

Remote vehicle control, joystick, Arduino Wemos and communication ESP-NOW

Introduction:

Summary of work:

- .- Several analog inputs through a single port.
- .- WEMOS, electrical specifications.
- .- Communication protocol ESP-NOW.
- .- Circuit L298N. Specifications and pinout of it.

Mounting .- vehicle with two DC motors

In this article I explain how to take several analog values and place in a single port on a Wemos A0 plate. Values from a joystick, are transmitted quickly, securely and easily via Wifi using the ESP-NOW protocol. In the vehicle, another WEMOS receives the data and drives two DC motors for steering the vehicle.

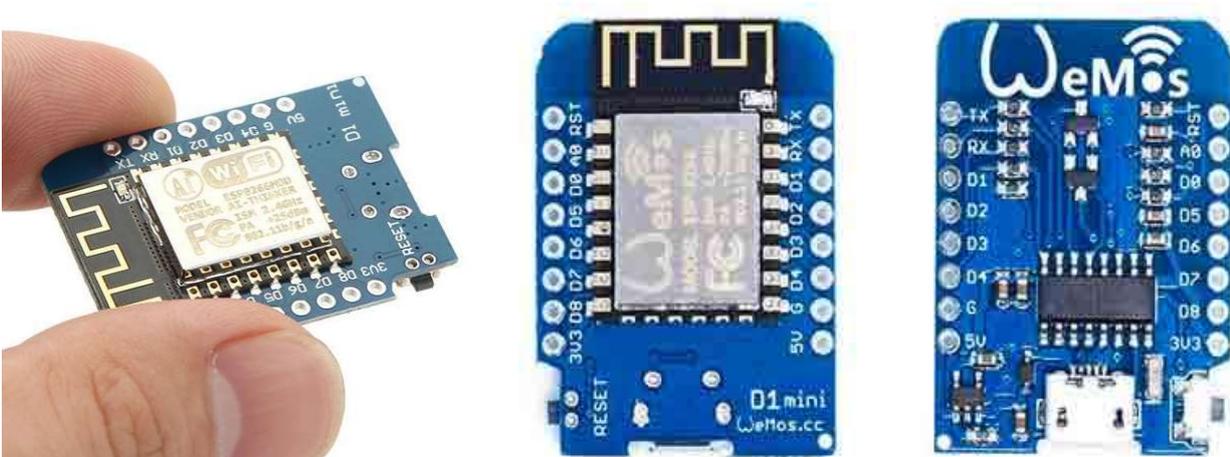
All part of the idea of moving a wheelchair for disabled staff remotely and to accompany them without pushing it. As a working example, I created this project. Later you can change the output circuits and motors with higher-power and coupled to the wheels of the chair a mechanical system that moves.

Perhaps someone can argue that things exposed these works can be achieved easily and cheaply in a web, but the fact of do it yourself and components low price is always a pleasure when you see it working. Other than that, I'll settle for a person like it or clarify a concept or doubt.

I will try to explain the concepts used for better understanding of the work. Perhaps some will find interesting any part of it.

Arduino development board Wemos:

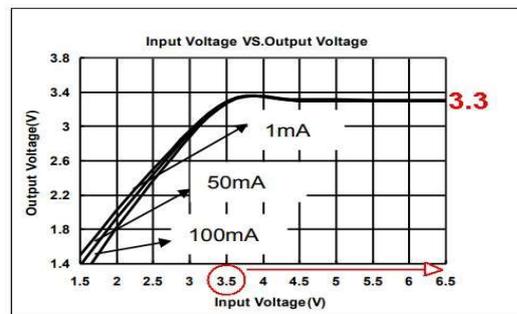
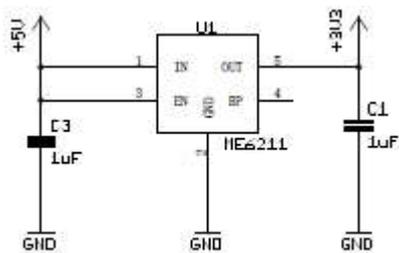
We are talking about a small development board with wide possibilities:



With it we can perform projector IoT, data analysis and delivery via networks and many other things, taking advantage of the wireless capabilities of the same. In another project I've done, I think own wifi network and I can open a remote lock, using a typed from our smartphone, I've also published key. The difference from the above is that instead of using HTML protocol for communication, use very little published WiFi type communication ESP-NOW between two devices, being easy, quick, secure (encrypted) without feature pairings when acting (only when configuring the Arduino sketch). Later, when explaining the skit, I will discuss the details to consider.

The plate has a **entry**5v power to the pin (or USB) and input GND. Such feeding need not be 5v, and carrying a voltage regulator which makes 3.3v, which is really the working voltage. In the datasheet of Wemos we can see and also attached a picture of the regulator datasheet:

(2) Input Voltage VS. Output Voltage ($T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
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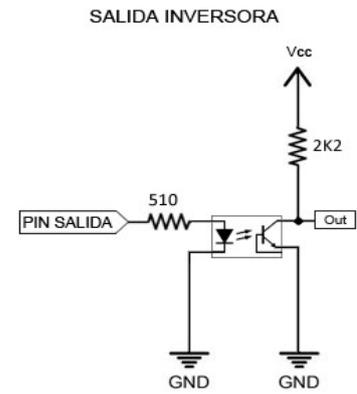
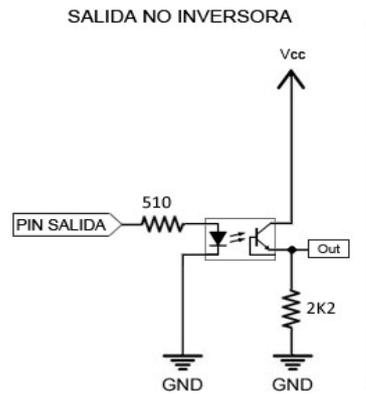
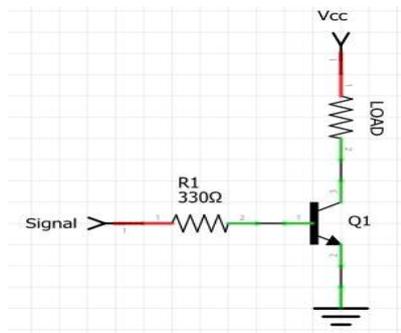


According to the link specification ESP8266, you could work even 3v, but should feed a voltage higher than 3.5V, so that the output of internal regulator have a minimum of 3v. In this link you can see other technical details that expand this information.

https://cdn-shop.adafruit.com/product-files/2471/0A-ESP8266_Datasheet_EN_v4.3.pdf

The plate also has 9 digital inputs / outputs (D0-D8). All have the ability to work with PWM outputs, I2C bus, etc.

Detail to take into account when connecting something to the digital output pins, to illuminate LEDs, activate relays, etc. The maximum current that can deliver a digital pin is **12mA**. If you need to deliver more current, we must be inserted between the pin and a transistor device or an opto coupler higher power. For example:



With a resistor in series with the output of 330 ohms, a current of 10mA is delivered, so if possible, increase the value of the resistors. There are many websites recommending a 330 ohm resistor in series with the LEDs I recommend using higher strengths. If the LED lights to our liking, we do not need to add any SAVINGS work mA power is always good.

NOTE: digital pins, we can give PWM values between 0 and 1023. Arduino Uno, between 0 and 254.

The WEMOS plate also has a digital input A0, to analog data analysis. Must take into account two things. The first is that NO can be applied more than 3.3V voltage directly, as it would deteriorate. If you want to measure higher voltage must be inserted external voltage divider. Said input values are 0 to 1,024.

Other features:

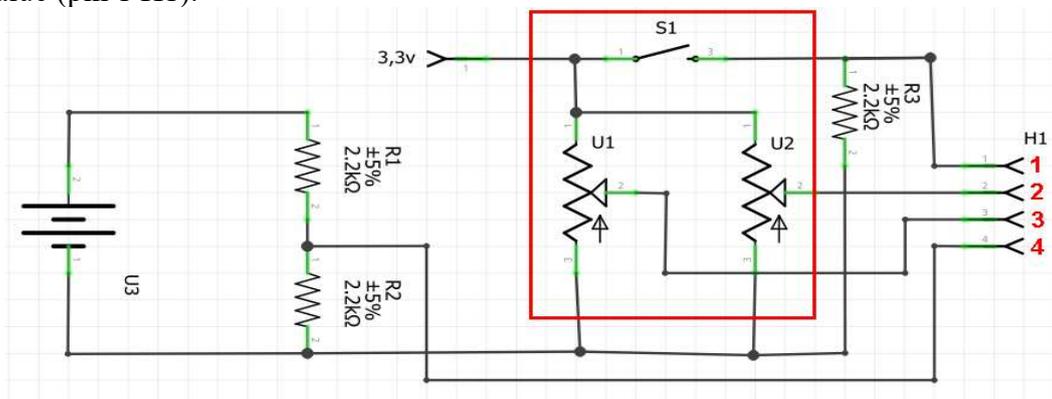
- Departure 3.3V to power external circuits. 12mA maximum current per pin.
- Connector micro USB for firmware load and 5v power
- Pulsador Reset.

There are many tutorials on how to setup the Arduino IDE to work with this type of plaque as well as the necessary libraries. I will not go into it too much not to extend this work.

