PWM Signal Generation and Monitoring

CENG 355 Laboratory Report

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Problem Description

A pulse-width-modulated (PWM) signal must be generated by an external timer. The PWM signal must be controlled, and monitored using an embedded system.

Requirements

The microcontroller on the STMF0 Discovery board will be used to measure the voltage across the PBMCUSLK board's potentiometer. This information will then be relayed to an optocoupler to control the PWM signal frequency. The frequency of the PWM and the resistance of the potentiometer will be displayed on the PBMCUSLK's LCD display.

Components

Controllers: 1x NE555 Timer

1x 4N35 Optocoupler

Board: 1x STMF0 Discovery

1x PBMCUSLK

Resistors: As necessary

Design Solution

In researching the design we referred to the data sheet and manuals for each component to determine the specific functionality. The circuit diagram in the Ceng 355 Lab Manual was a good basis for interfacing components:

- PA1 pin from the discovery board connected to the output pin of the NE555
- PA4 connected to pin1 of the optocoupler
- PA3 connected to the POT pin on the PBMCUSLK

The rest of the circuit connections can be observed from the interfacing lab notes. Once the circuit was built software was written to take the power from the PBMCUSLK board, transfer it through the potentiometer then to the analog to digital converter (ADC). After the ADC the path then splits into two, going straight to the digital to analog converter (DAC) as well as being used to determine resistance which is displayed on the LCD using the SPI connection. The signal is required to go to the ADC first is so that the digital output can be processed onto the LCD. Continuing past the DAC, the signal travels to the optocoupler then the timer and then back to the microcontroller. The timer creates interrupt requests using EXTI and TIM2. The frequency is determined inside the requests. The frequency is then transmitted to the LCD using the SPI.

Functions were written to determine the frequency and resistance based off V=IR and f=1/T formulas where V=voltage, I = current, R= resistance, f=frequency and T= period. The period of calculation was set to the rising edges of the signal. Only 8 bits of data can be sent, when transmitting to the LCD.

When writing to the SPI, a delay was required since the microcontroller ran at a much higher speed. Without the delay the data would build up and cause an overload. Therefore a simple wait function was created.

When setting up the control registers, we followed the proposed design that was given in the course lecture slides. We wanted to follow this because it was very hard to determine what each specific value should be. Studying the microcontroller specification sheet was very difficult so we wanted to simplify this as much as possible. Each initialization function only set the necessary bits needed to produce the required functionality and nothing extra. Busy flags were only checked while in the main while loop, while sending data using SPI_SendData8() and inside the EXTI interrupt. These were the only times that this was necessary because these were the only times where important values were received and sent.

Diagrams

Figure 1 below shows an overview of the completed circuit; wired as described in the report descriptions requirements. Figure 2 shows the rate of change comparison between the frequency and the resistance. Figure 3 shows the Frequency as a function of the Resistance.

