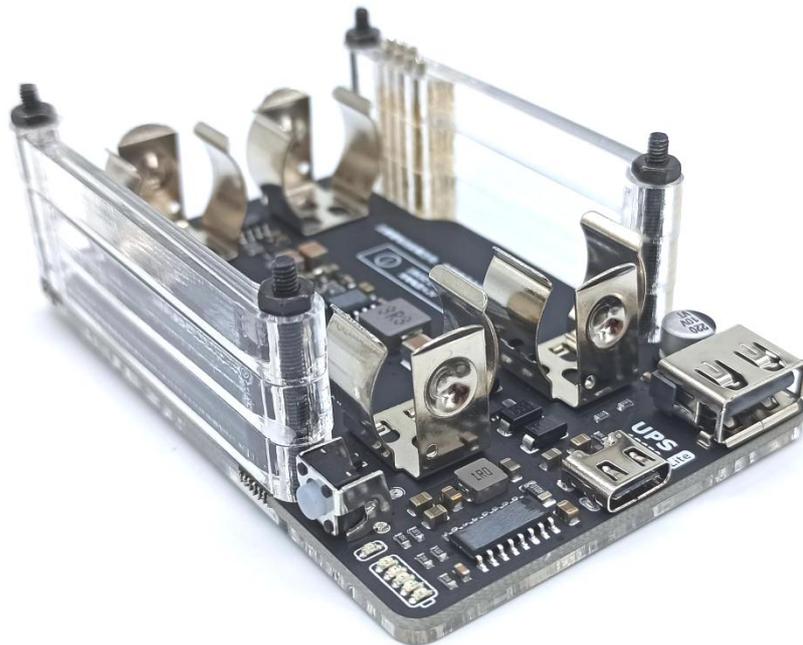


# Instructions for UPS-18650-Lite

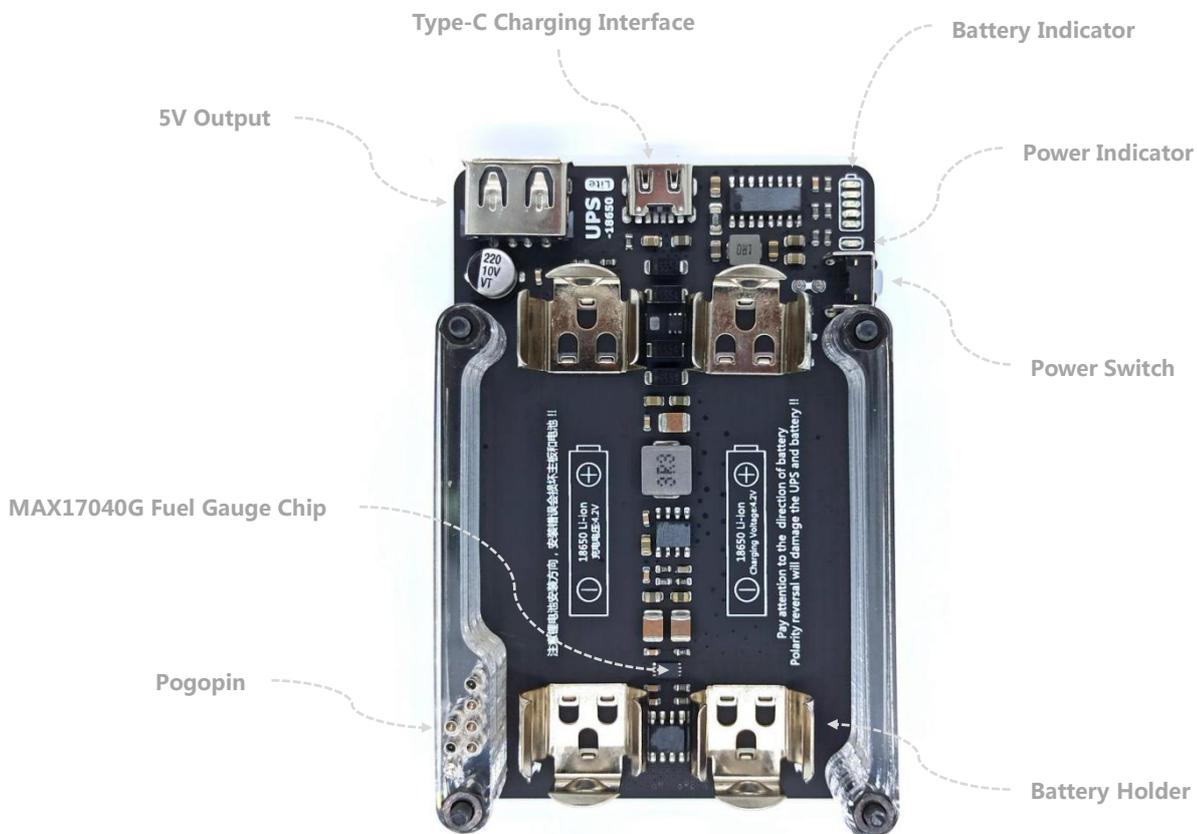
for Raspberry Pi 4B/3B+/3B

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# 1. Introduction

UPS-18650-Lite is a UPS power supply specially designed for Raspberry Pi model B series boards (namely 4B/3B+/3B, etc., hereinafter referred to as pi). It uses two standard flat-head 18650 lithium batteries for power supply. It support over-charge, over-discharge, over-current, short-circuit protection, support external power plug-in detection, support charging and discharging, when the external power is plugged in, the pi is powered by the external power source, when the external power source is unplugged, the pi seamlessly switches to the lithium battery power supply . UPS-18650-Lite is connected to the pi through 7 pogopins. The power supply and battery power measurement functions of the pi are all done through pogopins. The pi does not need to plug any power cords, just plug the external power cord into the UPS type-C port ,it can complete power supply and charging by the UPS. In addition, UPS-18650-Lite integrates the professional fuel gauge chip MAX17040G, which can be used to measure UPS battery voltage and battery remaining power.



