Mechatronics Lab 1

Name: _____

Due date: 09 / 11 Sep 14

Reading:

- Arduino getting started

Objectives:

- To gain experience programming the Arduino. All coding is to be done individually so that each student gains experience with the tools upon which all subsequent labs are based.
- To verify that software is installed and functional on students laptops
- To gain experience constructing circuits using a solderless breadboard
- To briefly introduce the wire wrap method
- To construct a functional Atmel ATmega328 (Sparkfun Arduino Pro Mini) breadboard circuit. This will be used in subsequent labs as well as homework assignments.

Deliverables:

- Source code is to be placed into a GitHub.com repository for the instructor to review. No credit will be given without this code.
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Pre lab Discussion Points

This exercise assumes that you have had at least some exposure to the solderless breadboarding in the past. Still, there many be aspects that you are unfamiliar with. Consider the following points as you begin to construct the circuit. Ask your instructor for assistance if you are unfamiliar with any of the concepts.

- Layout of the breadboard's interconnects
- Resistor color code
- Orientation of the breadboard; there is an "up" and "down" side
- Pin 1 identification
- Diode direction

Recommended Procedure:

Breadboarding an electronic circuit is an art. Like all skills, it takes time to develop. Ideally, you would construct the circuit several times striving to improve the layout with each iteration. Unfortunately, this activity would consume excessive amounts of time. To facilitate your construction efforts an instructor built board is available for you to copy.

The circuit should be constructed in stages as outlined below. Each stage should be tested before other stages are added. DO NOT attempt to construct the entire circuit before testing the individual sections.

- **Arduino Pro Mini** The Spark Fun Arduino Pro Mini has already been installed on your breadboard. As a first step you should test the device by opening the Arduino "blink" sketch and downloading the program to the Arduino. This is a good time to obtain signatures for Alpha tasks 1.1 to 1.3.
- **Power supply** The 5 VDC power supply is used for all electronics on the breadboard. Here a 7805 linear regulator is used to regulate the voltage taken from the 9 VDC battery. Construct the lower portion of the circuit as shown in the enclosed schematic. Connect the ground and 5 VDC output to the breadboard's horizontal power bus. Don't forget to connect the upper and lower rails. Use a voltmeter to verify that 5 VDC is present and that the regulator is cool to the touch.
- **Demo code** Sample code to use for this lab is available from:

  https://github.com/macee/mechatronics.git

  Work with your instructor to download the code, place in the appropriate directories, and flash it to the Arduino.
- **LCD** Connect the Liquid Quartz Display (LCD) module as shown on the schematic using a wirewrap method. When functioning the LCD should flash "Welcome to Mecha" every time the Arduino is reset. After the initial start up the LCD will display "V = XXXX, H = XXXX". Where XXXX is a fluctuating number.

- **Buzzer** Install the buzzer. When complete you should hear a series of tones when the Arduino is reset.
- **Joystick** When the joystick is installed the LCD XXXX numbers will be stable and respond to the vertical and horizontal joystick commands. The LED mounted on the Arduino (pin 13) will light when the joystick is pressed.
- **Tri colored LED** The Arduino will sequence the tri-colored LED during the initial startup.
- **Serial control** Work with your instructor to control the tri-colored LED via the Arduino IDE's "serial monitor" .

Alpha Tasks:

- A1.1 _____ Install the Arduino IDE on your laptop.
- A1.2 _____ Install the FTDI USB driver software on your laptop.
- A1.3 _____ Demonstrate the ability to program the Arduino by installing and running the example blink program.
- A1.4 _____ Construct the circuit presented in this lab using a combination of breadboard and wire wrap methods.
- A1.5 _____ Modify the code so that your name is printed to LCD line 1 and your home town appears on line 2. This should appear for 2 seconds upon start-up.
- A1.6 _____ Modify the code so that the LCD displays repeatedly counts from 0 to 9 with 0.5 seconds between counts. No other data should appear on the screen. Use of a FOR loop is recommended.
- A1.7 _____ Modify the code so that the Arduino beeps for 0.25 seconds every time the LCD count resets to zero.
- A1.8 _____ Establish a user account on GitHub.com. Email instructor your user name.
- A1.9 _____ Work with instructor to post this lab's code to your newly established https://github.com/macee account.

