

# Unit IV: Timer/Counter, Serial port and Interrupt

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## Programming in 'C'

### Programming 8051 Timers:

- The 8051 has two timers: Timer 0 and Timer 1. They can be used either as timers or as event counters.

### Basic registers of the timer:

- Both Timer 0 and Timer 1 are 16-bits wide. Since the 8051 has an 8-bit architecture, each 16-bit timer is accessed as two separate registers of low byte and high byte.

#### Timer 0 registers:

- The 16-bit register of Timer 0 is accessed as low byte and high byte.
  - The low byte register is called TLO (Timer 0 low byte) and the high byte register is referred to as THO (Timer 0 high byte).

- These registers can be accessed like any other register such as A, B, R0, R1, R2 etc.

Ex: MOV TLO, #4FA ; moves the value 4FA into TLO.

These registers can be read like any other register.

Ex: MOV R5, THO ; saves THO into R5.

Timer 1 registers:

Timer 1 is also 16 bits and its 16-bit register is split into two bytes, referred to as TL1 (Timer 1 low byte) and TH1 (Timer 1 high byte).

→ These registers are accessible in the same way as the registers of Timer 0.

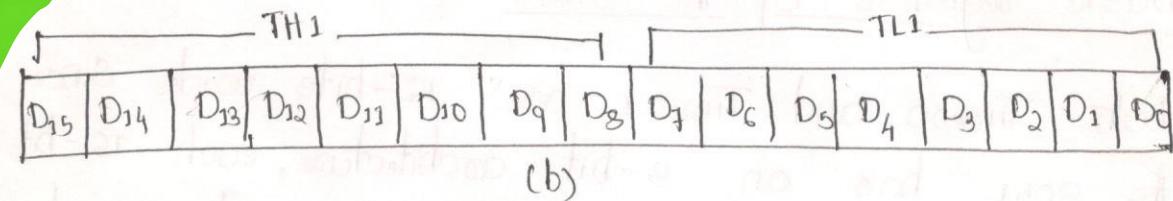
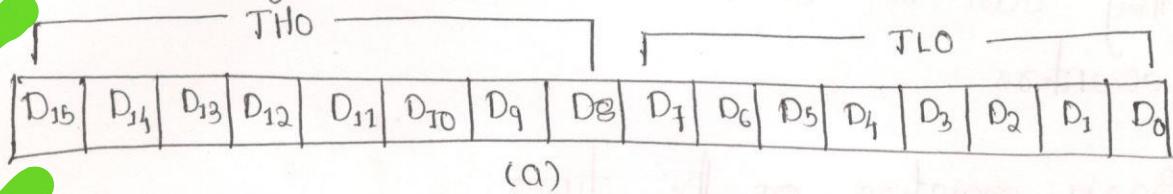
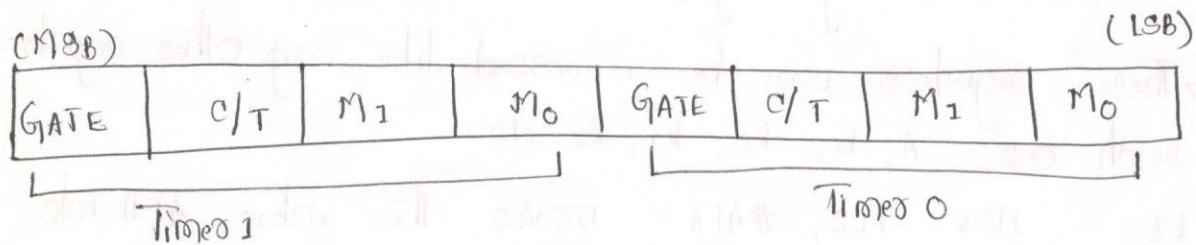


Fig. Timer 0 and Timer 1 registers.

TMOD register: (Timer mode register)

→ Both timers 0 and 1 use the same registers, called TMOD, to set the various timer operation modes.

→ TMOD is an 8-bit register in which the lower 4-bits are set aside for Timer 0 and the upper 4-bits for Timer 1.



GATE: Controls hardware/ software means to start or stop times (Time start bits).

$\text{GATE} = 0$ : TR bits (TRO) and (TR1) are used to stop timer (Times start bits).

GATE=1: hardware way of starting and stopping the timer by an external source (INT0 and INT1)

c/T: This bit in the TMOD register is used to decide whether the timer is used as a delay generator or an event counter.

c/T = 0: Selects Timer

= 1: Selects Counter

M<sub>1</sub> M<sub>0</sub>: M<sub>0</sub> and M<sub>1</sub> select the timer mode.

M<sub>1</sub> M<sub>0</sub> Mode Operating Mode

0 0 0 13-bit timer

0 1 1 16-bit timer

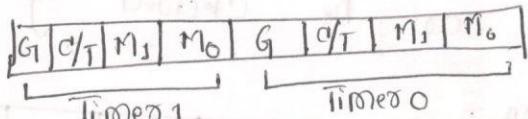
1 0 2 8-bit auto reload

1 1 3 split timer mode.

→ Mode 1 and mode 0 are the most widely used timer modes.

Q: Find the values of TMOD to operate as timers in the following modes.

(a) Mode 1 Timer 1



$$TMOD = 0001\ 0000 = 10H$$

The gate control bit and c/T are made 0, and the unused timer (Timer 0 bit is also 0)

(b) Mode 0 Timer 0, Mode 1 Timer 1

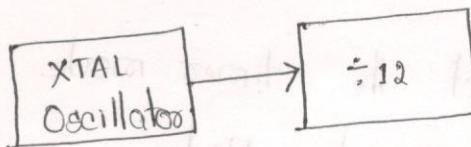
$$TMOD = 0010\ 0010 = 22H$$

(c) Mode 0 Timer 1

$$TMOD = 0000\ 0000 = 00H$$

② Find the timer's clock frequency and its period for various 8051 based systems with the following crystal frequencies.

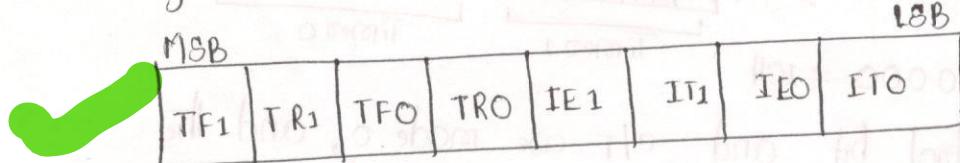
- (a) 12 MHz
- (b) 16 MHz
- (c) 11.0592 MHz



- (a)  $\frac{1}{12} \times 12 \text{ MHz} = 1 \text{ MHz}$  and  $T = \frac{1}{1 \text{ MHz}} = \underline{\underline{1 \mu\text{s}}}$
- (b)  $\frac{1}{12} \times 16 \text{ MHz} = 1.333 \text{ MHz}$  and  $T = \frac{1}{1.333 \text{ MHz}} = \underline{\underline{0.75 \mu\text{s}}}$
- (c)  $\frac{1}{12} \times 11.0592 \text{ MHz} = 921.6 \text{ kHz}$  and  $T = \frac{1}{921.6 \text{ kHz}} = \underline{\underline{1.085 \mu\text{s}}}$

### TCON register: (Timer control register)

- The timers are started by using instructions to set timer start bits TR0 and TR1, which are called timer own control bits.
- They can be cleared by clearing these bits.



- When a timer counts to its maximum value, it gets a flag TFO or TF1.
- While TMOD controls the timer modes, TCON register controls the timer/counter operations.
- The lower 4-bits of TCON cater to interrupt bits like EO1

times operations.

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TF1 : Timer 1 overflow flag

TR1 : Timer 1 run control bit

TFO : Timer 0 overflow flag

TR0 : Timer 0 run control bit.

## Mode 1 Programming:

→ The following are the characteristics and operations of mode 1.

1. It is a 16-bit timer; therefore it allows values of 0000 to FFFFH to be loaded into the timer's registers TH and TL

2. After TH and TL are loaded with a 16-bit initial value, the timer must be started. This is done by making TR0 = 1 for Timer 0 and TR1 = 1 for Timer 1.

3. After the timer is started, it starts to count up. It counts up until it reaches its limit of FFFFH. When it rolls over from FFFFH to 0000, it sets high a flag bit called TF (timer flag).

This timer flag can be monitored. When this timer flag is raised, the timer has to be stopped by making TR0 = 0 or TR1 = 0 for Timer 0 and Timer 1 respectively.

Each timer has its own timer flag. TFO for Timer 0 and TF1 for Timer 1.

