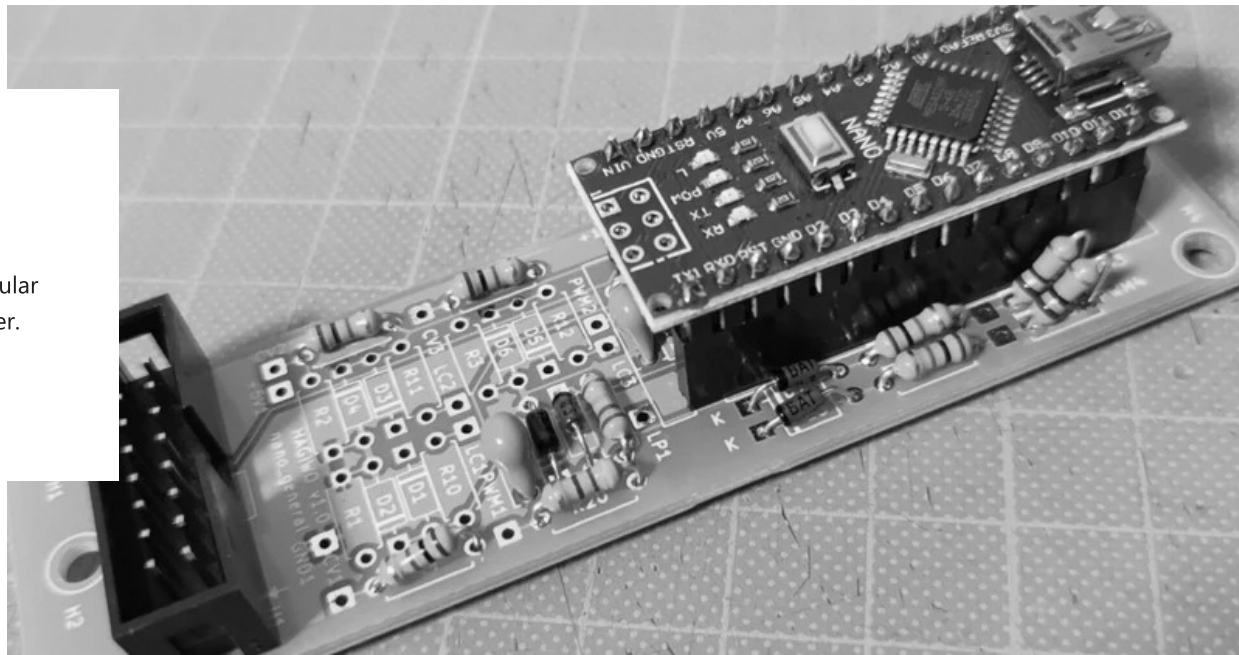




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## \$8 Dual Envelope generator arduino based-DIY Eurorack Modular Synthesizer

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I used the Arduino nano to build my own modular synthesizer Dual Envelope generator (EG), so that's a memoir.



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[ \$8 ] DIY eurorack modular synth Dual EG with my 1st time PCB fr...



## background

This is the 46th work of his modular synth.

I had never designed a printed circuit board (PCB). I've designed a PCB front



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panel, but I've never designed a PCB that uses electronic components. The purpose of my DIY modular synth is to master the technique. In order to learn board design, we planned a project using PCBs.

When you use a PCB manufacturing service like PCBWay, you can make your board for about 2,000 yen (including shipping). However, since the minimum lot quantity is from 5pcs, it leaves PCB redundant. This time, we decided to design a general-purpose board based on the Arduino nano that can be diverted to multiple modules.

This time we will create a Dual EG. The reason is that programming is easy. This time, we will concentrate on board design. We wanted to minimize the effort required for circuit design and programming.

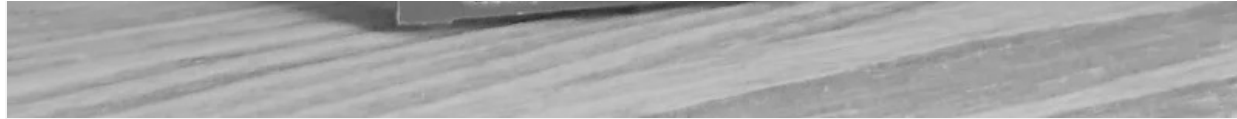


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## is of the production

ick Standard 3U 8HP Size

Power Supply: Operates from a single 50mA (at5V) / 49mA (at12V)

5V supply. Or can operate from a single 12V supply.

Arduino nano-based.

