

Blurring Boundaries

Electronics as Material Practice

Electricity does not have to be cased up inside slick metal enclosures; we can also let it flow through painted pine-cones, carved traces, and the water in our bodies. The segregation of our abilities into discrete disciplines leaves gray areas to be explored and missing links to be made. This workshop will provide you with a time and place to disrupt your own practice by introducing new materials, tools, techniques, and places of making. With a focus on introducing electricity as a material property that can be used to create interactive crafts, this workshop will attempt to blur the boundaries between:

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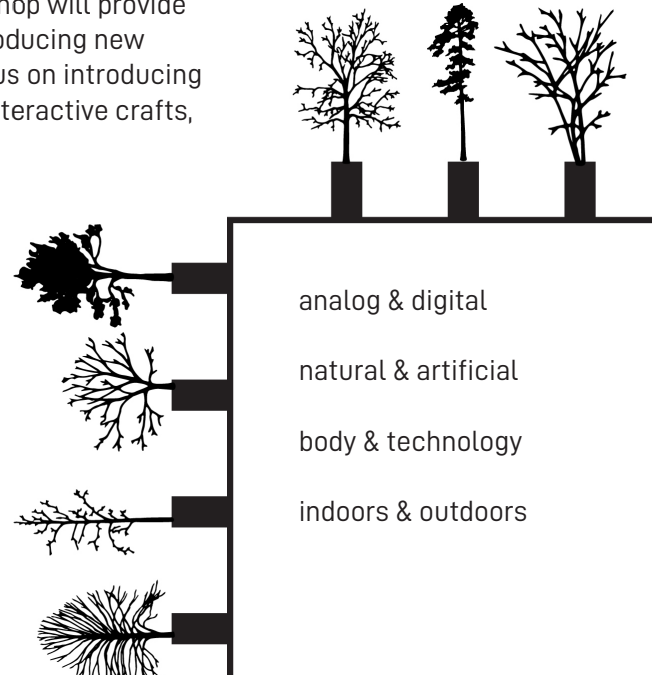
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schedule

monday

intro to electricity
meet the materials
simple LED circuit

translating
world to computer
*resistance ---> volt
(voltage divider)
*analog ---> digital
(ADC)

--- lunch ---

translating
computer to world
*HIGH, LOW
*frequency
*PWM

soft-circuit techniques

make an ohmTool?

tuesday

hunt&gather materials
intro to textile sensors

textile sensors:
pressure/bend
squeeze/stretch
tilt
pin

--- lunch ---

invent:
seasonal sensors

free working time

wednesday

electromagnetism
transistors, amplifiers

textile actuators:
fabric speaker
flap

gather more materials
(membrane, structure,
resonant body....)

--- lunch ---

invent:
seasonal actuators

free working time

thursday

free working time

optional topics:

e-textile tailoring

ATTiny programming

reading datasheets

gemma M0 features:
*audio playback
*HID device (mouse,
keyboard, game con-
troller....)
*capacitive touch
sensing

friday

free working time

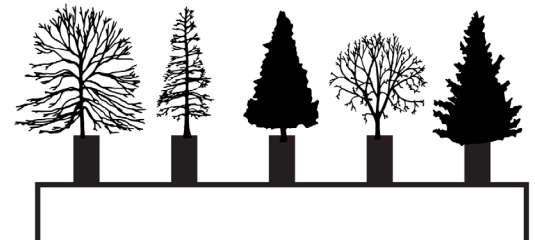
take time to document
and finalize
swatchbooks

--- lunch ---

process journey maps

clean-up

presentations



overview

what will we cover in the workshop?

INPUTS - sensors:

Analog:
pressure
bend
squeeze
slider

Digital:
tilt
stroke
contact

OUTPUTS - actuators:

LED
Vibration motor
Neopixel addressable RGB LED (needs data)
Speaker (needs frequency)

meet the materials

conductive materials



Copper plated ripstop fabric
(by Statex)



Silver plated lycra fabric
(by Statex)



Silver plated nylon conductive
thread
(by Statex)



Copper conductive thread
(by Karl-Grimm)



Stainless steel thread
(by Bekaert)



Copper tape

resistive materials



Non-woven piezoresistive
fabric
(by Eeonyx)



Stretch piezoresistive fabric
(by Eeonyx)



Velostat
carbon impregnated plastic
sheet (by 3M)



Carbon conductive paint
(by Bare Conductive)



Stainless steel and wool thread
(by Bekaert)



Stainless steel and wool fiber
(by Bekaert)

terminology

+ plus, positive, VCC

- minus, negative, ground (GND), 0V

1, HIGH = +5V, VCC

0, LOW = 0V, GND

analog

digital

input - sensor - "read"

output - actuator - "write"

ADC (analog digital converter)

PWM (pulse width modulation)

IC (integrated circuit)

LED (light emitting diode)

RGB (red, green, blue)

AC/DC (alternating current, direct current)

PCB (printed circuitboard)

binary

10bit: 1024 values [0-1023]

8bit: 256 values [0-255]

