



**The University of Vermont**  
*Introduction to Electrical Engineering Design*

## **Design Challenge II: Grocery Store Door**

### **General instructions:**

Create a circuit that turns a stepper motor a set amount of steps (opening the door) in response to a distance sensor reading "close" values. Make this circuit as close to a real automatic door as possible. The door should close after the person has passed, but reopen or remain open if another person arrives.

Form groups of 2 and work together **but do the write up individually.**

Ask TAs for help adding extra stuff like buzzers, speaker, leds ...

### **Things to consider:**

- Start slow! Make sure the easy stuff works first.
- Pseudo-code can be helpful for difficult problems like reopening the door.

### **Writeup:**

- Describe your product in English. What is it? What is significant about it?
- Make a diagram of your circuit! (LTSpice, along with plenty of online resources will help you with this)
- List and expand on the steps you took to converge to a solution.
- Name difficulties you faced and explain how you overcame them.
- Describe a significant design decision or feature in your design.
- Explain the impact this decision or feature has on people, profits, and/or the planet.
- Name a design decision or feature you would choose to do differently in retrospect and explain why.

**FOLLOW THE TEMPLATE!!!**

It should be attached to the lab module.