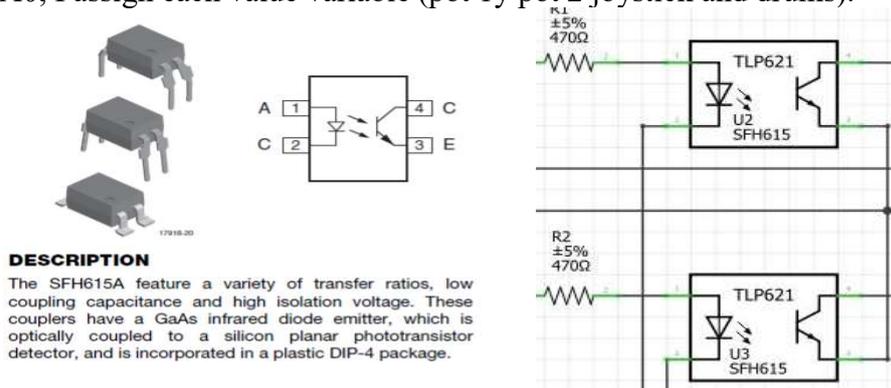
Joystick circuit (remote control):

I like the development board Wemos, as it has little size, it is cheap and has many possibilities. As only has an analog input A0, the problem of wanting to capture several analog values simultaneously arises. For my case in particular a Joystick consists of two potentiometers with analog individual outputs and a push. In addition, I want to analyze the current value of the battery used in the remote control, so now we need to take 3 different analog values.

In the following scheme, Created with Fritzing, we left a voltage divider. If the battery is more than 3.3V, the analog input is at risk of damaged therefore appropriate to reduce the voltage for analysis. I use 3.7v battery, so when loaded completely is approximately 4v and due to the voltage divider in the H1 pin 4 have 2v (variable depending on battery status). To the right is a basic joystick, consisting of two potentiometers and a button (R3 is external to the joystick). They feed with 3.3v providing WEMOS. In this general scheme, we have three analog values (pins 2, 3 and 4 H1) and a digital value (pin 1 H1).



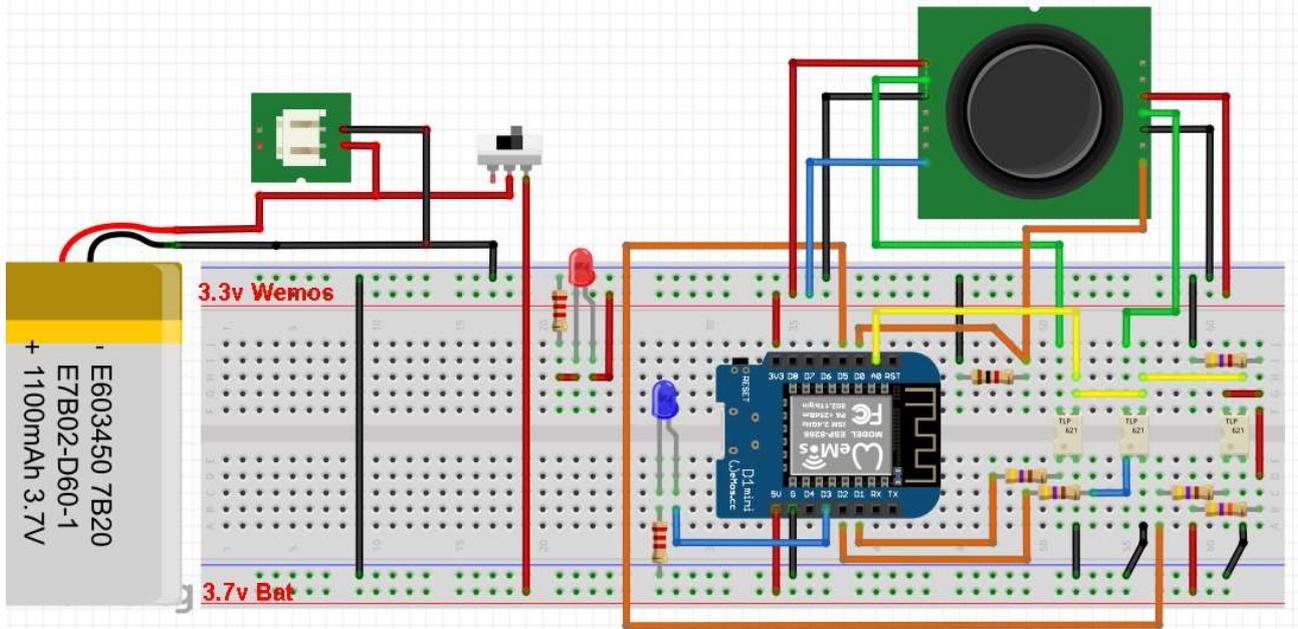
To analyze the plaque WEMOS 3 analog values, we use a small optocouplers, the chip SFH615A or TLP621. Operation is very basic for this work. In the pin 4 of chip I put one of the analog values to be analyzed. All pin 2 to GND. All pin 3 connected and A0 and each pin 1 to a digital output through a resistor, which will activating successively and depending which activate and reading the the value A0, I assign each value variable (pot 1 y pot 2 joystick and drums).



We must bear in mind that we can not connect the digital output of the Wemos directly to pin 1 of the TLP621, since this digital output will deteriorate. Each digital pin can supply about 12mA Wemos. Therefore we intersperse sufficient to activate the internal LED resistance. 470Ω It is sufficient to activate and requires only 7 mA.

Wanting to enter 3 analog values using this system, we use 3 digital outputs to activate them. If we want to introduce more analog values A0, we can use other digital outputs more or we can continue to use only 3 digital outputs, adding a demultiplexer circuit and giving binary values to the inputs,

The scheme mounted on a breadboard circuit is as follows:

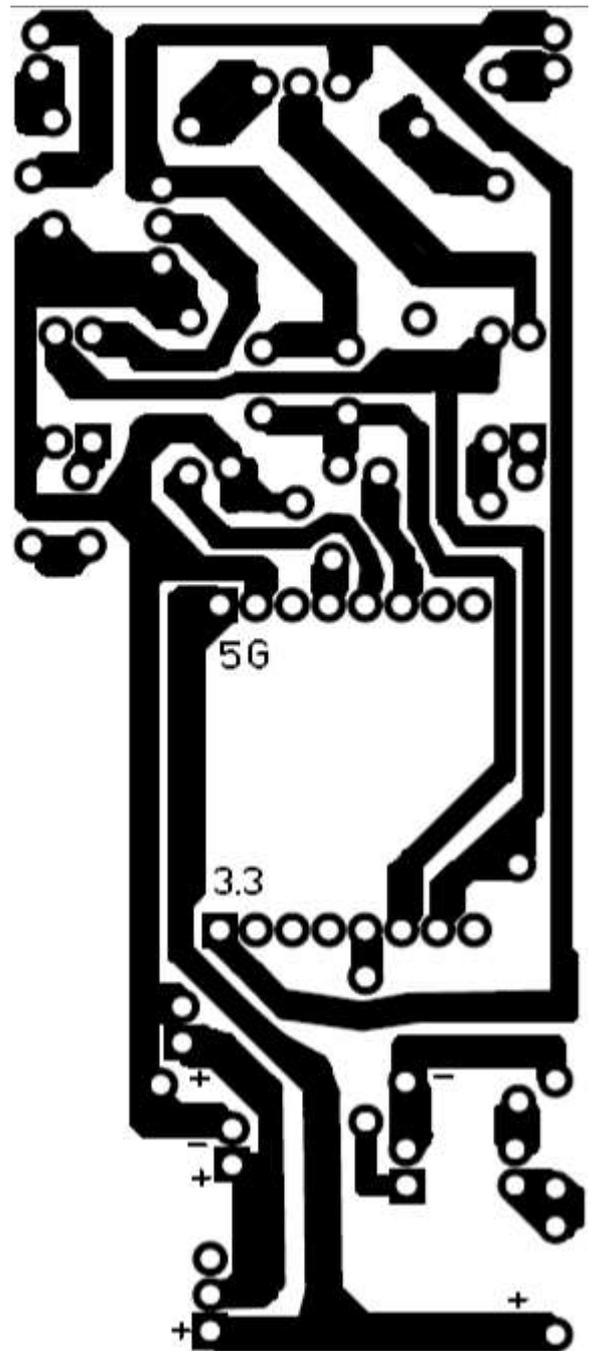
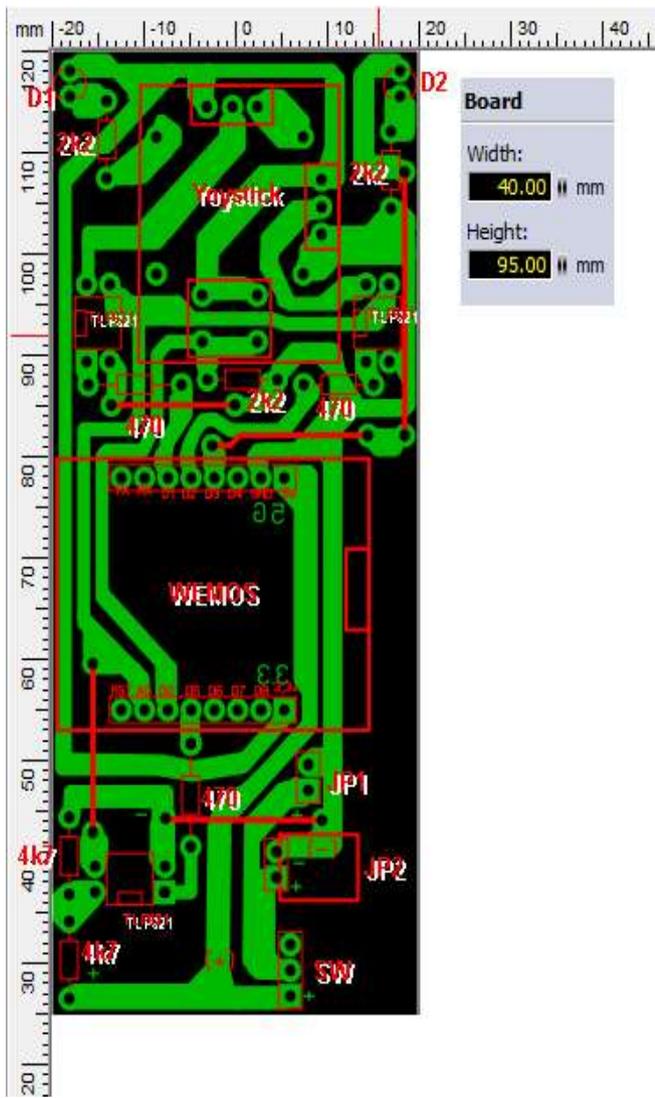


The bottom line is the positive battery voltage. The upper line is positive output of 3.3v WEMOS

I designed the following circuit board with Sprint-Layout 6.0 for connecting the joystick, opto couplers, Wemos and others. Indian measures in case anyone wants to do (40x95mm).