Arduino, Lilypad, Flora, Gemma

microcontroller

resistor

variable resistor, resistive sensor

capacitor

diode

Neopixel - addressable LEDs

servo motor

breadboard

protoboard

jumper wires

alligator or crocodile clips

conductivity

resistance

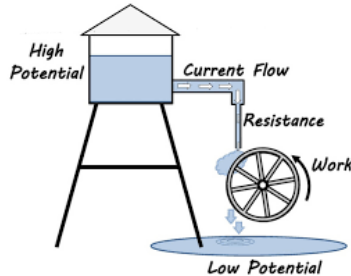
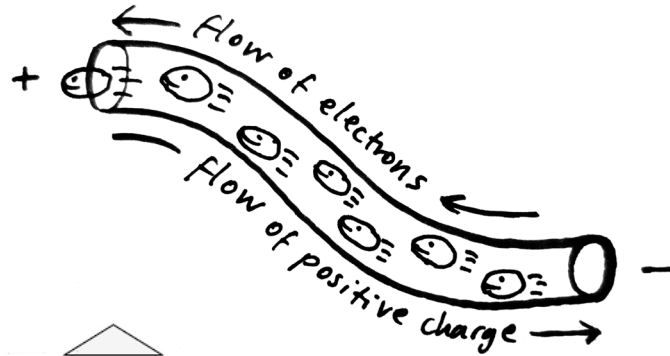
piezoresistance: "Piezo", derived from the Greek piezein,

which means to squeeze or press

schematic diagram/schematic symbol

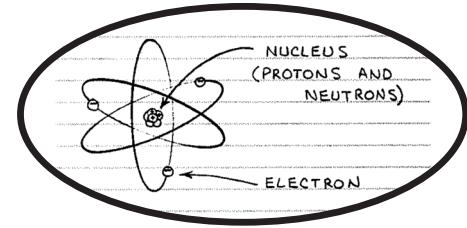
discrete "components", electronic "parts"

intro to electricity



Water Analogy

If we compare electricity to water flowing through a pipe, then:
Voltage is the water pressure,
Current is the stream of flow of water,
Resistance is the valve.



Voltage (V) - is electrical pressure or force. Sometimes referred to as potential. Voltage drop is the difference in voltage between the two ends of a conductor through which current is flowing.

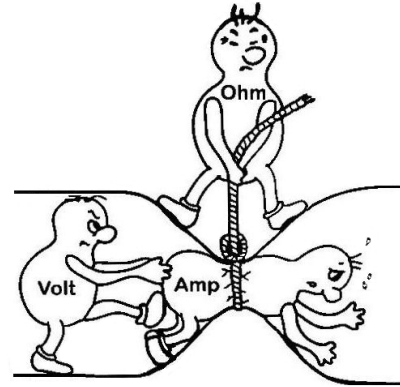
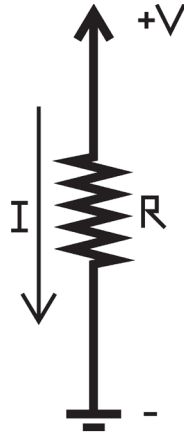
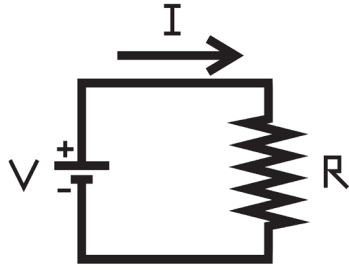
Current (I) - is the quantity of electronics passing a given point.

The unit of current is Ampere.

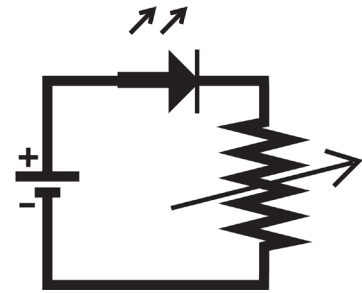
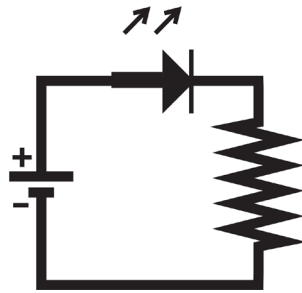
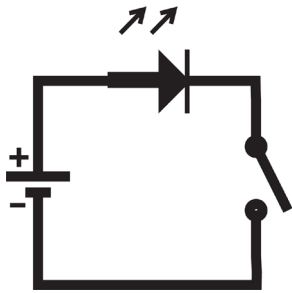
1 Amp = 6,280,000,000,000,000 electronics passing a point in one second.

Resistance (R) - conductors are not perfect, they resist the flow of current to some degree. the unit of resistance is the Ohm (Ω).