Attack: Control

Attack Time Release: Control

Release Time Level: Attenuation/Amplification

of Output Voltage  $\tau$  (Time Constant): Deformation of the envelope curve

Trigger IN: EG trigger (0-5V) OUT: EG voltage output (0-5V)



" $\tau$ " is read as "tau" in Greek.

In electrical and electronic engineering, it is used as a symbol to indicate a time constant.



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time constant, simply put, is the shape of the voltage curve.

**time constant - Wikipedia**

Wikipedia.org

By changing the  $\tau$  parameter, the voltage curve of the EG can be changed.

The voltage curve is selected from 16 types of graphs.

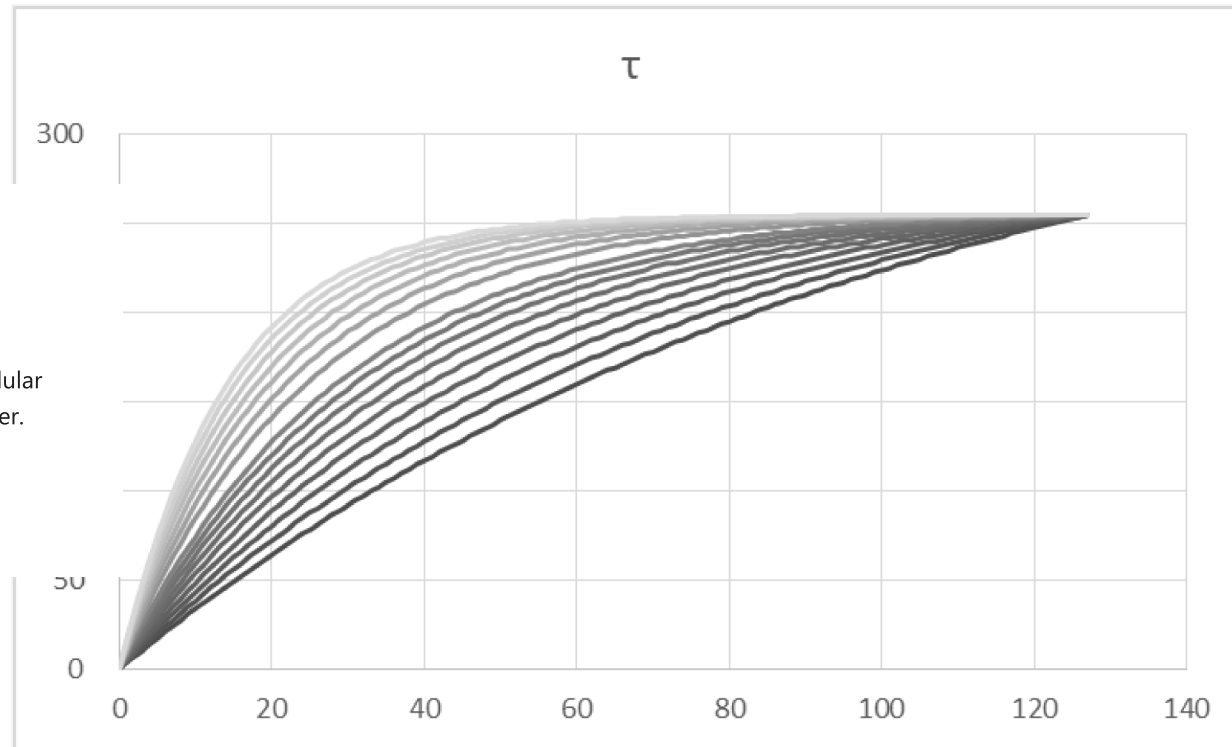
The resolution is 2 bytes due to the convenience of the flash area of the Arduino.



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## Production cost

Total amount about 850 yen (when using a universal board instead of a PCB)

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Arduino nano 200 yen front panel 150 yen variable resistance 28 yen \* 8pcs  
jack 8 yen

\* 4

Others (For general-purpose parts, please refer to the link below)



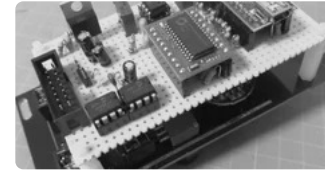
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## モジュラーシンセ自作で使う安価な部品一覧

メモのついでに。適時更新。コストと品質の観点で記載、主観による。alibabaexpressはリンクを貼ってもすぐに切れるので、画像で残す。値段は購入当分の。昨今は値動きが激しい。品質は私の経験値。よって母数は数...



