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Rotary Pulse Generators & Lab 3



F-35 Lightning II Electro-optical Targeting System (EOTS)

What Is An RPG?



Rotary Encoders



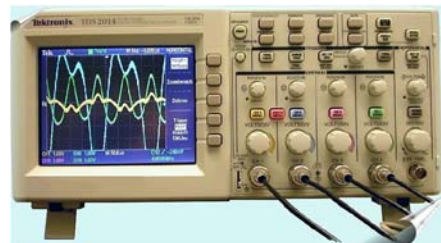
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Rotary Encoder Applications



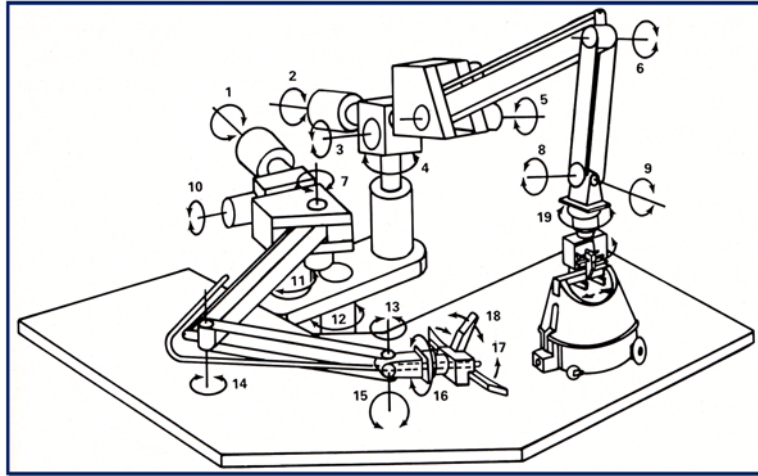
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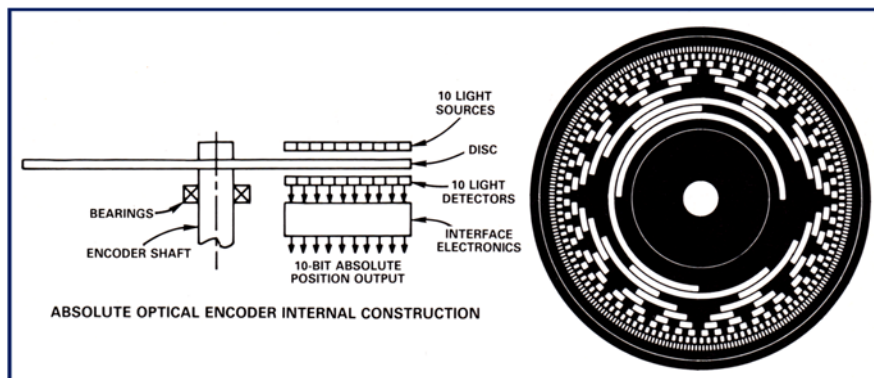
Multi-axis Robot Arms