Ohm's Law: $V = I \times R$



simple LED circuit



schematic symbols:

power supply



resistor



variable resistor



LED



switch



multimeter

auto-ranging

in this mode it will beep when there is a direct connection (<100 ohm)

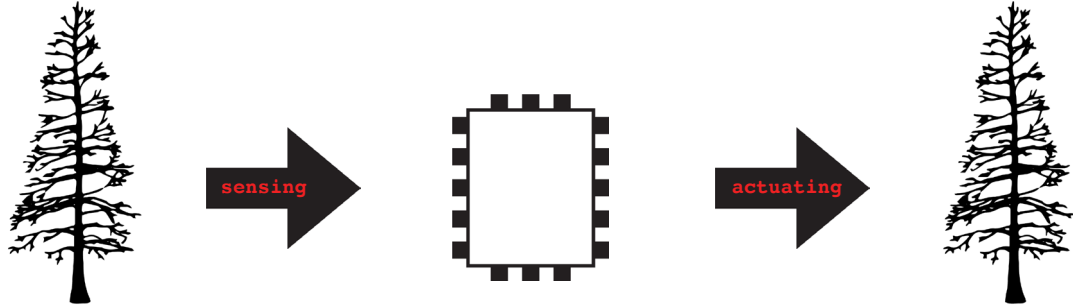


manual-range

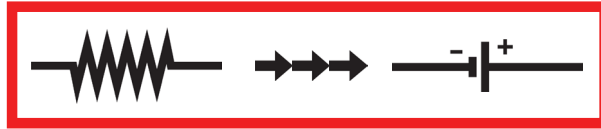
the numbers on the dial are **not** multipliers, but indicate the maximum reading range.
for example: if the dial is on 20K and the display says "12.4" then you are reading 12.4K ohm or 12,400 ohm



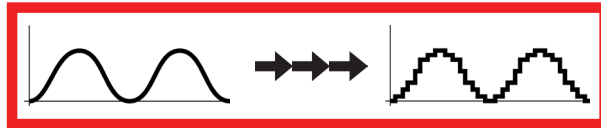
translating between world and computer



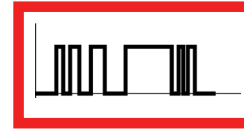
translating resistance to voltage



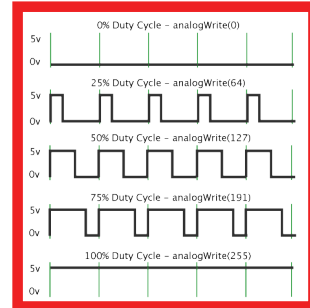
translating analog to digital



HIGH, LOW

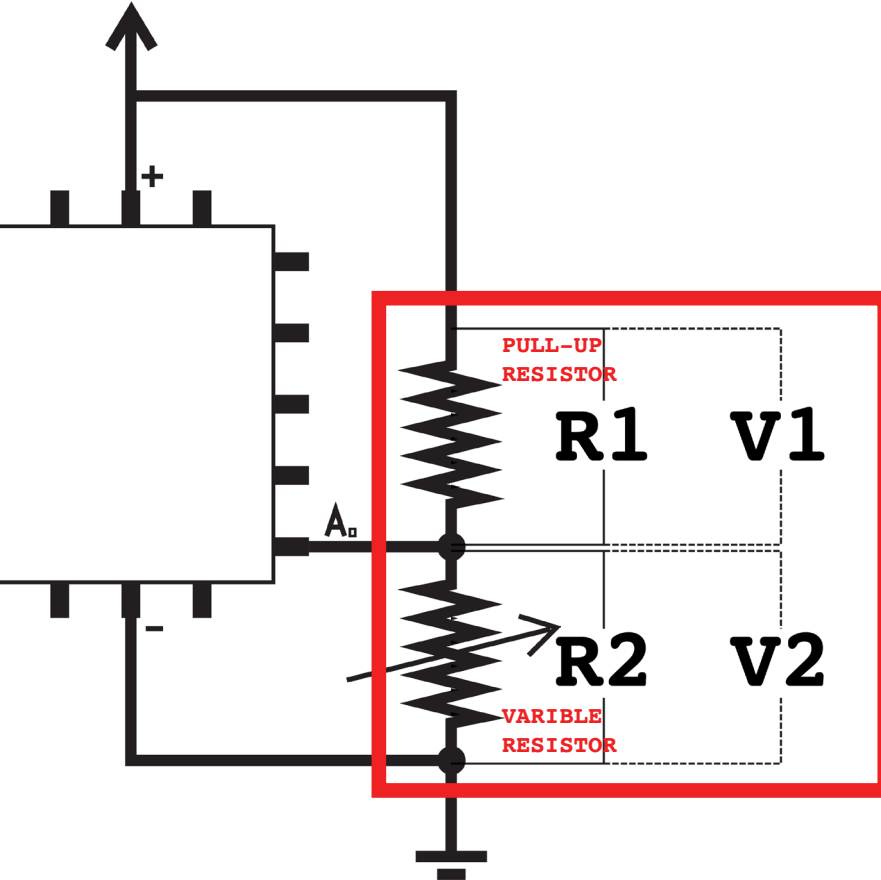


PWM





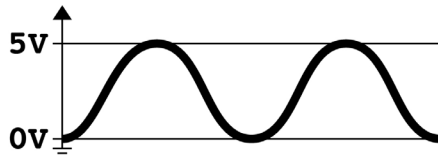
resistance $\xrightarrow{\text{voltage divider}}$ voltage