4. After the timer reaches its limit and rolls over, it needs to repeat the process the registers TH and

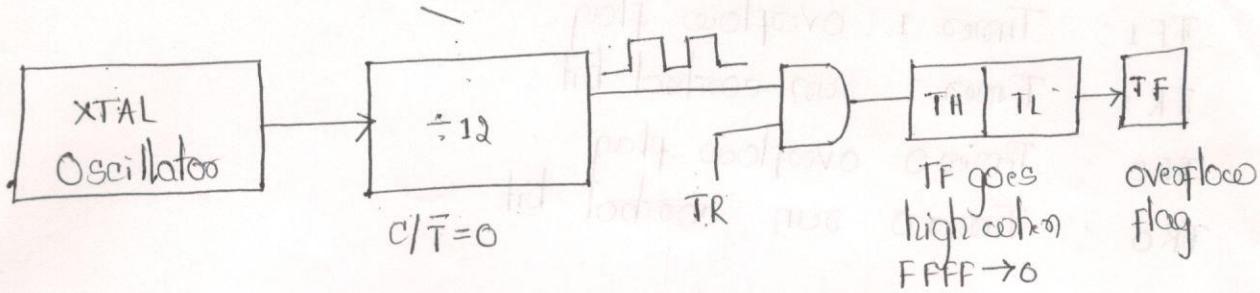


Fig. Timer in mode 1

### Steps to program Timers in mode 1

- (1) Load the TMOD value register indicating which timer (Timer 0 or Timer 1) is to be used and which timer mode (0 or 1) is selected.
- (2) Load registers TL and TH with initial count values.
- (3) Start the timer.
- (4) Keep monitoring the timer flag (TF) with while (TF == 0); to see if it is raised. Get out of the loop when TF becomes high.
- (5) Stop the timer.
- (6) Clear the TF flag for the next sound.
- (7) Go back to step a to load TH and TL again.

→ Fig. below shows the formula for delay calculation using mode 1 (16-bit) of the timer for a crystal frequency of XTAL = 11.0592 MHz.

(a) in hex

$$(FFFF - YYXX + 1) \times 1.085 \mu s$$

where YYXX are TH, TL initial values respectively. Notice that

(b) in decimal

Convert YYXX values of the TH, TL registers to decimal to get a 16-bit decimal number, then

Ex: 1) Calculate the delay generated by the Timer0 given

$TH_0 = 0FFH$ ,  $TL_0 = 0FAH$ . Assume that  $XTAL = 11.0592 \text{ MHz}$

Timer 0 is operating in mode 1

Solution:

i) Timer works with a clock frequency of

$$f = \frac{1}{12} \times XTAL$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \times 11.0592 \text{ MHz}$$

$$= 0.9216 \times 10^6$$

$$f = 0.9216 \text{ MHz}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{0.9216 \times 10^6}$$

$$= 1.085 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec}$$

$$T = 1.085 \text{ nsec}$$

The delay is calculated as

$$FFFF - FFF2 = 0DH = 13d + 13 = 14d$$

$$\text{Delay} = 14 \times 1.085 \text{ nsec} = 15.19 \text{ nsec}$$

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Ex: 2) Calculate the delay generated by Timer1 in mode 1

given  $TH_1 = 00H$  and  $TL_1 = 00H$ . Assume that  $XTAL$

=  $11.0592 \text{ MHz}$ .

i)  $f = \frac{1}{12} \times 11.0592 \text{ MHz} = 921.6 \text{ kHz}$

ii)  $T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{921.6 \text{ kHz}} = 1.085 \text{ nsec}$

iii)  $\text{Delay} = 10FFFF - 0000 = FFFF + 1 = 65,535 + 1 = 65,536$

$$= 65,536 \times 1.085 \text{ nsec}$$

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Q13) Calculate the delay generated by Timer 0 in mode 0  
Assume XTAL = 22 MHz. TH0 = 0FH and TL0 = 00H.

i)  $f = \frac{1}{22} \times 22 \text{ MHz} = 1.833 \text{ MHz}$

ii)  $T = \frac{1}{f} = 0.546 \mu\text{s}$

iii) Mode-0 is 13-bit timer with TH storing the upper byte and lower five bits of TL storing the lower byte.

→ With a 13-bit timer, the maximum value of timer register will be 1FFFH i.e., TH register is used fully and the lower 5 bits of the TL register i.e.,

$$\begin{array}{r} 0000000000000000 \\ \hline 1111000111111111 \\ \text{TL (5 bits)} \end{array} = 0000H$$
$$= 1FFFH$$

→ Here TH0 = 0FH and TL0 = 00H and the effective 13-bit number will be  $\underbrace{000}_{\text{OF}} \underbrace{1111}_{\text{on}} \underbrace{0000}_{\text{on}} = 01E0H$

The delay is calculated as

$$1FFFH - 01E0H = 1EAFH = 7721$$

$$\text{Delay} = (7721 + 1)T = 7722 \times 0.546 \mu\text{s} = 4.22 \text{ ms}$$

Finding values to be loaded into the timer.

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→ Assuming that we know the amount of timer delay we need, following steps has to be followed to get the values to be loaded into the timer.

1. Divide the desired time delay by  $1.085\text{ }\mu\text{s}$  (5)

2. Perform  $65,536 - n$ , where 'n' is the decimal value we got in step 1

3. Convert the result of step 2 to hex, where yyzz is the initial hex value to be loaded into the timer's registers.

4. Set  $TL = zz$  and  $TH = yy$ .

Ex: 4) Assume that  $\text{XTAL} = 11.0592\text{MHz}$ . What value do we need to load into the timer's registers, if we want to have a time delay of 5ms?

Sol: Desired time delay = 5ms

i) Divide it by  $1.085\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ :  $\frac{5\text{ms}}{1.085\text{ }\mu\text{s}} = 4608 \text{ clocks}$

ii)  $65,536 - 4608 = 60,928$

iii)  $60928d = \frac{EE00H}{yy\text{ xx}}$

iv) Set  $TH = EE$   $TL = 00$ .

Ex: 5) Assume that  $\text{XTAL} = 22\text{MHz}$ . What value do we need to load into the timer's registers, if we want to have a time delay of 15ms?

Sol: Desired time delay = 15ms

i) Divide it by  $0.546\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ :  $\frac{15\text{ms}}{0.546\text{ }\mu\text{s}} = 27,472 \text{ clocks}$

Q) iii)  $38064d = \frac{94BOh}{TH TL}$

iv)  $TH = 94, TL = BO$

Ex) Find the values to be loaded into the timer registers to generate a time delay of 3ms using timer 1 in mode 1. Assume  $XTAL = 22MHz$

Sol) Desired time delay = 3ms

i)  $\frac{3ms}{0.546\mu s} = 5495d$

ii)  $65,536 - 5495 = 60041d$

iii)  $60041d = \frac{EA89}{TH TL}$

iv)  $TH = EA, TL = 89$

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## Generating a large time delay:

- The size of the time delay depends on two factors
  - (a) Crystal frequency
  - (b) Timer's 16-bit register in mode 1 (also on 'C' compiler)
- Both of these factors are beyond the control of the 8051 programmer.
- Below example shows how to achieve large time delays

E1:5) Generate a delay of 1ms using Timer1 in mode 1.

Assume XTAL = 22 MHz.

$$\text{sol: i) } f = \frac{1}{12} \times \text{XTAL} = \frac{1}{12} \times 22 \text{ MHz} = \underline{\underline{1.833 \text{ MHz}}}$$

$$\text{ii) } T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{1.833 \text{ MHz}} = 0.546 \mu\text{s}$$

Maximum delay is possible when both TH and TL stores values of 00

$$\text{Then } FFFF - 0000 = FFFF + 1 = 65,535 + 1 = 65,536$$

$$\text{Delay} = 65,536 \times 0.546 \mu\text{s} = 35,782 \mu\text{s} = \underline{\underline{35.75 \text{ ms}}}$$

→ The maximum possible delay is 35.75 ms

→ To obtain 1 second delay,  $\lambda = \frac{1 \text{ sec}}{35.75 \text{ ms}}$

$$\text{i.e., } \lambda = 28.$$

If we repeat 35.75 ms as times we obtain 1 second delay

### Mode 0:

→ Mode 0 is exactly like mode 1 except that it is a 13-bit timer instead of 16-bit

→ The 13-bit counter can hold values between 0000 to

maximum of 1FFFH, if rolls over to 0000 and TF is raised.

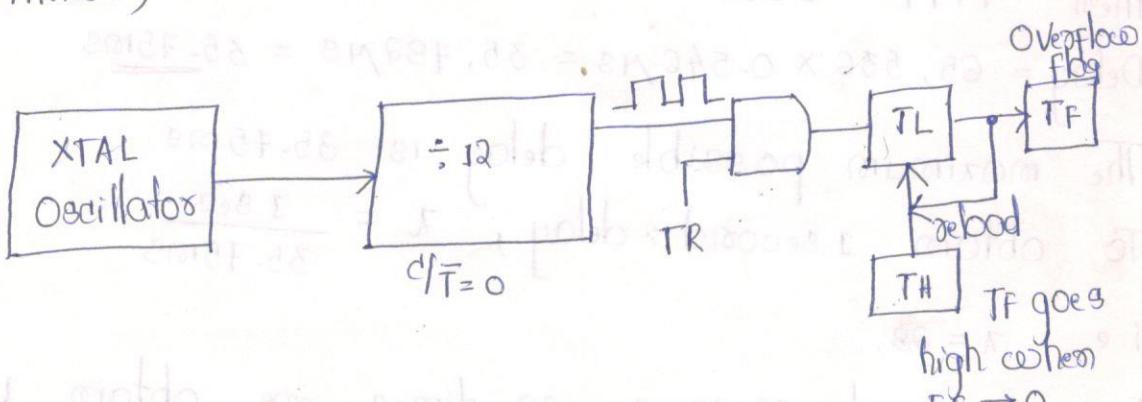
## Mode 2 programming:

The following are the characteristics and operations of mode 2.