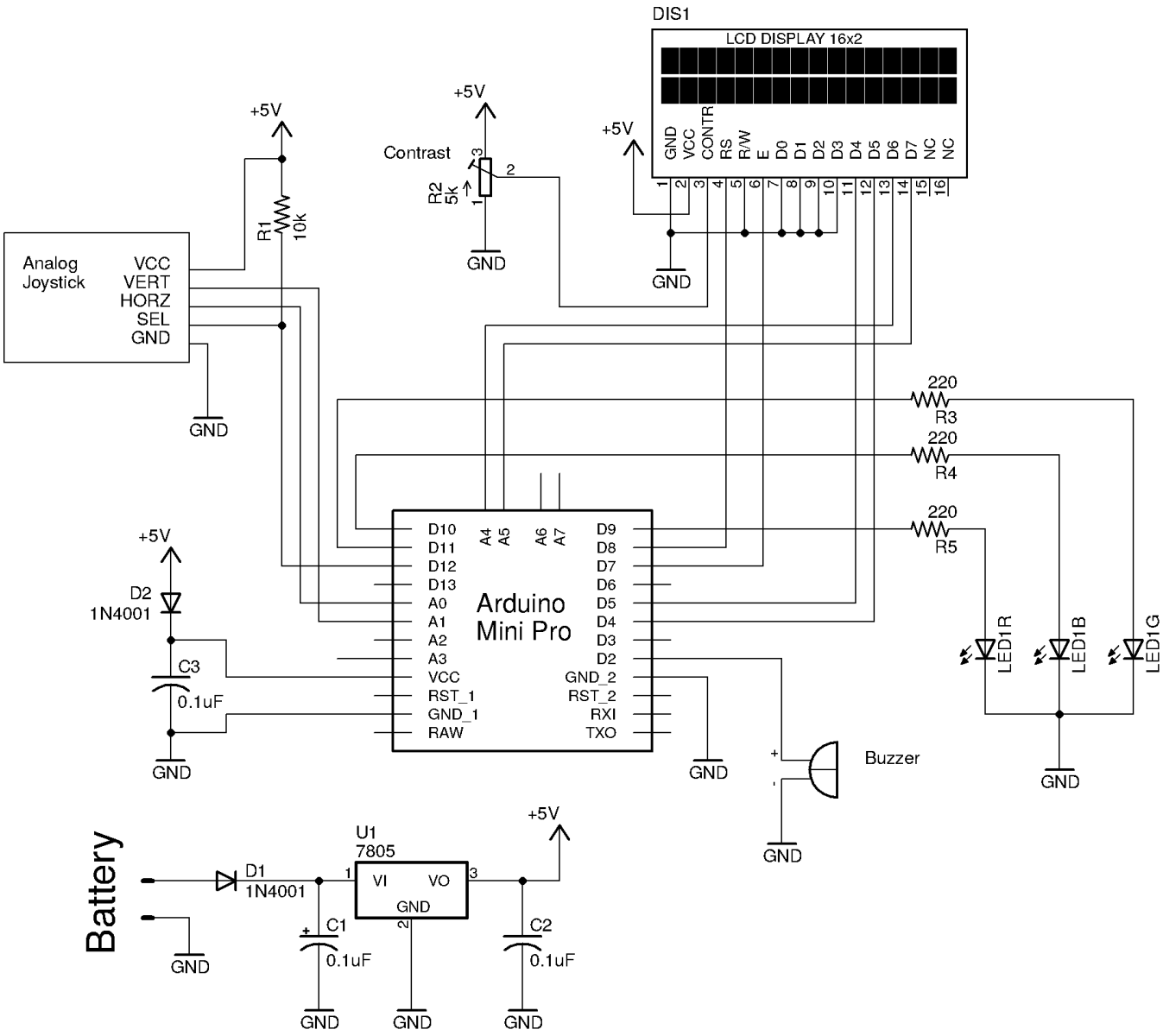
Bravo Tasks:

Locate the data sheets for the ATMEL ATmega328 and the Sparkfun Arduino Pro mini to answer B1.1 through B1.4:

- B1.1 _____ What is the minimum and maximum supply voltage for the ATMEL ATmega328?
- B1.2 _____ What is the maximum current any individual Arduino pin may source and sink? Also, what is the maximum combined current?
- B1.3 _____ What is the size of the ATmega328's RAM?
- B1.4 _____ Like nearly all data sheets, the ATMEL ATmega328's data sheet contains mechanical drawings for the device packages. For signature, show this drawing to your instructor and identify the acronym describing the package for the particular device used on the Sparkfun Arduino pro mini. Hint - it is not a UFBGA, MLF, PDIP, or a VQFN.
- B1.5 _____ State the purpose of Diodes D1 and D2 as shown in this lab's schematic.

Tips and Hints:

- Please resist the urge to remove your Arduino Pro Mini from the breadboard as it is easily damaged. Note that it has been positioned to allow clearance for parts in future labs.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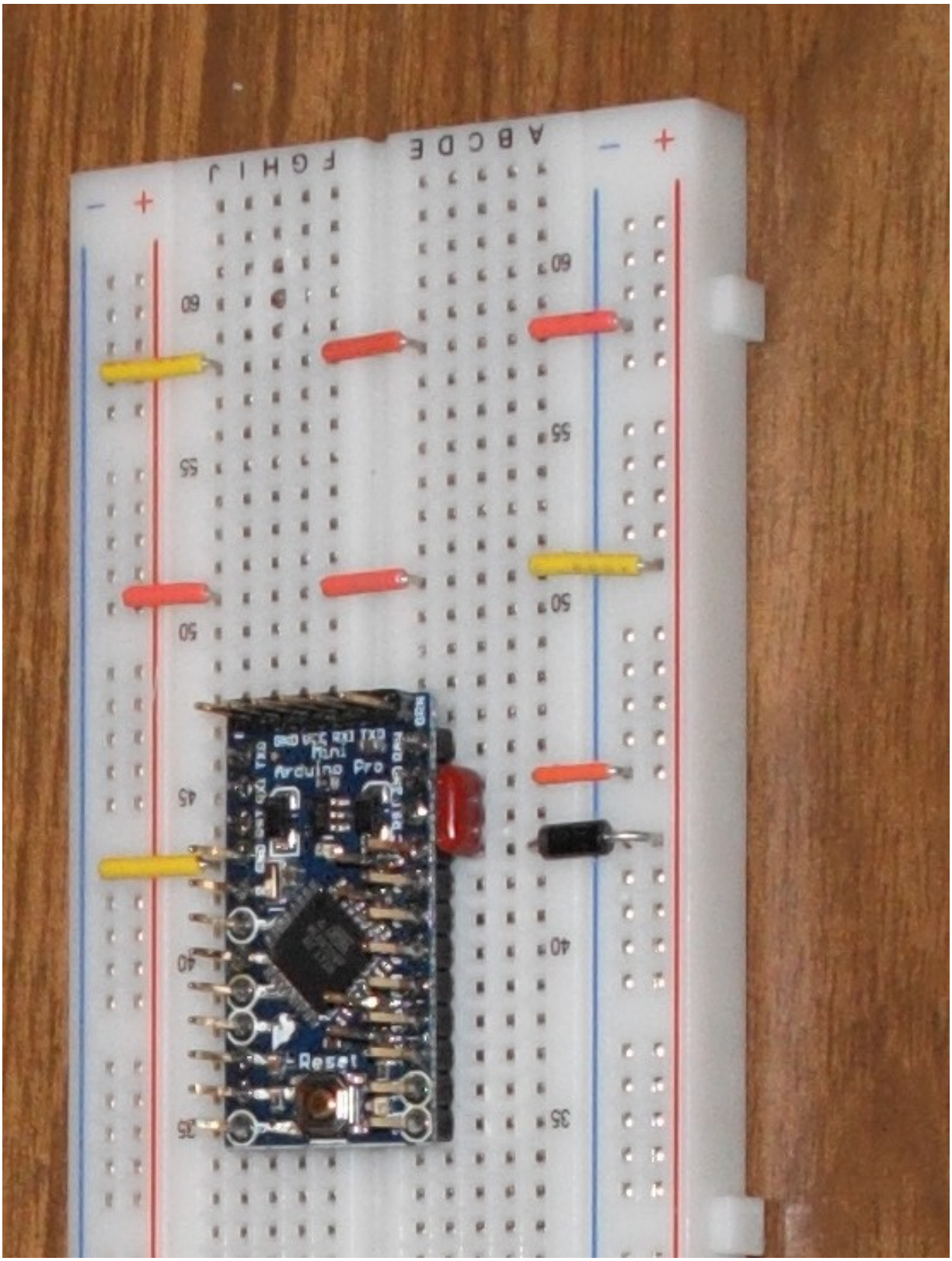
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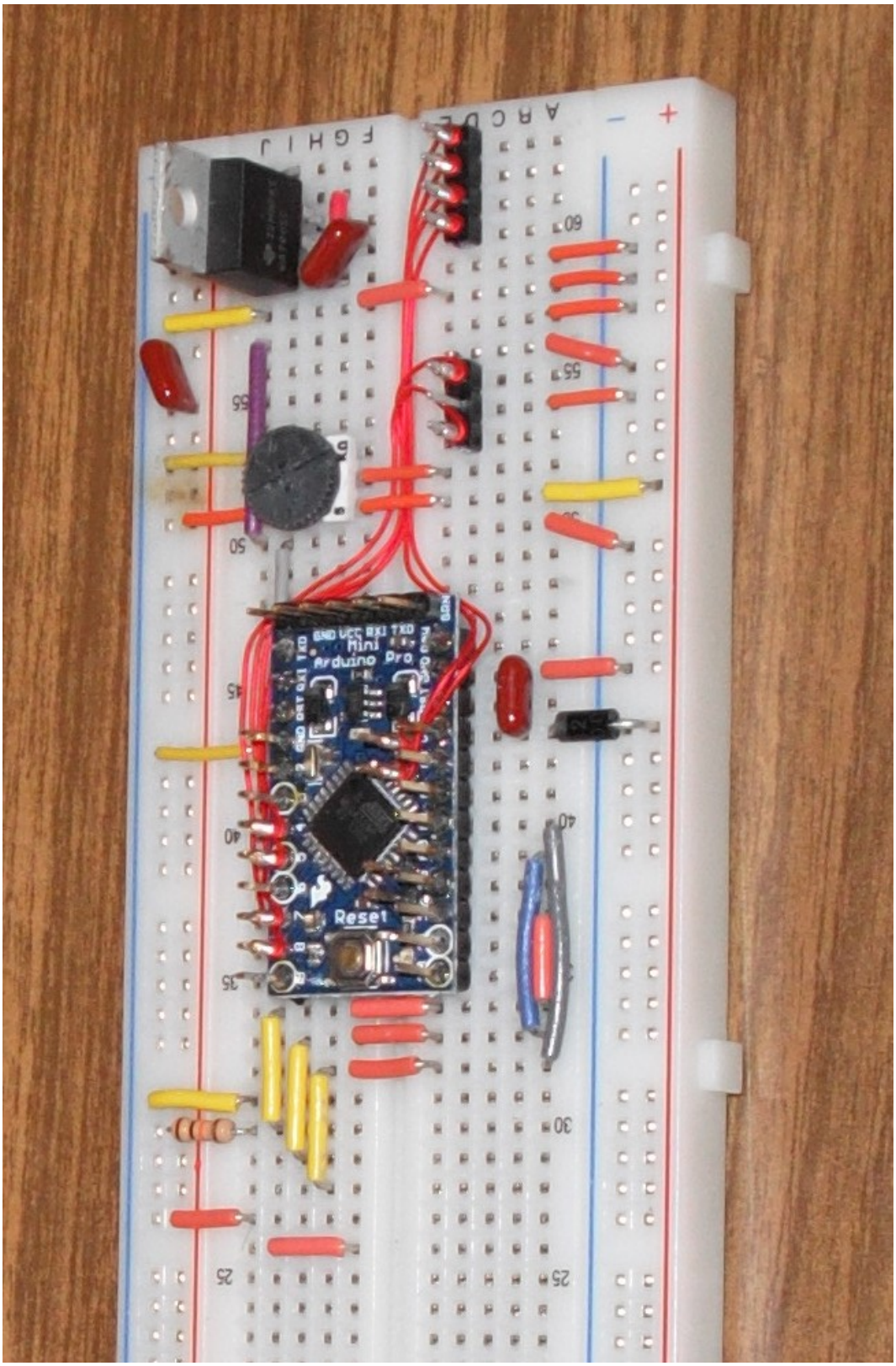
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Mechatronics Lab 2

