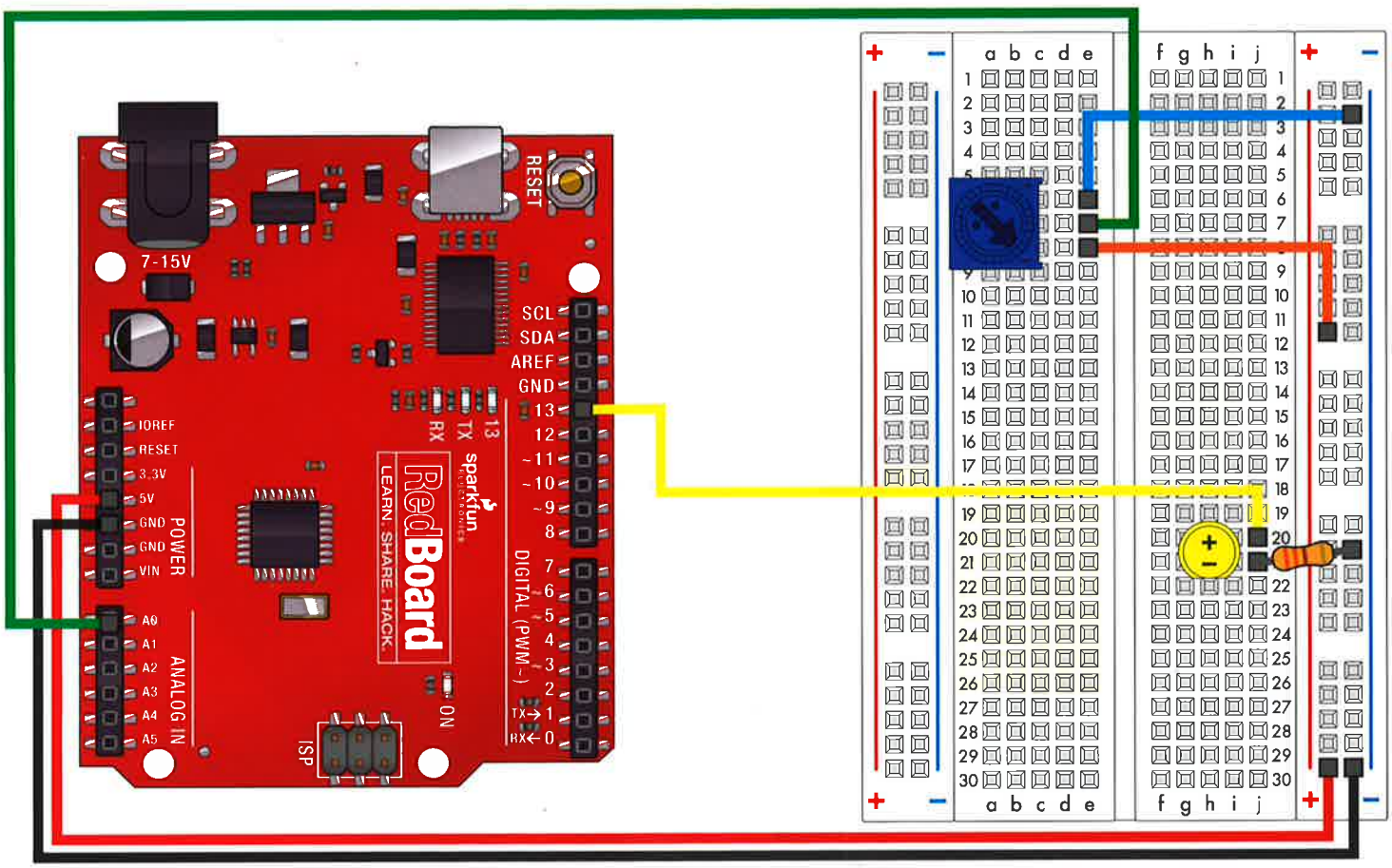
Circuit 2: Potentiometer



Component:	Image Reference:
Potentiometer	
LED (5mm) ⚠	
330Ω Resistor	
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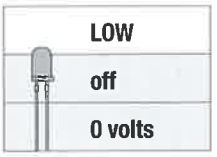
Digital versus Analog:

If you look closely at your RedBoard, you'll see some pins labeled "DIGITAL", and some labeled "ANALOG". What's the difference?

Many of the devices you'll interface to, such as LEDs and pushbuttons, have only two possible states: on and off, or as they're known to the RedBoard, "HIGH" (5 volts) and "LOW" (0 volts). The digital pins on an RedBoard are great at getting these signals to and from the outside world, and can even do tricks like simulated dimming (by blinking on and off really fast), and serial communications (transferring data to another device by encoding it as patterns of HIGH and LOW).

DIGITAL



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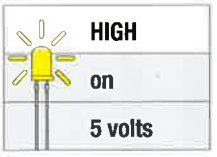

But there are also a lot of things out there that aren't just "on" or "off". Temperature levels, control knobs, etc. all have a continuous range of values between HIGH and LOW. For these situations, the RedBoard offers six analog inputs that translate an input voltage into a number that ranges from 0 (0 volts) to 1023 (5 volts). The analog pins are perfect for measuring all those "real world" values, and allow you to interface the RedBoard to all kinds of things.

ANALOG

0 volts	to	5 volts
0		1023