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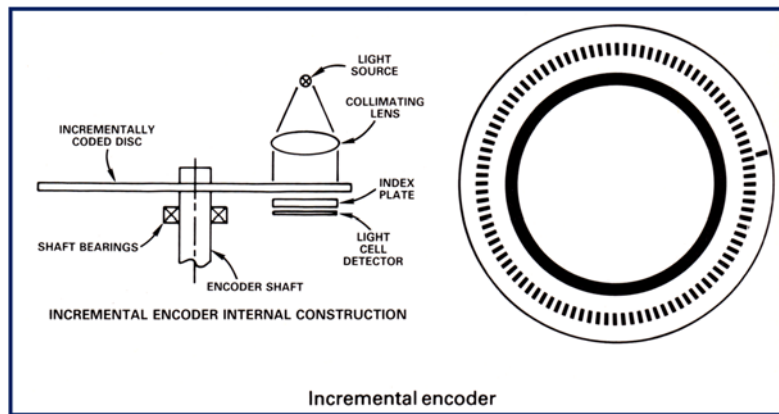
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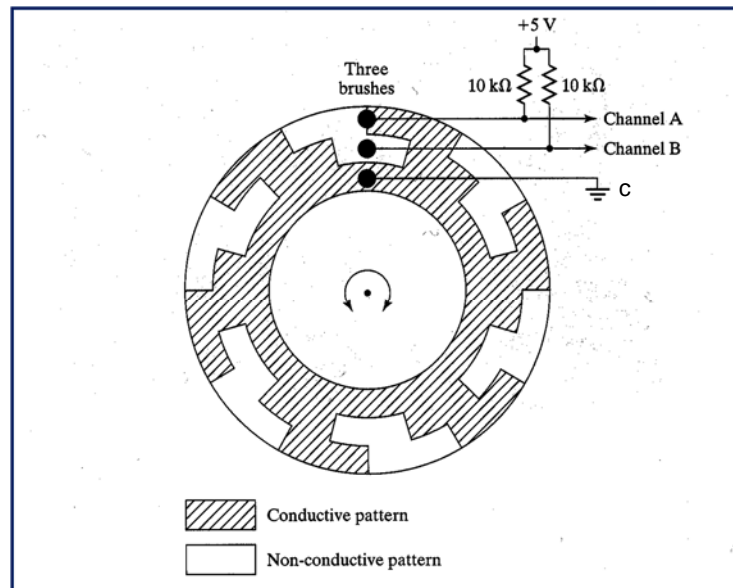
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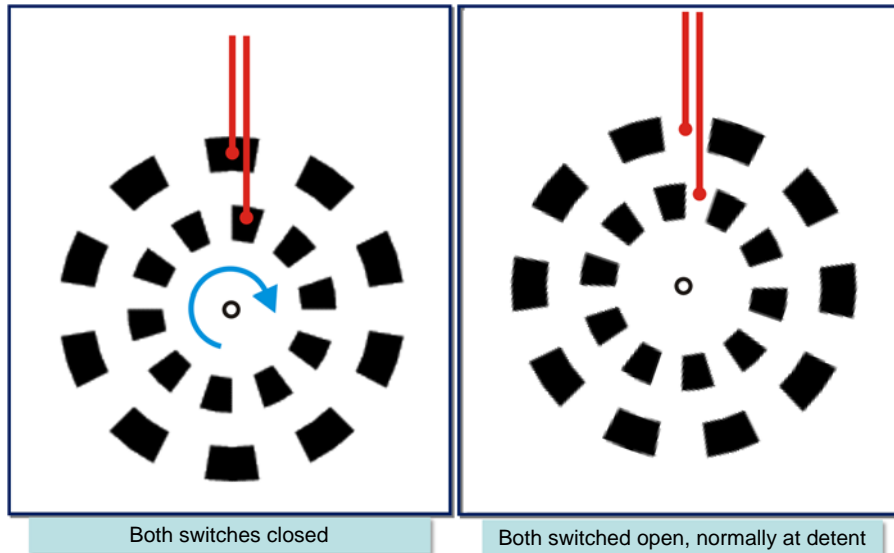
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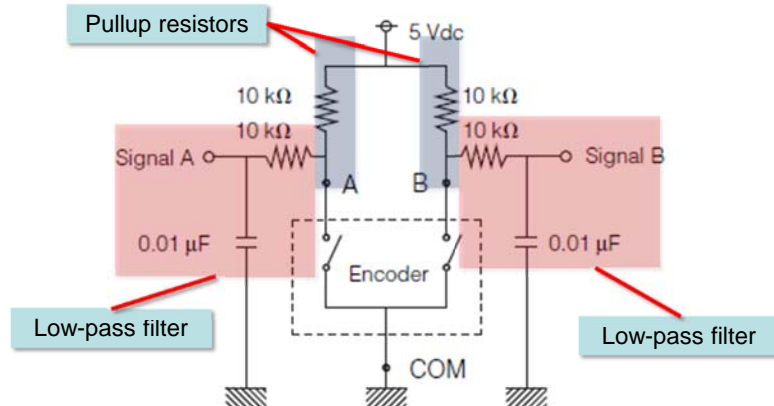


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Electrical Connections

Test circuit, from the data sheet

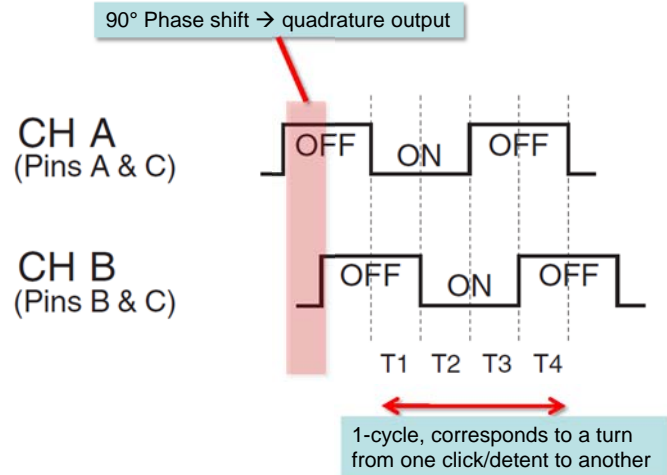


Remember contact bounce?

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Terminology



Number of pulses per revolution depends on particular device. Common numbers are 4, 6, and 12, but some have as many as 6,000 (\$\$\$)

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Panasonic EVE-GA1F2012B Encoder



Cost: ~ \$0.70

12 detents (positions)

What is a detent?

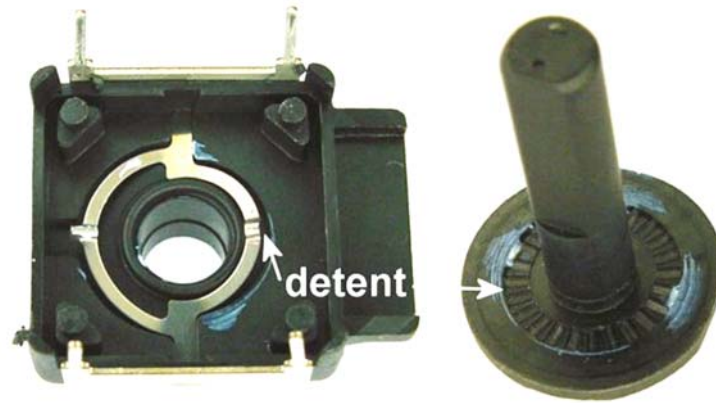
Data sheet does not explicitly
specifies maximum rpm, but
implies that it is 60

