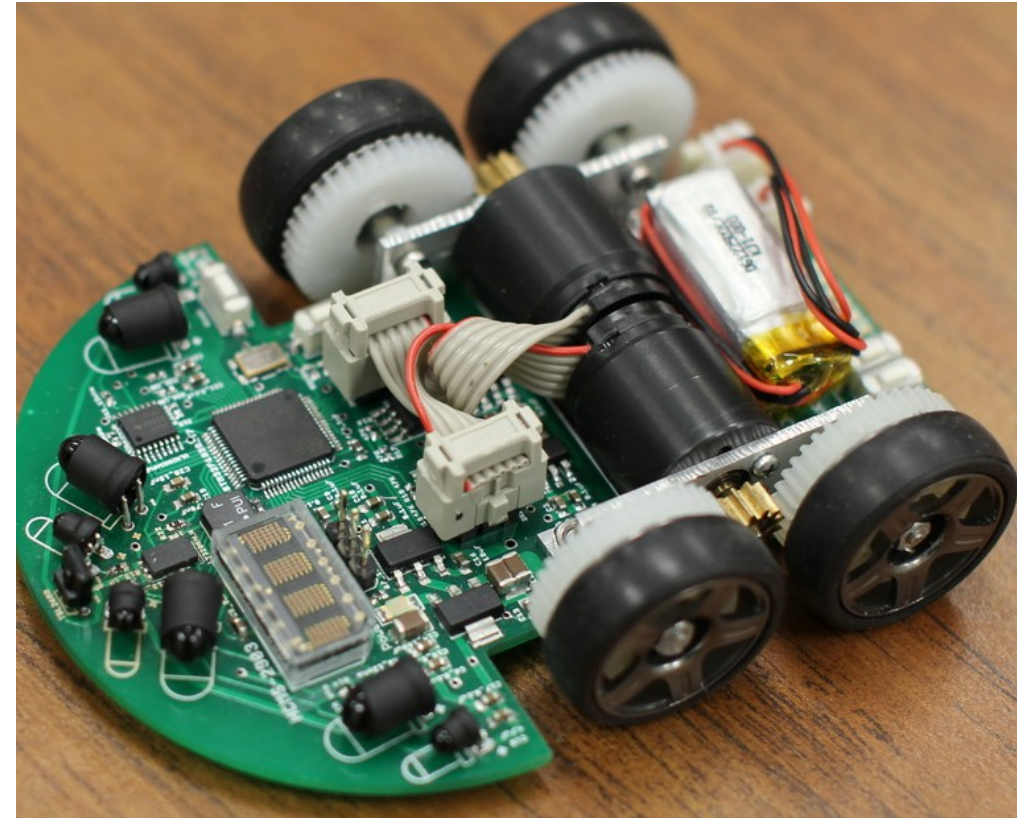
A large-scale maze constructed from white and red cardboard strips on a dark floor. The maze is rectangular and filled with a complex pattern of paths and dead ends. Several people are standing around the maze, and a small robot is visible on the right side of the maze.

EE 190 Final Project – Micromouse Controller PCB

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Motivation

- Build a general-use micromouse controller from the ground up
 - Design allows for many different configurations
- Create a practical PCB
- Apply skills learned in the course throughout the quarter
 - Design schematic for particular requirements
 - Connect a large number of pins in an efficient manner



The first Micromouse...
that showed up on Google

Schematic Design Process

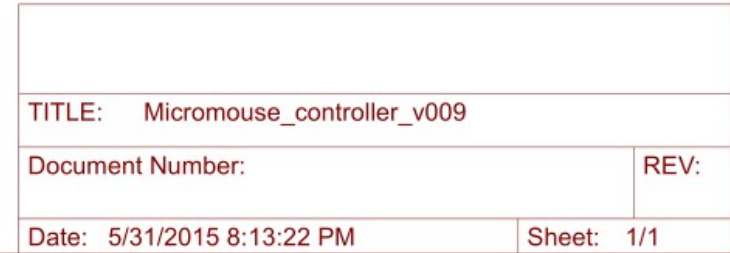
- Figure out what parts would be compatible with motors, drivers, microcontroller, etc.
 - Requirements consisted of:
 - 2 motors
 - As many Analog or Digital
 - I/O ports as possible
- Draft schematic
 - Follow manufacturer datasheets for pinouts, voltages, etc.
- Run DRC
- Revise!



