

Smart Dog Bowl Using FFT Analysis of Dog's Bark

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1 Motivation

In designing a smart dog bowl to open only for a specific dog, it is important that method used for identifying the dog be very accurate; there should never be a case where a dog is unable to access his food. Obvious approaches to this problem would be to put some sort of identification tag on the dog's collar, such as RFID or a modulated IR beacon.

However, these approaches can easily break down under fairly common circumstances—IR must have a clear path to the sensor, and RFID depends on a specific orientation. In addition, these approaches require the dog to be wearing his collar, and—in the case of IR—the collar must be powered. I believe that the most important part of this bowl is that a dog must never approach his bowl, only to have it not open due to something blocking the identification on his collar.

2 Method of Approach

To solve the problems described above, I have elected to identify the dog using its bark. Just as humans each have a distinct-sounding voice, a dog's bark contains a unique spectrum of frequencies. By analyzing these frequencies, I believe that a system can be designed that will open for one dog's bark but not another's.

The dog can never really "lose" his bark, so it is ideal in that the dog will always be able to open the dish on his own. Additionally, in the case that an error causes the dog to be misidentified, the dog will likely try again, reducing the probability of error.

One disadvantage of this design is that the dog will have to be trained to bark in order to open his food dish. However, this seems fairly easy, as teaching a dog to "speak" is a fairly common trick. Another obvious disadvantage is that the analysis will not get a distance measurement to the dog. In order to overcome this, I will use ultrasonic ranging sensors to determine whether or not the dog is within a 1 ft radius.

3 Hardware Operation

My design comprises a microphone with an audio amplifier, triggering logic for generating interrupts, ultrasonic rangefinders for measuring proximity, an Arduino for performing the signal processing, and a servo motor for opening the dog bowl.

All of the signal processing for this design will be performed on an Arduino board. The processor will sample the dog's bark, then perform an FFT on the data and compare it to saved values. If the bark matches, the bowl will open.

There will be 4 ultrasonic proximity detectors to determine whether or not there is an object within 1 ft of the bowl. This will consist of an ultrasonic range finder and circuitry comparing it to a reference range. This detector will output a digital 1 if there is an object within a foot, and a 0 if there is not. Each range finder can detect in a 15° angle. By putting 4 of these in a circle around the bowl, they should be able to detect anything larger than a foot wide around the entire radius. More sensors can easily be used, at a slightly increased cost.

The microphone will output a simple analog signal into the Arduino. In addition, some analog circuitry will be used to generate an interrupt whenever the analog input reaches a certain threshold in order to allow the Arduino to idle at lower power when data is not being read.

A block diagram for this design is shown in figure (1).

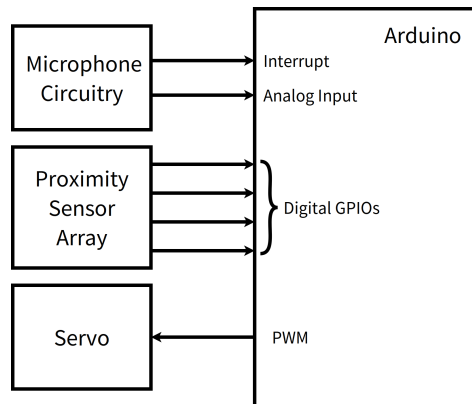


Figure 1: Top-level block diagram for the dog bowl.

3.1 Microphone Circuitry

All of the microphone circuitry is detailed in figure (2).

The microphone is powered from V_{cc} through a $2.2\text{ k}\Omega$ resistor, as recommended in the data sheet. The signal is then lowpass-filtered before being fed into the amplifier. The lowpass filter is designed with a corner frequency of 10 Hz using $R_2 = 100\text{ k}\Omega$ and $C_1 = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$. This will filter out the DC component without affecting the AC signal.

The audio amplifier uses an op-amp with a single-sided supply in order to amplify the input signal. The amplifier is arranged in a noninverting configuration, with a total amplification factor of 560 (27.5 dB). The resistor R_f can be adjusted as needed to change the amplification. Note that the AC input may go below ground, but this will be clipped by the amplifier.

The output of the amplifier is then fed directly into the ADC on the Arduino board. This amplified signal is also fed into the comparator U2 in order to generate an interrupt to tell the Arduino to begin recording the audio. The trigger level is set with R_4 and R_5 . I have found that a level of around 1.7 V works well. This interrupt trigger is fed into a GPIO pin on the Arduino to generate an interrupt.

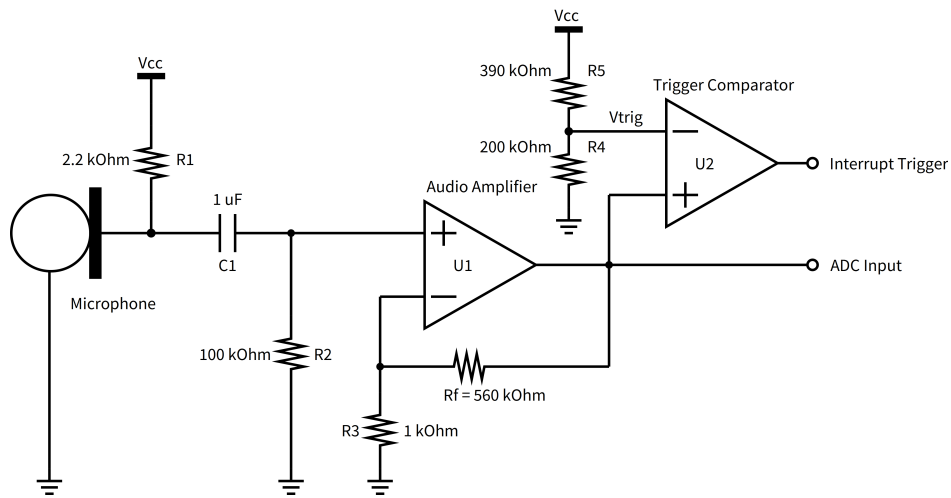


Figure 2: Microphone amplifier and trigger generator.

3.2 Proximity Sensor Array

The proximity sensor array is shown in figure (3).

The sensor array is fed by ultrasonic range finders. Each range finder outputs an analog voltage representing the distance to the nearest object (the exact relation is not important to this design). The output of these sensors will be fed into comparators, comparing them to a fixed voltage. This voltage will correspond to approximately 1 ft from the ultrasonic sensors. The voltage is created using a voltage divider with the resistors R6 and R7. I have found that a voltage level of 0.76 V works well for identifying objects approximately 1 ft away.