Quadrature output

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Opening Up An Encoder



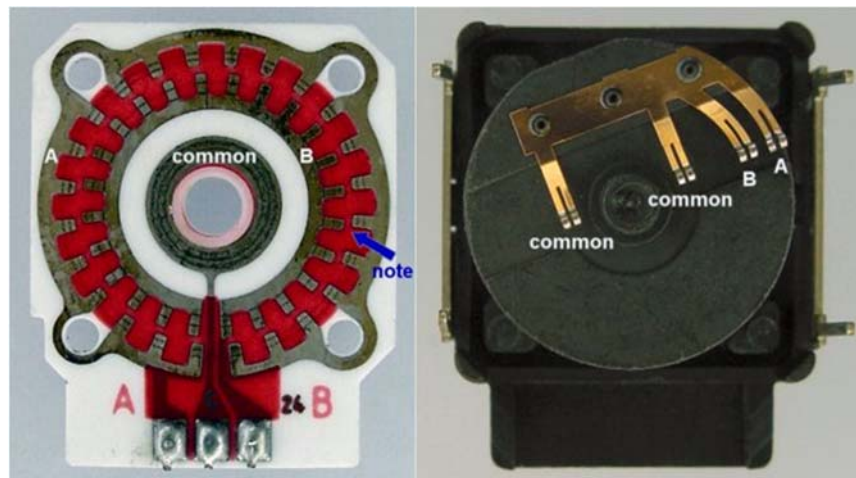
Inside the top of the rotary encoder case is a metal disc spring (also called a spring washer) with small raised areas. The disc of the encoder shaft is impressed with ridges that rub against the bumps in the spring to make clicking sounds as the shaft is turned.

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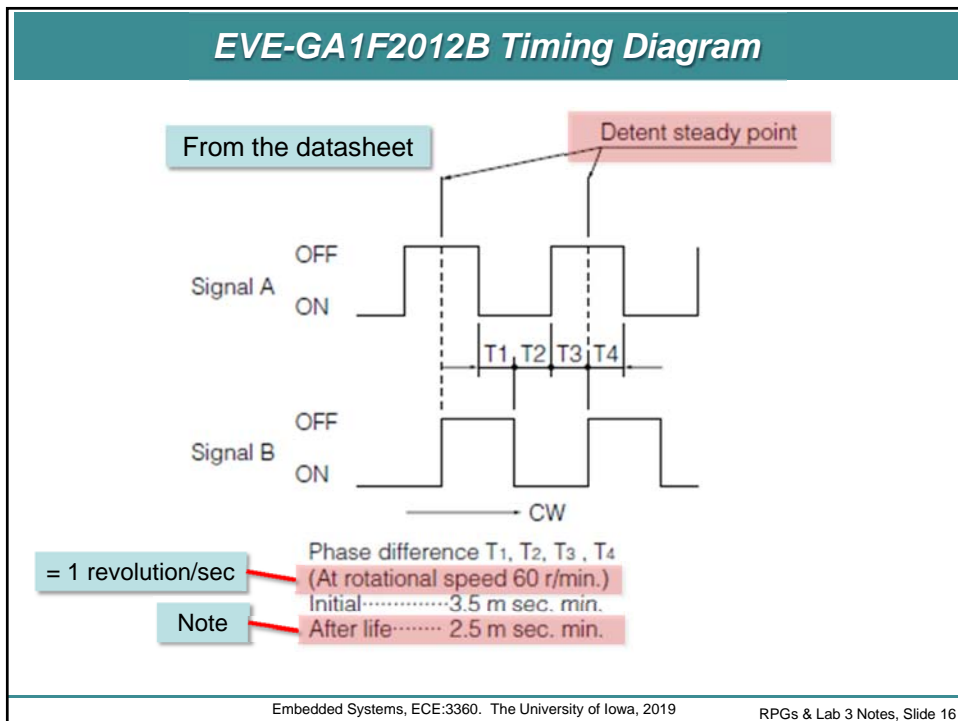
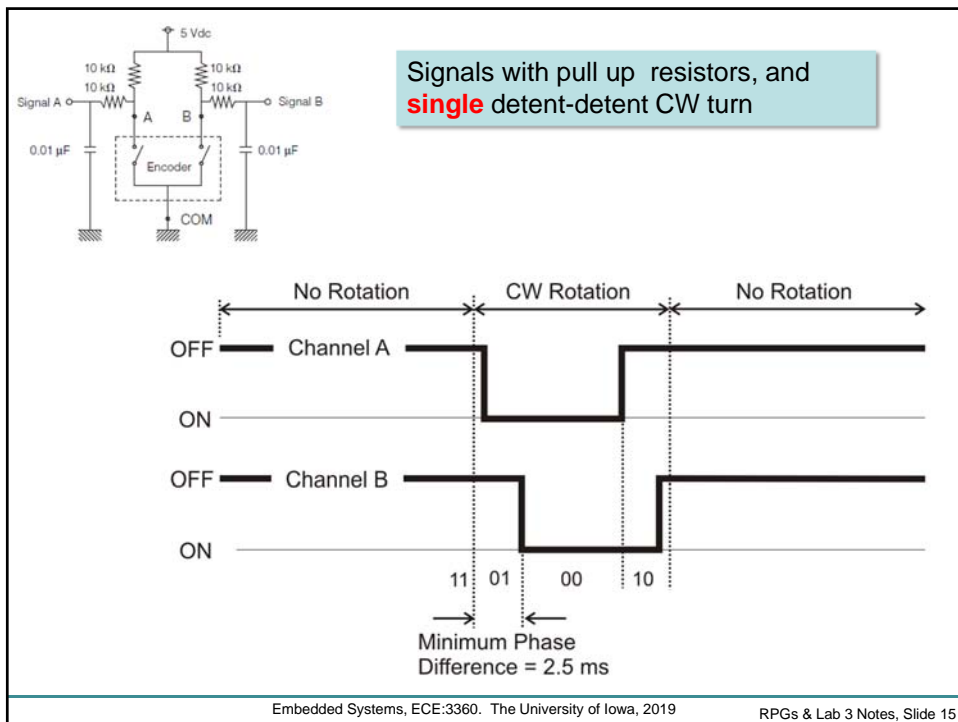
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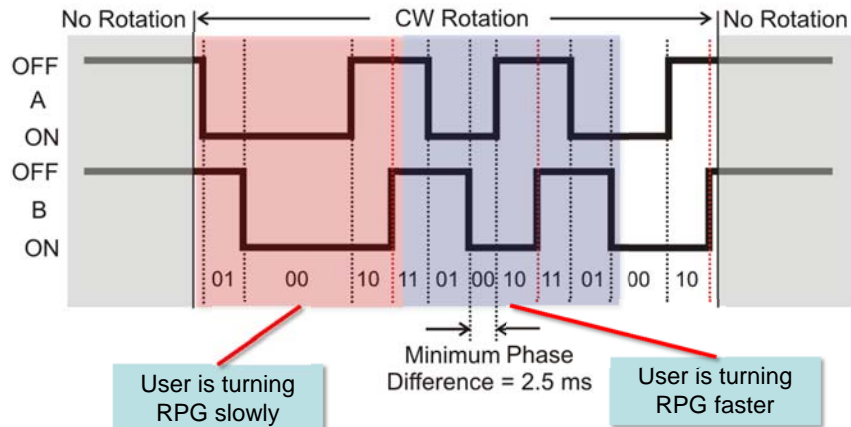
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EVE-GA1F2012B Timing Diagram