Name: _____

Due date: 16 / 18 Sep 14

Objective:

- To construct a wiring harness for a DC system
- To gain experience using a variety of solderless wire connectors and associated tools
- To introduce fuse protection circuits
- To interface the Arduino with high power solenoids
- To introduce the concept of a step-start with a current limiting resistor

Deliverables:

- Arduino coding is an individual effort - NO collaboration!
- Students may work together to construct the wire harness for their DC motor system.
- Source code is to be placed into a GitHub.com repository for the instructor to review. No credit will be given without this code.
- This is a task based lab assignment similar to shipboard PQS you have completed in the past. Complete the stated Alpha and Bravo tasks and obtain signatures from the instructor. Turn in completed sheet so that instructor may enter grades into D2L.

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Pre lab Discussion Points

Consider the following points as you begin to construct the board and ask your instructor for assistance if you are unfamiliar with any of the concepts.

- Fuse
- Color of wire
- Diode direction
- Wire crimp
- Wire stripper

Tips and Hints:

This lab is a continuation of the lab #1. You will use the Arduino, LCD, and buzzer that was constructed in the previous lab.

There are a limited number of hand tools available for circuits construction. Students are encouraged to start this lab by by focusing on different aspects of the construction. For example:

- battery connections
- high power solenoid connections
- low power solenoid connections
- breadboard BJT transistor / MOSFET
- Arduino code

Note that code development can be performed independent of the DC motors i.e., back in the Chase Hall. LEDs 1 and 2 will indicate the state of the motor relays - see schematic attached to this handout.

Alpha Tasks:

- A2.1 _____ Construct and debug a wire harness as shown in the schematic attached to this handout.
- A2.2 (Neatness counts as 4 tasks)

  Neat short wire runs _____.
  Wires bundled together and bound using tie wraps _____.
  Terminal lugs used on all wires _____.
  No loose connections _____.

- A2.3 _____
  Measure the resistance of K1's coil _____.
  Calculate the current flow associated with a 24 VDC source _____.
  Measure the actual current _____.

- A2.4 _____ Demonstrate ability to control the high power solenoids using the Arduino.
- A2.5 _____ Code system to perform these tasks at startup.
  - Relays K1 and K2 de-energized
  - Send to USART - "This lab demonstrates step start control over DC motors."
  - Send to LCD:
    Step Start Lab
    your name
- A2.6 _____ Code system to perform these tasks at time equals 3 seconds:
  - Send to USART - "Standby, a motor start sequence has been initiated"
  - Send to LCD:
    CAUTION!
    Motor Starting
  - Beep three times alerting the operator that the motor is going to start
- A2.7 _____ Code system to perform these tasks at time equals 6 seconds:
  - Send to USART - "Motor is accelerating."
  - Send to LCD
    Motor ramping
  - Activate relay K2

- A2.8 _____ Code system to perform these tasks at time equals 9 seconds:
  - Send to USART - "Full power engaged."
  - Send to LCD
    Motor running
  - Energize relay K1
  - De-energize relay K2
- A2.9 _____ Code system to perform these tasks at time equals 12 seconds:
  - Send to USART "Motor secured and coasting to a stop."
  - Send to LCD
    Motor secured
  - de-energize relay K1
  - de-energize relay K2

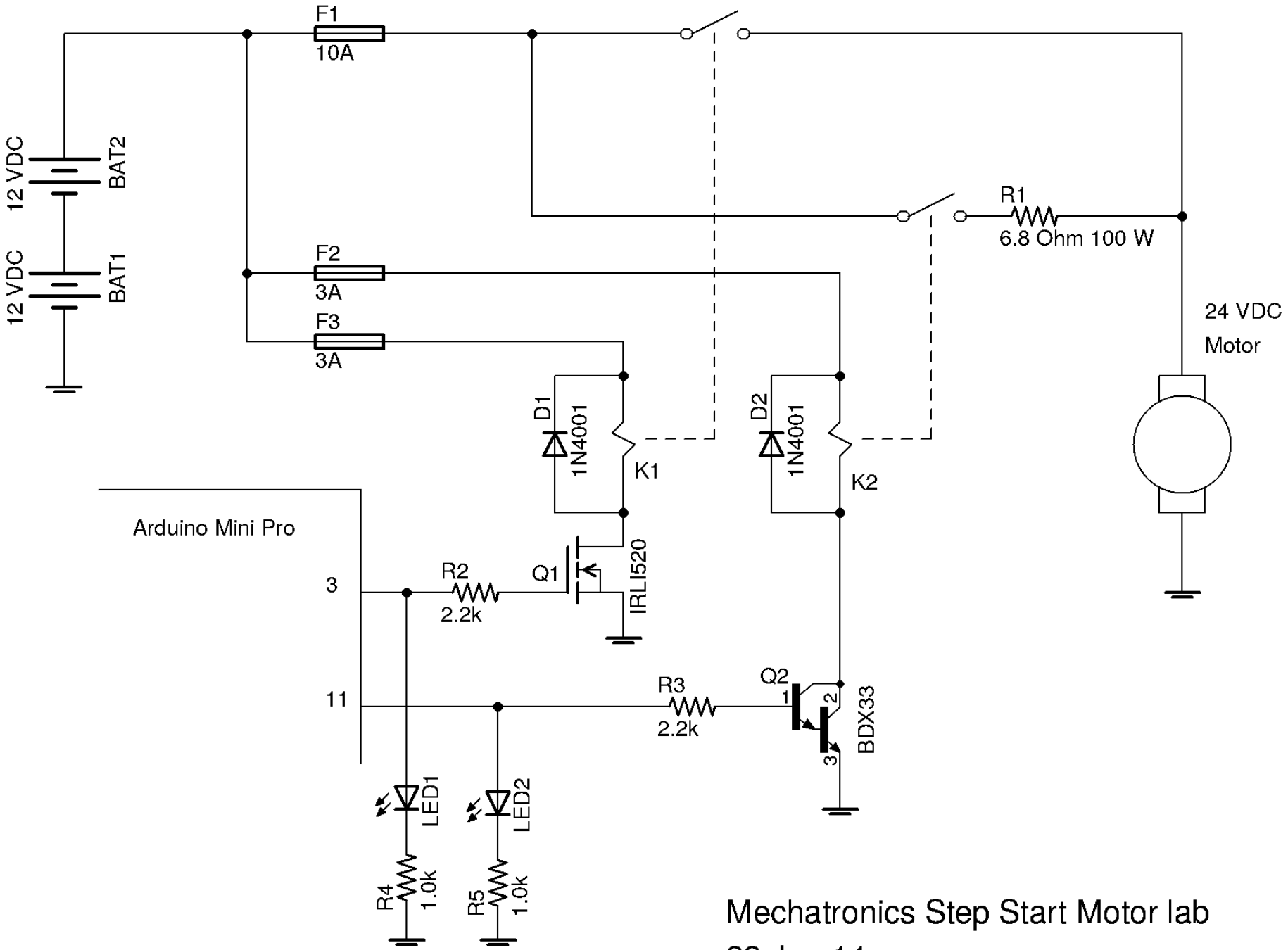
Bravo Tasks:

- B2.1 _____ State the need for establishing software control of relays K1 and K2 in the Arduino's setup routine.
- B2.2 _____ Describe what would happen if D1 were installed backwards?
- B2.3 _____ Sketch the current flow through D1 for the sequence described in the alpha tasks.
- B2.4 _____

  Measure the voltage drop across R2 while K1 is energized _____.

  Then Measure the voltage drop across R3 while K2 is energized _____.

  Based on these reading classify the MOSFET and BJT transistor as either voltage or current controlled.



Mechatronics Step Start Motor lab

22 Jun 14

Note: don't forget to attach the breadboard ground to the motor ground

Mechatronics Lab 3

Name: _____

Due date: 23 - 25 Sep 14

Objectives:

- To explore applications of the Arduino Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)
- To explore use of a low pass filter for signal conditioning
- To introduce serial control via the Arduino serial monitor
- To explore a rudimentary feedback system
- To explore an Arduino to MATLAB / Python serial interface

Deliverables:

- Arduino coding is an individual effort - NO collaboration!
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Tips and Hints:

- This lab is a continuation of lab #2. You will use the Arduino, LCD, buzzer, and scooter motors as assembled in the previous labs.
- The second scooter motor functions as a tachometer.
- Code development can be performed independent of the DC motors i.e., back in the Chase Hall. A variable resistor such as the joystick may be substituted for the tachometer. LEDs 1 and 2 will indicate the state of the motor relays - see schematics from lab #2 as well as the schematic attached to this handout.

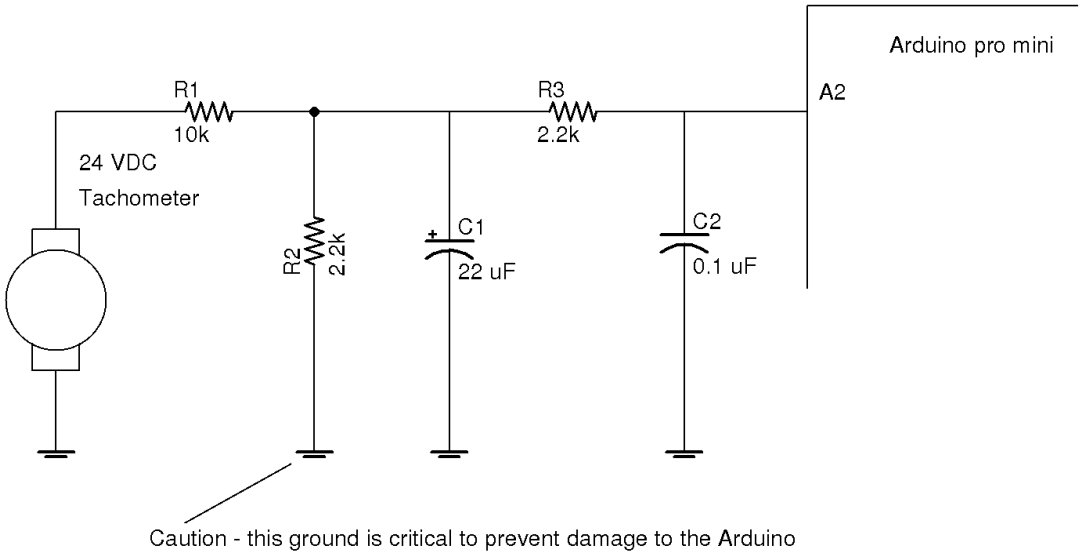
Alpha Tasks:

- A3.1 _____ Construct the tachometer circuit as shown on the last page of this document.
- A3.2 _____ Demonstrate ability to display the raw tachometer values on the Arduino LCD.
- A3.3 _____ Demonstrate ability to display the raw tachometer values on the Arduino serial monitor.
- A3.4 _____ Code system to perform these tasks at startup.
  - Send to USART: "This lab demonstrates serial control of the Arduino. It also changes motor operating states based on feedback from a tachometer. Type "start" then strike enter to initiate a motor start sequence"
  - Configure the LCD to scroll the message **Please type start to initiate a motor start**. Hint use snprintf with n equal size LCD and line + i offset...
  - Relays K1 and K2 de-energized
- A3.5 _____ Code system to perform these tasks in response to the user command "start":
  - Send to USART: "Standby, a motor start sequence has been initiated"
  - Configure the LCD to scroll the message **CAUTION! motor starting**
  - Beep three times alerting the operator that the motor is going to start
  - After the beeping Activate relay K2
  - Send to USART: "Motor is accelerating."
  - Send to LCD: **Motor ramping**
- A3.6 _____ Add a polite handler that prompts the user to enter the correct command when an improper command is entered.
- A3.7 _____ Code system to perform these tasks when the motor has reached 75% of idle speed:
  - Send to USART: "Full power at your command. Type "engage" to initiate."
  - Configure the LCD to scroll the message **motor idling, type engage to continue**
- A3.8 _____ When operator types "engage"
  - Send to USART: "By your command - full power engaged!"
  - Send to LCD: **Full power!**
  - Energize relay K1
  - De-energize relay K2

- A3.9 _____ Reduce the energy consumed by K1 one second after is has been activated. Determine the lowest PWM duty cycle that reliably "holds" the relay.
  - Send to USART: Relay K1 duty cycle reduced to save power."
  - Send to LCD: **PWM K1**
- A3.10 _____ Code system to perform these tasks 3 seconds after K1 is energized:
  - Send to USART: "Motor secured and coasting to a stop."
  - Send to LCD: **Motor secured**
  - De-energize relay K1 and K2
  - After a three second delay start over again at step A3.4.

Bravo Tasks:

- B3.1 _____ Demonstrate ability to use MATLAB or Python to display the raw motor speed. http://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/serial.html
- B3.2 _____ It has been suggested that power may be saved by using a "pick and hold" operation for the relay. Measure the K1 relay current with and without PWM to prove this assertion. Set the PWM be to the minimum amount that will keep the relay activated.
- B3.3 _____ A PWM signal may be developed using direct software control. Construct a software based PWM without using the analogWrite() function. This can be done using a loop containing digitalWrite() and delay() functions very similar to your first blinky sketch. Consider using the Arduino delayMicroseconds() function for higher frequency operation.
- B3.4 _____ Suppose a laser safety screen is to be added to the mechanism and you need to add code that secures the machine in fast controlled manner. Estimate the time required to modify your code so that the shutdown will occur for all states.
- B3.5 _____ Calculate, simulate, Laplace, or just physically measure the time constant of the tachometer filter.



Mechatronics Tachometer Feedback

01 Sep 13

Mechatronics Lab 4

Name: _____

Due date: 30 Sep / 02 Oct 14

Objectives:

- To construct code using a Finite State Machine (FSM)
- To introduce Interrupt Service Routines
- To introduce the ATmega328p special function registers
- To explore blocking vs non-blocking code

Deliverables:

- Arduino coding is an individual effort - NO collaboration!
- Fully functional motor controller operating as specified in this assignment's
- Source code is to be placed into a GitHub.com repository for the instructor to review. No credit will be given without this code.
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Alpha Tasks:

- A4.1 _____ Add code to the ISR so that that Arduino LED on pin 13 blinks once a second. You are not allowed to use blocking code such as delay() from within the ISR.
- A4.2 _____ State the importance of the C keyword "volatile" as related to sending data from the ISR to main and from main to ISR.
- A4.3 to A4.9

  Using the code template supplied by instructor, modify lab #3 to use a FSM construct. You are not allowed to use any delays, serial writes, or LCD writes inside the ISR FSM.

  A4.3 is equivalent A3.4 _____

  A4.4 is equivalent A3.5 _____

  A4.5 is equivalent A3.6 _____

  A4.6 is equivalent A3.7 _____

  A4.7 is equivalent A3.8 _____

  A4.8 is equivalent A3.9 _____

  A4.9 is equivalent A3.10 _____

- A4.10 _____ Add a fault state. This state is entered if the motor does not achieve 75% idle speed within 4 seconds.

Bravo Tasks:

- B4.1 _____ The supplied code template is a departure from Arduino land. It uses a timer based interrupt service routine. The code contains the words "foreground" and "background" in big letters. Describe the significance of these terms.
- B4.2 _____ You have decided to adapt the FSM code used in this lab for use in a slow process control system. Modify the code so that it operates at a rate of 4 times a second.
- B4.3 _____ Analyze the USART library provided by your instructor. Explain how it operates with particular emphasis on the circular buffer.
- B4.4 _____ Retrieve the datasheet for the ATmega328p. Identify the different interrupt sources. Describe three of them to your instructor.
- AB.5 _____ Install Paul Zimmer's "Fizzim" Finite State Machine (FSM) software on your laptop. This Java based software is available from http://www.fizzim.com/.
- AB.6 _____ Use the Fizzim software to construct a "bubbles and arrow" diagram of the FSM described in this lab.

