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1. Introduction. This is the firmware portion of the propulsion system for our Champbot. It features separate thrust and steering as well as piruett turning.

This will facilitate motion by taking "thrust" and "turn" pulse-width inputs from the Futaba RC receiver by converting them to the appropriate motor actions. These are from Channel 2 at A1 and channel 1 at A0, respectively. The action will be similar to driving an RC car or boat. By keeping it natural, it should be easier to navigate the course than with a skid-steer style control.

2. Implementation. Both pulse-width inputs will have some dead-band to allow for full stop.

The pulse-width from the receiver is at 20 ms intervals. The time ranges from 1000–2000 ms, including trim. 1500 ms is the width for stopped. The levers cover ± 0.4 ms and the trim covers the balance.

Math for radius...I think this is right:

Where: t is track r is radius v is value f is factor

min r is 1 max r is 127

get this value for v [1] [127] [255]

$r = \text{factor} * \text{abs}(127 - v)$

For non-zero r Inside $= (2r - t) / 2r$ Outside $= (2r + t) / 2r$

Port motor pulse will be applied to ???, starboard will be at ???. The median time will be subtracted from them for a pair of signed values thrust and radius. The value will be scaled.

The thrust and radius will be translated to power to the port and starboard motors. When near median the motors will be disabled. The motors will also be disabled when there are no input pulses. Each motor need direction and power so that's 4 signals of output.

The radius control will also be the rotate control, if thrust is zero.

Adding the two signal of input, I need more I/O than the trinket has. So—I now have a \$10 Pro Trinket with far more capability. It has an ATmega328.

The ATmega328 has a fancy 16 bit PWM with two comparators, Timer 1. This has an “Input Capture Unit” that may be used for PWC decoding. PWC being the type of signal from the RC receiver. That seems like as elegant a solution I will find and it is recommended by Atmel to use ICR “Input Capture Register” for this purpose.

One of the other timers will do more than fine for the two motors.

For the PWC measurement, this app note, AVR135, is helpful: www.atmel.com/images/doc8014.pdf

In the datasheet, this section is helpful: 16.6.3

Since I have two signals, maybe the best way to use this nice feature is to take the PWC signals into the MUX, through the comparator and into the Input Capture Unit.

An interesting thing about this Futaba receiver is that the pulses are in series. The channel two's pulse is first, followed the channel one. In fact, channel two's fall is perfectly aligned with channel one's rise. This means that it will be possible to capture all of the pulses.

After the two pulses are captured, there's an 18 ms dead-time before the next round. This will provide ample time to do math and set the motor PWMs.

First pick the thrust, set for a rising edge, wait, grab the time-stamp and set for falling edge, wait, grab the time-stamp, do modulus subtraction, switch the MUX, set for rising, reset the ICR, wait...

Extensive use was made of the datasheet, Atmel “Atmel-8271I-AVR- ATmega-Datasheet.10/2014”.

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```

3. "F_CPU" is used to convey the Trinket Pro clock rate.

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#define BAUD 9600
```

4. Here are some Boolean definitions that are used.

```
#define ON 1
#define OFF 0
#define SET 1
#define CLEAR 0
#define CH2RISE 0
#define CH2FALL 1
#define CH1FALL 2
```

5. Here are the calibration values.

```
#define GAINX100 6157L
#define OFFSET 218L
```

6. \langle Include 6 $\rangle \equiv$

```
#include <avr/io.h>    /* need some port access */
#include <util/delay.h> /* need to delay */
#include <avr/interrupt.h> /* have need of an interrupt */
#include <avr/sleep.h>  /* have need of sleep */
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdint.h>
```

This code is used in section 2.

7. Here is a structure to keep track of the state of output things, like motor settings.

\langle Types 7 $\rangle \equiv$

```
typedef struct {
    uint8_t portOut;
    uint8_t starboardOut;
    int32_t thrust;
    int32_t turn;
    uint8_t failSafe; /* safety relay */
} outputStruct;
```

See also section 8.

This code is used in section 2.

8. Here is a structure to keep track of the state of input things, like servo timing.

\langle Types 7 $\rangle + \equiv$

```
typedef struct {
    uint16_t ch2rise;
    uint16_t ch2fall;
    uint16_t ch1fall;
    uint16_t ch1duration;
    uint16_t ch2duration;
    uint8_t edge;
} inputStruct;
```

9. \langle Prototypes 9 $\rangle \equiv$

```
void ledctl(uint8_t state); /* LED ON and LED OFF */
void pwcCalc(inputStruct *);
void edgeSelect(inputStruct *);
```

This code is used in section 2.

10. My lone global variable may become a function pointer. This could let me pass arguments to the actual interrupt handlers. This pointer gets the appropriate function attached by the "ISR()" function.

\langle Global variables 10 $\rangle \equiv$

```
void(*handleIrq)(inputStruct *) =  $\Lambda$ ;
```

This code is used in section 2.

11. Here is *main()*.