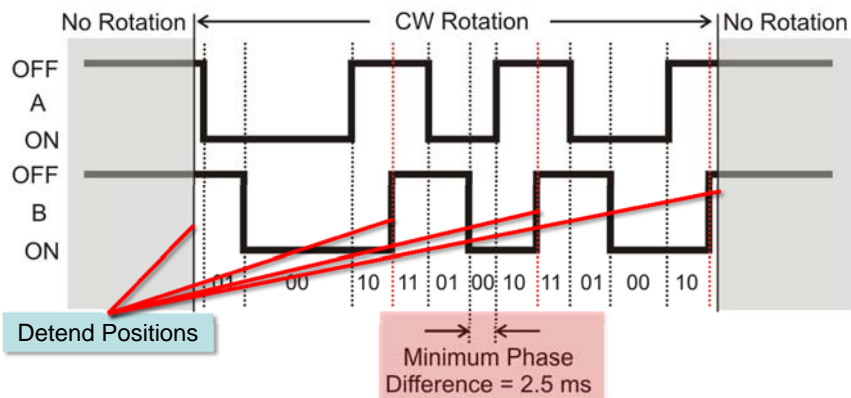


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EVE-GA1F2012B Timing Diagram

Note at **detent steady point**, both switches are open (and output pulled high), and the pulse width depends on how fast the RPG is turned.



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EVE-GA1F2012B Specifications

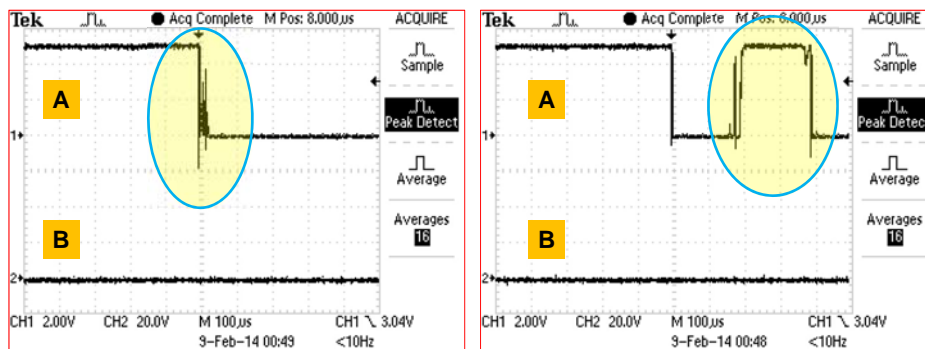
Specifications

Mechanical	Rotation Angle	360 ° (Endless)
	Shaft Pull/Push Strength	80 N min.
	Shaft Wobble	0.7xL/30 mm max.
	Rotation Torque	Standard Type 3 mN-m to 20 mN-m
	Heavy Rotation Torque	10 mN-m to 50 mN-m
Electrical	Contacts may "bounce" during transitions. This can cause erroneous readings (without detents, but detents)	
	Resolution	12, 20, 24 pulses/360 °
	Rating	1 mA 5 Vdc, 1 mA 10 Vdc
	Contact Resistance	1 Ω max.
	Chattering	2 ms max.
	Insulation Resistance	10 MΩ min. (at 50 Vdc)
	Dielectric Withstanding Voltage	50 Vac for 1 minute
Endurance	Bouncing	5 ms max.
	Operating Life	Standard Type 30000 cycles min.
	Heavy Rotation Torque	15000 cycles min.
	Operating Temperature	-10 °C to +60 °C
	Storage Temperature	-40 °C to +85 °C