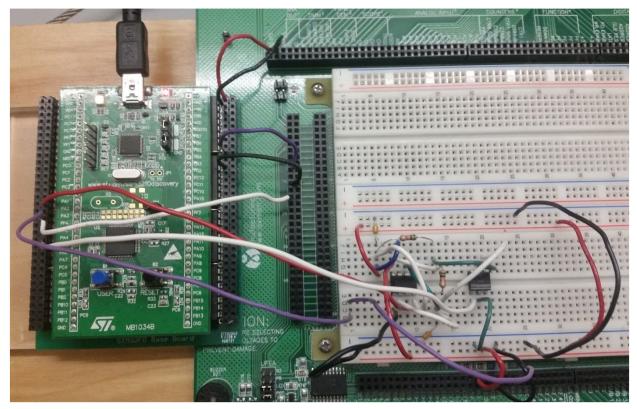


Figure 1: Full View of Completed Circuit

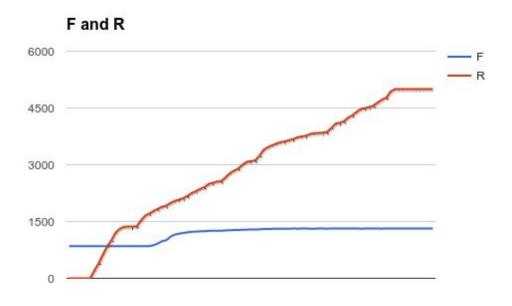


Figure 2: Rate of change comparison between Frequency and Resistance

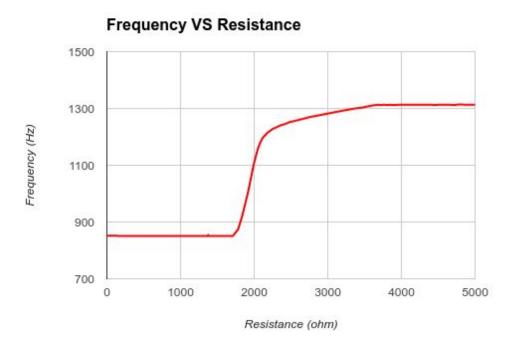


Figure 3: Frequency as a function of Resistance

Test Procedure and Results

To verify the behavior of the resistance display on the LCD we began with the potentiometer at its maximum position and saw that $5k\Omega$ was printed on the display, then moved the potentiometer to its minimum position and saw a reading of zero on the LCD. Between the two extreme measurements we saw that the LCD was changing its resistance readings at a steady rate which matched our physical input with no fluctuation. The frequency was then changing accordingly as the resistance in the potentiometer changed.

As shown above in Figure 2, we can see that as the resistance increases, the frequency(F) doesn't change much until the resistance(R) hits about 1800ohms. At this point the resistance is increasing rapidly until the resistance reaches approximately 3600ohms and begins to slow. The frequency remains relatively constant as the resistance is above 3500ohms. Figure 3 shows further how the Frequency changes as a function of Resistance.

Discussion

The next paragraph will explain the main flow of the software. It will describe the initialization, to the calculation of the required values, to the displaying of the values on the provided display. The description will include the names of required function calls; please refer to the attached source code at the end of the document..

When the program starts up, it goes straight into the main function. Main calls the 8 initialization functions which set the correct bits for each corresponding hardware piece will work and initializing the LCD. Main then goes into an infinite while loop that starts the ADC then gets the resistance from the ADC register and outputs that value to the DAC. The frequency and resistance values then enter the process of getting displayed by calling DisplayFrequency(freq) and DisplayResistance(resistance).

Each of those functions are designed to split up the given value into 4 digits, thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones. Since each individual character must be sent to the LCD one at a time. Those functions then set the display to the correct line then send each digit along with characters for resistance and frequency. These characters and digits are sent using the SendToLCD(<digit in hex>) function. This function splits the characters into high and low order then are sent to the next step using DataEnable(uint8_t) which send data to the Serial Port Interface(SPI), this is complemented by the CommandEnable() function which sends commands to the SPI. These functions split the words and set the RS and EN bits. The words are sent 3 times in each function, this is done to ensure that it is properly sent. Waiting must happen after each SPI SendData() because the SPI is much slower than the microcontroller.

SPI_SendData() takes data as its input. This function forces the LCD signal to 0, waits until SPI is ready then send the data using SPI_SendData8() (built-in function), this function sends data

to the LCD using the SPI. After that, the LCK is forced back to 1 and waiting happens to ensure that the SPI is ready before moving on. This all continues in a while loop in the main. It continually determines the frequency and resistance values and updates them on the display.

There were no features added in this design, although the main flow was nicely split up into separate functions for better logical flow. The given design proposes that all the work is to be done in the main function, but based off of proper software engineering methodologies, the work should be split up into different segregated functions where each function performs one task. The logical breakup of functions also makes the code simpler to follow and debug

The only errors that were encountered during testing were that we would have to occasionally re-plug in the board and do a power reset in order to clear the display properly.

