

9 Pulse Width Modulator

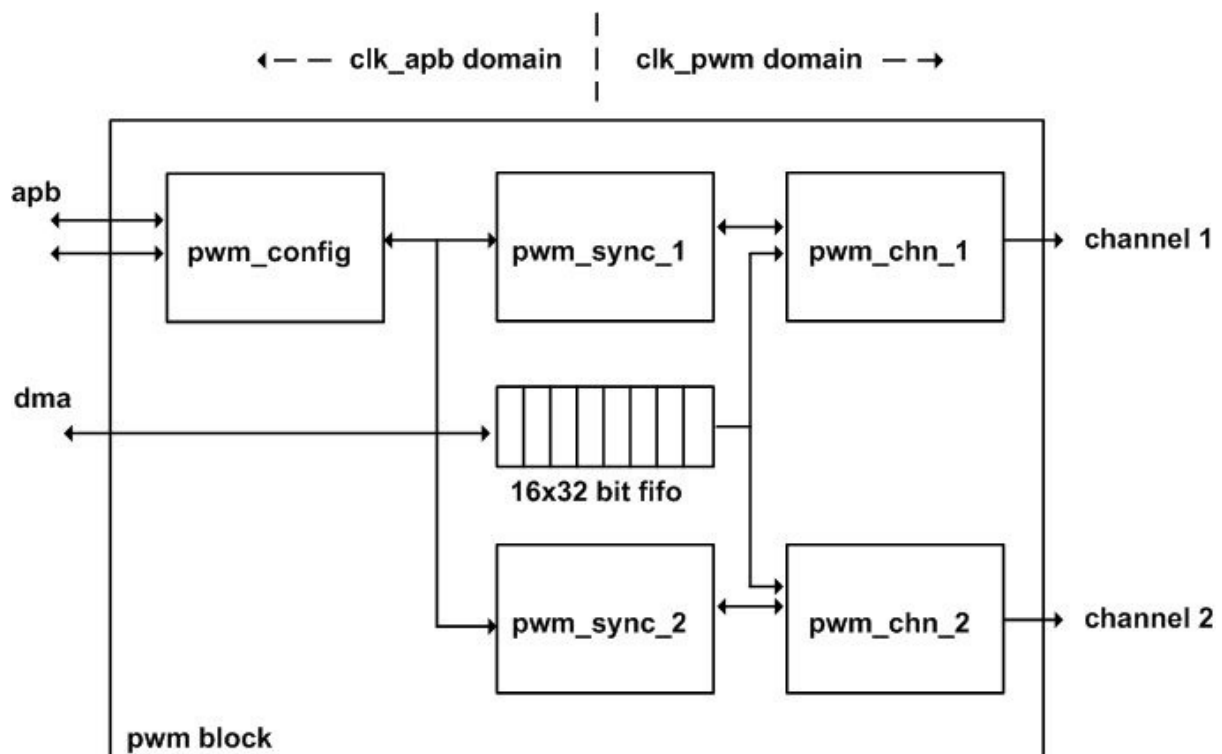
9.1 Overview

This section specifies in detail the functionality provided by the device Pulse Width Modulator (PWM) peripheral.

The PWM controller incorporates the following features:

- Two independent output bit-streams, clocked at a fixed frequency.
- Bit-streams configured individually to output either PWM or a serialised version of a 32-bit word.
- PWM outputs have variable input and output resolutions.
- Serialise mode configured to load data to and/or read data from a FIFO storage block, which can store up to eight 32-bit words.
- Both modes clocked by `clk_pwm` which is nominally 100MHz, but can be varied by the clock manager.

9.2 Block Diagram



9.3 PWM Implementation

A value represented as a ratio of N/M can be transmitted along a serial channel with pulse width modulation in which the value is represented by the duty cycle of the output signal. To send value N/M within a periodic sequence of M cycles, output should be 1 for N cycles and 0 for $(M-N)$ cycles. The desired sequence should have 1's and 0's spread out as even as possible so that during any arbitrary period of time duty cycle achieves closest approximation of the value. This can be shown in the following table where $4/8$ is modulated ($N=4$, $M=8$).

Bad	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fair	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Good	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

Sequence which gives the 'good' approximation from the table above can be achieved by the following algorithm:

```

1. Set context = 0
2. context = context + N
3. if (context >= M)
    context = context - M
    send 1
else

```

where context is a register which stores the result of the addition/subtractions.

9.4 Modes of Operation

PWM controller consists of two independent channels (pwm_chn in block diagram) which implement the pwm algorithm explained in section 1.3. Each channel can operate in either pwm mode or serialiser mode.