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Bouncing / Chattering

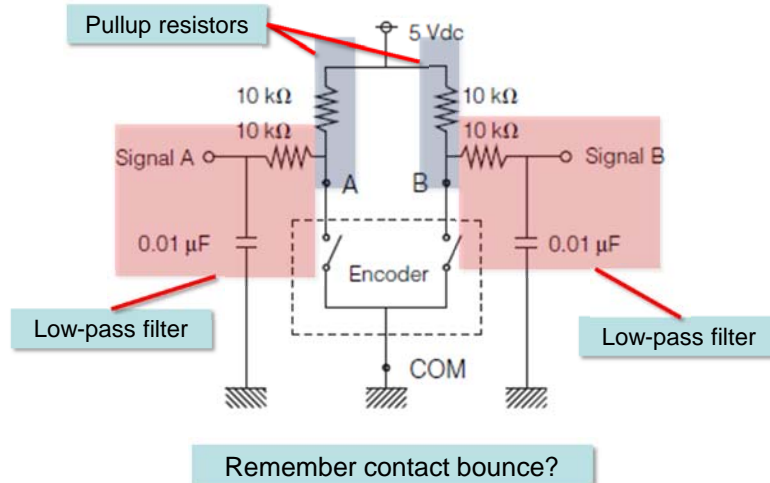


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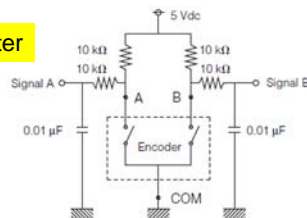


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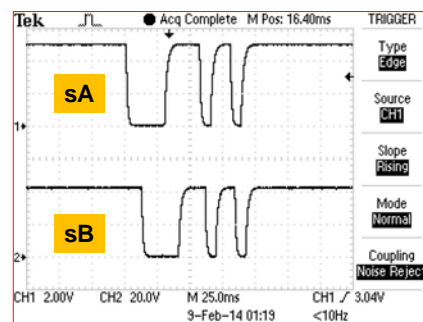
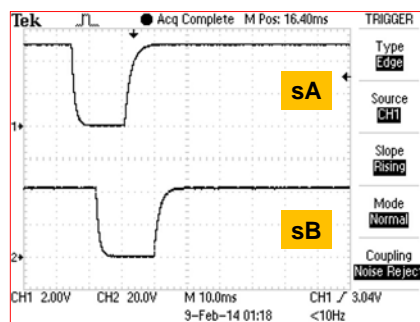
Debouncing - HW

HW: LP Filter



Important: RC time constant

Note: may also require an additional software approach to debouncing!

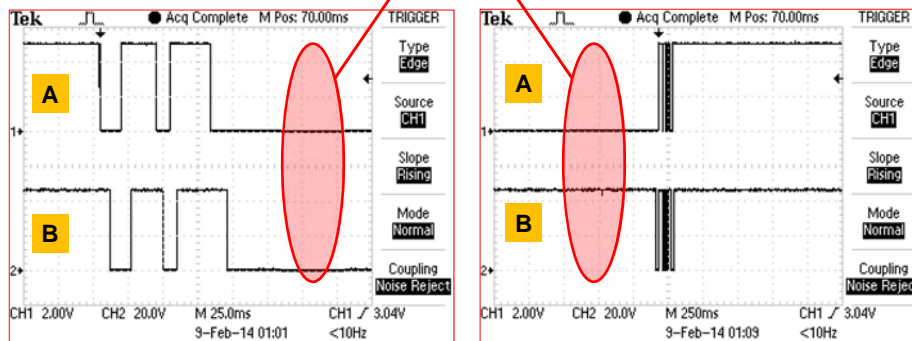


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RPGs – Other Issues to Consider

Incomplete Cycle!



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Review: Gray-Code

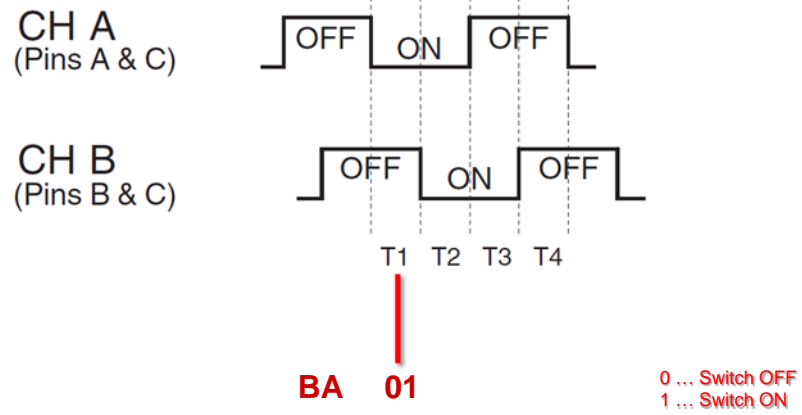
The **reflected binary code**, also known as **Gray code** after Frank Gray, is a binary numeral system where two successive values differ in only one bit.

