
ECE 375 LAB 6

Timers/Counters

Lab Time: Friday 4-6

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this lab is to show understanding of how to configure and utilize eight bit timer and counters using the ATmega32U4 microcontroller board by using pulse width modulation PWM signals. Another goal from conducting this lab is to grasp the concepts of lower/upper half-byte. These are nibbles of the I/O ports for two tasks. The intention of this lab is to make applications of PWM signals comprehensible.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The takeaway of this program revolves around the code being written in assembly language and permitting the Bot utilize its speed. To manage the bots speed, the program will use four interrupts. Decreasing the bots speed will use the first interrupt. The second interrupt will increase its speed. The third interrupt will manage that the tekBot will have no speed at all. Lastly, the final interrupt will make sure that the bot will have a maximum speed.

INITIALIZATION ROUTINE

In this routine, the stack pointer is initialized so that the pointer can be set to the low and high bits of memory. The outputs for port B and input for port D will also be initialized. Lastly the external interrupts would be in this function in order to execute this lab. These interrupts will react to the falling edge.

MAIN ROUTINE

This routine is carried out when the bot moves forward and will respond to each of the interrupts depending on which is triggered at a current time.

SPEED UP ROUTINE

This routine interrupts react to Int 1 being pushed. This will make the bots speed increase. The speed is represented in binary fashion on the Atmega32U4 board.

SPEED DOWN ROUTINE

These routine interrupts react to Int 0 being pushed. This will make the bots speed decrease. The speed is represented in binary fashion on the Atmega32U4 board.

SPEED MINIMUM ROUTINE

This routine interrupt will make the bot operate at no speed which will be displayed by having and three 0-3 LEDs disabled.

SPEED MAXIMUM ROUTINE

This routine interrupt will make the bot operate at no speed which will be displayed by having and three 0-3 LEDs enabled.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

1. . In this lab, you used the Fast PWM mode of 16-bit Timer/Counter, which is only one of many possible ways to implement variable speed on a TekBot. Suppose instead that you used Normal mode, and had it generate an interrupt for every overflow. In the overflow ISR, you manually toggled both Motor Enable pins of the TekBot, and wrote a new value into the Timer/Counter's register. (If you used the correct sequence of values, you would be manually performing PWM.) Give a detailed assessment (in 1-2 paragraphs) of the advantages and disadvantages of this new approach, in comparison to the PWM approach used in this lab

a. External interrupts were the most efficient method when conducting this lab. The benefit of using assembly languages is that the size of the file is half the size of the C file. In addition, using external interrupts allowed to conduct the tasks by waiting for interrupts rather of detecting all the time of weather or not the whiskers are pressed. The benefit of C languages is that it is higher level of programming which has the benefit of having similarity with other languages. This also has the benefit of using libraries that can be used in other languages as well, which also reduces the length of code.

a. A benefit of utilizing the normal mode is that it only needs to utilize one of the clock or timer, which makes it much easier to follow and to see what's going on. A disadvantage of using normal mode is that it can occupy a lot of the CPU's time. Advantages of using the PWM is that it's very efficient and it can also utilize frequencies that are high. Using the PWM permits us the ability to control the speed which will affect how the motors will operate. It will also authorize the output signal to have a larger bandwidth which will produce a higher frequency. A disadvantage is that the power can be inconsistent at times due to the varying nature of the pulse itself. Another disadvantage is that the timer can be overflowed, which will make it go unnoticed.

2. . The previous question outlined a way of using a single 16-bit Timer/Counter in Normal mode to implement variable speed. How would you accomplish the same task (variable TekBot speed) using in CTC mode? Provide a rough-draft sketch of the Timer/Counter-related parts of your design, using either a flow chart or some pseudocode (but not actual assembly code).

a. Initialize TCCR0

Enable the interrupts

Have OCR0 set to a desired number

Then have OCR0 compared with TCNT0

Increment the speed

Followed by decrementing the speed

Difficulties

This lab felt particularly difficult this time. Perhaps this was due to the shorter due date, however, I had a tough time trying to make the LED lights and buttons display correctly. The interrupts however, were very consistent throughout both lab 5 and lab 6.