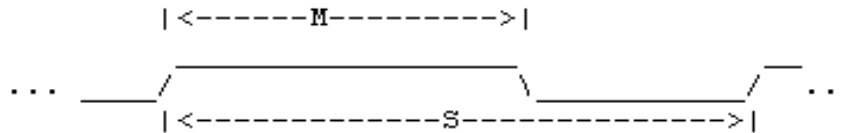
PWM mode: There are two sub-modes in PWM mode: $MSEN=0$ and $MSEN=1$.

When $MSEN=0$, which is the default mode, data to be sent is interpreted as the value N of the algorithm explained above. Number of clock cycles (range) used to send data is the value M of the algorithm. Pulses are sent within this range so that the resulting duty cycle is N/M . Channel sends its output continuously as long as data register is used, or buffer is used and it is not empty.



BCM2835 ARM Peripherals

When MSEN=1, PWM block does not use the algorithm explained above, instead it sends serial data with the M/S ratio as in the picture below. M is the data to be sent, and S is the range. This mode may be preferred if high frequency modulation is not required or has negative effects. Channel sends its output continuously as long as data register is used, or buffer is used and it is not empty.



Serial bit transmission when M/S Mode enabled

Serialiser mode: Each channel is also capable of working as a serialiser. In this mode data written in buffer or the data register is sent serially.

9.5 Quick Reference

- PWM DMA is mapped to DMA channel 5.
- GPIOs are assigned to PWM channels as below. Please refer to GPIO section for further details:

	PWM0	PWM1
GPIO 12	Alt Fun 0	-
GPIO 13	-	Alt Fun 0
GPIO 18	Alt Fun 5	-
GPIO 19	-	Alt Fun 5
GPIO 40	Alt Fun 0	-
GPIO 41	-	Alt Fun 0
GPIO 45	-	Alt Fun 0
GPIO 52	Alt Fun 1	-
GPIO 53	-	Alt Fun 1



BCM2835 ARM Peripherals

- PWM clock source and frequency is controlled in CPRMAN.

9.6 Control and Status Registers

PWM Address Map (0x7E20 C000)			
Address Offset	Register Name	Description	Size
0x0	CTL	PWM Control	32
0x4	STA	PWM Status	32
0x8	DMAC	PWM DMA Configuration	32
0x10	RNG1	PWM Channel 1 Range	32
0x14	DAT1	PWM Channel 1 Data	32
0x18	FIF1	PWM FIFO Input	32
0x20	RNG2	PWM Channel 2 Range	32
0x24	DAT2	PWM Channel 2 Data	32

CTL Register



BCM2835 ARM Peripherals

Synopsis PWENi is used to enable/disable the corresponding channel. Setting this bit to 1 enables the channel and transmitter state machine. All registers and FIFO is writable without setting this bit.

MODEi bit is used to determine mode of operation. Setting this bit to 0 enables PWM mode. In this mode data stored in either PWM_DATi or FIFO is transmitted by pulse width modulation within the range defined by PWM_RNGi. When this mode is used MSENi defines whether to use PWM algorithm. Setting MODEi to 1 enables serial mode, in which data stored in either PWM_DATi or FIFO is transmitted serially within the range defined by PWM_RNGi. Data is transmitted MSB first and truncated or zero-padded depending on PWM_RNGi. Default mode is PWM.

RPTLi is used to enable/disable repeating of the last data available in the FIFO just before it empties. When this bit is 1 and FIFO is used, the last available data in the FIFO is repeatedly sent. This may be useful in PWM mode to avoid duty cycle gaps. If the FIFO is not used this bit does not have any effect. Default operation is do-not-repeat.

SBITi defines the state of the output when no transmission takes place. It also defines the zero polarity for the zero padding in serialiser mode. This bit is padded between two consecutive transfers as well as tail of the data when PWM_RNGi is larger than bit depth of data being transferred. this bit is zero by default.

POLAi is used to configure the polarity of the output bit. When set to high the final output is inverted. Default operation is no inversion.

USEFi bit is used to enable/disable FIFO transfer. When this bit is high data stored in the FIFO is used for transmission. When it is low, data written to PWM_DATi is transferred. This bit is 0 as default.

CLRf is used to clear the FIFO. Writing a 1 to this bit clears the FIFO. Writing 0 has no effect. This is a single shot operation and reading the bit always returns 0.

MSENi is used to determine whether to use PWM algorithm or simple M/S ratio transmission. When this bit is high M/S transmission is used. This bit is zero as default. When MODEi is 1, this configuration bit has no effect.