The outputs from all of these comparators will go into GPIO pins on the Arduino. When the microphone circuit triggers a recording, the Arduino will first check that at least one of the proximity sensors is triggered before computing the FFT of the recording.

Note that the comparators used in my design are open drain, so they do not drive the output to Vcc; rather, they put the output in a high-impedance state that requires a pull-up resistor. The Arduino GPIO pins have internal pull-up resistors, so these are not included in my analog circuitry.

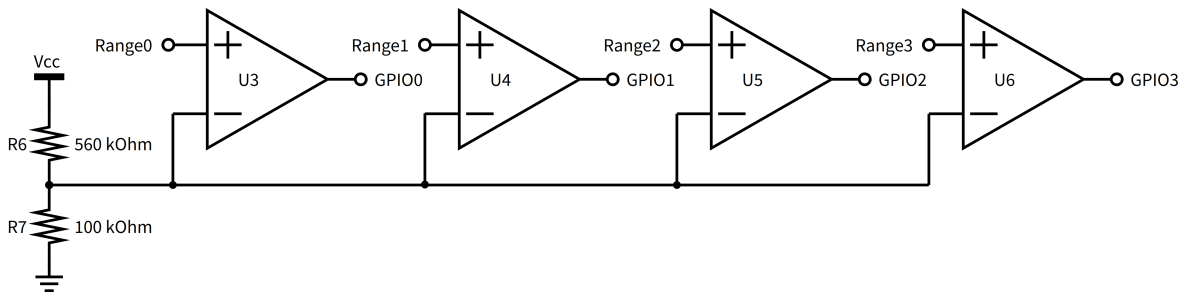


Figure 3: Circuit for the array of proximity sensors.

3.3 Servo Motor

The servo motor is a standard Parallax servo motor with 180° of motion. The position of the servo is controlled through PWM. One of the PWM outputs on the Arduino will switch the servo between the open position and the closed position when needed.

4 Software Operation

The main loop for the software is a simple finite state machine, shown in figure (4). The machine starts in the INIT state. Once data is available to analyze, the program checks if there is anything in the proximity of the bowl. If there is, then the FFT analysis is performed. If not, the data collection is reset.

If the FFT analysis finds that the frequency spectrum matches the spectrum of the key, then the bowl is opened. Otherwise, the data collection is reset. Once the bowl is open, it will just wait until nothing is nearby (i.e. the proximity sensors are no longer activated). At this point, the bowl will be reset.

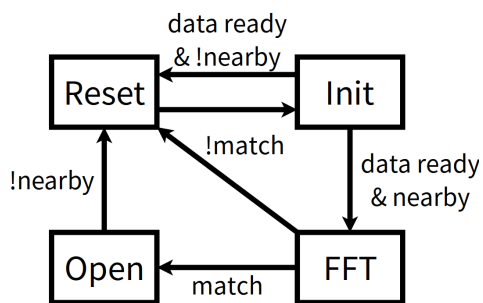


Figure 4: Finite state machine for controlling the dogbowl.

4.1 Analog Data Collection Function Declarations

```

1  /*
2  * adc.h
3  *
4  * Functions for collecting data over the ADC.
5  *
6  * This file contains functions that handle data collection from the ADC using
7  * interrupts. The ADC will be run at set intervals and generate an interrupt
8  * every time it has a new data point. Functions in this file will record the
9  * data point and disable further interrupts once the buffer is full. Once the
10 * buffer is no longer in use, interrupts can be re-enabled when needed.
11 *
12 * Peripherals Used:
13 *   ADC
14 *   External interrupts
15 *
16 * Pins Used:
17 *   PF0
18 *   PD0
19 *
20 * Revision History:
21 *   05 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.

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22 *      06 Jun 2015      Brian Kubisiak      Added external trigger.
23 */
24
25 #ifndef _ADC_H_
26 #define _ADC_H_
27
28
29 #include "data.h"
30
31 /*
32 * init_adc
33 *
34 * Description: This function initializes the ADC peripheral so that the proper
35 * pins are allocated for use. After this function, the ADC will
36 * *not* be running; the 'adc_start_collection' function should be
37 * called before data will be collected. This initialization
38 * involves:
39 *   - Writing to ADMUX and ADCSRB to select the input channel.
40 *   - Enable ADC by writing to ADCSRA.
41 *   - Left-adjust the data input by writing to ADMUX.
42 *   - Set the trigger source using ADCSRB.
43 *   - Setting up interrupts for autotriggering.
44 *   - Setting up external interrupt.
45 *
46 * Notes:      This function will initialize the ADC to use PF0. If this pin is
47 * used for another purpose, these functions will not work
48 * properly.
49 */
50 void init_adc(void);
51
52
53 /*
54 * adc_get_buffer
55 *
56 * Description: Get a pointer to the buffer of data that has been filled by the
57 * ADC. Note that this buffer should be retrieved each time that
58 * the data collection completes and should not be used globally.
59 *
60 * Returns:     Returns a pointer to the buffer containing the data collected by
61 * the ADC.
62 *
63 * Notes:      This kind of makes the buffer into a global variable, so be
64 * careful where this is used. Also note that the buffer should
65 * only be used once it is filled.
66 */
67 complex *adc_get_buffer(void);
68
69 /*
70 * is_data_collected
71 *
72 * Description: Determines whether or not the data has been fully collected. If
73 * the buffer is full of new data, this function returns nonzero.
74 * If the ADC is still collecting data for the buffer, returns 0.
75 * This is used to find if the data is ready to run through the
76 * FFT.
77 *
78 * Returns:     If the buffer is full of new data, return nonzero. Else, return
79 * zero.
80 *
81 * Notes:      The data collection is reset when the 'adc_start_collection'
82 * function is called.
83 */
84 unsigned char is_data_collected(void);
85
86 /*
```

```

87  * adc_reset_buffer
88  *
89  * Description: Resets the data buffer that is filled by the ADC. This function
90  *              will clear empty the buffer and cause the ADC to begin filling
91  *              from the beginning. Note that this function does not start the
92  *              ADC data collection; the buffer will be refilled from the
93  *              beginning once the 'adc_start_collection' function is called.
94  *
95  * Notes:       This function should not be called while the buffer is in the
96  *              process of being filled. This may cause unexpected race
97  *              conditions.
98  */
99  void adc_reset_buffer(void);
100
101
102 #endif /* end of include guard: _ADC_H_ */