**Parameter :**

**Charging current:** Max **1A@5V**

**Output current:** Instant Discharge **3.5A@5.1V**, Continuous Discharge **2.5A@5.1V**

(PS: Please use good quality batteries and power adapters to ensure that the UPS works normally)

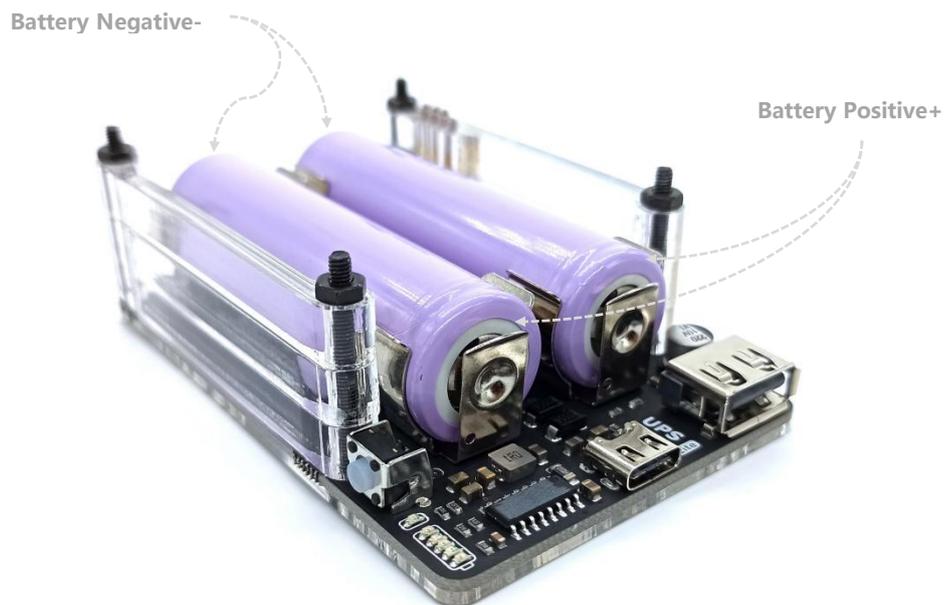
**Battery measurement:** Percentage of battery SOC, an error  $\pm 2\%$ ,

The measurement errors of battery voltages  $\pm 3mV$

(PS: The measurement error varies with the individual battery and the ambient temperature)

## 2. Install

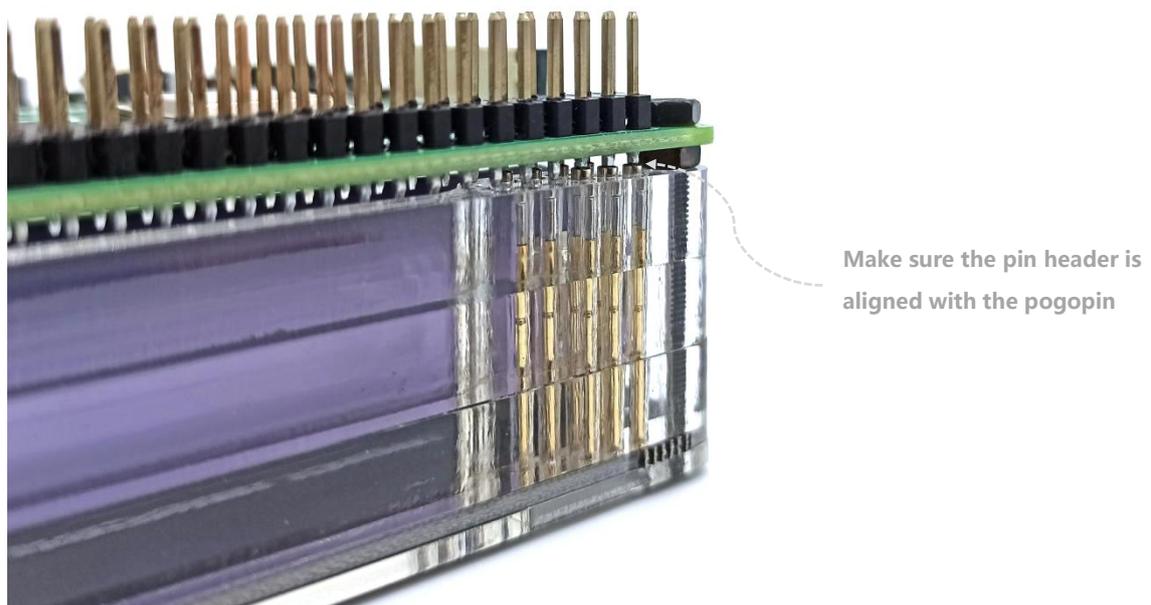
a. Please install two 18650 lithium batteries in the direction of the battery logo on the board. Pay attention to the battery direction when installing. Incorrect installation will burn the board and the battery! ! ! (PS: The two lithium batteries must be standard flat-head 18650 batteries of the same type with similar internal resistance and capacity. Two lithium batteries with different parameters cannot be mixed, and lithium batteries with protective plates cannot be used)



PS: How to identify battery positive and negative poles



b. Align the four fixing holes of the pi with the four screws of the UPS, and then align the pin header of the pi with the pogopin, then lock the nuts!





M2.5 \*4

c. To remove and replace the battery, please use tweezers to insert it in the direction indicated by the arrow on the board and then pry up the battery



