

Line Following Robot

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Project objective

For this project the a line following robot must be capable of:

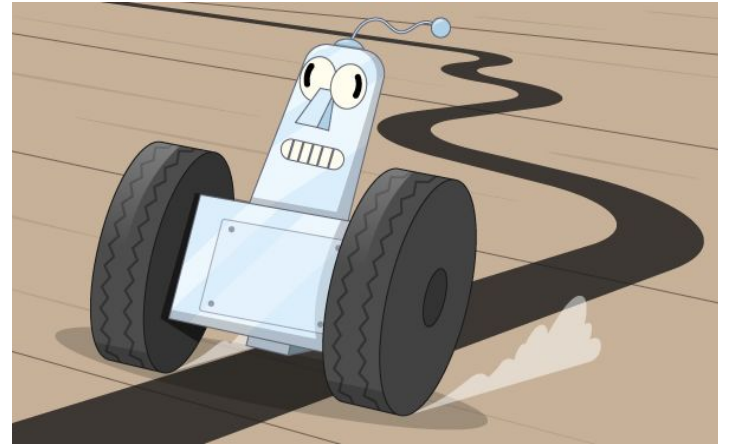
- Line following
 - Turns
 - Error correction
 - Environmentally insensitive
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Overview

An autonomous robot can be configured to follow a path. This robot takes analog inputs and converts it to digital for processing.

Major components:

- Sensors
- Motor
- Programming





Sensor Setup

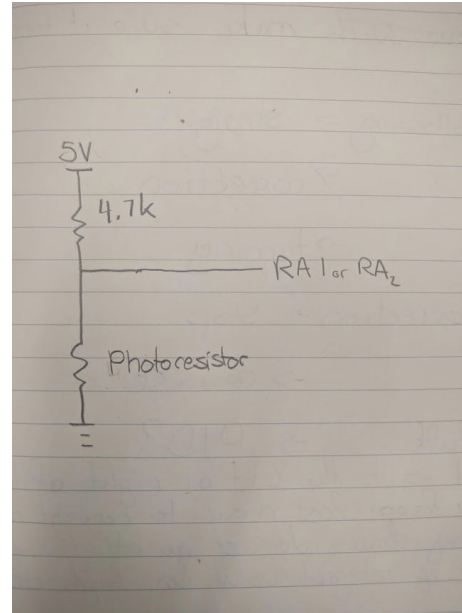
2 Photoresistors and a bright white LED 1cm from ground

Voltage divider with 4.7KOhm and photoresistor as input to PIC

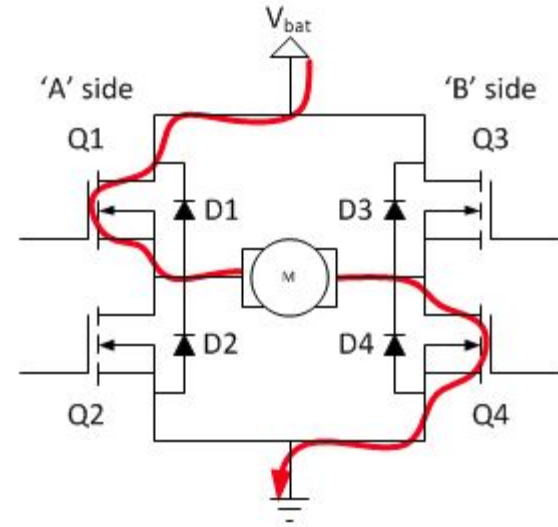
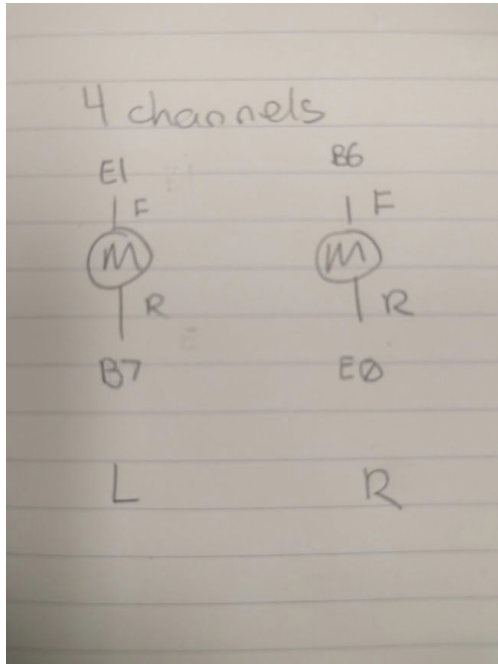
On the line, $RA_{1/2} < 255$ (around 100)

Off the line $RA_{1/2} > 255$ (around 400)

Keep only WH



Motor Setup



Hbridge is used on a separate board to control the motor.