1. It is an 8-bit timer, therefore, it allows only values of 00 to FFH to be loaded into the timer's register TH.

2. After **TH** is loaded with the 8-bit value, the 8051 gives a copy of it to TL. Then the timer must be started by making TR=1. (TR1 - Timer 1 TR0 - Timer 0)

3. After the timer is started, it starts to count up by incrementing the TL register. It counts up until it reaches its limit of FFH. When it rolls over from FFH to 00, it sets high the TF (timer flag). (TFO for Timer 0 and TF1 for Timer 1)



4. When the TL register rolls from FFH to 00 and TF is set to 1, TL is reloaded automatically with the original value kept by the TH register.

To repeat the process TF is cleared without any need for the programmer to reload the original

→ This makes mode 2 auto reload in contrast with mode 1 in which the programmer has to reload TH and TL.

### Features of mode - 2

- 8-bit timer
- Auto reloading capability

→ TH is loaded with initial count and a copy of it is given to TL. This reloading leaves TH unchanged still holding a copy of the original value.

→ Finds application in setting the baud rate in serial communication.

### Steps to program in mode 2:

→ To generate a time delay using the timer's mode 2 take the following steps.

1. Load the TMOD value register indicating which timer (Timer0 or Timer1) is to be used, and select the timer mode (mode 2)
2. Load TH registers with the initial count value.
3. Start the timer
4. Keep monitoring the timer flag (TF) with while ( $TF == 0$ ); instruction to see whether it is raised. Get out of the loop when TF goes high
5. Clear the TF flag.
6. Go back to step 4, since mode 2 is auto-reload.

**Ex: 6)** Calculate the time delay generated by Timer1 in mode 2. Given TH1 = 05 and XTAL = 11.0592 MHz

Sol<sup>Q</sup>: i)  $f = \frac{1}{32} \times \text{XTAL} = 921.6 \text{ kHz}$

ii)  $T = \frac{1}{f} = 1.085 \mu\text{s}$

iii) TH = 05 i.e.,  $(256 - 05) \times 1.085 \mu\text{s} = 251 \times 1.085 \mu\text{s} = \underline{\underline{0.7233 \mu\text{s}}}$

### Counter Programming:

→ When timer/counter is used as a timer, the 8051's crystal is used as the source of the frequency.

→ When it is used as a counter, however, it is a pulse outside the 8051 that increments the TH, TL registers.

→ In counter mode, notice that the TMOD and TH, TL registers are the same as for the timer.

→ C/T = 1 for counter operation, and the source of the frequency is provided externally through pins T0 (Timer 0 input) and T1 (Timer 1 input).

These pins belong to port 3.

Pin	Port Pin	Function	Description
14	P3.4	T0	Timer/Counter 0 external input
15	P3.5	T1	Timer/Counter 1 external input

clock pulse coming from that pin.

→ For Timer 1, when  $c/\bar{T}=1$  each clock pulse coming from P3.5 makes the counter count up.

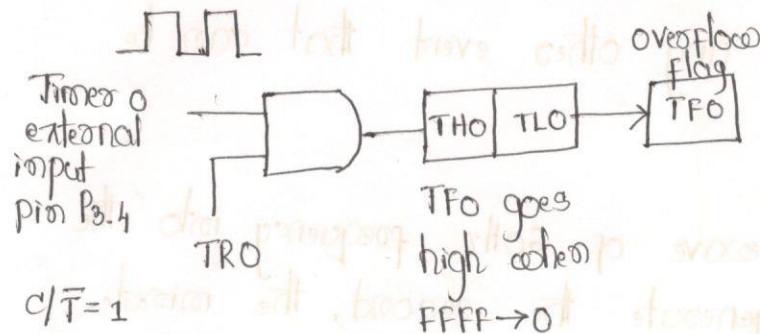


Fig. a. Timer 0 with external input (Mode 1)

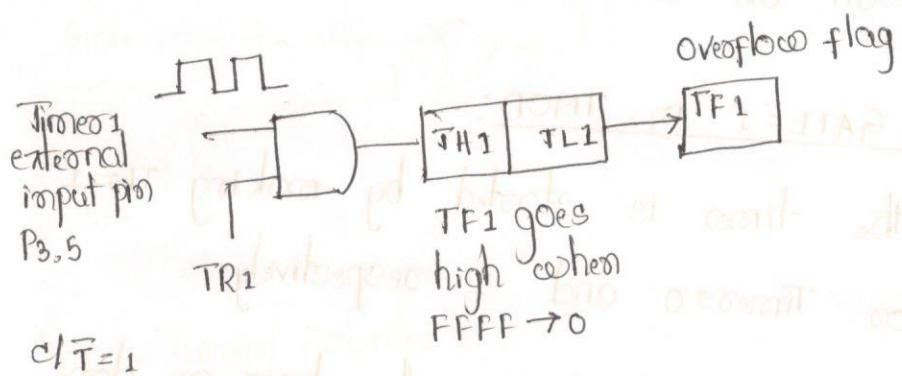


Fig. b. Timer 1 with external input (Mode 1)

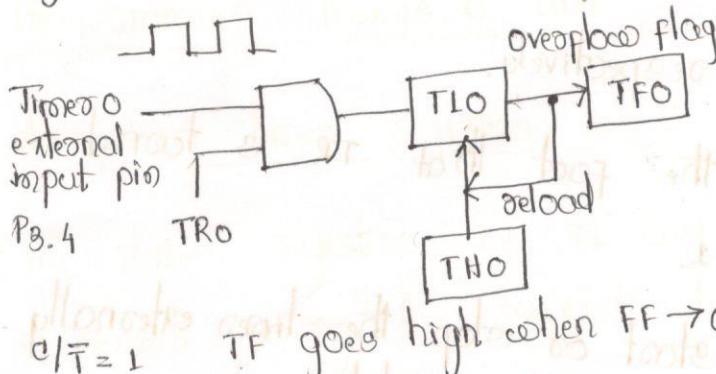
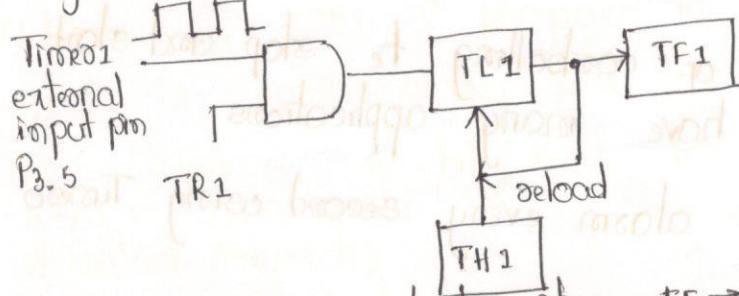


Fig. c. Timer 0 with external input (Mode 2)



## Applications of counter:

→ Clock pulses fed to the external input pin (P3.4 or P3.5) could represent the number of people passing through an entrance, or the number of wheel rotations, or any other event that can be converted to pulses.

→ An external square wave of 60Hz frequency into the timer, is fed to generate the second, the minute and the hour out of this input frequency and display the result on an LCD.

### The case of GATE=1 in TMOD:

→ When GATE=0, the timer is started by making TR0=1 and TR1=1 for Timers 0 and 1 respectively.

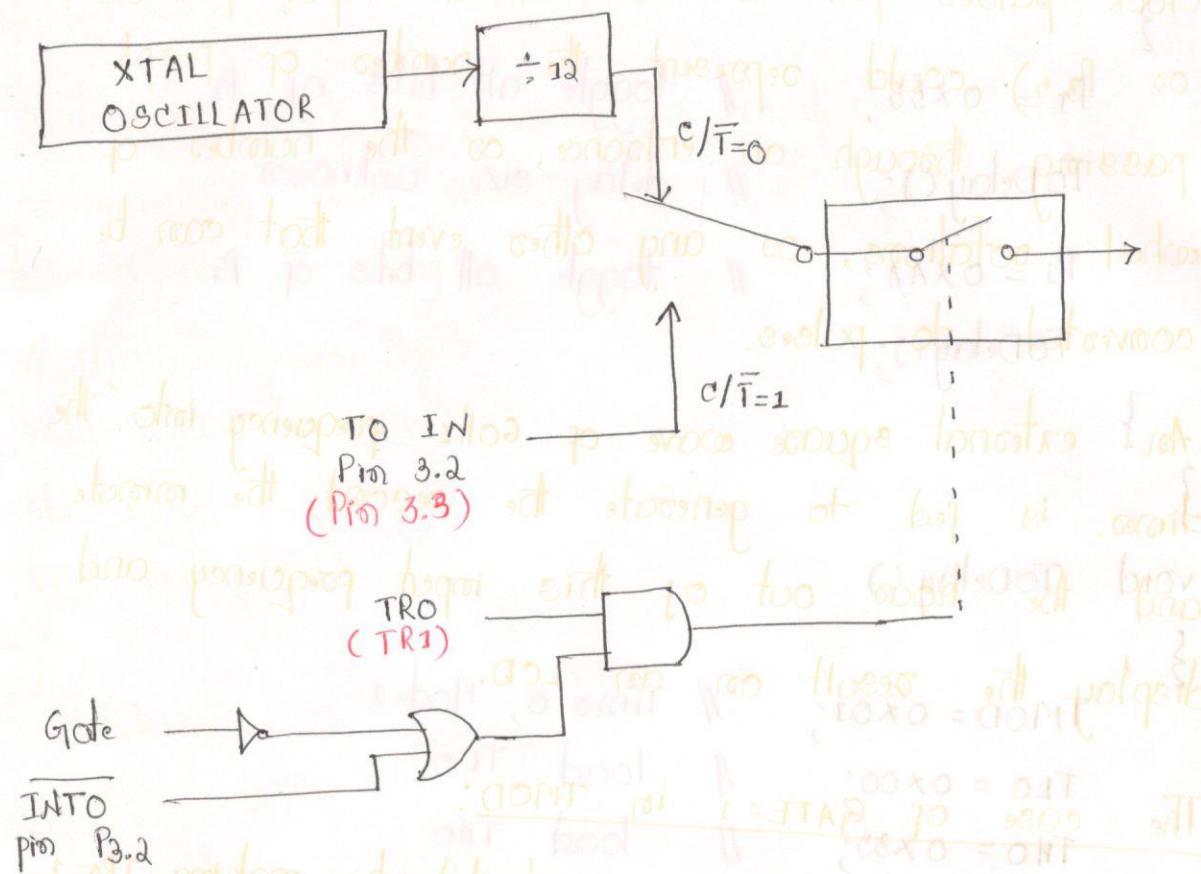
→ If GATE=1, the start and stop of the timers are done externally through pins P3.2 (INT0) and P3.3 (INT1) for Timers 0 and 1 respectively.

