

Lecture #21 – Actuation

ESE 1500 – DIGITAL AUDIO BASICS

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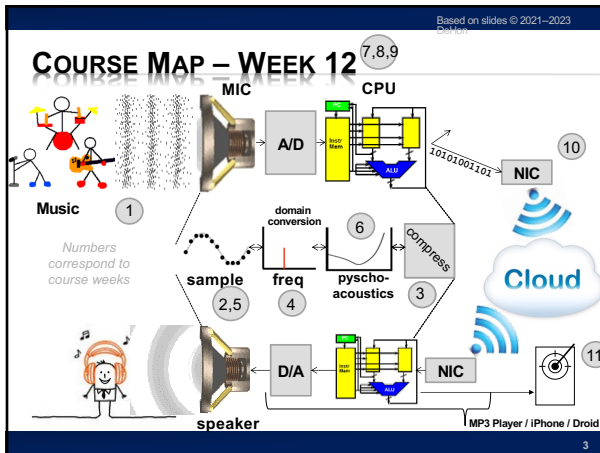
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LECTURE TOPICS

- × Where are we on course map?
- × Review Sound
- × Sensing
- × Actuation
 - + Motor
- × Closing the loop (part 2)
 - + Servo
 - + Control
 - + PWM

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REVIEW

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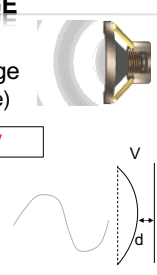
WEEK 1: PRESSURE TO VOLTAGE

- × Microphones convert pressure to voltage
 - + (speakers/headphones voltage to pressure)
 - + Physical position to voltage
- × Reason as parallel plate capacitor
 - + ESE 1120 or PHYS 0151

$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$

$$Q = CV \quad V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

Voltage is a function of distance (pressure)




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SPEAKERS/MICROPHONES

- × Can sense the world
 - + Physical effect (position)
 - + Convert to voltage ... to bits
- × Can manipulate the world
 - + Bits → voltage
 - + Voltage causes physical movement



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SENSING

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SENSING

- × What do we need to sense in the world?
- × How might we sense?

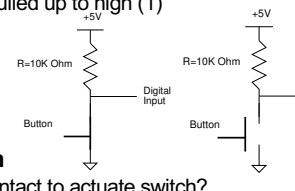
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SWITCH

- × Can easily give a high or low input
 - + Connected short to ground (0)
 - + Unconnected, weakly pulled up to high (1)



- × Read on input pin
- × Use to sense position
 - + Did something make contact to actuate switch?
- × How use switch sensor for collision detection?
 - + Other uses?



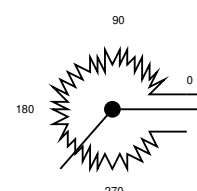
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POTENTIOMETER

- × Variable Resistance
 - + Based on position, different amount of resistance across
 - + $R = \rho L/A = R_0 * L$
 - + $R \sim R_0 * 2\pi r * (\text{degrees}/360)$

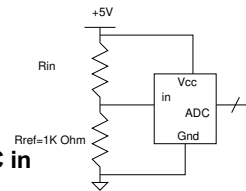
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PRECLASS 1

- × Voltage at ADC Input
 - + $R_{in}=10 \text{ Ohm} ?$
 - + $R_{in}=10K \text{ Ohm} ?$
- × $V=I*R$
- × No current flows into ADC in
- × $I(R_{in}) = I(R_{ref})$
- × For $R_{in} < R_{ref}$, where is most of voltage?
- × For $R_{in} > R_{ref}$, where is most of voltage?



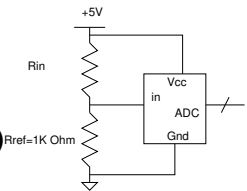
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PRECLASS 1

- × $V=I*R$
- × $I=5V/(R_{in}+R_{ref})$
- × $V_{adc}=I*R_{ref}$
- × $V_{adc} = 5(R_{ref} / (R_{in}+R_{ref}))$
- × $V_{adc} = 5(1000 / (R_{in}+1000))$ $R_{ref}=1K \text{ Ohm}$
- × Voltage at ADC Input
 - + $R_{in} = 10 \text{ Ohm} ?$
 - + $R_{in} = 10K \text{ Ohm} ?$



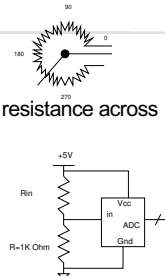
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SENSE POSITION

- × **Variable Resistance**
 - + Based on position, different amount of resistance across
- × **Voltage Divider**
 - + Output voltage depends on potentiometer position/resistance
- × **Get analog voltage out**
- × **Feed to A2D**
- × **How useful for steering? revolutions?**
 - + Other uses?



