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Note: This stepper motor driver comes as an exposed circuit board. A case may be built, although it is not necessary. Also, a number of different bipolar stepper motor drivers may be used. If so, ensure that the setup instructions are followed for the specific board purchased.  
  
Please revise step 7 and the "Notes" following steps 8.3, 10.7 and 10.8 accordingly.

All personal pronouns have been removed from the notes, and step 7. I also used **find** to ensure there weren’t any remaining.

3) Please revise step 5.1 so that it written in imperative tense, such as:  
  
5.1. Align all 6 pins per stepper motor in the same way. Half-stepping allows for double the step resolution in Degrees/step (figure 5).

This step has been re-written.

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