```

4.2 Analog Data Collection Functions

```

1  /*
2  * adc.c
3  *
4  * Functions for collecting data over the ADC.
5  *
6  * This file contains functions that handle data collection from the ADC using
7  * interrupts. The ADC will be run at set intervals and generate an interrupt
8  * every time it has a new data point. Functions in this file will record the
9  * data point and disable further interrupts once the buffer is full. Once the
10 * buffer is no longer in use, interrupts can be re-enabled when needed.
11 *
12 * Peripherals Used:
13 *     ADC
14 *     External interrupts
15 *
16 * Pins Used:
17 *     PF0
18 *     PD0
19 *
20 * Revision History:
21 *     05 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.
22 *     06 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Added external trigger.
23 *     08 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Added pullup resistor to INT0.
24 */
25
26 #include <avr/io.h>
27 #include <avr/interrupt.h>
28
29 #include "adc.h"
30
31 /* Initial values for the ADC configuration registers. */
32 #define ADMUX_VAL    0x60
33 #define ADCSRA_VAL   0x8F
34 #define ADCSRB_VAL   0x00
35 #define DIDR0_VAL    0x01
36 #define DIDR2_VAL    0x00
37
38 /* Initial values for external interrupt configuration. */
39 #define EICRA_VAL     0x03
40 #define EIMSK_VAL     0x01
41
42 /* Add pullup resistor to interrupt pin. */
43 #define PORTD_VAL     0xFF

```

```
44
45 /* ORing this with ADCSRA will begin the data collection process. */
46 #define ADCSTART    0x60
47
48 static complex databuf[SAMPLE_SIZE];
49 static unsigned int bufidx = 0;
50 static unsigned char buffull = 0;
51 static unsigned char collecting = 0;
52
53 /*
54  * adc_start_collection
55  *
56  * Description: Start collecting a new buffer of data. This function will enable
57  *              auto-triggering off of the ADC interrupt and start a new
58  *              conversion to start the chain of data collection. Once the
59  *              buffer is full, the interrupt vector will disable the
60  *              autotriggering automatically.
61  *
62  * Notes:       This function should not be called until the buffer is filled
63  *              and data collection halts. This can be checked with the
64  *              'is_data_collected' function.
65  */
66 static void adc_start_collection(void)
67 {
68     /* Reset the index to load values into the start of the buffer. */
69     bufidx = 0;
70
71     /* Buffer is no longer full. */
72     buffull = 0;
73
74     /* Set the flag signaling that collection is in progress. */
75     collecting = 1;
76
77     /* Enable autotriggering and start the first conversion. */
78     ADCSRA |= ADCSTART;
79 }
80
81 /*
82  * init_adc
83  *
84  * Description: This function initializes the ADC peripheral so that the proper
85  *              pins are allocated for use. After this function, the ADC will
86  *              *not* be running; the 'adc_start_collection' function should be
87  *              called before data will be collected. This initialization
88  *              involves:
89  *              - Writing to ADMUX and ADCSRB to select the input channel.
90  *              - Enable ADC by writing to ADCSRA.
91  *              - Left-adjust the data input by writing to ADMUX.
92  *              - Set the trigger source using ADCSRB.
93  *              - Enable the ADC interrupt.
94  *              - Setting up interrupts for autotriggering.
95  *              - Setting up external interrupt.
96  *
97  * Notes:       This function will initialize the ADC and external interrupt to
98  *              use PF0 and PD0. If these pins are used for another purpose,
99  *              these functions will not work properly.
100 */
101 void init_adc(void)
102 {
103     /* Set all the configuration registers to their initial values. */
104     ADMUX = ADMUX_VAL;
105     ADCSRA = ADCSRA_VAL;
106     ADCSRB = ADCSRB_VAL;
107     DIDR0 = DIDR0_VAL;
108     DIDR2 = DIDR2_VAL;
```

```
109
110     /* Reset the buffer collection. */
111     adc_reset_buffer();
112
113     /* Add pullup resistor to the INT0 pin. */
114     PORTD = PORTD_VAL;
115
116     /* Activate the external interrupt for triggering a recording. */
117     EICRA = EICRA_VAL;
118     EIMSK = EIMSK_VAL;
119 }
120
121 /*
122  * adc_get_buffer
123  *
124  * Description: Get a pointer to the buffer of data that has been filled by the
125  *             ADC. Note that this buffer should be retrieved each time that
126  *             the data collection completes and should not be used globally.
127  *
128  * Returns:    Returns a pointer to the buffer containing the data collected by
129  *             the ADC.
130  *
131  * Notes:      This kind of makes the buffer into a global variable, so be
132  *             careful where this is used.
133  */
134 complex *adc_get_buffer(void)
135 {
136     /* Return the current buffer. */
137     return databuf;
138 }
139
140 /*
141  * is_data_collected
142  *
143  * Description: Determines whether or not the data has been fully collected. If
144  *             the buffer is full of new data, this function returns nonzero.
145  *             If the ADC is still collecting data for the buffer, returns 0.
146  *             This is used to find if the data is ready to run through the
147  *             FFT.
148  *
149  * Returns:    If the buffer is full of new data, return nonzero. Else, return
150  *             zero.
151  *
152  * Notes:      The data collection is reset when the 'adc_start_collection'
153  *             function is called.
154  */
155 unsigned char is_data_collected(void)
156 {
157     /* Data is collected once the buffer is full. */
158     return buffull;
159 }
160
161
162 /*
163  * adc_reset_buffer
164  *
165  * Description: Resets the data buffer that is filled by the ADC. This function
166  *             will clear empty the buffer and cause the ADC to begin filling
167  *             from the beginning. Note that this function does not start the
168  *             ADC data collection; the buffer will be refilled from the
169  *             beginning once the 'adc_start_collection' function is called.
170  *
171  * Notes:      This function should not be called while the buffer is in the
172  *             process of being filled. This may cause unexpected race
173  *             conditions.
```



```
174  */
175 void adc_reset_buffer(void)
176 {
177     /* Start buffer collection from the beginning. */
178     bufidx = 0;
179
180     /* Buffer is no longer full. */
181     buffull = 0;
182
183     /* No longer collecting data. */
184     collecting = 0;
185 }
186
187 /*
188  * ADC_vect
189  *
190  * Description: Interrupt vector for the ADC interrupt. When this interrupt
191  *              occurs, the function will store the new data point if the buffer
192  *              is not yet full. Then, the function will check to see if the
193  *              buffer is now full, updating the flag accordingly. Once the
194  *              buffer is full, data collection is disabled.
195  *
196  * Notes:       The interrupt should be automatically reset in hardware.
197  */
198 ISR(ADC_vect)
199 {
200     /* If the buffer is not yet full, record the data. */
201     if (!buffull)
202     {
203         /* Take the upper 8 bits of the ADC as the real part of the signal. The
204          * imaginary part is zero. */
205         databuf[bufidx].real = ADCH;
206         databuf[bufidx].imag = 0;
207
208         /* Next data point should be stored in the next slot. */
209         bufidx++;
210
211         /* Check to see if the buffer is full. */
212         if (bufidx == SAMPLE_SIZE)
213         {
214             /* When full, set the flag. */
215             buffull = 1;
216
217             /* Disable further data collection. */
218             ADCSRA = ADCSRA_VAL;
219         }
220     }
221     /* If the buffer is already full, then we triggered once too many
222      * conversions. This interrupt can be ignored. */
223
224     /* Interrupt flag is automatically turned off in hardware. */
225 }
226
227 /*
228  * INT0_vect
229  *
230  * Description: Triggers the ADC data collection on an external interrupt. Once
231  *              the amplitude of the audio input goes above a certain level,
232  *              this interrupt will fire and begin recording data. If data is
233  *              already being collected, or the buffer is already full, then the
234  *              interrupt will be ignored.
235  *
236  * Notes:       The interrupt should be automatically reset in hardware.
237  */
238 ISR(INT0_vect)
```

```
239 {
240     /* If we aren't already collecting, start the collection. */
241     if (!collecting) {
242         adc_start_collection();
243     }
244     /* Else, just ignore this interrupt. */
245
246     /* The interrupt flag is cleared automatically in hardware. */
247 }
```