Must be careful with the pin 1 of the TLP621. They are welded to the square terminal and in the position shown seen from the side of the components.

The part of the next plate to connectors and WEMOS, the cut out later, it is so comfortably grip the knob, the ignition and external connections.



Photos of the remote control. At the edges, the USB connection, the charging connector on the battery and switch ON / OFF.

Easy to hold, albeit a little big. I need to make a case for himself as the 3D printer:

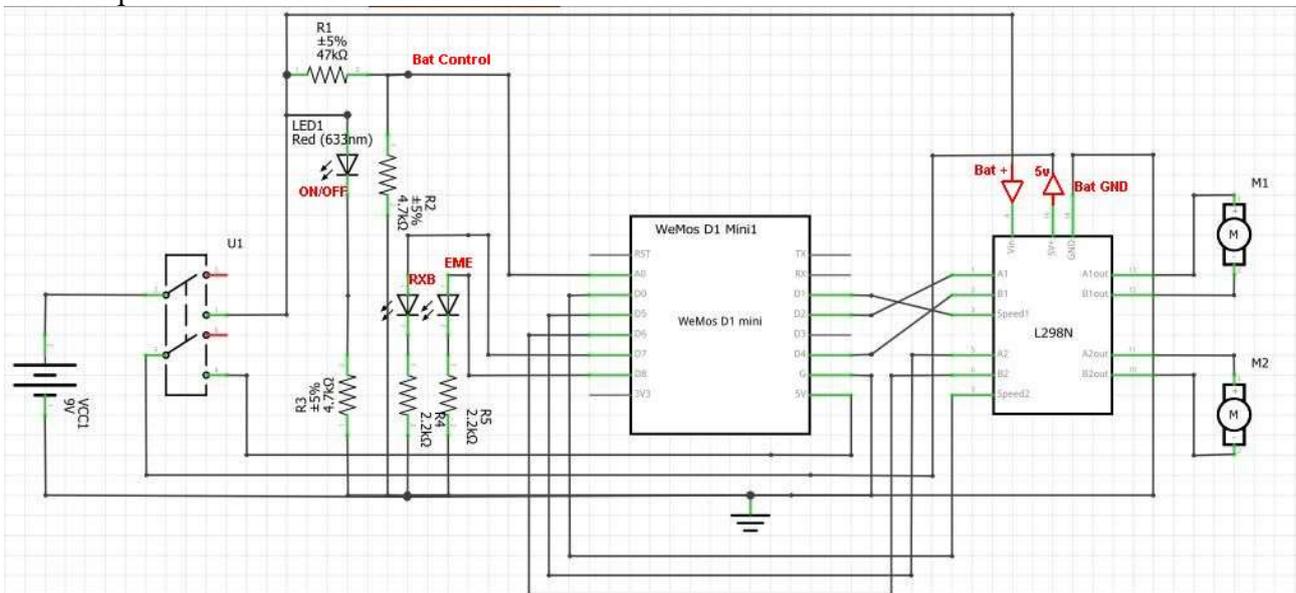


Receiver circuit (Motors):

It comprises another plate WEMOS where the data receipt joystick or remote control activates the necessary (dual H-bridge) signals to a control L298N and two motors, forward and backward, steering control. Complementing the circuit, 3 LEDs, one for power ON, the other for data transmission and a third as indicative of "emergency stop". I take the latter two (flashing) for indicating the status of the vehicle battery.

Control of battery status: The first thing to consider is that the battery I am using is 9v. Try to measure it in A0 directly, is damaging the port, since the maximum value that can be applied is 3.3V. To avoid this, we also another voltage divider, this time more unbalanced than in the remote control and reduce the value in A0. In this case, I use a 47k resistor in series with another 4K7. The focal point is where the reference volume to be measured. "Low Battery" between 7V and 5.5V, 1 flash LED "Emergency". "Very Low Battery" (below 5.5V, 3 flashings LED "Reception ok")

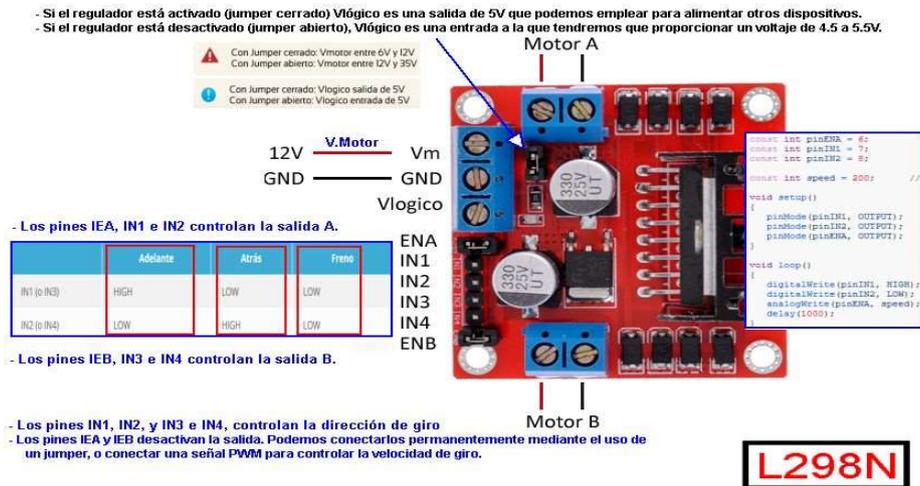
The complete circuit of the vehicle is as follows:



Because this circuit is mounted on a vehicle, I did not want to complicate a lot the Arduino sketch. Simply receives data via wireless joystick ESP-NOW and converts them into control signals for the motors. That makes it easier in future software changes or modifications path, be made only on the remote control (joystick) instead of both.

I have not made any special circuit board. Only a provisional for LEDs and resistors.

L298N (double H-bridge)



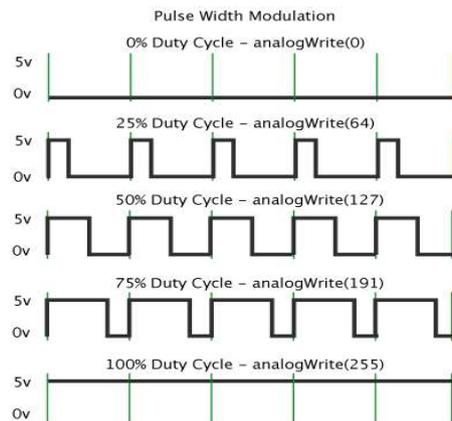
This is a short description of the circuit that controls the DC motor that drives the vehicle.

- Connectors A and B (blue 2 pin). They are the current outputs to the motors. If after testing, the motor rotates the opposite side we want, simply invert pins thereof

Power connector (blue 3-pin). It is the input current to the circuit. As it can be fed between 6 and 36 volts, one must take into account the jumper or bridge next to the connector. If fed with a voltage from 6 to 12V, the bridge is left in place and have a V_{lógico} **exit 5v** towards WEMOS (as in this study). If the circuit is powered by more than 12V voltage, you must remove the bridge so that the DC-DC converter leads is not damaged and if we want to run your logic circuitry, we take a cable 5v external to the circuit (5v input). In my case, as I use a 9v battery, I leave it since and I used to feed the Wemos board through the 5v pin. GND is negative battery and will also G Wemos and LEDs.

Control connector (6-pin). It has two parts. ENA, IN1, IN2 control the motor connected at A and ENB, IN3, IN4 controlling motor connected in Table B. In the figure above levels of the signals must have to set in motion the engines is indicated below, back or braking. ENA and ENB are some bridges. If we leave posts, L298N engines will input voltage V_m in the indicated direction, no speed control and voltage regulation. If we remove, we will use these pins for receiving a PWM signal from the WEMOS plate and thus control the speed of each motor. Arduino is achieved by a analogWrite () command. Wemos on the plate, all the D port have that capability.

In the figure L298N there is a box with a small sketch for Arduino UNO which will rotate the motor A forward voltage near 75% of V_m.



The text before this graphic explains the relationship of `analogWrite ()` with how output pins to Arduino UNO. In WEMOS, 100% is achieved with `analogWrite (1023)` and 50% would `analogWrite (512)`.

When this project, we must take into account possible ENA and ENB PWM values supplied by the `analogWrite` command because depend on the value of the battery voltage and voltage motors. In this case I use a 9V battery (V_m) and 6V engines. As you increase the PWM signal on them, the motor voltage rises, but does not begin to move until it reaches a certain value, so that in tests, ***It must be set that minimum PWM to do the move*** at low speed. On the other hand, if we put the PWM signal to the maximum, we give the motor voltage V_m battery (9V) and can damage the same, so in testing, we measure the voltage and ***establish the maximum PWM so that it does not deteriorate*** and as much provide the maximum 6V. Both, as I said earlier, in the Arduino sketch of the remote control.

