

# Microcontroller Based Speed Control of a DC Motor Using PWM Technique



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**Abstract:** The aim of development of this project is towards providing efficient and simple method for control speed of DC motor using pulse width modulation technique. The modulation of pulse width is obtained using pulse width generator in ATmega16 Microcontroller. Pulse-width modulation (PWM), or pulse-duration modulation (PDM), is a technique used to encode a message into a pulsing signal. It is a type of modulation. Although, this modulation technique can be used to encode information for transmission, its main use is to allow the control of the power supplied to electrical devices, especially to inertial loads such as DC motors. There are several methods for controlling the speed of DC motors. One simple method is to use potentiometer to change the pulse width which inherently controls the DC motor speed. While, atmega16 microcontroller is fast and efficient which has inbuilt 8 bit ADC which converts analog change in potentiometer to digital pulse, which in turn is exposed to pulse width generator, which generates pulses and these pulses are connected to DC motor using L293D Driver IC.

**Key words:** Micro controller, L293D motor drive, Pulse width modulation technique.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Speed control of dc motor could be achieved using mechanical or electrical techniques. In the past, speed controls of dc drives are mostly mechanical and requiring large size hardware to implement. The development has launched these drives back to a position of formidable relevance, which were hitherto predicted to give way to ac drives. Fractional horsepower dc drives are widely employed as servo means for positioning and tracking. Controlled rectifiers provide a variable dc voltage from a fixed dc voltage. Due to their ability to supply a continuously variable dc voltage, controlled rectifier and dc choppers made a revolution in modern industrial equipment and variable speed drives. Adjustable speed drives may be operated over a wide range by controlling armature or field excitation. Transistor and thyristor along with various analog digital chips used in firing or controlling circuits have made dc driver more accessible for control in innumerable areas of applications. Recent developments in the area of semiconductor technology have made smaller, faster microprocessors and microcontrollers available at reduced cost. The potential use of microprocessors to control some or all electronic functions justifies their use. The main objective of this work is to become familiar with the design and implementation of both software and hardware of a microcontroller based open loop speed control of DC motor

and speed of DC motor is controlled by pulse width modulation which is generated by microcontroller by using analog to digital converter. The purpose of a motor speed controller is to take a signal representing the required speed, and to drive a motor at that speed. Speed control means intentional change of the drive speed to a value required for performing the specific work process. Through this concept we can control speed of a motor on its running condition. Speed control is a different concept from speed regulation where there is natural change in speed due change in load on the shaft. Speed control is either done manually by the operator or by means of some automatic control device and by some important printing presses, textile mills, rolling mills & accelerators. Through this work we can bring motor speed in any rpm with the microcontroller by setting it using keyword.

## 1.1 Description of research work

The electric drive systems used in many industrial applications require higher performance, reliability, variable speed due to its ease of controllability. The speed control of DC motor is very crucial in applications where precision and protection are of essence. Purpose of a motor speed controller is to take a signal representing the required speed and to drive a motor at that speed. Microcontrollers can provide easy control of DC motor. Microcontroller based speed control system consist of electronic component, microcontroller and the LCD. In this project, implementation of the ATmega16 microcontroller for speed control of DC motor fed by a L293D Driver Circuit has been investigated. The L293D Driver is driven by a high frequency PWM signal. Controlling the PWM duty cycle is equivalent to controlling the motor terminal voltage, which in turn adjusts directly the motor speed. This work is a practical one and high feasibility according to economic point of view and accuracy. In this work, development of hardware and software of the open loop dc motor speed control system have been explained and illustrated. The desired objective is to achieve a system with the constant speed at any load condition. That means motor will run at a fixed speed instead of varying with amount of load.