4.3 Complex Number Data Type

```
1  /*
2  * data.h
3  *
4  * Data types and constants for analyzing a frequency spectrum.
5  *
6  * This file describes the complex number data type, as well as functions for
7  * adding and multiplying complex numbers. Constants for determining the number
8  * of samples to use are also defined here.
9  *
10 * Revision History:
11 *     16 Apr 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.
12 *     04 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Changes to SAMPLE_SIZE macro.
13 */
14
15 #ifndef _DATA_H_
16 #define _DATA_H_
17
18
19
20 #ifndef SAMPLE_SIZE
21 #define SAMPLE_SIZE      64      /* Number of samples in the buffer. */
22 #define LOG2_SAMPLE_SIZE  6
23 #endif
24
25
26 /*
27 * complex
28 *
29 * Description: Data type for holding a complex number. This data type uses
30 *              Cartesian coordinates for holding the number, so it is optimized
31 *              for addition rather than multiplication.
32 *
33 * Members:     real  The real part of the complex number.
34 *              imag  The imaginary part of the complex number.
35 */
36 typedef struct _complex {
37     char real;
38     char imag;
39 } complex;
40
41
42 /*
43 * add
44 *
45 * Description: Adds together two complex numbers in the Cartesian plane.
46 *
47 * Arguments:   a  The first number to add.
48 *              b  The second number to add.
49 *
50 * Returns:     Returns the complex number that is the sum of the two inputs.
```

```
51  */
52  complex add(complex a, complex b);
53
54
55  /*
56  * mul
57  *
58  * Description: Computes the product of two complex numbers in the Cartesian
59  *              plane.
60  *
61  * Arguments:   a  First number to multiply.
62  *              b  Second number to multiply.
63  *
64  * Returns:     Returns the complex number that is the product of the two
65  *              inputs.
66  *
67  * Notes:       The number is stored in rectangular coordinates, so taking the
68  *              product will be a bit slow.
69  */
70  complex mul(complex a, complex b);
71
72
73
74  #endif /* end of include guard: _DATA_H_ */
```

4.4 Complex Number Operations

```
1  /*
2  * data.c
3  *
4  * Data types and constants for analyzing a frequency spectrum.
5  *
6  * This file describes the complex number data type, as well as functions for
7  * adding and multiplying complex numbers. Constants for determining the number
8  * of samples to use are also defined here.
9  *
10 * Revision History:
11 *      16 Apr 2015      Brian Kubisiak      Initial revision.
12 */
13
14 #include "data.h"
15
16
17
18 /*
19 * add
20 *
21 * Description: Adds together two complex numbers in the Cartesian plane.
22 *
23 * Arguments:   a  The first number to add.
24 *              b  The second number to add.
25 *
26 * Returns:     Returns the complex number that is the sum of the two inputs.
27 */
28 complex add(complex a, complex b)
29 {
30     complex res;
31
32     /* Real part of result is sum of real parts of inputs. */
33     res.real = a.real + b.real;
34     /* Imaginary part of result is sum of imaginary parts of inputs. */
35     res.imag = a.imag + b.imag;
```

```

36     return res;
37 }
38
39
40
41 /*
42  * mul
43  *
44  * Description: Computes the product of two complex numbers in the Cartesian
45  *              plane.
46  *
47  * Arguments:   a  First number to multiply.
48  *              b  Second number to multiply.
49  *
50  * Returns:     Returns the complex number that is the product of the two
51  *              inputs.
52  *
53  * Notes:       The number is stored in rectangular coordinates, so taking the
54  *              product will be a bit slow.
55  */
56 complex mul(complex a, complex b)
57 {
58     complex res;
59
60     /* (a + jb)(c + jd) = ac + jad + jbc + j^2 cd = (ac - cd) + j(ad + bc) */
61
62     /* Real part of result comes from product of real parts minus product of
63      * imaginary parts. */
64     res.real = (a.real * b.real) - (a.imag * b.imag);
65     /* Imaginary part is sum of cross products of inputs. */
66     res.imag = (a.real * b.imag) + (a.imag * b.real);
67
68     return res;
69 }

```

4.5 FFT Function Declarations

```

1  /*
2  * fft.h
3  *
4  * Perform Fast Fourier Transforms on data.
5  *
6  * This code is used for computing a low-footprint, high-speed FFT on an array
7  * of data. Because of the limitations of the platform that I am working on,
8  * several optimizations have to be made in order for the code to work.
9  * Specifically, the limitations I have are:
10 *
11 *      8 kB of RAM
12 *      No floating-point unit
13 *      8 -> 16 bit multiplier
14 *      8 bit adder (for speed)
15 *
16 * Some limitations are self-imposed in order to produce faster code. Each data
17 * point is a complex number with 8 bits for the real part and 8 bits for the
18 * imaginary.
19 *
20 * Revision History:
21 *      16 Apr 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.
22 *      06 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Added method for FFT comparison.
23 */
24
25