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ACTUATION

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SENSING

- × **What do we need to control (actuate) in the world?**
- × **How might we exert mechanical control?**

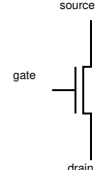
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ON-OFF SWITCH

- × **Logic produces a 0/1**
- × **Can control flow of much larger current**
 - + Stop flow – off
 - + Enable flow – on
- × **Transistors**
 - + Voltage on input (gate) controls current flow (resistance) between source and drain



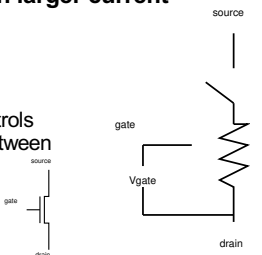
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- × **Transistors**
 - + Voltage on input (gate) controls current flow (resistance) between source and drain
- + **Simplified model**
 - × $V_{gate} > V_{ref} \rightarrow R = R_{trans}$
 - × $V_{gate} < V_{ref} \rightarrow R = \text{infinite}$



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ON-OFF SWITCH

- × **Easy to produce 0/1**
- × **Can control flow of much larger current**
 - + Stop flow – off
 - + Enable flow – on
- × **Relay**
 - + Similar model
 - × Input voltage controls switch
 - + Mechanical switching
 - + Lower resistance
 - + Different (usually larger) voltage range, current

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ON-OFF POWERFUL

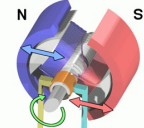
- × **Many things can control just by turning on or off**
 - + How often on or off
 - + When turn on or off
- × **Examples control with On-Off?**
 - + Temperature – when turn on heater (cooler)
 - + Position – turning on or off motor

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MOTOR – ABSTRACT VIEW

- × **Providing currents across a motor causes it to spin**
 - + Magnitude of current determines how fast



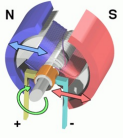
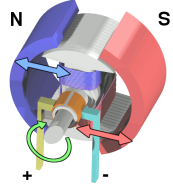
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MOTOR

- × **Exploits magnetic attraction/repulsion and electro-magnetic fields**
- × **Run current through wire windings**
 - + Induces electromagnet
 - + Motor turn to line up with external magnets
- × **Switch current direction**
 - + Turns again to realign magnet
- × **Continue to switch to cause continuous rotation**

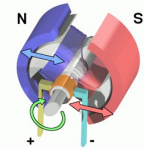



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MOTOR CONTROL

- × **Control our motors with voltages and currents**
- × **Control those with transistors/relays**
- × **Controllable from our computers**



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Part 2

CLOSING THE LOOP

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CONTROL


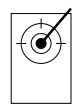
- × **Our mechanical (and electrical) components are often noisy**
 - + E.g., non-linear, motor-specific relationship between current and speed or rotation
- × **The physical world causes disturbances**
 - + Obstacles
 - + Tires or pulleys slip
 - + Wind
- × **How do we get reliable actuation when faced with variable behavior, noise, disturbances?**

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SERVO – BASIC FUNCTION

- × Can specify a position (0 to 180 degrees)
- × Will rotate shaft to position
- × Where might we use?
 - + Steering
 - + Positioning
 - + Pan/tilt

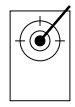



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SERVO – HOW WORK

- × Motor + sensor + control
- × Sense if motor in position
 - + If not, turn on motor in appropriate direction to move closer to position

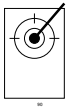



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SERVO - CONTROL

- × Motor moves shaft
- × Sense position of shaft with potentiometer
- × Use to decide if need to move

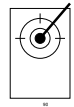

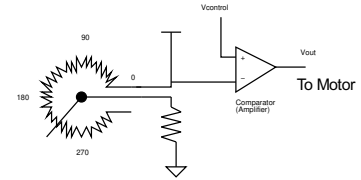



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SERVO - CONTROL

- × Move moves shaft
- × Sense position of shaft with potentiometer
- × Use to decide if need to move
- × Compare with a reference