Mechatronics Lab 5

Name: _____

Due date: 14 / 16 Oct 14

Objectives:

- To introduce transistor operation
- To introduce data capture and plotting using Arduino and MATLAB
- To explore analog and digital filtering
- To leverage social coding

Deliverables:

- Operational device to measure transistor β and produce the family of operating curves.
- Teamwork to produce beautiful well-documented code.
- Students ready to proceed to an independent Mechatronics project.
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Alpha Tasks:

- A5.1 _____ Construct the Arduino circuit shown in the attached schematic.
- A5.2 _____ Demonstrate the ability to set the base and collector power supplies via the serial port using a comma separated commands "DB, XXX" and "DC, XXX" where D is the duty cycle of the respective power supply.
- A5.3 _____ Use the Arduino to calculate I_B and I_C - display the results on LCD line #1 and line #2. Use type float to represent the values. Recall that the AVR snprintf() function does not directly support type float. One option is to use the dtostre() function.
- A5.4 _____ Calculate transistor beta and display the value on line #1 of the LCD in the space after I_B .
- A5.5 _____ Demonstrate the ability to retrieve I_C and I_B via the serial port using the commands "?IB" and "?IC".
- A5.6 _____ The displayed numbers are likely to be noisy (jump around). To improve this situation construct a crude digital filter that computes the average I_C and I_B based on an average of 100 samples.
- A5.7 (counts as 5 tasks) _____ Each lab section has been assigned to a team - you should have received an invitation from github.com. Work together to code and document a MATLAB interface to the Arduino. The Arduino / MATLAB combination shall draw the family of transistor curves as shown on textbook Figure 10.19. The Arduino shall contain the code as defined in tasks A5.1 through A5.6. Finally, the team shall select one individual's Arduino code and perfect it as well is it's documentation.

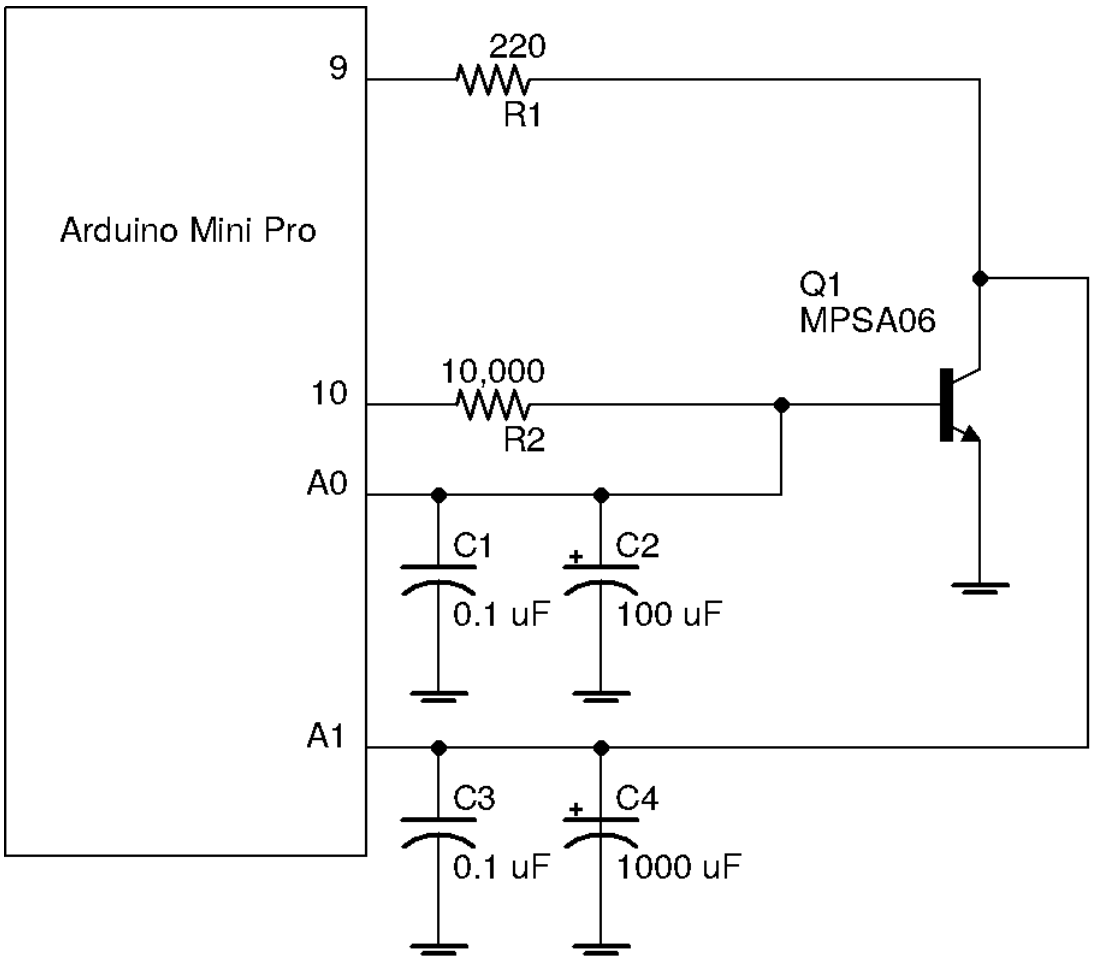
  Grading for this tasks consists of three parts.

  - 33.3% of grade is from peers. Each member will be asked to anonymously rate the performance of each teammate.
  - 33.3% of grade is based on instructor's observations of the code and documentation submitted via github.
  - 33.3% of grade is from other EE staff members and their assessment of the quality of the code documentation.

  Recommend the initial MATLAB design be done in groups of two. After each team has the code marginally working come together to produce a third improved version.