The final code design was successfully demonstrated to our lab TA. The biggest challenge we had was correctly wiring the circuit and getting the 555 timer to work properly. This challenge was overcome by asking the proper questions to our TA to receive assistance with debugging the circuit.

Conclusion

When the final design for the CEng 355 project was completed, we had a better understanding on how to properly develop an embedded system for monitoring and controlling a pulse-width-modulated signal.

References

- [1] CENG 355: Laboratory Manual
- [2] STM32F051 Data Sheet
- [3] STM32F051 Schematic
- [4] STM32F0 Reference Manual
- [5] 555 Timer Data Sheet
- [6] 4N35 Optocoupler Data Sheet

Source Code

```
// This file is part of the GNU ARM Eclipse distribution.
// Copyright (c) 2014 Liviu Ionescu.
// -----
// School: University of Victoria, Canada.
// Course: CENG 355 "Microprocessor-Based Systems".
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//
// See "system/include/cmsis/stm32f0xx.h" for register/bit definitions.
// See "system/src/cmsis/vectors_stm32f0xx.c" for handler declarations.
// -----
#include <stdio.h>
#include "diag/Trace.h"
#include "cmsis/cmsis device.h"
// -----
// STM32F0 empty sample (trace via $(trace)).
//
// Trace support is enabled by adding the TRACE macro definition.
// By default the trace messages are forwarded to the $(trace) output,
// but can be rerouted to any device or completely suppressed, by
// changing the definitions required in system/src/diag/trace impl.c
// (currently OS_USE_TRACE_ITM, OS_USE_TRACE_SEMIHOSTING_DEBUG/_STDOUT).
//
// ---- main() ------
// Sample pragmas to cope with warnings. Please note the related line at
// the end of this function, used to pop the compiler diagnostics status.
#pragma GCC diagnostic push
#pragma GCC diagnostic ignored "-Wunused-parameter"
#pragma GCC diagnostic ignored "-Wmissing-declarations"
#pragma GCC diagnostic ignored "-Wreturn-type"
/* Clock prescaler for TIM2 timer: no prescaling */
#define myTIM2_PRESCALER ((uint16_t)0x0000)
/* Maximum possible setting for overflow */
#define myTIM2 PERIOD ((uint32 t)0xFFFFFFFF)
/* SPI useful definitions */
#define SPI Direction 1Line Tx ((uint16 t)0xC000)
#define SPI_Mode_Master ((uint16_t)0x0104)
#define SPI_DataSize_8b ((uint16_t)0x0700)
#define SPI CPOL Low ((uint16 t)0x0000)
#define SPI_CPHA_1Edge ((uint16_t)0x0000)
#define SPI_NSS_Soft SPI_CR1_SSM
#define SPI FirstBit MSB ((uint16 t)0x0000)
#define SPI_CR1_SSM ((uint16_t)0x0200)
void myGPIOA_Init(void);
void myTIM2_Init(void);
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void myEXTI_Init(void);
void myADC_Init(void);
void myDAC_Init(void);
void mySPI_Init(void);
void myLCK Init(void);
void myLCD_Init(voids);
void SPI_SendData(uint8_t);
void Wait(volatile long);
void CommandEnable(uint8 t);
void CommandSend(uint8 t);
void SendToLCD(uint8 t);
void DisplayResistance(int);
void DisplayFrequency(int);
void DataEnable(uint8_t);
// ---- globals ------
volatile int firstedge = 0;
int freq = 0;
int resistance = 0;
int main(int argc, char* argv[]){
   myGPIOA_Init(); /* Initialize I/O port PA */
   myTIM2_Init();
                    /* Initialize timer TIM2 */
                   /* Initialize EXTI */
   myEXTI_Init();
                   /* Initialize ADC */
   myADC_Init();