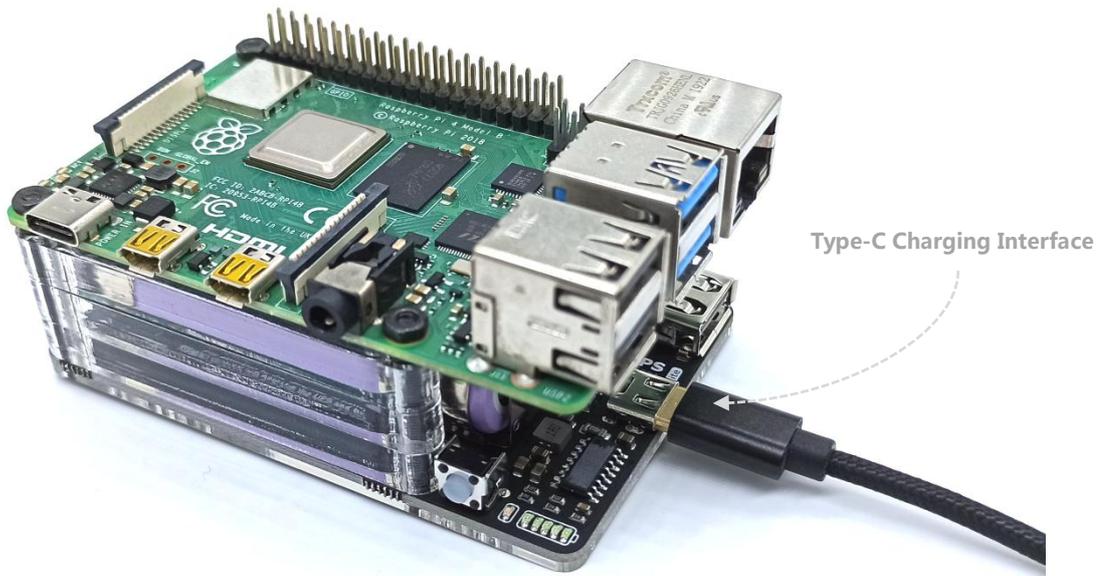
Insert here, pry up the battery

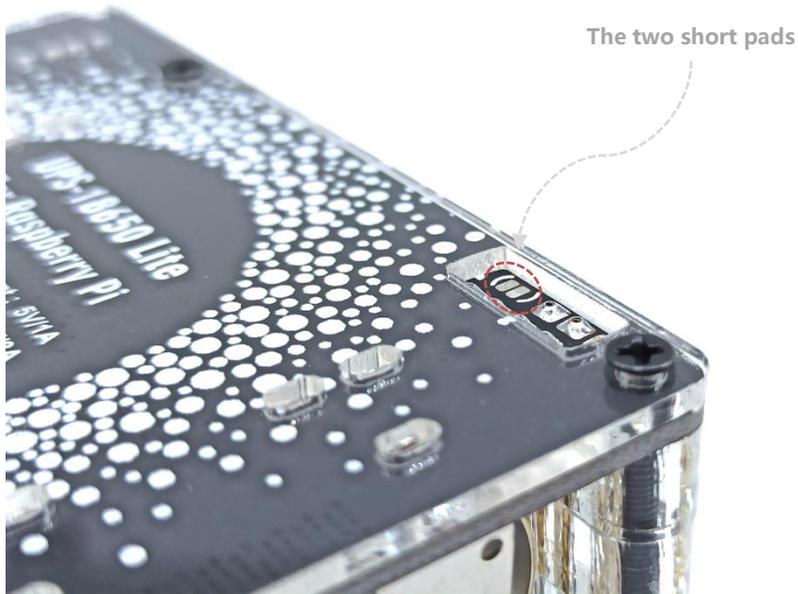
# 3.Function and using

## 3.1 Charging and Power Insertion Detection

It is recommended to use a power adapter with a power of 5V3A and above to charge the UPS-18650-Lite. Because when the lithium battery is low, the external power adapter not only needs to supply power to the pi, but also needs to provide part of the current to charge the lithium battery. During the charging , the battery indicator will flash one after another. When the lithium battery is fully charged, the 5 green battery indicators will all light up, indicating that the battery is fully charged. The battery capacity indicated by the 5 battery indicators is 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, and 100%.

UPS-18650-Lite has an external power adapter insertion detection function. You can judge whether the external power supply is inserted by the high and low levels of the GPIO port. When the power supply is plugged in, the io4 (BCM mode) of the pi will detect a high level. When unplugging ,the pi will detect a low level, to enable the detection function, the two pads on the back of the UPS must be shorted, and the GPIO is set to the floating input state. If the pad is not shorted, the state of the GPIO detection is unstable. See the following figure for details.





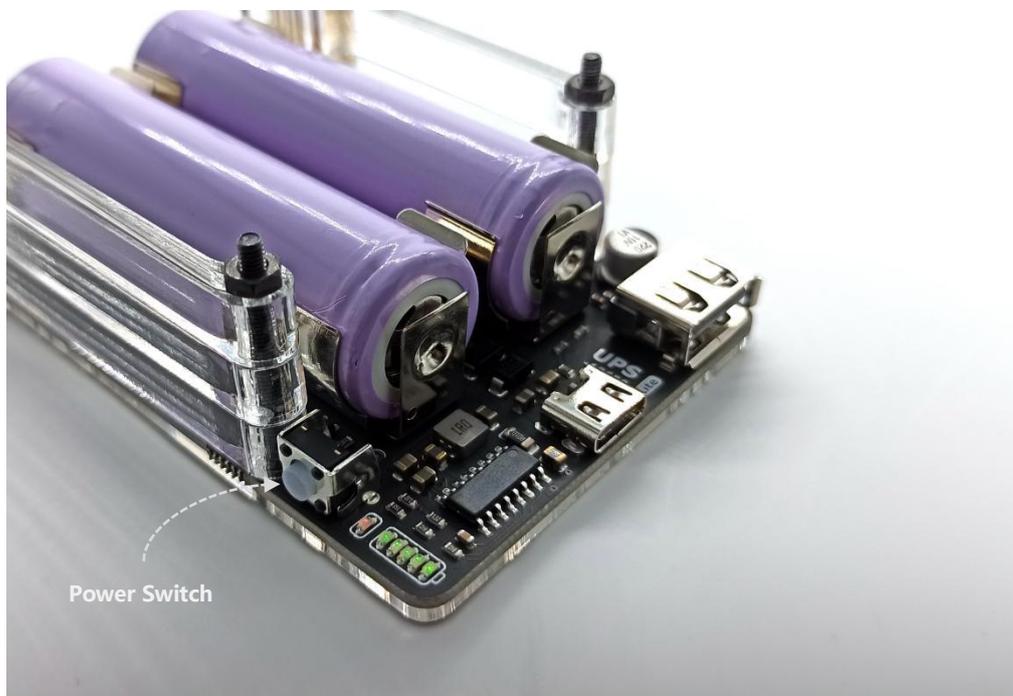
### 3.2 Power Output Operation

When the external power adapter is plug in, press and hold the power switch for more than 3 seconds, the red power indicator light will be on, indicating that the 5V voltage output is turned on. Press and hold again for more than 3 seconds, the red power indicator light is off, indicating that the 5V voltage output is turned off.