→ This is inspite of the fact that TR is turned on by making TR=1.

→ This allows us to start or stop the timer externally at any point via a simple switch.

→ This hardware way of controlling the stop and start of the timer can have many applications

Ex: Turn on/off the alarm every second using Timer0



**Fig. 6** Timer/ Counter 0 (Timer/counter) with  $GATE = 1$

Programming Timers 0 and 1 in 8051 C

Accessing timer registers in C.

→ The timer registers TH, TL and TMOD can be directly accessed using the `deg51.h` header file.

**Ex:**  
1) Write an 8051 'C' program to toggle all the bits of port P1 continuously with some delay in between.  
Use Timer 0, 16-bit mode to generate the delay.  
 $XTAL = 11.0592 \text{ MHz}$

**Sol:** `#include <deg51.h>`

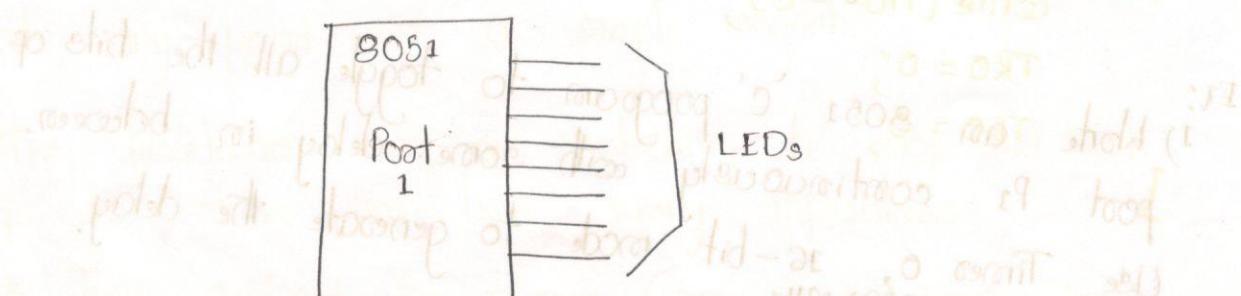
```

    } while (1) // repeat forever
    {
        P1 = 0x55; // toggle all bits of P1
        T0Delay(); // delay size unknown
        P1 = 0xAA; // toggle all bits of P1
        T0Delay();
    }
}

void T0Delay()
{
    TMOD = 0x01; // Timer 0, Mode 1
    TL0 = 0x00; // load TL0
    TH0 = 0x35; // load TH0
    TR0 = 1; // start timer
    while (TF0 == 0); // wait for TF0 to roll over
    TR0 = 0; // turn off T0
    TF0 = 0;
}

```

$$\begin{aligned}
 FFFF - 3500 &= C0FFH = 51967 + 1 = 51968 \\
 51968 \times 1.085\mu s &= 56.384ms
 \end{aligned}$$



Timers 0 and 1 delay using mode 1 (16-bit on auto-reload)

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- 1) Write an 8051 'c' program to toggle only bit P1.5 continuously every 50ms. Use Timer 0, mode 1 (16-bit) to create the delay.

```
#include <reg51.h>
void TOM1Delay(void);
sbit mybit = P1^5;
void main(void)
{
    while(1)
    {
        mybit = ~mybit; // Toggle P1.5
        TOM1Delay();
    }
}

void TOM1Delay(void)
{
    TMOD = 0x01; // Timer 0, mode 1 (16-bit)
    TLO = 0xFE; // Load TLO
    TH0 = 0x4B; // Load TH0
    TR0 = 1; // Start Timer
    while(TFO == 0); // Wait for TFO to roll over
    TR0 = 0; // Turn off TO
    TFO = 0; // Clear TFO
}
```

Calculation to sketch the circuit needed to load into timer registers.

(a) Required delay

$$FFFF - 4BFBH = B401H = 46081 + 1 = 46082$$

$$\text{Timer delay} = 46082 \times 1.085\text{ms} = \underline{\underline{50\text{ms}}}$$

Calculation to show the amount of count to be loaded into the timer register.

i) 50ms: required delay

$$\frac{50\text{ms}}{1.085\text{ms}} = 46082$$

ii)  $65,536 - 46082 = 19454$

iii)  $19454d = \underline{\underline{4BFEH}}$

iv) TH = 4B, TL = FE

2) Write an 8051 C program to toggle only pin P1.5 continuously every 250ms. Use Timer 0, mode 2 (8-bit auto reload to create the delay)

```
#include <reg51.h>
```

```
void T0mADelay(void);
```

```
abit mybit = P1^5;
```

```
void main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
unsigned char x, y;
```

```
while (1)
```

```
{
```

```
mybit = ~mybit;
```

```
for (x=0; x=250; x++)
```

```
for (y=0; y=10; y++)
```

```
T0mADelay();
```

// Toggle P1.5

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```
void T0MaDelay(void)
```

```
{
```

TMOD = 0x02;	// Timer 0, mode 2 (8-bit auto reload)
T0H = -23 ;(Eq)	// Load T0H
T0L = 1;	// Start timer
while (TFO == 0);	// Wait for TFO to roll over
T0H = 0;	// Turn off TO
TFO = 0;	// Clear TFO

```
}
```

$$FF - Eq = 16H = 22d$$

$$22 + 1 = 23d$$

$$23 \times 1.085\mu s = \underline{25\mu s}$$

$$\frac{25\mu s \times 250 \times 40}{500 \text{ loop}} = \underline{250ms}$$

- 3) Write an 8051 'C' program to create a frequency of 2500 Hz on pin P2.7. Use Timer1, mode 2 to create the delay.

```
#include <8051.h>
```

```
void T1MaDelay(void);
```

```
sbit mybit = P2^7;
```

```
void main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
unsigned char x;
```

```
while(1)
```

```
{
```

```
mybit = ~mybit;
```

```
T1MaDelay();
```

```

void TIM2Delay(void)
{
    TMOD = 0xa0;
    TH1 = 48H;
    TR1 = 1;
    while (TF1 == 0);
    TR1 = 0;
    TF1 = 0;
}

```

Calculation to obtain the count to be loaded into timer registers

$$\text{Desired delay} = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{2500\text{Hz}} = 400\text{ns}$$

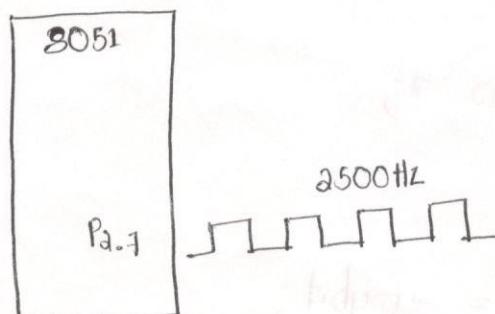
If it is a square wave i.e.,  $T_{ON} + T_{OFF} = 400\text{ns}$

$$\therefore T_{ON} = T_{OFF} = \frac{400\text{ns}}{2} = \underline{\underline{200\text{ns}}}$$

i)  $\frac{200\text{ns}}{1.085\text{ns}} = 184 \text{ clocks}$

ii)  $256 - 184 = \underline{\underline{72}}$

iii)  $\underline{\underline{72}} = \frac{48H}{TH}$



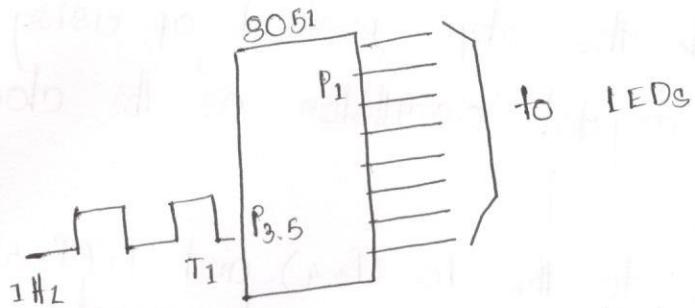
## C programming of timers 0 and 1 as counters

- A timer can be used as a counter if we provide pulses from outside the chip instead of using the frequency of the crystal oscillator as the clock source.
- By feeding pulses to the T0 (P3.4) and T1 (P3.5) pins, we turn Timer0 and Timer1 into counter 0 and counter 1 respectively.

Ex: 1) Assume that a 1-Hz external clock is being fed into pin T1 (P3.5). Write a 'c' program for counter 1 in mode 2 (8-bit auto reload) to count up and display the state of the TL1 count on P1. Start the count at 00H.

