

Review Questions: PWM

Timer (Part 2)

Review Questions

1. Can a Timer configured in PWM mode count UP?
 - No. It works in the count DOWN mode.
2. Describe how the prescaler is used in Timer PWM mode.
 - In PWM mode, the prescaler works as a timer extension. It is appended as the MSB bits of the Timer. Therefore, in 16-bit mode, the PWM timer works as a $(16 + 8) = 24$ bit count-down timer running at the system clock frequency.
3. Describe how a Timer works in **PWM mode**.
 - In PWM mode, the Timer counts down from the values in **TnILR** & **TnPR** registers when the **TnEN** bit is set.
 - When the count value reach 0x0, the **TnILR** & **TnPR** values are reloaded at the next clock cycle and the Timer continues to count down.
 - When the values in **TnILR** & **TnPR** equals that in **TnMATCHR** & **TnPMR** respectively, the timer output toggles.
 - Polarity of timer output is controlled by the **TnPWML** bit in the **CTL** register.

Timer PWM Operation

4. A system has a system clock of **80 MHz**. We want to generate a **PWM output** waveform at **Timer 0 (GPIO PB6)** with a frequency of **50 KHz** and with duty cycle of **33%**. What are values we should load to GPTMTAILR, GPTMTAPR, GPTMTAMATCHR and GPTMTAPMR registers? Place your calculated values into an initialization routine and capture the output signal at Timer0 output (PB6).

- At 80 MHz bus clock, period = 12.5ns.
- With a 24-bit count down Timer,
 - maximum count = 2^{24}
 - maximum interval = $2^{24} \times 12.5\text{ns} = 209.715\text{ ms}$.

$$\text{Period at } 50\text{ KHz} = \frac{1}{50,000} = 20\text{ us}$$

$$\text{no of counts} = \frac{20\text{us}}{12.5\text{ns}} = 1600 = 0x0640$$

$$\text{duty cycle} = \frac{(1600 - n)}{1600} = 0.33$$

$$n = 1072 = 0x0430$$

Reload (**TAILR**) = 0x063F; Pre-scaler (**TAPR**) = 0x00

Match (**TAMATCHR**) = 0x042F; Pre-scaler Match (**TAPMR**) = 0x00

Timer PWM Operation

```
#define PB_T0CCP0    6U           /* PB6 */
void Port_Init( void ){
    SYSCTL->RCGCTIMER |= SYSCTL_RCGCTIMER_R0; /* Timer 0 */
    SYSCTL->RCGCGPIO |= SYSCTL_RCGCGPIO_R1     /* GPIO Port B */

    /* Wait for peripherals to be ready */
    while( 0 == (SYSCTL->PRTIMER & SYSCTL_PRTIMER_R1) );
    while( 0 == (SYSCTL->PRGPIO & SYSCTL_PRGPIO_R1) );

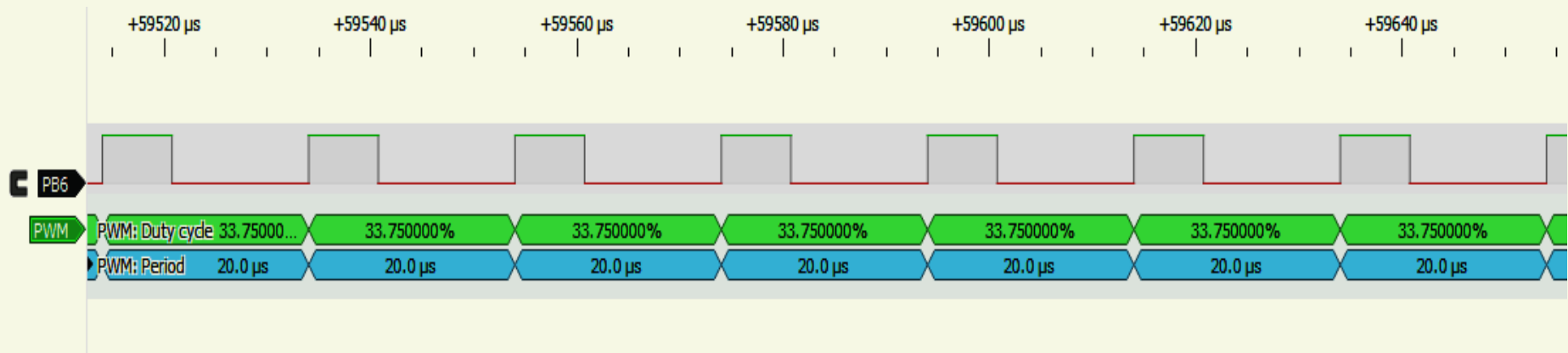
    /* setup Timer 0 GPIO pin at PB6 */
    GPIOB->AFSEL |= BIT (PB_T0CCP0); // enable alternate function
    GPIOB->PCTL |= GPIO_PCTL_PB6_T0CCP0; // enable timer 0 in PB6
    GPIOB->DEN |= BIT (PB_T0CCP0); // enable PB6
    GPIOB->DIR |= BIT (PB_T0CCP0); // set as output

    /* setup timer 0 to PWM mode */
    TIMER0->CTL &= ~TIMER_CTL_TAEN; // disable timer 0 during setup
    TIMER0->CFG |= TIMER_CFG_16_BIT; // set to 16-bit mode
    /* TAAMS-enable PWM; TAMR-Periodic mode */
    TIMER0->TAMR |= TIMER_TAMR_TAAMS | TIMER_TAMR_TAMR_PERIOD;
    TIMER0->TAMR |= TIMER_TAMR_TACMR; /* TACMR-Edge-Time mode */

    TIMER0->TAPR = 0x0; /* prescaler (8 bits) */
    TIMER0->TAILR = 0x063F; /* TAILR-pulse period */
    TIMER0->TAMATCHR = 0x042A;
    TIMER0->TAPMR = 0x0;;
    TIMER0->CTL |= TIMER_CTL_TAEN; /* enable timer 0 */
}
```