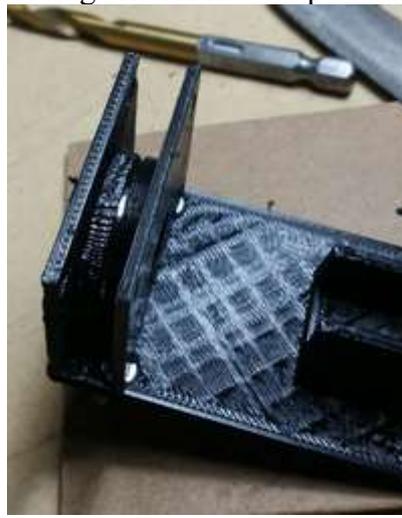
Vehicle Mount:

I have to admit that the assembly is a bit domesticated, but effective. Maybe 3D design and print a nicer model, but this model "home" has the advantage of better see the operation. There are a number of engines with gearbox and wheels included for coupling at low prices. I used what I have on hand.

For assembly, I have 3D printed pieces, wheels, bearing flange / motor and bushings and use 3mm diameter screws to join the pieces. For binding to the screw shaft motor, I used the contacts of a strip electrical connection by cutting the outer plastic. When mounting the wheels, the screw should stick to the wheel to prevent skidding when turning.



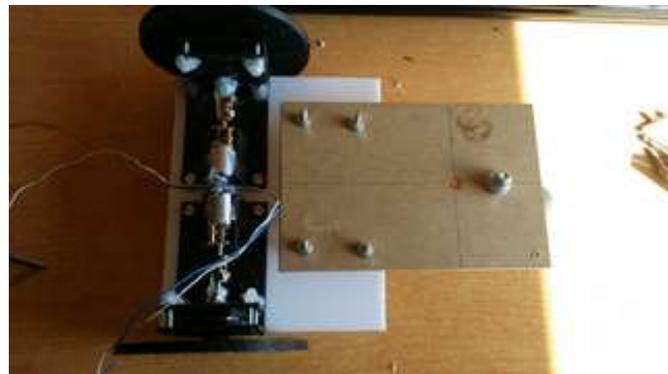
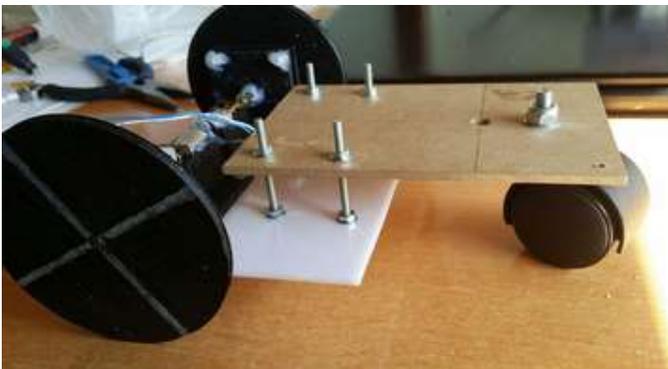
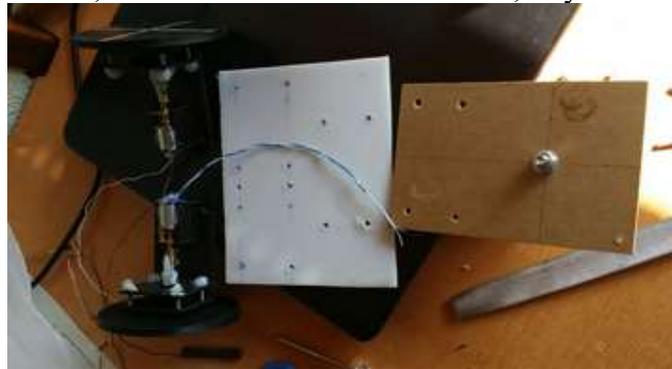
The following shows the bearing housing / motor and the part that holds 3D



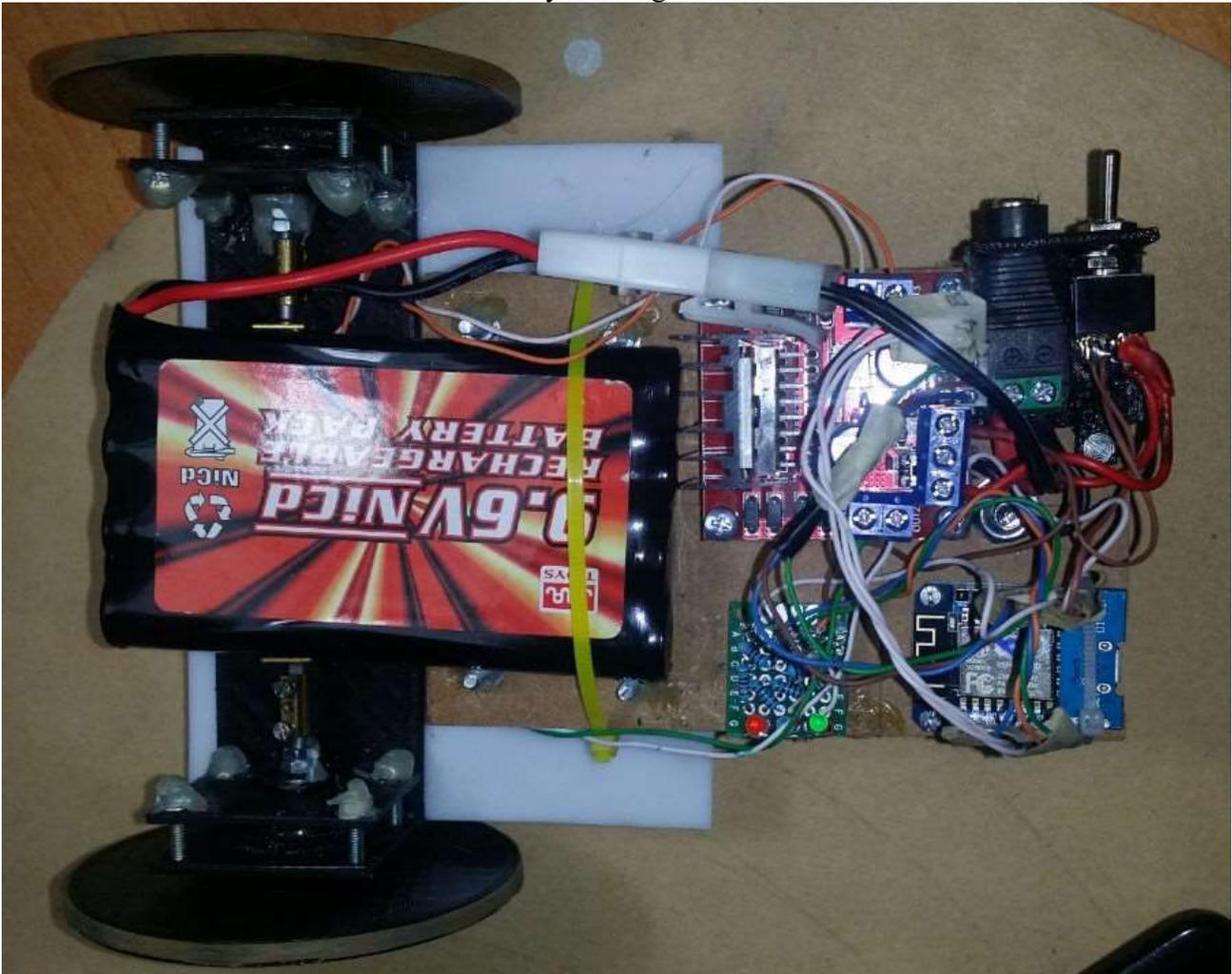
Amount wheel. Take measures, short screw and one is left:



Once completed the assembly of the two motor sets, attached to a platform (white). You need another platform to support circuit and the rear wheel. The height difference between the two wheels, to maintain the horizontal vehicle. The distance between the rear wheel and the first platform we must ensure the rotation of the same, so I had to correct the first hole, as you see in the pictures.



Add circuits and end with a connector battery to charge.



As you can see, it's not a great design. I intend to apply this system to a wheelchair as I said at the beginning of this work. But since I have it developed, possibly design a more elegant type of vehicle.

And now we come to the explanation of Arduino sketch I made.

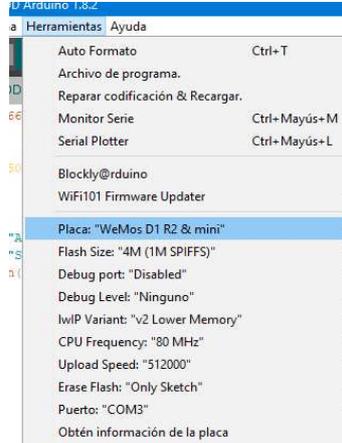
Arduino

As I wrote at the beginning, I can not dwell much and I waive how to configure the Arduino IDE, libraries and how it should recognize the Wemos plate to work with them. Only a few details:

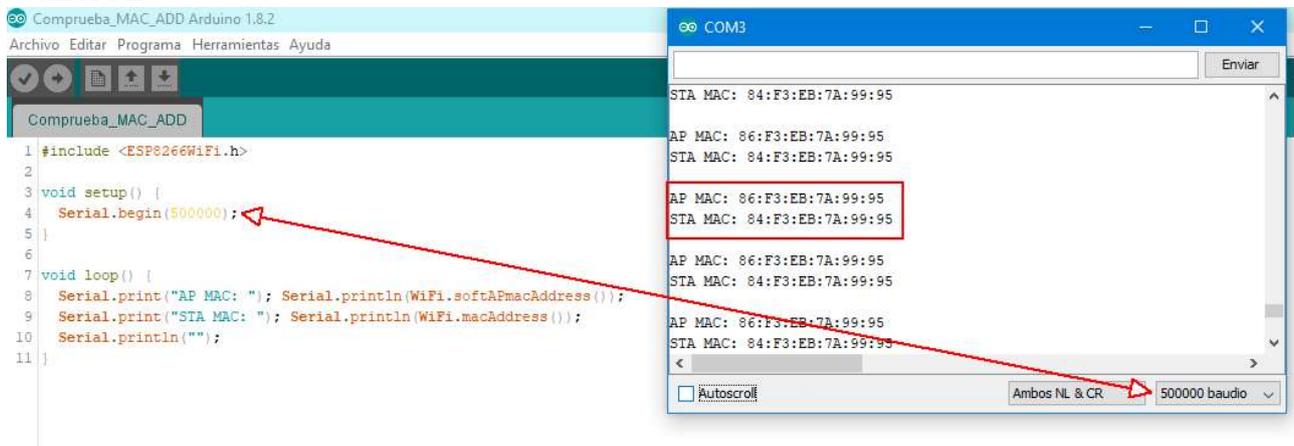
.- In Preferences Manager additional URLs:

http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package_esp8266com_index.json

