the reset button on the UNO board.

If the moving direction of the motor is different from the direction you set, you can change the connection of black and red lines from the motor to L298N board.

Then, we make the left wheel rotate in the same way.

Connect the UNO controller board to the computer, open the code file in the path "Lesson 1 Make The Car Move\Left_wheel_rotation\ Left_wheel_rotation.ino". Upload the program to the UNO board.





```
//www.elegoo.com
    Left motor truth table
//Here are some handy tables to show the various modes of operation.
// ENB
              IN1
                             IN2
                                        Description
// LOW
       Not Applicable
                          Not Applicable Motor is off
                                        Motor is stopped (brakes)
// HIGH
              LOW
                             LOW
// HIGH
              HIGH
                             LOW
                                        Motor is on and turning forwards
// HIGH
             LOW
                                        Motor is on and turning backwards
                             HIGH
                                        Motor is stopped (brakes)
// HIGH
              HIGH
                             HIGH
// define IO pin
#define ENB 5
#define IN1 7
#define IN2 8
//init the car
void setup() {
 pinMode(IN1, OUTPUT);
                         //set IO pin mode OUTPUT
 pinMode(IN2, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ENB, OUTPUT);
 digitalWrite(ENB, HIGH); //Enable left motor
}
//mian loop
void loop() {
 digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW); //Right wheel turning forwards
                        //delay 500ms
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW); //Right wheel stoped
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2, HIGH); //Right wheel turning backwards
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN2, HIGH); //Right wheel stoped
```



```
delay(1000);
}
```

Disconnect it from the computer, and then switch on the car's power supply. You will see that the right wheel moves as you expected.

The second step: Move forward and backward

After finishing debugging the car, you can write programs to make the car move.

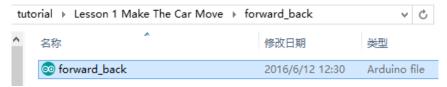
Below is the way how car moves:

CAR	forward	back	stop
Left wheel	Forward	back	stop
Right wheel	Forward	back	stop

CAR	Turn left	Turn right	stop
Left wheel	back	Forward	Stop
Right wheel	forward	back	stop

Next, we will write a simple program to make the car go forward 0.5s , then stop 0.5s, then back up 0.5s and then stop 0.5s.

Connect the UNO controller board to the computer, open the code file in the path "Lesson 1 Make The Car Move\forward_back\forward_back.ino". Upload the program to the UNO board.



```
//www.elegoo.com
     Left motor truth table
// ENA
              IN1
                              IN2
                                         Description
                                            Motor is off
// LOW
         Not Applicable
                          Not Applicable
                                         Motor is stopped (brakes)
// HIGH
              LOW
                              LOW
// HIGH
              HIGH
                              LOW
                                         Motor is on and turning forwards
                                         Motor is on and turning backwards
// HIGH
              LOW
                              HIGH
// HIGH
              HIGH
                              HIGH
                                         Motor is stopped (brakes)
```



```
// Right motor truth table
// ENB
                           IN4
                                     Description
              IN3
// LOW Not Applicable Not Applicable Motor is off
// HIGH
              LOW
                           LOW
                                     Motor is stopped (brakes)
// HIGH
                                      Motor is on and turning forwards
              LOW
                            HIGH
// HIGH
                                      Motor is on and turning backwards
              HIGH
                            LOW
// HIGH
              HIGH
                                      Motor is stopped (brakes)
                            HIGH
     The direction of the car's movement
// Left motor
               Right motor
                              Description
// stop(off)
               stop(off)
                              Car is stopped
// forward
                              Car is running forwards
                forward
// forward
                backward
                              Car is turning right
// backward
                forward
                              Car is turning left
// backward
                backward
                              Car is running backwards
//define the L298n IO pin
#define ENB 5
#define IN1 7
#define IN2 8
#define IN3 9
#define IN4 11
#define ENA 6
void setup() {
 pinMode(ENB, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN1, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN2, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN3, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN4, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ENA, OUTPUT);
 digitalWrite(ENA, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(ENB, HIGH);
}
void loop() {
 digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN3, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN4, HIGH); //go forward
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN3, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN4, LOW); //stop
```



```
delay(1000);
digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
digitalWrite(IN2, HIGH);
digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH);
digitalWrite(IN4, LOW); //go back
delay(1000);
digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH);
digitalWrite(IN4, HIGH); //stop
delay(1000);
}
```

Upload the program to the UNO board, disconnect it from the computer, and then switch on the car's power supply. You will see that the right wheel moves as you expected.

The third step: Write the program

It may be a difficult for you to write the whole program to make the car move automatically. So we separate the movements into different function, for example moving forward and turning left. And when we write the program in the final step, we can call the function.

