Thermoino Verison 2.5 with PWM for CTC feature

Setting the following:

cTCBinMs: 10

cTCPos: 7

0 9

1 9

2 9

3 -9

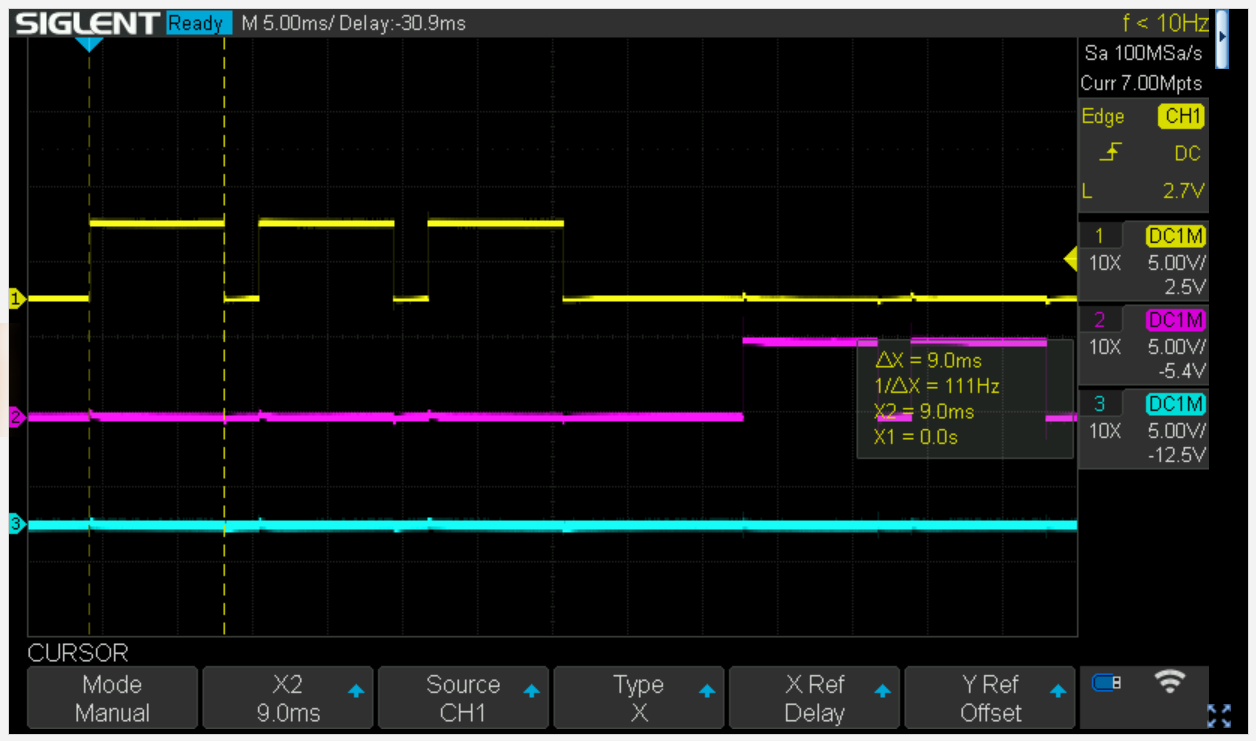
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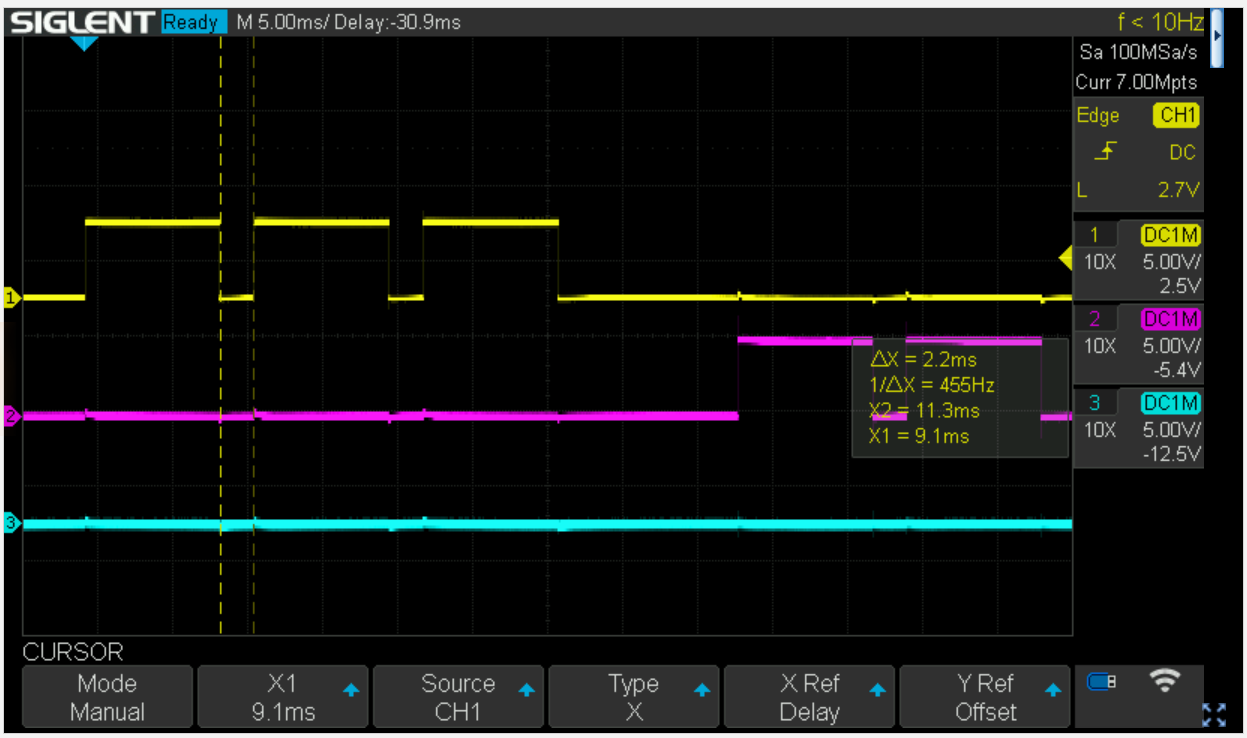
6 0