.- In Tools (Tools), Manager cards:



As a preliminary and essential step before working with the ESP-NOW protocol, we charge this little skit in Wemos with which we will work to find out the MAC of AP ESP8266 leading integrated. Tools, Series Monitor can see the result of the sketch and note especially of each plate Wemos AP



I tend to buy on receiving that frame the bags and board with the data:



Once the AP MAC plates, start talking about the ESP-NOW protocol developed by Espressif:

"ESP-NOW allows a direct, low-power intelligent lights control without the need for a router. This method is energy efficient and convenient.

ESP-Now is another protocol developed by Espressif, which allows multiple devices to communicate with each other without using Wi-Fi. The protocol is similar to the low-power wireless connectivity 2.4GHz often deployed in wireless mice. Therefore, pairing between devices is required before disclosure. Once the match is made, the connection is secure and equal terms, without needed a handshake.

More information in the link:

https://docs.espressif.com/projects/esp-idf/en/latest/api-reference/network/esp_now.html

ESP-NOW is a spacious and with many possibilities protocol, but want to show you an easy way to communicate two devices and transfer data between them without using complex shapes.

The sketch I have prepared only one device transmits (joystick) and another receives data (vehicle). But both must have necessarily common things, which I describe.

.- Home Seller ESP-NOW

```
4 //Iniciamos la libreria de ESP-NOW
5 #include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
6 extern "C" {
7 #include <espnow.h>
8 }
```

.- The structure of data to transmit / receive. We can not define variables with variable length, but fixed length, because when all the data at once, which receives should know how to separate each byte received and know that variable value assign those bytes received are transmitted. It's like when a train is prepared with different station wagons and receiving them you must know how and that company should go. I want to transmit data at a time 5, If I press the joystick, and voltages (Left and Right motor) and direction (forward / backward) of each motor vehicle, which draw from the position thereof.

```
46 struct Data_ESP_NOW {
47     uint8_t Pulsador;
48     uint16_t VoltajeMI;
49     uint16_t VoltajeMD;
50     uint16_t SentidoMI;
51     uint16_t SentidoMD;
52 };
```

.- I define the type of function performed every WEMOS. Perhaps because of the lack of experience in the ESP-NOW protocol, I had some problems when I define one as the master and the other as slave. It has always worked for me as putting the two-way (Role = 3)

```
82 //0=sin función, 1=MAESTRO, 2=ESCLAVO y 3=MAESTRO+ESCLAVO
83 esp_now_set_self_role(3);
```

.- Pairing the devices. In the skit joystick I put the AP MAC Wemos vehicle. In the sketch of the vehicle, I put the AP MAC joystick.

```
87 uint8_t mac_addr[6] = {0x96, 0xF3, 0xEE, 0xB7, 0x32, 0x09};
88 uint8_t role = 3;
89 uint8_t channel = 3;
90 //si la longitud es cero y la matriz vacia, no hay clave
91 uint8_t key[12] = {0x3A, 0x2B, 0x78, 0x03, 0x77, 0x58, 0x86, 0xF3, 0xEE, 0xB7, 0x30, 0xFA};
92 uint8_t key_len = sizeof(key);
93 esp_now_add_peer(mac_addr, role, channel, key, key_len);
```

AP MAC

.- Sending data to the vehicle, following figure. First you have to prepare these train cars to be sent (data) with red box. Then you have to define who sent it (da) **which it is the AP MAC Wemos vehicle** and the total length of TREN. Once these above data, the data packet (green box) is sent. Remember: I want to transmit data at a time 5, If I press the joystick, and voltages (Left and Right motor) and direction (forward / backward) of each motor vehicle. After shipment, I verify that the vehicle has received the data correctly (blue box).

```

232 void transmision() {
233   /***ENVIO DE LOS DATOS a uno ya emparejado previamente
234   //Serial.print("Entro en transmision(). "); Serial.println(Comando);
235   /***ENVDO DE LOS DATOS a uno ya emparejado previamente
236   // Estructura del tren de datos a enviar
237   Data_ESP_NOW TREN;
238   TREN.Pulsador = Pulsador;
239   TREN.VoltajeMI = VoltajeMI;
240   TREN.VoltajeMD = VoltajeMD;
241   TREN.SentidoMI = SentidoMI;
242   TREN.SentidoMD = SentidoMD;
243   uint8_t da[6] = {0x96, 0xF3, 0xEE, 0xB7, 0x32, 0x09};
244   uint8_t data[sizeof(TREN)]; memcpy(data, &TREN, sizeof(TREN));
245   uint8_t len = sizeof(data);
246   esp_now_send(da, data, len); //envio de datos
247   /***VERIFICACION DE LA RECEPCION CORRECTA DE LOS DATOS POR EL ESCLAVO***/
248   esp_now_register_send_cb([](uint8_t* mac, uint8_t status) {
249     //char MacTX[6];
250     //sprintf(MacTX, "%02X:%02X:%02X:%02X:%02X:%02X", mac[0], mac[1], mac[2], mac[3], mac[4], mac[5]);
251     //Serial.print(". Enviado a ESP MAC: "); Serial.println(MacTX);
252     //Serial.print(". Recepcion (0=OK - 1=ERROR): "); Serial.println(status);
253     TXgood = status; // 0=OK
254   });
255 }

```

.- Receiving data in the vehicle. This is the function I used in the Wemos the vehicle. As you can be seen the wear mode reception (reply, call back) and the received data assigned to variables (rail cars) with the same structure used in both:

```

167 void recepcion() {
168   esp_now_register_rcv_cb([](uint8_t *mac, uint8_t *data, uint8_t len ) {
169     //char MACrecibida[6];
170     //sprintf(MACrecibida, "%02X:%02X:%02X:%02X:%02X:%02X", mac[0], mac[1], mac[2], mac[3], mac[4], mac[5]);
171     //Serial.print("Recepcion desde ESP MAC: "); Serial.println(MACrecibida);
172     Data_ESP_NOW TREN;
173     memcpy(&TREN, data, sizeof(TREN));
174     Pulsador = TREN.Pulsador;
175     VoltajeMI = TREN.VoltajeMI;
176     VoltajeMD = TREN.VoltajeMD;
177     SentidoMI = TREN.SentidoMI;
178     SentidoMD = TREN.SentidoMD;
179   }); //Ojo con esos dos simbolos. Cierran la recepci3n
180 }

```

And just with this, I can transmit / receive data via wireless ESP-NOW easily.

In the next step will be a description of Arduino sketch remote control (joystick)

Arduino (Joystick)

.-After defining the library ESP-NOW, I define the pins that will use the Wemos:

```
10 // Pines de la placa
11 #define inA0 A0 //Entrada analogica del joystick (ambos potenciómetros, Pot1 y Pot2)
12 #define inD0 16 // Entrada digital de la posición del pulsador del joystick
13 #define outD1 5 // Salida digital para activar la lectura de Pot1
14 #define outD2 4 // Salida digital para activar la lectura de Pot2
15 #define outD5 14 // Salida digital para activar la lectura de Medida de batería D4
16 #define outTXG 0 // Salida de led de TX Good D3
```

I define the variables .-'ll use later:

```
25 // Definición de variables. Las 5 primeras son las que transmito.
26 byte Pulsador = 0; // Variable del valor del pulsador del joystick
27 int VoltajeMI = 0; // PWM hacia el L298N motor izquierdo
28 int VoltajeMD = 0; // PWM hacia el L298N motor derecho
29 int SentidoMI = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor izquierdo (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás) al L298N
30 int SentidoMD = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor derecho (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás) al L298N
31 int Pot1 = 0; // variable analogica donde se almacena el valor de posición horizontal en mi circuito
32 int Pot2 = 0; // variable analogica donde se almacena el valor de posición vertical en mi circuito
33 int Bat = 0; // variable analogica donde se almacena el valor del voltaje de la batería
34 // Los valores de los potenciómetros los paso a valores entre 0 y 1023 (Wemos) y con su dirección. Indican el mov:
35 int IZQ = 0; // Izquierda
36 int DER = 0; // Derecha
37 int DEL = 0; // Hacia adelante
38 int ATR = 0; // Hacia atrás
39 byte TXgood = 0; // Si transmite correctamente tiene valor 0
40 byte ContadorReposo = 0; // Acumula e indica cuantos bucles de espera de movimiento, para analizar el estado de
41 byte Movimiento = 0; // 1 indica que el joystick se mueve
42 int MinMotor = 140; // PWM mínimo en la salida para que arranquen los motores
43 int MaxMotor = 450; // PWM máximo en la salida para máximo voltaje en los motores. Junto con MinMotor, dependen
..
```

