

ENGR 270 LAB #6 – Autonomous Robot

Objective

Utilize the resources of EDbot and your knowledge of PICmicro Assembly language to build an autonomous robot that moves forward without running into objects.

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Application of interrupts, timers and other EDbot resources to solve a more complex problem.

Related Principles

- ❖ Computer Organization and Design
- ❖ Microprocessors
- ❖ Hardware and Software Interface
- ❖ Digital Design
- ❖ Assembly language

Equipment

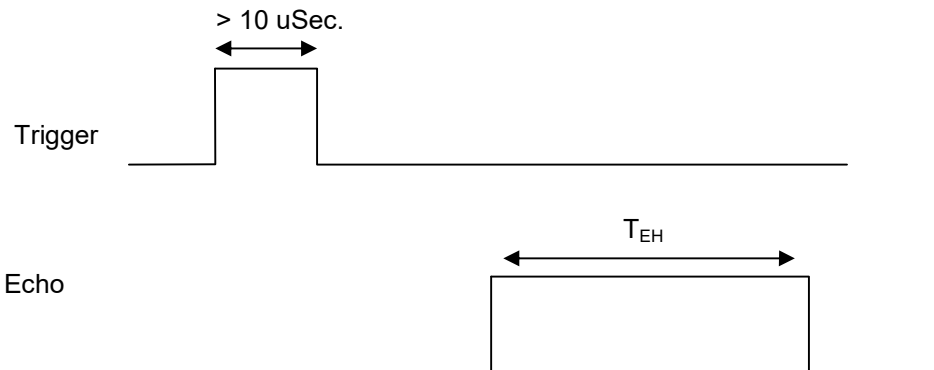
- ❖ Windows-based PC with MPLAB Simulation Solutions Software
- ❖ USB hard disk or other removable drives
- ❖ Microchip PICKit programmer
- ❖ EDbot V7.0 Platform

Preparation/Background

EDbot includes two HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Ranging Modules, which can be used to estimate distance from objects. By sending a trigger pulse that is at least 10 micro Second to the module and then measuring the duration of echo pulse as shown by the following equation:

$$\text{Distance (Inches)} = (\text{Echo Pulse high, } T_{\text{EH}} \text{ in uSec}) / 148$$

Note: Detection angle is 15 degrees and distance range is from 1 to 150 inches.



Below is an example code that sets EDbot's PICmicro oscillator speed to 4 MHz ($T_{\text{OSC}} = 0.25 \text{ uSec}$) and measures the distance from any objects using only left sensor. The LED will lit up when the object is within 5 inches of the left sensor.

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; Demonstrate use of Sensors to detect distance from objects
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; AUTH: Class
; DEVICE: PICmicro (PIC18F1220)
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list      p=18F1220          ; processor type
radix     hex                ; default radix for data
; Disable Watchdog timer, Low V. Prog, and RA6 as a clock
config    WDT=OFF, LVP=OFF, OSC = INTIO2

#include   p18f1220.inc

#define    lastL              0x80          ; Last L Sensor Value
#define    loopCount          0x81          ; Timer Loop Count
#define    countL              0x82          ; Count the cycles we have had echoL on
#define    countOD             0x83          ; Count for outer delay loop
#define    countID             0x84          ; Count for inner delay loop

;these are shortcuts, string replacements
#define    _TrigL              PORTA,RA1
#define    _TrigR              PORTA,RA4
#define    _EchoL              PORTA,RA0

org       0x000              ; Executes after reset, equivalent to org
GOTO     StartL

org 0x008 ; Executes after high priority interrupt
GOTO     HPRIO

org 0x020 ; Start of the code

HPRIO:
BTFSC    PIR1, TMR2IF ; high priority loop
BRA      iLoop
RETFIE   ; return from interrupt

iLoop:
INCF     loopCount
MOVLW   .120
CPFSLT   loopCount
BRA      doTrigger          ; trigger every 30,000 uSec.