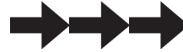
$$\frac{R1}{R2} = \frac{V1}{V2}$$

**VOLTAGE
DIVIDER**

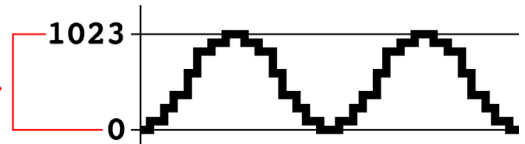
analog analog to digital converter (ADC) -----> digital



ADC



10bit



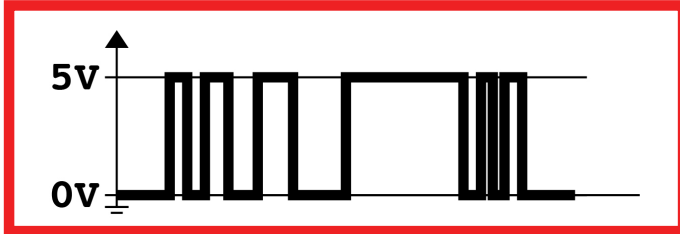
```
void setup() {  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  Serial.println(analogRead(A0));  
  delay(2);  
}
```

ANALOG
DIGITAL
CONVERTER

digital -----> HIGH / LOW



```
digitalWrite(PIN#, HIGH);
```



HIGH - 1 - VCC - on

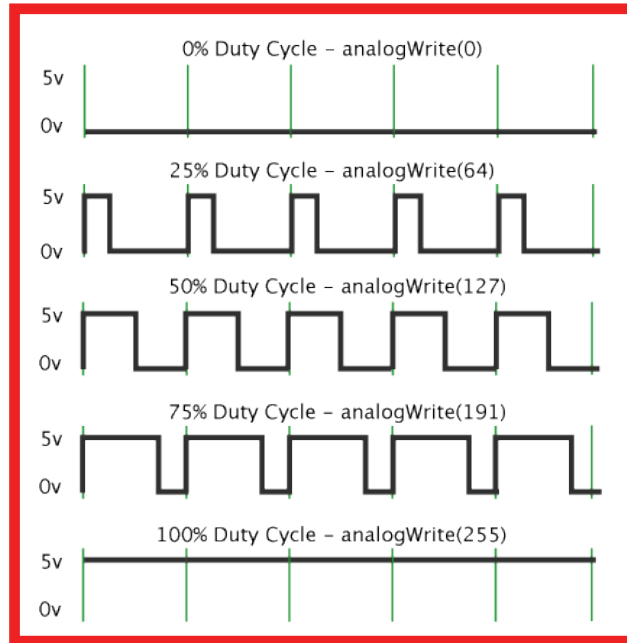
LOW - 0 - GND - off

```
digitalWrite(PIN#, LOW);
```

digital -----> PWM *"fake analog"*

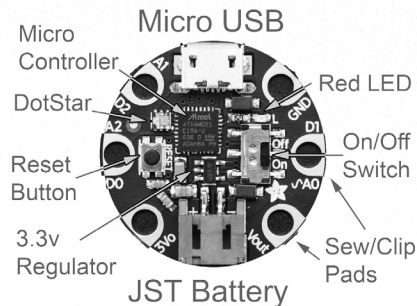


`analogWrite(PIN#, [0-255]);`



**PULSE
WIDTH
MODULATION**

Arduino & Gemma



STRUCTURE

```
void setup() { . . . }
```

The setup function is called when a sketch starts.
It will only run once after each powerup or reset of the Arduino board.

```
void loop() { . . . }
```

loops consecutively, allowing your program to change and respond.

I/O	DIGITAL	ANALOG
READ	digitalRead(pin); returns: HIGH or LOW	analogRead(pin); returns: 10bit analog reading between 0 - 1023 (ADC resolution)
WRITE	digitalWrite(pin, HIGH or LOW); writes: HIGH (3V, 5V) or LOW (0V or GND)	analogWrite(pin, [0-255]); writes: 8bit PWM duty cycle between 0(always off) - 255(always on)

SERIAL COMMUNICATION

```
Serial.begin(speed);
```

Sets the data rate for serial data transmission.

speed: in bits per second (baud)

```
Serial.print(val);
```

Prints data to the serial port as human-readable ASCII text.

val: the value to print - any data type

MATH

```
constrain(x, a, b);
```

Constrains a number to be within a range.

x: the number to constrain / a: the lower end of the range / b: the upper end of the range

returns: the constrained value

```
map(value, fromLow, fromHigh, toLow, toHigh);
```

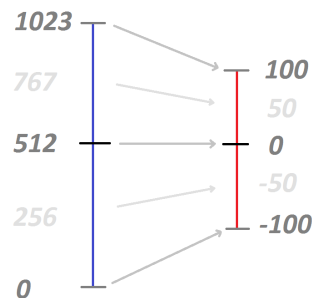
Re-maps a number from one range to another.