```
#include <reg51.h>
sbit T1 = P3^5;
void main(void)
{
    ✓T1 = 1;           // make T1 an input
    TMOD = 0x60;       // Counter 1 mode 2
    TH1 = 0;           // set count to 0
    while(1)           // repeat forever
    {
        Do
        {
            TR1 = 1;     // start timer
            ✓P1 = TL1;   // place value on pin
        }
        while (TF1 == 0); // wait here
    }
}
```

→ P1 is connected to 8 LEDs. T1 is connected to a 1-Hz external clock.



Ex: a) Assume that a 1-Hz external clock is being fed into pin T1 (P3.5). Write a 'c' program for counter 0 in mode 1 (16-bit) to count the pulses and display the TH0 and TLO registers on P2 and P1 respectively.

SOP: #include <8051.h>

void main(void)

{

T0 = 1;

// make T0 an input

TMOD = 0x05;

// counter 0 mode 1

TLO = 0;

// set count to 0

TH0 = 0;

// set count to 0

while(1)

// repeat forever

{

do

{

TR0 = 1;

// start timer

P1 = TLO;

// place value on pins

P2 = TH0;

// n n n n

}

while (TF0 == 0);

// wait here

TR0 = 0;

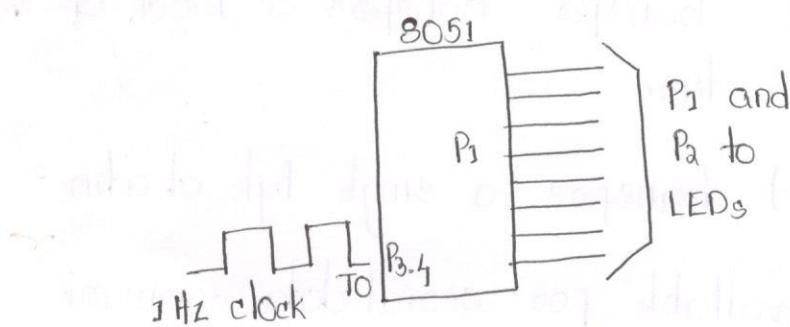
// stop timer

TF0 = 0;

// clear overflow flag

{

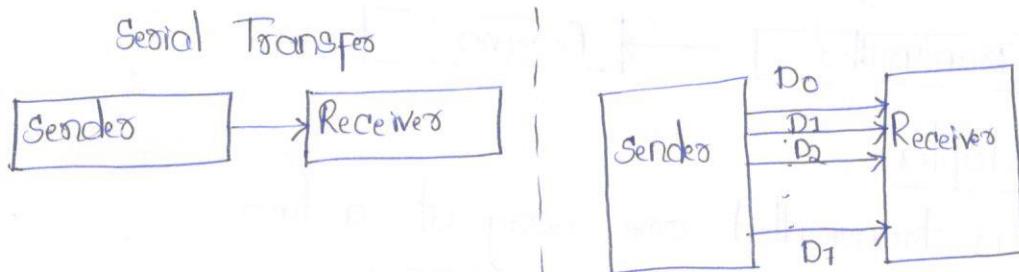
}



## Serial Port Programming

### Basics of Serial Communication:

- Serial data transmission is used for transferring data between two systems located at distances of hundreds of feet to millions of miles apart.
- Fig. below shows serial versus parallel data transfer



- Serial communication uses a single data line instead of the 8-bit data line of parallel communication & hence it is cheaper.

→ For serial data transmission, byte must be converted into serial bits using a parallel-in serial out shift register; then it can be transmitted over a single data line.

→ At the receiving end there must be a serial in parallel out shift register to receive the serial data and pack them into a byte.

→ Serial data communication uses two methods  
i) asynchronous

- The synchronous data transfer transfers a block of data (characters) at a time
- Asynchronous method transfers a single byte at a time
- Special chips are available for serial data communications referred to as UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter) and USART (Universal Synchronous Asynchronous Receiver - Transmitter)
- The 8051 chip has built in UART.

### Transmission types

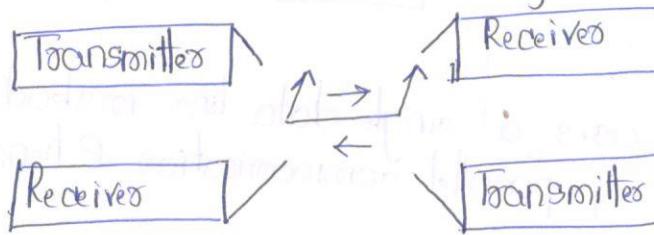
#### i) Simplex:

- Computer only sends data. Ex: Printer.



#### ii) Half duplex:

- Data is transmitted one way at a time



#### iii) Full duplex:

- Data can go both ways at the same time, and it requires two wires conductors for the data lines, one for transmission and one for reception in order to transfer and receive data simultaneously



## Asynchronous serial communication and data framing

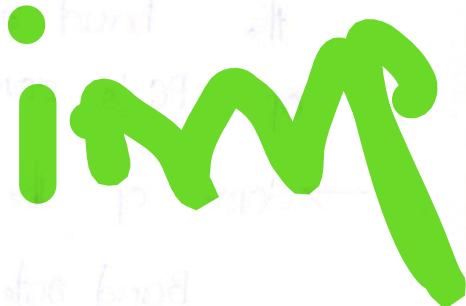
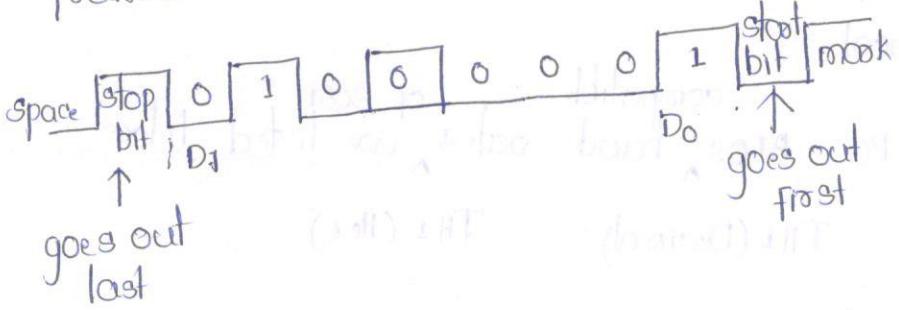
→ is widely used for character oriented transmissions, while block-oriented data transfers use the synchronous method.

→ In asynchronous method each character is placed between start and stop bits called framing.

→ The start bit is always one bit, but the stop bit can be one or two bits.

→ The start bit is always a 0 (low) and the stop bit is 1 (high).

→ Fig. below shows ASCII character 'A' (0100 0001)



→ When there is no transfer, the signal is 1 (high), which is referred to as mark. The 0 (low) is referred to as space.

→ The transmission begins with start bit followed by D0, which is the LSB, then the rest of the bits until the MSB (D7) and finally one stop bit indicating the end of the character 'A'.

### Data transfer rate:

→ The rate of data transfer in serial data communication is stated in bps (bits per second) ~~or~~ baud rate.

RS232 standard: 110 bps to 115200 bps

RxD and TxD pins:

- The 8051 has two pins that are used specifically for transferring and receiving data serially
- These two pins are called TxD and RxD and are part of the port 1 group (P3.0 and P3.1)
- These pins are TTL compatible

## IMP

### 8051 Serial port programming

- To allow data transfer between the PC and an 8051 system without any errors, we must make sure that the baud rate of the 8051 matches the baud rate of PC's com port.
- Some of the PC BIOS, baud rates, of 8051 are listed below

Baud rate	TH1 (Decimal)	TH1 (Hex)
-----------	---------------	-----------

9600	-3	FD
------	----	----

4800	-6	FA
------	----	----

2400	-12	F4
------	-----	----

1200	-24	E8
------	-----	----

Table 1. Timer 1 TH1 values for various baud rates

- Baud rate can be examined by going to the Windows HyperTerminal program and clicking on the communication settings option

Baud rate of the 8051:  
Baud rate determines which pins are used for which

- The 8051 transfers and receives data serially at different baud rates

→ The baud rate in the 8051 is programmable.  
is done with the help of Timer1.

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→ Relationship between the crystal frequency and the baud rate in 8051 is

✓ - 8051 divides the crystal frequency by 32 to get the machine cycle frequency.

- Assuming XTAL = 11.0592MHz, machine cycle frequency

$$f = \frac{1}{32} \times 11.0592\text{MHz} = \underline{\underline{921.6\text{kHz}}}$$

✓ - The 8051's serial communication UART circuitry divides the machine cycle frequency of 921.6kHz by 32 once more before it is used by Timer1 to set the baud rate.

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{921.6\text{kHz}}{32} = \underline{\underline{28,800\text{Hz}}}$$

- This value is used to find the Timer1 value to set the baud rate.

✓ - When Timer 1 is used to set the baud rate it must be programmed in mode 1, that is 8-bit auto-reload.

Ex: 1) With XTAL = 11.0592MHz, find the TH1 value needed to have the following baud rates

- (a) 9600      (b) 2400      (c) 1200

Sol: With XTAL = 11.0592 MHz, we have:

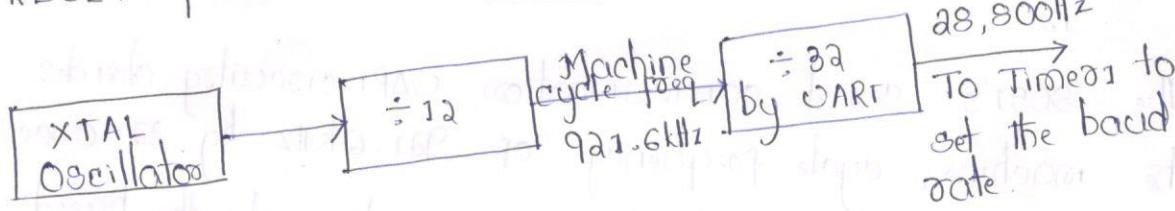
i)  $f = \frac{1}{32} \times \text{XTAL} = \frac{1}{32} \times 11.0592\text{MHz} = 921.6\text{kHz}$

$$(a) 28,800/3 = 9600 \quad \text{where } -3 = \text{FD(hex)} \text{ is loaded into TH1}$$

$$(b) 28,800/12 = 2400 \quad \text{where } -12 = \text{F4(hex)} \text{ is loaded into TH1}$$

$$(c) 28,800/24 = 1200 \quad \text{where } -24 = \text{E8(hex)} \text{ is loaded into TH1}$$

Note:  $\frac{1}{12}$ th the crystal frequency divided by 32 is the default value upon activation of the 8051 RESET pin.



### SBUF register:

→ SBUF is an 8-bit register used solely for serial communication in the 8051.

→ For a byte of data to be transferred via the TxD line, it must be placed in the SBUF register.

→ Similarly, SBUF holds the byte of data when it is received by the 8051's RxD line.

→ SBUF can be accessed like any other register in the 8051.

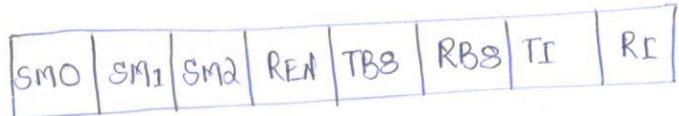
→ The moment a byte is written into SBUF, it is formed with the start and stop bits and transferred serially via the TxD pin.

→ Similarly, when the bits are received serially via RxD, the 8051 eliminates it by eliminating the stop and

## SCON (Serial Control) Register:

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- The SCON register is an 8-bit register used to program the start bit, stop bit and data bits of data framing.
- Fig. below shows various bits of the SCON register



