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Resistance





Wiederstand

Measures of Electricity

The multimeter is an essential tool for problem solving in electronics!

The Multimeter

HIDANCE[®] DT-9205A •200m V.... •2 •2 A.... 2me •200 20m • •1000 200m• •750 20. •200 ECBE NPN PNP ECBE 20A mA





The way we use the probes on a multimeter depends on what we are testing! Resistance of components should (ideally) be tested outside its circuit. For current we have to break the circuit, and insert the probes to close it again. Voltage, however, can be measure between any two points.

The Multimeter



Exercise 3.1: Voltage Divider

Assembly the circuit with resistors of two different values. Try calculating the voltage between your resistors, and check with the multimeter if it's correct.

$$Vres = Vcc \times \frac{R2}{(R1 + R2)}$$

Vres = resulting voltage Vcc = applied voltage (9V) R1 = first resistor (1000 ohm) R2 = second resistor (1000 ohm)



Voltage will drop when current flow though any component that converts electricity to some other form of energy.



There is an intrinsic relationship between voltage, current and resistance, expressed as ohms Law. We can use this formula to deduct the values in many situations







A Potentiometer is also a voltage divider!









Exercise 3.2: Light Sensor

Build a circuit and code it to turn on an LED when it gets dark using a Photoresistor.

Optional: cod it so the LED fades smoothly between Dark and light states.



To power loads greater than the 40mA our Arduino digital pins can provide, we need to use a transistor.











http://adam-meyer.com/





Adding diode is important for inductive loads (motors for example)

Relays can sometimes be used instead of transistors (for controlling very high loads, or when the HV circuits need to be completely isolated. But, they are loud and slow!



Relays





Digital Peripherals and Protocols



Digital Devices and Protocols

UART is useful for:

- Communicating between Arduino and a Computer
- Communicating between two
 Arduino
- Communicating over longer distances



MBTechWorks.com

UART - Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter



Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter.



Serial.begin(9600);

Serial.println("Hello World");

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Uses:

- Communicating between Arduino and other chips (sensors or displays for example)
- Communicating between several Arduino boards on a small network Limits:
- Fairly slow (probably doesn't matter for our project)
- IC2 only works over short distances.





I²C (Inter Integrated Circuit)



Much faster than I2c

Picking which device is in use is very simple, but wiring gets complicated if you have many slave devices.



SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface)

Exercise 3.3: Reverse Parking helper

Using the VCNL 4040, build a circuit with at least 3 led's and code it show proximity level (i.e as an object moves closer, more led's turn on)

Alternative: Operate a motor so it "reverses" itself until it is too close to an object.