                   /* Initialize DAC */
   myDAC_Init();
                   /* Initialize SPI */
   mySPI_Init();
                    /* Initialize LCK */
   myLCK Init();
                     /* Initialize LCD */
   myLCD_Init();
   while (1){
       //Pot Voltage = 3.26v , VCC voltage = 2.97v (POT/Vcc)*4095 = 4494.84
       ADC1->CR = ADC_CR_ADSTART;
                                                //ADC start
       while ((ADC1 -> ISR & ADC_ISR_EOSMP) != 0 ){
          DAC->DHR12R1 = ADC1->DR;
                                                // Writes output of ADC to input of DAC
          resistance = (ADC1->DR)*5000/4095;
                                                // Resistance calculation
          DisplayFrequency(freq);
                                                //Sends freq to be displayed
          DisplayResistance(resistance);
                                                //Sends resistance to be displayed
          // trace_printf("F: %u R: %u\n", freq, resistance);
       }
   }
   return 0;
}
* Calcualtes the resistance and sends out to LCD, uses:
     CommandSend(), SendToLCD()
* Note: using +'0' converts int to ascii form
void DisplayResistance(int Resistance){
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int tho = 0;
                  //Init 1000s digit
   int hun = 0;
                  //Init 100s digit
                  //Init 10s digit
   int ten = 0;
   int one = 0;
                   //Init 1s digit
   tho = (Resistance/1000) % 10;
                                          //Splits resistance into 4 digits to send
   hun = (Resistance/100 ) % 10;
   ten = (Resistance/10 ) % 10;
   one = (Resistance
                      ) % 10;
   CommandSend(0xC0);
                           //Set LCD display to second line
   SendToLCD(0x52);
                           //"R"
                           //":"
   SendToLCD(0x3A);
   SendToLCD(tho+'0');
                           //Send 1000s digit
   SendToLCD(hun+'0');
                           //Send 100s digit
   SendToLCD(ten+'0');
                           //Send 10s digit
   SendToLCD(one+'0');
                          //Send 1s digit
   SendToLCD(0x4F);
                          //"0"
                           //"h"/
   SendToLCD(0x68);
}
* Calcualtes the frequency and sends out to LCD, uses:
      CommandSend(), SendToLCD()
 * Note: using +'0' converts int to ascii form
*/
void DisplayFrequency(int Frequency){
   int tho = 0; //Init 1000s digit
   int hun = 0;
                  //Init 100s digit
   int ten = 0;
                 //Init 10s digit
   int one = 0;  //Init 1s digit
   tho = (Frequency/1000) \% 10;
                               //Splits frequency into 4 digits to send
   hun = (Frequency/100) \% 10;
   ten = (Frequency/10) \% 10;
   one = (Frequency
                   ) % 10;
   CommandSend(0x80);
                           //Set LCD display to first line
                           //"F"
   SendToLCD(0x46);
                           //":"
   SendToLCD(0x3A);
   SendToLCD(tho+'0');
                           //Send 1000s digit
   SendToLCD(hun+'0');
                           //Send 100s digit
   SendToLCD(ten+'0');
                           //Send 10s digit
   SendToLCD(one+'0');
                           //Send 1s digit
                           //"H"
