

OVERVIEW

The LC-075 Smart Keypad Adapter module simplifies the use of 3x4 or 4x4 dome keypad matrix modules with microcontrollers or SBCs like Arduino and Raspberry Pi. The LC-075 is designed to achieve 3 important results:

1. Reduce pin usage from 7-8 pins to 1-2 pins
2. Simplify programming with analog voltage output, I2C or UART("Serial") outputs
3. Reduce code footprint – no libraries required.

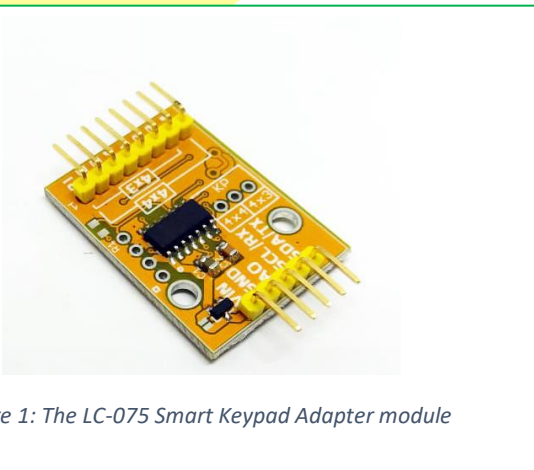


Figure 1: The LC-075 Smart Keypad Adapter module

FEATURES

- 3.3-5V input power and logic operation
- Only 1 or 2 pins required from host
- 3 outputs: Analog Voltage, I2C and UART (Serial)
- Reverse polarity protection
- Low power consumption < 30mA
- Simple programming – no library required
- Compatible with Arduino/Raspberry Pi

PIN FUNCTIONS

The module has a 4 pin 2.54mm pitched header with the following functions.

Pin Label	Function/Operation/Remarks
VCC	3.3Vdc to 5Vdc power input pin.
GND	Ground pin.
A0	0-2.5V analog voltage output pin. The output voltage corresponds to key pressed and is distributed equally throughout the range.
SCL/RX	Shared pin with I2C SCL and UART receive signal. See SELECTING I2C OR UART MODE Section. In UART mode, this pin is reserved for the future.
SDA/TX	Shared pin with I2C SDA and UART transmit. See SELECTING I2C OR UART MODE Section.

SELECTING I2C OR UART MODE

1. Remove power.
2. Insert a 3x4 or 4x4 matrix keypad in the assigned pin header
3. Press and hold the * **and 4** key for UART/"Serial" mode or * **and 1** for I2C mode
4. Apply power while still holding the key combination selected.
5. After one second, from power up, release the keys.
6. Power cycle or reset the host microcontroller
7. Done. Test to confirm. Repeat if operation failed.

KEYPAD INSTALLATION

Follow indicated installation area labelled on the board. 4x3 keypads are installed between R1 and C3 pins and facing up. While 4x4 keypads are installed between R1 and C4 and also facing up. See figure 2 for details.

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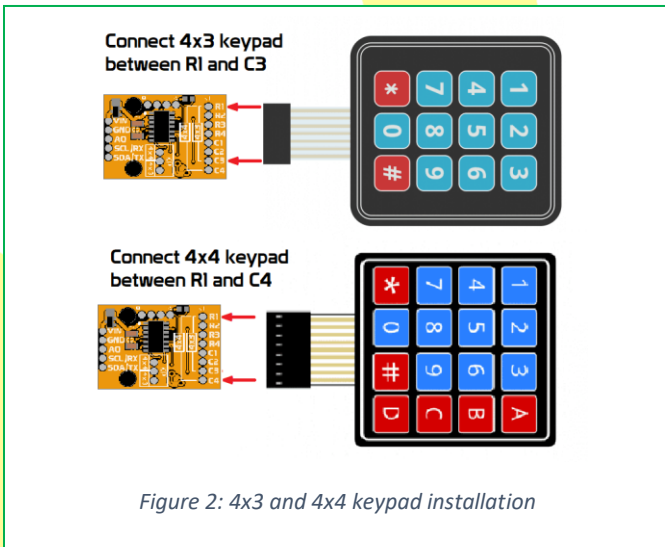


Figure 2: 4x3 and 4x4 keypad installation

PIN USAGE

The table below shows the pin requirements for each output mode:

Output Mode	Pin Requirement
Analog Voltage Output	One analog pin. Raspberry Pi users should use I2C or UART instead or use an external ADC module to use this pin
I2C Output	Two I2C pins required – SDA and SCL pins
UART/"Serial" Output	One UART receive pin required. This connects to the TX pin of the LC-075 board. The RX pin of the LC-075 need not be connected.