Bravo Tasks:

- B5.1 _____ State the changes necessary to modify the circuit / code to accommodate a PNP transistor.
- B5.2 _____ Calculate the corner frequency of the low pass filter attached to Arduino PWM pin 10. How does this compare to the Arduino's PWM frequency?
- B5.3 _____ Similar curves may be constructed to develop for a MOSFET. What, if any, changes need to be made to the hardware and software.



Mechatronics Transistor Introduction Lab
30 Sep 14

Mechatronics Lab 6

Name: _____

Due date: 08 Dec 14

Objective:

- to introduce motor control using an H-bridge
- to introduce rotary encoder
- to introduce FPGA
- to introduce the PID (Proportional Integral Derivative) controller

Deliverables from each team:

- Source code is to be placed into a GitHub.com repository for the instructor to review. No credit will be given without this code.
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Alpha Tasks:

- A6.1 _____ Download the instructor provided lab-6 code from: https://github.com/macee/mechatronics.git

  Examine the code and identify:

  - Sampling time: _____
  - Setpoint(s): _____
  - Proportional gain: _____

- A6.2 _____ Using the instructor provided hardware and software present a working proportional controller.
- A6.3 _____ Modify the Arduino code to implement a PID controller with minimal overshoot and rise time.
- A6.4 _____ Plot the system response as well as the individual P, I, and D components using a format similar to that shown at the end of this document. Measure the following attributes:
  - rise time: _____
  - percent overshot: _____
  - settling time: _____

Bravo Tasks:

- B6.1 _____ Integral windup degrades the performance of a PID controller. Code an integral windup preventer that "locks" out the integral if the error is larger than some value of your choosing. Hint: examine your plots from step A6.4 to determine your lockout parameter. Consider using an ABS() function. Adjust parameters for minimal overshoot and minimal risetime.

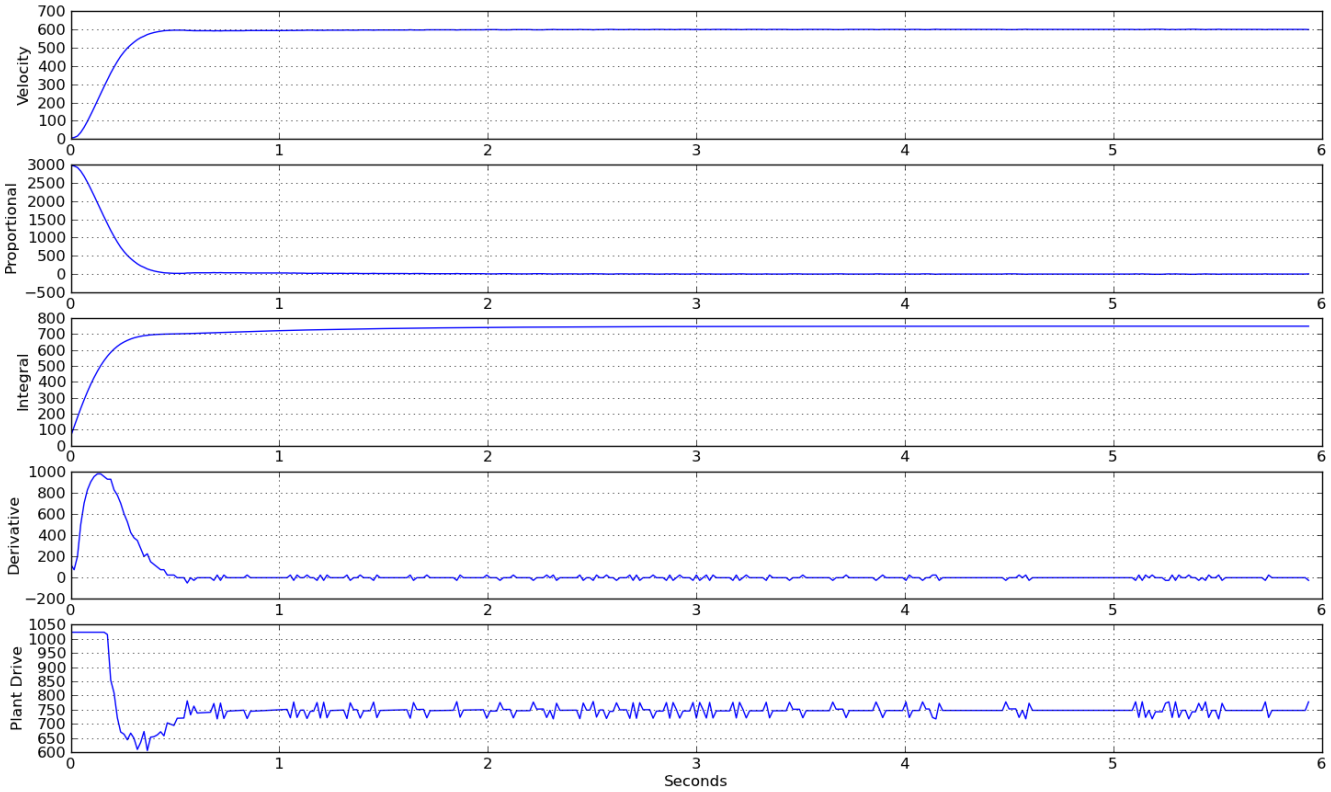
- B6.2 _____ In the plot developed in step A9.5 you may have noticed that the derivative term is noisy. Code a feature to vary Kd based on error. If error is large Kd is large. If error is small Kd is turned off.

- B6.3 _____ Plot the individual P, I, and D components for your improved PID. Measure the following attributes:

  - rise time: _____

  - percent overshot: _____

  - settling time: _____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