CONCLUSION

The main intention was to grasp how the configuration of the eight bit timers and counters are meant to be used to create pulse width modulation. This lab required comprehension in being able to implement speed down, up, min, and max routines. The goal that is worth mentioning, is being able to understand how the lower and upper half bits work in assembly language. This helps enhance previous knowledge by showing the concepts and objections of this lab. It also showcased understanding and continuing familiarity with microchip studio software.

SOURCE CODE

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.*****  
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,*      Author: Aruthr Liuqiao
,*      Date: 11/18/2022
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.include "m32U4def.inc"                ; Include definition file

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,*      Internal Register Definitions and Constants
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.def    mpr = r16                      ; Multipurpose register

.def    CSPEED=r17

.def    onelevel = r18

.def    waitcount = r23

.def    ilcnt = r24

.def    olcnt = r25

.equ    waitime = 100                  ; Time to wait in wait loop

.equ    EngEnR = 5                     ; right Engine Enable Bit

.equ    EngEnL = 6                     ; left Engine Enable Bit

.equ    EngDirR = 4                    ; right Engine Direction Bit

.equ    EngDirL = 7                    ; left Engine Direction Bit

.equ    MoveForward = (1<<EngDirR | 1<<EngDirL) ; Move Forward Command

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,*      Start of Code Segment
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.cseg                                     ; beginning of code segment

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,*      Interrupt Vectors
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.org    $0000

rjmp    INIT                            ; reset interrupt

; place instructions in interrupt vectors here, if needed

.org    $0002                            ; Representing INT0
        rcall SpeedUp                    ; Calling the Speed_Down function
reti                                ; Return from interrupt

.org    $0004                            ; Representing INT1
        rcall SpeedDown                  ; Calling the Speed_Up function
reti                                ; Return from interrupt

.org    $0006                            ; Representing INT2
        rcall SpeedMax                   ; Calling the Speed_Min function
reti                                ; Return from interrupt

.org    $0008                            ; Representing INT3
        rcall SpeedMin                   ; Calling the Speed_Max function
reti                                ; Return from interrupt

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.org    $0056                                ; end of interrupt vectors
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,*      Program Initialization
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INIT:
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```
; Initialize the Stack Pointer
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```
ldi mpr, LOW(RAMEND)        ; Loading LOW(RAMEND) and storing it into mpr
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```
out SPL, mpr                ; Putting mpr into SPL
```

```
ldi mpr, HIGH(RAMEND)       ; Loading HIGH(RAMEND) and storing it into mpr
```

```
out SPH, mpr                ; Putting mpr into SPH
```

```
; Configure I/O ports
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```
ldi      mpr, 0b11111111    ; Setting the data direction register for PortB
```

```
out      DDRB, mpr          ; Putting mpr into DDRB
```

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ldi      mpr, 0b00001111    ; Initialize Port B Data Register
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out      DDRD, mpr          ; so all Port B outputs are low
```

```
; Initialize Port B for output
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ldi      mpr, $FF           ; Setting the data direction register for PortD
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```
out      DDRB, mpr          ; for input / ; Putting mpr into DDRD
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ldi      mpr, $00           ; Setting the data direction register for PortD
```

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out      PORTB, mpr         ; so all Port D inputs are Tri-State
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; Initialize Port D for input
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```
ldi      mpr, $00          ; Setting the data direction register for PortD
out      DDRD, mpr          ; for input / ; Putting mpr into DDRD
ldi      mpr, $FF          ; Setting the data direction register for PortD
out      PORTD, mpr
```

; Configure External Interrupts, if needed