Should give 9ms pulses (3 up, 3 down) with 1 ms pauses

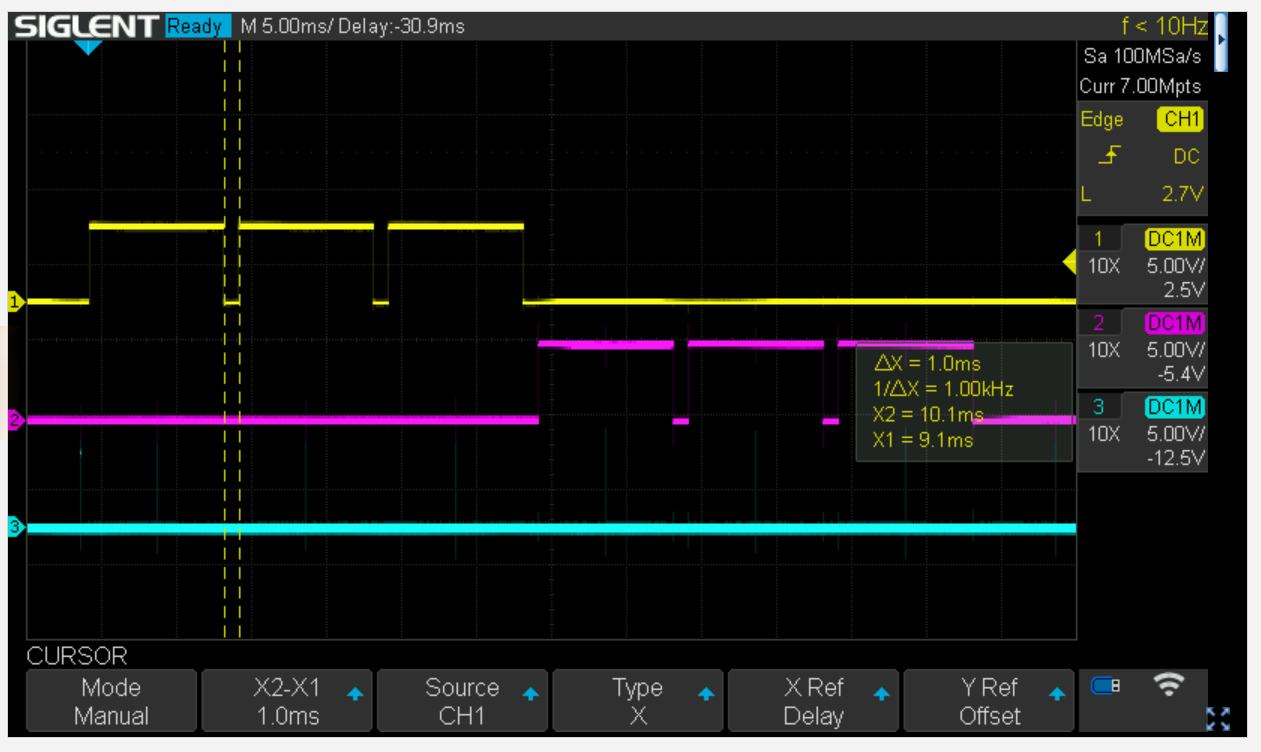
This is what EXECCTC produces:



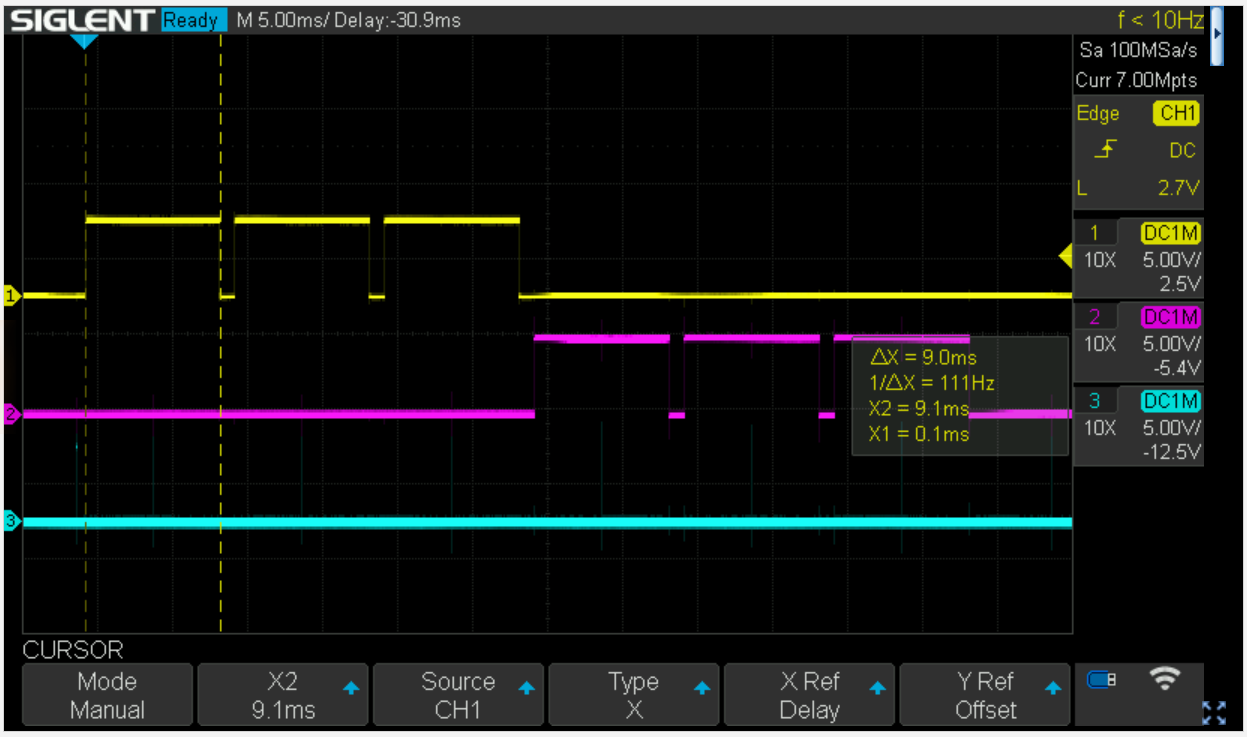
Pulses are 9ms, but time between pulses is >2ms:



AND the first negative pulse is missing (this changes from run to run and can be worse). It is related to the between pulse timing using the loop function. Instead we can use the phase correct PWM feature to generate precise pulse timing for CTC functionality:



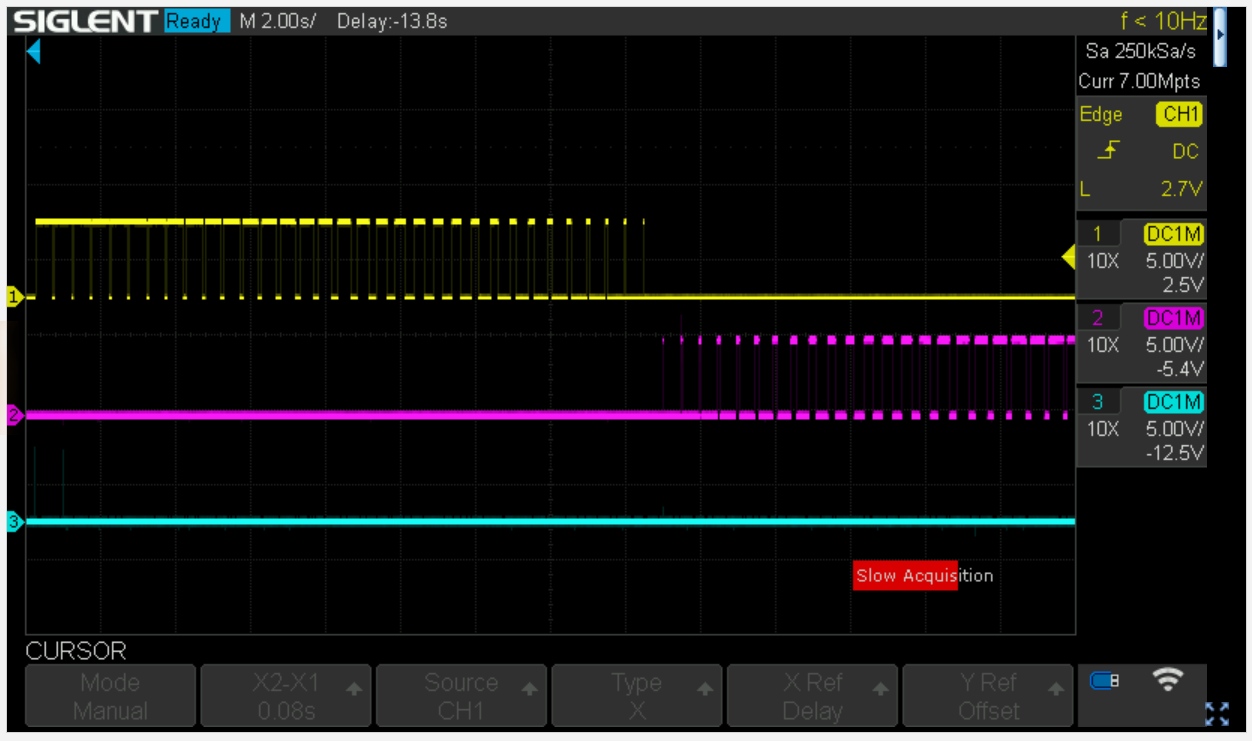
Time between pulses = 1ms, pulse duration = 9ms



This is implemented for a max cTCBinMs of 500ms, which is a good resolution. 3000 CTC entries are allowed, ie giving a max stimulus duration of 3000\*0.5s = 1500s = 25 minutes