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ordering a PCB, 100 yen/pcs + shipping fee will be added.

**hardware**

**circuit**



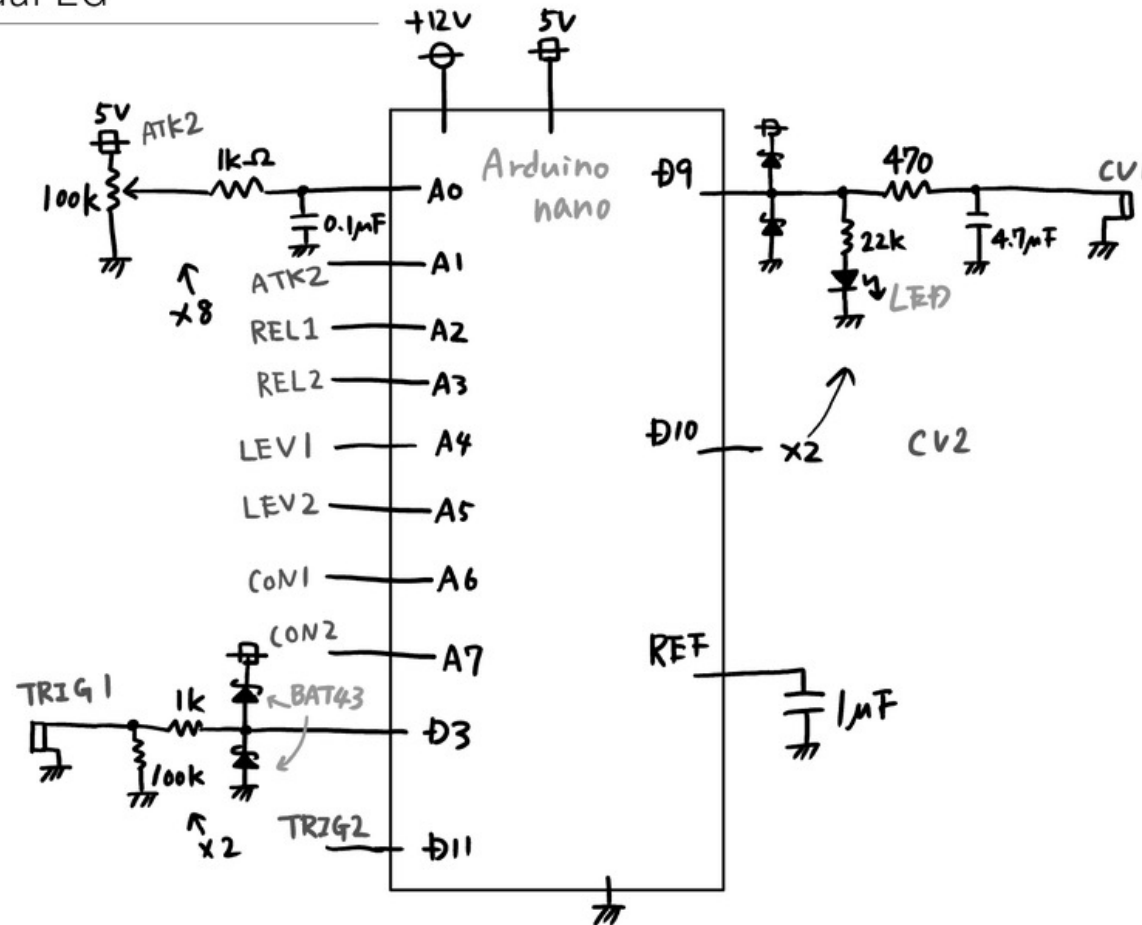


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## Dual EG



A simple circuit with 8 variable resistor inputs, 2 gate inputs, and 2 CV outputs.

It's the same configuration as the Arduino nano-based CV modules I've created in the past.



The CV smooths the PWM with an RC low-pass filter.

By increasing the PWM frequency at high speed, the voltage ripple is reduced and the output resistance is reduced.