When the external power adapter is unplug, press and hold the power switch for more than 3 seconds, the red power indicator light will be on, indicating that the 5V voltage output is turned on. Press and hold again for more than 3 seconds, the red power indicator light is off, indicating that the 5V voltage output is turned off. You can also turn off the 5V voltage output by quick double click the power switch. Short click the power switch once, the power indicator shows the battery power, and it will go out later.

The output power of the booster circuit of UPS-18650-Lite is affected by factors such as battery voltage, battery discharge current, external power supply power, and power cord voltage drop. Therefore, it is recommended to use a high-quality 18650 battery with a large discharge current for power supply. In addition, in order to improve the circuit boost efficiency, it is recommended that the power line choose a line with a small line voltage drop, so as to minimize the power consumption caused by the line voltage drop.

The continuous output current of UPS-18650-Lite is 2.5A, and the instantaneous maximum output current is 3.5A. In the case of continuous high current output for a long time, please take heat dissipation measures and use it in a ventilated place as much as possible to avoid high temperature causing thermal shutdown protection and affect battery life.



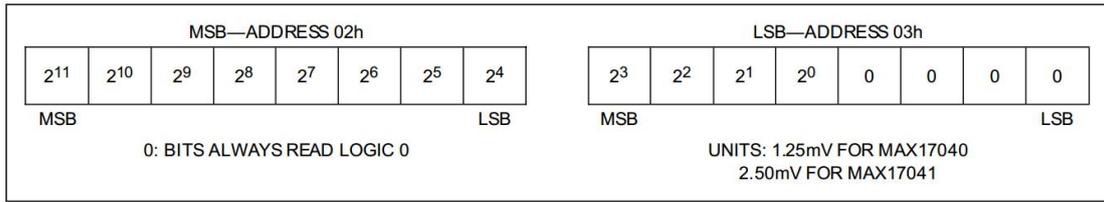
### 3.3 Battery Power Measurement

Create a script program named UPS\_18650\_Lite.py with the nano editor. The code is as follows (see appendix for detailed code). This script uses Python's smbus library to perform i2c read operations on the MAX17040G. The MAX17040G device address is 0x36, the register VCELL is the 12bit battery voltage ADC measurement value, the address is 02h-03h, and the ADC measurement accuracy unit is 1.25mV. The register SOC is a 16-bit battery capacity percentage reading, The address is 04h-05h. The upper 8-bit unit of the SOC is 1% of the battery capacity, and the lower 8-bit unit is 1/256%. It provides the reading of the decimal point of the battery capacity percentage. Save the UPS\_18650\_Lite.py script program to a directory you know (such as the following to the /home/pi/ directory), then run the program in Python, you can see that the program will output the current battery voltage value and the percentage of battery capacity every two seconds. In addition, due to the calculation method of the MAX17040G battery capacity, when the battery capacity reading is 1%, the battery voltage reading is about 3.5V. When the voltage of the lithium battery is 3.5V, the corresponding battery capacity is already very low, and excessive discharge will damage the battery. Therefore, when the user subsequently writes a low-power automatic shutdown program, it is recommended to automatically turn off the pi when the battery capacity is 1%. When running, when the battery voltage drops to 3V, the UPS-Lite protection circuit will automatically stop supplying power. See below for specific steps

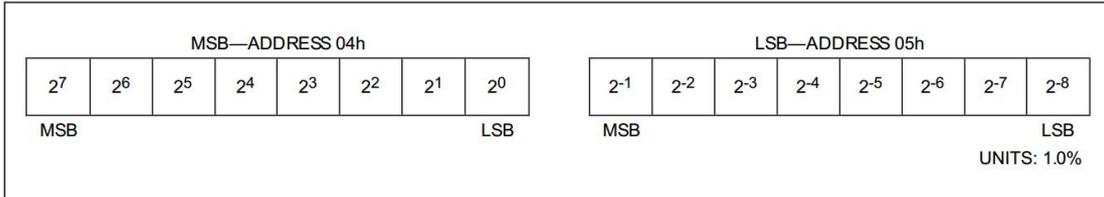
#### MAX17040G register address and Features

ADDRESS (HEX)	REGISTER	DESCRIPTION	READ/ WRITE	DEFAULT (HEX)
02h-03h	VCELL	Reports 12-bit A/D measurement of battery voltage.	R	—
04h-05h	SOC	Reports 16-bit SOC result calculated by ModelGauge algorithm.	R	—
06h-07h	MODE	Sends special commands to the IC.	W	—
08h-09h	VERSION	Returns IC version.	R	—
0Ch-0Dh	RCOMP	Battery compensation. Adjusts IC performance based on application conditions.	R/W	9700h
FEh-FFh	COMMAND	Sends special commands to the IC.	W	—