value: the number to map

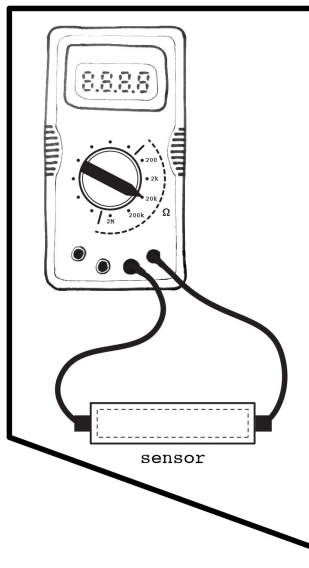
fromLow, fromHigh: the lower and upper bounds of the value's current range

toLow, toHigh: the lower and upper bounds of the value's target range

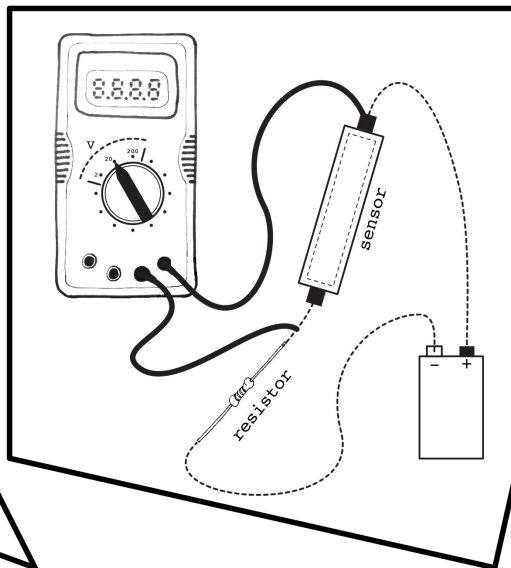
returns: the mapped value



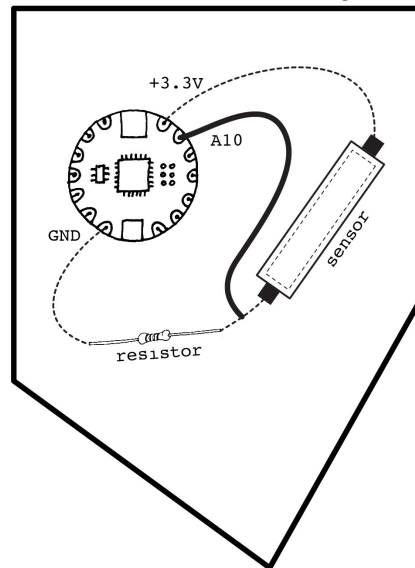
sensor's resistance range



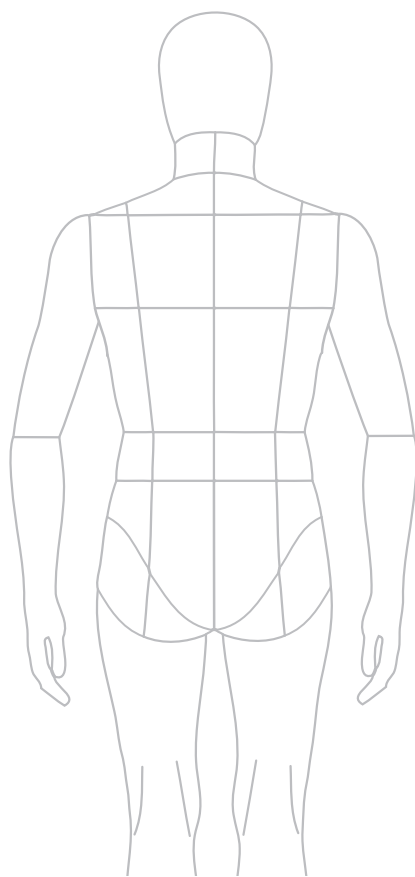
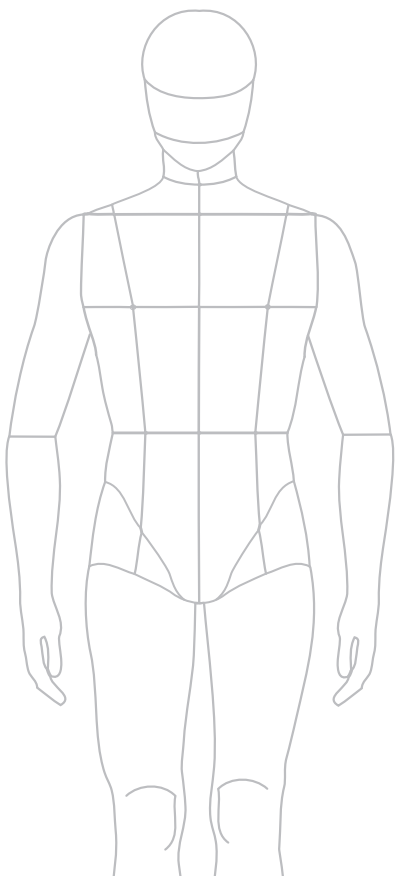
sensor's voltage range