Bit(s)	Field Name	Description	Type	Reset
31:16		Reserved - Write as 0, read as don't care		
15	MSEN2	<u>Channel 2 M/S Enable</u> 0: PWM algorithm is used 1: M/S transmission is used.	RW	0x0
14		Reserved - Write as 0, read as don't care		
13	USEF2	<u>Channel 1 Use Fifo</u> 0: Data register is transmitted 1: Fifo is used for transmission	RW	0x0
12	POLA2	<u>Channel 1 Polarity</u> 0 : 0=low 1=high 1: 1=low 0=high	RW	0x0
11	SBIT2	<u>Channel 1 Silence Bit</u> Defines the state of the output when no transmission takes place	RW	0x0



BCM2835 ARM Peripherals

10	RPTL2	<u>Channel 1 Repeat Last Data</u> 0: Transmission interrupts when FIFO is empty 1: Last data in FIFO is transmitted repeatedly until FIFO is not empty	RW	0x0
9	MODE2	<u>Channel 1 Mode</u> 0: PWM mode 1: Serialiser mode	RW	0x0
8	PWEN2	<u>Channel 1 Enable</u> 0: Channel is disabled 1: Channel is enabled	RW	0x0
7	MSEN1	<u>Channel 1 M/S Enable</u> 0: PWM algorithm is used 1: M/S transmission is used.	RW	0x0
6	CLRF1	<u>Clear Fifo</u> 1: Clears FIFO 0: Has no effect This is a single shot operation. This bit always reads 0	RO	0x0
5	USEF1	<u>Channel 1 Use Fifo</u> 0: Data register is transmitted 1: Fifo is used for transmission	RW	0x0
4	POLA1	<u>Channel 1 Polarity</u> 0 : 0=low 1=high 1: 1=low 0=high	RW	0x0
3	SBIT1	<u>Channel 1 Silence Bit</u> Defines the state of the output when no transmission takes place	RW	0x0
2	RPTL1	<u>Channel 1 Repeat Last Data</u> 0: Transmission interrupts when FIFO is empty 1: Last data in FIFO is transmitted repeatedly until FIFO is not empty	RW	0x0
1	MODE1	<u>Channel 1 Mode</u> 0: PWM mode 1: Serialiser mode	RW	0x0
0	PWEN1	<u>Channel 1 Enable</u> 0: Channel is disabled 1: Channel is enabled	RW	0x0



BCM2835 ARM Peripherals

STA Register

Synopsis FULL1 bit indicates the full status of the FIFO. If this bit is high FIFO is full.
EMPT1 bit indicates the empty status of the FIFO. If this bit is high FIFO is empty.
WERR1 bit sets to high when a write when full error occurs. Software must clear this bit by writing 1. Writing 0 to this bit has no effect.
RERR1 bit sets to high when a read when empty error occurs. Software must clear this bit by writing 1. Writing 0 to this bit has no effect.
GAPOi. bit indicates that there has been a gap between transmission of two consecutive data from FIFO. This may happen when FIFO gets empty after state machine has sent a word and waits for the next. If control bit RPTLi is set to high this event will not occur. Software must clear this bit by writing 1. Writing 0 to this bit has no effect.
BERR sets to high when an error has occurred while writing to registers via APB. This may happen if the bus tries to write successively to same set of registers faster than the synchroniser block can cope with. Multiple switching may occur and contaminate the data during synchronisation. Software should clear this bit by writing 1. Writing 0 to this bit has no effect.
STAi bit indicates the current state of the channel which is useful for debugging purposes. 0 means the channel is not currently transmitting. 1 means channel is transmitting data.

Bit(s)	Field Name	Description	Type	Reset
31:13		Reserved - Write as 0, read as don't care		
12	STA4	<u>Channel 4 State</u>	RW	0x0
11	STA3	<u>Channel 3 State</u>	RW	0x0
10	STA2	<u>Channel 2 State</u>	RW	0x0
9	STA1	<u>Channel 1 State</u>	RW	0x0
8	BERR	<u>Bus Error Flag</u>	RW	0x0
7	GAPO4	<u>Channel 4 Gap Occurred Flag</u>	RW	0x0
6	GAPO3	<u>Channel 3 Gap Occurred Flag</u>	RW	0x0
5	GAPO2	<u>Channel 2 Gap Occurred Flag</u>	RW	0x0
4	GAPO1	<u>Channel 1 Gap Occurred Flag</u>	RW	0x0
3	RERR1	<u>Fifo Read Error Flag</u>	RW	0x0
2	WERR1	<u>Fifo Write Error Flag</u>	RW	0x0



BCM2835 ARM Peripherals

1	EMPT1	<u>Fifo Empty Flag</u>	RW	0x1
0	FULL1	<u>Fifo Full Flag</u>	RW	0x0

DMAC Register

Synopsis ENAB bit is used to start DMA.
PANIC bits are used to determine the threshold level for PANIC signal going active.
Default value is 7.
DREQ bits are used to determine the threshold level for DREQ signal going active.
Default value is 7.

