

Final Code | PID Tuning

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This manual gives you **complete working code** for a self-balancing robot using **Arduino UNO + L293D + Adafruit MPU6050 library**.

Installing the Adafruit Library

1. Open Arduino IDE → Tools → Manage Libraries
2. Search for “**Adafruit MPU6050**”
3. Install:
 - **Adafruit MPU6050**
 - It will also install **Adafruit BusIO**
4. Include in your sketch:

```
#include <Adafruit_MPU6050.h>
#include <Adafruit_Sensor.h>
#include <Wire.h>
```

Complementary Filter + PID Architecture

Same principles as before:

1. Read accelerometer + gyro
2. Compute tilt angle (complementary filter)
3. Run PID controller
4. Map PID output → motor speed/direction
5. Send PWM to motors

Complementary filter equation:

```
angle = 0.98 * (angle + gyroRate * dt) + 0.02 * accelAngle;
```

Arduino Pin Setup (L293D)

```
// Motor Pins
#define IN1 5
#define IN2 6
#define ENA 9 // PWM

#define IN3 10
#define IN4 11
#define ENB 3 // PWM
```

Complete Arduino Code Using Adafruit MPU6050

```
#include <Wire.h>
#include <Adafruit_MPU6050.h>
#include <Adafruit_Sensor.h>

Adafruit_MPU6050 mpu;

// PID constants
float Kp = 30.0, Ki = 1.0, Kd = 1.0;

// PID variables
float error, prevError = 0, I = 0, D, PIDout;

// Timing
unsigned long lastTime;
float dt;

// Angle
float angle;

// Motor pins
#define IN1 5
#define IN2 6
#define ENA 9

#define IN3 10
#define IN4 11
#define ENB 3

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(115200);
    Wire.begin();

    // Motor pins
    pinMode(IN1, OUTPUT); pinMode(IN2, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(ENA, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(IN3, OUTPUT); pinMode(IN4, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(ENB, OUTPUT);

    // Initialize MPU6050
    if (!mpu.begin()) {
        Serial.println("Failed to find MPU6050 chip");
        while (1) { delay(10); }
    }

    // Configure accelerometer and gyro
    mpu.setAccelerometerRange(MPU6050_RANGE_2_G);
    mpu.setGyroRange(MPU6050_RANGE_250_DEG);
    mpu.setFilterBandwidth(MPU6050_BAND_21_HZ);

    lastTime = micros();
}

void loop() {
    // Calculate dt
    unsigned long now = micros();
    dt = (now - lastTime) / 1000000.0;
    lastTime = now;
```

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// Read sensor
sensors_event_t a, g, temp;
mpu.getEvent(&a, &g, &temp);

// Accelerometer angle (pitch)
float accAngle = atan2(a.acceleration.y, a.acceleration.z) * 57.2958;

// Gyro rate
float gyroRate = g.gyro.x * 57.2958; // rad/s → deg/s

// Complementary filter
angle = 0.98 * (angle + gyroRate * dt) + 0.02 * accAngle;

// PID computation
error = 0 - angle; // target = 0°
I += Ki * error * dt;
D = Kd * (error - prevError) / dt;
PIDout = Kp * error + I + D;
prevError = error;

// Motor control
moveMotor(PIDout);

Serial.println(angle);
}

// Motor control function
void moveMotor(float pid) {
    int speed = constrain(abs(pid), 0, 255);

    if (pid > 0) {
        // Forward
        digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH); digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
        analogWrite(ENA, speed);

        digitalWrite(IN3, HIGH); digitalWrite(IN4, LOW);
        analogWrite(ENB, speed);
    } else {
        // Backward
        digitalWrite(IN1, LOW); digitalWrite(IN2, HIGH);
        analogWrite(ENA, speed);

        digitalWrite(IN3, LOW); digitalWrite(IN4, HIGH);
        analogWrite(ENB, speed);
    }
}

```

PID Tuning Guide (Adafruit MPU Version)

Step 1 — Tune P

- Start with $K_i = 0$, $K_d = 0$
- Increase K_p slowly until robot stands but oscillates slightly

Step 2 — Tune D

- Add damping with Kd
- Reduce oscillation without slowing response

Step 3 — Tune I

- Correct slow lean
- Increase Ki until long-term drift is corrected

Always start small values and increase gradually.

Adafruit MPU6050 library gives **stable readings**, so tuning is smoother.

Troubleshooting

Symptom	Cause	Fix
Robot falls forward/back	PID output too low	Increase Kp
Shaking / jitter	Kp too high / frame shakes	Add damping (Kd), rigid frame
Drifting slowly	Ki too low	Increase Ki
Motors not moving	Wrong wiring / ENA/B PWM	Check wiring, polarity
Angle readings wrong	MPU orientation wrong	Mount MPU correctly, verify axes

Final Checklist

- MPU6050 powered by Arduino 5V
 - MPU mounted rigidly, away from motors
 - Motors low-backlash, wheels same size
 - Battery fully charged (7.4V Li-ion recommended)
 - All grounds common
 - Control loop runs fast (~200 Hz)
 - PID tuned gradually
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Summary

- Using **Adafruit MPU6050 library** simplifies setup and data reading
- Complementary filter gives a stable angle
- PID control stabilizes the robot

- L293D drives motors based on PID output
- Tuning PID gradually ensures robot balances smoothly

After following this manual, your self-balancing robot should **stand upright and respond to tilts reliably**.
