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Circuit Schematic Explanation

This is an electronic circuit schematic showing the connections and components for controlling a robot.

It appears to be part of a Robot Controller project designed using a PCA9685 integrated circuit, which is a

16-channel PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) driver often used for controlling LEDs or servo motors.

Here's a breakdown

of the key components and sections:

1. Main IC: PCA9685 (U10)

- The central component in the circuit is the PCA9685, which provides up to 16 PWM outputs (PWM_0 to PWM_13 in this circuit).

- Important pins on the IC:

- VDD (Pin 28) and VSS (Pin 14): Power supply pins (3.3V and ground).

- A0-A4 (Pins 1-5): Address pins for configuring the I2C address of the chip.

- SDA (Pin 27) and SCL (Pin 26): I2C communication pins for data and clock signals.

- OE (Pin 23): Output enable pin to control all PWM channels at once.

- PWM channels (Pins 16-19, 21-24, etc.): Output channels for driving external devices like LEDs or motors.

2. I2C Communication

- The PCA9685 uses an I2C interface (SDA and SCL lines) for communication with a microcontroller or processor.

- Pull-up resistors (R31 and R33) are connected to the SDA and SCL lines to ensure proper signal levels.

3. Power Supply Decoupling

- Capacitors C37 (1 μ F) and C38 (0.1 μ F) are placed near the PCA9685 to stabilize the power supply and reduce noise.

4. PWM Outputs

- Each PWM output (PWM_0 to PWM_13) is connected to a 20Ohms resistor (e.g., R26, R27, etc.) for current limiting.

These outputs can drive LEDs or signal devices.

5. Address Configuration

- The address pins (A0-A4) can be tied high or low to set a unique I2C address, allowing multiple PCA9685 chips to be connected to the same I2C bus.

6. Project Details

- The schematic is part of the "Robot Controller v1.0" project.
- It was designed by Ruchira Thilan Munasinghe for Orise (Pvt) Ltd, based in Sri Lanka.

This circuit can be used in applications requiring multiple PWM outputs, such as controlling servos in a robot or dimming LEDs in lighting systems.