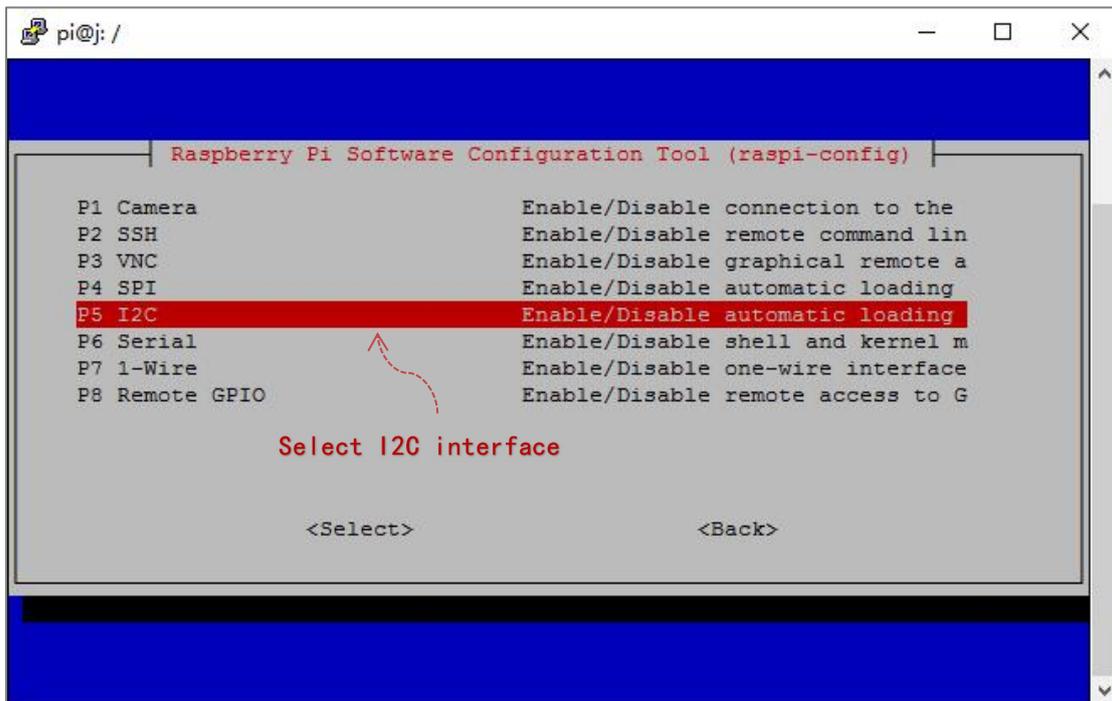
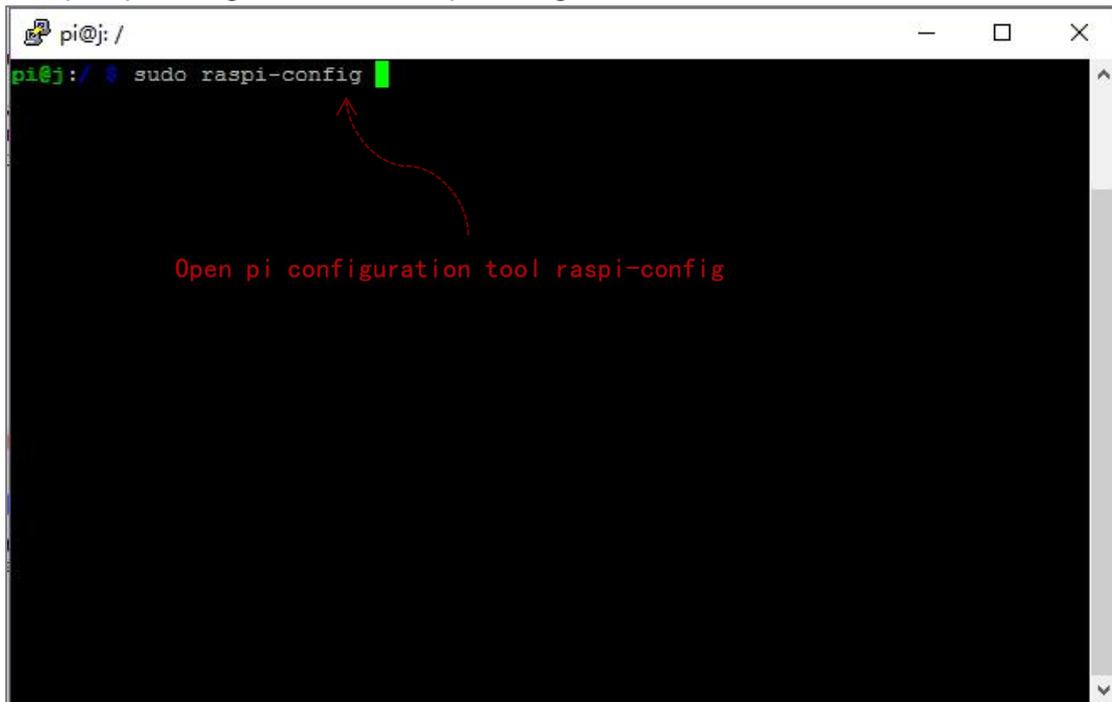
## VCELL register