```

```

26 #ifndef _FFT_H_
27 #define _FFT_H_
28
29
30 #include "data.h" /* Complex data type, size of array, etc. */
31
32
33 /*
34  * fft
35  *
36  * Description: Computes the fast Fourier transform (FFT) of an array of input
37  *              data. This implementation is in-place, so it will take O(1)
38  *              space. Additionally, optimizations are performed assuming that
39  *              the data to transform is purely real. The implementation assumes
40  *              8-bit characters and 16-bit shorts. It attempts to avoid 16-bit
41  *              additions/multiplications wherever possible in order to cut down
42  *              on the number of clocks.
43  *
44  * Arguments:   data An array of complex numbers for performing the FFT. This
45  *                FFT assumes that the array contains 'SAMPLE_SIZE' values of
46  *                type 'complex'. Both of these are defined in 'data.h'.
47  *
48  * Limitations: Assumes that the input data is purely real. Because there is no
49  *                FPU and fixed-point arithmetic is used, the resulting FFT will
50  *                not be normalized to anything sensible.
51  */
52 void fft(complex *data);
53
54
55 /*
56  * is_fft_match
57  *
58  * Description: Determines if the given frequency spectrum data is an
59  *              approximate match for the previously recorded data. The data
60  *              that this will be compared to is stored in ROM at compile time.
61  *              This function will first take the (integer) log2 of the
62  *              magnitude of the input data in order to normalize it. Then, the
63  *              difference between this data and the comparison values is
64  *              calculated, squared, and accumulated to get a measure of the
65  *              error. This is compared to a set threshold: above the threshold,
66  *              0 is returned; below the threshold, 1 is returned.
67  *
68  * Arguments:   data -- The data to compare to the previously-recorded data to
69  *                determine whether or not there is a match.
70  *
71  * Returns:     Returns 0 if the input data is dissimilar to the comparison
72  *              data. Returns 1 if the input data matches the comparison data,
73  *              within some error.
74  *
75  * Notes:       This function is very slow and probably won't give very good
76  *              results. Ideally, some more sophisticated analysis on a more
77  *              powerful chip should be used.
78  */
79 unsigned char is_fft_match(complex *data);
80
81
82 #endif /* end of include guard: _FFT_H_ */

```

4.6 FFT Code

```

1  /*
2  * fft.c

```

```
3  *
4  * Perform Fast Fourier Transforms on data.
5  *
6  * This code is used for computing a low-footprint, high-speed FFT on an array
7  * of data. Because of the limitations of the platform that I am working on,
8  * several optimizations have to be made in order for the code to work.
9  * Specifically, the limitations I have are:
10 *
11 *     8 kB of RAM
12 *     No floating-point unit
13 *     8 -> 16 bit multiplier
14 *     8 bit adder (for speed)
15 *
16 * Some limitations are self-imposed in order to produce faster code. Each data
17 * point is a complex number with 8 bits for the real part and 8 bits for the
18 * imaginary.
19 *
20 * Revision History:
21 *     16 Apr 2015      Brian Kubisiak      Initial revision.
22 *     06 Jun 2015      Brian Kubisiak      Added method for FFT comparison.
23 */
24
25 #include <stdio.h>
26 #include <stdlib.h>
27 #include <math.h>
28
29 #include "fft.h"
30
31 #define ERROR_THRESHOLD 30
32
33 extern complex root[SAMPLE_SIZE]; /* Roots of unity for the FFT. */
34 extern unsigned char key[SAMPLE_SIZE]; /* Spectrum that will open the bowl. */
35
36 /*
37  * fft
38  *
39  * Description: Computes the fast Fourier transform (FFT) of an array of input
40  * data. This implementation is in-place, so it will take O(1)
41  * space. Additionally, optimizations are performed assuming that
42  * the data to transform is purely real. The implementation assumes
43  * 8-bit characters and 16-bit shorts. It attempts to avoid 16-bit
44  * additions/multiplications wherever possible in order to cut down
45  * on the number of clocks.
46  *
47  * Arguments:  data An array of complex numbers for performing the FFT. This
48  *               FFT assumes that the array contains 'SAMPLE_SIZE' values of
49  *               type 'complex'. Both of these are defined in 'data.h'.
50  *
51  * Limitations: Assumes that the input data is purely real. Because there is no
52  *               FPU and fixed-point arithmetic is used, the resulting FFT will
53  *               not be normalized to anything sensible.
54  *
55  * Notes:      A lot of the notation below is made up. Basically, we do log2(N)
56  *               passes over the data, where each pass will iterate over a
57  *               cluster of butterflies (try googling 'FFT butterfly' if you
58  *               don't know what this is). Each cluster of butterflies is
59  *               separated by a certain stride value, so we can just continue to
60  *               increment by this stride until the data is covered. Then, start
61  *               the next pass.
62  *
63  *               If you don't understand how this works, try staring at FFT
64  *               butterflies a bit longer and it will hopefully make sense. If
65  *               that doesn't work, try eating ice cream because yum ice cream.
66  */
67
```

```

68 void fft(complex *data)
69 {
70     /*
71      * The stride of each pass over the data is a measure of the distance
72      * between the two data points combined together in a butterfly. It is
73      * always a power of two.
74      */
75     unsigned int stride;
76     unsigned int i, j, k;      /* Loop indices. */
77
78
79     /* We start off with two separate clusters of butterfly nodes filling the
80      * entire data set. */
81     stride = SAMPLE_SIZE / 2;
82
83     /* We need to perform log2(N) iterations over the data in order to fully
84      * transform it. */
85     for (i = 0; i < LOG2_SAMPLE_SIZE; i++)
86     {
87         /*
88          * Keep striding through the data until we cover all of it. Note that we
89          * only go to 'SAMPLE_SIZE / 2', since each butterfly covers 2 data
90          * points.
91          */
92         for (j = 0; j < SAMPLE_SIZE; j += 2*stride)
93         {
94             /*
95              * Iterate over every butterfly in the cluster. This will use one
96              * data point in the cluster, and one in the next cluster. We then
97              * stride over the next butterfly cluster to avoid redoing this
98              * computation.
99              */
100            for (k = j; k < j + stride; k++)
101            {
102                /* Get the two data points that we are transforming. */
103                complex a = data[k];
104                complex b = data[k+stride];
105
106                /* Since the roots are stored in bit-reversed order, we can just
107                 * index into the array with the butterfly index. */
108                complex w = root[j];
109
110                /* The negative of the root is just 180 degrees around the unit
111                 * circle. */
112                complex neg_w = root[j + SAMPLE_SIZE / 2];
113
114                /* Now transform them using a butterfly. */
115                data[k] = add(a, mul(b, w));
116                data[k+stride] = add(a, mul(b, neg_w));
117            }
118        }
119
120        /* Reduce the stride for the next pass over the data. */
121        stride /= 2;
122    }
123 }
124
125
126 /*
127  * is_fft_match
128  *
129  * Description: Determines if the given frequency spectrum data is an
130  * approximate match for the previously recorded data (the 'key').
131  * The key that this data will be compared to is stored in ROM at
132  * compile time. This function will first take the (integer) log2

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133 *           of the magnitude of the input data in order to normalize it.
134 *           Then, the difference between this data and the key is
135 *           calculated, squared, and accumulated to get a measure of the
136 *           error. This is compared to a set threshold: above the threshold,
137 *           0 is returned; below the threshold, 1 is returned.
138 *
139 * Arguments:  data -- The data to compare to the key to determine whether or
140 *                  not there is a match.
141 *
142 * Returns:    Returns 0 if the input data is dissimilar to the key.
143 *            Returns 1 if the input data matches the key, within some error.
144 *
145 * Notes:      This function is very slow and probably won't give very good
146 *            results. Ideally, some more sophisticated analysis on a more
147 *            powerful chip should be used.
148 */
149 unsigned char is_fft_match(complex *data)
150 {
151     double mag;
152     unsigned int i;
153     unsigned char cmpval;
154     unsigned long err = 0;
155
156     /* Transform each point of the input data. */
157     for (i = 0; i < SAMPLE_SIZE; i++)
158     {
159         /* First, take the log of the magnitude of the data. This will fit in an
160          * 8-bit char. */
161         mag = data[i].real * data[i].real + data[i].imag * data[i].imag;
162         cmpval = (char)log10(mag);
163
164         /* Now calculate the absolute value of the error, and accumulate it. */
165         err += abs(cmpval - key[i]);
166     }
167
168     /* Return true iff the error is below the error threshold. */
169     return (err < ERROR_THRESHOLD);
170 }