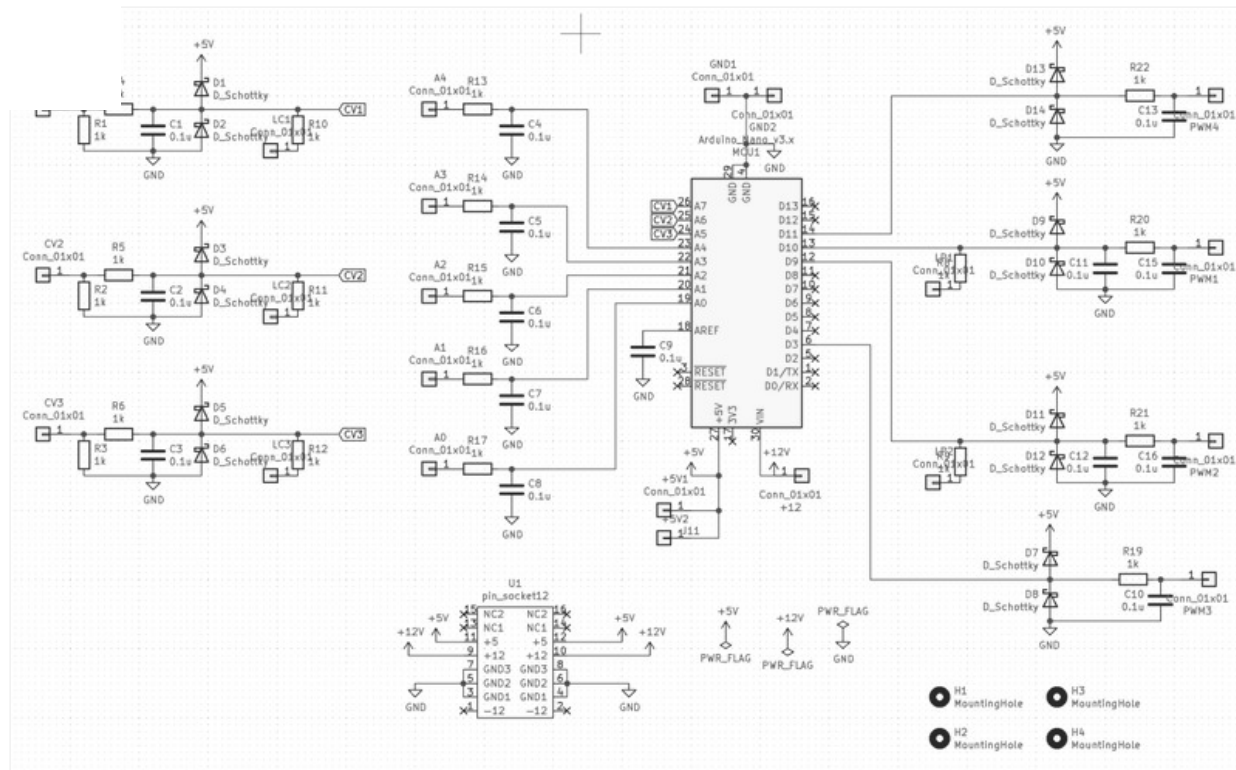
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all output resistance eliminates the need for an op amp buffer.

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## [Printed Circuit Board]

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The general-purpose board for the Arduino nano created this time will be called a "Genaral board". As mentioned above, it was designed with the



assumption that it will be used in multiple projects using Arduino nano.

\* AD input\*8

with variable resistor, CV input\*3



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output\*2 (including LED lighting circuit),

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as can be designed by sifting through these functions.