- S<sub>M0</sub> and S<sub>M1</sub> determine the framing of data by specifying the number of bits per character, and the start and stop bits

S <sub>M0</sub>	S <sub>M1</sub>	
0	0	Serial Mode 0
0	1	Serial Mode 1, 8-bit data, 1 stop bit, 1 start bit
1	0	Serial Mode 2
1	1	Serial Mode 3

- Except Mode 1, remaining modes are rarely used
- When Mode 1 is chosen, the data framing is 8 bits, 1 stop bit and 1 start bit, which makes it compatible with the COM port of IBM/compatible PCs.
- Serial mode 1 allows the baud rate to be variable and is set by Timer1 of the 8051.
- In serial mode 1, for each character a total of 10 bits are transferred, where the first bit is the start bit, followed by 8 bits of data, and finally 1 stop bit.

## 21 REN: (Receive Enable)

- When the REN bit is high, it allows the 8051 to receive data on the RXD pin of the 8051.
- As a result if we want the 8051 to both transfer and receive data, REN must be set to 1.
- By making REN=0, the received is disabled.

## TB8:

- TB8 (transferred bit 8) is used for serial modes 2 and 3. TB8 = 0, since it is not used in our applications.

## RB8:

- In serial modes, this bit gets a copy of the stop bit when an 8-bit data is received.
- This bit is rarely used anywhere.
- In all our applications we will make RB8=0. Like TB8, the RB8 bit is also used in serial modes 2 and 3.

## TI:

- TI (Transmit interrupt) is an extremely important flag bit in the SCON register.

- When the 8051 finishes the transfer of the 8-bit character, it raises the TI flag to indicate that it is ready to transfer another byte.

- TI bit is raised at the beginning of the stop bit.

## RI: (Receive Interrupt)

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- Another important flag in the SCON register.
- When the 8051 receives data serially via RXD it gets rid of the start and stop bits and places the byte in the SBUF register.
- Then it raises the RI flag bit to indicate that a byte has been received and should be picked up before it is lost.
- RI is raised halfway through the stop bit.

## Programming the 8051 to transfer data serially:

1. The TMOD register is loaded with the value 20H, indicating the use of Timer1 in mode2. (8-bit auto reload) to set the baud rate.
2. The TH1 is loaded with one of the values in Table 1 to set the baud rate for serial data transfer (assuming XTAL = 11.0592 MHz)
3. The SCON register is loaded with the value 50H, indicating serial mode1, where an 8-bit data is framed with start and stop bits
4. TR1 is set to 1 to start Timer1
5. TI is cleared ( $TI=0$ )
6. The character byte to be transferred serially is written into the SBUF register

completely.

8. To transfer the next character, go to step 5.

### Importance of the TI flag:

→ To understand the importance of TI flag, look at the following sequence of steps that the 8051 goes through in transmitting a character via Tx D.

1. The byte character to be transmitted is written into the SBUF register
2. The start bit is transferred.
3. The 8-bit character is transferred one bit at a time
4. The stop bit is transferred, and TI flag is raised indicating that the last character was transmitted and it is ready to transfer the next character.
5. Monitoring of TI flag is necessary for not to overload the SBUF register
6. After SBUF is loaded with a new byte, the TI flag bit is cleared to 0 in order for this new byte to be transferred.

# ~~Programming the 8051 to receive data serially~~

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1. The TMOD register is loaded with the value 20H, indicating the use of Timer 1 in mode 2 (8-bit auto reload) to set the baud rate.
2. TH1 is loaded with one of the values in Table 1 to set the baud rate (assuming XTAL = 11.0592 MHz)
3. The SCON register is loaded with the value 50H, indicating serial mode 1, where 8-bit data is framed with start and stop bits are selective enable is turned on.
4. TR1 is set to 1 to start Timer1
5. RI is cleared ( $RI = 0$ )
6. The RI flag is monitored with [while( $RI == 0$ )] to see if an entire character has been received yet
7. When RI is raised, SBUF has the byte. Its contents are moved into a safe place.
8. To receive the next character, go to step 5.

## Importance of the RI flag bit:

→ In receiving bits via its RXD pin

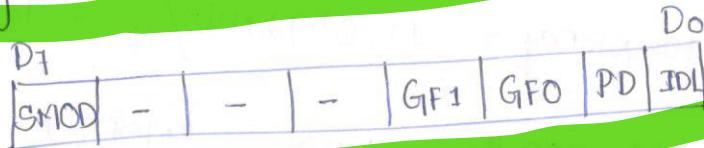
1. It receives the start bit indicating that the next bit is the first bit of the character byte it is about to receive.
2. The 8-bit character is received one bit at a time. When the last bit is received, a byte is formed and placed in SBUF.
3. The stop bit is received, and 8051 makes  $RI = 1$ , indicating that an entire character byte has been received and must be picked up before it gets overwritten by an incoming character.
4. By checking the RI flag bit when it is raised, we know that a character has been received and is sitting in the SBUF register. SBUF content is copied to safe place.
5. After SBUF contents are copied into a safe place, the RI flag bit must be forced to '0' in order to allow the next received character byte to be placed in SBUF.

## Doubling the baud rate in the 8051

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→ There are two ways to increase the baud rate of data transfer in the 8051.

- 1. Use a higher-frequency crystal
- 2. change a bit in the PCON register, chosen below



→ Option 1 is not feasible since the system crystal is fixed and also new crystal may not be compatible with the IBM PC serial com port's baud rate.

→ When the 8051 is powered up, SMOD bit is zero. It can be set to high by software and thereby double the baud rate.

### Baud rates for SMOD=0:

→ When SMOD=0, the 8051 divides  $\frac{1}{32}$  of the XTAL frequency by 32 and uses that frequency for Timer1 to set the baud rate.

$$(\text{XTAL} = 11.0592 \text{ MHz})$$

$$\text{Machine cycle freq} = \frac{11.0592 \text{ MHz}}{32} = 921.6 \text{ kHz}$$

$$921.6 \text{ kHz} / 32 = 28,800 \text{ Hz} \quad \text{since SMOD}=0.$$

→ This is the frequency used by Timer1 to set the baud rate.

## Baud rates for SMOD=1:

→ When SMOD=1,  $\frac{1}{12}$  of XTAL is divided by  $16$  (instead of  $32$ ) and that is the frequency used by Timer1 to set the baud rate.  
 $(XTAL = 11.0592 \text{ MHz})$

$$\text{Machine cycle frequency} = \frac{11.0592 \text{ MHz}}{12} = 921.6 \text{ kHz}$$

$$921.6 \text{ kHz} / 16 = 57,600 \text{ Hz} \text{ since } SMOD = 1.$$

→ This is the frequency used by Timer1 to set the baud rate.

TH1	(Decimal)	(Hex)	SMOD=0	SMOD=1
-3	FD	9,600	19,200	
-6	FA	4,800	9,600	
-12	F4	2,400	4,800	
-24	E8	1,200	2,400	

Table a: Baud rate comparison for SMOD=0 & SMOD=1

Ex: 1 If the crystal frequency is 22MHz, what will be the baud rate if  
 (a)  $TH1 = -3$  and  $SMOD = 1$ .  
 (b)  $TH1 = -12$  and  $SMOD = 0$ .

i)  $SMOD = 0$ .

$$\text{Machine cycle frequency} = \frac{22}{12} = 1833 \text{ kHz}$$

(a) with  $TH_1 = -3$ , the baud rate is  $\frac{57,281}{3} = 19,093$  (20)

(b) with  $TH_1 = -12$ , the baud rate is  $\frac{57,281}{12} = 4773$

ii)  $SMOD = 1$ , the baud rates are doubled

(a) with  $TH_1 = -3$ , the baud rate is 38,186

(b) with  $TH_1 = -12$ , the baud rate is 9546.

### Serial port programming in 'C':

i) Write a 'C' program for the 8051 to transfer the letter "A" serially at 4800 baud continuously. Use 8-bit data and 1 stop bit.