```

4.7 Frequency Spectrum Key

```

1  /*
2  * key.c
3  *
4  * Power spectrum for the key to the dog bowl.
5  *
6  * Contains the magnitude of the power spectrum of the dog bark that will unlock
7  * the dog bowl. This spectrum is compared to the recorded spectrum in order to
8  * identify the dog that barked. If the spectra match, the dog bowl will open.
9  *
10 * Revision History:
11 *     06 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.
12 *     09 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Working key added.
13 */
14
15 #include "data.h"
16
17 /* Frequency spectrum that unlocks the dog bowl, obtained empiracally. */
18 unsigned char key[SAMPLE_SIZE] = {
19     2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4, 2, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4,
20     3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 2, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4,
21     3, 3, 4, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4,

```



```
22 };
```

4.8 Generating Roots of Unity

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python2
2
3  import math          # Mathematical constants (e, pi)
4  import sys           # Command-line arguments
5  import datetime      # Generating revision dates
6
7
8  # Header string for including at the top of the generated .c file containing the
9  # roots of unity. Assumes that the output will go into a file called 'roots.c'.
10 header = '''
11 /*
12  * roots.c
13  *
14  * Constants representing the roots of unity.
15  *
16  * This file contains an array of the nth roots of unity. The total number of
17  * roots is determined by the constant 'SAMPLE_SIZE', which should be defined in
18  * the 'data.h' header file (or at compile time in the Makefile).
19  *
20  * DO NOT MODIFY THIS FILE BY HAND. IT IS GENERATED AUTOMATICALLY BY THE
21  * genroots.py PYTHON SCRIPT.
22  *
23  * Revision History:
24  *      04 Jun 2015      Brian Kubisiak      Initial revision.
25  *
26  * Last Generated:
27  *      %s
28  */
29
30
31 #include "data.h"
32 ''' % datetime.date.today().strftime("%d %b %Y")
33
34 dataheader = '''
35 /*
36  * root
37  *
38  * Description: This array contains the nth roots of unity for calculating the
39  *              FFT. The roots in this array contain an 8-bit real part and an
40  *              8-bit imaginary part. The roots are organized in a modified
41  *              bit-reversed order in order to make the accesses easier.
42  *
43  * Notes:       Due to the ordering of the roots, if the ith root is at
44  *              'root[j]', then its negative is at 'root[j + SAMPLE_SIZE/2]'.
45  */
46 const complex root[SAMPLE_SIZE] = {'''
47
48 datafooter = '''};'''
49
50 footer = '''
51 '''
52
53 def genroots(n):
54     """ This function takes in a number n and generates the nth roots of unity.
55         The resulting roots are returned in an array.
56
57         args:
58             n -- The number of roots to generate.
```

```

59
60     returns:
61         Returns an array containing the nth roots of unity.
62     """
63
64     # Start with an empty array of roots.
65     roots = []
66
67     # First root. We can exponentiate this to get the other roots.
68     w = math.e ** (2j * math.pi / n)
69
70     # Need to generate all n roots.
71     for i in range(n):
72         roots.append(w ** i)
73
74     return roots
75
76 def bitreverse(roots):
77     """ This function takes in the nth roots of unity and rearranges them in
78     bit-reversed order. Specifically, the root at index 0bwxzy will be moved to
79     index 0bzyxw, assuming that the root is in the first half of the array.
80
81     If the root is in the second half of the array, then it is just the negative
82     of a root in the first half. The roots in the second half of the array will
83     be ordered the same as their negatives in the first half. This will make it
84     easier to find negations of roots.
85
86     args:
87         n -- number of roots of unity
88         roots -- array containing all the nth roots of unity
89
90     returns:
91         Returns a new array of roots containing the values in the bit-reversed
92         order described above.
93     """
94
95     # Begin by copying the roots array.
96     out = roots
97
98     # Get the number of roots from the length of the array
99     n = len(roots)
100
101     # Loop over the first half of the values. Note that the second half will be
102     # rearranged in the same pattern as the first half.
103     for i in range(n / 2):
104         # First, compute a string representation of the number with the given
105         # width.
106         b = '{0{width}b}'.format(i, width = int(math.log(n/2, 2)))
107         # Now, reverse the string and convert it into an integer.
108         j = int(b[::-1], 2)
109
110         # Swap the values at these indices in both halves of the array.
111         out[i], out[j] = out[j], out[i]
112         out[i + n/2], out[j + n/2] = out[j + n/2], out[i + n/2]
113
114     return out
115
116 def printroots(roots):
117     """ This function prints out all the roots of unity in a format that can be
118     included as a C header file. The output will create an array 'root' that
119     contains the nth roots of unity of type 'complex' with fields 'real' and
120     'imag'. Note that this does not comply with the standard complex data type
121     in C.
122
123     args:

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124     roots -- the roots of unity to print.
125     """
126
127     # Print the file header and some documentation
128     print header
129     print dataheader
130
131     for i in roots:
132         print "    { .real = %s, .imag = %s }, " % (int(round(i.real * 127)),
133                                                    int(round(i.imag * 127)))
134
135     # Close the array and print some closing documentation.
136     print datafooter
137     print footer
138
139 def main():
140     try:
141         n = int(sys.argv[1])
142     except IndexError:
143         print("usage: %s [n]" % sys.argv[0])
144         sys.exit(0)
145
146     printroots(bitreverse(genroots(n)))
147
148 if __name__ == "__main__":
149     main()

```

4.9 Main Loop

```

1  /*
2  * mainloop.c
3  *
4  * Main loop for the dog bowl.
5  *
6  * This file contains the main loop for controlling access to the dog bowl. It
7  * acts like a finite state machine, opening the bowl only when an object is
8  * nearby and the FFT analysis gets a match. The bowl is then closed once the
9  * proximity sensors are no longer active.
10 *
11 * Revision History:
12 *    05 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.
13 */
14
15 #include <avr/interrupt.h>
16
17 #include "adc.h"
18 #include "data.h"
19 #include "fft.h"
20 #include "proximity.h"
21 #include "pwm.h"
22
23
24 /*
25 * state
26 *
27 * Description: Data type for representing the current state of the dog bowl. It
28 *              can be waiting for input, performing Fourier analysis, opening
29 *              the bowl, or resetting the data.
30 *
31 * Notes:       This is used by the main loop FSM for determining what to do
32 *              with hardware events. To see the transitions, read the
33 *              documentation or the switch statement in the main loop.

```

```
34  */
35  typedef enum _state {
36      INIT_STATE, FFT_STATE, OPEN_STATE, RESET_STATE
37  } state;
38
39
40  /*
41  * main
42  *
43  * Description: The main loop for the program is a finite state machine that
44  *              polls the inputs (the data buffer and proximity sensors) to
45  *              determine when to transition between states. For a full
46  *              description of the FSM, see the documentation.
47  *
48  * Notes:       This main loop is not very efficient because it polls the inputs
49  *              and runs some of the functions several times in a row.
50  */
51  int main(void)
52  {
53      state curstate = INIT_STATE;
54      complex *buf;
55
56      /* Initialize the peripherals used by the main loop. */
57      init_adc();
58      init_prox_gpio();
59      init_pwm();
60
61      DDRC = 0xFF;
62
63      /* Turn on interrupts. */
64      sei();
65
66      /* Loop forever, until reset is applied or power is take away. */
67      for (;;)
68      {
69          /* Determine the actions to perform as well as the next state based on
70           * the current state. */
71          switch (curstate)
72          {
73              case INIT_STATE:
74                  /* If data is ready and the proximity sensors are tripped, start the
75                   * data analysis. */
76                  if (is_data_collected() && is_obj_nearby()) {
77                      curstate = FFT_STATE;
78                  }
79                  /* If the data is ready, but the sensors are not tripped, then we
80                   * can ignore the noise. Reset the buffer and start waiting again.
81                   */
82                  else if (is_data_collected() && !is_obj_nearby()) {
83                      curstate = RESET_STATE;
84                  }
85                  /* Else, data is not collected; keep waiting in this state. */
86                  break;
87              case FFT_STATE:
88                  /* Get the buffer of data and perform an FFT on the data. */
89                  buf = adc_get_buffer();
90                  fft(buf);
91
92                  /* Check that the recorded frequency spectrum matches the stored
93                   * spectrum. */
94                  if (is_fft_match(buf)) {
95                      /* If the spectrum matches, open the bowl. */
96                      curstate = OPEN_STATE;
97                  }
98                  else {
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99         /* Else, reset the data. */
100         curstate = RESET_STATE;
101     }
102     break;
103 case OPEN_STATE:
104     /* Open the bowl after identifying the dog. */
105     pwm_open();
106
107     /* Wait until the proximity sensors are no longer tripped before
108      * closing the bowl. */
109     if (!is_obj_nearby()) {
110         curstate = RESET_STATE;
111     }
112     break;
113 case RESET_STATE:
114     /* Close the dog bowl. */
115     pwm_close();
116
117     /* Reset the data collection. */
118     adc_reset_buffer();
119
120     /* Go back to waiting for data. */
121     curstate = INIT_STATE;
122     break;
123 default:
124     /* By default, go to the initial state. This should never happen. */
125     curstate = INIT_STATE;
126     break;
127 }
128 }
129
130 return 0;
131 }

```

4.10 Proximity Sensor Function Declarations

```

1  /*
2  * proximity.h
3  *
4  * Code for detecting proximity of the dog using the GPIO pins.
5  *
6  * This file contains an interface for detecting whether or not there is an
7  * object detected by the ultrasonic rangefinders. The rangefinders feed into
8  * comparators, which are connected to GPIO pins on the microcontroller; the
9  * functions in this file will read the status off the GPIO pins to determine
10 * whether or not anything is detected by the ultrasonic rangefinders.
11 *
12 * Peripherals Used:
13 *     GPIO
14 *
15 * Pins Used:
16 *     PA[0..7]
17 *
18 * Revision History:
19 *     05 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.
20 *     08 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Changed polarity of signals.
21 */
22
23 #ifndef _PROXIMITY_H_
24 #define _PROXIMITY_H_
25
26

```

```

27  /*
28  * init_prox_gpio
29  *
30  * Description: This function initializes the GPIO pins so that they are ready
31  *              to read data from the proximity sensors. This process involves:
32  *              - Writing a 0 to DDA to set GPIO as input.
33  *              - Writing a 1 to PORTA to enable the pull-up resistor.
34  *              - Writing a 0 to the PUD bit in MCUCR
35  *
36  * Notes:      This function assumes that no other peripherals are going to use
37  *              PA[0..7] pins; the configuration might not work if this is the
38  *              case.
39  */
40 void init_prox_gpio(void);
41
42
43 /*
44 * is_obj_nearby
45 *
46 * Description: Determine whether or not there is an object nearby using the
47 *              ultrasonic proximity sensors. This function returns 0 if no
48 *              objects are detected by the proximity sensors, and returns
49 *              nonzero if objects are detected.
50 *
51 * Return:      If no objects are in range of the ultrasonic sensors, returns 0.
52 *              If one or more objects are in range, returns nonzero.
53 *
54 * Notes:      The return value uses the even 4 bits to represent the
55 *              rangefinders in each direction, so the number of triggered
56 *              rangefinders can also be found from the return value.
57 */
58 unsigned char is_obj_nearby(void);
59
60
61 #endif /* end of include guard: _PROXIMITY_H_ */

```

4.11 Proximity Sensor Functions