MOVLW   .1
CPFSGT   loopCount
BRA      stopTrigger

; we didn't trigger so update
BRA      updateSensor

doTrigger:
CLRF     loopCount
BRA      doTriggerL

doTriggerL:
MOVFF    countL, lastL
; we should check to see if echo is high and kill trigger if that's the case.
BTFSC    _EchoL
BRA      killL

continuel:
BSF      _TrigL          ; Set Left trigger on
CLRF     countL          ; clear count of eccho
BRA      loopDone

killL:
; Sensors is known to hang whne when no object is found within its
; Measurement range - Noise is known to reset the sensor.
; So here, we are using the left sensor to reset right sensor.
; Sensors work best with 4.5-5.5 v supply voltage.
BSF      _TrigR          ; start trigger or right sensor
MOVLW   .1                ; 1 millisecond
CALL    Delay
BCF      _TrigR          ; Clear right trigger on
MOVLW   .1                ; 1 millisecond

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CALL    Delay

; If Echo is not cleared then try to reset it again
BTFSS  _EchoL
BRA    continueL
BRA    killL

stopTrigger:
BCF     _TrigL      ; Set Left trigger off
BRA     loopDone

updateSensor:
;increment count for each cycle echo is on
btfsc  _EchoL
incf   countL
bra    loopDone

loopDone:
bcf    PIR1, TMR2IF ; Clear Timer 2 interrupt Flag
bra    HPRIO        ; Go to start and service any pending Interrupt

StartL:
; Initialize all I/O ports per EDbot Specifications
MOVLW  0x7F
MOVWF  ADCON1      ; Set all Port A Pins as digital
CLRF   PORTA      ; Initialize PORTA
CLRF   PORTB      ; Initialize PORTB
MOVLW  0x0D
MOVWF  TRISA      ; Set Port A direction
MOVLW  0xC7
MOVWF  TRISB      ; Set Port B direction

MOVLW  0x60
IORWF  OSCCON     ; Set to 4mhz

; Clear Sensor related counter
CLRF   lastL
CLRF   loopCount

BSF    INTCON, PEIE      ; enable peripheral interrupts

; Enable Timer2 Interrupt as high priority
BSF    PIE1, TMR2IE
BSF    IPR1, TMR2IP

CLRF   TMR2
CLRF   T2CON      ; Timer 2 is set to 8-bit with no scaling
MOVLW  0xFA      ; Timer 2 is set to interrupt in 250 uSec.
MOVWF  PR2

BSF    T2CON, TMR2ON      ; enable TMR2
BSF    INTCON, GIE      ; enable interrupts globally

Mloop:
BCF    PORTB, RB5 ; turn off LED
MOVLW  .2         ; this is the distance we are checking for
CPFSGT lastL     ; skip if LastL > wreg
BSF    PORTB, RB5 ; turn on LED
BRA    Mloop

;Function to delay for Wreg milliseconds
Delay:
MOVWF  countOD
DelayOL:
CLRF   countID      ; delay Outer loop
DelayIL:
NOP
INCF   countID
BNZ   DelayIL      ; Delay Inner Loop
DECF  countOD
BNZ   DelayOL
RETURN      ; end delay function

end          ; end of code

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Experiment #1

Use the sensor sample code provided earlier to develop an EDbot code that would performs the following steps:

- 1) Move forward until an object is detected within 10 inches
- 2) Moves straight back for 0.5 seconds
- 3) Turns 30 degrees
- 4) Go to step 1

Experiment #2

Write an assembly code for EDbot that would drives EDbot forward (not circular) for a minimum of 20 linear feet without hitting any object in its path using both sensors.

This experiment requires that you review your high level design (flow chart or pseudo code) and demonstrate your system to the instructor upon completion. Include the approval signature in your report.

Report Requirements

All reports must be computer printed (formulas and diagrams may be hand drawn) and at minimum include:

For each experiment:

- a) Clear problem statement; specify items given and to be found.
- b) Specific responses to each question asked in the experiment.
- c) Documentation of resulting high level design, disassembled code, system diagram, schematics and any other supporting material.

For the report as a whole

- a) Cover sheet with your name, course, lab title, date of completion and your teammates' name.
- b) Lessons learned from this lab.
- c) A new experiment and expected results which provide additional opportunity to practice the concepts in this lab.