.- Already in setup (), in the first part, I define as they go to work the pins of the Wemos and an initial value thereof. Also verify that the ESP-NOW protocol is initialized well. And after that, I define the working mode and previously commented pairings:

```
57 void setup() {
58 //Serial.begin(500000);
59 pinMode(inD0, INPUT);
60 pinMode(outD1, OUTPUT); digitalWrite(outD1, LOW); // Apago las lecturas en los optoacopladores
61 pinMode(outD2, OUTPUT); digitalWrite(outD2, LOW);
62 pinMode(outD5, OUTPUT); digitalWrite(outD5, LOW);
63 pinMode(outTXG, OUTPUT); digitalWrite(outTXG, LOW); // Cuando transmite OK, se enciende
64
65 // Inicia protocolo ESP-NOW si no lo está
66 if (esp_now_init() != 0) {
67 //Serial.println("Protocolo ESP-NOW no inicializado...");
68 ESP.restart();
69 delay(10);
70 }
71 else {
72 //Serial.println("Protocolo ESP-NOW INICIALIZADO --OK--...");
73 }
..
```

.- Start the loop () with a delay that makes us the number of transmissions or joystick readings I want to do per second (see figure below). I put 60 msg, so I make about 15 readings per second or less. After I read the state of emergency button. If pressed, I put zero values engines, transmit and establish a delay which does not respond to anything until you pass the time (in my case 5 seconds delay (5000)).

```

96 void loop() {
97   delay(60); // Retardo entre tomas de datos de ambos potenciómetros (sincronizar en el esclavo mas o menos)
98
99   VoltajeMI = 0; VoltajeMD = 0; SentidoMI = 0; SentidoMD = 0; //Los valores los pongo a 0
100
101   Pulsador = digitalRead(inD0); // Lee estado del Pulsador, por si hay emergencia
102   if (Pulsador == 1) { // Si se pulsa, envia el estado y el esclavo paraliza los motores durante 5 segundos (se puede variar)
103     transmission(); // Transmite que se ha pulsado "Emergencia"
104     Pulsador = 0;
105     if (TXgood == 0) { // Si se pulsa y ha transmitido ok, se mantiene encendido durante el retardo y bloquea el joystick
106       digitalWrite(outTXG, HIGH); //Se enciende el led si la transmision es correcta
107     }
108     else {
109       digitalWrite(outTXG, LOW);
110     }
111     delay(5000); // Fijo el retardo que quiero en estado de "Parada de emergencia" (en transmisor y receptor igual)
112   }

```

.- The rest of the loop () are calls to functions that I use, which later explain.

```

114 // Si no está pulsador el switch, lee los potenciómetros
115 leePots(); // Realiza la lectura del potenciómetro horizontal/vertical del joystick y del estado de la batería (Pot1, Pot2 y Bat)
116
117 ajustePots(); // Los valores de los Potenciómetros horizontal/vertical, los transforma en valores hacia adelante/atras y derecha/izquierda (DEL, ATR, IZQ y DER)
118
119 dirMot(); //Los valores DEL, ATR, IZQ y DER, los transformo en voltajes PWM de motores y el sentido de giro (VoltajeMI, VoltajeMD, SentidoMI y SentidoMD)
120
121 // SI SE DESVIA EL VEHICULO, CORRIJO LA TRAYECTORIA AQUI antes de transmitir
122 VoltajeMD = VoltajeMD + 50; // en recto, se me desvia hacia la derecha, por lo que aumento el voltaje del motor derecho.
123 transmission();
124
125 if ((TXgood == 0) && (Movimiento == 1)) { //si la transmision ha sido correcta y hay movimiento
126   digitalWrite(outTXG, HIGH); //Se enciende el led
127   ContadorReposo = 0;
128   //Serial.print("Transmision correcta y Movimiento: TXgood=0...."); Serial.println(TXgood);
129 }
130 else {
131   digitalWrite(outTXG, LOW);
132   //Serial.print("ERROR al Transmitir o sin Movimiento: TXgood=1...."); Serial.println(TXgood);
133 }
134
135 ControlBat();
136 // FIN de LOOP
137
138 }

```

.- Leo the status of potentiometers and battery. leePots (); . Delays (delay) that put the 5msg are for optocouplers readings are accurate. It should be borne in mind that since the LED is activated, it takes a few microseconds (about 10) to stabilize the output, so I put five msg to the readings are more accurate. This delay could be down perfectly.

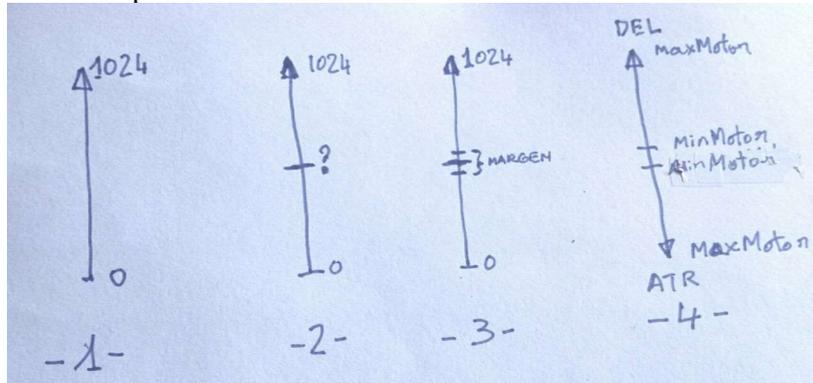
```

162 void leePots() {
163   // Activa D1 y lee el valor de P1 del Joystick (Izquierda/derecha en mi circuito)
164   digitalWrite(outD2, LOW); //Asegura que solo lee Pot1
165   digitalWrite(outD5, LOW);
166   digitalWrite(outD1, HIGH);
167   //Serial.println("Activado D1 ");
168   delay(5); // Retardo que necesita el optoacoplador para estabilizar la salida
169   Pot1 = analogRead(inA0);
170   digitalWrite(outD1, LOW); // Apaga la lectura
171   delay(5);
172
173   // Activa D2 y lee el valor de P2 del Joystick (Delante/atras en mi circuito)
174   digitalWrite(outD1, LOW); //Asegura que solo lea Pot2
175   digitalWrite(outD5, LOW);
176   digitalWrite(outD2, HIGH);
177   //Serial.println("Activado D2 ");
178   delay(5); // lectura estabilizada en el optoacoplador
179   Pot2 = analogRead(inA0);
180   digitalWrite(outD2, LOW); // Apaga la lectura
181   //delay(5);
182
183   // Activa D4 y lee el valor del voltaje de la batería
184   digitalWrite(outD1, LOW); //Asegura que solo lea el nivel de la batería
185   digitalWrite(outD2, LOW);
186   digitalWrite(outD5, HIGH);
187   //Serial.println("Activado D5 ");
188   delay(5); // lectura estabilizada en el optoacoplador
189   Bat = analogRead(inA0);
190   digitalWrite(outD5, LOW); // Apaga la lectura
191   //delay(5);
192 }

```

.- After reading the potentiometers and battery status, we must transform the movement of the joystick in the direction and flow to the engines. If we analyze the vertical potentiometer, for example, the steps are shown in the following figure.

1. The total value (minimum, rest maximum) movement is between 0 and 1024.
2. Find out which is the midpoint thereof (rest of the lever). See leePot ();
3. Establish a margin so that the vehicle does not move with slight movements or fluctuations do not affect electricity.
4. Convert the movements up or down direction and motor current.



Steps 2 through 4 were conducted at ajustePots () ;.

```

168 void ajustePots() {
169 // MinMotor es el valor mínimo en el L298N para que la señal PWM haga mover los motores. MaxMotor es el máximo voltaje de los motores y depende de ellos y de la ateria usada
170 // Transforma el valor del potenciómetro Pot1 (izquierda/Derecha) en direcciones
171 // Dar un margen de valores en el centro del mismo, para evitar fluctuaciones en reposo del joystick.
172 // En las pruebas, en el centro, Pot1 vale 546. Centro entre 556 y 536 (margen). Para cada joystick, estos valores pueden variar. Ajustar tras las pruebas con el joystick en reposo.
173 IZQ = 0; // Borra los anteriores valores
174 DER = 0;
175 int temp = 0;
176 //Serial.print("Pot_1: "); Serial.println(Pot1);
177 if (Pot1 >= 556) { // Asegura el centro del mismo, en reposo, mi joystick da 546. Fijo un margen de 10 izquierda y derecha
178 IZQ = map(Pot1, 556, 1024, MinMotor, MaxMotor); // Los dos ultimos dependen de los motores y batería. Uno es el mínimo para que puedan arrancar y el otro marca el voltaje máximo
179 // Tras este mapeo, IZQ toma un valor entre MinMotor y MaxMotor
180 }
181 if (Pot1 <= 536) {
182 temp = 1024 - Pot1; //Invierto el valor 1024-536(menor)=488. Al disminuir el valor de Pot1, aumenta el valor de hacia la derecha
183 DER = map(temp, 488, 1024, MinMotor, MaxMotor);
184 }
185
186 // Transforma el valor del potenciómetro Pot2 en avance/retroceso de los motores
187 // Dar un margen de valores en el centro del mismo, para evitar fluctuaciones en reposo del joystick
188 // En las pruebas en reposo mi joystick, da Pot2 529. Centro entre 539 y 519 (margen)
189 // Pot2 nos marca el sentido de movimiento
190 DEL = 0; // Borra los anteriores valores
191 ATR = 0;
192 temp = 0;
193 //Serial.print("Pot_2: "); Serial.println(Pot2);
194 if (Pot2 >= 539) {
195 DEL = map(Pot2, 539, 1024, MinMotor, MaxMotor); // Los dos ultimos dependen de los motores y batería. Uno es el mínimo para que puedan arrancar y el otro marca el voltaje máximo
196 }
197 if (Pot2 <= 519) { // Invierto el valor del joystick. 1024-519(menor)=505
198 temp = 1024 - Pot2;
199 ATR = map(temp, 505, 1024, MinMotor, MaxMotor); //
200 }
201 }