Dec	Binary	Gray
0	000	000
1	001	001
2	010	011
3	011	010
4	100	110
5	101	111
6	110	101
7	111	100

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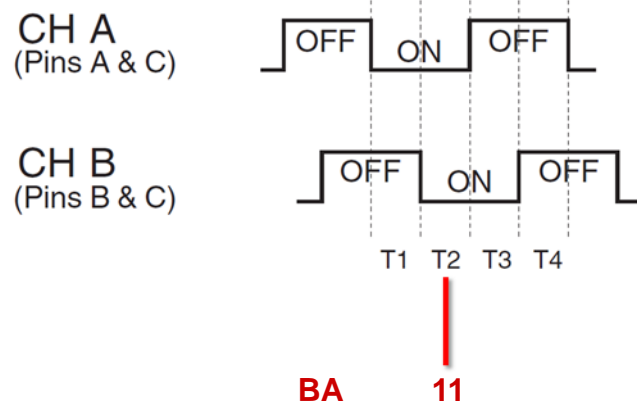
Gray-Code Output



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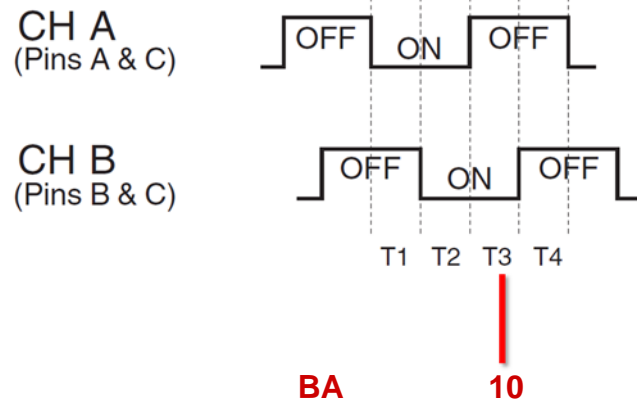
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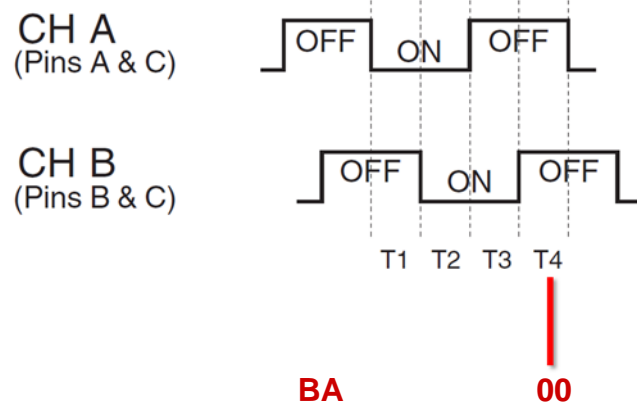
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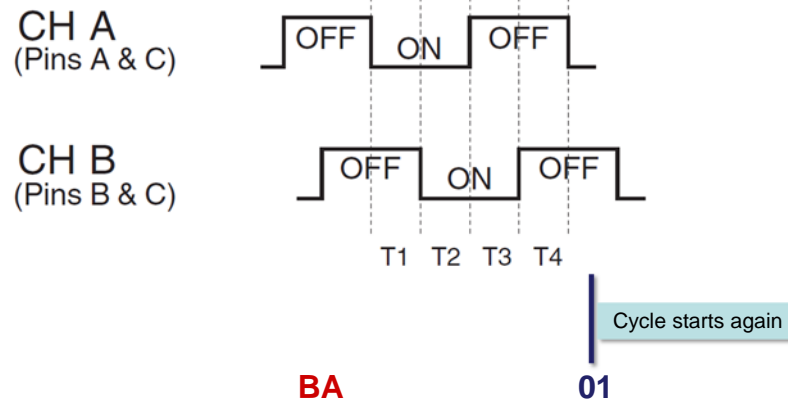
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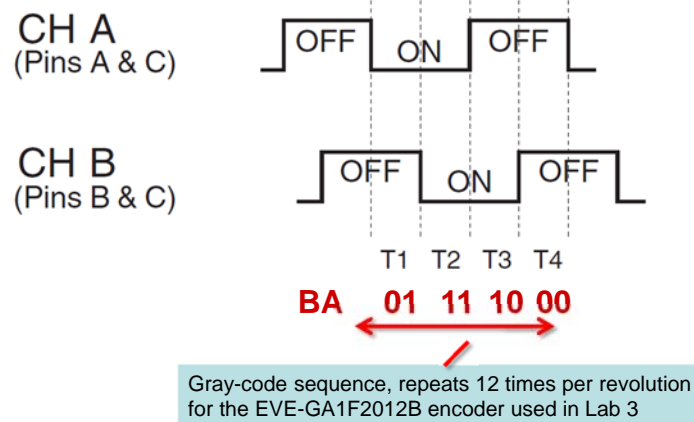
Gray-Code Output