Timer PWM Operation

Output signal at Timer 0 T0CCP0 pin (PB6):



Timer PWM Operation

5. A system has a system clock of **50 MHz**. We want to generate a **PWM output** waveform at **Timer 2 (GPIO PB0)** with a frequency of **500 Hz** and with duty cycle of **50%**. What are values we should load to GPTMTAILR, GPTMTAPR, GPTMTAMATCHR and GPTMTAPMR registers?

- At 50 MHz bus clock, period = 20ns.
- With a 24-bit count down Timer,
 - maximum count = 2^{24}
 - maximum interval = $2^{24} \times 20\text{ns}$
= 335.44 ms.

$$\text{Period at } 500 \text{ Hz} = \frac{1}{500} = 2 \text{ ms}$$

$$\frac{2\text{ms}}{20\text{ns}} = 100,000 = 0x01.86A0$$

$$\frac{(100,000 - n)}{100,000} = 0.5$$

$$n = 50,000 = 0x0.C350$$

Reload (**TAILR**) = 0x869F; Pre-scaler (**TAPR**) = 0x01

Match (**TAMATCHR**) = 0xC34F; Pre-scaler Match (**TAPMR**) = 0x00

Timer PWM Operation

```
#define PB_T2CCP0    0U           /* PB0 */
void Port_Init( void ){
    SYSCTL->RCGCTIMER |= SYSCTL_RCGCTIMER_R2; /* Timer 2 */
    SYSCTL->RCGCGPIO |= SYSCTL_RCGCGPIO_R1     /* GPIO Port B */

    /* Wait for peripherals to be ready */
    while( 0 == (SYSCTL->PRTIMER & SYSCTL_PRTIMER_R2) );
    while( 0 == (SYSCTL->PRGPIO & SYSCTL_PRGPIO_R1) );

    /* setup Timer 2 GPIO pin at PB0 */
    GPIOB->AFSEL |= BIT (PB_T2CCP0);    // enable alternate function
    GPIOB->PCTL  |= GPIO_PCTL_PB0_T2CCP0; // enable timer 2 in PB0
    GPIOB->DEN   |= BIT (PB_T2CCP0);    // enable PB0
    GPIOB->DIR   |= BIT (PB_T2CCP0);    // set as output

    /* setup timer 2 to PWM mode */
    TIMER2->CTL &= ~TIMER_CTL_TAEN; // disable timer 2 during setup
    TIMER2->CFG |= TIMER_CFG_16_BIT; // set to 16-bit mode
    /* TAAMS-enable PWM; TAMR-Periodic mode */
    TIMER2->TAMR |= TIMER_TAMR_TAAMS | TIMER_TAMR_TAMR_PERIOD;
    TIMER2->TAMR |= TIMER_TAMR_TACMR; /* TACMR-Edge-Time mode */

    TIMER2->TAPR = 0x01; /* prescaler (8 bits) */
    TIMER2->TAILR = 0x0869F; /* TAILR-pulse period */
    TIMER2->TAMATCHR = 0x0C34F;
    TIMER2->TAPMR = 0x0;;
    TIMER2->CTL |= TIMER_CTL_TAEN; /* enable timer 2 */
}
```

Timer PWM Operation

Output signal at Timer 2 T2CCP0 pin (PB0):