   SendToLCD(0x48);
   SendToLCD(0x7A);
                           //"z"
}
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^{*} Used by DisplayFrequency and DisplayResistance to change line on Display

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* Uses:
     CommandEnable()
*/
void CommandSend(uint8_t Word){
   uint8 t HighOrder = ((Word >> 4) & 0x0F); //Shifts most significant bits to the
least significant side and masks the most significant bits with {\tt 0}
   CommandEnable(HighOrder);
                                            //Sends command value
   uint8 t LowOrder = (Word & 0x0F);
                                           //No need to shift bits, mask the higher
order bits
   CommandEnable(LowOrder);
}
* Creates the High and Low filter to send to the SPI
* Used by DisplayFrequency and DisplayResistance to change line on Display
*/
void CommandEnable(uint8 t Word){
   uint8 t EN = Word | 0x80; //For sending commands - RS = 0 EN = 1
   SPI SendData(Word);
                      //Send the enable word to the SPI
   Wait(300);
                        //Delay for SPI to process
   SPI_SendData(EN);
   Wait(300);
   SPI_SendData(Word);
   Wait(300);
}
* Creates the High and Low filter to send to the SPI
* Used by DisplayFrequency and DisplayResistance to display the digits
void SendToLCD(uint8_t Word){
   uint8_t HighOrder = ((Word >> 4) & 0x0F); //Shifts most significant bits to the least
significant side and masks the most significant bits with {\bf 0}
   DataEnable(HighOrder);
                                       //Sends data value
                                      //No need for shift
   uint8_t LowOrder = (Word & 0x0F);
   DataEnable(LowOrder);
}
* Creates the High and Low filter to send to the SPI
* Used by SendToLCD to display the digits
void DataEnable(uint8 t Word){
                                   //Sets high word for sending data - RS = 1 EN = 1
   uint8_t HighpulseEN = Word | 0xC0;
                                   //Sets low word for sending data - RS = 1 EN = 0
   uint8_t LowpulseEN = Word | 0x40;
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SPI SendData(LowpulseEN);
                                     //Sends low to SPI - EN = 0 RS = 1
   Wait(300);
                                     //Delay for SPI
   SPI_SendData(HighpulseEN);
                                    //Sends high to SPI - EN = 1 RS = 1
   Wait(300);
   SPI SendData(LowpulseEN);
                                    //Sends low again
   Wait(300);
}
* Sends required data to Serial Port Interface for the Display.
* Is used by all functions interacting with the display.
void SPI_SendData(uint8_t Data){
   GPIOA->BSRR |= GPIO_BSRR_BR_3; //Force LCK signal to 0
   Wait(5000);
   while ((SPI1->SR & SPI_SR_BSY ) != 0 ); // Wait until SPI1 is ready (TXE = 1 or BSY = 0)
   SPI SendData8(SPI1,Data); //Built-in function
   while ((SPI1->SR & SPI_SR_BSY ) != 0 ); //Wait until SPI is ready
   GPIOA->BSRR |= GPIO_BSRR_BS_3; //Force LCK signal to 1
   Wait(5000);
}
* Wait function to chew up clock cycles.
void Wait(volatile long Time){
   while(Time >= 0){
      Time--;
   }
}
/*********************************
* Fixes and init for PA1 & also configure PA2 and PA4
void myGPIOA_Init(){
   /* Enable clock for GPIOA peripheral */
   //RCC->AHBENR = 0x10000;