sensor's 10bit ADC range



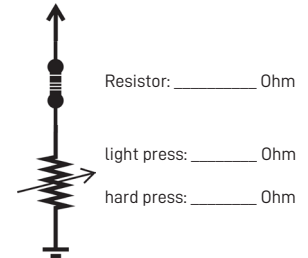
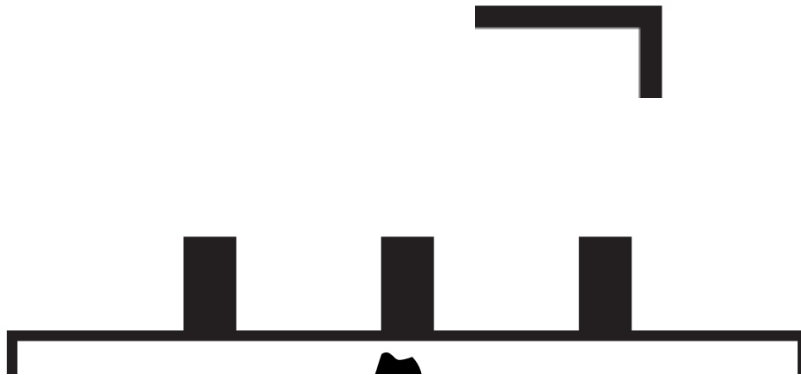
sensor	max Ω		mean Ω	max V		max ADC	min ADC
	resting	activated		resting	activated	resting	activated



swatch: velostat pressure sensor

analog sensor

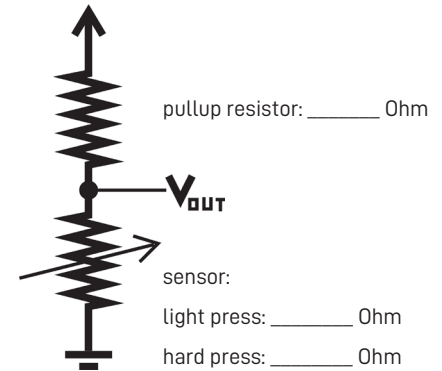
constructed from layering a piece of Velostat between two pieces of copper tape on paper and folded in half.



swatch: _____

analog sensor

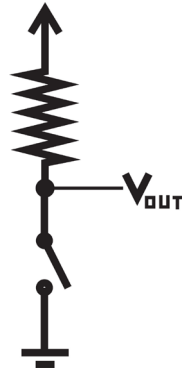
description:



swatch:

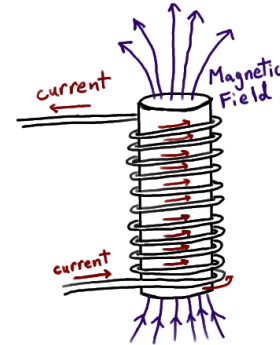
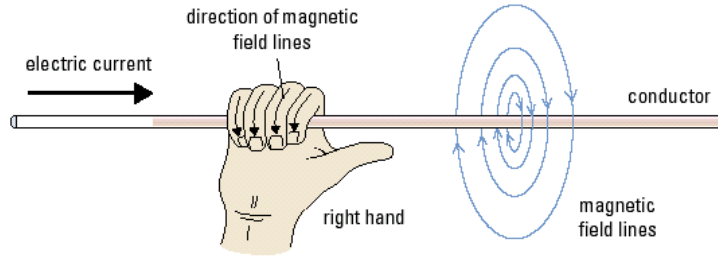
digital sensor/switch

description:



electromagnetism

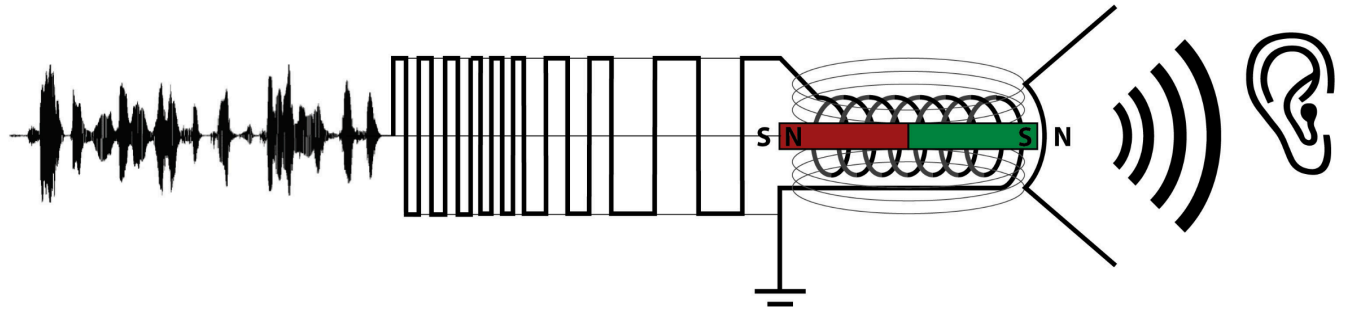
A current flowing through a wire creates a magnetic field around the wire. This is called electromagnetism. The magnetic field disappears when the current is turned off. You cannot see the field, but you can observe its effect.