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al EG uses

AD input\*8

with variable resistors, CV output\*2 (including LED lighting circuit),

and I/O\*2

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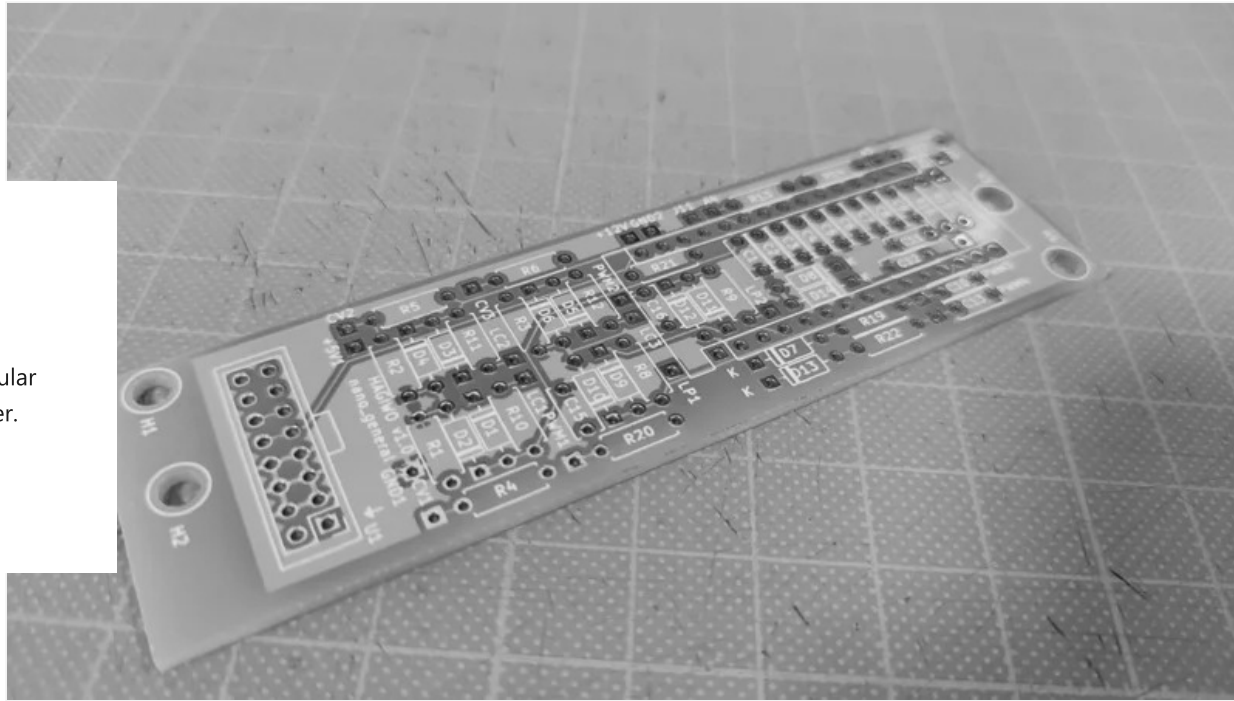
Electronic components of unused circuits are not mounted.



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KiCAD was used for board design.

The width is 29 mm, and it supports 6 HP modules.

The height is 99mm. Since the price of a PCB rises significantly when it exceeds 100 mm, the cost can be lowered if it is 100 mm or less.

Autorouting uses Freerouter v1.4.5.1, not KiCAD.



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基板設計は今回が初めてだが、問題なく動く基板を作ることが出来た。  
製造サービスはいつも通りPCBWayを使用。春節明けてすぐの注文だった

が、デザインレビューも製造も混乱なくスムーズに進んだ。



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特に難しいことはしてない。

高速PWMでCVを作成することについては、過去の私の記事でも説明済み

だ



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Constant)は事前にエクセルで計算した結果を、Arduinoの配列に格納  
る。CR Time constantの計算はArduinoの様な非力なMCUだと難しい

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EGカーブの算出式



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## ソースコード

粗末だが公開する。悪い点があれば指摘を貰えると嬉しい。

```
#include <avr/io.h> //for fast PWM

int atk1, atk2, rel1, rel2, lev1, lev2, con1, con2, out1, out2, count1, count2;
//count -- 0 is not triggerd , 1 is attack duration , 2 is release duration.
bool in1, in2, old_in1, old_in2;
```



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```
int i = 0; //CH1 count
int j = 0; //CH2 count
int last_out1 = 0; //If retriggered at the release time, the CV voltage will be restarted
int last_out2 = 0;
long timer1 = 0;
    g timer2 = 0;
```

```
    static byte curve[16][128] PROGMEM = {
    0, 4, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 27, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 7
    0, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 27, 31, 35, 38, 42, 46, 49, 53, 56, 59, 63, 66, 69, 72, 75, 7
    0, 5, 9, 14, 18, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63, 66, 70, 73, 77, 80, 84, 8
    0, 5, 10, 16, 20, 25, 30, 35, 39, 44, 48, 53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73, 77, 81, 85, 89, 92,
    0, 6, 12, 17, 23, 28, 34, 39, 44, 49, 54, 58, 63, 68, 72, 76, 81, 85, 89, 93, 97, 100,
    0, 7, 13, 19, 25, 31, 37, 43, 48, 54, 59, 64, 69, 74, 79, 83, 88, 92, 96, 101, 105, 10
    0, 7, 14, 21, 28, 34, 41, 47, 53, 58, 64, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 99, 104, 108, 113, 1
    0, 8, 16, 23, 30, 37, 44, 51, 57, 63, 69, 75, 81, 86, 92, 97, 102, 107, 111, 116, 120,
    {0, 9, 17, 25, 33, 40, 48, 55, 62, 68, 74, 81, 87, 92, 98, 103, 108, 113, 118, 123, 128
    {0, 10, 20, 29, 38, 47, 55, 63, 70, 78, 85, 91, 98, 104, 110, 116, 121, 127, 132, 137,
    {0, 11, 22, 32, 42, 52, 61, 69, 77, 85, 93, 100, 107, 113, 120, 126, 131, 137, 142, 147
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    {0, 15, 29, 42, 54, 66, 77, 87, 97, 106, 115, 123, 131, 138, 145, 151, 157, 163, 168, 1
    {0, 16, 31, 45, 58, 71, 82, 93, 103, 113, 122, 130, 138, 146, 152, 159, 165, 171, 176,
    {0, 17, 33, 48, 62, 75, 87, 99, 109, 119, 128, 137, 145, 152, 159, 166, 172, 177, 183,
    };
```