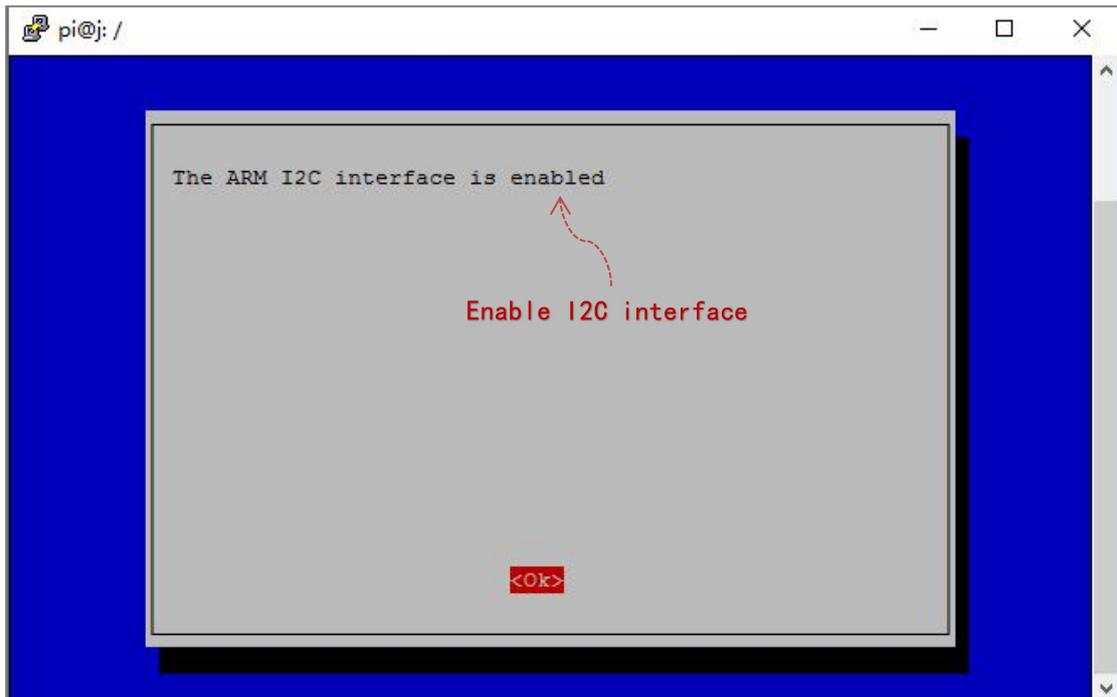


## SOC register

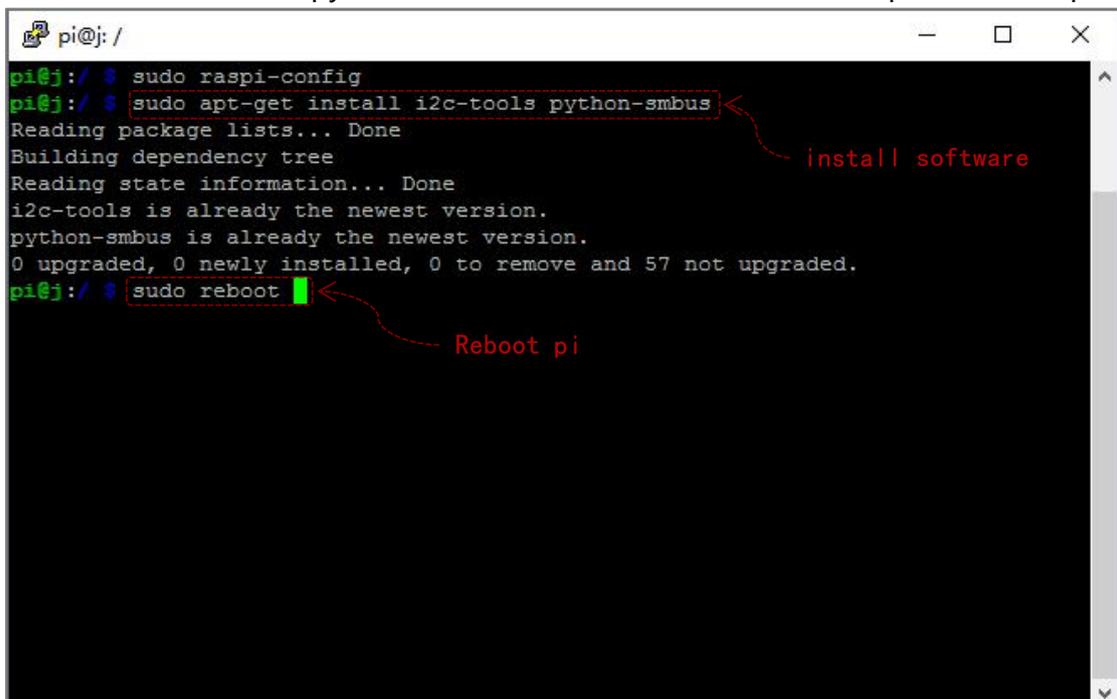


a. Open pi configuration tool raspi-config, enable I2C interface





b. Install i2c-tools and python-smbus, after the installation is complete. reboot pi



c. Run `sudo i2cdetect -l` to see which i2c bus the current pi is using.

```
pi@j: /  
pi@j: / $ sudo i2cdetect -l  
i2c-1 i2c bcm2835 I2C adapter I2C adapter  
pi@j: / $
```

Run `i2cdetect -l` to view the i2c bus

Determine the system i2c bus is 1

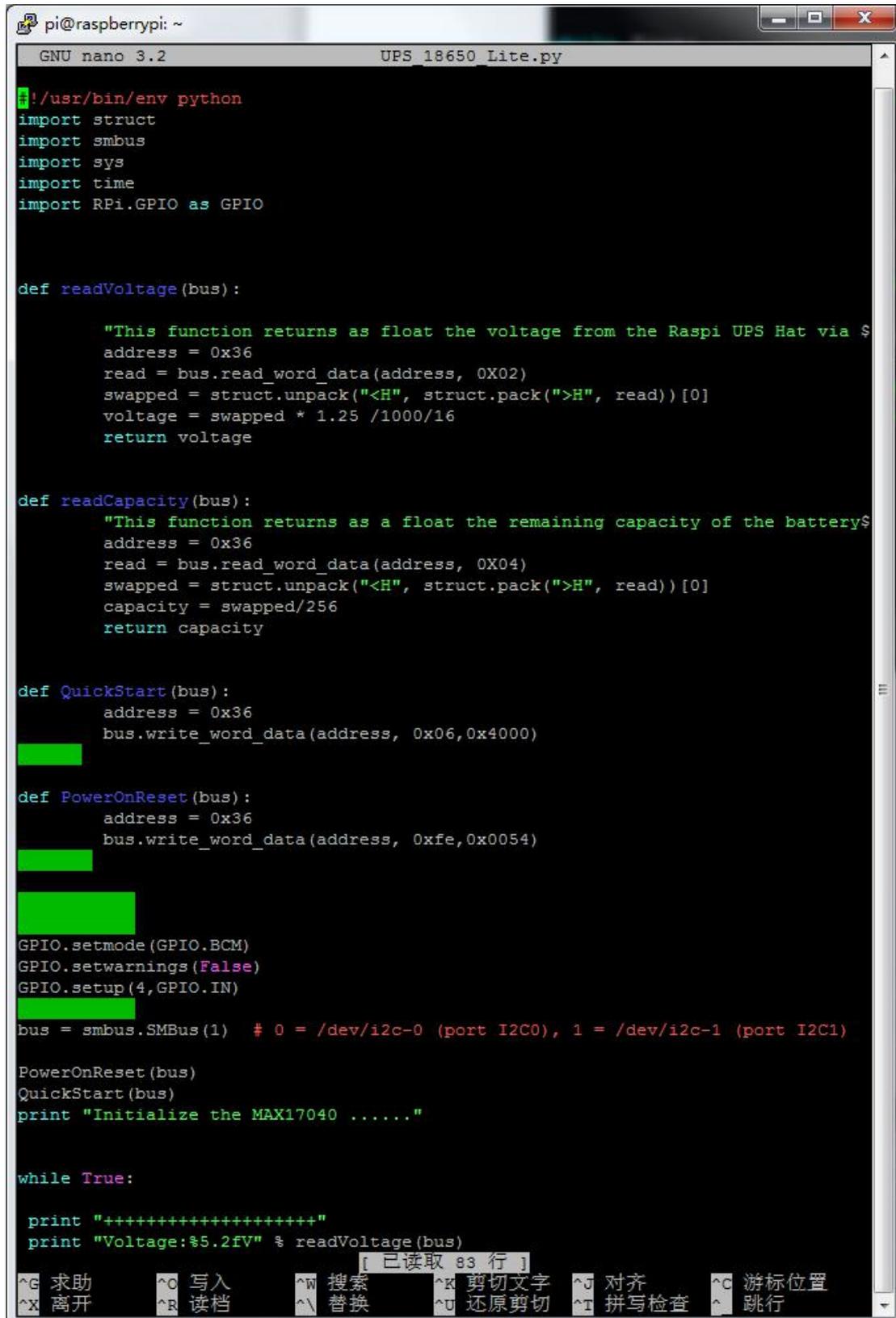
d. Run `sudo i2cdetect -y 1` to view the devices mounted on the i2c bus of the current pi

```
pi@j: /  
pi@j: / $ sudo i2cdetect -l  
i2c-1 i2c bcm2835 I2C adapter I2C adapter  
pi@j: / $ sudo i2cdetect -y 1  
 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  a  b  c  d  e  f  
00: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  
10: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  
20: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  
30: -- -- -- -- -- 36 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  
40: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  
50: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  
60: -- -- -- -- -- 68 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  
70: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  
pi@j: / $
```