Bit(s)	Field Name	Description	Type	Reset
31	ENAB	<u>DMA Enable</u> 0: DMA disabled 1: DMA enabled	RW	0x0
30:16		Reserved - Write as 0, read as don't care		
15:8	PANIC	<u>DMA Threshold for PANIC signal</u>	RW	0x7
7:0	DREQ	<u>DMA Threshold for DREQ signal</u>	RW	0x7

RNG1 Register

Synopsis This register is used to define the range for the corresponding channel. In PWM mode evenly distributed pulses are sent within a period of length defined by this register. In serial mode serialised data is transmitted within the same period. If the value in PWM_RNGi is less than 32, only the first PWM_DATi bits are sent resulting in a truncation. If it is larger than 32 excess zero bits are padded at the end of data. Default value for this register is 32.
Note: Channels 3 and 4 are not available in B0 and corresponding Channel Range Registers are ignored.

Bit(s)	Field Name	Description	Type	Reset
31:0	PWM_RNGi	<u>Channel i Range</u>	RW	0x20



BCM2835 ARM Peripherals

DAT1 Register

Synopsis This register stores the 32 bit data to be sent by the PWM Controller when USEFi is 0. In PWM mode data is sent by pulse width modulation: the value of this register defines the number of pulses which is sent within the period defined by PWM_RNGi. In serialiser mode data stored in this register is serialised and transmitted.
Note: Channels 3 and 4 are not available in B0 and corresponding Channel Data Registers are ignored.

Bit(s)	Field Name	Description	Type	Reset
31:0	PWM_DATi	<u>Channel i Data</u>	RW	0x0

FIF1 Register

Synopsis This register is the FIFO input for the all channels. Data written to this address is stored in channel FIFO and if USEFi is enabled for the channel i it is used as data to be sent. This register is write only, and reading this register will always return bus default return value, pwm0 .
When more than one channel is enabled for FIFO usage, the data written into the FIFO is shared between these channels in turn. For example if the word series A B C D E F G H I .. is written to FIFO and two channels are active and configured to use FIFO then channel 1 will transmit words A C E G I .. and channel 2 will transmit words B D F H .. .
Note that requesting data from the FIFO is in locked-step manner and therefore requires tight coupling of state machines of the channels. If any of the channel range (period) value is different than the others this will cause the channels with small range values to wait between words hence resulting in gaps between words. To avoid that, each channel sharing the FIFO should be configured to use the same range value.
Also note that RPTLi are not meaningful when the FIFO is shared between channels as there is no defined channel to own the last data in the FIFO. Therefore sharing channels must have their RPTLi set to zero.
If the set of channels to share the FIFO has been modified after a configuration change, FIFO should be cleared before writing new data.

Bit(s)	Field Name	Description	Type	Reset
31:0	PWM_FIFO	<u>Channel FIFO Input</u>	RW	0x0

RNG2 Register



BCM2835 ARM Peripherals

Synopsis This register is used to define the range for the corresponding channel. In PWM mode evenly distributed pulses are sent within a period of length defined by this register. In serial mode serialised data is transmitted within the same period. If the value in PWM_RNGi is less than 32, only the first PWM_DATi bits are sent resulting in a truncation. If it is larger than 32 excess zero bits are padded at the end of data. Default value for this register is 32.

Note: Channels 3 and 4 are not available in B0 and corresponding Channel Range Registers are ignored.

Bit(s)	Field Name	Description	Type	Reset
31:0	PWM_RNGi	<u>Channel i Range</u>	RW	0x20

DAT2 Register

Synopsis This register stores the 32 bit data to be sent by the PWM Controller when USEFi is 1. In PWM mode data is sent by pulse width modulation: the value of this register defines the number of pulses which is sent within the period defined by PWM_RNGi. In serialiser mode data stored in this register is serialised and transmitted.

Note: Channels 3 and 4 are not available in B0 and corresponding Channel Data Registers are ignored.

Bit(s)	Field Name	Description	Type	Reset
31:0	PWM_DATi	<u>Channel i Data</u>	RW	0x0