```

.- We assume that a device with two motors, without steering shaft, need direction and values of voltage to them. The conversion of forward / backward and left / right direction / voltage as conducted in dirMot (), taking into account the three directions forward left / front / right, the same back and incorporate rotation on itself. When going forward and turning, I do is to reduce the voltage of the wheel to which rotation proportionally to movement of the joystick and avoiding negative values, therefore, the reduction value can never be less than the feed rate (as much for the motor). Hence the use of the variable rotation (VariableGiro).

```

229 void dirMot() {
230     /*
231     Los motores giran según los distintos casos siguientes.
232     --Parado
233     --Giro sobre sí mismo (2 sentidos)
234     --Avance (sin giro, con giro derecha y con giro izquierda
235     --Retroceso (sin giro, con giro derecha y con giro izquierda
236     */
237
238     int VariableGiro = 0;
239
240     if ((DEL == 0) && (ATR == 0) && (IZQ == 0) && (DER == 0)) { // Si el joystick está centrado (todos == 0)
241         Movimiento = 0;
242         VoltajeMI = 0; // PWM hacia el motor izquierdo
243         VoltajeMD = 0; // PWM hacia el motor derecho
244         SentidoMI = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor izquierdo (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás)
245         SentidoMD = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor derecho (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás)
246         //Serial.println("Parado");
247         return;
248     }
249     // ***** GIRO SOBRE SI MISMO *****
250     // Solo cuando el joystick está en posición centrada verticalmente y DER/IZQ tienen un valor positivo uno de ellos
251     if ((DEL == 0) && (ATR == 0)) { //solo giros de izquierda o derecha
252         //Serial.println("Giro sobre sí mismo");
253         if (DER > 0) { // Giro sobre sí mismo a la derecha
254             Movimiento = 1;
255             SentidoMI = 1; //motor izquierdo hacia adelante
256             SentidoMD = 2; // motor derecho hacia atrás
257             VoltajeMI = 150; // ambos motores a una velocidad determinada, pero en sentido contrario
258             VoltajeMD = 150; // Estos valores, siempre mayores a la velocidad mínima de comienzo de movimiento
259             return;
260             //Serial.println("Giro sobre sí mismo a la derecha");
261         }
262         if (IZQ > 0) { // Giro sobre sí mismo a la izquierda
263             Movimiento = 1;
264             SentidoMI = 2; // motor izquierdo hacia atrás
265             SentidoMD = 1; // motor derecho hacia adelante
266             VoltajeMI = 150; // ambos motores a una velocidad determinada, pero en sentido contrario
267             VoltajeMD = 150; // Estos valores, siempre mayores a la velocidad mínima de comienzo de movimiento
268             return;
269             //Serial.println("Giro sobre sí mismo a la izquierda");
270         }
271     }
272
273     // Para los avances con giro , al motor que marca el giro le resto un valor proporcional al movimiento del joystick, pero siempre menor que el avance/retroceso
274     // Si el giro es muy brusco, restar un número a las variables últimas del MAP, ejemplo (DEL-10). Así el motor que reduce nunca va a cero aunque el joystick lo tengamos al tope de dirección
275     // Ejemplo: Si DEL=300 y giro el joystick a la izquierda, el motor derecho va a 300 y el izquierdo va de 300 a 0 (avanza menos o para), dependiendo de su posición.
276     if ((DEL > 0) && (IZQ > 0)) {
277         VariableGiro = map(IZQ, MinMotor, MaxMotor, 0, DEL);
278     }
279     if ((DEL > 0) && (DER > 0)) {
280         VariableGiro = map(DER, MinMotor, MaxMotor, 0, DEL);
281     }
282     if ((ATR > 0) && (IZQ > 0)) {
283         VariableGiro = map(IZQ, MinMotor, MaxMotor, 0, ATR);
284     }
285     if ((ATR > 0) && (DER > 0)) {
286         VariableGiro = map(DER, MinMotor, MaxMotor, 0, ATR);
287     }
288
289     // ***** AVANZA*****
290     if (DEL > 0) { // avance hacia adelante.Tres casos. Hacia la derecha, centro o izquierda
291         //Serial.println("Marcha Adelante");
292         if ((DER == 0) && (IZQ == 0)) { // Avance sin giro
293             SentidoMI = 1; // motor izquierdo hacia adelante
294             SentidoMD = 1; // motor derecho hacia adelante
295             VoltajeMI = DEL; // ambos motores a la misma velocidad o modificar la trayectoria recta restando algo a uno de los valores en loop() antes de transmitir
296             VoltajeMD = DEL;
297             Movimiento = 1;
298             return;
299             //Serial.println("Adelante sin giro");
300         }
301         if (DER > 0) { // avance con giro a la derecha
302             SentidoMI = 1; // motor izquierdo hacia adelante
303             SentidoMD = 1; // motor derecho hacia adelante
304             VoltajeMI = DEL; // El motor izquierdo avanza a la velocidad de hacia adelante
305             VoltajeMD = DEL - VariableGiro; //El motor derecho gira menos, dependiendo del joystick hacia la derecha.
306             Movimiento = 1;
307             return;
308             //Serial.println("Adelante-Derecha");
309         }
310         if (IZQ > 0) { // avance con giro a la izquierda
311             SentidoMI = 1; // motor izquierdo hacia adelante
312             SentidoMD = 1; // motor derecho hacia adelante
313             VoltajeMI = DEL - VariableGiro; //El motor izquierdo gira menos, dependiendo del joystick hacia la izquierda. Disminuir el último número si queremos que gire menos
314             VoltajeMD = DEL; //El motor derecho avanza a la velocidad de hacia adelante
315             Movimiento = 1;
316             return;
317             //Serial.println("Adelante-Izquierda");
318         }
319     }
320
321     // ***** RETROCEDE *****
322     if (ATR > 0) { // avance hacia atrás. Tres casos. Hacia la derecha, centro o izquierda
323         //Serial.println("Marcha Atras");
324         if ((DER == 0) && (IZQ == 0)) { // Avance sin giro
325             SentidoMI = 2; // motor izquierdo hacia atrás
326             SentidoMD = 2; // motor derecho hacia atrás
327             VoltajeMI = ATR; // ambos motores a la misma velocidad o modificar la trayectoria recta restando algo a uno de los valores en loop() antes de transmitir
328             VoltajeMD = ATR;
329             Movimiento = 1;
330             return;
331             //Serial.println("Atras sin giro");
332         }
333         if (DER > 0) { // retrocede con giro a la derecha
334             SentidoMI = 2; // motor izquierdo hacia atrás
335             SentidoMD = 2; // motor derecho hacia atrás
336             VoltajeMI = ATR; // El motor izquierdo avanza lo normal
337             VoltajeMD = ATR - VariableGiro; //El motor derecho gira menos, dependiendo del joystick hacia la derecha. Disminuir el último número si queremos que gire menos
338             Movimiento = 1;
339             return;
340             //Serial.println("Atras-Derecha");
341         }
342         if (IZQ > 0) { // avance con giro a la izquierda
343             SentidoMI = 2; // motor izquierdo hacia atrás
344             SentidoMD = 2; // motor derecho hacia atrás
345             VoltajeMI = ATR - VariableGiro; //El motor izquierdo gira menos, dependiendo del joystick hacia la izquierda. Disminuir el último número si queremos que gire menos
346             VoltajeMD = ATR; // El motor derecho avanza lo normal
347             Movimiento = 1;
348             return;
349             //Serial.println("Atras-Izquierda");
350         }
351     }
352 }

```

.- Finally, control of battery status. When the joystick is at rest, or was unable to transmit, increase onecounter. If reaches a desired (50 times) value, analyze the state of the battery and I flashing LED (1 flash = low, 2 = very low flicker)

```
354 void ControlBat() {
355   if (.Movimiento == 0) {
356     ContadorReposo = ContadorReposo + 1;
357     digitalWrite(outTXG, LOW);
358     //Serial.print("Contador "); Serial.println(ContadorReposo);
359   }
360   else {
361     digitalWrite(outTXG, HIGH);
362     ContadorReposo = 0;
363   }
364   if (ContadorReposo >= 50) {
365     // 1024 equivale a 3.3v.
366     // Con bateria de 3,7v (Normal cargada a tope=4v) y el divisor de voltaje, el valor máximo es 2v
367     // Con la bateria cargada (4v) el valor leído tras el divisor es de 620 (2v)
368     // Con la bateria baja (3.5v) el valor leído tras el divisor es de 543 (1.75v)
369     // Con la bateria MUY baja (3.4v) el valor leído tras el divisor es de 527 (1.7v)
370     //Serial.print("Valor de bateria "); Serial.println(Bat);
371     //Serial.println("");
372     if (Bat <= 543 && Bat > 527) { //Bateria baja. 1 parpadeo
373       digitalWrite(outTXG, HIGH); // enciende el led de TXGood
374       delay(100);
375       digitalWrite(outTXG, LOW); // apaga el led de TXGood
376       delay(100);
377     }
378     if (Bat < 527) { //Bateria MUY baja. 3 parpadeo
379       digitalWrite(outTXG, HIGH); // enciende el led de TXGood
380       delay(100);
381       digitalWrite(outTXG, LOW); // apaga el led de TXGood
382       delay(100);
383       digitalWrite(outTXG, HIGH); // enciende el led de TXGood
384       delay(100);
385       digitalWrite(outTXG, LOW); // apaga el led de TXGood
386       delay(100);
387     }
388     ContadorReposo = 0;
389   }
390 }
```

Once commented the joystick for Arduino sketch, we see the sketch of the vehicle.