Run `i2cdetect -l` to view the i2c bus

Address 0x36 is MAX17040G

e. Use nano editor to create the following UPS\_Lite.py script program (see appendix for detailed code)



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~
GNU nano 3.2 UPS_18650_Lite.py
#!/usr/bin/env python
import struct
import smbus
import sys
import time
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

def readVoltage(bus):
    "This function returns as float the voltage from the Raspi UPS Hat via $
    address = 0x36
    read = bus.read_word_data(address, 0X02)
    swapped = struct.unpack("<H", struct.pack(">H", read))[0]
    voltage = swapped * 1.25 /1000/16
    return voltage

def readCapacity(bus):
    "This function returns as a float the remaining capacity of the battery$
    address = 0x36
    read = bus.read_word_data(address, 0X04)
    swapped = struct.unpack("<H", struct.pack(">H", read))[0]
    capacity = swapped/256
    return capacity

def QuickStart(bus):
    address = 0x36
    bus.write_word_data(address, 0x06,0x4000)

def PowerOnReset(bus):
    address = 0x36
    bus.write_word_data(address, 0xfe,0x0054)

GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)
GPIO.setwarnings(False)
GPIO.setup(4,GPIO.IN)

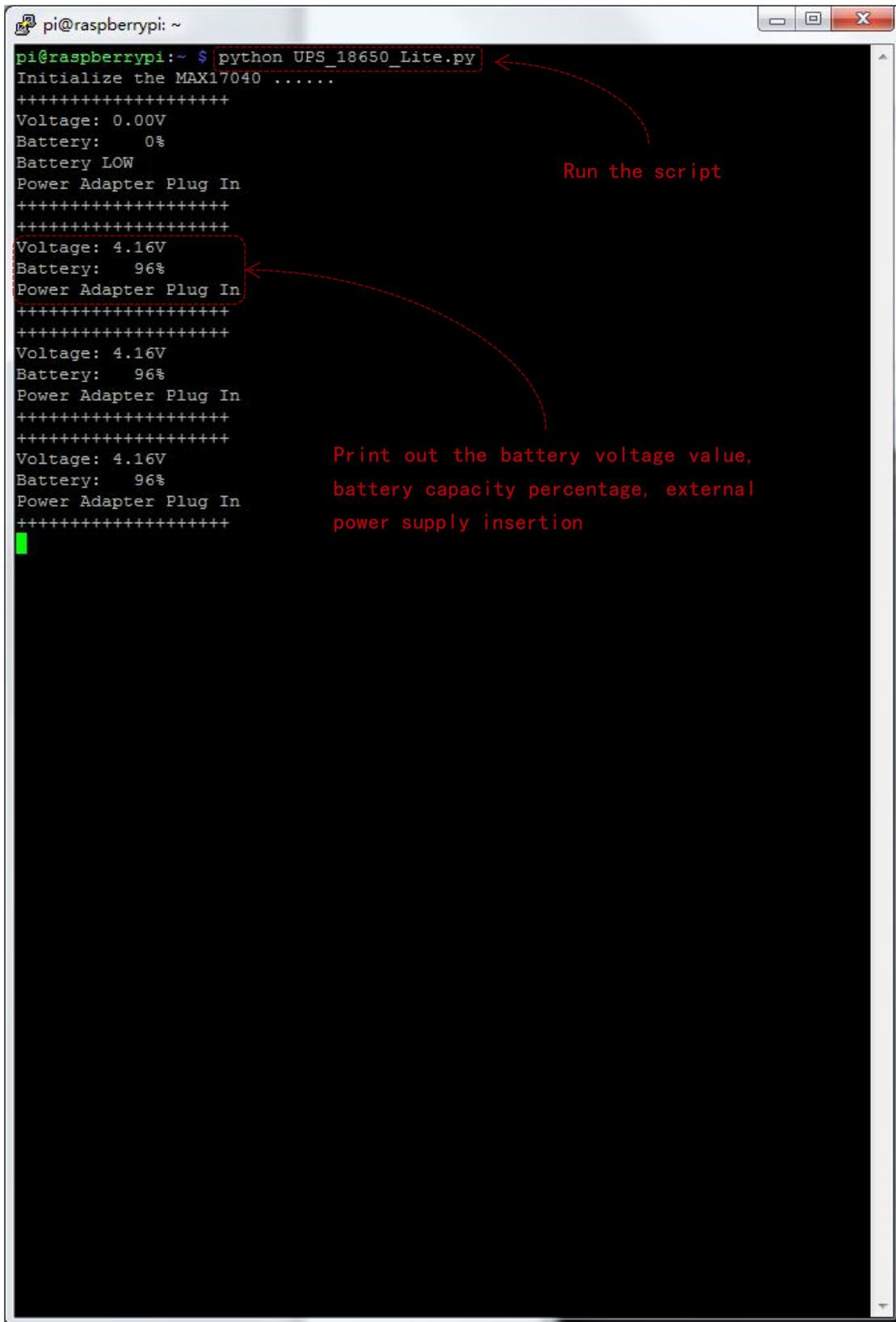
bus = smbus.SMBus(1) # 0 = /dev/i2c-0 (port I2C0), 1 = /dev/i2c-1 (port I2C1)