Shortcuts

3 Primary Components:

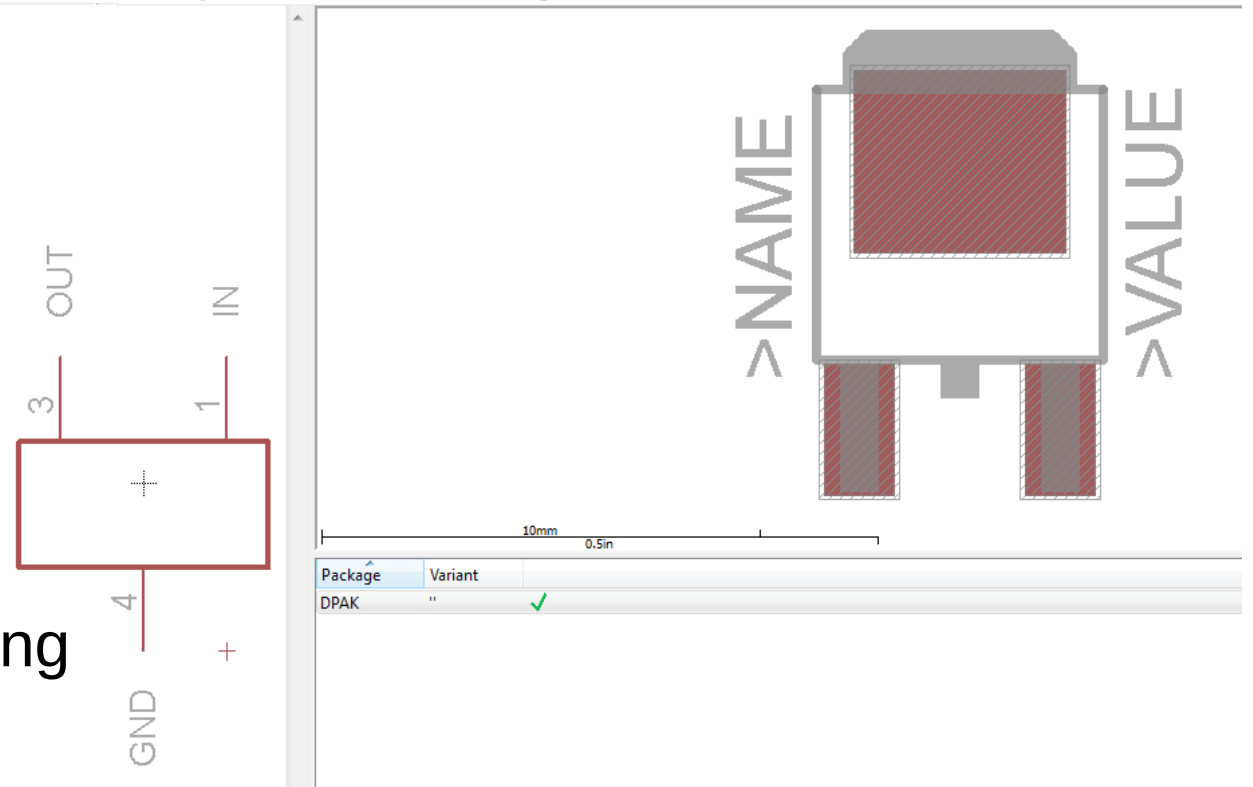
- Power System
- Microcontroller
- Motor Driver



Schematic Design Difficulties

- Learning how each component works
- Constant referral to manufacturer datasheets
- The selected voltage regulator did not have an EAGLE component
 - Used ref_package.lbr to find package for component and created own

Custom component using
DPAK package



Board Design Process

- Create board from schematic
 - Position components for various needs:
 - Ease of routing
 - Efficient use of board space
 - As few vias as possible
- Run ERC
- Revise!