```
int main(void){
```

12. The Futaba receiver leads with channel two, rising edge, so we will start looking for that by setting "edge" to look for a rise on channel 2.

```
inputStruct input_s = { . ch2rise = 0 , . ch2fall = 0 , . ch1fall = 0 , . edge = CH2RISE } ;
outputStruct output_s;  $\langle$ Initialize the inputs and capture mode 32 $\rangle \langle$ Initialize pin outputs 29 $\rangle$ 
```

13. Of course, any interrupt function requires that bit “Global Interrupt Enable” is set; usually done through calling sei().

```
sei();
{
    /* for test purposes */
    DDRD &= ~(1 << DDR3); /* Clear the PD3 pin */ /* PD3 (PCINT0 pin) is now an input */
    PORTD |= (1 << PORTD3); /* turn On the Pull-up */
    /* PD3 is now an input with pull-up enabled */
    EICRA |= (1 << ISC10); /* set INT1 to trigger on ANY logic change */
    EIMSK |= (1 << INT1); /* Turns on INT1 */
}
```

14. Rather than burning loops, waiting the ballance of 18 ms for something to happen, the “sleep” mode is used. The specific type of sleep is ‘idle’. In idle, execution stops but timers continue. Interrupts are used to wake it.

It’s important to note that an ISR procedure must be defined to allow the program to step past the sleep statement.

```
 $\langle$ Configure to idle on sleep 30 $\rangle$ ledcntl(OFF);
edgeSelect(&input_s);
```

15. This is the loop that does the work. It should spend most of its time in *sleep-mode*, comming out at each interrupt event caused by an edge.

```
for ( ; ; ) {
```

16. Here we select what we are looking for, and from which receiver channel, based on “edge”.

17. Now we wait in “idle” for the edge on the channel selected.

```
sleep-mode();
```

18. If execution arrives here, some interrupt has woken it from sleep and some vector has run. The pointer handleIrq will be assigned the value of the responsible function.

```
if (handleIrq  $\neq$   $\Lambda$ ) {
    handleIrq(&input_s);
    handleIrq =  $\Lambda$ ; /* reset so that the action cannot be repeated */
} /* end if handleirq */
```

19. Center reports about 21250, hard left, or up, with trim reports about 29100 and hard right, or down, with trim reports about 13400. With that, the gain is 1/61.569 and offset is offset is

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218.14.

```
output_s.turn = ((100L * input_s.ch1duration)/GAINX100) - OFFSET;
output_s.thrust = ((100L * input_s.ch2duration)/GAINX100) - OFFSET;
```

20. Some protection may be a good idea, just in case it gets outside the range of an 8 bit register it will be clamped.

```

    if (output_s.turn > 255) output_s.turn = 255;
    else if (output_s.turn < 0) output_s.turn = 0;
    if (output_s.thrust > 255) output_s.thrust = 255;
    else if (output_s.thrust < 0) output_s.thrust = 0;
    if (output_s.turn > 127L) ledcntl(ON);
    else ledcntl(OFF);
}    /* end for */
return 0;    /* it's the right thing to do! */
}    /* end main() */

```

21. Here are the ISRs.

```

ISR(INT1_vect)
{
}

ISR(TIMER1_CAPT_vect)
{
    handleIrq = &pwcCalc;
}

```

22. This procedure computes the durations from the PWC signal edge capture values from the Input Capture Unit. With the levers centered the durations should be about 1.5 ms so at 16 Mhz the count should be near 24000. The range should be 17600 to 30400 for 12800 counts, well within the range of the 64 kib of the 16 bit register..

```

void pwcCalc(inputStruct *input_s){

```

23. On the falling edges we can compute the durations using modulus subtraction and then set the edge index for the next edge. Channel 2 leads so that rise is first.

```

    switch (input_s->edge) {
    case CH2RISE: input_s->ch2rise = ICR1;
        input_s->edge = CH2FALL;
        break;
    case CH2FALL: input_s->ch2fall = ICR1;
        input_s->ch2duration = input_s->ch2fall - input_s->ch2rise;
        input_s->edge = CH1FALL;
        break;
    case CH1FALL: input_s->ch1fall = ICR1;
        input_s->ch1duration = input_s->ch1fall - input_s->ch2fall;
        input_s->edge = CH2RISE;
    }
    edgeSelect(input_s);
}

```

24.

The procedure `edgeSelect` configures the Input Capture unit to capture on the expected edge type.