APPLICATION NOTES

The LC-075 can be interfaced to an Arduino board using any of the 3 available outputs discussed below. The code examples demonstrate the very basic usage of the

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device and are intended for a quick test of the capabilities or of the product. For practical examples, please contact us or search through our [Github page](#).

Analog Output

The pin AO outputs a voltage that corresponds to the keypresses. Releasing the key will pull the AO pin to 0V. The table below summarizes the output voltage to be expected along with values expected from a 10-bit ADC board such as the Arduino Uno / Nano / Mega / ProMini / Leonardo and other boards. The table is for reference only there may be slight deviations in each board.

Keypad Key	Approximate AO Output Voltage (V)	Arduino ADC Value (5V reference)
No key	0 – 0.05	0 -10
1	0.16 ±0.05	32 ±10
2	0.32 ±0.05	63 ±10
3	0.48 ±0.05	93 ±10
4	0.64 ±0.05	123 ±10
5	0.80 ±0.05	154 ±10
6	0.96 ±0.05	184 ±10
7	1.12 ±0.05	216 ±10
8	1.28 ±0.05	247 ±10
9	1.44 ±0.05	277 ±10
*	1.60 ±0.05	308 ±10
0	1.76 ±0.05	339 ±10
#	1.92 ±0.05	370 ±10
A	2.08 ±0.05	401 ±10
B	2.24 ±0.05	432 ±10
C	2.40 ±0.05	463 ±10
D	2.50 – 2.55	492 ±10

Circuit

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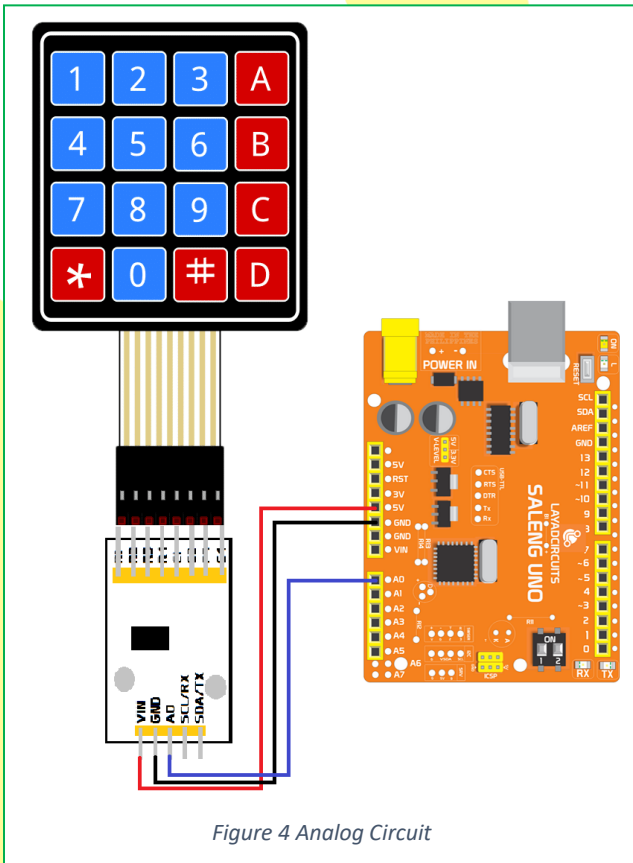


Figure 4 Analog Circuit

Arduino Analog Voltage example

```
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
  int val = analogRead(A0);
  if (val > (32-10) && val < (32+10)) {
    Serial.println("1");
  }
  else if (val > (63-10) && val < (63+10)) {
    Serial.println("2");
  }
  else if (val > (93-10) && val < (93+10)) {
    Serial.println("3");
  }
  else if (val > (123-10) && val < (123+10)) {
    Serial.println("4");
  }
  else if (val > (154-10) && val < (154+10)) {
```

```
    Serial.println("5");
  }
  else if (val > (184-10) && val < (184+10)) {
    Serial.println("6");
  }
  else if (val > (216-10) && val < (216+10)) {
    Serial.println("7");
  }
  else if (val > (247-10) && val < (247+10)) {
    Serial.println("8");
  }
  else if (val > (277-10) && val < (277+10)) {
    Serial.println("9");
  }
  else if (val > (308-10) && val < (308+10)) {
    Serial.println("*");
  }
  else if (val > (339-10) && val < (339+10)) {
    Serial.println("0");
  }
  else if (val > (370-10) && val < (370+10)) {
    Serial.println("#");
  }
  else if (val > (401-10) && val < (401+10)) {
    Serial.println("A");
  }
  else if (val > (432-10) && val < (432+10)) {
    Serial.println("B");
  }
  else if (val > (463-10) && val < (463+10)) {
    Serial.println("C");
  }
  else if (val > (492-10) && val < (492+10)) {
    Serial.println("D");
  }
}
```

I2C Mode

The I2C address is 0x50. There is only one data byte corresponding to the key pressed. If no key is pressed, 0x00 is received. When a key is on hold, the data remains while a key is on hold. Therefore, the host must implement a form of polling method to monitor key changes.