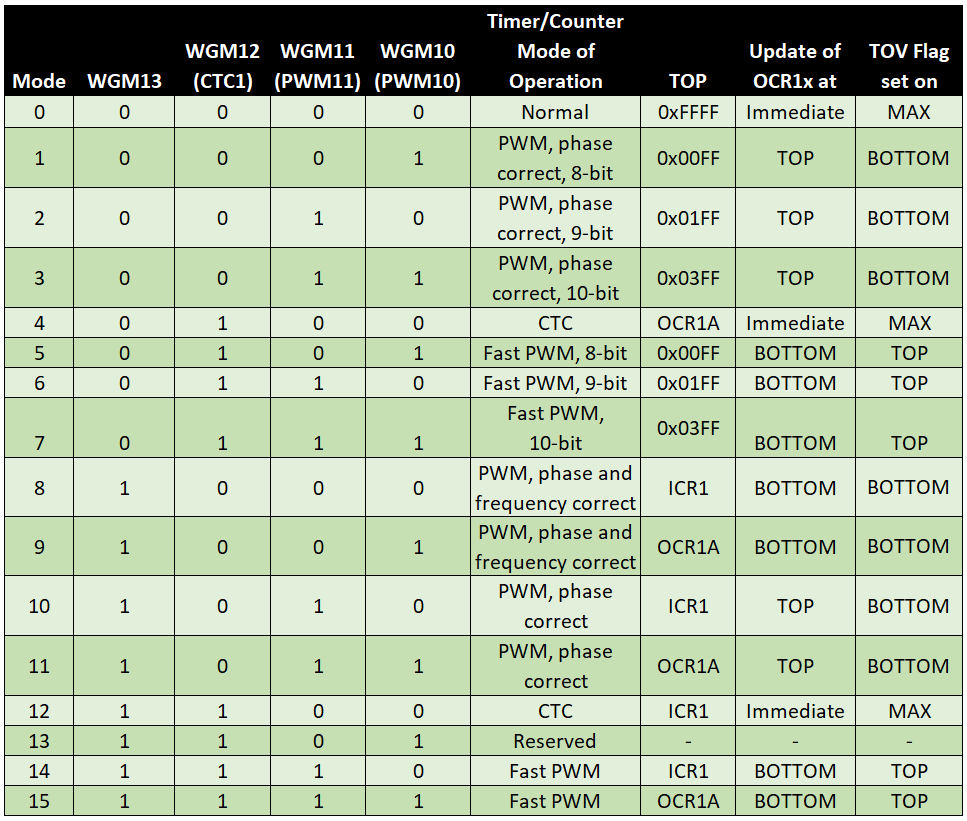
Also fixed a bug in EXECCTC: the last pulse was always dropped 🡪 changed the end of loop statement

Works nicely: sine wave

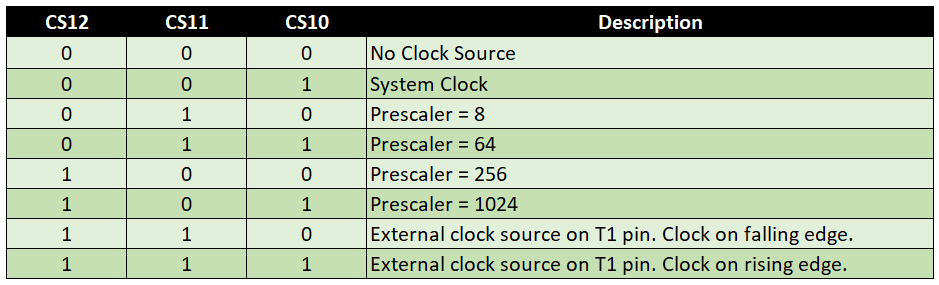


How it works:

We are using a 16 bit timer, timer1 in phase correct PWM mode (mode 10).

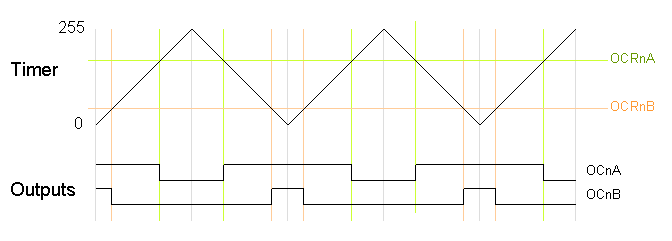


Timing is set by the prescaler:



And we are using a prescaler of 64. The Mega2560 runs at 16MHz, prescale by 64 gives a tick per 4us. This is a good divider if we want ms resolution, ie 1ms = 250 ticks.

Phase correct PWM with TOP defined by ICR1 means in one cycle the counter counts from 0 to ICR1 and back again. Now we can define thresholds with OCR1A and OCR1B to generate he pulse. Each pulse is symmetric around a trough.



Now how to change pulse width from cycle to cyle? Each time the counter (TCNT1) hits the bottom an interrupt is fired (timer overflow) which we can service using

ISR(TIMER1\_OVF\_vect)

In this interrupt handler we simply set the new values for OCR1A and OCR1B. Note however, that these only come into effect at the next peak, because OCR1X are double buffered registers.