```
#include <reg51.h>
```

```
void main (void)
```

```
{
```

```
    TMOD = 0x00; // use Timer 1, 8-bit auto reload
```

```
    TH1 = 0xFA; // 4800 baud rate
```

```
    SCON = 0x50;
```

```
    TR1 = 1;
```

```
    while (1)
```

```
    {
```

```
        SBUF = 'A'; // place value in buffer
```

```
        while (TI == 0);
```

```
        TI = 0;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

a) Write an 8051 C program to transfer the message "GET" serially at 9600 baud, 8-bit data, 1 stop bit. Do this continuously.

```
#include <reg51.h>
void SetTx(unsigned char);
void main (void)
{
    TMOD = 0x20;           // use Timer1, 8-bit auto reload
    TH1 = 0xFD;             // 9600 baud rate
    SCON = 0x50;
    TR1 = 1;                // start timer
    while (1)
    {
        SetTx ('G');
        SetTx ('E');
        SetTx ('T');
    }
}

void SetTx (unsigned char x)
{
    SBUF = x;               // place value in buffer
    while (TI == 0);         // wait until transmitted.
    TI = 0;
}
```

## 8051 Interrupts:

### Interrupts vs polling:

- A single microcontroller can serve several devices. There are two ways to do that.
  - i) interrupts
  - ii) polling
- In the interrupt method, whenever any device needs its service, the device notifies the microcontroller by sending it an interrupt signal.
- Upon receiving an interrupt signal, the microcontroller interrupts whatever it is doing and serves the device.
- The program associated with the interrupt is called the interrupt service routine (ISR) or interrupt handler.
- In polling, the microcontroller continuously monitors the status of a given device; when the status condition is met, it performs the service.
- After that, it moves on to monitor the next device until each one is serviced.
- Although polling can monitor the status of several devices and serve each of them as certain conditions are met, it is not an efficient use of the microcontroller.

3) Program the 8051 in 'C' to receive bytes of  
data serially and put them in P1. Set the baud  
rate at 4800, 8-bit data, and 1 stop bit.

```
#include <8051.h>
void main(void)
{
    unsigned char mybyte;
    TMOD = 0x20;           // use Timer 1, 8-bit auto-reload
    TH1 = 0xFA;             // 4800 baud rate
    SCON = 0x50;
    TR1 = 1;                // start timer
    while(1)                // repeat forever
    {
        while(RI == 0);      // wait to receive
        mybyte = SBUF;       // save value
        P1 = mybyte;         // write value to port
        RI = 0;
    }
}
```

$$\boxed{\text{Baud rate} = \frac{K \times \text{XTAL frequency}}{32 \times 12 \times [256 - (TH1)]}}$$

where  $K = 1$ ; if  $\text{SMOD} = 0$

$K = 2$ ; if  $\text{SMOD} = 1$

## Unit V: Interfacing I/O devices with 8051 Microcontrollers

- LCD, ADC, DAC, Stepper Motor, Keyboard.

### 1. LCD Interfacing: (Liquid Crystal Display) : LCD Operation

→ LCD is finding widespread use replacing LEDs (Seven Segment LEDs) for the following reasons

- i. Declining prices of LCD
- ii. Ability to display numbers, characters and graphics
- iii. Incorporation of refreshing controller into the LCD
- iv. Ease of programming for characters and graphics.

#### LCD pin description:

→ The LCD discussed in this section has 14 pins.

##### 1. RS (Register Select):

→ Two registers are available inside the LCD.

→ The RS pin is used for their selection as follows.

→ If  $RS=0$ , the instruction command code register is selected, allowing the user to send a command such as clear display, cursor at home, etc.

→ If  $RS=1$  the data register is selected, allowing the user to send data to be displayed on the LCD

##### 2. R/W, read/write:

→ R/W input allows the user to write information to the LCD or read information from it

→  $R/W=1$  when reading,  $R/W=0$  when writing

→

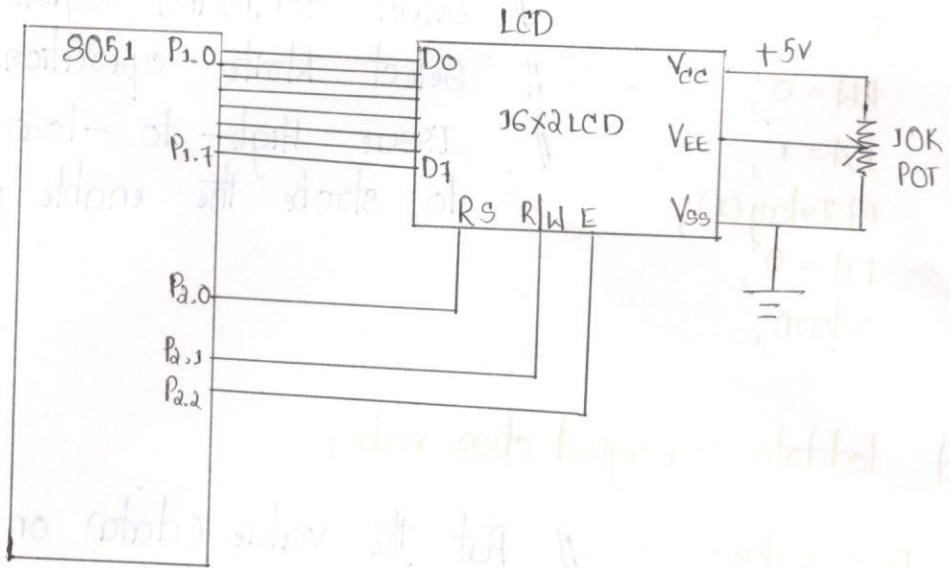
### 3. E, enable:

- The **enable pin** is used by the LCD to latch information presented to its data pins.
- When **data** is supplied to **data pins**, a **high-to-low pulse** **must be applied to this pin** in order for the LCD to latch in the data present at the data pins.

### 4. D<sub>0</sub>-D<sub>7</sub>:

- The 8-bit data pins, **D<sub>0</sub>-D<sub>7</sub>** are used to **send information to the LCD or read the contents of the LCD's internal registers.**
- To display letters and numbers, we send **ASCII codes** for the letters A-z, a-z and numbers 0-9 to these pins while making **R<sub>S</sub>=1**.
- There are also instruction command codes that can be sent to the LCD to clear the display or force the cursor to the home position or blink the cursor, while making **R<sub>S</sub>=0**
- Table below shows LCD command codes

Code (Hex)	Command to LCD Instruction Register
1	Clear Display screen
d	Return home
4	Decrement cursor
6	Increment cursor
E	Display ON, Cursor blinking
80	Force cursor to beginning of 1st line (80...8F)
CO	Force cursor to beginning of and line (CO...CF)
38	Set number of lines and 5x7 matrix



Write an 8051 'C' program to send letters 'c', 's' and 'E' to the LCD using delays

```
#include<8051.h>
sbit RS = P2^0;
sbit RW = P2^1;
sbit EN = P2^2;
void main()
{
    lcdcmd(0x38); // LCD a line, 5x7 matrix
    msDelay(250);
    lcdcmd(0x0E); // Display on, cursor off, blinking
    msDelay(250);
    lcdcmd(0x01); // clear display
    msDelay(250);
    lcdcmd(0x06); // Increment cursor
    msDelay(250);
    lcdcmd(0x86); // LCD 1st line, 6th position
    msDelay(250);
    lcdData('c'); // Send character 'c'
    msDelay(250);
    lcdData('s'); // Send character 's'
    msDelay(250);
    lcdData('E'); // Send character 'E'
    msDelay(250);
```

```
{  
    P1 = value;           // Put the value (command) on pins  
    RS = 0;               // Select command register  
    RW = 0;               // Select write operation  
    EN = 1;               // Issue High-to-low pulse  
    MSDelay(1);           to strobe the enable pin  
    EN = 0;  
    return;  
}
```

```
void Ioddatal(unsigned char value)
```

```
{  
    P1 = value;           // Put the value (data) on pins  
    RS = 1;               // Select Data register  
    RW = 0;               // Perform write operation  
    EN = 1;               // Issue high-to-low pulse to  
    MSDelay(1);           strobe the enable pin.  
    EN = 0;  
    return;  
}
```

```
void MSDelay(unsigned int itime)
```

```
{  
    unsigned int i, j;  
    for (i=0; i<itime; i++)  
        for (j=0; j<1275; j++);  
}
```