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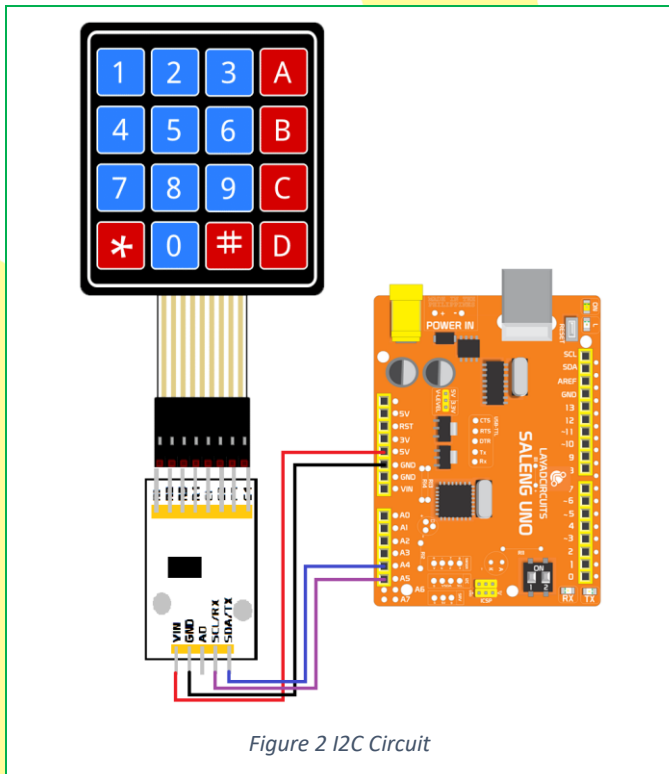


Figure 2 I2C Circuit

Arduino I2Cexample

The example below uses the I2C pins of the LC-075 with a host Arduino to poll for the key every 1ms. The key pressed is printed on the serial monitor set to 9600 baud.

```
#include <Wire.h>

void setup() {
  Wire.begin();
  Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
  Wire.requestFrom(0x50, 1);
  while (Wire.available()) {
    char c = Wire.read();
  }
}
```

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```
Serial.print(c);
}
delay(1);
}
```

UART / "Serial" Mode

The output is a single character at 9600 baud rate. The received data is the key pressed. Example, if key 8 is pressed, expect the character '8' (0x38). As long as the key is pressed the UART also sends the data.

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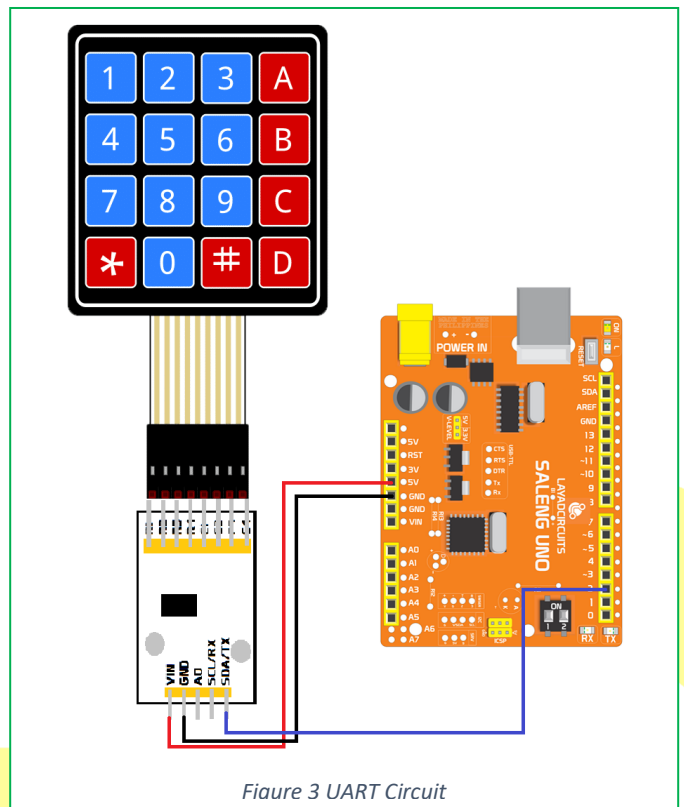


Figure 3 UART Circuit

Arduino Serial example

The example below uses the Arduino's software serial port as interface to the LC-075. You may also use hardware serial.

```
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>

SoftwareSerial mySerial(2, 3); // RX, TX

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  mySerial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
  if (mySerial.available()) {
    char c = mySerial.read();
    Serial.println(c);
  }
}
```

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