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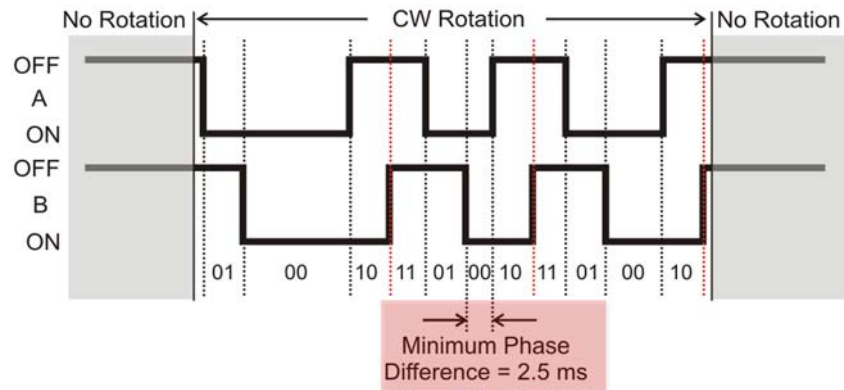
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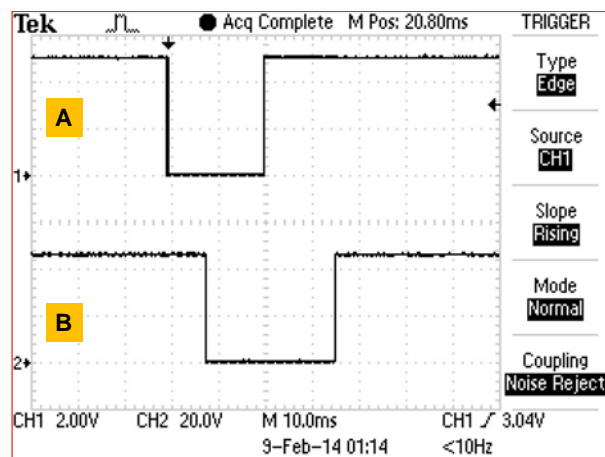
Reading Encoder Output



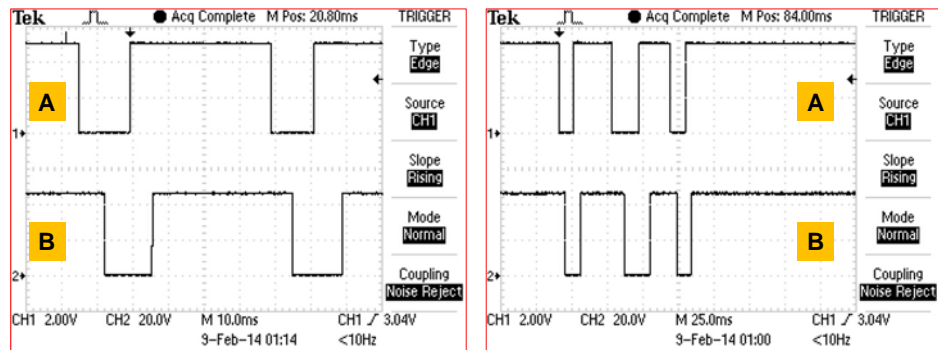
How fast should we read the encoder outputs so that we don't miss a transition?

Answer: < 2.5 ms (> 400 Hz) – if we sample slower, we will miss a pattern

Example - CW Rotation



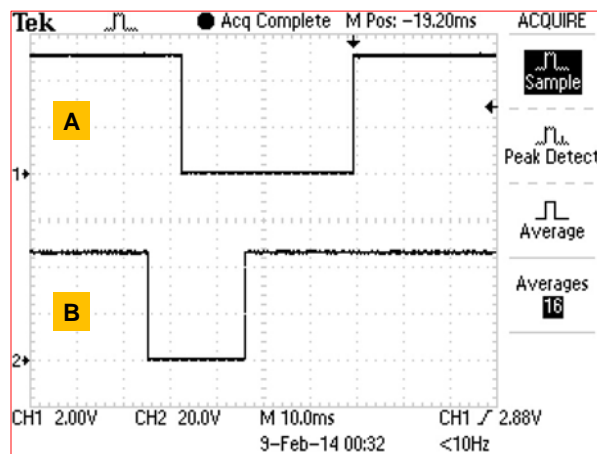
Examples - CW Rotation



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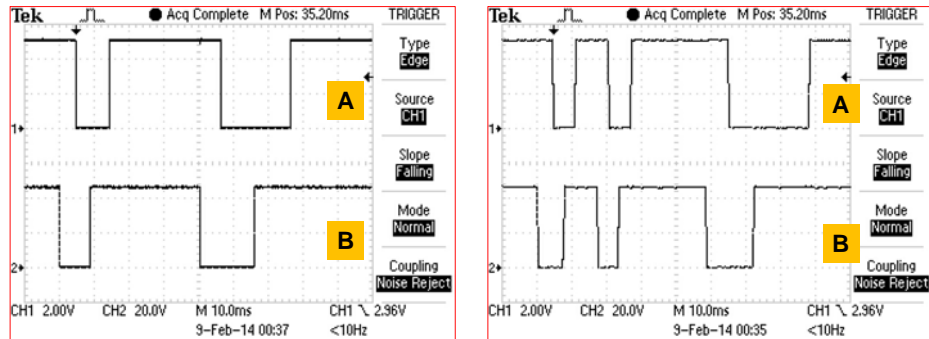
Examples - CCW Rotation