Electromagnets usually consist of insulated wire wound into a coil because this allows you to increase the strength of the magnetic field. The more turns in your coil, the stronger the electromagnetic field. The electromagnetic field is concentrated in the hole in the center of the coil.

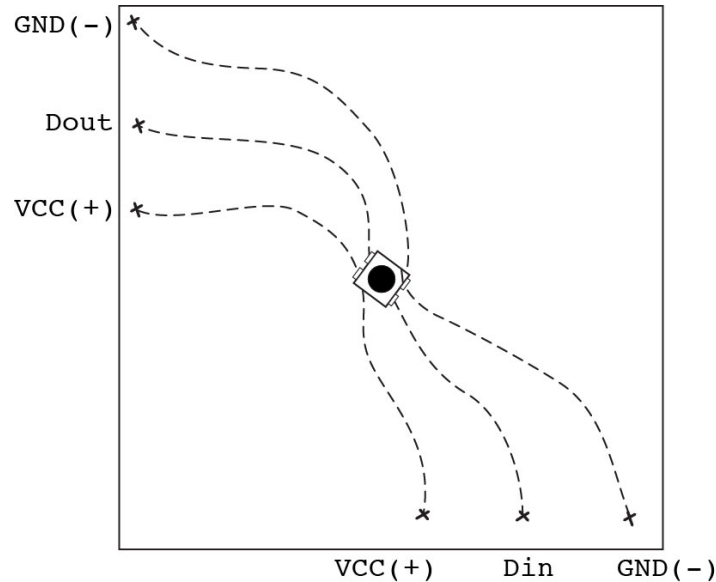
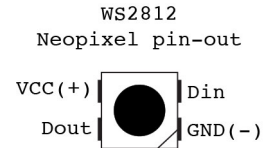
dynamic speaker

A coil of wire is attached to a membrane and wrapped around a per-manent magnet, with space for the coil to move in relation to the magnet. When pulses of electrical current (a sound signal) is fed into the coil it becomes an electromagnet and attracts or repels itself from the permanent magnet causing the membrane to move and move the air around it, sending soundwaves through the air which we will hear.



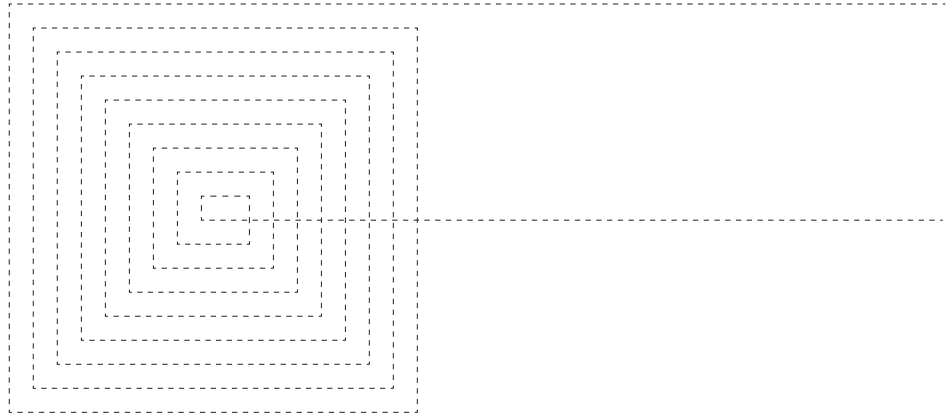
swatch: neopixel LED

first solder the lines of karl-grimm copper thread to the leads of the Neopixel, then you can fasten the threads to the fabric using couching technique.



swatch: copper tape speaker

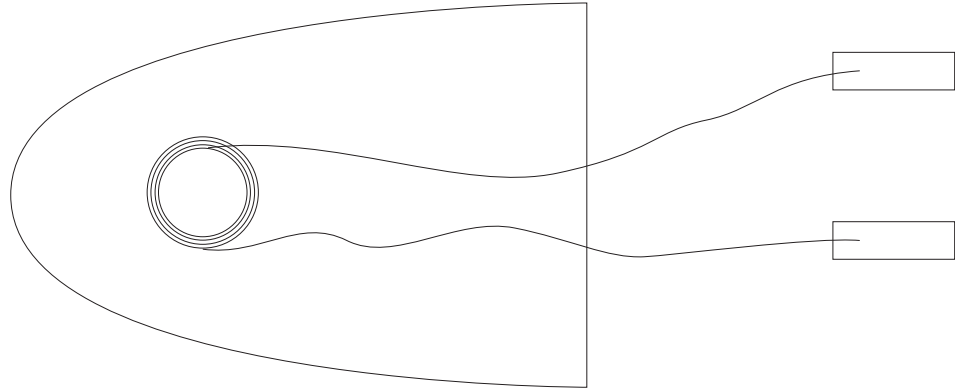
cut a strip of copper tape in half start at the edge of the page tape to the middle of the page then insulate your trace with some masking tape now continue to coil the tape around in a square until you have at least 5-6 turns measure how much resistance your coil has.