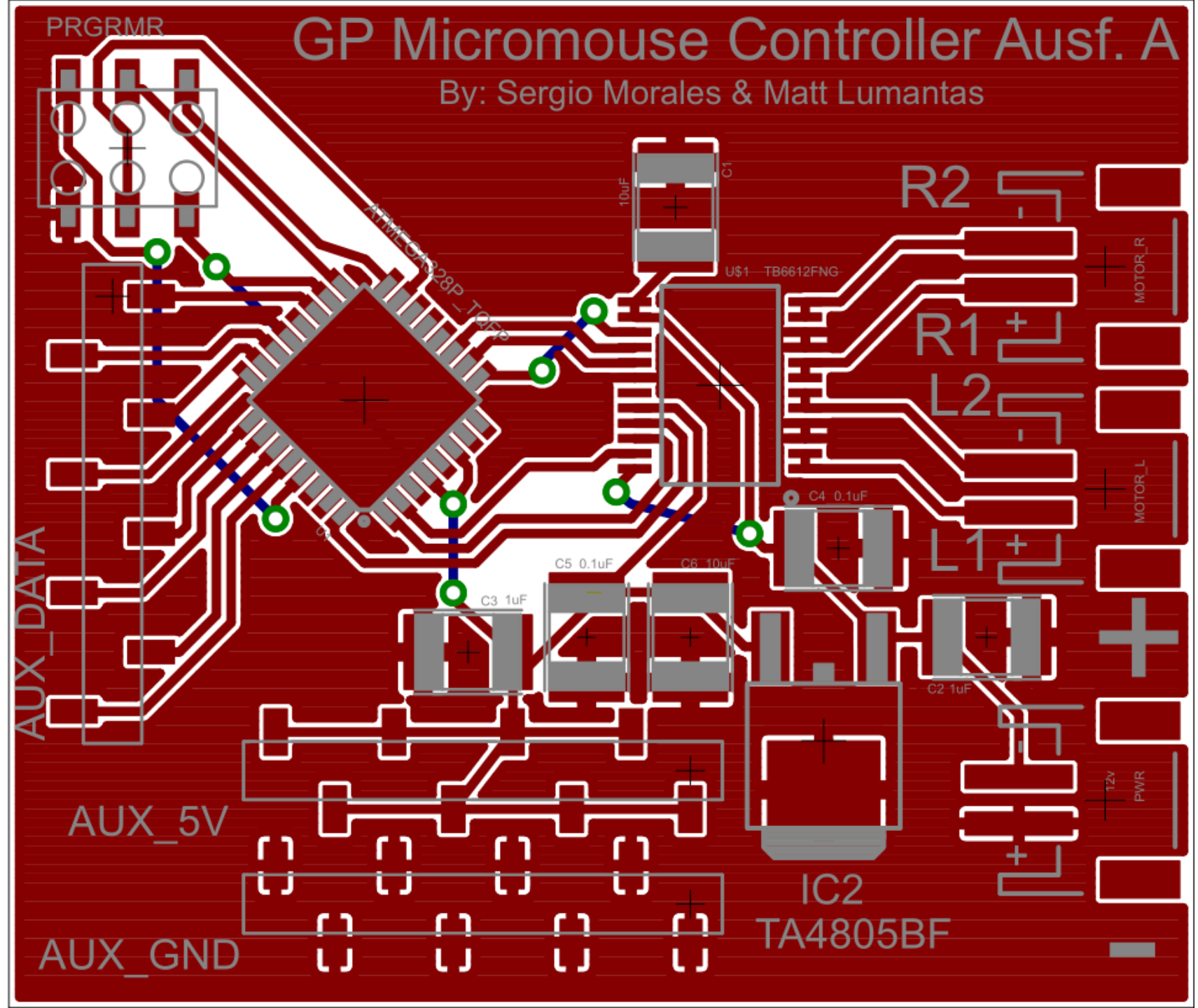
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ERC of an early version