```
void setup()
{
    pinMode(3, INPUT) ; //Z button
    pinMode(11, INPUT) ; //C button
    pinMode(10, OUTPUT) ; //accelx
    pinMode(9, OUTPUT) ; //accely
    timer1 = micros();
    timer2 = micros();
    TCCR1B &= B11111000; //fast pwm setting
    TCCR1B |= B00000001; //fast pwm setting
    // Serial.begin(9600);
    delay(50);
}
```

```
void loop()
```



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```
{
  old_in1 = in1;
  old_in2 = in2;
  in1 = digitalRead(11); // trig input
  in2 = digitalRead(3); // trig input

  f (old_in1 == 0 && in1 == 1) { // if detect trigger
    if (count1 == 2) {
      last_out1 = out1;
    }
    else if (count1 != 2) {
      last_out1 = 0;
    }
    i = 0; // wave table count reset
    count1 = 1; // start attack duration
    atk1 = analogRead(1) * 12;
    rel1 = analogRead(2) * 16;
    lev1 = analogRead(4) / 4;
    con1 = analogRead(7) / 64;
  }

  else if (count1 == 1 && i > 127) { // attack duration end
    count1 = 2; // start release duration
  }
  else if (count1 == 2 && i > 255) { // release duration end
    count1 = 0;
  }

  if (old_in2 == 0 && in2 == 1) { // if detect trigger
    if (count2 == 2) {
      last_out2 = out2;
    }
    else if (count2 != 2) {
      last_out2 = 0;
    }
    j = 0; // wave table count reset
    count2 = 1; // start attack duration
    atk2 = analogRead(0) * 12;
    rel2 = analogRead(3) * 16;
    lev2 = analogRead(5) / 4;
    con2 = analogRead(6) / 64;
  }
}
```



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```
}

else if (count2 == 1 && j > 127) {//attack duration end
    count2 = 2;//start release duration
}

else if (count2 == 2 && j > 255) {//release duration end
    count2 = 0;

    /-----CV output buffer CH1-----
    if (count1 == 1) {//attack
        if (atk1 <= 32) {//Minimize atk time
            i = 128;
            count1 = 2;
        }
        out1 = (pgm_read_byte(&(curve[con1][i])));//store output voltage value
        if (timer1 + atk1 <= micros()) {
            i++;
            timer1 = micros();
        }
    }
}

else if (count1 == 2) {//release
    out1 = 255 - (pgm_read_byte(&(curve[con1][i - 128])));//store output voltage value
    if (timer1 + rel1 <= micros()) {
        i++;
        timer1 = micros();
    }
}

//-----CV output buffer CH2-----
if (count2 == 1) {//attack
    if (atk2 <= 32) {//Minimize atk time
        j = 128;
        count2 = 2;
    }
    out2 = (pgm_read_byte(&(curve[con2][j])));//store output voltage value
    if (timer2 + atk2 <= micros()) {
        j++;
        timer2 = micros();
    }
}
```



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```
}

else if (count2 == 2) {//release
  out2 = 255 - (pgm_read_byte(&(curve[con1][j - 128])));//store output voltage value
  if (timer2 + rel2 <= micros()) {
    j++;
    timer2 = micros();
  }

  /-----CV output-----
  WM_OUT();//CV out

  d PWM_OUT() {//PWM duty setting
    f (count1 == 1) {
      out1 = map(out1, 0, 255, last_out1, lev1);

    else if (count1 == 2) {
      out1 = map(out1, 0, 255, 0, lev1);
    }
    if (count2 == 1) {
      out2 = map(out2, 0, 255, last_out2, lev2);
    }
    else if (count2 == 2) {
      out2 = map(out2, 0, 255, 0, lev2);
    }
    analogWrite(10, out1);//PWM output
    analogWrite(9, out2);//PWM output
  }
}
```