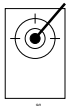

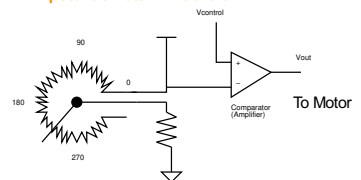




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SERVO - CONTROL

- × Compare with a reference
- × Assume comparator computes: $V_{out} = A \cdot (V_+ - V_-)$
 - + $V_{out} = A \cdot (V_{control} - V_{potentiometer})$
- × What is V_{out} when $V_{potentiometer} < V_{control}$?
- × What is V_{out} when $V_{potentiometer} > V_{control}$?

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MOTIVATE DIGITAL INPUT

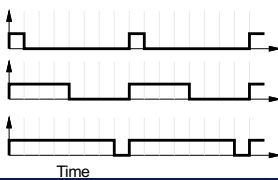
- × Could provide Analog output from microcontroller with D2A
- × ...but, D2A is somewhat expensive
- × Communicate position using single digital output
 - + Look at output over time period
 - + How much of the time period is it high/low?
 - + Use to communicate more than 1 bit of data

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PWM – PULSE WIDTH MODULATION

- × Provide pulses at some fixed frequency (490Hz)
- × Vary how long the pulse is high
 - + Vary the *width* of the high pulse
- × Use that to communicate value (position)



Preclass 3:
Percentage of time
each case is high?

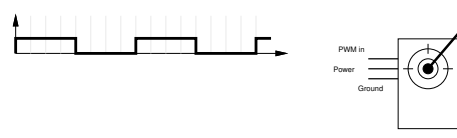
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SERVO

- × Puts some control smarts in servo package
- × Takes PWM input to specify position
- × Senses shaft rotation and engages motor to move to specified position



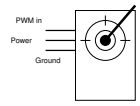
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SERVO SMARTS

- × Could just do all this control from processor
 - + Sense position, drive motor
- × Often cheaper to offload that little control from processor
 - + Including saves pins on (wires to) processor



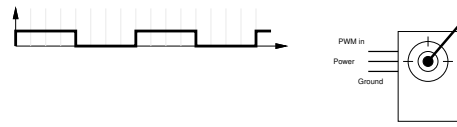
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PWM

- × If divide into 8 slots per PWM period, how many bits can we communicate?
 - + Generalize N slots?



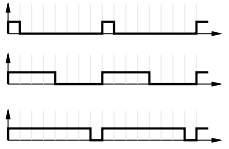
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PWM ENCODING WITH DIGITAL LOGIC

- × Set $PWM_CLK = slots * PWM_freq$.
- × So, if use $PWM_freq = 490Hz$ and 8 slots
 - + $PWM_CLK\ freq = 3920\ Hz$
- × How convert digital value to PWM sequence?
- × always @ (posedge PWM_CLK)
 - + $cnt \leq cnt + 1;$
 - + $PWM \leq (cnt \leq digital_value);$



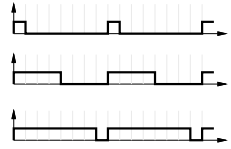
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PWM DECODING WITH DIGITAL LOGIC

- × How convert PWM input to digital number?
- × always @ (posedge PWM_CLK)
 - + $pwm_pos \leq pwm_pos + 1$
 - + If (PWM) $cnt \leq cnt + 1$
 - + If (pwm_pos == max)
 - × $digital_out \leq cnt;$
 - × $cnt \leq 0;$
 - × $pwm_pos \leq 0;$



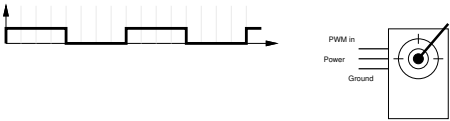
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SERVO REVIEW

- × **Servo = motor+sensor+control**
- × **Takes PWM input to specify position**
- × **Control: Senses shaft rotation and engages motor to move to specified position**



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BIG IDEAS

- × **Information world can interact with physical world**
 - + Sense – read state of physical world into bits for computation
 - + Actuate – have bits control physical world
 - × Turn on/off, move, position
- × **Connect sensing and actuation to control**
 - + Computers support computation to realize control and close-the-loop
 - + Even with noisy actuators and external disturbances

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