```
void edgeSelect(inputStruct *input_s){
    switch (input_s->edge) {
    case CH2RISE: /* wait for rising edge on servo channel 2 */
        ADMUX |= (1 << MUX0); /* Set to mux channel 1 */
        TCCR1B |= (1 << ICES1); /* Rising edge (23.3.2) */
        break;
    case CH2FALL: ADMUX |= (1 << MUX0); /* Set to mux channel 1 */
        TCCR1B &= ~(1 << ICES1); /* Falling edge (23.3.2) */
        break;
    case CH1FALL: ADMUX &= ~(1 << MUX0); /* Set to mux channel 0 */
        TCCR1B &= ~(1 << ICES1); /* Falling edge (23.3.2) */
    }
}
```

25. Since the edge has been changed, the Input Capture Flag should be cleared. It's odd but clearing it involves writing a one to it.

```
TIFR1 |= (1 << ICF1); /* (per 16.6.3) */
}
```

26. Here is a simple procedure to flip the LED on or off.

```
void ledcntl(uint8_t state)
{
    PORTB = state ? PORTB | (1 << PORTB5) : PORTB & ~(1 << PORTB5);
}
```

27.

28. These are the supporting routines, procedures and configuration blocks.

Here is the block that sets-up the digital I/O pins.

29. \langle Initialize pin outputs 29 $\rangle \equiv$

```
{
    /* set the led port direction; This is pin #17 */
    DDRB |= (1 << DDB5);
}
```

This code is used in section 12.

30. \langle Configure to idle on sleep 30 $\rangle \equiv$

```
{
    SMCR &= ~((1 << SM2) | (1 << SM1) | (1 << SM0));
}
```

This code is used in section 14.

31. To enable this interrupt, set the ACIE bit of register ACSR.

32. \langle Initialize the inputs and capture mode 32 $\rangle \equiv$

```
{
    /* ADCSRA ADC Control and Status Register A */
    ADCSRA &= ~(1 << ADEN); /* Conn the MUX to (-) input of comparator (sec 23.2) */
    /* 23.3.1 ADCSRB ADC Control and Status Register B */
    ADCSRB |= (1 << ACME); /* Conn the MUX to (-) input of comparator (sec 23.2) */
    /* 24.9.5 DIDR0 Digital Input Disable Register 0 */
    DIDR0 |= ((1 << AIN1D) | (1 << AINOD)); /* Disable digital inputs (sec 24.9.5) */
    /* 23.3.2 ACSR Analog Comparator Control and Status Register */
    ACSR |= (1 << ACBG); /* Connect + input to the band-gap ref (sec 23.3.2) */
    ACSR |= (1 << ACIC); /* Enable input capture mode (sec 23.3.2) */
    ACSR |= (1 << ACIS1); /* Set for both rising and falling edge (sec 23.3.2) */
    /* 16.11.8 TIMSK1 Timer/Counter1 Interrupt Mask Register */
    TIMSK1 |= (1 << ICIE1); /* Enable input capture interrupt (sec 16.11.8) */
    /* 16.11.2 TCCR1B Timer/Counter1 Control Register B */
    TCCR1B |= (1 << ICNC1); /* Enable input capture noise canceling (sec 16.11.2) */
    TCCR1B |= (1 << CS10); /* No Prescale. Just count the main clock (sec 16.11.2) */
    /* 24.9.1 ADMUX ADC Multiplexer Selection Register */
    ADMUX &= ~((1 << MUX2) | (1 << MUX1) | (1 << MUX0)); /* Set to mux channel 0 */
}
```

This code is used in section 12.

ACBG: 32.	CH1FALL: 4, 23, 24.
ACIC: 32.	ch2duration: 8, 19, 23.
ACIS1: 32.	ch2fall: 8, 12, 23.
ACME: 32.	CH2FALL: 4, 23, 24.
ACSR: 32.	CH2RISE: 4, 12, 23, 24.
ADCSRA: 32.	ch2rise: 8, 12, 23.
ADCSRb: 32.	CLEAR: 4.
ADEN: 32.	CS10: 32.
ADMUX: 24, 32.	DDB5: 29.
AINOD: 32.	DDD3: 13.
AIN1D: 32.	DDRB: 29.
BAUD: 3.	DDRD: 13.
ch1duration: 8, 19, 23.	DIDR0: 32.
ch1fall: 8, 12, 23.	edge: 8, 12, 23, 24.

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