Next, we begin to write programs for each movement:

```
void forward(){
  digitalWrite(ENA,HIGH); //enable L298n A channel
  digitalWrite(ENB,HIGH); //enable L298n B channel
  digitalWrite(IN1,HIGH); //set IN1 hight level
  digitalWrite(IN2,LOW); //set IN2 low level
  digitalWrite(IN3,LOW); //set IN3 low level
  digitalWrite(IN4,HIGH); //set IN4 hight level
  Serial.println("Forward");//send message to serial monitor
}

void back(){
  digitalWrite(ENA,HIGH);
  digitalWrite(ENB,HIGH);
  digitalWrite(IN1,LOW);
  digitalWrite(IN2,HIGH);
  digitalWrite(IN2,HIGH);
  digitalWrite(IN3,HIGH);
```



```
digitalWrite(IN4,LOW);
 Serial.println("Back");
}
void left(){
 digitalWrite(ENA, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(ENB, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN1,LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2,HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN3,LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN4,HIGH);
 Serial.println("Left");
void right(){
 digitalWrite(ENA,HIGH);
 digitalWrite(ENB, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN1,HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN2,LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN3,HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN4,LOW);
 Serial.println("Right");
```

The fourth step: Move automatically

We start to write program to make the car move automatically: go forward 0.4s - back up 0.4s - turn left 0.4s - turn right 0.4s.

Connect the UNO controller board to the computer, open the code file in the directory "Lesson 1 Make The Car Move\ auto_go \auto_go.ino". Upload the program to the UNO board.



```
//www.elegoo.com

// The direction of the car's movement

// ENA ENB IN1 IN2 IN3 IN4 Description

// HIGH HIGH LOW LOW HIGH Car is runing forward
```



```
// HIGH HIGH LOW
                   HIGH HIGH LOW
                                   Car is runing back
// HIGH HIGH LOW HIGH LOW
                              HIGH Car is turning left
// HIGH HIGH HIGH LOW
                                    Car is turning right
                         HIGH LOW
// HIGH HIGH LOW
                   LOW
                         LOW
                              LOW
                                   Car is stoped
// HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH Car is stoped
// LOW LOW N/A N/A N/A N/A Car is stoped
//define L298n module IO Pin
#define ENB 5
#define IN1 7
#define IN2 8
#define IN3 9
#define IN4 11
#define ENA 6
void forward(){
 digitalWrite(ENA, HIGH);
                            //enable L298n A channel
 digitalWrite(ENB, HIGH);
                            //enable L298n B channel
 digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH);
                            //set IN1 hight level
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
                           //set IN2 low level
 digitalWrite(IN3, LOW);
                           //set IN3 low level
 digitalWrite(IN4, HIGH);
                            //set IN4 hight level
 Serial.println("Forward"); //send message to serial monitor
}
void back(){
 digitalWrite(ENA, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(ENB, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN4, LOW);
 Serial.println("Back");
}
void left(){
 digitalWrite(ENA, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(ENB, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN3, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN4, HIGH);
 Serial.println("Left");
```



```
}
void right(){
 digitalWrite(ENA, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(ENB, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN4, LOW);
 Serial.println("Right");
//before execute loop() function,
//setup() function will execute first and only execute once
void setup() {
 Serial.begin(9600);
                        //open serial and set the baudrate
 pinMode(IN1, OUTPUT); //before useing io pin, pin mode must be set first
 pinMode(IN2, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN3, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN4, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ENA, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ENB, OUTPUT);
//Repeat execution
void loop() {
             //go forward
 forward();
 delay(1000); //delay 1000 ms
 back();
             //go back
 delay(1000);
 left();
           //turning left
 delay(1000);
 right();
             //turning right
 delay(1000);
```

Disconnect it from the computer, and then switch on the car's power supply. You will see that the wheel moves as you expected.



The fifth step: speed_control

The code to achieve the function is to control the speed of the car: go forward and reduce the speed \rightarrow stop 1s \rightarrow running back and accelerate \rightarrow stop 2s.

Connect the UNO controller board to the computer, open the code file in the directory "Lesson 1 Make The Car Move\speed_control\ speed_control\.ino". Upload the program to the UNO board.



```
//www.elegoo.com
#define ENB 5
#define ENA 6
#define IN1 7
#define IN2 8
#define IN3 9
#define IN4 11
void setup() {
 pinMode(IN1,OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN2,OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN3,OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN4,OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ENA,OUTPUT);
 pinMode(ENB,OUTPUT);
void loop() {
 //go forward
 digitalWrite(IN1,HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN2,LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN3,LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN4,HIGH);
 //reduce the speed
 for(int i = 255; i \ge 0; i--){
   analogWrite(ENB,i);
   analogWrite(ENA,i);
   delay(20);
 }
```



```
//stop
 analogWrite(ENB,0); //speed = 0
 analogWrite(ENA, 0);
 delay(1000);
 //runing back
 digitalWrite(IN1,LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2,HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN3,HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN4,LOW);
 //accelerate
 for(int i = 0; i <= 255; i++){</pre>
   analogWrite(ENB,i);
   analogWrite(ENA,i);
   delay(20);
 }
 //stop
 digitalWrite(ENB,LOW); //Motor is off
 digitalWrite(ENA,LOW);
 delay(2000);
}
```