## 2.1 Pulse Width Modulation Technique

Pulse-width modulation (PWM) or pulse-duration modulation (PDM) is a technique used to encode message into a pulsing signal. It is a type of modulation. Although this modulation technique can be used to encode information for transmission, its main use is to allow the control of the power supplied to electrical devices, especially to inertial loads such



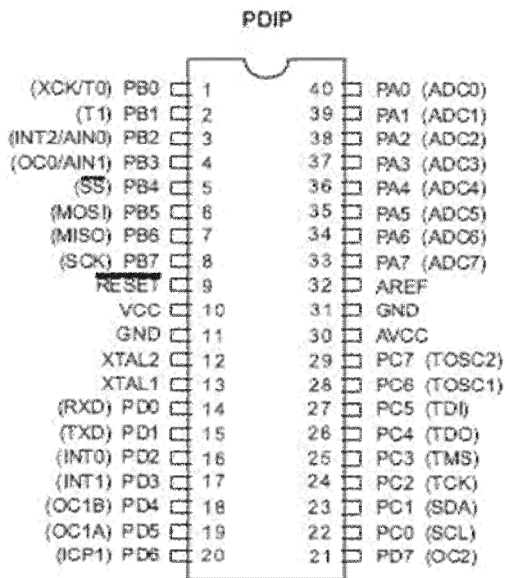


Figure 2. PIN diagram of ATmega16 Micro controller

### 3.2 L293D MOTOR DRIVER:

L293D is a dual H-bridge motor driver integrated circuit (IC). Motor drivers act as current amplifiers since they take a low-current control signal and provide a higher current signal. This higher current signal is used to drive the motors. An H bridge is an electronic circuit that enables a voltage to be applied across a load in either direction. These circuits are often used in robotics and other Applications to allow DC motors to run forwards and backwards. Most DC-to-AC converters (power inverters), most AC/AC converters, the DC-to-DC push-pull converter, most motor controllers, and many other kinds of power electronics use H bridges. In particular, a bipolar stepper motor is almost invariably driven by a motor controller containing Two H Bridges.

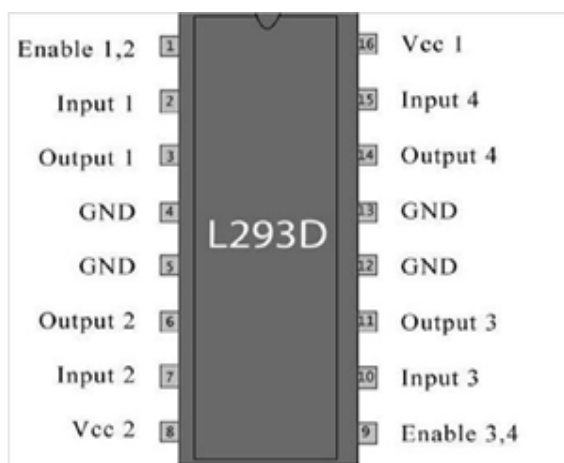


Figure 3: pin diagram of 293D driver

## 4.1 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

The software development is implemented using AVR studio Integrated development environment for programming the ATMEGA16

Microcontroller in embedded 'C' programming and thereby, Proteus hardware emulator software is used to qualify the programmed microcontroller.

### 4.1.1 AVR STUDIO:

ATmel AVR Studio 4 is the Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for developing and debugging embedded Atmel AVR applications. The AVR Studio 4 IDE gives you a seamless and easy-to-use environment to write, build, and debug your C/C++ and assembler code.

The AVR Software Framework is a collection of production-ready source code, written and optimized by experts and tested in hundreds of production designs. Using these peripheral drivers, communication stacks and application-specific libraries is the quick and effortless way to complete a project. Software Framework works across all 32bit AVR UC3 and 8-bit AVR XMEGA devices and works with both GNU and IAR C compilers.

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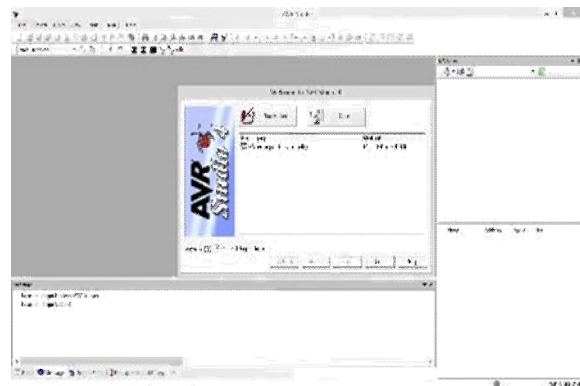


Figure 5 : program written in AVR studio

### 4.1.2 PROTEUS SOFTWARE EMULATOR:

Proteus is a tool that allows authoring, modification and execution of Proteus guidelines. Proteus is a guideline model for creation of guidelines and guideline software systems. The Proteus guidelines are composed of modular entities called knowledge components (KCs), with each having the capability of possessing its own interfering mechanism. The KCs may be reused for different problems in different guidelines. The KCs can also execute in computer software that has the ability to interpret them to provide decision support to healthcare professionals. Protean is a software environment under development in which Proteus

guidelines and KCs may be authored/edited and executed.