```

1  /*
2  * proximity.c
3  *
4  * Code for detecting proximity of the dog using the GPIO pins.
5  *
6  * This file contains an interface for detecting whether or not there is an
7  * object detected by the ultrasonic rangefinders. The rangefinders feed into
8  * comparators, which are connected to GPIO pins on the microcontroller; the
9  * functions in this file will read the status off the GPIO pins to determine
10 * whether or not anything is detected by the ultrasonic rangefinders.
11 *
12 * Peripherals Used:
13 *     GPIO
14 *
15 * Pins Used:
16 *     PA[0..7]
17 *
18 * Revision History:
19 *     05 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.
20 *     08 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Changed polarity of signals.
21 */
22
23 #include <avr/io.h>
24

```

```

25 #include "proximity.h"
26
27 /* Constants for setting the values of the control registers. */
28 #define DDR_INPUT 0x00 /* Configure all pins as inputs. */
29 #define PORT_PULLUP 0xFF /* Activate all pull-up resistors. */
30
31 /* Constant for masking out the unused pins. */
32 #define ACTIVE_PINS 0x55
33
34 /*
35  * init_prox_gpio
36  *
37  * Description: This function initializes the GPIO pins so that they are ready
38  *              to read data from the proximity sensors. This process involves:
39  *              - Writing a 0 to DDA to set GPIO as input.
40  *              - Writing a 1 to PORTA to enable the pull-up resistor.
41  *
42  * Notes:      This function assumes that no other peripherals are going to use
43  *              PA[0..7] pins; the configuration might not work if this is the
44  *              case.
45  */
46 void init_prox_gpio(void)
47 {
48     /* Set the configurations for IO port A. */
49     DDRA = DDR_INPUT;
50     PORTA = PORT_PULLUP;
51 }
52
53
54 /*
55  * is_obj_nearby
56  *
57  * Description: Determine whether or not there is an object nearby using the
58  *              ultrasonic proximity sensors. This function returns 0 if no
59  *              objects are detected by the proximity sensors, and returns
60  *              nonzero if objects are detected.
61  *
62  * Return:     If no objects are in range of the ultrasonic sensors, returns 0.
63  *              If one or more objects are in range, returns nonzero.
64  *
65  * Notes:     The return value uses the even 4 bits to represent the
66  *              rangefinders in each direction, so the number of triggered
67  *              rangefinders can also be found from the return value.
68  */
69 unsigned char is_obj_nearby(void)
70 {
71     /* Returns 0 if all pins are inactive, otherwise returns nonzero. */
72     return ACTIVE_PINS & (~PINA);
73 }

```

4.12 Servo Control Function Declarations

```

1  /*
2  * pwm.h
3  *
4  * Open and close the dog bowl with PWM.
5  *
6  * This file contains functions for using the PWM module for opening and closing
7  * the dog bowl. The PWM port is connected to a servo motor, so changing the PWM
8  * to a specific duty cycle will move the servo to the corresponding position.
9  *
10 * Peripherals Used:

```

```
11  *      PWM
12  *
13  * Pins Used:
14  *      PB7
15  *
16  * Revision History:
17  *      05 Jun 2015      Brian Kubisiak      Initial revision.
18  */
19
20 #ifndef _PWM_H_
21 #define _PWM_H_
22
23
24 /*
25  * init_pwm
26  *
27  * Description: Initializes the PWM controlling the servo motor for
28  *              opening/closing the dog bowl. This will set up the PWM pin for
29  *              use and initialize the servo to a closed position.
30  *
31  * Notes:       The PWM uses the pin PB7; using this pin somewhere else could
32  *              cause problems.
33  */
34 void init_pwm(void);
35
36 /*
37  * pwm_open
38  *
39  * Description: Open the dog bowl by moving the servo to a set open position.
40  *              The servo is controlled by changing the duty cycle on the PWM
41  *              output.
42  *
43  * Notes:       This function can be called multiple times in a row with no
44  *              effect.
45  */
46 void pwm_open(void);
47
48 /*
49  * pwm_close
50  *
51  * Description: Close the dog bowl by moving the servo to a set closed position.
52  *              The servo is controlled by changing the duty cycle on the PWM
53  *              output.
54  *
55  * Notes:       This function can be called multiple times in a row with no
56  *              effect.
57  */
58 void pwm_close(void);
59
60
61 #endif /* end of include guard: _PWM_H_ */
```

4.13 Servo Control with PWM

```
1  /*
2  * pwm.c
3  *
4  * Open and close the dog bowl with PWM.
5  *
6  * This file contains functions for using the PWM module for opening and closing
7  * the dog bowl. The PWM port is connected to a servo motor, so changing the PWM
8  * to a specific duty cycle will move the servo to the corresponding position.
```



```
9  *
10 * Peripherals Used:
11 *     PWM
12 *
13 * Pins Used:
14 *     PB7
15 *
16 * Revision History:
17 *     05 Jun 2015    Brian Kubisiak    Initial revision.
18 */
19
20 #include <avr/io.h>
21
22 #include "pwm.h"
23
24 #define BOWL_OPEN    30
25 #define BOWL_CLOSED  15
26
27 /*
28 * init_pwm
29 *
30 * Description: Initializes the PWM controlling the servo motor for
31 *              opening/closing the dog bowl. This will set up the PWM pin for
32 *              use and initialize the servo to a closed position.
33 *
34 * Notes:       The PWM uses the pin PB7; using this pin somewhere else could
35 *              cause problems.
36 */
37 void init_pwm(void)
38 {
39     DDRB = 0x80;    /* Enable output on the PWM pin. */
40     TCCR0A = 0x83;  /* Set pin to fast PWM mode. */
41     TCCR0B = 0x05;  /* Prescale clock by 1024. */
42
43     /* Start out with the bowl closed. */
44     pwm_close();
45 }
46
47 /*
48 * pwm_open
49 *
50 * Description: Open the dog bowl by moving the servo to a set open position.
51 *              The servo is controlled by changing the duty cycle on the PWM
52 *              output.
53 *
54 * Notes:       This function can be called multiple times in a row with no
55 *              effect.
56 */
57 void pwm_open(void)
58 {
59     /* Set the new PWM compare value. */
60     OCR0A = BOWL_OPEN;
61 }
62
63 /*
64 * pwm_close
65 *
66 * Description: Close the dog bowl by moving the servo to a set closed position.
67 *              The servo is controlled by changing the duty cycle on the PWM
68 *              output.
69 *
70 * Notes:       This function can be called multiple times in a row with no
71 *              effect.
72 */
73 void pwm_close(void)
```

```
74 {  
75     /* Set the new PWM compare value. */  
76     OCR0A = BOWL_CLOSED;  
77 }
```