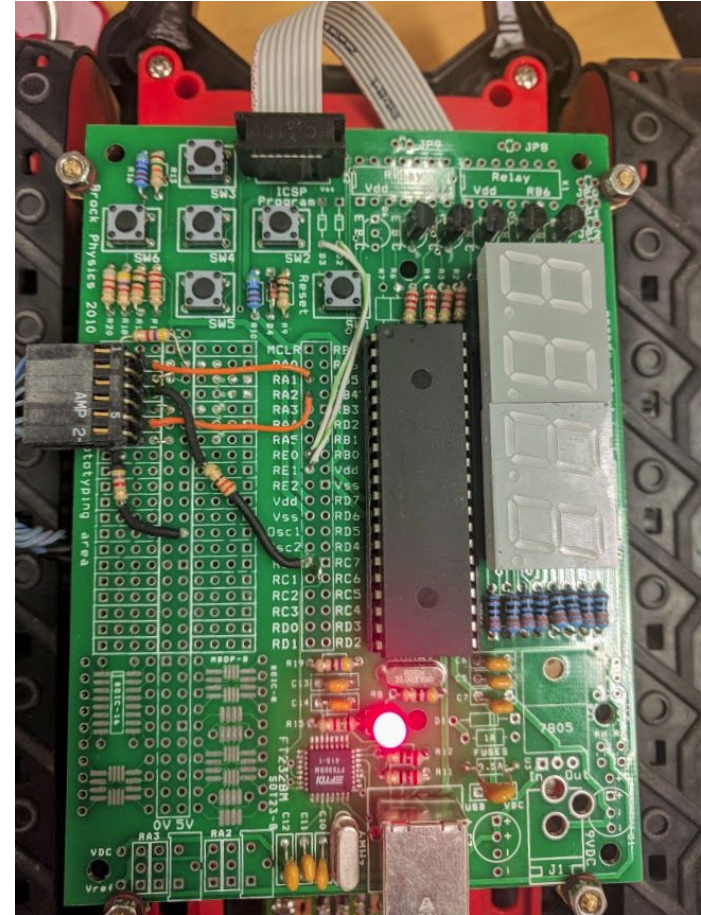


Pic interface

Sensor inputs to RA1, RA2 - ADC converter pins

PORTE 0,1 and PORTB 6,7 output to motor via ribbon cable

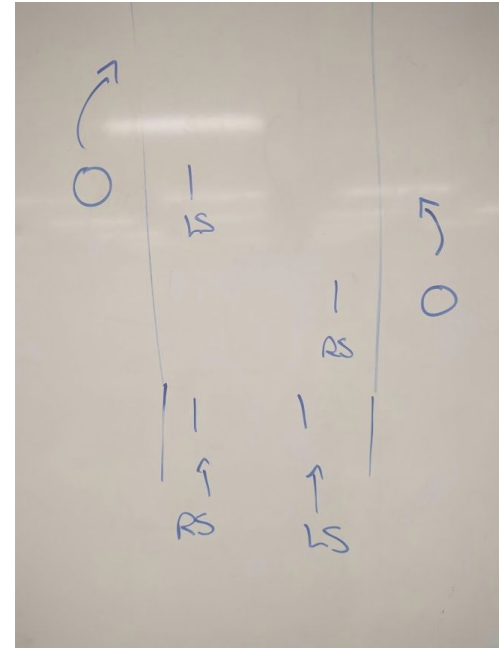
Program on PIC microcontroller





Operation

- When a sensor detects a white space, turn in the opposite direction
 - Turn in place by moving one side forward and the other side reverse
- If on the line, go forward
 - The longer you move forward, the faster you go
- If off the line, reverse.
 - Reverse only in one direction at a time





Next steps

Real PID control: PID stands for Proportional Integral Differential control. It would make the movement much smoother.

Real PWM : Pulse width modulation is essential for a PID control algorithm

Additional sensors for obstacle avoidance

If the forward pins are connected to PWM pins and the code was written in C it would be much easier to implement.

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Questions?