PowerOnReset(bus)
QuickStart(bus)
print "Initialize the MAX17040 ....."

while True:
    print "+++++"
    print "Voltage:%5.2fV" % readVoltage(bus)

[ 已读取 83 行 ]
^G 求助      ^O 写入      ^W 搜索      ^K 剪切文字  ^U 对齐      ^C 光标位置
^X 离开      ^R 读档      ^\ 替换      ^U 还原剪切  ^T 拼写检查  ^_ 跳行
```

f. Run the script with Python



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~  
pi@raspberrypi:~$ python UPS_18650_Lite.py  
Initialize the MAX17040 .....  
+++++  
Voltage: 0.00V  
Battery: 0%  
Battery LOW  
Power Adapter Plug In  
+++++  
+++++  
Voltage: 4.16V  
Battery: 96%  
Power Adapter Plug In  
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```

Run the script

Print out the battery voltage value, battery capacity percentage, external power supply insertion

# appendix :

## Script code of UPS\_18650\_Lite.py :

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
import struct
import smbus
import sys
import time
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

def readVoltage(bus):

    """This function returns as float the voltage from the Raspi UPS Hat via the
    provided SMBus object"""
    address = 0x36
    read = bus.read_word_data(address, 0X02)
    swapped = struct.unpack("<H", struct.pack(">H", read))[0]
    voltage = swapped * 1.25 /1000/16
    return voltage

def readCapacity(bus):

    """This function returns as a float the remaining capacity of the battery connected
    to the Raspi UPS Hat via the provided SMBus object"""
    address = 0x36
    read = bus.read_word_data(address, 0X04)
    swapped = struct.unpack("<H", struct.pack(">H", read))[0]
    capacity = swapped/256
    return capacity

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    address = 0x36
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GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)
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bus = smbus.SMBus(1) # 0 = /dev/i2c-0 (port I2C0), 1 = /dev/i2c-1 (port I2C1)

PowerOnReset(bus)
QuickStart(bus)

print " "
print "Initialize the MAX17040 ....."

while True:

    print "+++++"
    print "Voltage:%5.2fV" % readVoltage(bus)
    print "Battery:%5i%" % readCapacity(bus)

    if readCapacity(bus) == 100:
        print "Battery FULL"

    if readCapacity(bus) < 5:
        print "Battery LOW"

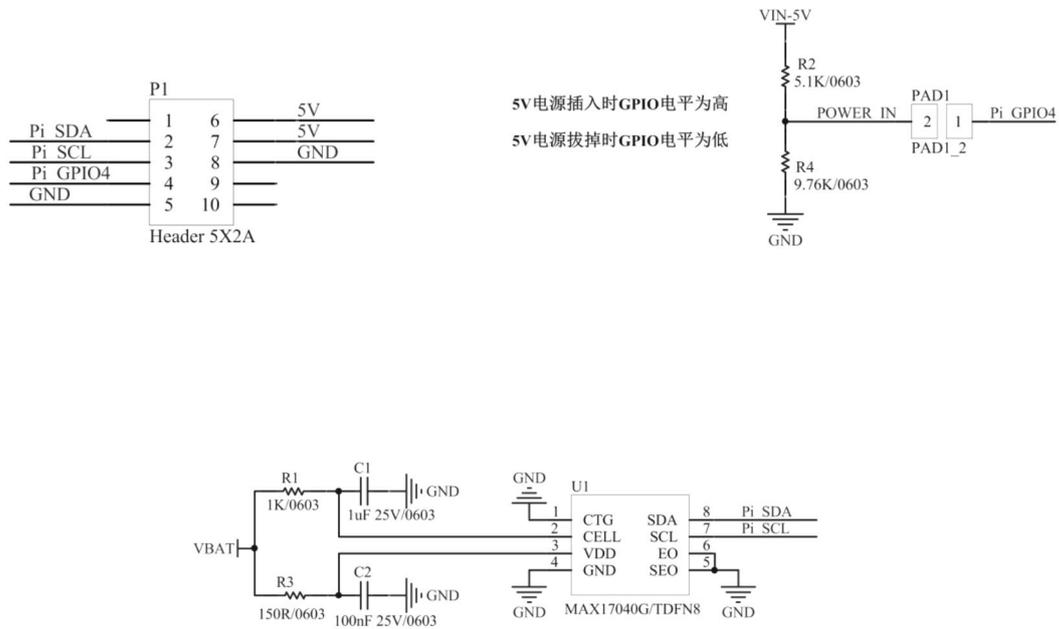
    if (GPIO.input(4) == GPIO.HIGH):
        print "Power Adapter Plug In "

    if (GPIO.input(4) == GPIO.LOW):
        print "Power Adapter Unplug"

    print "+++++"
    time.sleep(2)

```

## Schematic Reference Part :



## References :

MAX17040 Compact, low-cost 1S/2S fuel gauge - Maxim

<https://www.maximintegrated.com/cn/products/power/battery-management/MAX17040.html>

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