## d. ADC Interfacing: (Analog-to-Digital converter) (0808/0809) (3)

- The ADC 0808/0809 chip allows us to monitor up to 8 different analog inputs using only a single chip.
- The 8 analog input channels are multiplexed and selected according to the Table given below. using three address pins A, B and C

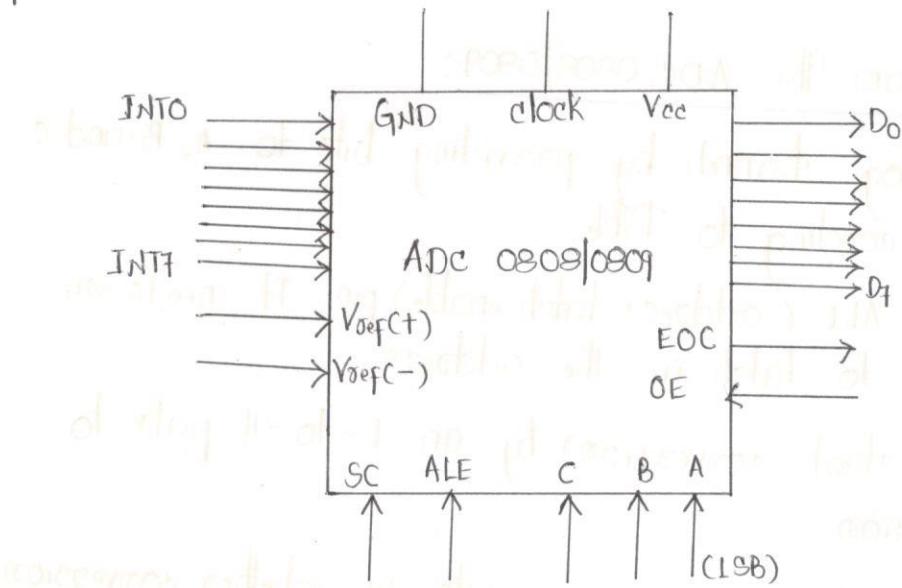


Fig. ADC 0808/0809

Table: ADC 0808/0809 Analog channel Selection

Selected Analog channel	C	B	A
IN0	0	0	0
IN1	0	0	1
IN2	0	1	0
IN3	0	1	1
IN4	1	0	0
IN5	1	0	1
IN6	1	1	0
IN7	1	1	1

→ In ADC, V<sub>ref</sub>(+) and V<sub>ref</sub>(-) set the reference voltage. If V<sub>ref</sub>(-) = GND and V<sub>ref</sub>(+) = 5V, the step size is

$$5V/256 = 19.53mV$$

→ A, B and C address lines are used to select IN0-IN7, and activate ALE to latch in the address.

→ SC is for start conversion, EOC is for end-of-conversion and OE is for output enable (READ) (WRITE)

→ The EOC and OE are same as INTR and RD pins respectively.

### Steps to program the ADC 0808/0809:

1. Select an analog channel by providing bits to A, B and C addresses according to Table.
2. Activate the ALE (address latch enable) pin. It needs an L-to-H pulse to latch in the address.
3. Activate SC (start conversion) by an L-to-H pulse to initiate conversion.
4. Monitor EOC (End-of-conversion) to see whether conversion is finished. H-to-L output indicates that the data is converted and is ready to be picked up.
5. Activate OE (Output Enable) to read data out of the ADC chip. An L-to-H pulse to the OE pin will bring digital data out of the chip.

### Programming ADC 0808/0809 in 'C':

```
#include <reg51.h>
sbit ALE = P2^4;
sbit OE = P2^5;
sbit SC = P2^6;
sbit EOC = P2^7;
sbit ADDR_A = P2^0;
sbit ADDR_B = P2^1;
sbit ADDR_C = P2^2;
```

```

void main()
{
    unsigned char value;
    P1 = 0xFF; // make P1 as input
    EOC = 1; // make EOC an input
    ALE = 0; // clear ALE
    OE = 0; // clear OE
    SC = 0; // clear SC
    while (1)
    {
        ADDR_C = 0; // C=0
        ADDR_B = 0; // B=0
        ADDR_A = 1; // A=1, select channel
        MSDelay(1); // Delay
        ALE = 1; // enable RD
        NSDelay(1);
        SC = 1; // start conversion
        MSDelay(1);
        ALE = 0;
        SC = 0; // start conversion
        while (EOC == 1); // wait for data conversion
        while (EOC == 0);
        OE = 1; // enable RD
        MSDelay(1);
        P1 = Value; // get the data
        OE = 0; // clear OE for next round
    }
}

```

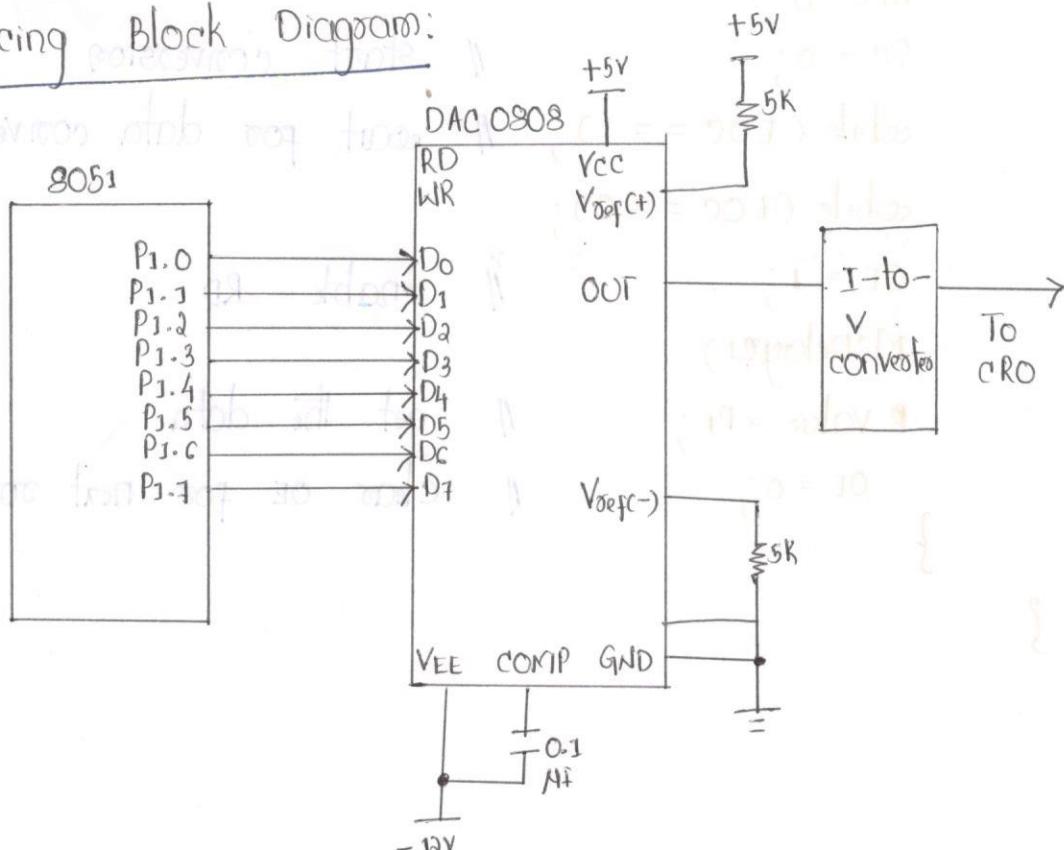
### 3. DAC Interfacing (D to A converter): (0808)

- The digital-to-analog converter is a widely used device to convert digital pulses to analog signals.
- DAC 0808 is a R-2R ladder type DAC and it achieves much higher degree of precision.
- The resolution of DAC is defined as the number of data bit inputs.
- DAC 0808 is 8-bit DAC and it provides  $2^8 = 256$  discrete voltage/current levels.
- The output DAC 0808 is current and it is given by

$$I_{out} = I_{ref} \left( \frac{D_7}{2} + \frac{D_6}{4} + \frac{D_5}{8} + \frac{D_4}{16} + \frac{D_3}{32} + \frac{D_2}{64} + \frac{D_1}{128} + \frac{D_0}{256} \right)$$

- where  $D_0$  is LSB,  $D_7$  is MSB for the inputs and  $I_{ref}$  is the input current that must be applied to pin 14.

Interfacing Block Diagram:



## Programming DAC in C: (To generate sine wave)

(5)

```
#include <reg51.h>
```

DAC

```
void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    unsigned char Wave[12] = {128, 192, 238, 265, 238, 192, 128, 64,  
    17, 0, 17, 64};
```

```
    unsigned char i;
```

```
    while(1)
```

```
{
```

```
    for (i=0; i<12; i++)
```

```
{
```

```
    Pi = Wave[i];
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

$$V_{out} = 5v + 5 \cdot \sin \theta \text{ where } \theta = 0, 30, 60, 90, \dots, 360$$

values sent to DAC (decimal) (voltage magnitude  $\times 25.6$ )

### Exercise Programs:

1. Write an 8051 C program to interface DAC with 8051 Microcontroller to generate the following waveforms

i) Square / Rectangular

ii) Ramp

iii) Triangular

iv) Staircase