_____ Ohm

swatch: magnet wire speaker

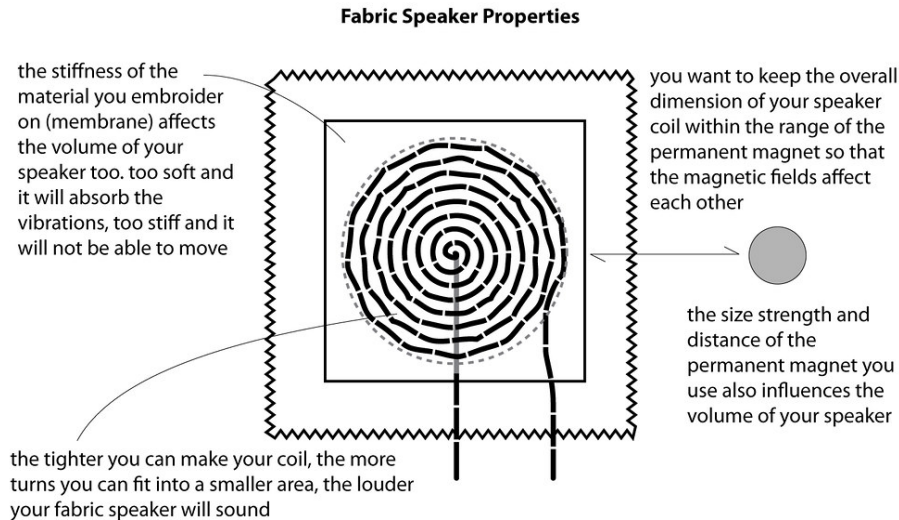
measure 2m of thin enameled wire wrap it around the tip of a 1.5cm diameter pen
how many turns could you make? tape the coil to a flap of thin paper tape the flap
to this page tape two pieces of copper tape to this page.



_____ Ohm

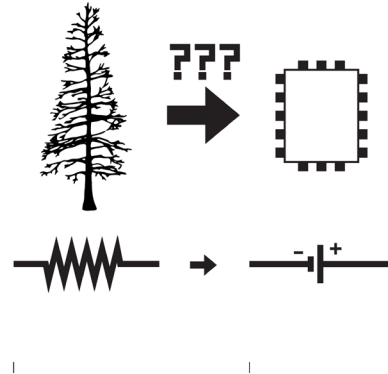
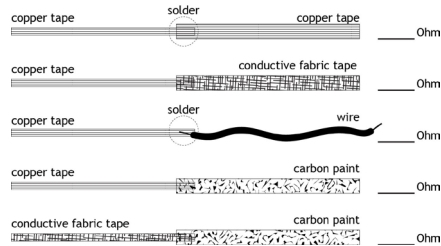
swatch: fabric speaker

measure 1m of karl-grimm copper thread. tie a knot 10cm from one end. thread it through a needle and stitch it through the center of your fabric so that the 10cm remains on the back side of your fabric. remove needle from conductive thread. thread a needle with non-conductive thread and use it to couch the conductive thread a-round-and-a-round in a spiral. test at any point along the way.....

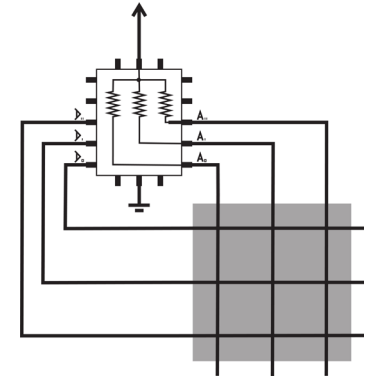


swatch: pressure sensor matrix

materials:



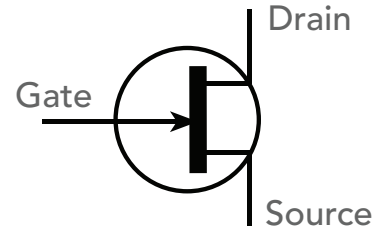
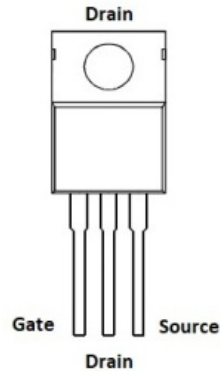
circuit schematic:



transistor switch

N-channel power MOSFET - 30V / 60A - TO-220 package

While a normal switch would require an actuator to be physically flipped, this switch is controlled by the voltage at the base pin. A microcontroller I/O pin, like those on an Arduino, can be programmed to go high or low to turn the LED on or off.



audio amp

Subtitle Text

text text text text



day0 - sunday

9 June 2019

day1 - monday

10 June 2019

day2 - tuesday

11 June 2019

day3 - wednesday

12 June 2019

day4 - thursday

13 June 2019

day5 - friday

14 June 2019