Proteus is best simulation software for various designs with microcontroller. It is mainly popular because of availability of almost all microcontrollers in it. So it is a handy tool to test programs and embedded designs for electronics hobbyist. User can simulate y programming of microcontroller in Proteus Simulation Software.

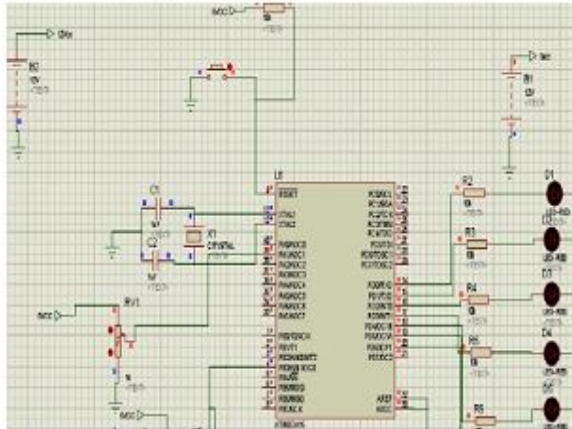


Figure 6: Hardware Simulation Model

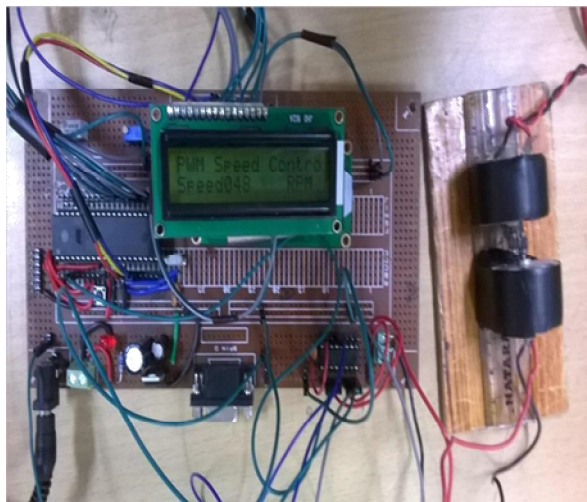


Figure 7. Snapshot of PCB board

## RESULT

The circuit is based on PWM technique. ATmega-16's timer portion has this special feature. By adjusting register values (OCR, TCCR etc) duty cycles can be controlled. When motor run at 70% of duty cycle, the DC generator gives a Voltage corresponds to that speed. Now if any load occurs, desired speed will be decreased. Hence, the voltage drop will be less. This voltage occurred by rotating the potentiometer is fed into the ADC of microcontroller and it will start increasing its duty cycle until it reaches the desired speed.

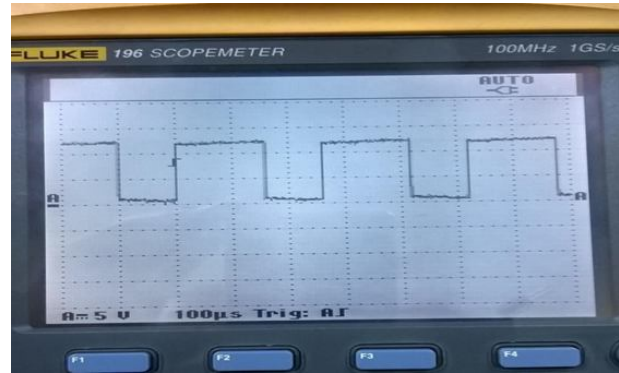


Figure 8. Snap Shot of Pulse Width Modulation of Oscilloscope

## Conclusions

The microcontroller based open-loop automatic speed control of dc motor using PWM Technique has been introduced. Controlling a permanent magnet DC motor with speed measuring through DC generator will be implemented using an ATmega16 microcontroller. The system will be made user friendly so that anybody can operate the system without any trouble. LCD display will used to show the speed of the system. Knowing the condition the user can change the amount of load if necessary. The future advancements can be made to system by introducing GSM technique to the system and maintain a feedback loop if overload occurs. So, presently the PWM based controlling of DC motor speed is implemented.

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