   RCC->AHBENR |= RCC_AHBENR_GPIOAEN; //configure pa1 as input
   RCC->AHBENR |= RCC_AHBENR_GPIOBEN;
   //Configure PB1 as input
   GPIOB \rightarrow AFR[2] = ((uint32 t)0x00000000);
   /* Configure PA1, PA2, PA4 to analog mode*/
   GPIOA->MODER |= (GPIO_MODER_MODER2 | GPIO_MODER_MODER4);
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GPIOB->MODER |= GPIO_MODER_MODER3_1 | GPIO_MODER_MODER4_0 | GPIO_MODER_MODER5_1;
   /* Ensure no pull-up/pull-down for PA1 */
   //relevant register: GPIOA->PUPDR
   GPIOA->PUPDR &= ~(GPIO_PUPDR_PUPDR1 | GPIO_PUPDR_PUPDR2 | GPIO_PUPDR_PUPDR4);
   GPIOB->PUPDR &= ~(GPIO PUPDR PUPDR3 | GPIO PUPDR PUPDR4 | GPIO PUPDR PUPDR5);
}
* Used for Frequency timer
*/
void myTIM2_Init(){
   /* Enable clock for TIM2 peripheral */
    // Relevant register: RCC->APB1ENR
   RCC->APB1ENR |= RCC_APB1ENR_TIM2EN;
   /* Configure TIM2: buffer auto-reload, count up, stop on overflow, * enable update events,
interrupt on overflow only */
   // Relevant register: TIM2->CR1
   TIM2->CR1 = ((uint16 t)0x008C);
   /* Set clock prescaler value */
   TIM2->PSC = myTIM2 PRESCALER;
   /* Set auto-reloaded delay */
   TIM2->ARR = myTIM2 PERIOD;
   /* Update timer registers */
   // Relevant register: TIM2->EGR
   TIM2 -> EGR = ((uint16_t)0 \times 0001);
   /* Assign TIM2 interrupt priority = 0 in NVIC */
   // Relevant register: NVIC->IP[3], or use NVIC_SetPriority
   NVIC SetPriority(TIM2 IRQn, 0);
   /* Enable TIM2 interrupts in NVIC */
   // Relevant register: NVIC->ISER[0], or use NVIC_EnableIRQ
   NVIC_EnableIRQ(TIM2_IRQn);
   /* Enable update interrupt generation */
   // Relevant register: TIM2->DIER
   TIM2->DIER |= TIM_DIER_UIE;
}
/*********************************
 * initialize PA1
*/
void myEXTI_Init(){
    /* Map EXTI1 line to PA1 */
    // Relevant register: SYSCFG->EXTICR[0]
   SYSCFG->EXTICR[0] &= ((uint32_t)0xFFFFFF0F);
   SYSCFG->EXTICR[0] |= 0x80;
   /* EXTI1 line interrupts: set rising-edge trigger */
   // Relevant register: EXTI->RTSR
   EXTI->RTSR |= EXTI_RTSR_TR1;
   /* Unmask interrupts from EXTI1 line */
   // Relevant register: EXTI->IMR
   EXTI->IMR |= EXTI_IMR_MR1;
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/* Assign EXTI1 interrupt priority = 0 in NVIC */
   //NVIC_SetPriority;
   NVIC \rightarrow IP[1] = ((uint32_t)0x00000000);
   /* Enable EXTI1 interrupts in NVIC */
   //NVIC EnableIRQ;
   //NVIC->ISER[0] = ((uint32_t)0x00000800);//
   //--- /* Assign TIM2 interrupt priority = 0 in NVIC */
   //NVIC SetPriority(EXTI0 1 IRQn, 0);
   // Same as: NVIC->IP[3] = ((uint32 t)0x00FFFFFF);
   NVIC->ISER[0] = ((uint32_t)0xFFFFFFFF);
   /* Enable TIM2 interrupts in NVIC */
   //NVIC_EnableIRQ(EXTIO_1_IRQn);
   // Same as: NVIC->ISER[0] = ((uint32_t)0x00000800) */ //---
}
 * This handler is declared in system/src/cmsis/vectors stm32f0xx.c
*/
void TIM2 IRQHandler(){
     /* Check if update interrupt flag, bit 0, is 1 if it is then theres an overflow */
     if ((TIM2->SR & TIM SR UIF) != 0){
        trace_printf("\n*** Overflow! ***\n");
        /* Clear update interrupt flag */
        // Relevant register: TIM2->SR
        /* Clear update interrupt flag */
       TIM2->SR &= ~(TIM_SR_TIF);
            /* Restart stopped timer */
        TIM2->CR1 &= ~(TIM CR1 CEN);
     }
}
/**********************************