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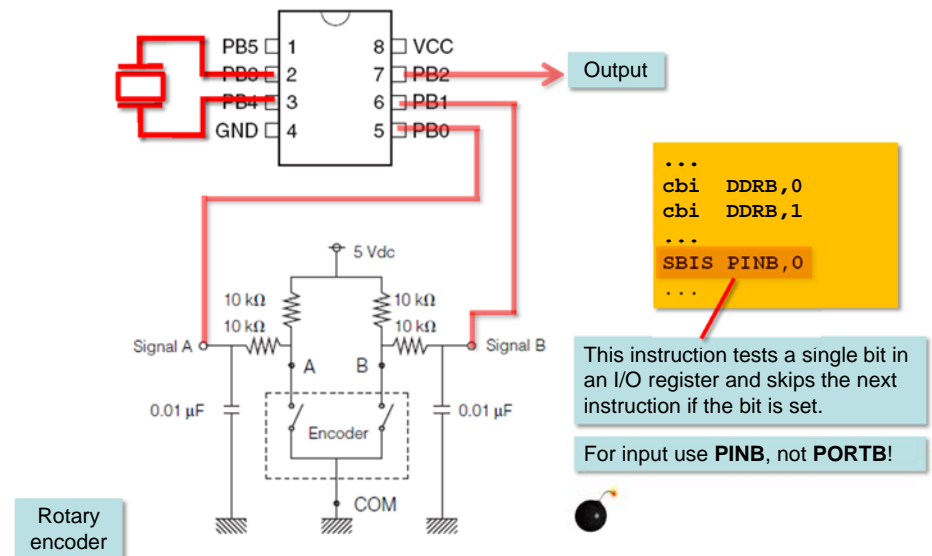
Examples - CCW Rotation



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RPG Connection to ATtiny45



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Detecting the Direction of Rotation

Clockwise (positive) rotation pattern

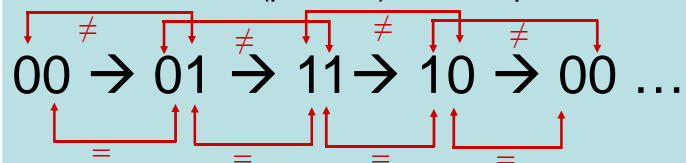
$00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 00 \dots$

Counter-clockwise (negative) rotation pattern

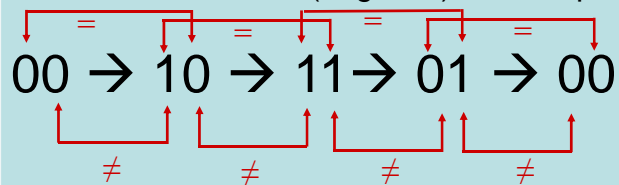
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Lab 3

So, Your Program Must:

- **Read the RPG at <2.5 ms intervals**
- **Adjust the current waveform duty cycle up or down according to detected RPG rotation**
 - Increment or decrement the duty cycle percentage
 - Determine the required timer value(s) to time the waveform's on-time and off-time for this duty cycle
 - Reload the timer(s) to begin timing this new duty cycle
- **Implementation approach**
 - Write code/routine that
 - Records and remembers the A- and B-encoder outputs every time it is called
 - Use patterns shown on previous slide to determine CW, NO, or CCW rotation
 - Return + (CW), 0 (NO) and CCW(-)
 - Execute code/call routine at a rate >400 Hz
 - Recalculate and update duty cycle

Rate-Sensitivity

Lab 3 requirements

Suppose that the RPG is used to adjust the duty cycle of a square wave over the range 30% to 70% in 1% increments without skipping increments...

Assume one RPG count gives a 0.5% duty cycle adjustment. How many revolutions of the RPG will be required to adjust across the entire duty cycle range? Recall, there are 12 detents per rotation.

Answer: $[(70-30)/0.5]/12 = 6.67$ revolutions

Question: Is this an acceptable number?

Answer: Probably. But what if the requirement is a 0.1% increment?

Then 33.3 rotations are required, which may be too much. The solution is to increment/decrement in larger amounts when users turns RPG rapidly. This a *rate-sensitive* approach.

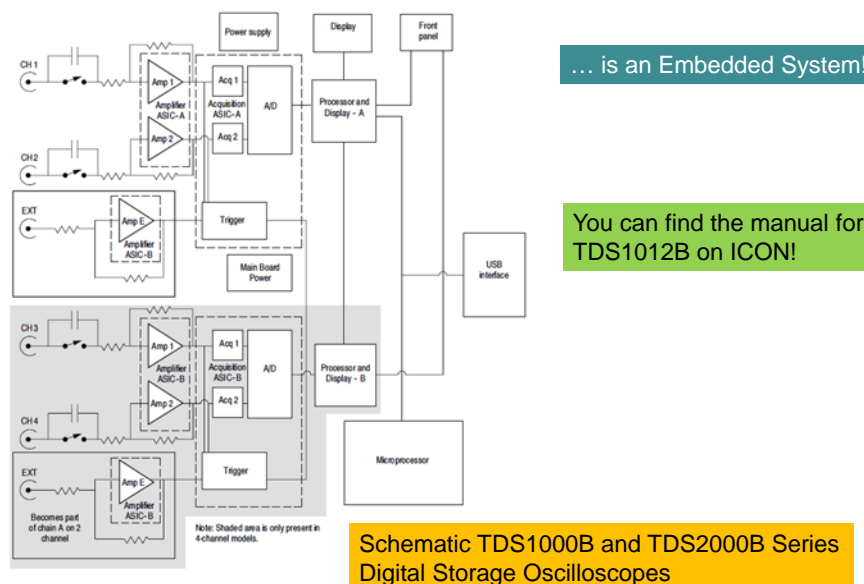
The Rate-Sensitive RPG Approach

- For Lab 3, this is extra-credit
- Set a Threshold T
- If changes in RPG output occur more than $T \times 10$ ms apart, use “slow change” increment/decrement by 1
- If changes in RPG output are less than $T \times 10$ ms apart, use “fast change” increment/decrement by 2

Lab 3: Some Concluding Comments

- Think carefully about the structure and design of your program before you start to write code

The Oscilloscope ...



... EOL