```
ldi      mpr, (1<<ISC01) | (0<<ISC00) | (1<<ISC11) | (0<<ISC10)
sts      EICRA, mpr
ldi      mpr, 0b00001111
out      EIMSK, mpr
ldi      mpr, 0b00001111
out      EIFR, mpr
```

; Configure 8-bit Timer/Counters

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ldi      mpr, 0b01101001 ; Having TCCR0 set to no prescaling and having it non-inverted
out      TCCR0A, mpr ; Having the right counter non-inverted and set to PWM
out      TCCR0B, mpr ; Having the left counter non-inverted and set to PWM
```

;set initial speed

```
ldi      mpr, $00
out      OCR0A, mpr
out      OCR0B, mpr
```



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;set initial value for speedcounter
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```
clr            CSPEED
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ldi            onelevel, 17
```

```
;move forward
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```
ldi            mpr, MoveForward
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```
out            PORTB, mpr
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sei ; Setting the global interrupt flag
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```
,*      Main Program
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MAIN:
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ldi            mpr, MoveForward
```

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or             mpr,CSPEED
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out            PORTB,mpr
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; if pressed, adjust speed
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; also, adjust speed indication
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rjmp    MAIN            ; return to top of MAIN
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,*      Functions and Subroutines
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; Func:  Template function header
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; Desc:  Cut and paste this and fill in the info at the
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;          beginning of your functions
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FUNC:    ; Begin a function with a label
```

SpeedMin:

```
        push    mpr    ; Having mpr pushed on the stack
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```
in          mpr,SREG
```

```
push mpr
```

```
ldi mpr, $00
```

```
out    OCR0A, mpr
```

```
out          OCR0B, mpr
```

```
clr          CSPEED
```

```
ldi          mpr, 0b0001111
```

```
out          EIFR, mpr
```

```
pop          mpr    ;restore program state
```

```
out          SREG, mpr
```

```
pop          mpr    ;restore mpr
```

ret

SpeedDown:

 ;save variable by pushing to the stack

push mpr

in mpr, SREG

push mpr

in mpr, OCR0A

cpi mpr,0

breq DONE

sub mpr, onelevel

out OCR0A, mpr

out OCR0B, mpr

dec CSPEED

ldi waitcount, waitime

rcall Wait

DONE:

ldi mpr, 0b00001111

out EIFR, mpr

pop mpr ; restore program state

out SREG,mpr

pop mpr ; restore mpr

ret

SpeedUp:

 ; save variable by pushing to the stack

push waitcount

 push mpr

in mpr, SREG

push mpr

in mpr, OCR0A

cpi mpr,255

breq DONE2

add mpr, onelevel

out OCR0A, mpr

out OCR0B, mpr

inc CSPEED

ldi waitcount, waitime

rcall Wait

DONE2:

```
ldi    mpr, 0b00001111
```

```
out    EIFR, mpr
```

```
pop    mpr    ;restore program state
```

```
out    SREG,mpr
```

```
pop    mpr    ;restore mpr
```

```
pop    waitcount
```

```
ret
```

SpeedMax:

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push waitcount
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```
    push    mpr    ; Having mpr pushed on the stack
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```
in      mpr,SREG
```

```
push mpr
```

```
ldi mpr, $FF
```

```
out      OCR0A, mpr
```

```
out      OCR0B, mpr
```

```
ldi      CSPEED, 0b00001111
```

```
;clr      speed
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ldi mpr, 0b00001111

out EIFR, mpr

pop mpr

out SREG, mpr

pop mpr

pop waitcount

ret

Wait:

push waitcount

push ilcnt

push olcnt

;Excute the function here

Loop1:

ldi olcnt, 221 ; Load with a 30us value

Loop2:

ldi ilcnt, 238

Loop3:

dec ilcnt

brne Loop3

dec olcnt

brne Loop2

dec waitcount

brne Loop3

;restore variable by popping them from stack in reverse order

pop waitcount

pop ilcnt

pop olcnt

ret ; Return from Wait Function

; If needed, save variables by pushing to the stack

; Execute the function here

; Restore any saved variables by popping from stack

;ret ; End a function with RET

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,* Stored Program Data

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; Enter any stored data you might need here

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,* Additional Program Includes

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; There are no additional file includes for this program