Board Design

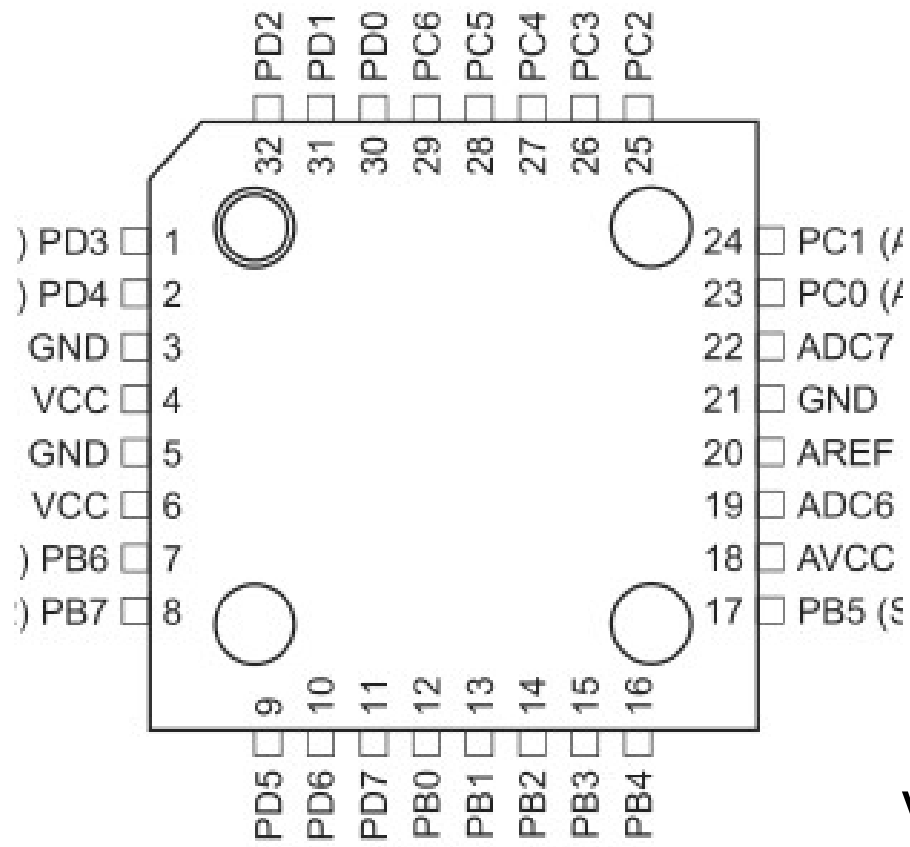
2 Primary Areas:

- Power I/O
- Microcontroller & Data ports

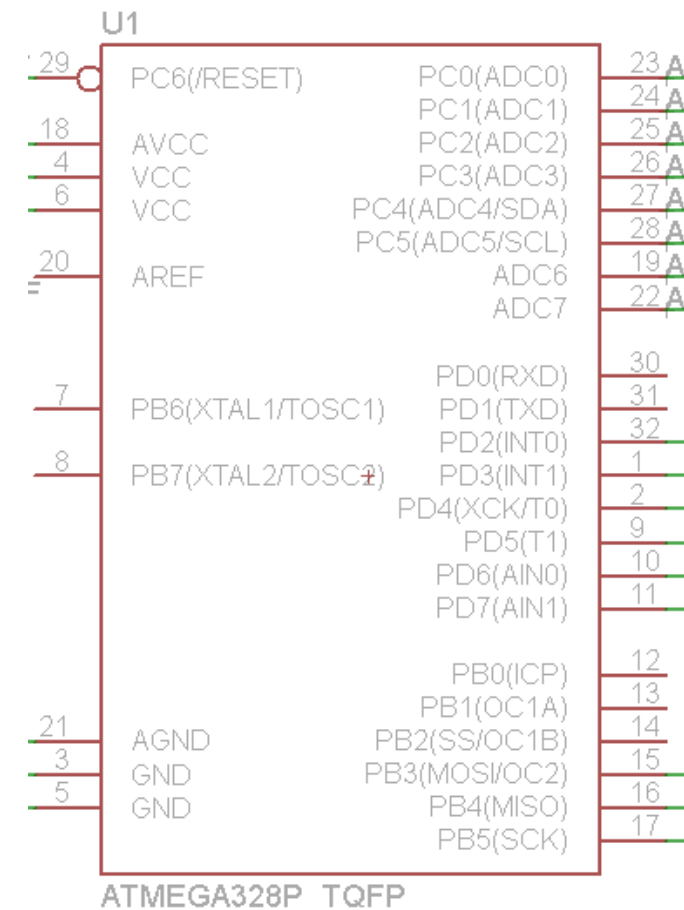


Board Design Difficulties

- Confusing arrangement of pins in schematic vs. board for ICs
- General routing and positioning problems



Physical pins
vs. Schematic pins



Bill of Materials

- ATmega328p Microcontroller
- TB6612FNG Motor Controller
- TA4805BF Linear Voltage Regulator (5v)
- Various headers for power I/O and data I/O
- Various capacitors for noise filtering
- Total Price: \$ 24.64

[Sockets](#) > Mill-Max Manufacturing Corp

All prices are in US dollars.		
Price Break	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	2.80000	2.80

Why the heck
are 8-pin
connectors so
expensive?