Arduino (Vehicle)

On the corresponding communications (ESP-NOW) with the joystick part, and they were discussed above, so I discuss the rest. Must take into account that I have simplified enough, so whether to make changes, you work better by changing the remote control have to put the vehicle back on the table and connect it to your computer. Therefore, I limit myself to collect motion data and transfer them to L298N to move engines. Prioritized receiving emergency button and motionless time, I analyze the state of the battery.

Pines .- input and output variables used WEMOS plate:

```
7 // Pines de Salida hacia el L298N Control de Motores
8 #define pinENA 5 //D1 PWM Pasos de motor izquierdo
9 #define pinIN1 4 //D2 Motor Izq hacia a delante
10 #define pinIN2 3 //D4 Motor Izq hacia atras //D3 da problemas y se mantiene siempre HIGH
11 #define pinENB 16 //D0 PWM Pasos de motor derecho
12 #define pinIN3 14 //D5 Motor Der hacia a delante
13 #define pinIN4 12 //D6 Motor Der hacia atras
14 #define pinEME 13 //D7 Emergencia
15 #define pinRXB 15 //D8 RX-Bad
16 #define pinBat 0 //A0 Nivel de bateria
17
18 // Valores iniciales de Variables
19 int Pulsador = LOW; // Variable del valor del pulsador del joystick
20 int RXgood = 0; //Si transmite correctamente
21 int Bateria = 0; // Memoriza el estado de la bateria. Muestra de entrada de 12v con un divisor 47k/4k7
22 int VoltajeMI = 0; // PWM hacia el motor izquierdo
23 int VoltajeMD = 0; // PWM hacia el motor derecho
24 int SentidoMI = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor izquierdo (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás)
25 int SentidoMD = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor derecho (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás)
26 int ContadorInactivo = 0; // Controla cuando pasa un tiempo sin recibir datos, para medir el nivel de bateria y hacer parpadear el led
```

.- already in the setup () start the pins and its initial state. The remaining setup is about ESP-NOW:

```
39 void setup() {
40   Serial.begin(800000);
41
42   pinMode(pinENA, OUTPUT); pinMode(pinIN1, OUTPUT); pinMode(pinIN2, OUTPUT); // motor izquierdo en L298N
43   digitalWrite(pinIN1, LOW); digitalWrite(pinIN2, LOW); analogWrite(pinENA, 0); //Paro motor izquierdo
44
45   pinMode(pinENB, OUTPUT); pinMode(pinIN3, OUTPUT); pinMode(pinIN4, OUTPUT); // motor derecho en L298N
46   digitalWrite(pinIN3, LOW); digitalWrite(pinIN4, LOW); analogWrite(pinENB, 0); //Paro motor derecho
47
48   pinMode(pinEME, OUTPUT); pinMode(pinRXB, OUTPUT); pinMode(pinBat, INPUT); //Leds y entrada analogica de la bateria.
49   digitalWrite(pinRXB, LOW); // Se enciende si recibe datos ok.
50   digitalWrite(pinEME, LOW); // Se enciende al pulsar Emergencia o parpadea si está baja la bateria
51
52   /***INICIALIZACION DEL PROTOCOLO ESP-NOW si no lo esta** (ESP-NOW)**//
53   if (esp_now_init() != 0) {
```

.- In loop (), Aside from looking at the battery status, run two control functions, an annotated and speaking of the ESP-NOW, reception () and the other performs management L298N with the received data. Of course, the first thing is to analyze a possible emergency and stop the vehicle. First I set a small delay in communications to synchronize the receiver more or less with the transmitter. Run the receive function () and analyze if pressed "Emergency" to proceed with immobilisation. If I do not receive data or movement of any of the engines, unemployment also by sending data to the writeL298N () function. If no data, increment a counter for battery check. If there is data received, turn on the LED communications and of course the command to writeL298N () function to move the engine according to the data.

```
78 void loop() {
79
80   delay(80); //Si se baja, no controla bien el status de comunicaciones
81
82   recepcion(); //Recoge los datos de la red
83
84   if (Pulsador == 1) {
85     VoltajeMI = 0; // PWM hacia el motor izquierdo
86     VoltajeMD = 0; // PWM hacia el motor derecho
87     SentidoMI = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor izquierdo (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás)
88     SentidoMD = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor derecho (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás)
89     writeL298N(); // Con los valores anteriores, para los motores
90     digitalWrite(pinEME, HIGH);
91     //Serial.println("Parada de Emergencia. Esperar 5 segundos");
92     delay(5000); // RETARDO EN CASO DE PULSAR "EMERGENCIA"
93     Pulsador = 0;
94     digitalWrite(pinEME, LOW);
95   }
96
97   if ((SentidoMI == 0) && (SentidoMD == 0)) { // Cuando el movimiento recibido es cero o no recibe datos
98     //Serial.println("FALLO EN RECEPCION o sin movimiento");
99     ContadorInactivo = ContadorInactivo + 1; // Si no recibo movimiento, incremento un contador
100    digitalWrite(pinRXB, LOW); //Apago el LED y paro motores
101    VoltajeMI = 0; // PWM hacia el motor izquierdo
102    VoltajeMD = 0; // PWM hacia el motor derecho
103    SentidoMI = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor izquierdo (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás)
104    SentidoMD = 0; // Hacia donde gira el motor derecho (0=parado, 1=adelante, 2=atrás)
```

```

105 writeL298N(); // Con los datos anteriores, pero los motores
106 }
107 }
108 else {
109     ContadorInactivo = 0;
110     digitalWrite(pinRXB, HIGH); //Si hay recepcion de datos, enciende el led
111 }
112 }
113 if (ContadorInactivo >= 30) { // Si está en reposo, controlo el estado de la batería. Aumentar el numero si queremos que haga menos controles de la misma.
114     // en A0, 1024 equivale a un voltaje de 3.3v.
115     //Tras el divisor de voltaje de 1lv, estando ok, medimos 1v, equivalente a 310 en A0
116     Bateria = analogRead(pinBat);
117     if (Bateria <= 153) { // "Batería MUY baja" (5,5v) Si no hay transmisión, aprovecho para controlar el estado de la batería
118         //Serial.println("Batería MUY baja"); // 3 parpadeos cortos del led de Emergencia
119         digitalWrite(pinEME, HIGH); delay(50); digitalWrite(pinEME, LOW); delay(50);
120         digitalWrite(pinEME, HIGH); delay(50); digitalWrite(pinEME, LOW); delay(50);
121         digitalWrite(pinEME, HIGH); delay(50); digitalWrite(pinEME, LOW); delay(50);
122         ContadorInactivo = 0;
123     }
124     if (Bateria > 153 && Bateria <= 195) { // "Batería baja", entre 7v y 5.5v
125         //Serial.println("Batería baja"); // 1 parpadeo del led de Emergencia
126         digitalWrite(pinEME, HIGH); delay(100); digitalWrite(pinEME, LOW); delay(100);
127         ContadorInactivo = 0;
128     }
129     else {
130         //Serial.println("Batería OK");
131     }
132 }
133 }
134 }
135 writeL298N();
136 }
137 //FIN de loop()
138 }

```

.- writeL298N function ()

If you remember L298N table, simply write these values with the data received

- Los pines IEA, IN1 e IN2 controlan la salida A.

	Adelante	Atrás	Freno
IN1 (o IN3)	HIGH	LOW	LOW
IN2 (o IN4)	LOW	HIGH	LOW

ENA
IN1
IN2
IN3
IN4
ENB



- Los pines IEB, IN3 e IN4 controlan la salida B.

```

160 void writeL298N() {
161     //Serial.println("Movimiento de Motores");
162     // Motor Izquierdo = ENA, IN1, IN2
163     //Serial.println("Nuevo Motores "); Serial.println("");
164     switch (SentidoMI) { //Izquierda
165     case 0: // Parado
166         digitalWrite(pinIN1, LOW);
167         digitalWrite(pinIN2, LOW);
168         analogWrite(pinENA, 0);
169         break;
170     case 1: // Adelante
171         digitalWrite(pinIN1, HIGH);
172         digitalWrite(pinIN2, LOW);
173         analogWrite(pinENA, VoltajeMI);
174         //Serial.print("Adelante Motor Izquierdo "); Serial.println(VoltajeMI);
175         break;
176     case 2: // Atrás
177         digitalWrite(pinIN1, LOW);
178         digitalWrite(pinIN2, HIGH);
179         analogWrite(pinENA, VoltajeMI);
180         //Serial.print("Atras Motor Izquierdo "); Serial.println(VoltajeMI);
181         break;
182     }
183     // Motor Derecho = ENB, IN3, IN4
184     switch (SentidoMD) { //Izquierda
185     case 0: // Parado
186         digitalWrite(pinIN3, LOW);
187         digitalWrite(pinIN4, LOW);
188         analogWrite(pinENB, 0);
189         break;
190     case 1: // Adelante
191         digitalWrite(pinIN3, HIGH);
192         digitalWrite(pinIN4, LOW);
193         analogWrite(pinENB, VoltajeMD);
194         //Serial.print("Adelante Motor Derecho "); Serial.println(VoltajeMD);
195         break;
196     case 2: // Atrás
197         digitalWrite(pinIN3, LOW);
198         digitalWrite(pinIN4, HIGH);
199         analogWrite(pinENB, VoltajeMD);
200         //Serial.print("Atras Motor Derecho "); Serial.println(VoltajeMD);
201         break;
202     }
203     //Serial.print("Motor Izquierdo "); Serial.println(VoltajeMI);
204     //Serial.print("Motor Derecho "); Serial.println(VoltajeMD);
205 }

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This is all. It is difficult for a project goes prize in a contest where there are not many friends to vote for you. I do not intend to win competitions, but to clarify concepts. If a person appreciates this work serves to acquire knowledge and then develop some own idea, I'm content.

A greeting:

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