 * Get frequency from square wave machine.
* This handler is declared in system/src/cmsis/vectors_stm32f0xx.c
*/
void EXTI0_1_IRQHandler(){
   unsigned int clockcycles;
    clockcycles = TIM2->CNT;
    if((EXTI->PR & EXTI PR PR1) != 0){
        if(firstedge){
            firstedge = 0;
            TIM2 -> CNT = 0;
           TIM2->CR1 |= TIM_CR1_CEN;
        }else{
            firstedge = 1;
            EXTI->IMR &= ~(EXTI_IMR_MR1);
           TIM2->CR1 &= ~(TIM_CR1_CEN);
            if(SystemCoreClock/clockcycles > 4)
              freq = SystemCoreClock/clockcycles;
            EXTI->IMR |= EXTI_IMR_MR1;
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EXTI->PR |= 0x2; //Clear EXTI1 interrupt pending flag.
   }
}
* initialize LCD and clear it
*/
void myLCD Init(){
   SPI\_SendData(0x02); //Initializing EN = 0
   Wait(300);
   SPI_SendData(0x82); //Initializing EN = 1
   Wait(300);
   CommandSend(0x28); //DL = 0, N = 1, F = 0
   CommandSend(0x0C); //D = 1, C = 0, B = 0
   CommandSend(0x06); //I/D = 1, S = 0
   CommandSend(0x01); //Clear display
   Wait(50000);
                //Delay for initialization for LCD
}
* initialize PA3 to LCK
*/
void myLCK_Init(){ //Configure PA3 as output for the LCK
   GPIOA->MODER |= GPIO_MODER_MODER3_0; // Configure PA3 to output
   GPIOA->OSPEEDR |= GPIO OSPEEDR OSPEEDR3; // GPIO port output Speed Register 00 or 01 low
speed,
   GPIOA->PUPDR &= \sim(0 \times C0);
                                 // Configure no pull up -pull down:
   }
* initialize connection to ADC
*/
void myADC_Init(){
   RCC->APB2ENR |= RCC APB2ENR ADCEN; //ADC1 clock enable
   ADC1->CFGR1 |= ADC CFGR1 CONT;
                                 //This bit will ensure the ADC is in continuous
mode and not single conversion mode
  ADC1->CHSELR |= ADC_CHSELR_CHSEL2; //Channel 2 is selected for conversion
   ADC1->SMPR = ADC_SMPR_SMP;
                                 //sampling time selection (239.5 ADC cycles)
   ADC1->CR = ADC CR ADEN;
   while((ADC1->ISR & ADC_ISR_ADRDY) == 0);//wait until ADC is ready
}
* initialize connection to DAC
void myDAC_Init(){
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RCC->APB1ENR |= RCC_APB1ENR_DACEN;
                                     //DAC clock enable
   DAC->CR = DAC_CR_EN1;
                                       //DAC channel 1 enable and set software trigger
   //Wake-up time
   DAC->CR = DAC_CR_TSEL1;
                                      //Setting timer trigger source
   DAC->SWTRIGR |= DAC_SWTRIGR_SWTRIG1; //Enabling software trigger register
}
/******************************
* initialize connection to Serial Port Interface
*/
void mySPI Init(){
   RCC-> APB2ENR |= RCC_APB2ENR_SPI1EN ;
   SPI_InitTypeDef SPI_InitStructInfo;
   SPI_InitTypeDef* SPI_InitStruct = &SPI_InitStructInfo;
   SPI_InitStruct->SPI_Direction = SPI_Direction_1Line_Tx;
   SPI_InitStruct->SPI_Mode = SPI_Mode_Master;
   SPI_InitStruct->SPI_DataSize = SPI_DataSize_8b;
   SPI InitStruct->SPI CPOL = SPI CPOL Low;
   SPI InitStruct->SPI CPHA = SPI CPHA 1Edge;
   SPI_InitStruct->SPI_NSS = SPI_NSS_Soft;
   SPI InitStruct->SPI BaudRatePrescaler = SPI BaudRatePrescaler 256 ;
   SPI_InitStruct->SPI_FirstBit = SPI_FirstBit_MSB;
   SPI_InitStruct->SPI_CRCPolynomial = 7;
   SPI_Init(SPI1, SPI_InitStruct);
   SPI_Cmd(SPI1, ENABLE);
}
#pragma GCC diagnostic pop
```